

NAZIS PILE BOOKS FOR BONFIRES TODAY

25,000 Volumes Gathered by
Berlin Students—Other
Cities to Follow Suit.

A NEW CODE FOR SCHOOLS

Dr. Frick Tells the Ministers of
Education Present System
Is Unfit for Reich.

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BERLIN, May 9.—A huge bonfire of books, the culmination of the National Socialist students' campaign against the "un-German" spirit will be touched off tomorrow night in a square in front of Berlin University, in the presence of the Minister of Public Enlightenment, Dr. Goebbels, who will deliver an address on "the symbolic significance" of the gesture.

About twenty-five thousand "un-German" books have been collected in Berlin alone in the last few days. Not all of these will be consigned to the flames. Scholars have been sifting the piles of volumes, stored in a students' hall under guard against the destruction of scientifically valuable and perhaps irreplaceable books.

As a prelude to their manifestation, the students will attend the inaugural lecture of Professor Beumler, called by the new régime to Berlin University, on "The University, Science and the State."

Similar demonstrations will be held at all German universities. In Munich today 5,000 school children who saw Marxist literature publicly burned, were enjoined, "as you watch the fire burn these un-German books, let it also burn into your hearts love of the Fatherland."

Demands Educational Reform.

Germany's educational system needs and will undergo a root and branch reform to make it fit for the Third Reich, Dr. Wilhelm Frick, the Minister of the Interior, told the assembled State Ministers of Education today.

He said it must break wholly with its liberal past to the end that its main effort would be "to produce the man political, who in all thoughts and actions is rooted in his nation and completely and inseparably attached to its history and faith."

Instruction in everything concerning the fatherland and German history—with special emphasis on the last twenty years—and in "race science," heredity and genealogy,

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he declared, must therefore form the backbone of the school curriculum.

"The schools must constantly emphasize that the infiltration of the German people with alien blood, especially Jewish and Negro, must be absolutely prevented," Dr. Frick continued. "Instruction in race biology must also bring out mental and spiritual differences between the different races and must bring home to pupils the dangers of race deterioration."

Would Stress Genealogy.

For inducting youngsters into the mysteries of race and descent Dr. Frick would have them receive instruction in the principles of genealogy and be taught how to investigate and record their own family trees.

While schoolboys and girls must be impregnated with "strong national consciousness," according to Dr. Frick, race instruction must not be so narrow as to crowd out from their awareness the wider ramifications of the Nordic race. They must be made to understand, he said, that "hand in hand with the kindred germanic peoples of Northern Europe and their daughter countries across the seas we are facing a world-encompassing task that offers the Nordic race a wide field for civilizing activity."

Although according to Dr. Frick only half the German people are of the Nordic race, he attributes the decisive weight to this 50 per cent. He would have the achievements of ancient Greece, Rome, India and Persia recognized as "deeds of the Nordic race"—"just as the mental superiority and preponderance in political power in modern times of the Germans, English and Americans find their ultimate explanation in the fact that in those nations the Nordic element becomes effective."

Dr. Frick contended that during the liberal régime the educational system had cultivated individuality at the expense of the community spirit and had thus directly contributed to bringing about national disintegration.

"But the time of the autonomous individual is gone forever in Germany," he declared, adding that in line with this the teaching of history must be entirely changed.

Dr. Frick said that bodily training in the schools must have for its special object "inculcating and developing the spirit of and capacity for defense, so the German people may learn once more to regard service in arms as the supreme duty of patriotism and the highest honor."

American Authors Protest.

Five leading American authors joined in condemnation of the book-burning scheduled by the German Nazis for today in letters made public yesterday by William Morrow & Co., publishers of "Germany Puts the Clock Back," by Edgar Ansel Mowrer, Berlin correspondent and Pulitzer Prize winner.

Those whose letters of protest were made public are Sherwood Anderson, Faith Baldwin, Irvin S. Cobb, Sinclair Lewis and Lewis Mumford. The publishers believe that the opinions expressed are of particular interest in view of the protest meetings being promoted throughout the country in answer to the German destruction of books by and about Jews.

The volumes destined to be burned were characterized by Mr. Lewis, America's only Nobel Prize winner for literature, as "the noblest books produced by Germany in the last twenty years," and he added that "the authors should feel nothing save satisfaction at receiving this unintentional tribute from an organized mob."

Mr. Anderson referred to the anti-Semitic crusade in literature as "utterly stupid," but cautioned against becoming overalarmed as to its importance.

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