

Internal Memorandum regarding the solution of the
“Jewish Question”, quoting utterances made by Goebbels
on this issue (not dated, apparently Berlin 1939)

The Head of the Press Department

Memorandum for the Assistant Under Secretary Woermann

Referring to the memorandum of Assistant Under Secretary Pol. No. 192 of the 18th March, I communicate hereinafter Dr. Goebbels' statements on the problem in question, which have been quoted from the shorthand notes.

“I am personally convinced, and this is due to my national socialist past and education, that Jewry represents an international infection, and that it will fight against the states of order (pencil until it controls them. It will undermine culture and everything note conference in the morning of 20 March): that constitutes state supporting value and it will grow at the economy as long as the latter is still in the hands of national elements. In normal times this danger is naturally not so great than in abnormal times and the most abnormal time in the life of a nation is the war. Therefore I am personally convinced that we cannot allow Jewry, as a seat of infection, to exist any longer. Of course, a more inhumane solution could be demanded in time of war: but it is certain that there can be no more discussion in Germany of the necessity of removing Jewry as a seat of infection. The vast majority of the German nation want a total solution of the Jewish question. You must not allow yourself to be misled by the opinion of some doctors or lawyers on the Kurfuerstendamm. They are not the German people, but the German people thinks differently, the view of the broad mass of the people in these matters is a different one.

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How the individual points of the Jewish problem will be solved one day, whether a Jewish state will be created in some place of the world, can be left undecided. But it is strange, that all those states, which intervene for the Jews

in their public opinion, constantly refuse to accept the Jews from us. They say they are great pioneers of culture, geniuses of economy, geniuses of statesmanship, geniuses of philosophy and poetry, but when we want to entrust these geniuses to them, then they close their borders: “No, no! We don’t want them!” I think this is an unique example in world's history, to refuse geniuses”.

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