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## IN THIS ISSUE

Current History in May continues to focus attention on two trouble spots of the world: Germany and Palestine.

FELIX E. HIRSCH, Librarian at Bard College and former political editor of the Berliner Tageblatt, continues his analysis of the failure of the Paulskirche assembly and the revolutionary movement of 1848. May this year marks the centenary of that glorious but abortive movement for German unification. Mr. Hirsch, in "Frankfurt, 1848 and 1948" highlights the problems inherent in plans for a German schism.

What developments can be witnessed in the post-war German constitutions? WILLIAM FLEMING, Assistant Professor and chairman of the newly established Department of Political Science at Ripon College, evaluates the constitutions of Hesse, Württemberg-Baden, and Bavaria. Born in Germany in 1908, Mr. Fleming received his J. D. degree at the University of Freiburg in 1933.

Richard W. Van Alstyne, in the February and March issues of Current History wrote a two-article analysis, "Whither Palestine?", a comprehensive study of British policy and Palestine developments since the last war. Ruth C. Lawson, in "United Nations—Heir to the Palestine Problem" showed the General Assembly's action.

In the May issue we are pleased to present Sidney B. Fay's continuation of the story with emphasis on the role played by oil and the Arab states.

SIDNEY FAY received his Ph.D. degree at Harvard in 1900, has taught history for many years at Dartmouth, Smith, and Harvard, and has been lecturer in history at Amherst, Columbia and Yale Universities as well.

FREDERICK H. CRAMER, Professor of History at Mount Holyoke College, at present on leave of absence in Europe, sends from Italy the fourth profile from the Congress of Vienna, Czar Alexander I. Here is the story of Russia's first appearance as a major factor on the stage of Europe.