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Suffering Seven Millions

Of 16,000,000 Jews, Between 9,000,000 and 10,000,000 Are Free From Persecution; They Are Not a True Race

By DR. FRANK THONE

FROM all the shouting and tumult that preceded the present super-pogrom in the German Reich, one might have concluded that the Jews in Germany swarmed everywhere, thicker than they do on New York's East Side, ready to overwhelm the land with their millions. As a matter of sober statistics, however, the 750,000 Jews within the Reich's present boundaries constitute only a trifle more than one per cent. of the total population!

Where are the Jews of the world, the sixteen and a quarter millions of Israel's ancient faith estimated by the Jewish Scientific Institute of Warsaw? How many of them even now cower under the spreading cloud of the Nazi example, in other lands of persecution? How many of them can still walk freely in the world's areas of toleration?

Figures given by the Institute, together with others from the American Jewish Committee, indicate that of the 16,000,000-odd Jews, about two-thirds live in lands where their lot is as tolerable as that of other citizens or subjects, while the remaining third are either suffering from persecution now or may become victims of the "Judenhetze" in the not distant future.

Foremost in the list of lands of tolerance is the United States, where the largest single national block of Jewish population finds a home. There are about 4,500,000 Jews in this country, more than half of them living in and near New York City. This is well over a fourth of all the Jews in the world, and includes nearly all members of the race in the Western Hemisphere.

Russia Second

Jews of the USSR come next in number—3,080,000 of them. They have the same rights and privileges as all other Soviet citizens. Of course the Jewish faith, like all other religions in Russia, is attacked by organized propaganda under quasi-official sponsorship.

This warfare of ideas, however, cannot be considered discrimination in the ordinary sense, since Jews as such are

not subjected to special economic disabilities or to physical violence.

Jewish population concentrations in the two great democracies of western Europe are even lower than they are in Germany: 720,000 in the entire British Empire, 220,000 in France. The smaller democracies—Switzerland, the Low Countries, the Baltic states—together account for about a quarter of a million Jews. Scattered about the world, a few thousands or even only hundreds in each land, are a total of perhaps another million Jewish people.

Palestine might just now be reckoned as an area of persecution rather than of tolerance for its 175,000 Jews; but the Jews there face their opponents with weapons in their hands, and an armed man, even though he perish, does not feel that he is being persecuted so long as he can fight.

All told, the "free" Jews count up to between nine and ten million souls.

The world's regions of anti-Semitic persecution must be considered to include not only the lands where pogroms are aflame today but also where they may break out tomorrow through imitative spread, or where unhappy past record indicates that the fire of racial hate has smoldered and glowed, low but undying, for many generations.

Poland Has Many

Such lands are Poland, with more than three million Jews, Rumania, with a little less than one million, and Hungary, with something under half a million. Unhappy Czechoslovakia, now under Nazi domination, must be placed among the "persecution" states, to the misfortune of 357,000 Jews, and probably the Balkan states other than Rumania are more or less intolerant of the Jews who sum up to 186,000 for all of them.

Whether the German example will be followed to its full extreme in some of these states may be questioned, unless mob psychology drives reason completely out of their chancelleries. The Jewish fraction of the population is much larger in Poland (10 per cent.) and in Hungary and Rumania (5 per

cent. each). To ruin that large a percentage of any country's total population is economic suicide.

Italy's loudly trumpeted conversion to anti-Semitism looks a bit silly when it is seen that among the kingdom's 45 million population there are only 47,000 Jews. Il Duce's decision to pester his Jews must have been based on something besides economic and race-statistical considerations.

Even more grotesque appears the hopefully budding anti-Semitism that some extremists are promoting in Japan. In Japan proper, a country of 70 million people, there are not more than 1,000 Jews!

What is this Jewish race, that the Nazi leaders hate so much they are willing to incur the enmity of the whole world in order to suppress it?

No "Typical Jew"

Scientific anthropology has no answer. There isn't such a thing as a "typical" or "full-blooded" Jew: He is even rarer than that mythical blond animal, the "true" Nordic. The Jew as he stands before us today, far from being a "race" in any scientifically intelligible sense of the word, is about the most thoroughly mixed product of history's melting-pot that the world affords.

Consider his history. The Jew first appeared over the horizon as a small nomadic tribe, speaking a Semitic language. He settled in Palestine, and immediately intermarried with the peoples already there, some of them Semitic, some not. He migrated to Egypt, and after several centuries migrated out again, by now a numerous folk who in the course of a few more centuries completely reconquered the old home in Palestine and founded a kingdom there.

He married the widows and daughters of his late enemies, and his kings took unto themselves in rather wholesale fashion the sisters and daughters of their neighboring monarchs. Conquered and taken into Babylonian exile, a large part of the people disappeared; descendants of the rest brought additional admixtures with them when they returned to rebuild the Temple.

Overrun by the Greeks under Alexander, then by the Romans, finally blotted out as a political entity and scattered to the ends of the earth as a people, the Jews have persisted amazingly for 2,000



"JEWISH" NOSE

But this is no Jew. He is a Hittite King and the Hittites were Indogermanic people.

years. As a race? Hardly. As a culture built around a religion, yes. But long before they were scattered like wind-blown seed over the world, and certainly increasingly so since, the Jews have been a mixed race.

In their present European distribution, the Jews of any given country or region are physically more like the Gentiles of that region than they are like the Jews of some place farther away. A German Jew is more like a German Christian in the shape of his head and his complexion than he is like a Jew of Portugal or Spain.

As extreme cases might be cited the small colonies of Jews in China and Africa, isolated for many centuries after the wave of Jewish missionary effort about the beginning of the present era. These people are Jews, without question, and are so regarded by themselves and their neighbors. But the Jews of China are Chinese by any possible standard of racial determination, and the Jews of Africa are as definitely Negroes.

Imaginary "Race"

The Jewish "race" is a type that people have set up in their own minds. If a man has dark eyes, dark, curly hair, swarthy or olive complexion, and above all if he has a prominent nose, we think of him as "typically Jewish"; if he doesn't look like that we may say he "doesn't look like a Jew"—though he may trace his lineage back without a break to Abraham.

There have been many jokes made about the Jewish nose, but the nose itself is the biggest joke of all—on the jokesters. For it is not a part of the original Semitic facial equipment, but a Hittite contribution—and the Hittites were an Indogermanic people!

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Persecution Is Seen As Move Against All Religion

By MARJORIE VAN DE WATER

IT IS no mere coincidence that the frenzied attacks on Jews are accompanied by violence toward Catholic clergy in Vienna and in Germany.

The psychiatrist sees in these outbreaks manifestations of a group mental disorder—the reflection of a neurotic condition in thousands of individuals. The attack is not so much racial as it is anti-religious. It involves not just Jews but Catholics and eventually all religious peoples. For it is a way of attempting, through mob violence, to destroy the natural religious feelings of the attackers themselves.

The German ruling group wishes to substitute for religion a zealous love of country, pride of race and ideals of courage and military virtues. The attempt is not likely to be successful, because of the inner conflict nature provides in every man between his desires for happiness and worldly well-being

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