

Israel's Alarm at Hitler's Rise

ISRAEL IS DISMAYED AT THE RISE TO POWER of Adolf Hitler, the Nazi chieftain who has rung all the changes on anti-Semitism, and demanded the political and economic extermination of the Jews in Germany.

On the hour of his appointment as Chancellor, it is reported, an exodus of Jews from Germany began.

Hitler's ascendancy, writes Jacob Fishman, managing editor, in the *New York Jewish Exponent*, is "one of the most tragic events in the long history of Jewish martyrdom."

Describing the new Chancellor as the "modern Haman" and his appointment as "an insult" not only to the Jews of Germany but to the Jews of the world as well, Mr. Fishman gives vent to his indignation:

"There have been European Premiers before this who were surrounded with an anti-Semitic atmosphere, but never has such a Jew-baiter as Hitler sat at the helm of the Ship of State among modern civilized peoples.

"This bitter climax is the reward given to the Jews of Germany who poured out their blood for the 'Fatherland' during the war. Not less than 100,000 Jews took part in the war, which was more than a sixth of the Jewish population of the country, including women and children. Twelve thousand fell on the battlefields, and thousands returned home crippled.

"This is the reward for those two giants, Albert Ballin and Walter Rathenau, both of whom did so much for Germany."

"If the performance put on during the first twenty-four hours of Hitler's ascendancy is a sample of what is coming," comments the *Brooklyn Eagle*, "the alarm is not unjustified." For—

"The slogan roared by the triumphant Nazi paraders before the Presidential palace on Monday morning was 'Down with Judah!' Following this up, the leading Fascist paper in Berlin announced, with glee, that an exodus of Jews was jamming passport offices. No effort was made by the official organ of the Hitler party to conceal its view that those Jews who got out early would be wise.

"On top of this comes the manifesto of the Nazi party directorate, setting forth a program of unrelenting pressure for full Fascist control of the Cabinet and firm enactment of the basic policies of the party—including expulsion, disenfranchisement, and expropriation of the Jews."

BUT Dr. Isaac Landman, editor of *The American Hebrew*, has an idea, he writes in the *New York Sun*, that President Hindenburg and von Papen "took a leaf from the book of Abraham Lincoln and brought their opponents whom they feared most into camp where they can watch them, perhaps control them, possibly bend them into the twig that shall make the newer German tree."

Perhaps the best picture of Hitler and his Cabinet, says Dr. Landman, is given in the German Democratic party's official bulletin. There Hitler is described as "an ex-corporal amidst a Count and four Barons" and as a Socialist who is "under the supervision of the foxy capitalist, Hugenburg."

"Upon analysis," writes Dr. Landman, "the possibility of carrying out the dangerous Nazi international program or the violent Nazi threats against the Jews of Germany seems to have