

"No Need for Anxiety in Germany."

Minister of Interior's Reassuring Statement.

Berlin, September 29th.

A reassuring statement with regard to the safety of the Jews in Germany was made by Dr. Wirth, the Minister of the Interior of the German Federal Republic, in the course of an interview. The Minister's attention was drawn to the anxiety created by the recent Parliamentary elections throughout the world of Jewry, where it was feared that the astounding growth of the Hitlerist vote might result in a wave of anti-Semitism which would overwhelm Germany. He held it, therefore, of great importance to learn what attitude the German Government was taking on the matter.

There is no ground for anxiety, the Minister of the Interior replied, because the Government of the German Republic will never swerve from its attitude of the past, and will under no circumstances allow itself to be stamped into anti-Semitic channels.

In reply to the question how the astounding change of sentiment represented by the big Hitlerist vote could be explained, the Minister of the Interior drew attention to the severe economic distress existing in the country. The growth of the National-Socialist vote, he said, denoted a tremendous protest against this distress. He did not believe that all those who had voted for the National-Socialists desired thereby to stamp themselves as fierce antagonists of the Jews. There was no aggressive anti-Semitic feeling which might lead to injustices or to acts of violence.

The Government is in a position to guarantee the maintenance of law and order in the country, the Minister declared. It has always been its determined endeavour to ensure the protection of all German citizens, irrespective of their creed. The German Republic, he concluded, considers itself honour bound in this respect, and we not only desire but we are able to ensure such protection to all the citizens of our State.

Meanwhile Hitlerist Jew-Baiting Goes On.

Berlin, September 29th.

The Hitlerist Press is continuing its Jew-baiting policy unabated. The latest issue of the *Voelkischer Beobachter*, the chief Hitlerist daily, contains a number of articles, all directed against the Jews, who are held up as an unwanted disruptive element.

The teachings of the notorious anti-Semitic writer, the late Houston Stewart Chamberlain, renegade Englishman and son-in-law of Richard Wagner, are resurrected for this purpose and linked with the writings of Hans Guenther, the "raciologist," whose recent appointment as Professor of Raciology, or, in other words, anti-Semitism, at the world-famous University of Jena, by the Hitlerist Minister of Education in Thuringia, Dr. Frick, led to protests by learned men throughout the country and by the majority of the professors at Jena University, on the ground that he is not a serious authority, but a quack, and of a certain Dr. Siegfried Passarge, who has just published a book, "The Jews as an Ethnological Problem, in which, according to the *Voelkischer Beobachter*, he dismisses "the religion of the ghetto Jews as not standing higher than the religion of the Australian blacks."

A second article, headed "Jewish Style in Art," complains that the Jews are a disruptive element in artistic activity, and makes the Jews responsible for the "present-day modernist confusions in plastic art." The Jews are behind all the destructive art movements, like Impressionism, Cubism, Expressionism, and the like, it says.

A third article alleges Jewish influence in the German schools, which, it says, is being directed towards fastening the shackles of Jewish world domination upon the rising German generation.

Another article denounces Heinrich Heine as "the prophet of the Jewish world kingdom," and depicts him as an ally and associate of Karl Marx, "the instrument of All-Jewry to destroy the Christian world."

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CANTOR INSPEKTOR'S CONCERT.

Great interest is being taken in the concert of Cantor Inspektor to be held at the City Hall on Thursday, October 30th. All proceeds will go towards the funds of the United Hebrew Schools of Johannesburg.

Cantor Inspektor is the possessor of a rich, cultured voice and has scored success as a leading world *chazan*. His intonation of the High Festival services at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue made a deep impression.

At his concert on Thursday next, Cantor Inspektor will sing operatic arias in Italian, besides giving a selection of Hebrew melodies and Yiddish folk songs. Other leading artists will appear and it is hoped that the function will be generously supported by Johannesburg Jewry.

SHIRVINTY AND DISTRICT SICK BENEFIT AND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

At a meeting held at 132, Siemert Road, Doornfontein, the above Society was formed and the following officers were elected: N. Freed, Chairman; H. Raymond, Vice-Chairman; Beirachowitz, Treasurer; A. Simons, Hon. Secretary. Committee:—D. Smith, Z. Bloch, A. Geffin, J. Tapperson, J. Geffin, J. Sarakowsky, A. Guloum, S. Chernick, Mr. Widusky.

"THE WONDERS OF HAWAII."

Mr. S. Bornstein, the globe-trotter, delivered an illustrated lecture on "The Natural Wonders of the Hawaiian Islands," and explained in interesting manner, the primitive life of its peoples living there. The lecture was accompanied by illustrations depicting the island's volcanoes, coral formations, and marine life. The lecture, which was delivered in Yiddish, was of a most unusual character and deeply interested the audience.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Lucas Goudvis (Johannesburg).

We deeply regret to announce the death, which occurred on Thursday morning in the General Hospital, of Mr. Lucas Goudvis, a well-known Johannesburg merchant. Mr. Goudvis met his death in a tragic manner, having been knocked down by a motor cyclist which resulted in fatal injuries. The deceased was a most genial personality and was greatly liked by a large circle of friends. His wife, Mrs. Berthe Goudvis, is a well known writer and only a few weeks previously she left on a well-earned holiday to Europe.

The deepest sympathy is felt for the sorrowing widow and children in their great bereavement.

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