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AN AMERICAN seaman the other day was sentenced by a German court to six months' imprisonment on a charge of having called Chancellor Hitler a Czech Jew. The severity of this sentence is in its small way an indication of the ridiculous extremes into which Hitlerism has led Germany.

It is to be taken for granted that this pin-scratch will be remedied through action by American representatives in Germany. The American Consulate General at Berlin has taken the matter up, and a representative is being sent to Stettin, where an emergency court tried the case, to ascertain what can be done.

Since Chancellor Hitler came to power last February, Consul General Messersmith has had his hands full defending the rights of American citizens in Germany. He has rendered yeoman service to many an American who has run afoul of the Nazi movement. He has done his duty under peculiarly difficult circumstances and he deserves well of his Government and of his country.