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EDITORIAL

Many of our Posts seem to forget that we are a Veteran Organization and that we should devote more of our time to matters concerning the welfare of Veterans.

Last month the State of Pennsylvania voted for a \$50,000,000 bond issue. The proceeds of this bond issue will be given to Spanish and World War Veterans at the rate of \$10 for each month of service. This was a very important piece of legislation, and was the culmination of many years of intensive work by other Veteran Organizations. The passage of this bond issue is the more remarkable in view of the fact that it was brought up at a time when all Veteran projects have been under attack by the National Economy League. It is understood that although this important piece of legislation has been passed, few if any members of the Jewish War Veterans of Pennsylvania did anything constructive to help put over the bonus which is to be paid to Veterans during January.

If our Posts do not participate more in Veteran work, we can hardly expect cooperation from other Veteran organizations when we ask them to help us stamp out Nazi-ism, and Anti-Semitism in this country.

Comrades should be impressed with the extreme necessity of working hand in hand with all other Veteran Organizations for national betterment of Veterans as a whole.

National Headquarters will endeavor to inform Posts of important legislation to be acted on in their localities and posts are asked to let no stone unturned to help along the cause of Veteranism.

At this time it would be appropriate for the Jewish War Veterans to seek to correct the gross injustices and inequalities of the National Economy Act passed by the last Congress.

IMPORTANT

Notice is hereby given Posts that unless all per capita dues due National Headquarters is paid up before the end of the current year, officers elected for the ensuing year will not be installed. Posts must fulfill their obligations before they will be allowed to install the newly elected officers.

Every effort should forthwith be made to end the current year with a clean slate and posts are ordered to communicate with headquarters in this respect immediately.

ATTENTION

Attention has been called to National Headquarters that at a recent public meeting held by a certain post, money was solicited from the general public. This is certainly not in accordance with the high-standards of the Jewish War Veterans and such practices should be discontinued in the future.

PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTION

We, American citizens of the Jewish race, who served in the wars of the United States, in order that we may be of greater service to our country and to one another, and in order to perpetuate our highest ideals, do hereby unite to establish a permanent organization.

Objects

The objects of this organization are:

1. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to encourage honor and purity in public affairs; to combat whatever tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; and to encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights and full justice to all men.
2. To combat the powers of bigotry and darkness; wherever originating and whatever their target; to uphold the fair name of the Jew and fight his battles wherever unjustly assailed.
3. To inculcate and keep alive the spirit of comradeship among the men of our race who fought in the various wars of the United States.
4. To assist such comrades and their families as may stand in need of help, encouragement, or protection.
5. To gather and preserve the records of patriotic service performed by the men of our race.
6. To honor the memory of our heroic dead and shield their graves from neglect.

THE BOYCOTT MOVEMENT

An International Survey

IN preparing this fourth survey of the International Jewish anti-boycott movement against Hitler's Germany, we are still confronted with the absence of a coordinating centre. The Jewish politics in individual countries are suffering from internal frictions. No international cooperation has been established. Instead of running a war-time machine we are satisfying ourselves with speeches, "affairs" and parades. There is no news from the boycott front in the United States. No survey has as yet been undertaken concerning the boycott organization and activities in the United States.

English Jewry tries to avoid the mistakes of the American Jewry. A Jewish boycott on German goods was voted on November 5th at a conference of 500 delegates representing 150,000 Jews in all parts of the United Kingdom. The resolution, which was adopted unanimously, placed an official boycott on German goods and appealed to Jews in all parts of the British Empire to abstain from purchasing or using German goods or services so long as the Jews in Germany are denied the status of full equality and citizenship. We are here to meet the challenge thrown in the face of the Jewish people by the Hitler regime," said P. Horowitz, Chairman of the meeting. "If the position in Germany had been merely in the character of a spontaneous uprising against Jews, we would have met it with protests and public meetings, but the Hitler regime is a challenge to the Jews of the world. It is an attempt to reduce the status of Jews in Germany, to make them pariahs among the nations."

We do not know what is going on on the boycott front in the other countries. But we do know that the Nazis are expanding their activities. World Jewry intended an offensive, but Nazis took the initiative. Anti-Semitism is one of the best sellers of German production in foreign markets." The Anti-Semitic movement developed from a local to a world issue. Hitler's government in this relation is a parallel to the communistic Komintern: it finances and organizes Nazi cells all over the world. The only difference is that in comparison with the mediaeval

atrocities of the Germans, the Russian communists behave like nice kids.

Friends of "hush-hush" tactics like the American Jewish Committee should give more attention to the new energy showed by the Nazis in their Jewish policy. Foreign correspondents report that Chancellor Adolf Hitler, who for three weeks has been offering peace to the world, has decided to continue ruthless warfare against all Jews within Germany. The circumstances and the finality of this decision have not been reported until now and cannot be reported in detail from within the Reich.

In the face of warnings and pleas from Dr. Kurt Schmitt, his non-Nazi Minister of Economics, the Chancellor has ruled for unremitting removal of Jews from all posts, however important, in the German industrial and banking worlds. For a month the dismissal of Jews from key posts in business has proceeded at an accelerated pace, including the "complete purification" of both the stock exchange and the grain exchange in Berlin, from which some 200 Jews have been expelled.

Recently Dr. Schmitt, alarmed by the consequent disrupting of the business system, made his most courageous effort to dissuade Herr Hitler from persisting on a course which, he said, threatened economic disaster for Germany. For six hours without a let-up, Dr. Schmitt and the Chancellor were closeted together in heated debate. From 11 o'clock one night until 5 the next morning, Dr. Schmitt argued and pleaded, without turning the Fuhrer (leader) an inch from the anti-Semitic program of the Nazis.

Dr. Schmitt's plea was based upon consideration of the Reich's own welfare. He presented facts and figures and cited cases where the ousting of Jews was slowing up some of Germany's leading industries. The Chancellor, the correspondent learned upon reliable authority before leaving Berlin, remained as stubbornly committed as ever to his anti-Jewish policy and, after recurring fits of anger, flatly told Dr. Schmitt, "No."

On October 1, 150 members of the Berlin

stock exchange were expelled, of whom 125 were Jews. Three were Nazis who were ousted for illegal practices. Since then nine of the Jewish brokers expelled have died, apparently all as suicides, although only two have been reported as such by the German press. Only one Jewish member was retained. One of the leading technical trade experts in Europe, he was engaged in preparing an important report for the exchange authorities. This was completed a few days ago, and thereupon he was told he must go.

At a directors' meeting of a large German corporation recently, the chairman read a letter giving the government's orders that all the remaining Jewish directors must quit. The gentile members of the board rose in a body to protest, declaring that their Jewish colleagues had founded the business, "were the business," and were indispensable unless all were to be ruined. The chairman communicated their views to a high government official and received the reply, "Do what you're told."

According to Chancellor Hitler's decision and developments such as these, the Nazis' anti-Semitic campaign threatens to become intensified, instead of slackened, and is likely to assume the drastic proportions after the Reichstag elections set for next Sunday. What is most important is the fact that Dr. Schmitt, one of the few moderate members in the Hitler Cabinet, has been rendered entirely helpless and may soon find his position untenable.

Meanwhile violence continues to take toll, in the case of the seventeen-year-old son of Dr. Wilhelm Solf, former Ambassador to Japan and one of the outstanding men in Germany. Dr. Solf has no Jewish blood. The son, who has been attending a private school for boys in Bavaria, is among the latest victims of political bigotry, despite the father's prominence and public service.

Young Solf was asked by the leader of the Hitler Jugend (youth organization) at the school why he did not join that organization. He replied that he had been considering the matter but would like to delay his decision for a week. That night five classmates broke into his room and beat him. He was taken to the hospital with internal injuries which may have lasting effects.

The five youths who attacked young Solf were "disciplined" by being barred from Hitler Jugend activities for two weeks. The case has, of course, received no mention in the Nazi press, and is known to only a few friends of the Solf family.

The Germans are fighting now on a large front, combatting not only the Jews, but the Catholics and Protestants as well.

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Central Europe is practically Hitlerized. Austria, Rumania, and Hungaria are leading in the persecution of the Jews.

Persistent rumors that the Government of Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss would steer a definitely anti-Semitic course assumed a form more concrete. An editorial in the semi-official "Reichspost" pointed out that the Nazis must not be credited with the invention of anti-Semitism, which, the newspaper declared, in no way clashes with "the warmest Austrian patriotism."

"The Austrian government is fighting National Socialism because it is imperialistic, not because it is anti-Jewish," it was added. The use of the word "Shylock" was indicative of the editorial's general tone.

In the same issue the "Reichspost" displayed prominently a statement by Walter Riehl, a pioneer Austrian Nazi, to the effect there was reason to believe that the "strained relations between Austria and Germany soon will make way for a friendlier feeling."

What the "Reichspost" editorial attacked particularly was the tendency to label every Austrian anti-Semite a "Nazi." In this connection, it declared that the conviction in certain anti-Dollfuss quarters that the "excessive Jewish development of certain spheres is not the ideal state of affairs" is "perfectly reconcilable with the warmest Austrian patriotism."

"It may be difficult," the newspaper continued, "always to practice proper moderation." But it held that the insistent demand in Austria for a numerous clausus system (as exemplified in German Aryan laws) would not have become so loud if moderation had been practiced on all sides, and it added: "A stubborn and blind insistence on his bond proved a boomerang to Shylock."

The fact that U. S. Minister to Austria, George H. Earle received 82 threats of death after the speech he made in Vienna denouncing Anti-Semitism is the confirmation

of the growing Anti-Jewish feelings in Austria. Hon. George H. Earle is the first and only American diplomat who found words of courage and humanity; he took the initiative which should be the duty of Mr. Strauss in Paris and Mr. Steinhart in Stockholm. Foreign newspapers report that the Department of State has been highly dissatisfied with Mr. Earle's explosion. The attitude of Messrs. Strauss and Steinhart will perhaps console the gentlemen in Washington.

The situation is more dangerous than ever in Rumania. Armed clashes between the police and the Anti-Jewish Iron Guards are increasing. The government reiterated today its determination, through the Minister of the Interior, not only to use every existing law but if necessary to introduce others to stamp out all unhealthy agitation.

The Minister's statement was made in Jassy, where he had gone in connection with rioting and the siege of Iron Guards in a student's club. Many Iron Guardsmen, after street fighting with the police, barricaded themselves in the club, laid in stores of food and prepared to withstand the police forces. They threw small bombs at the police and troops around the building, creating a temporary panic.

Preparations are being made to dislodge them with tear gas bombs. An attempt by students from the university to break through the cordon and relieve the besieged guardsmen was foiled by the police.

In Eski-Bada, in fighting between Fascists and government supporters, seven persons were seriously injured, among them the Mayor, who was shot through the chest.

The same sad news arrives from Hungary. Anti-Semitic rioting which led to the closing of Budapest University yesterday, was renewed this morning and extended to the Technical High School. Several hundred high school students marched to the Danube's shore where speakers declared their determination to fight "Jewish domination."

Police reserves rushed to the meeting in automobiles, quickly dispersed the demonstrators. Forty were arrested. In the afternoon students tried to create disorders in the Jewish district.

Minor disorders also reported at the universities of Szeged and Pecs.

Education Minister Homan said the leaders of the Budapest rioters would be severely punished.

Dr. Angyar, rector of Budapest University, said he was forced to invite police to violate the sanctity of the university and clear the main hall of students because they were wrecking the building. He said many students were armed with revolvers.

"If the disorders are renewed, the free meals and scholarships for students will be suspended," Dr. Angyar said.

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Central Europe is only in a more advanced stage of Anti-Semitic development, but the movement extends all over the world. The daily press brings daily proofs of the Nazi successes even in the United States under the criminal non-resistance of the self-appointed so-called Jewish leaders.

Where are the Jewish masses? Will they finally take their fate in their own hands? Will they stand organization of anti-Semitism by Jews? The "Sentinel," Chicago, reports that Ferdinand Kaszka, Jewish financier, is alleged to be the financial "angel" of the Anti-Semitic Iron Guards who have been terrorizing the Jewish population of rural Roumania, according to the Dreptatea, organ of the Roumanian government. The paper charges that Kaszka has provided the Iron Guards with free materials for building barracks and has also given them substantial sums of money.

And how many Kaszkas financed Hitler? How many active and passive Kaszkas exist in the United States?

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Public opinion did not give attention to the calm and noble attitude on the Jewish question of Dr. Julius Klein.

At a stormy meeting held on October 31, by the delegates of the German-American Citizen's League of Chicago, Mr. Julius Klein, one of its directors, tendered his resignation.

A resolution introduced in the form of a protest against the boycott of German goods in this country brought about a heated debate which almost led to blows. Adoption of the resolution was urged by Mr. G. F. Hummel, a salesman for a Brewing Company, and one of the delegates at the League. Hummel demanded that the German-Americans protest against this boycott, which as

he claims, was originated only by the Jews of this country.

Julius Klein, who represents the Schwaben Verein, one of the largest German organizations in Chicago, announced his willingness to vote for this resolution if his amendment was accepted wherein the Citizen's League also lodges a protest with the German Ambassador against the persecution of Jewish and Aryan Germans who are opposed to Hitler and his regime.

Klein's amendment was not accepted after Hummel's remarks that the League would be considered outcasts if it adopted this amendment. He urged the defeat of the Klein resolution and the adoption of the resolution against the boycott. When a vote was taken the resolution against the boycott was passed, and Klein's amendment met with defeat. Mr. Klein then made the following statement:

"Gentlemen: We are American citizens. I have been with the German-American Citizen's League since 1919. I have been one of your vice-presidents, and a director for many years. You have ruined this fine organization tonight. You have not followed the American principles of fairness. I was satisfied not to object to your anti-boycott resolution if you had voted for my amendment protesting against the persecution of Jews and all other minorities by the Dictator and terrorist, Hitler.

"My opponents at this meeting have dared to refer to Carl Schurz, the greatest of all German-American pioneers. It is an insult to his memory to drag his name into this. Schurz left the old Germany to seek freedom in this country which he, you and I found in America. He would have been persecuted like all liberty-loving people in Germany are being persecuted today. Carl Schurz protested repeatedly against the persecution of Jews in Europe. Those who are being persecuted by Hitler today, and fight back, will some day be feted like Carl Schurz, whose famous letter to the New York Mayor, Low, protesting against the Kischineff program, is history. He called Jewish persecution a bastardly, cowardly crime, stating that citizens of Jewish faith in all countries have been loyal, patriotic citizens, and that nobody should be persecuted because of his race or religion.

"Your Mr. Hummel has attacked the

Mayor of New York for doing his duty as an American, and he has praised Mr. Hitler for violating every rule of decency, humanity and liberty. There is nothing left for me to do as a conscientious American of German origin, and as a free man, but to tender my resignation to this organization as a director and delegate."

The German-American Citizen's League is headed by Fred Rixmann, president, and Chris Claussen and Ernest Brosius, secretaries. They have their own organ, "The Buerger Zeitung," which is edited by a well-known Nazi leader, Morton Medenwald, who refuses to become a citizen of the United States, in spite of the fact that he has been in this country for over fifteen years.

Julius Klein has been prominent in German-American affairs for many years. He is a director of several German-American societies in Chicago, a member of the Executive Committee of the German-American Day Association, a director of the Schwaben Verein, honorary president of the German Art Society of Chicago, and two years ago he was made an honorary member of the German-American Military Legion of Chicago, along with Colonel Howard P. Savage. He was formerly editor of the "Staats Herold," a German language newspaper of Chicago, which position he resigned in protest to Hitler last March. The German government, through its Minister of Culture, Education and Science, honored Klein two years ago by appointing him a member of the German Institute of Newspapers, science and Learning.

The attitude of Mr. Klein like that of brothers Ridder in New York shows that the Nazis do not represent 100% of the German people as Hitler like to emphasize.

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The American Hebrew Medal for the Promotion of Better Understanding between Christians and Jews in America, awarded this year to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, noted feminist.

The presentation has been made in the auditorium of City College at Lexington Avenue and Twenty-third Street. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the principal speaker. Other speakers included outstanding persons of all faiths. Henry Morgenthau, former U. S. Ambassador to Turkey, was chairman.

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