HARDSHIPS JEWS ARE SUFFERING UNDER HITLER ARE REVEALED

Their Decline Started With Post-War Inflation; Final Destruction Comes In Whirlwind Of Mad Nazi Retaliation


BERLIN, Nov. 16.—I first met the Philhulphus, a typical German Jewish family seven years ago. The name is not actually Philhulphus, but their story—told to me at intervals over the years—represents the fate of innumerable German Jewish families since the World War.

The post-war inflation began their decline, but the final destruction came this month in the Nazi whirlwind. Their son, who had been ambushed by a German diplomat in Paris, was convicted of an assassination of a German diplomat by a Polish Jew in Paris.

Before the war, the Philhulphus had been an industrialist in a large South Rhenish city. His family had been German for generations. His wife's family was part French. Many of his ancestors had been public servants. He fought with his cavalry regiment throughout the war, was wounded and promoted to the rank of colonel.

There were three children of school age during the war. They lived like all German children of that period, except for some food rationing. Their son, who was working in a bank, continued to work but during the inflation period he suffered severe reverses. Whereas the family once had a Mercedes automobile, they now owned only a two-horse carriage and a few other necessities.

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