Hitler speeches – translated by S. Galebach from Jäckel and Kuhn, eds., *Hitler. Sämtliche Aufzeichnungen* [Collected Writings] (Stuttgart, 1980)

pp.122-125 Munich, 17 April 1920, “The World War and its Makers”

He first offered up the question why the struggles among peoples are not resolved in the realm of law and added a lengthy reflection on law in relation to the various countries. He asked whether it is “lawful” that particular small peoples rule entire parts of the earth. Examples like England and China (Opium War), England and Italy, England and the Boers shed light on the question of law. So then the speaker came to speak about our opponents. He divides these into two groups. The first group comprises those who recently in the course of time have become our enemies for one reason or another; the second, those who a long time ago were our enemies. He began with Russia and touched upon its Asian policy of conquest. **He maintains that between us and Russia an agreement cannot take place because the international Jewish press has prevented it** (applause). So then he spoke about Romania and Serbia, which turned against Austria-Hungary and thereby also against us. Italy strove to dominate the Mediterranean, etc. France has long pursued the destruction of Germany, no matter what the government of Germany might be at the time. It is filled with blind hatred and desire for revenge. France drives international policy. Bismarck, the greatest German statesman, recognized all of this and set his policy accordingly. The speaker dealt with England at somewhat greater length. England with its few million rules practically one-fifth of the entire earth. The English fleets! English colonial power, the greatest in the world! England controls world commerce. How then could England generally attain to such power?

1. Through British nationalist sentiment, which is so lacking among our Volk (absolutely right!);
2. Through racial purity in the colonies. The Englishman has always known to act only as lord and not brother.
3. Through his extraordinary ingenuity. He could always take commercial power into his own hands. The Englishman has a masterful understanding of how to turn his enemies, once he has conquered them, into allies, and then to go on with them to conquer new lands.

The speaker gave some examples. English merchants and engineers etc. were at the forefront of the whole world. While England was exporting goods, we were exporting people. Our emigrants were only working slaves, they were artificial manure for the peoples (applause). Recently it has become entirely different. The Germans gave the English stiff competition. German engineers pressed hard upon England’s. We began also to export goods, while we still – after the glorious revolution – still produced human exports, but only for Germans (spirited/lively applause). The speaker then came to the Road to Baghdad, the German colonies etc., and sang a song of praise to German diligence and German honesty and solidity. It would have taken only a few more years and Germany would have become the leading commercial state of the world. England recognized that and directed its policy accordingly. First they tried economic measures like tariffs, labels on German goods saying Made in Germany, etc., to wrestle Germany to the ground. But they did not succeed. After that time hatred against us grew immeasurably, and England started to think of annihilating us by war. English encirclement policy!

The speaker then spoke of America and alluded to the U-Boat campaign, which he did not consider the sole cause of bringing America into the war. He went on to make comparisons between the Germany of earlier times, renowned for honesty and solidity and the Germany of today, which resembles a pile of rubble (lively applause). . . .

. . . Who is it that directed German policy during the last years before the war? (Jews!) They were not all-German, they were all-Jewish! (thunderous applause) While we had to endure 4-1/2 long years of need and deprivation and fear of death, thousands who stayed home sought to enrich themselves in the most unscrupulous ways and to systematically undermine the German Volk internally (lively applause).

. . . We want to remain faithful to our German Volk (applause). First and foremost we are Germans and only then, God knows, can we be something in addition (lively applause). We must get rid of the poison within us and outside us if we want to get well (applause). Only through work can we rise up again. We have greater respect for the worker with the calloused hand than for the white collar worker with the furrowed brow! (lively applause) In this sense we are National Socialists.

Then the speaker exhorted people to become members of the Workers Party and closed with the words: “There will yet come a day when the sun again breaks through” (prolonged thunderous applause).

p.127 – Munich 27 Apr 1920, “Politics and Jewry,” speech to a Nazi Party meeting, typewritten report of the Political Reporting Service of the Munich Police, Munich State Archives, Pol. Dir. Mü. 6698, Bl. 90ff., previously HauptStatArchiv Munich, Abt. I, Sonderabgabe I 1478. – given in the Festival Hall of the Hofbräuhaus. Possibly 1200-1300 in attendance.

. . . Then Hitler spoke about **Russia, which has been economically destroyed, about the 12-hour workday there, under the Jewish knout,** about mass murder of the intelligencia, etc., and received loud applause for this. . . .

Then the speaker touched upon the press, especially the Jewish press, which poisons our people. Our people do not yet grasp that the Jewish question is a racial question, but they must come to sense this.

p.128 – Hitler spoke of the criminals of the Revolution of 1918

Reich Army report, HStA Munich, Abt. IV, Gruppen Kdo. 4, Bd. 46/8 – see Deuerlein dokumente 19, pp. 211 ff.

The speaker gave a talk about Jewry. . . . **He came around to speak of Russia, that the Russians, though they fought for two years for their freedom, are even worse off now than before. They now actually have a 12-hour workday. If it does not go differently for us, we will end up exactly like the Russians, and who has brought all this about? Solely the Jew.** So, Germans, be united and fight against *the Jews*. “

. . . Then the 25 points were explained. Concluding words of the speaker: We want to conduct this battle until the last Jew is removed from the German Reich and if it has to come to a Putsch and yet much more to *a Revolution*.

pp.136-138 Munich, 31 May 1920, “The German Volk, the Jewish Question and Our Future,” speech to a Nazi Party meeting

attacks Jews mostly for finance aspects

p.140 – Munich, 2 June 1920, speech to a Nazi Party meeting, notes of a Reich Army report

The attached program for the speech was followed. Primarily about stock exchange and bond transactions that really only the Jews conduct. Also the collecting of indirect taxes. Because the power of the Jew is his business activity. Also brought up the completely Jewish press, Munich Latest News, Frankfurter New Newspaper. He said, we Germans do not want any such turn of events as we have seen in Russia. Therefore every worker must educate himself so that he will have nothing to do with Bolshevism. Because that is all an affair of the Jews, for it expresses their faith. Christians may never receive Jews onto their ground. In this way also unity in regard to the Jews. The speaker also pursued the subject that we must be tightly unified, if we want to take up the fight [Kampf] against the Jews.

pp.140-141 – Munich, before the 6th of June, 1920, speech to a Nazi Party meeting, Reich Army report

. . . **What then has Bolshevism brought about in Russia? It has so incited the people that it has carried off a raid upon the entire country. The result is that Russia is completely given over to hunger and misery. And the responsibility for this is upon no one but the Jews.** Who were Eisner, Levien, Toller and companions, nothing but Jews who wanted nothing other than to bring misery to Germany. But hopefully our Volk will come yet to reason and take up the battle against Jewry, and second against the Peace Treaty. Only that can be our salvation . . .

First of all a Volk must be nationalist and then once we have a great Party, then one will be put into position. He gives everyone the impression that he will vote nationalist . . .

p.163 – Rosenheim, 21 July 1920, “Spa, Bolshevism and Political Questions of the Day,” speech to a Nazi Party evening event, reported in the Rosenheimer Tageblatt, 25 July 1920

. . . Spa was an even more hateful treaty than Versailles. A document of inhumanity and shame. Too weak to say no. The young people of Berlin who took down the tricolor earned a greater name in German history than the men of Spa. Speaker Hitler saw old veteran workers weep at Scheissheim as they had to destroy the German airplanes. Social Democrats of all shades as far as Communists want complete disarmament. Then they want to put Germany out of its misery with the help of the Soviets. O sancta simplicitas, what a ridiculous strategy! . . . We must seek to merge forces with nationalist, anti-Semitic Russia. Not with Soviet Russia. A right, without the power to exercise it, is only a phrase. The World War showed that a Volk without weapons is insanity. Then can the Reds take over any people on earth that lacks sufficient national armaments? In Soviet Russia there is the most brutal force of arms, the dictatorship. **Marxism has completely wrecked Soviet Russia, and there rules the Jew.** In Germany he leads first of all the Social Democrats and hopes through them to take the reins in his hand. And then workers, woe to you! Then it will be a matter of trampling down nationalism and erecting internationalist exploitation.

pp.219-220 – Rosenheim, 31 August 1920, “Why Are We Anti-Semites?” speech to a Nazi Party meeting

from VB 9 Sept 1920 – we are always explaining to working class members of the Volk who ask: Yes, we would be in complete agreement with your Program, but we do not understand why you would be purely anti-Jewish. Are there not scoundrels among Christians also? Are there not also among Christians smugglers, fraudsters and exploiters? So we Nazis have only to explain: We right against that great power of capital, equally whether it is German or Jewish, whenever it is not based on productive work but rather on the ground of interest, income without work and effort. We fight against the Jews not just as the sole bearers of capital, but rather as the systematic obstacles to this struggle. And we fight against the Jews primarily on account of their race and on account of their impact as the destructive factor in our entire Volkish life.

From Rosenheimer Tageblatt, 2 Sept. 1920 – The sentence from the Book, the Bible, “By the sweat of your brow shall you eat your bread,” . . .

p.220 – The proposed Zionist state “Jerusalem” would be considered not as a place of national gathering, but rather as the base of the central committee (das Land der Zentrale) for Jewish World-Power-Plans (Weltmachtpläne) of exploitation and fraud. An independent state for those whose real home is to be found elsewhere. A fortress in which to secure the booty. Karl Marx, the founder of the Red International, was the conscious underminer of the social concept. To be a social being means to work for the common good. Marx preached class struggle, incited brother against brother, instead of reconciling social principles. He led the struggle against industrial capital, leaving *the bond capital* of the Jews untouched, because he was a Jew. German industrial capital amounts today to 15 billion, bond capital amounts to *300 billion*. Whoever conducts a struggle against industrial capital conducts it against the instrumentality of the working people and strikes the last bit of bread from the worker’s hand, but that is what the international clique of Jews wants to do. The poorer a people, the more the Jew has them in his power. **Look at Soviet Russia. Trotsky, Lenin, Sobelsohn, 3 Jews and today? 14-hour workday and the scourge of hunger. The Jew wants to generally have rights under the law, but not duties. If you remind him of his duties, he cries “Anti-Semitism.” The left-wing leaders of the workers are Jews or in the pay of Jews.** They have never worked and never will. . . .

The speaker rounded against an article of Wendelstein that tried to ride the coattails of the “Free from Rome Movement” by alluding to a very clear appeal out of German Austria. The [Nazi] Party stands on the basis of Positive Christianity and all Christian activity as the foundation of authority. That means the organized struggle of the broad masses against their oppressors, the blood-sucking vampire, International Jewry of the “Alliance Israélite” and Free Masonry.

pp. 229-230 – Munich, 20 Sept 1920, “Might or Right,” speech to a Nazi Party meeting

Munich policy report service – He spoke of the great misery in Vienna and German-Austria, touched on the falsehood and deception by the current and former leaders of the people, whom he labeled traitors to the people. The origin of the War he attributed to natural inevitability; it is not particular circles that bore the responsibility, rather it had to come to pass. The words Liberty, Equality and Fraternity he dealt with in a thoroughgoing discussion and then came to speak also about **Soviet Russia, of which a *Dittmann* explains that it is hell, but for a Levi, a Goldschmidt etc., it is heaven.**  For these, sure, it can be that, since they feel like they are in heaven there (lively applause).

Then the speaker came upon “Right” and explained that there is no higher concept of Right, but only the Right that man himself makes up.