

## GERMANY:-

### The "Cold Pogrom" Assumes New Character.

Berlin.

The "cold pogrom" against the Jews assumed a new character, when Jewish owners of large stores were prohibited by the local authorities to sell out their stores so as to use their capital for the purpose of emigrating from Germany.

It was explained to the owners of these stores by the authorities that although their firms were under boycott, they were nevertheless not to be completely liquidated, because the complete liquidation of the stores would affect the "Aryan" employees and would increase "Aryan" unemployment in the country.

In Coburg a Jewish clothing firm which employs forty "Aryans" was not only prohibited from liquidating itself, but the owner was forced to sign an undertaking that he would not dismiss a single "Aryan" employee in spite of the fact that his firm was practically ruined because no "Aryan" customer had been allowed to enter for many months.

The despair of the Jewish merchants in Germany is best illustrated in an official report, showing that during the month of March an average of 170 Jews, the majority of whom are businessmen, have applied daily to the Jewish emigration societies for advice on emigration. Twenty-five per cent. of these, according to the report, were Jewish employees who lost their jobs in firms which had been "Aryanised."

The new policy of the authorities to prevent Jews with capital from emigrating is explained not only by their fear that the liquidation of Jewish enterprises will increase unemployment in Germany, but also by the fact that in view of the increased financial difficulties which Germany is now facing, everything is being done to prevent the flight of German capital abroad, if this capital is to be met with foreign currency.

Restaurants owned by Jews in Germany were put outside the law against competition. An order made public states that in spite of the fact that no new restaurants are under existing regulations to be opened in Germany before 1st April, 1938, exceptions can be made in places where the restaurants are owned by Jews.

The Reichsminister of the Interior issued an ordering prohibiting official organs from accepting small "want" advertisements from people seeking situations, if they insist on stating their religious affiliations in the advertisements.

New anti-Jewish measures were announced which in the first place prohibit Jews from leasing chemist shops. Secondly, if a Jewish chemist-shop owner, who has a permanent licence, dies, his widow is not allowed to lease his licence to anybody but a "pure Aryan." Thirdly, no Jew may continue to be a member of the Association of Druggists.

An official announcement states that "the problem of how to eliminate Jewish influence from German jurisprudence will be dealt with at a special conference of Nazi High Court officials, to be convoked for this special purpose sometime in the autumn."

### Jews to be Drafted into German Army in Time of War.

While Jews are not admitted into the German Army in time of peace, they will be drafted in time of war, according to a Government order made public. The order, which was signed on March 21st, states that Jews up to the age of thirty-five should be classified under existing military regulations as belonging to "Military Reserve Unit Number Two." In time of war, the order states, Jews should be trained after being passed by the military and medical authorities.

Preparing itself "economically militaristically" for the eventuality of war, the German Government issued an order prohibiting young Jews of military age from emigrating from Germany without first obtaining a special emigration permit from the military authorities in addition to another permit from the civil authorities.

### Position of Jews Steadily Deteriorating.

With the "general election" successfully over, the Nazi press, led by Dr. Goebbels's "Angriff," embarked on a new campaign against the Jews, who are blamed for weakening Germany's financial position.

The "Angriff," signalling the beginning of the new assault on the Jews, publishes an article accusing the Jews of smuggling

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money from the Reich and damaging the financial machinery of the Reich. This accusation, at a time when Germany's financial position is going from bad to worse, is taken as an indication that Dr. Goebbels intends to saddle the Jews with all blame for possible modification of Germany's currency system which, if made, will affect the masses of wage-earners. The intention is to divert to the Jews the ill-feeling that will be the result of such changes.

Foreign diplomatic circles here expressed interest in information that the German Government is seeking a loan in London and is trying to use Jewish sources for that purpose. Negotiations for the loan have been quietly started with a number of banks. The Nazi Government is especially anxious to obtain this loan, although the amount involved, according to the information available in diplomatic circles, is not large, since it would be a stepping-stone to further financing activities.

Even without the new propaganda campaign against the Jews, their position here is steadily deteriorating. The Jewish communities are reaching the point where they can no longer maintain their welfare and philanthropic institutions.

According to a report received here, twenty-one Jewish communities in the Reich have been compelled to dispose of the real estate holdings of the religious congregations. A number of communities which had existed for generations, have been dissolved in the course of the past few months, including two in the Saar, due to the emigration of their members from the Reich and the impoverishment of those who stayed behind.

### A "Ghetto" Conservatory.

Deprived of the right to study music in State and private non-Jewish conservatories, the Jews are in future to have their own "ghetto" conservatory. Jewish leaders announced the establishment of a conservatory which will function under the supervision of the Jewish Culture League. The conservatory will also have to train cantors for synagogues and will have a special school for cantors.

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