

FUND SOUGHT IN U. S. FOR GERMAN JEWS

Sapiro Plans "War Cabinet" to Direct World-Wide Boy- cott of Berlin Goods.

New York, April 2.—(AP)—A decision to extend relief to "distressed Jews in Germany" and to launch a special drive for funds for that purpose was reached today at a meeting of 750 members of the American Jewish Joint Distribution committee.

At the same time the American Jewish congress adopted an attitude of silence on the German situation. An official announcement said this was being done "in deference to the wishes of the State department".

The joint distribution committee already is conducting a drive for funds to support its extensive emergency relief activities in other central and eastern European countries. In the eighteen years of its existence it has expended 80 million dollars for such work.

Judge Irving Lehman, brother of the New York governor, told the meeting:

"We Jews do not fight hatred by hatred but we must give until it hurts to relieve those who suffer from hatred. . . . Though the tragedy of what has happened in Germany is our tragedy, we know that German Jews are in heart and soul a part of the German people. . . . They have not called upon us for help and I hope they will still be able to maintain their pride in being part of the German nation.

"I hope that Germany will again be great and prosperous and that the Jews of Germany will be permitted, as they have always done, to contribute to that greatness and prosperity."

Dr. Jonah B. Wise, officer of the committee, said:

"The world, absorbed in many

other problems, may deem that it has already uttered its voice clearly and that justice and common sense will prevail to prevent the economic destruction of German Jewry. It is inconceivable that humanity will permit these 600,000 Jews to perish."

Dr. Cyrus Adler described present conditions among Jews abroad as worse than at any time since the war.

Meanwhile, at a conference of the Independent Order of Brith Abraham, a Jewish fraternal organization, Rabbi Irving Miller urged Jews to make a constructive contribution "to strengthen the moral fiber of America", rather than to take "negative action" such as last week's protest meeting in Madison Square Garden.

He described Jewry at the crossroads and said its future welfare depended on its action today.

Aaron Sapiro, New York lawyer, announced that he was forming a "war cabinet" of Jewish leaders to formulate a "militant program of action", which would include a world-wide boycott by middlemen against German-manufactured goods.

Later Frederick Stock, conductor of the Chicago Symphony orchestra, joined other American musicians in protesting the treatment of artists in Germany.

The group, headed by Arturo Toscanini, cabled a protest to Chancellor Hitler. Stock telegraphed from Chicago that he wishes his name added to the list of protestants.

JEWS BOYCOTTED IN GOERLITZ.

Berlin, April 2.—(AP)—Chancellor Hitler's Nazis, who Saturday invoked a boycott against Jews throughout Germany, continued the restrictions today in several towns in Lower Silesia.

For the most part, however, the Reich experienced one of the quietest Sundays in years.

In Goerlitz, a city of 92,000 in southeastern Germany, Nazi leaders ordered the boycott committee to picket Jews' stores from 11 A. M. until 5 P. M. despite assurances of the government that the boycott action would be limited to Saturday.

Although Nazi leaders say the boycott will be renewed Wednesday if the attitude abroad regarding reports of anti-Jewish activities does not improve, Saturday's embargo appeared likely to be the last widespread, organized affair of that kind, at least for the present.

The committee further ordered that signs to be used in any subsequent demonstration be restricted to reading "Jews".

Some of the signs posted Saturday on Jewish business places carried the words: "Danger—Jew store" and "Attention—beware of the Jew". In addition "quarantine" signs, outlined in black and yellow, were put up.

Police at Rueheland today arrested 50 persons, claiming they were Socialists and Communists who were seeking to form their own unit of the Steel Helmet (war veterans) organization.

HULL TALKS WITH BERLIN EMBASSY.

Washington, April 2.—(AP)—Chiefs of American foreign affairs put their ears today to the heart of troubled Germany in a trans-Atlantic conference with the aid of a special telephone setup which is helping to make twentieth century diplomacy what it is.

To get the latest information on the Nazi boycott against the Jews, Secretary Hull got the Berlin embassy on the wire and for several minutes he and his aids talked over the situation with George A. Gordon, counsellor in charge.

SALESMAN KILLS SELF.

Chicago, April 2.—(AP)—George B. Metzger, 60 years old, an unemployed printing salesman, committed suicide today, police said, by shooting himself in the right temple in an outlying railway station.

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REINHARDT OUSTED BY BERLIN THEATER

State Opera Orchestra Issues Ultimatum Against Jews on Stage.

Berlin, April 3.—(AP)—The anti-Semitic movement resulted today in the ousting of Max Reinhardt, world famous theatrical producer, from his position with the Deutsches theater, with which he had been identified a quarter of a century.

The movement also affected the state opera. The leader of the orchestra issued an ultimatum to opera officials refusing to play scores so long as "so many Jews" appeared on the stage.

No official action was taken in regard to the opera. In the event any developed one of those affected would be Alexander Kipnis, a member of the Chicago Civic Opera company whose wife was Mildred Levy of Chicago. Mr. Kipnis is a basso.

The ousting of Reinhardt was announced in a communique which asserted that his real name was Goldmann. The action was taken after a conference between the management of the Deutsches theater and a Nazi commissioner from the ministry of culture.

Reinhardt is known in theatrical centers throughout the world. Perhaps in the United States his name is most closely identified with his production of "The Miracle."

The announcement of the ouster of Reinhardt came shortly after the government ordered that no one may

leave German soil unless special permission has been stamped on his passport by the police.

The government did not explain this action but for several days there have been reports of a Jewish exodus.

The newspaper Taegliche Rundschau reported that a train had been halted by police near Dresden to prevent "an exodus of Jews to Czecho - Slovakia." Considerable sums of money were confiscated, the newspaper said, but Jewish passengers were permitted to return to their homes in Germany.

Protestant Nazis organized in the German Christian movement met at the nation's capital for their first national convention to celebrate "God's victory over the satanic forces of the underworld"—meaning the Nationalist revolution.

Meeting in the old Prussian House of Lords under the presidency of Rev. Joachim Hossenfelder, they greeted as honor guests Prince August Wilhelm, Hans Kerrl, Prussian Diet president, and representatives of various evangelical bodies.

It was decreed today that pupils finishing grammar schools no longer will be presented a copy of the German constitution, but will receive a booklet explaining the significance of the Versailles treaty.

Julius Streicher, head of the central anti-Jewish Boycott committee at Munich, issued the following statement:

"I have a feeling that the battle (the boycott) will not be further taken up Wednesday. This will prove a disappointment to millions of Germans but discipline must be observed in any event. It was not easy to yield but Adolf Hitler can only proceed one step at a time."

Herr Streicher asserted that "the time is not far distant when by law it will be forbidden for a gentile to marry a Jewess or a Jew to marry a gentile girl."

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