

Developments in Italy's Racial Policy

WHOLESALE DISMISSALS IN SCHOOLS and UNIVERSITIES

Rome, September 2nd.

AS reported briefly in our cables last week, wholesale dismissals of Jewish professors and teachers and the exclusion of Jewish school children all over Italy followed a decree "concerning the defence of the race in the schools of the Kingdom."

ACCORDING to the decree:

No Allusion to Abyssinia

1. Jews are excluded from teaching in all primary and secondary schools and universities. This provision is retroactive.

2. Students of the Hebrew race will no longer be admitted to any primary or secondary school in the Kingdom.

3. Beginning with October 16th, all Jewish professors, principals, directors, university assistants, supervisory personnel of the elementary schools and private lecturers are to cease their activities.

4. Jewish members of academies, institutions and scientific, literary and artistic associations are to cease taking part in their activities as from October 16th.

5. Jewish students who have followed courses of instructions in Italian schools during the last academic years are temporarily permitted to attend the universities.

6. All those are considered Jews whose fathers and mothers belonged to the Jewish race, regardless whether or not they profess a religion other than the Jewish.

The Government is opening elementary schools for Jewish children, in addition to those maintained by the Jewish universities. The State will bear the expenses of the new schools.

Number of Jews Affected

PENDING publication of the returns of the census of Jews undertaken recently, the exact number of Jews affected by the expulsion decree, including those deprived of citizenship, cannot be stated with any certainty. In some circles here it is estimated as high as 30,000. Signor Mussolini's newspaper, "Popolo d'Italia," asserts that sixty out of every hundred Jews in Italy are foreigners.

Any estimate of the total is complicated by the fact that the decree recognises as Jews those of Jewish origin who profess any other religion than the Jewish.

More Resignations

THE Mayor of Ferrara as well as the President of the Provincial Tax Commission, a magistrate and the Vice-President of the Council of Fascist Corporations, have resigned in Ferrara because of their Jewish origin. Several other resignations are expected in the city.

In Trieste all the Jews occupying official positions have been ordered to hand in their resignations. These officials have occupied important positions in the Fascist Party organisations, State institutions, the Fascist corporations and syndicates.

SO far there is no official explanation of the absence of any allusion to Abyssinia in the decree expelling foreign Jews from Italy. The decree itself does not state whether Jews of foreign origin residing in Abyssinia are to be allowed to continue their residence there. Nor does it state whether or not foreign Jews living in Italy, Libya and the Dodecanese Islands are to receive any permission to settle in Abyssinia. It is expected that this point will be clarified shortly, and for this reason any suggestions published in the foreign press are to be regarded as mere speculation.

It is pointed out, however, that according to the present regulations, no foreigner, whether Jew or non-Jew, is allowed at present to settle in Abyssinia without a special authorisation.

No Jewish Advertisements

IT is announced that an order has been issued prohibiting Italian papers from accepting advertisements from Jewish commercial firms.

JEW'S LIQUIDATING BUSINESSES

Report from Rome

London, September 5th.

ACCORDING to reports from Rome published in the evening press, Italian Jews are already liquidating their interests where possible, preparing to leave the country.

One large Jewish clothing concern is reported to have been sold to a Milan company.

Records of the personnel of the Italian navy, the London papers further report, must in future include a statement of racial origin.

Arthur Rubinstein Returns Italian Decorations

London, September 6th.

THE London agent of Arthur Rubinstein, the eminent Polish-Jewish pianist, has announced that Rubinstein has cancelled his Italian concert contract.

He has also returned to Senor Mussolini the Cross of Commander of the Crown of Italy, with which he was decorated by Mussolini earlier this year.

PALESTINE COMMISSION'S REPORT

Not To be Ready Before End of Year?

London, September 5th.

THE "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" states that "although Mr. Malcolm MacDonald has urgently expressed his wish that the Palestine Partition Commission should submit its report with the minimum of delay, there is little hope, I understand, of its being completed before the end of the year."

"When Sir John Woodhead and the three other members of his fact-finding commission returned from Palestine a month ago, it was expected that their report would be ready before Christmas. This, it now appears, was unduly optimistic.

"One reason for the delay is the Commissioners' knowledge that, whatever its contents, their report will be violently criticised.

"In consequence, they are having to subject the mass of statistical abstracts and other facts upon which the Partition report will be based to an even closer scrutiny than such inquiries usually demand."

Warning To American Jews

New York, September 5th.

A WARNING to American Jews that attacks on the Italian race will intensify anti-Semitism in America and create discord between Jews and Italians in the United States, is published in the current issue of the publication "The Vigo Review," which describes itself as "An American journal of Italian life and achievements."

The paper declares:—"The Italians in America are not responsible for the policies of the Rome Government. They have always entertained kind feelings towards their Jewish fellow-citizens and expect to remain their friends in the future so long as their friendship is reciprocated."

High Post For German Refugee

Bombay, September 1st.

THE Maharajah of Bikaner has appointed Dr. R. J. Weingarten, a German-Jewish refugee, as Principal Medical Officer of the Bikaner Hospital, one of the largest State medical institutions in India.

Dr. Weingarten is not registered with the Bombay Medical Council, which does not recognise German qualifications.

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