

LIBEL ACTION BY SWISS FASCIST DISMISSED.

Basle.

The verdict of the Shaffhauser Court dismissing the libel action brought by the Swiss Nazi leader Eisenegger, editor of the "Front National," against the Government Councillor Ernst Buehrer, is published here.

Herr Eisenegger sued Herr Buehrer for libel, alleging that the latter had called him a traitor in public for asking the German Ministry of Propaganda for a subsidy of 280,000 marks in the summer of 1936. The Court not only acquitted Herr Buehrer and dismissed Herr Eisenegger's demand of 1,000 francs damages, but ordered Herr Eisenegger to pay to Herr Buehrer 220 francs damages.

The Court in its judgment points out that by writing his begging letter to Dr. Goebbels, Herr Eisenegger has committed an act which was not only unworthy of a Swiss citizen, but was also very dangerous to Switzerland. No German Ministry would have sent such a huge sum to a political organisation in Switzerland without putting that organisation under an obligation. He therefore sought to make a Swiss political organisation dependent on a political organisation abroad.

"That such a relationship between a Swiss political movement and a foreign Government could be very disadvantageous to the independence of our country is without any doubt," the verdict states. "The question merely is whether the defendant has criticised the plaintiff too sharply by calling him a traitor. This, however, is not the case."—J.T.A.

VATICAN OFFICIAL ORGAN DENOUNCES "INVASION" OF NAZI LITERATURE IN ITALY.

Rome.

A severe denunciation of Nazi propaganda in Italy in the form of Italian translations of Nazi books on racial questions, is made by the "Osservatore Romano," the official organ of the Vatican.

The paper severely denounces the invasion of Italy by Nazi racial ideologies as revealed by various publications lately published here and received with a certain indulgence by the press.

The Nazi racial theories, the Vatican organ asserts, are a negation of science and of Christian civilisation and an insult to the religious conscience of the Italian nation. "Have Italian scholars nothing to say against racialism which denied the highest values of life?" the paper asks.

Even from the patriotic and nationalist points of view, the "Osservatore Romano" further states, one should not remain indifferent in face of this invasion of doctrines which are an insult to Christianity and to the most sacred Latin and Italian traditions.

The Vatican organ concludes with an exhortation to Italians to reject the Nazi racial theories which are apt to mislead and end in moral and material slavery.

The article of the "Osservatore Romano" has produced a deep impression here as it is the first energetic admonition of the Catholic Church against the diffusion of racialism through books and pamphlets in Italy.—J.T.A.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE TO JEWS.

Harbin.

The first conference of the Jewish communities of Manchukuo, Northern China and Japan, including delegates from Tientsin, Dairen, Kobe, Mukden and other important centres, was addressed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese and Manchukuo Forces, General Higuchi, who made an official declaration on Japan's impartial attitude to Jews.

The conference was presided over by Dr. Abraham Kaufman, President of the Harbin Jewish Community and the Harbin Zionist Organisation. The opening session of the conference was attended by the highest officials of the Japanese and Manchukuo administration and by the President of the White Russian Guardists, General Bakshiev.

The conference adopted a resolution expressing loyalty to Manchukuo and Japan. It elected a Council of the Jewish communities of Manchukuo, Northern China and Japan which is to co-ordinate all the activities of these communities.—J.T.A.

HARAND STAMPS FORBIDDEN IN AUSTRIA.

Vienna.

The Austrian Post Office authorities issued an announcement to the effect that the fixing of stamps issued by the Harand Movement to Combat Anti-Semitism was not to be permitted in future. Any letters bearing those stamps would not be forwarded by the Austrian Post Office, the announcement stated.

The Harand Movement recently issued a series of Heine stamps as a reply to "The Eternal Jew" exhibition in Munich.—J.T.A.

"JEWISH MUSIC" PROHIBITED IN GERMANY.

Vienna.

It is reported here from Berlin that Dr. Goebbels, the Nazi Minister of Propanda, has issued an order prohibiting the sale of gramophone records of "Jewish Music."

All records of the music of Jewish composers are to be destroyed by March 31st, and the gramophone industry has been ordered to submit to the Ministry of Propaganda a list of all their recordings of music.—J.T.A.

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