

BAPTISTS SCORE GERMAN ACTS

Jewish Persecution Termed Violation Of Rights By Convention

GADSDEN, Nov. 18.—(Special.)
—Alabama Baptists were on record today as protesting persecution of Jews and other minorities in Europe.

At closing sessions of their 117th annual convention here yesterday, Alabama Baptists adopted a resolution which stated:

"We regard persecution as a violation of fundamental human rights. We believe that a great people, such as the Germans, are and have been false to their own well being, and that they are justly incurring the displeasure and censure of civilized nations by their oppressor of consciences and intimidation of any group because of their religious consciences.

"We make indignant protest against these injustices and ask that the convention make repre-

sentations to our State Department, the President of the United States and the German ambassador at Washington."

Other resolutions denounced the war in Spain, where a "Democratic government, which had put religious freedom in its constitution, is constantly attacked by Franco and his Fascistic rebels."

Persecution of Baptists in Rumania was roundly denounced in another resolution.

Still another resolution scored Japan for "her inhuman butchery of helpless China," and Italy for her "butchery" in Ethiopia.

Repeal of the 18th Amendment was deplored in a resolution which declared that repeal did not bring about recovery as was promised by the Administration at the time.

"Use of Government funds to control political opinion and win votes, which was recently uncovered by a congressional committee, is shocking beyond words," one resolution declared.

The convention recommended defiance of a Federal law which required extensive reports on church finances and registration because the law "invades the sphere of conscience. . . . It is meddling in the affairs of religion."