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Headline: Ban on Publication of *Volkish Observer* - from April 30 to May 9, 1920

Subhead: The Police Prohibition

Text: I. Prohibition

On the morning of April 30th we posted the following announcement:

"Today's issue of the *Volkish Observer* contains the heading: "The Formation of the Red Army."

"Yet with the powers of destiny

No lasting bond can be woven,

And misfortune follows fast."

In fact it did follow fast upon the "Observer," in the form of a dozen-strong "Crime Squad." Before Noon on that same day, Herr von Pöhner sent his minions to us with a ukase whose text we want to immortalize here:

Munich, 29 April 1920

Subject: Prohibition of the "Volkish Observer"

Pursuant to the Regulations of the Plenary State Cabinet, enactments of 8 April 1919 and 4 November 1919, concerning provisional measures for implementation of Article 43, Section IV of the Reich Constitution, I hereby issue the following

Decree:

1. The publication of the "Volkish Observer" is prohibited through Sunday, the 9th of May.

2. The costs of the proceedings shall be borne by the publishers of the "Volkish Observer." The amount is not yet calculated.

Reasons:

On the 29th of this month an article appeared in the "Volkish Observer": "In remembrance of the hostages murdered on April 30, 1919," by graduate student Karl Brassler. The article blamed the Jews for the deaths and misfortunes of thousands of people of German blood and the "brutal murder of members of the Thule Society committed on 30 April 1919." Then the article said: "These murders have still not been atoned for! . . . The authorities are still keeping quiet about those who gave money to erect an all-Jewish reign of terror. But we know who they are. And we can keep waiting, for our time has not yet come. Levien, Leviné and Toller . . ., they also received help from the local Israelite religious community." And in conclusion: "Even Munich was to be made into a fortress, a stronghold, a bulwark of Jewish world domination, of Jewish world-profiteering-finance.

“Those are the reasons, Hans and Fritz, why you must offer up your precious blood, unless you immediately shake off the Jewish yoke with all your strength.

“Germans! Munichers! The one-year anniversary of the murder of the hostages approaches! Show up to honor and avenge those that Judah murdered. The hour of atonement will come! It will no longer hold off. Keep calm and steady, and wait for the call !

“On the 30th of April we want to show that we have not forgotten our murdered blood-brothers. On that afternoon the Luitpold Gymnasium will be witness to a German oath!"

These words go far beyond the degree of anti-Jewish agitation carried on by the "Volkish Observer" already for months, endangering public peace and order. They contain an unmistakable appeal to violence, to an anti-Jewish pogrom.

Only because it was taken into consideration that this appeal represented one occasion of a misstep by an especially fired-up contributor to the newspaper, and because furthermore the newspaper is being given yet one more opportunity to moderate its heretofore inflammatory tone, did this temporary prohibition appear to be, for the time being, sufficient.

The State Commissar for Munich city and province.

/signed/ Pöhner