SCHACHT "RAiSON" PLAN SEEN DOOMED TO FAILURE: OPPOSED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Nazi efforts to cash in on the world wide sympathy for the German Jews by a scheme forcing nations to ransom them through cash payments for increased imports from Germany are apparently doomed to fail, if City of London sentiment today was any criterion. Reaction in the financial center, after Reichsbank President Hjalmar Schacht had yesterday left for Berlin, having submitted the Nazi plan to heads of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, was extremely hostile. Even the strong pro-Schacht group was reported to be unwilling to make such concessions.

There was no doubt in City circles that the British Government would reject the plan, which was described as putting a premium upon violence and persecution. Conservative Parliamentarians with City connections were likewise hostile to the idea of surrendering further markets to the Reich. There was no great enthusiasm for the plan reflected in circles around the Intergovernmental Committee, nor any great hope that an agreement could be reached on the basis of the Schacht plan which would materially aid a solution of the emigration problem.

Meanwhile, Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Chief Economic Adviser to the British Government, and Treasury officials were studying the Schacht plan and will report on it to the Government. The plan will be submitted to all the members of the Intergovernmental Committee and will be considered by the committee of the chairman and vice-chairmen if the replies from the governments leave any grounds for further discussion, prospects for which are not high. Subsequent procedure would call for a study by a plenary meeting of the committee if the scheme should get so far.

It is understood authoritatively that the Schacht plan is not new, but was drawn up two years ago. The proposal that 30 per cent of the cash realized from Germany's increased exports would be allocated to financing emigration was described as unusually high for a Nazi concession, but it was pointed out that it was proposed with a view to making the scheme more palatable and the Nazis, if serious negotiations ensued, would seek to scale down the ratio.

It is further pointed out here that comparatively few countries were able and willing to do a cash business and the amount they might be able to concede to the Reich, if willing, would be comparatively small and could not provide a substantial sum for emigration.

Montague Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, has been flooded with letters from political leaders of all parties expressing horror and resentment at the Schacht proposals, the Sunday Express reported today amid general Sunday press condemnation of the plan. The Express said editorially: "We do not intend to ransom the Jews inside Germany. If we did so nations the world over would begin to oppress their minorities, hoping to obtain ransom money from us." Reynolds News denounced "the attempt to blackmail the world into financing German rearmament."
BERLIN DENIES SCHACHT BROACHED EMIGRATION PLAN

BERLIN, Dec. 18. (HAVAS) -- The official German Jews Agency, D.N.B., today denied reports that Schacht during his stay in London discussed a plan whereby Britain would finance the emigration of Jews. "Informed circles at London said the only aim of the Schacht visit was to re-establish personal contact between Schacht and the Governor of the Bank of England (Montagu Norman)," D.N.B. said.

JEWISH GROUPS HERE REJECT SCHEME

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A conference of Jewish organizations affiliated with the American Jewish Congress and Jewish Labor Committee, held at the Hotel Astor this afternoon under the sponsorship of the Joint Boycott Council and attended by about 900 persons, adopted a resolution rejecting "categorically and finally any proposal which would make of our tortured brethren agents for the promotion of Nazi export dumping and thus provide foreign exchange for a regime which is today stooping to the depths of a huge international kidnapping racket." Speakers included Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the New York Power Commission; ex-Justice Jeremiah T. Mahoney, Dean E. George Payne of New York University School of Education; and Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, chairman of the boycott council.

ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES HURT GERMAN TRADE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Germany's November trade figures show the cost of anti-Jewish excesses, the New York Times reported today from Berlin. Exports from "Great Germany" declined to 453,100,000 marks, a drop of almost 8 per cent, compared to the previous month and almost 80,000,000 marks below the exports of the Old Reich territory alone in November of last year. The decline contrasted sharply with improvements shown by Britain, France and many other countries. German business circles frankly attribute the decline to the anti-Jewish excesses of Nov. 10 and also those in Austria following Anschluss.

FOREIGN JEWS' RESIDENCE STATUS MENACED BY REICH DEGREE

BERLIN, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The status of American and other foreign Jews in the Reich was held today to be in grave danger under the two-month-old decree, effective Dec. 31, requiring foreigners to renew residential permits every three months. Informed quarters state that police intended to refuse renewal of Jews' permits under that principle. Where exceptions are made, Jewish-held passports are likely to be branded with a red line drawn under the name appearing on the permit.

The American Consulate is notifying all nations to present their passports to the police for permit renewals before the year-end, in order that the fate of scores of American Jews may be decided within the next fortnight. Instances have already occurred in which foreign Jews, including Americans, have been forced to leave the country because of police refusal to extend their permits.

Meanwhile, additional mass release of Jews from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, where they have been held since the November pogroms, was reported as Germany remained in the grip of a bitter cold wave which threatened disaster to the remaining ill-clothed prisoners. Since Thursday, releases have been proceeding at the rate of 250 daily. Two thousand remaining from the November round-up are expected to be released soon. Nearly all are being forced to sign pledges that they will leave Germany as soon as possible. Prisoners still remaining are quartered in unheated barracks. They sleep in cast-off army pajamas and have an in-
SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF BLANKETS. AMONG THOSE RELEASED ARE DR. DIENEMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS, AND DR. HANS REICHHAN, A LEADER OF THE CENTRALVEREIN DER JUDEN IN DEUTSCHELAND.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU FOR JEWS OPENED

BERLIN, Dec. 18. (Havas) -- A special central employment bureau was opened here for German and stateless Jews, who are henceforth barred from applying to the regular employment offices for jobs.

Two Berlin newspapers and three of the leading newspapers in Vienna will soon be suspended. In Vienna the Neue Freie Presse, the Neues Wiener Journal and the Wiener Tagblatt will be combined into a single journal. The Berliner Tageblatt and the Berliner Volkszeitung will be replaced on Jan. 1 by a new evening paper the name of which has not yet been selected, but which will be published by Deutscher Verlag.

SLOVAKIA ELECTS TISO CANDIDATES; AUTHORITARIAN MEASURES PLANNED

BRATISLAVA, Dec. 18. (Havas) -- Autonomous Slovakia went to the polls today to put its seal of approval on a hand-picked Government list of candidates for its first diet under the new Czechoslovak constitution. The official list, headed by Premier Joseph Tiso of Slovakia, was expected to receive a vote of 85 to 95 per cent. The election, really little more than a plebiscite, resembled closely those of the totalitarian states.

(Czechs and Jews were required to vote although they will not be represented, a Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatch said. In cities where minorities exist five ballot boxes were provided, one each for Slovaks, Czechs, Germans, Hungarians and Jews. The Jews asked for special ballot boxes so that they could not be accused of a lack of loyalty.)

Meanwhile, regulations which will make Slovakia "a country in uniform" were announced here. All the newly-elected deputies in the Slovak Diet will wear black uniforms, with caps resembling those of the Spanish Insurgent Falangists, military shirts and black riding breeches. In addition, every Slovak between the ages of 6 and 60, male and female alike, is now required to join the "Hlinka Guard" organization and wear a uniform. Members of the semi-military organization will be divided into three categories — between the age of 6 and 11, the ages of 11 and 19 and the ages of 19 and 60. The enlarged Hlinka Guard is designed to develop the physical and moral qualities of the Slovak people, according to Karel Sidor, Vice-Premier in the Czechoslovak cabinet and Slovakia's representative at Prague.

NAZI PARTY TO BE FORMED

PRAHA, Dec. 17. (Havas) -- A full-fledged Nazi Party, with the labor front, youth organizations and perhaps even the storm troop battalions of its Reich prototype, will soon be organized in Czechoslovakia, the Prager Zeitung said today. The newspaper, mouthpiece of Deputy Ernst Kundt, president of the German Parliamentary Club, also predicted authorization for Germans here to wear the Nazi swastika emblem and to display Nazi flags.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES PRESSES FOR ENTRY OF REFUGEE CHILDREN TO PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews decided today to seek an interview with Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald to urge reconsideration of the Government's ban on admission of 10,000 refugee children to Palestine, but deleted from its resolution the warning that "refusal may prejudice in advance" the negotiations on Palestine. The board is greatly distressed by the Government's refusal, in view of "the unprecedented human
Tragedy of the German Jews, the resolution said, expressing the hope that the British Government would not allow political considerations to prejudice the opportunity of saving the lives of unfortunate children.

Sir Robert Waley Cohen urged the board to express its abhorrence of Britain's refusal, to grant the immigration request. Samson Wright declared the success of the conferences was already prejudiced if Mr. Macdonald persisted in his refusal.

Zionists to Map Stand on Parleys Tomorrow

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Palestine subcommission of the Zionist General Council will meet on Tuesday to reconsider the decision to participate in the conferences with the British Government in view of London's refusal to permit immediate immigration of 10,000 Jewish refugee children to the Holy Land. David Ben Gurion, head of the Jewish Agency's Palestine executive, is leaving for London en route for the United States.

A Jewish policeman, Arieh Ben Shmaryahu, was shot to death from ambush yesterday as he was investigating destruction of an orange grove on the outskirts of Rehoboth. Sheikh Said el Hatib, member of a prominent moderate Arab family, was shot dead by an unidentified terrorist today in the Old City quarter of Jerusalem. A British policeman was killed and two British policemen and an Arab terrorist were wounded when rebels attacked a British armored car on the Acre-Safed road.

The Arab moderate faction headed by Fakhri Bey Nashashibi, Mayor of Bethlehem, organized an impressive demonstration of loyalty toward Britain at the village of Yatta, south of Hebron. Major Gen. Richard Nugent O'Connor and Edward Keith-Roach, Military Governor and District Commissioner of the Jerusalem area respectively, other high British officers and a number of civilian officials were present at the ceremonies, in which 3,000 Arab peasants took part.

Husseini Confers on Negotiations

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Husseini, yesterday received Dr. Izzat Tannous, director of the Arab center in London, here to discuss the forthcoming British-Jewish-Arab conferences on the Palestine situation. The British Government has barred the ex-Mufti from the conferences. Before leaving London, Dr. Tannous said the conferences would be useless if certain Arab leaders were excluded. The Arab delegation to London will comprise eight members, including members of the outlawed Arab Supreme Committee.

Church of England Hits Anti-Semitism as "Wicked Folly"

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Most Rev. William Temple, Archbishop of York and Primate of England, and other leading members of the Church of England clergy and laity today formally repudiated anti-Semitism or any form of racial discrimination in the name of "the vast majority of Christian English people." The public repudiation of anti-Semitism was contained in a letter sent to Neville Laski, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The letter follows: "Sir: Reference has recently been made by the Home Secretary and by certain speakers in the House of Commons to a possible anti-Semitic movement in this country as result of the present world turmoil. We are convinced that such a movement must be hindered by the sense of justice, the sense of humor and the abundant kindliness of the English people. Nonetheless, it seems to us necessary that there should be a public expression of the feeling of the vast majority of Christian English people that, in whatever form and however modified it may be, anti-Semitism remains a wicked folly, utterly opposed to the spirit and letter of the teaching of Our Lord."
"We are addressing this letter to you as members of the Church of England, priests and laymen of differing ecclesiastical views and varying political attachments. We know that we are speaking the mind of our brethren and of the greater Christian public. We would assure Jewish fellow-countrymen that we have the fullest appreciation of the contribution that they have made and are making in various ways to the national life. We would assure them that we utterly repudiate racial discrimination. We would assure them that we are all children of one Father, as we are citizens of the same great country which through the centuries has proved its genius for the most advantageous adoptions."

THOUSAND PICKET WMCA PROTESTING BARRING OF COUGHLIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Approximately 1,000 persons today picketed the building of station WMCA at 52nd Street and Broadway in protest against the station’s action in barring Father Charles E. Coughlin for refusing to submit script in advance. The pickets paraded longer than an hour in two double-file lines, carrying a picture of Father Coughlin and signs protesting against what they called violation of free speech. They also shouted such slogans as "Close up WMCA!" and "Down with Communism!" One of the most prominently-heard chants was "United Christian nation!" and groups of persons were also heard shouting, "Down with the Jews!" and "Send Rabbi Wise back to Russia!" The building and surrounding area were guarded by more than 100 policemen.

The only person who represented himself as a spokesman for the demonstrators was Allen Zoll, who had called for the picketing at a mass meeting on Thursday night. He told reporters the demonstration was "spontaneous" and sponsored by the American Committee for American Constitutional Rights. He said it was not a Catholic protest, but "an American protest against curtailment of free speech." Asked about the anti-Semitic epithets heard in the crowd, he denied that the demonstration was anti-Jewish and added that he believed there were about a half dozen Jews among the demonstrators. He also said the committee would send a delegation to Washington to oppose renewal of WMCA's license.

BRITAIN TO ADMIT 50,000 REICH JEWS PENDING EMIGRATION OVERSEAS

PARIS, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The British Home Office and Jewish relief organizations have concluded an arrangement for temporary asylum in Britain for thousands of German Jews on the list to receive United States immigration visas, according to reliable information reaching Paris today. They will be rescued from Reich concentration camps immediately and will be permitted to stay in England until their opportunity to emigrate to America comes up in the consecutive-number listing.

There are at present 25,000 Jews in Old Germany and 15,000 in former Austria still imprisoned in concentration camps who will be released only if they sign pledges to leave the Reich shortly. These constitute one-third of all the able-bodied Jews in Germany. Many of them are holders of numbers for United States visas which are issued only for the 1939 and 1940 immigration quotas since the present quotas are long since exhausted.

In order to alleviate the plight of these and other prospective emigrants overseas, the Home Office has agreed to admit them to England immediately as transmigrants awaiting visas providing that somebody in England guarantees that they will not become a public burden and will proceed to their destinations then they obtain their visas. Each guarantor is to fill out a special application similar to the guarantee affidavit of an American for a prospective immigrant and submit it to the Home Office through the German Jewish Committee in London, which operates under the British Council for German Jewry. The Home Office will decide each case within a maximum time of three months.

CORRECTION

Through a misinterpretation of Dr. Maurice B. Hexter's article in Notes and News (JTA News Dec. 16) he was incorrectly reported as saying that Jews might be among the representatives sent by the Arab countries to the London conferences.