

English Reporter In City To 'Cover' Welfare Meeting



Dr. Georg Honigmann, European correspondent for The London Daily Telegraph, who is making a tour of the South and will represent London newspapers at the Southern Conference for Human Welfare here next week.

The Jewish people in Germany today have an even worse lot than they had in the Middle Ages, according to Dr. Georg Honigmann, European correspondent for The London Daily Telegraph, who is in Birmingham to "cover" the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, to be held here next week.

"Their lot is worse than if they were in the restricted ghettos of medieval Italy," Dr. Honigmann declared. "They cannot head an industry or business concern; they are excluded from theaters and other public presentations, and they cannot conduct any kind of business whatever."

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Munich Pact Blamed

Linking this situation with the recent development in Europe, Dr. Honigmann said, "This is the immediate result of the recent Munich pact. I don't think the average man in Europe has been able to see what the consequences of the Munich pact will be. It gave Hitler control over Southern Europe and now he seems to have the impression he has nothing to fear from the democracies."

Asked if Hitler's "victory" in the Czechoslovakian crisis had gained him any converts to the Nazi cause among other European nations not directly involved, Dr. Honigmann said, "Well, the democratic cause in Europe certainly suffered—dictatorial methods in that case were more successful. There is no question but that it stiffened the attitude of Fascists everywhere."

England Reported Resigned

Referring to British views on the European situation, the correspondent said, "England seems resigned to Hitler's attitude."

Dr. Honigmann said, "I agree with other European observers that Hitler was bluffing in the Czechoslovakian matter. I do not think he would have carried out his threat to march if England had held its firm stand. The average man in England is grateful to Chamberlain for peace, but the consequences of the Munich pact have only begun."

The correspondent has been in this country two and a half months and is at present making what he calls "a journalistic tour of the South." He expects to spend another month in this country before returning to Europe.

Dr. Honigmann expressed a particular liking for Southerners, declaring them "very hospitable."