

## GERMANY:-

Berlin.

### Significant Announcement at Trade Conference.

The N.S. Hago (National Socialist Trading and Industrial Organisation), which was most active in conducting the anti-Jewish boycott in the early days of the Hitler regime, is now going to be revived, it was announced at a trade conference in Koenigsberg. The organisation has been almost entirely inactive since Hitler's warning against individual actions against Jews.

The announcement is significant because it was generally expected that the Hago would be dissolved. Reports to this effect have frequently appeared in the German press.

It was further announced at the conference that Jewish firms of artisans would not have the right to keep apprentices unless an "Aryan" is employed in each enterprise for the special purpose of supervising the training that the apprentices receive in order to ensure that it is conducted in the Nazi spirit.

"The main object of training apprentices should not be economic, but political," Dr. Siebert, of the Reichs-office in charge of trade problems, declared in addressing the conference.

An order made public provides that in retail trading, the training of salesmen must be conducted by Reichs citizens only. The instructors, in addition to being "Aryans," must also be "personally reliable." Each salesman under training will have a special record book issued by the Labour Front, in which all his activities will be quoted.

### Anti-Jewish Agitation Grows.

Reports reaching Berlin from provincial cities disclose that the anti-Jewish propaganda is reaching a high level in many cities and that the boycott agitation is being conducted on a large scale. The population in these cities is being strongly urged to boycott Jewish shops. In a number of communities, members of the Nazi Party have been officially told to read the "Stuermer," so that every one of them should become better acquainted with the Jewish question.

Jews are afraid to appear in the streets because school children, instigated by the Nazi masters, are molesting Jewish passers-by. In numerous places the windows of Jewish houses were smashed.

In the city of Zierenberg the only synagogue there was demolished and five Scrolls of the Law torn up.

"We shall make the ground so hot for the Jews that they will have to import from abroad fire-proof soles for their shoes," the district leader of the Labour Front organisation in Hanover, Herr Seifert, declared in an address at a public meeting there. He revealed that in connection with the Gustloff assassination members of the Labour Front have been ordered not to buy in Jewish stores. Regulations were made public by Dr. Wagner, Reich medical leader, ordering the application of the Nuremberg laws to the field of medicine and prohibiting "Aryan" doctors not only to recommend Jewish doctors, but even to participate in urgent consultations with Jewish doctors or doctors having Jewish wives.

### Elimination of Jewish Literature Affects Printing Trade.

The printing trade in Germany has suffered a decline of 50 per cent. because of the "elimination of Jewish literature" because "of the decrease in export," and, finally, because of the "unification of the German press," it was disclosed at a conference in Hamburg on the situation of the printing trade.

Forty-five thousand workers have been affected by this drop in trade and are now unemployed, it was announced. Speakers who addressed the conference stressed the fact that no improvement is to be expected in 1936, and that the best thing that could be hoped was that at least the situation would not get worse.

Conditions in the printing trade are especially serious in Berlin, Hamburg and in the Saxonian cities.

### Ban on Jewish Cultural Activities.

The Jewish Culture League (Kulturbund), which has over ten thousand members in Berlin alone, is on the verge of collapse as a result of the flat refusal of the Ministry of Propaganda to permit the resumption of its activities, it was revealed here by the organisation's administration. Activities of the Kulturbund were ordered to be suspended by Dr. Goebbels as the first reprisal against German Jews for the Gustloff assassination.

The ban on Jewish cultural activities has dealt a severe blow to hundreds of Jewish artists, singers, musicians and lecturers who have been dependent on the Kulturbund performances for their livelihood since the Nazi restrictions drove them out of German cultural life. They are now dependent on the communal institutions for assistance. The Kulturbund is finding it most difficult to assist them, since hundreds of subscribing members of the organisation are discontinuing their payments to it, because

the organisation cannot furnish the entertainments for which its members had subscribed.

### Exodus of Jews from the Saar.

The exodus of Jews from the Saar was completed and the last few families which had made arrangements to leave the territory before March 1st, when the Nazi guaranties expire, have left France.

Of the 4,800 Jews who resided in the Saar before it was returned to Germany, only about five hundred will remain under the unrestricted rule which the Nazis will enjoy after March 1st. These people, mostly artisans and labourers, are forced to remain because the French authorities refuse to give them residential and labour permits which would allow them to settle on French territory. Their position was reported here to be most serious as there is little hope that the French authorities will change their mind and enable them to enter France.

### Swiss Government Condemned for Prohibiting Nazi Activities.

Led by the "Angriff," the organ of the Ministry of Propaganda, and the "Voelkischer Beobachter," the official Government organ, the entire Nazi press launched a bitter attack against the Swiss Government for its action in prohibiting the Nazi organisation in Switzerland.

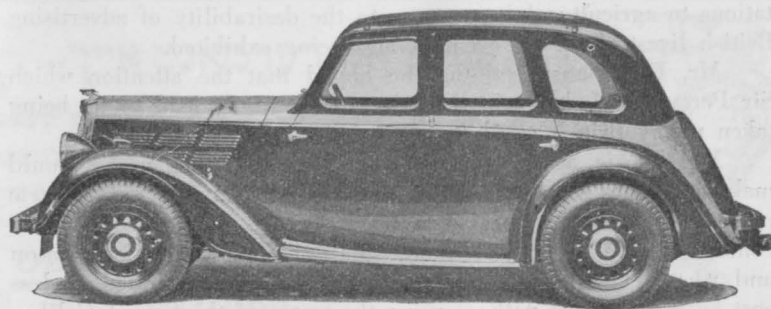
In front page editorials, the Swiss Federal Council is attacked for "submitting to Jewish influence" in prohibiting the organisation formerly directed by Wilhelm Gustloff, who was killed by the Jewish student, David Frankfurter. The Council's decision is denounced as "condoning the assassination" and as "desecrating the grave of the victim."

"The Swiss Government's decision," the Nazi papers state, "prevent Germans abroad from fulfilling their duties to their native land."

Underneath the bitter attacks of the Nazi press on the Swiss Government is a strong undercurrent of fear lest the determined stand adopted by Switzerland against the subversive Nazi movement should be emulated by other European countries, which have been suffering greatly as a result of Nazi activities among the German elements of their populations.

The Ministry of the Interior took the first reprisal against the Swiss anti-Nazi ban by ordering the dissolution of all the non-Nazi youth organisations in the State of Baden, which adjoins the Swiss frontier. The order affects a large number of Swiss clubs which organised hiking tours in Switzerland.—J.T.A.

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