

ALDERMEN VOTE HITLER PROTEST

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Board Calls on Washington to Take Persecutions Up With German Authorities.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS MADE

Meeting to Plan Relief Program Called by Joint Distribution Group for Sunday.

Without a single dissenting vote, the Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution yesterday petitioning the United States Government to make "vigorous and proper representation" to the German Government against the persecution of Jews by the Hitler régime. The resolution was offered by Alderman James F. Kiernan of Coney Island and was moved for immediate adoption by Alderman Joseph Reich, of the forty-ninth district, Brooklyn.

Spurred by cables from Germany announcing an economic boycott against Jews by the Nazi party, steps were taken yesterday by the American Jewish Congress to raise an emergency fund to help the Jewish sufferers and combat the anti-Semitic campaign.

At the same time the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee announced that it would hold a special meeting on Sunday afternoon at Temple Emanu-El to discuss a program of relief for Jewish sufferers in Germany. A report on the extent of relief required will be made at the meeting. Announcement of the meeting was made by Dudley D. Sicher, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, chairman of the national fund raising committee of the organization, and Joseph C. Hyman, secretary of the joint distribution committee.

Appeal for Funds Issued.

An appeal in behalf of Jewish sufferers in Germany was issued by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, honorary president, and Bernard S. Deutsch, president of the American Jewish Congress. It said in part:

"The American Jewish Congress, representing American Jewry, through whose initiative and devotion this great awakening of public conscience was brought about, is seeking an emergency fund to enable it to carry on the gigantic work it has undertaken in the name of the Jews in America.

"It must wage vigorously this great battle against anti-Semitism and its efforts must not abate until justice is restored to the Jews of Germany and in other lands.

"The necessary funds must be forthcoming. Every Jew must give. Let the depth of your feeling be measured by the generosity of your gift.

"We in America have taken the lead in a battle for the preservation of German Jewry. We must help them and we will help them."

The spokesmen for the American Joint Distribution Committee declared that the committee was in close contact with the German situation through its Berlin office.

"This office has not been molested and is in free and continuous contact with Germany as well as the rest of Europe since 1921," the spokesmen declared. "The American officers of the Joint Distribution Committee have the utmost confidence in the judgment of their representatives in Germany. The Joint Distribution Committee is in a position to distribute aid promptly and effectively.

"It is also in a position to go into any place as a neutral because of its charter and its history. The Joint Distribution Committee is a non-political organization, organized solely for relief and philanthropic aid. It has the same neutral character as the Red Cross.

"It is now active in relief and reconstructive work in Eastern Europe where 6,000,000 Jews are involved. The work there is done through the office in Berlin.

"The Joint Distribution committee has invariably worked in the closest cooperation with national and local welfare and social organizations. This policy will, of course, be consistently pursued in any relief work undertaken in Germany. Nothing will be done without the fullest cooperation of organized agencies in that country."

Meetings in Other Cities.

Protest meetings are being planned in thirty-two cities of the United States as well as in Canada, it was announced yesterday at the office of the American Jewish Congress, 122 East Forty-second Street. Baltimore will hold a mass meeting on Thursday.

The Congress received a telegram from Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, adding his protest to those of forty-two other Governors. Governor Ritchie wired:

"I would like to add my voice of disapproval and condemnation of the treatment to which reliable information indicates Jews have been subjected in Germany."

Nineteen members of the faculty of Dartmouth College signed the following protest:

"We, faculty members at Dartmouth College, do hereby register a sincere and fervent protest against the anti-Semitic activities of the present German Government. We believe the continued mal-treatment of Jews in Germany, as openly countenanced by Herr Hitler's administration, is misguided in theory (its nationalistic basis being dangerous to world peace), unintelligent and medieval in purpose, and brutally uncivilized in practice."

New York University students will protest in a similar vein at a mass meeting to be held today under the auspices of the Christian Association and the Menorah Society at the university's School of Education auditorium, 37-41 West Fourth Street.

On behalf of the German-Jewish Congregation, 652 Lexington Avenue, Rabbi Max Malina, Dr. Ernst H. Feilchenfeld, Dr. Fritz Schlesinger, Robert Rosenbaum and Herman Secunda issued a statement last night expressing confidence in the assertions of Dr. Julius Brodnitz, chairman of the Central Union of German Citizens of the Jewish Faith, and of Rabbi Dr. Ezra Munk, leader of orthodox Jewry in Germany.

"We have absolute faith and confidence in these statements," they said, "the main contents of which are warnings against exaggerated reports and requests for immediate termination of all actions based on unproved information. We know these two distinguished leaders of German Jewry and are sure that they would never, not even under pressure, sign their names under declarations which they know to contain falsehoods."