

In Germany

Centralising Jewish Cultural Activities

Expansion of Jewish Cultural League

Berlin, March 12th.

HERR HANS WILHELM STEINBERG, the musical director of the Jewish Culture League in Frankfort, formerly conductor of the Frankfort Opera House, told a gathering of Press representatives at Frankfort of a plan to expand the work of the Jewish Culture League drawn up by the Director, Dr. Kurt Singer.

There will be a centralisation of all Jewish cultural activities throughout Germany, he said. In addition to the central administration in Berlin, administrations will be set up in all important Jewish centres. There will be an Executive of 10 or 12 members, including representatives of the Jewish Communities, a group of promoters consisting of representatives of Jewish organisations and collaborators in specific branches of the work, and members paying annual subscriptions.

Frankfort, working in conjunction with Cologne, will extend its activities over the whole of Southern, South Western and Western Germany. An exchange system of artists and properties will be introduced, and the League will make it its aim to have the finest artists and actors appear at its performances. Training studios and courses for young people of talent will also be conducted by the Jewish Cultural League.

"No Return of Jews to German Stage"

Berlin, March 11th.

"DEUTSCHE JUSTIZ," the official organ of the Federal Ministry of Justice, the Prussian Ministry of Justice and the Bavarian Ministry of Justice, writes in its current issue:—

In the same way as in the economic field, there are elements who are not fitted for the National Socialist outlook, trying to bring back other influences in art and entertainment. The Federal Minister for Propaganda found himself therefore compelled to order that non-Aryans may appear on the German stage only if they belong to one of the professional bodies of the Reich Theatre Chamber, and that as a rule non-Aryans should be refused admission to these bodies. The appearance of non-Aryans is to be prohibited in all cases where this condition has not been complied with.

This has only given effect to what was a matter of course, that non-Aryans, particularly Jews, should not be allowed to push forward in any field, because they are a disruptive influence. This is a matter of experience with which we must reckon, and we must under all circumstances see to it that the National Socialist concept should express itself without falsification, and find its educational and artistic expression where it is in the interests of National Socialism.

Jewish Sports Organisation in Bavaria Dissolved

Berlin, March 12th.

THE United Jewish Sports Organisation of Bavaria, for which permission was after great difficulty obtained from the authorities last month, was dissolved to-day.

It had been formed after the dissolution on the orders of the Bavarian authorities of the Maccabee and the Sports Organisation of the Union of Jewish ex-Soldiers in Bavaria. The reason given for the dissolution now is that other organisations were using it as a screen for their own prohibited activities.

Jewish Medical and Dental Students

Berlin, March 10th.

GERMAN-JEWISH medical and dental students who have till now been barred from graduation examinations, unless they renounced their citizenship and sat as foreigners, may now take their diplomas in Germany, if they can prove that they have obtained employment abroad.

Applications for doctorate diplomas are to be addressed to the competent Medical Faculty, accompanied by a declaration renouncing all intention to practice in Germany. The right of admission to the doctorate examinations remains, however, in each case at the discretion of the Ministry of Education.

Jews Who Have Remained in Germany

Berlin, March 10th.

NATIONAL Socialism will redouble its vigilance to prevent the reappearance of the old Kurfuerstendamm in German cultural life, Dr. Alfred Rosenberg writes in to-day's "Voelkischer Beobachter," in connection with the incidents that followed the presentation of the Elizabeth Bergner film.

"The Jews who have remained in Germany will be allowed to continue their cultural activities undisturbed, through the Jewish Culture League and the Jewish Press," he says, "but everything will be done to prevent Jewish plays and Jewish actors being smuggled into Germany under different names, and to frustrate the efforts of the London Jews, who are endeavouring not only to boycott German goods, but are providing employment for emigrés from Germany under the mask of English actors."

Divorce on the Usual Grounds

Berlin, March 26th.

THE recent judgment of the Karlsruhe Court granting divorce to a German merely because his wife was a Jewess will not be a general practice, according to the Prussian Minister of Justice, who announces that marriages of Aryans and non-Aryans henceforth will only be dissolved on the usual divorce grounds.

German Film Exports Dropped from 50 per Cent. to 35 per Cent.

Berlin, March 10th.

GERMAN film exports have dropped heavily of late, says to-day's "Boersen Zeitung," and this decline of German film exports, it fears, is extending the influence of the Jewish-controlled American film industry.

Formerly film exports from Germany covered over 50 per cent. of the prime cost of German film production, while to-day it covers less than 35 per cent. It is necessary, therefore, for Germany to produce films adapted for export trade, the paper says, not propaganda films, in order to break through the ring of boycott agitators.

Seven Nazi Storm Troopers Sent to Gaol

Berlin, March 10th.

SEVEN Nazi Storm Troopers have to-day been sentenced to terms ranging from three years' imprisonment to 6½ years penitentiary by the Berlin Special Court for attempting a few weeks ago to kidnap a Jewish manufacturer of Chemnitz, named Otto Schlesinger, maltreating him and endeavouring to extort money from him.

The police got on the trail of the Storm Troopers and shots were exchanged between them, the Storm Troopers finally being captured, and Schlesinger set free.

End of Reinhardt Theatres

Berlin, March 9th.

ALL the theatres in Germany that were under the direction of Dr. Max Reinhardt, the famous Jewish producer, have been liquidated, and all his representatives have resigned their positions. Among those who have resigned are Reinhardt's brother-in-law, Hermann Rosenberg, who was his business manager in the Deutsches Theatre, and Dr. Julius Luptschinsky, who was his representative in the Deutsches National Theatre.

Heavy Sentences for German Nazi Leaders

Berlin, March 13th.

A NAZI cell leader since 1931, Otto Ernst, of Hemsheim, near Worms, and his wife, who was the local group leader of the Nazi Women's League, have been sentenced by the Darmstadt Law Court, Ernst to one year's penal servitude, and his wife to two and a half years' penal servitude, both being in addition deprived of their German rights for five years, on a charge of misusing the official positions in the National Socialist Party of Worms to extort money from a Jewish family resident there.

Among other things, the prisoners had offered to smuggle money for the Jewish family across the frontier, attempting to obtain in that way a sum of 1,500 marks, allegedly for bribing frontier officials. The Jewish family put the matter into the hands of a lawyer, who together with the police established proof of the guilt.

The State Attorney demanded in Court the most drastic punishment for the couple, in order to demonstrate that decent Jews must be protected against attack and persecution.

The prisoners have also been expelled from the Nazi Party.

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