

News From All Quarters

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American Hitlerists in New York

New York, May 17th.

THERE was some rioting in New York to-night when the National Anti-Jewish Boycott Campaign, organised by the German-American Protective Alliance, DAWA (Deutsch-Amerikanischer Wirtschaftsausschuss), was launched at Madison Square Garden, the largest New York public hall, with about 19,000 pro-Nazis, including large delegations from places in the Middle West, listening to speeches denouncing Jews, and calling for support for Hitler and the Fatherland.

About 5,000 anti-Nazis paraded near the hall, and were kept out by a cordon of 700 police, mounted and on foot. The police dispersed several outdoor meetings arranged near the hall, and there was some scuffling, and six arrests were made.

The speakers included George Sylvester Viereck, the author, Henry Spice, the Director of the DAWA, the editors of the "Deutsche Zeitung," the pro-Hitler organ in America, Walter Kappe and E. McLaughlin, and Reinhold Walter, the leader of the U.S. "organisation" Friends of the New Germany.

The speeches were full of denunciation of Jews.

A message of greeting was read from Congressman McFadden, a notorious Jew-baiter who has repeatedly attacked Jews from the floor of the House.

A resolution was adopted protesting against the Jewish boycott of Germany and demanding that the U.S. Government should take action against the Jews.

[Mr. Viereck is co-author with Mr. Paul Eldridge of the novel "My First Two Thousand Years," whose hero is the Wandering Jew. The book has been banned in Germany, and all copies confiscated. The New York "Nation" recently quoted Mr. Viereck as saying on this subject: What is the fate of a book compared to the fate of a nation. Although I have warmly defended National Socialist Germany, I do not accept its anti-Semitic doctrine. Why should National Socialist Germany accept my Wandering Jew?

Suppression makes grand publicity in backward countries like the United States, where the heretical works can still be sold, the "Nation" commented.]

Jewish Merchants in New York Growing Apprehensive

New York, May 19th.

A SURVEY of conditions in Yorkville in connection with the activities of the German American Protective Alliance, DAWA, reveals that Jews in this section of New York are boycotted quite as thoroughly as in Germany.

From many Yorkville business-men comes the news that the DAWA has laid plans for opening stores of all kinds in order to blot out entirely Jewish business in that section.

Business concerns are boycotted regardless of circumstances, if it can be proved to be in Jewish hands. Thus one book store employing nine Aryan Germans has suffered a collapse of business.

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, Chairman of the Boycott Committee of the American Jewish Congress, has written to Mr. Carl K. Froelich, President of the United German Societies and Chairman of the DAWA, warning him that if his organisation persists in its attempt to stir up racial hatreds in this country, it would succeed in creating a united front of opposition to itself on the part of Jews and Christians.

The boycott activities of the American Jewish Congress and other responsible

organisations have from the first, Dr. Tenenbaum points out, been directed only against products made in Nazi Germany and never against German Americans.

American Committee Settling German Refugees in Soviet

New York, May 15th.

THE hope that the Soviet Union will open Bureya to settlement by German Jewish refugees was expressed here at a meeting of the American Committee for the Settlement of German Refugees in the U.S.S.R. The Committee has pledged itself to co-operate in raising funds for the purpose. A special Planning Corporation, headed by Dr. John Madden, of New York University, has been organised, consisting of experts who will proceed to the Soviet Union to conduct negotiations with the Soviet Government on behalf of the refugees.

The Employment of Jewish Labour

AMERICAN ZIONISTS APPEAL TO PALESTINE JEWISH FARMERS

New York, May 17th.

MR. MORRIS ROTHENBERG, President of the Zionist Organisation of America, has cabled to Mr. Smiliansky, the leader of the Palestine Farmers' Association, as follows:

The Jews of the United States are alarmed by the grave consequences threatening the Yishub as a result of the strife on the question of Jewish labour. I must earnestly appeal to you as leader and to your colleagues of the Jewish Farmers' Association, to make all efforts to achieve an understanding in the matter of employing Jewish labour, and thus help to change the unfavourable immigration policy of the Palestine Government.

"No Such Thing as Jewish Situation in Austria"

STATEMENT BY MINISTER TO U.S.

New York, May 20th.

THERE is no such thing as a Jewish situation in Austria," Mr. G. L. Prochnik, the new Austrian Minister to the United States, declared on his arrival here to the press.

"Austria has always been a paradise for Jews on account of the liberal treatment accorded them there," he claimed. "They are professors, artists, musicians and they occupy a greater share of important positions than is due them according to their percentage of population."

Asked about the sporadic outbreaks of anti-Semitism in Austria, the Minister said he would not deny its existence there. "But," he added, "it exists only among the people and not on the part of the Government."

As to the future of the Jews in his country, the new Minister was cheerful. "They will retain what they have always retained," he declared. The new constitution would not change the status of Austrian Jews. Nor were the Nazis getting anywhere in that country. And there would positively be no Anschluss between Austria and Hitlerised Germany. With respect to the Nazi agitation, he said: "The situation is completely under control. No trouble is anticipated in that direction."

"The economic improvement in Austria," he concluded, "in the last nine months has been remarkable — from a modest viewpoint."

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Refugees are being deported, particularly Polish citizens and Staatenlose. The Antwerp Committee is powerless to do anything in the matter.

Slobodka Yeshiba

CORNER-STONE OF NEW BUILDING TO BE LAID SOON

Kovno, May 17th.

FOR over half a century, the world-famous Slobodka Yeshiba has stood for the spreading of Jewish learning, and the greatest names in the world of Torah have illuminated it from the day of its foundation," says an appeal issued by the Slobodka Yeshiba authorities. "In the course of its existence, it has produced renowned scholars, who have vitalised Jewish religious life in all centres. It is the source of many of the great centres of Jewish learning in the Diaspora and Palestine, and is justifiably known as the mother of Torah. Under all conditions, under all changes, it has gone on steadily with its work. In the war years, under the worst conditions of starvation, it always attracted the best part of the Jewish youth to whom Torah was a sacred ideal.

"After the war, students began to stream to it again from all countries, and it now counts three hundred students. This raised the question of a suitable building for the Yeshiba. The present wood structure, which the Russian authorities permitted to be built in the fortress zone, is not only small and old, but it is also not adapted hygienically or practically for the accommodation or the work of so large a number of students. Friends of the Yeshiba, who saw how every high school or even elementary school has a good, modern building, and the great Slobodka Yeshiba is so poorly housed, decided to start a campaign to provide it with a permanent, suitable structure. An organisation was formed for this purpose, under the name Histadruth Talmidi Slobadka, with its centre in New York, and the Lithuanian Government has granted the Yeshiba an adequate building site."

The laying of the corner stone will take place on May 27 and many Rabbis and prominent personalities from all countries are expected to be present.

Polish Government's Communique

"RUMOURS THAT JEWS MURDERED CHRISTIAN ARE FALSE"

Warsaw, May 15th.

THE Government has issued a communique declaring that the rumours about Jews in Molotow having murdered a Christian which are being exploited for anti-Jewish violence, are absolutely false.

The Warsaw Governor appeals to the citizens of the capital not to believe despicable provocation, which only aims to spread hatred and to precipitate disturbances between the inhabitants of Warsaw.

Deputy Rosmarin, Vice-President of the Club of Jewish Deputies, and Deputy Wislicki, of the Jewish Deputies in the pro-Government Party, went to the Minister of the Interior to-day and submitted to him a statement giving the facts on the attacks made on Jews by the National Radicals.

A delegation of the Union of Jewish Small Traders has intervened with the Ministers of the Interior and Trade urging them to take action to put a stop to the anti-Jewish feeling, which exists, particularly in the township of Miechow, in the district of Kielce, where the Jewish population, they stated, is being terrorised.

The authorities declared to the delegation, the Association of Jewish Small Traders' says, that they have taken vigorous action in the matter.

Desperate Situation of German Refugees in Belgium

Antwerp, May 16th.

THE position of the German refugees in Belgium is becoming desperate. The Antwerp Relief Committee reports that it is practically without funds, and finds it extremely difficult to provide for the refugees whose number keeps growing.

At the same time, the Belgian authorities have started taking drastic action against refugees found trying to earn a living by accepting employment, or by trading. Arrests are taking place every day, and re-

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