

# GERMANS FEARFUL UNDER NAZI REGIME

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## MASSÉS DON'T HATE JEWS

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Political Convictions.**

Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
PARIS, April 2.—Germany has become a country of suspicion and fear, a well-known American who has just returned from there declares.

"During the past few weeks conditions, instead of improving as expected, have grown steadily worse," he said. "The press is absolutely muzzled, free speech does not exist any longer and nobody dares to express a critical opinion because of a justified fear of severe reprisals.

"There is no protection for any one who dares to oppose the Brown Shirts. Even a policeman standing on a street corner within sight or hearing of some incident will turn his back so as not to be a witness and, in my own experience, will advise others not to interfere.

"The complete silence of the press tends to intensify verbal reports, and the fact that there is censorship on outgoing news in itself tends to falsify the picture of what is happening.

"There have been two oppressions. There is, first, the complete oppression and suppression of political liberty and of all opposition opinion. No one dares to show himself a Social Democrat or a Communist. Of the leaders and even the ordinary members of these parties there are many thousands in prison and in concentration camps.

### The Oppression of the Jews.

"There is, second, the oppression of the Jews. Only a few minor cases have occurred of bodily harm being done to American or other foreign citizens of the Jewish faith or of Semitic appearance. After the first of these cases the government issued strict orders not to molest any foreigners.

"Against German Jews there have been many cases of violence to person and property. What, however, is even worse is the intense mental agony and despair of the Jewish people under the daily threat of violence, against which they have no recourse.

"Most of these people have been Germans for many generations. They made full sacrifice of life and wealth to Germany in the war. Now they are under threat of being, or have actually been, driven from positions as teachers, administrators, doctors, artists and lawyers, to live in an actual or invisible ghetto without means of regaining a livelihood.

"It should be at the same time emphasized that this attitude toward the Jews is not that of the mass of the German people, who have also lost their liberty, and many of whom are suffering just as much on account of their political

convictions as the Jews are on account of their faith. There have been very agreeable incidents, as when one of the principal citizens of a large German city deliberately made out a list of all the Jewish shops in the city and went around making a purchase in each.

### Nazis Mostly Young Men.

"But for the moment the Brown Shirts are in control. They are mostly young men, some of them little more than boys, who grew up in the dreadful conditions in Germany during and after the war. They are in revolt against the conditions into which they were born, and they are under leaders of whom it can only be said that many are abnormal.

"Hitler himself, since he became Chancellor, has seemed to moderate his violence against the Jews. He is a curious leader for such a country as Germany, for he is an ascetic, a fanatic, a vegetarian, a teetotaler and a non-smoker. It is his lieutenants, Goering and Goebbels, who are now directing the Brown Shirt brigades in medieval methods.

"For any one who lived through the last war it is a dreadful thing to hear these young fellows chanting in chorus, 'Blood must flow!' and 'Down with the Jews!'

"For the moment the Nationalist members of the Cabinet like von Papen, von Neurath, Seldte and Hugenberg are apparently as powerless as everyone else who is not a Nazi. It is to be hoped that they and their followers are not so cowed by Nazi violence of speech and action as the whole rest of Germany seems to be."