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LEADERS OF GERMAN ANTI-SEMITISM.



European.
Chancellor Hitler and Julius Streicher; the latter is editor of the notorious *Stuermer*, newspaper sponsored by the Nazis.

NAZIS. CLOAK ANTI-SEMITISM

For the Olympics the War Against Jews Is
To Be Waged With Less Publicity

By OTTO D. TOLISCHUS.
Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BERLIN, Jan. 10—There are indications that James MacDonald's indictment of the National Socialist "persecution" of Jews, together with President Roosevelt's denunciation of autocratic régimes generally, and the imminence of the Olympic games are beginning to have at least one effect: the "cold pogrom" which now is concentrated to drive Jews from business will be conducted in the immediate future less spectacularly and more under cover than has been the rule heretofore.

pointed head of the segregated Jewish cultural organizations, so that the Jews feel they now are under constant surveillance.

But because the hope for any other solution of the Jewish question except the ultimate elimination of Jews from Germany has disappeared there is a growing interest in moderate German quarters in the project for a Jewish mass exodus now being discussed in the press of the world. It will be presented to American Jews by a British delegation headed by Sir Herbert Samuel.

Plans for Bank.

According to reliable information, Chancellor Hitler has issued a categorical but strictly internal party order that all anti-Jewish boycott posters and all anti-Jewish banners stretched across the main streets in German towns, above all public street boxes displaying Julius Streicher's notorious *Stuermer*, for which local Nazi organizations have been forced to stand sponsor, must disappear by the middle of February, presumably to spare foreign visitors to the Olympic Games their sight.

Of course, more than once there has been a slip between one of Hitler's orders and its execution, particularly in the anti-Jewish drive, in respect to which Hitler is the prisoner of his own words. But the order still is an important indication which way the wind is blowing, especially since only recently the Reich railroad expressly permitted a display of *Stuermer* boxes in the stations. As the rankest product of the anti-Jewish campaign, it hit the foreign visitor in the face on his first contact with the German soil.

Licenses Renewed.

Along the same line is the order of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht to police authorities not to refuse the renewal of licenses to Jewish salesmen on racial grounds, which forces anti-Jewish police chiefs to find other reasons.

In many cases in Berlin at least, such reason is found in "political unreliability" and where in exceptional cases the license is renewed there is written across it in big letters the word "Jew" so that any "German" buys from him at his own risk.

What solution has been effected in other towns still awaits revelation, but that the anti-Jewish drive still continues with the old force though perhaps with changing methods is indicated by the new handicaps put on Jews in roundabout ways as the Nazi ingenuity discovers new devices.

One such indication is the fact that "German" salesmen are barred from working for Jewish firms—by the orders of the German Labor Front, although many Jews feel that the worst blow inflicted on them is the fact that George Karecki, leader of a small Zionist faction of so-called "Jewish Nazis" in close collaboration with the Gestapo, the Nazi secret police, was ap-

Plans for Bank.

The project now appears to have been presented to Dr. Schacht by interested Jewish quarters some time ago. It involves the creation of an "International Liquidation Bank" with headquarters in London and branches all over the world to finance the transfer of Jewish capital out of Germany through increased German exports. The bank capital, which is to be underwritten by Jewish financiers abroad, will be raised by the sale of stock to Jews throughout the world and is supposed to discount German merchandise exported by Jewish emigrants from Germany. This will give emigrants immediate cash to settle wherever they can, while the bank will recoup from the sale of goods.

Dr. Schacht is understood to favor the plan, as do other German officials, but only on the condition that Germany gets something more out of it than the loss of capital. German acceptance of the scheme, it is explained, would depend on whether it would help Germany get gold, foreign exchange or raw materials. This, it is suggested, might be accomplished if every Jewish emigrant would export enough German goods not only to liquidate his capital but also to pay Germany for an extra part of them in cash which presumably would also be advanced by the international liquidation bank.

"Additional" Exports.

Of course it is stressed that such exports would have to be "additional," that is, over and above the normal German exports, so that every deal would have to be handled individually according to the country to which the exports are designated and the trade relations existing with it.

A similar arrangement already has been made with Italy, to which Jews may transfer a limited amount of capital after Germany agreed to accept the Jews' marks in half payment for German exports to Italy.

On the other hand, there are few illusions here regarding the difficulties of the plan. For one thing it would force the Jews abroad to abandon the anti-German boycott and act as salesmen for German goods as Jewish emigrants to Palestine now are forced to do if they want a small part of their money. And world opinion it is realized is not as yet ready for it.

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This cartoon appeared in *Der Stürmer*, an antisemitic newspaper published in Germany between 1923 and 1945, in July 1936.

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Berlin, Germany, Aug. 14, 1936 – Helene Mayer (far right) of Germany receives the silver medal in women's fencing.

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