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### LORD READING DIES AT 75; FORMER VICEROY OF INDIA

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Marquess of Reading, former Viceroy of India, died today of heart disease aggravated by a recent chill. He was seventy-five years old on Oct. 10.

At his bedside when he died were his wife and son, Viscount Erleigh. They had spent the entire day there since it had become apparent early this morning that his end was near.

Born Rufus Daniel Isaacs, Lord Reading was the first Jew to become a Marquess and the first Jew to hold the positions of Viceroy of India, Attorney General, Lord Chief Justice and British Ambassador to the United States. He was also Foreign Secretary.

Recently, Lord Reading resigned as chairman of the Anglo-German Association in protest against Nazi persecution of Jews. Friends said that the only time he is known to have shown indignation was over the Nazi situation. Until Hitler's accession to power he had been always ready to promote British cordiality with Germany.

Lord Reading was considered the greatest British Jew since Disraeli. When he visited Palestine in 1932 he was given a reception at the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv which was described as the most triumphal ever given any visitor except Lord Balfour, author of the Jewish homeland proclamation.

Lord Reading remained active in later life, holding memberships on the boards of companies with a total capital of 120,000,000 pounds, including the presidency of Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd.

He was born in London, the second son of a Covent Garden fruit merchant, who handled shipbroking on the side. His first wife was Alice Edith Cohen of New York. She died in 1910.

REICH PRESS SILENT ON MCDONALD LETTER

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- While the rest of the world was reading about James G. McDonald's resignation as League of Nations High Commissioner of Refugees, the German public was today kept in ignorance of the development, the entire press carefully refraining from reporting it.

In official quarters, however, particularly in the foreign office, the letter is known to have created consternation. Since the example of the League's collective action in the Italian-Ethiopian situation is before them, officials are fearful that the League, spurred particularly by France, will act against Germany. France has long been demanding intervention by the League to prevent the flood of refugees from Germany since she has borne the blunt of it from the beginning.

It is not doubted in well-informed quarters here that the League will find legal grounds for intercession on the Jewish persecutions. It is also known that Czechoslovakia has been actively seeking to influence other nations, whose nationals have been hit by the anti-Jewish laws, to lodge suit against Germany before the Hague Tribunal. Once such an action is instituted, it is believed that it may easily lead to League intervention on the general Jewish situation in Germany.

It is held questionable here that Poland would join such a move, since it has been its policy to sacrifice the interests of its Jewish citizens in Germany for the sake of cementing its friendship with Germany.

MCDONALD RESIGNATION CREATES SENSATION IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The resignation of James G. McDonald as League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees created a sensation throughout Britain today, gaining large front page headlines in the morning and afternoon newspapers.

The Morning Post reported that the resignation had evoked the widest interest in Geneva. The New Chronicle stated in an editorial: "Few more damning indictments of a civilized nation can ever be issued." The editorial asserts that "the League is morally bound to protest against this appalling state of affairs with the dangers to the whole world that it threatens" which Mr. McDonald disclosed in his letter of resignation.

An editorial in the Daily Telegraph declares: "Public attention throughout the world will be arrested by this statement." The editorial maintains that the German Government, by reducing Jewish citizens to "a cruel plight," has weakened the power of Germany within and without the Reich. "Her best friends must hope she will not neglect to consider the advice of world opinion," the editorial adds.

The resignation was carried on the front page of the conservative Times with a streamer headline and the full text of the letter

was printed. In an editorial The Times asserted that "the letter reveals the huge, growing, tragic problem which Nazi fanaticism has forced upon Germany's neighbors." Referring to the action which the League is expected to take on the refugee question in January, the editorial asserts that as successful as McDonald has been he is compelled to recognize that the problem has now become political and that the refugee problem can only be dealt with at its source. The League Council, therefore, will be faced with an entirely different situation than in 1933, the editorial continues. It will have to think in terms of hundreds of thousands and consider the suggestion of making representations to Berlin.

The editorial continues:

"It is scarcely credible that the leaders of Germany can themselves remain much longer insensible to the movement of opinion in Europe and America or to the injury being done to German interests abroad."

#### LEAGUE REFUGEE BODY TO CONTINUE UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS IN JANUARY

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Despite the resignation of High Commissioner James G. McDonald of New York, the League of Nations High Commission for German Refugees will continue its activities until the League Council decides at its January meeting on the future conduct of the refugee work, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed by A. Wurfbain, Secretary General of the Commission.

He said that the Council would act on the resignation and designate an agency to continue the work. The Council will decide on the basis of proposals submitted by its committee of experts, which met in Geneva last month, how the work will be continued until the League Assembly meets in September.

The Assembly will be faced with the choice between creating a new League agency for refugee work and turning the refugee activities over to an enlarged and extended Nansen International Office. The experts committee submitted both proposals.

#### ETHIOPIAN OFFICER, JEW, ESCAPES AFTER CAPTURE BY ITALIANS

ATHENS, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Wounded and captured by the Italians in the early days of the African war, Lieut. Zulmati Schlomo, a Falasha (Ethiopian Jew) member of Haile Selassie's army, arrived here today and told a thrilling tale of his escape from a hospital in Trieste. He is returning to Ethiopia.

The escape is believed to be the first on record of an Ethiopian officer after capture by the Italian army. Following his capture, Lieut. Schlomo was taken to Trieste hospital, whence, hardly recovered, he effected his escape. From Trieste he made his way to Belgrade, arriving in Athens today.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Lieut. Schlomo declared that the Falashas are suffering the ravages of the war

in greater degree than other Ethiopians because the majority of them live in Tigre towns, which bore the brunt of the invading army's attacks.

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The American Pro-Falasha Committee estimates the number of Falashan Jews in Ethiopia at 60,000.

POALE ZION BACKS U.S. ZIONIST FEDERATION,  
SCORES PALESTINE COUNCIL

DETROIT, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Poale Zion - Zeire Zion Party at the closing session of its thirtieth jubilee convention, last night adopted a resolution backing the plan of David Ben-Gurion, Zionist labor leader, for formation of a national federation of Zionist parties.

A strong protest against the recently proclaimed Palestine legislative council was voiced in another resolution. The convention also voted support of the campaigns of the United Palestine Appeal, the Jewish Labor Committee for Palestine, the Jewish National Fund, the Hechalutz organization and urged a drive for the sale of 400,000 shekolim in America this year.

Another resolution backed convocation of an American Jewish Congress convention and authorized the Central Committee to publicly withdraw from the Congress unless it prepares in 1936 for general democratic secret elections for a 1937 world Jewish congress.

The membership of the central committee was reduced from twenty to thirteen and the following were named members: David Wertheim, secretary; Chaim Greenberg, editor of the Yiddisher Kaempfer; Abraham Balfour, Louis Segal, Hirsh Ehrenreich, Isaac Hamlin, Sam Segal, Prof. Chaim Fineman, Samuel Bonchek, Zvi Ariel, Pinchas Singold, David Pinski and Mr. Philip, all New Yorkers. In addition there will be an actions committee of twenty-five with members from all parts of the country.

SCHACHT ORDERS POLICE TO DISREGARD FRICK DECREE ON SALESMEN

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A sharp clash between Reichs Minister of Economics Schacht and Reichs Minister of the Interior Frick over the latter's decree ordering police not to renew the licenses of Jewish traveling salesmen appeared imminent today when Dr. Schacht issued instructions to local officials throughout Germany to disregard Frick's order.

Since the police are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the Interior, it is considered unlikely that Dr. Schacht's order will be obeyed, particularly in view of the fact that his instructions are not being published but are privately circulated.

Dr. Schacht's intervention is based on the fact that no legislation has yet been passed by the Nazi Government interfering with Jews in commerce.

If his order goes unheeded, approximately 30,000 Jewish traveling salesmen throughout Germany will be deprived of their livelihood, since without permits they can not solicit orders in districts other than that in which the factory they represent is located. The order goes into effect Wednesday.

POLICE CHARGE BRITISH CONSULATE'S WINDOWS SMASHED IN KAUNAS BY JEWS.

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Windows in the building housing the British Consulate's offices were smashed early tonight by unknown persons. Police charge the act was the work of Jews who are protesting against Great Britain's intention of establishing a legislative council in Palestine in which Jews will be outnumbered by Arabs. No arrests were made.

LITHUANIAN JEWS LEAVE TO CONFER WITH SOVIET ON BUREYA

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A delegation of Jewish leaders left for Moscow today to negotiate with the Soviet Government for the settlement of Lithuanian Jews in Biro-Bidjan, autonomous Jewish territory in the Soviet Far East. The delegation is headed by M. Sudarsky, president of the People's Party and A. Miler, a merchant.

FAMILIES OF JEWISH WAR DEAD, ORDERED TO QUIT LOW COST HOMES

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Jewish war veterans and the families of Jewish soldiers who died in the war were today ordered to vacate within three months low-rent municipal apartment houses specially built for them by request of the late President Paul von Hindenburg

The Ministry of War has refused to intervene on behalf of the veterans or the families of the war dead. Jews generally have also been ordered to vacate their apartments in low-cost municipal buildings.

REPORT LEAGUE INTERVENTION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY GERMANY

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- It was bluntly asserted in cabinet circles tonight that no intervention by the League of Nations in the matter of Germany's treatment of Jews and other minorities will be tolerated.

Meanwhile, coinciding with publication in all countries except Germany of James G. McDonald's resignation as League High Commissioner for Refugees, the German Government tonight published a 100-page analysis of the Nuremberg laws.

The chief aim of the analysis is to prove that the Jews are not a national but a racial minority and therefore national minority principles do not apply and the League of Nations has no basis for intervention on the grounds of protecting national minority rights.

The analysis is the work of two government experts, Dr. Bernhard Loesener and Government Councillor Dr. Friedrich Knost.

AMERICAN JEW IN REICH ORDERED TO FIRE "ARYAN" SERVANT

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Undersecretary of State William Phillips, here on an informal two-day visit, today had the opportunity to witness the application of the anti-Jewish Nuremberg laws upon an American Jew,

The American, whose name was withheld and who has long been a resident of Germany, was ordered to dismiss his "Aryan" servant girl in compliance with the Nuremberg laws which forbid "Aryan" girls under 35 to be employed in Jewish homes after the New Year.

Upon appealing to the German authorities for exemption from this law, the American was told that "a Jew is a Jew, whether he is German or American," and that he must obey the Nuremberg laws.

It is understood that the American Embassy is considering an energetic protest against application of the laws to American citizens resident in Germany. Diplomatic representatives of foreign countries have been declared exempt from the Nuremberg laws with respect to employment of servants.

30,000 "ARYAN" SERVANTS QUIT JEWISH HOMES

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Approximately 30,000 "Aryan" servant girls under 35 years of age today reluctantly gave up their positions in Jewish homes in obedience to the Nuremberg laws.

A majority of them, it is believed, will join the army of unemployed. Some may find refuge in special concentration camps established for the purpose of retraining such servants for other work.

SIR HERBERT SAMUEL BROADCASTS TRIBUTE TO LORD READING

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Herbert Samuel, first Palestine High Commissioner, tonight broadcast a tribute to Lord Reading, former Viceroy of India who died today, over the British Broadcasting Company stations.

At the Reading home it was learned that messages of condolence have been received from all over the world.

GERMAN JEWS BARRED FROM TEACHING MUSIC

BERLIN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- An official order issued today barred Jews hereafter from teaching music, even from giving private instruction, on the grounds that they are not members of the Reich Music Chamber.

20 POLICE GRADUATED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Twenty "rookies," including nine Jews were graduated today from the Palestine Police Academy at exercises on the academy grounds. One of the Jewish "rookies" was cited for special distinction.