

JEWES IN REICH DENY ATROCITIES BY NAZIS

**Society With 60,000 Members
Accuses Foreign Press of
'Inexcusable Distortions.'**

'4-YEAR PLAN' LAUNCHED

**Hitler Raises Duty on Butter
Substitutes and Assumes
Control of Production.**

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BERLIN, March 24.—Reports in the foreign press of atrocities suffered by German Jews at the hands of the Nazis were branded as "pure inventions" in a statement issued today by the Central Union of Germans Citizens of the Jewish Faith. The statement follows:

"According to German newspaper accounts, certain foreign newspapers are disseminating reports alleging that the mutilated bodies of Jews are found regularly at the entrance to the Jewish cemetery in Weissensee, a suburb of Berlin; that Jewish girls have been forcibly herded into public squares and that hundreds of German Jews are arriving in Geneva, of whom nine-tenths, including many children, have been seriously maltreated.

"All such reports are pure inventions. The Central Union states emphatically that German Jewry cannot be held responsible for these inexcusable distortions, which deserve the severest condemnation.

"For several weeks the German nation has been undergoing an upheaval of vast dimensions. There have been acts of political revenge, also reprisals against Jews. The Reich Government states that it has successfully striven to restore order as quickly as possible. The Chancellor's command [to his Nazi followers] to refrain from individual acts has had its effect.

Anti-Semitism a "Domestic" Issue.

"The anti-Semitic aims in the various domains of life and business which are manifesting themselves fill us indeed with grave concern. While opposing them, the federation regards them now, as before, as a German domestic affair. We are convinced, however, that equality of rights for German Jews, which they have earned in war and peace alike by their sacrifices of life and property, will not be abrogated, and that German Jews will remain inseparably united with the German Fatherland and, together with all other Germans of goodwill, will be able to work for the resurgence of the Fatherland."

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German Jews has issued this circular to its members:

"Let us take an energetic stand against everybody attempting criminally to influence the shaping of Germany's future through foreign newspapers. If in the United States, Poland, Holland and other countries attempts are made by Jewish and non-Jewish circles to coerce the national government of Germany into any course of action or any omission, we, as Germans, must oppose such blackmail attempts with the same decisiveness and intensity as any of our fellow non-Jewish countrymen."

The newspaper Germania, commenting on reports of protest meetings in New York, says:

"These events, paralleled by similar activities in other countries, should receive the [German] government's undivided attention, since they are calculated to destroy much of what has been achieved through years of constructive effort.

"It is true that a considerable number of individual actions have taken place against Jewish business establishments and individual Jews, but whereas the outside world generally approves the proceedings against German Communists, the anti-Semitic activities, thanks to the far-flung international connections of world Jewry, have had strong repercussions.

"The Reich Government has put an end to individual actions, and measures against Jewish or Leftist circles by other than regular administrative procedure are already an exception. Meanwhile, a certain section of the world press has launched concerted propaganda against Germany. Especially in the Anglo-Saxon countries, where the influence of Jews and Free Masonry is strong and democratic convic-

tions are very sensitive, this inflammatory propaganda has had a dangerous effect."

Reports that the British Consulate in Berlin has been swamped with applications from Jews for visas to go to Palestine are denied, although it is admitted here has been a heavy increase in such requests since March 5. The Polish Consulates in various parts of Germany are being beleaguered by Polish Jews, compelled to migrate, who are without passports.

The authorities of the Palatinate deny that Jewish capital has been confiscated in Landau and Pirmasens. No action of this kind is contemplated, they say, admitting, however, that Jewish bank deposits have been locked up for the time being to prevent their sudden full withdrawal, which, it is stated, in some cases is threatening the liquidity of the banks.

Anti-Semitic incidents are reported from Gleiwitz in Upper Silesia, where a large number of young men invaded the court house and mistreated several Jewish attorneys, among them the 70-year-old father-in-law of the head of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Germany, who was allegedly hit in the face. Activities in the court house were interrupted until the police cleared the building.