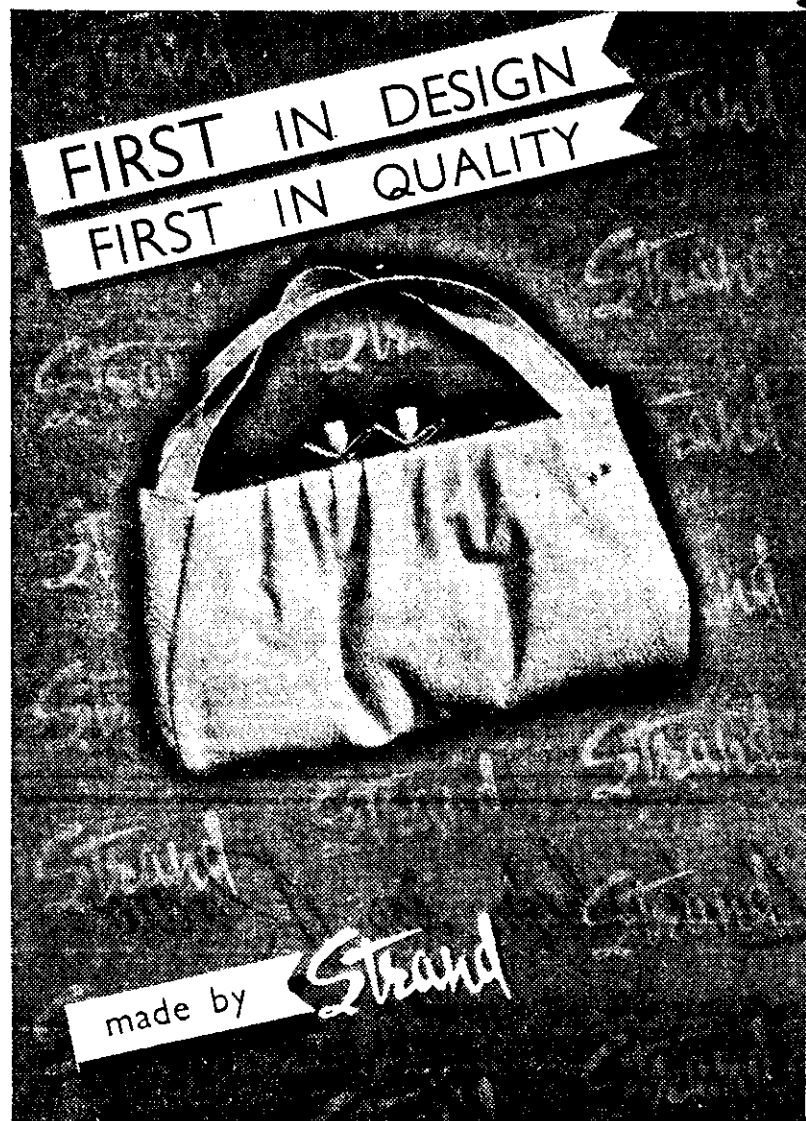




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Race-hatred Continues in Europe

IN a recent broadcast from 4YA the REV. PROFESSOR C. A. P. KNIGHT, of Knox Theological College, Dunedin, discussed what he called "the new race-hatred" in Central and Eastern Europe. After a brief survey of the history of the Jews from the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and their dispersal into Mesopotamia and Europe, Professor Knight said that the reasons for anti-semitism can be traced to three sources—one theological, one economic, and the other pathological.

BACK about the year 1000 the Church had begun to hold the idea that Europe, being Christendom, was indeed the Kingdom of God on earth. Such being the case, everyone born in Europe was thus automatically a Christian. But the Jews of Europe, living in little groups as they did for convenience and mutual protection, negated this theological concept. They were just not Christians. And so, to get round the problem, the highest councils of the Church decreed that Jews were to be walled off in their groups from the rest of Europe, so that in theory they would be outside of Europe. Thus there arose that ghastly system of life to which the Jew was condemned for the next 800 years, when he was confined to the ghettos of the cities of Europe. One of the consequences of this situation was that right up till the outbreak of this war Jews were utterly forbidden in more than one country of Europe even to touch the land. The land was the Kingdom of God on earth, you see. It was only for believers to touch it. That is why Jews in eastern Europe are not, and never have been, farmers, and why, when they go to the ends of the earth, you find them in cities and not on the land. It makes the development of Palestine even more astonishing to us when we recall this fact.

Then again, since the Church controlled all trades in its own guilds and only allowed believers to be members of them, Jews naturally could never become joiners, or plumbers or smiths—and that is why you don't find Jewish joiners or plumbers to-day.

"Reserved Occupations"

For many centuries the Jews whose descendants became the targets of Hitler's persecution were allowed to pursue one of three avenues in life: first, the medieval Jew was licensed, if he wished, to hawk knick-knacks round the doors, a basket hung round his neck. After centuries of this degrading type of trade, the Jew had learned a lot of things about both trade and human nature. Secondly, he was licensed to sell old clothes. But when you remember that one Jew in two was also licensed to sell old clothes, you will realise that the Jew had to learn not only trade, but also what it was to live, or die, under the fiercest competition. Later on, when the Aufklärung, the so-called "enlightenment" in Europe broke the chains of the Jew and he could enter the open market, he was no longer compelled to keep to selling old clothes. He had learned his trade well. And so he branched out into new clothes, into the allied occupations of fur, shoe, carpet, and furniture manufacture. And he did so in Germany, as he did in England. In both countries I have heard in almost the same terms the accusation

made against the Jew: "Look, the Jews have monopolised the clothing trade." Very true, in many towns. In Glasgow, where I used to live, some 70 per cent. of the clothing trade is in Jewish hands. But while it is only natural, and at the same time true, yet at the same time, it is only half a truth. But it was with the use of half truths that the Nazis gained control over the minds of their uneducated fellow countrymen. The other half of the truth, which was never explained in Nazi propaganda, was that the Jews of Europe had been forced by law into the clothing trade.

The third occupation of the Jew in Germany also has its roots in history. For centuries Christians were not allowed to take interest on money. And so the Church invited, nay, forced, in many cases, Jews to become the bankers of Europe. Their souls were damned anyway, so a little more damning wouldn't make any difference. The Jews of Europe thus got a flying start in the art of handling money, and in the art of developing the economic possibilities of a country. If the Jews had not been on the spot in countries like Germany, Poland, Austria and Hungary throughout last century when the growing industrialism of those lands demanded just those business and financial qualifications which they had been compelled to acquire, central Europe would never have developed to the extent it did.

"Green Disease"

In most of those lands the middle class was small in number. The peasant on the land knew nothing of business or of high finance. The aristocrat, at the other end of the scale, was far too high-minded to enter the lists in the world of industrialism. For a hundred years the Jew was the business brain of Europe. This fact was as true for Germany as it was for Hungary and Poland, even although the German has the same kind of business and financial ability as the Jew. Right up till 1918 it was considered *infra dig* for the sons of the upper middle classes to enter industry. It was the Army that offered a real career for a gentleman. And so it came about that after World War No. 1, when the large standing armies of Germany were disbanded for the first time, since the Franco-Prussian war of 50 years before, tens of thousands of young men were thrown idle—and they found that all the good jobs were held by Jews.

But the third factor causing anti-semitism, I said, was a disease, and a green disease at that—what I mean, of course, is the disease of jealousy. As a result of the artificial sharpening of his wits in the fight for life which he has always had to face, the Jew is often able to succeed in business when the Gentile does not. It is in the Jewish nature to be able to concentrate his attention on the one thing in view, and refuse to

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