

Statement of the Reich Peasant Leader,
on the Question of 'Reich Food Estate and Jews'

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I herewith submit to you in the attached a statement I made in my capacity as Reich Peasant Leader on the question: "Reich Food Estate and Jews" for your information.

Heil Hitler!

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Blood And Soil

The 19th day of the "Month of Delight", (May) 1935

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There still seem to be doubts here and there as to what “membership” of Jews in the Reich Food Estate implies. The following would be noted on this point:

The Reich Food Estate is as a body of public law bound to the regulations issued by the Reich government also in the Jewish question. It is subject to supervision by the Reich government and it is self-evident that in the setting of its goal, also in the speed with which it pursues its aims, it must shape its policy in conformity with the measures of the Reich government. As long as for reasons which lie beyond the power of the Reich Food Estate, it does not appear feasible to eliminate Jewish influence from the German economy, the Reich Food Estate cannot give up its control and influence over Jewish enterprises.

It is therefore necessary to place all Jews engaged in the German food economy under the Reich Food Estate. It is only possible to speak of a membership of Jews in the Reich Food Estate in the sense that one can still speak of Jews belonging to the German Reich. Whereas in principle however the Jews, as is known, still have civil rights in the state, e.g. can still vote and under certain conditions may still even be officials, university lecturers etc., their influence in the Reich Food Estate is completely eliminated.

The National Socialist agrarian laws have, as there no other law, drawn the necessary and far-reaching practical conclusions from the racial theory as the central idea of the National Socialist doctrine. The Reich Hereditary Farm Law is the most stringent racial law there has yet been. It stipulates, as is known, that in Germany only a person of German or related blood can become, be and remain a peasant, the dead line being 1 January 1800. Thereby approximately 850,000 farms have become the unassailable source of livelihood for as many healthy peasant families of German blood. As it is inconceivable that Jewish judges decide on the German origin of a peasant and his respectability, the Reich hereditary Farm Law stipulates that all judges in matters of inheritance (professional and lay judges) must be of Aryan descent as described above. Thereby it considerably exceeds the scope of the provisions of the Civil Service Law, which, in my opinion are inadequate.

The fanatical hatred with which the Reich Hereditary Farm Law is viewed in Jewish and Jewish dominated circles only becomes understandable if one considers its racial significance, which can scarcely be rated highly enough.

The chief witness also called upon by the Jewish opponents of the Reich Hereditary Farm Law abroad, Professor Dr. Max Sering, is himself a half-Jew. This fact seems to have been unknown even by public agencies until a short time ago, as otherwise it would have been incomprehensible, how Sering, who of course played a disastrous part in the agrarian policy during the time of the "System" could have been called a "scholar of international repute" and similar epithets and been granted a sum of RM 70,000 as late as 1934 for his institute now being dissolved at my instigation after I had cancelled, on behalf of the Reich Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the money earlier paid to Sering.

The same high requirements with regard to Aryan descent as are being made of the peasants and judges of the peasants, are also being made in principle of all officials and employees of the Reich Food Estate.

It was not possible to eliminate the Jew at once from the entire food economy on the same scale as it was carried out with regard to peasant land holdings. Conditions there were such, as far as I know, that, to mention only a few figures, e.g. approximately 75% of the egg wholesale trade and approximately 90% of the hop trade were in Jewish hands. All the same, here too the Jew has already been segregated and pushed back on a scale not even approached in any branch of the economy outside that of the food economy. The purpose of the Marketing Order, carried out with the help of the Reich Food State, is to establish a deistic economy to cover requirements in accordance with the economic needs of our people instead of an economy allegedly "free", but actually under the domination of the Jewish stock exchange and Jewish speculative capital. Today stock exchanges and produce exchanges are almost completely things of the past. The Marketing Associations are authorized to issue trade licenses and hereby examine in particular the question of reliability etc. By a reorganization of the system of

experts and arbitrary courts, in which the Jew hitherto played a dominating role, he has already been practically eliminated here too. Where individual branches of the economy were actually a Jewish monopoly, e.g. in individual districts of the cattle trade, the necessary measures are being passed by the creation of sale and utilization cooperative societies as well as by the gradual development of a native agricultural trade conducted by ethnic Germans.

Membership cards in the Reich Food Estate have not been issued hitherto, so that Jews cannot possess any. Jews are expressly forbidden to wear the Reich Food Estate badge (Swastika with ear of grain and sword).

The Reich Food Estate will unswervingly pursue the path indicated above. However, the absolute elimination of Jews from the German economy, does not depend on its will.

Heil Hitler

(signed) R. Walther Darre
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Correctness certified
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