

The Needs of German Jewry

"Maintaining the Jewish Substance"

DR. ALFRED KLEE, Vice-President of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Prussia, and **Dr. Bruno Woyda**, member of the Executive of the Federation, addressed a big meeting held at the great Synagogue in the Fasenenstrasse, with **Herr Leo Wolff**, President of the Federation, in the Chair.

Alexander Kipnis, the famous singer, who was recently at Covent Garden, and recently resigned from the Berlin State Opera, sang, and the new orchestra of the Artists' Aid of the Berlin Jewish Community, gave its first performance.

Dr. Alfred Klee said that it was the task of the Federation to maintain the Jewish substance, and that did not mean only providing economic existence and security; it meant also protecting their spiritual treasures and saving them for the future. The Jewish schools, whose existence was now amply justified, were carrying on this work for the future. "If Jewish youth is to be steered for the struggle of life," he said, "it must be helped to know what is necessary for the Jewish future." No one could say where the future would lead the individual. Thousands of young Jews would be in Palestine, thousands of others would remain in Germany, but both must realise that they are links in the great chain of generations, that from a great past will, through the present, lead to a brighter future.

Dr. Woyda said that there had been, in recent decades, a complete shifting of the Jewish population in Germany. A great part of the Jews of Prussia had previously lived in the provinces. Gradually there had been a migration from the smaller towns, into the cities, especially into Berlin, and this created a dangerous congestion of the Jewish population. If they were to put Jewish life in Germany on a healthier foundation they would have to alter this. It might seem a paradoxical solution, but they might find it a satisfactory solution if they adjusted the Jewish population among the general population.

The small communities were the centres of future Jewish life.

Bloch's Avodath Hakodesh Performed

Berlin, June 25th.

OVER three thousand people filled the Great Synagogue in the Oranienburgerstrasse to-night, when Bloch's "Avodath Hakodesh" was given, its first performance in Germany. The soloist was **Herman Schey**, and **Alexander Weinbaum** conducted the choir and orchestra.

Goering Again Attacks Jews

Berlin, June 25th.

GENERAL GOERING broke, to-day, the recent practice of official speakers avoiding direct attacks on the Jews.

Speaking at a mass meeting held in Hamburg, he said that he wanted to warn the Jews who had destroyed German culture that Germany would soon deal with these people who were masking themselves as patriots, as "Gute Daitche," he said, mimicking the Yiddish pronunciation. The Germans who have gone abroad he described as the worst criminals.

Jewish Front Fighters' Union

Berlin, June 23rd.

THE Union of Jewish Front Soldiers has issued a statement dealing with the recent decision by the Zionist Federation that Zionists cannot be members of the Union of Front Soldiers and its Sports groups. The Union of Jewish Front Soldiers, says the statement, considers itself the sole representative of all Jewish Front Soldiers.

"Every Front Soldier, whether he is a member of the Union or not, whether he agrees with our views or not, will find us willing to serve him as far as lies in our power. We are at the service also of such comrades who are turning to us now often enough because as non-Jewish non-Aryans they are excluded from the ex-Servicemen's associations to which they had previously belonged, though as non-Jews they cannot become members of our Organisation.

"The Union of Front Soldiers has, since its formation, considered it a privilege and a duty to give comradeship to every ex-soldier who was at the front."

"Fridericus" Finds Things are not Bad

Berlin, June 23rd.

JEWRY has established now that the Jews in Germany are not having such a bad time, as long as they do not poke their nose into cultural or political affairs, the "Fridericus" writes.

"There are neither Jewish pogroms nor Jewish persecutions in Germany," it declares. "There is order in Germany to-day and the Jews are no longer in danger, as they were in the old days, of suffering loss of life or property in the frequent shooting affrays between police and Communists, or the raids made on National Socialists."

German Jews Boycotting Jews Out of Fear?

Berlin, June 23rd.

"**WE** keep on hearing about this kind of thing, and we refuse to believe it, and yet it is true," writes the *C.V. Zeitung*. "A Jewish firm or a Jewish gentleman who has for years, for decades, employed a Jewish lawyer, is now represented by another lawyer.

"The firm has not been 'Gleichgeschaltet' and Mr. So-and-So still is the sole proprietor of his business, so there is no other explanation than that this particular Jewish firm or this particular Jewish gentleman has abandoned this Jewish lawyer, not because they are no longer satisfied with his legal skill, not because he is too old for his job, nor for any other reason except that he is a Jew.

"It is hard to believe that there is such a boycott of Jews by Jews," the paper says. "And in actual fact it is not quite that. This or the other calculating firm, and this or the other over-anxious gentleman simply imagines that he will be better served if represented by a non-Jewish attorney. We are not alone in shaking our heads at this grotesque attitude. Non-Jewish quarters, too, make remarks about Jewish lack of dignity, and the breakdown of our much-vaunted Jewish solidarity.

"We do not want to be misunderstood," the *C.V. Zeitung* proceeds. "We are not dealing here with numerous and therefore typical cases. It is not as if the majority of the German Jews had suddenly lost confidence in their Jewish lawyers. There are only a few very unpleasant instances. We complain, not because we are against briefing non-Jewish lawyers. We do not approve of the breaking off of business or confidential relations, or boycott under any circumstances.

"One who has employed a non-Jewish lawyer for years, and has confidence in him, should of course, retain him. We complain of one thing only, the sudden breaking off of all relations with a Jewish lawyer out of exaggerated fear, because of the completely erroneous idea that the Jewish lawyer will not be listened to by the law court as a non-Jewish lawyer would. These people do not seem to realise that they are expressing mistrust in the impartiality of German judges. It goes without saying that there is not the slightest ground for such suspicion.

"The law courts do their work without respect of person, and unaffected by the appearance of the lawyer. It is a matter of complete indifference to the Court whether the party to an action is represented by a Jewish or a non-Jewish lawyer. So these people do not even stand to gain any advantage, and for no reason whatever they are leaving in the lurch co-religionists who are struggling hard for their existence, thinking thus to gain some advantage, which in actual fact is non-existent. Such opportunism is despised by everyone."



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