

# GERMAN JEWS ARE AGAINST ZIONISM

Think Plan Is Utopian and Declare the Fatherland Is Good Good Enough for Them.

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BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The Frankfurter Zeitung gives prominence to a number of letters from representative German Jews in which it is stated that the Jews in Germany are decidedly opposed to Zionism. The writer of one of these letters says that the newspaper reports of the proceedings of the recent Zionist congress in Hamburg gave the impression that the movement is supported by the German Jews. This, he adds, is not the fact. The majority of German Jews not only knows nothing about the aims of Zionism, but is not in the slightest degree interested in the matter.

The writer of the letter contends that German Jews cannot possibly cherish the hope of forming part of the Jewish nation reestablished in Palestine. Were they to do so they would rightly be regarded now as foreign bodies in the state which cannot be assimilated by the organism of the state. "We German Jews," the letter in question proceeds, "are Germans and wish to remain such. We are German citizens professing the Jewish faith. Our aim is absolute equality and assimilation as Jews without giving up our Judaism. We German Jews want to have nothing to do with a phantom which will estrange us from our fatherland and is calculated to impede the development which promises to result in our being placed on a footing of absolute equality with our fellow citizens."

Another writer asserts that the German Jews have every reason to declare emphatically that they do not identify themselves in any possible way with the program developed at Hamburg. It may be admitted, he adds, that there was justification for the congress by reason of the need for social measures, but he contends that the efforts of the promoters of the congress should be directed exclusively towards finding a means of relieving their distressed and persecuted coreligionists. German Jews, he also states, consider and feel that they are Germans, and they do not merit the reproach cast on them by anti-Semites that they are a nation within a nation. The idea of founding a Jewish national state, he concludes, has always been and is today Utopian and even the most enthusiastic Zionists cannot point to one influential Jew who has declared himself ready to return to the promised land.