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### WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS REJECTS SCHACHT "RANSON PLAN," ETHIOPIAN PROJECT

PARIS, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress Administrative Committee, concluding a three-day secret session, today went on record in opposition to the Schacht "ransom plan" of Jewish emigration from Germany and Jewish colonization in Ethiopia.

A resolution adopted by the 40 delegates from various European countries said: "A solution of the German Jewish problem is not acceptable to the Jewish people if it rewards the Nazi regime with economic advantage in return for expropriation and expulsion. Similarly, the World Jewish Congress firmly rejects any proposal regarding Ethiopia because Jewish settlement in the territory of an anti-Semitic government such as Italy is inconceivable."

Other resolutions recommended that:

- (1) The World Jewish Congress, together with other Jewish organizations, convene a world conference on Jewish emigration with a view to creating a central organization empowered to negotiate with governments, on behalf of Jewry, on emigration problems;
- (2) The Intergovernmental Refugee Bureau establish contact with central Jewish organizations for consultation of emigration from Germany;
- (3) The Jewish people refuse to cooperate with governments such as Poland and Rumania in organizing Jewish emigration as long as these countries do not recognize equality of Jewish rights.
- (4) The World Jewish Congress combat policies of Central and East European governments aiming at impoverishment of Jews to force their emigration, and conduct a fight until Jews' equality of rights is restored.

Commenting on the resolutions at a press conference tonight, Dr. Nehum Goldmann, chairman of the administrative committee, appealed to the world to protest against the "appalling situation of the Jews" in Central and Eastern Europe, where, he said "all human, legal and international obligations regarding the Jews have been disregarded." He attacked the League of Nations as indifferent to the fate of the Jews in Danzig, which is under League supervision. He demanded that the League recall its High Commissioner from the Free City in protest against anti-Jewish measures.

The Rev. Maurice L. Perlzweig, a delegate from Great Britain, paid tribute to Pope Pius for his opposition to persecution, declaring: "The Jewish people salutes the supreme Pontiff as the living symbol of the spiritual forces fighting to reestablish the rule of moral law in human society."

#### Reich Experts Map New Emigration Conditions

BERLIN, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Experts of the Finance, Economics and Interior ministries continued today their labors on a memorandum embodying the new conditions set by the Nazis for assisting Jewish emigration. The memorandum, which will be drawn up under the direction of Dr. Karl Blessing, a director of the Reichsbank, who was understood to have framed the new proposals and submitted them to Chancellor Adolf Hitler, are expected to be put before George Rublee, director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Bureau, within a few days.

No contact has been established so far with Jewish organizations. Such contact is expected only if the principles of the agreement are accepted both by the Nazis and the Intergovernmental Committee delegation.

Meanwhile, Der Angriff, organ of Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, under the headline, "London Protests Against Jewish Immigration," asserted that the Fascist demonstrations against Jews last weekend showed that the Jewish problem was becoming "an actual political and economic question in England." The paper asserted that the demonstrators were not restricted to Fascists but represented the English masses.

#### BURCKHARDT BRANDS DANZIG RACIAL LAWS VIOLATION OF LEAGUE CHARTER

GENEVA, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The recent introduction of Nazi racial legislation by the Danzig Senate was branded as a violation of the League-guaranteed Free City constitution in a report submitted today by Prof. Karl Burckhardt, League of Nations High Commissioner for Danzig, to the League Council's Committee of Three on the Free City.

The committee, meeting to consider the report, was understood to have discussed appointing a commission of jurists to decide whether the act was a violation of the constitution. Prof. Burckhardt was said to have opposed such procedure on the ground that it would take a long time and prevent the Council from taking a decision at the current session. The committee will meet tomorrow to decide if it is competent to arrive at decisions and submit conclusions to the Council for final action.

Well informed League circles denied rumors that Prof. Burckhardt was intending to resign as High Commissioner and that the League's office in Danzig would be abolished. The High Commissioner was received today by Foreign Ministers Lord Halifax of Great Britain and Georges Bonnet of France.

#### CZECH PREMIER STUDIES DRAFT OF ANTI-JEWISH MEASURE

PRAHA, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- It was reported here today that an anti-Jewish measure has been submitted to the Premier's office which would, over a fixed period, eliminate Jews from participation in the nation's economic life, particularly from the legal and medical professions. Some papers assert that the measure emulates the Hungarian anti-Jewish bill, under

which Jews would be restricted to seven per cent participation in Hungary's economic and cultural life, while others declare it is modelled after the Nazi Nuremberg laws. Exemptions would be provided for those whose ancestors had always acknowledged Czech nationality as well as for Jewish members of the Czech Legion during the War.

#### 4 JEWS SLAIN AS TERRORISM CONTINUES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Three Jews were slain today in continuing Arab terrorism that belied reports that the exiled ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, seeking to create a favorable atmosphere for the forthcoming conferences on Palestine in London, had ordered cessation of hostilities. Two Jewish watchmen, Zvi Friedman and Salman Rosenbaum, both immigrants from Poland, were found killed in the Ben Shemen forest. The third victim was Shlomo Madmony, 40, a Palestine native, who was fatally wounded this morning while delivering milk in the Yemen Moshe quarter of Jerusalem. A Jewish watchman, Jacob Cohen, was killed yesterday when a group of watchmen were attacked near the Kfar Giladi colony.

#### Mufti Group Sets Terms for Participation in London Talks

CAIRO, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Back from Beirut, where they had conferred with the exiled ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, five Palestine Arab leaders revealed today that three conditions had been set for fulfillment before an Arab delegation approved by the Moslem leader would participate in the British-Arab-Jewish conferences in London. They listed the conditions as follows:

- 1) That Great Britain recognize that the Balfour Declaration had been fulfilled, since 400,000 Jews had settled in Palestine, and that Jewish immigration henceforth be halted;
- 2) that an Arab State, with a Jewish minority, be constituted;
- 3) that adherents of the ex-Mufti's opponent, Ragheb bey Nashashibi, former mayor of Jerusalem and leader of the Arab moderates, be excluded from the conferences, and that the Muftists be the sole Palestine Arab representatives.

The Arab leaders, themselves recently released from exile in the Seychelles Islands, said the ex-Mufti was prepared to go to London himself if the conditions, to be forwarded by the Egyptian Premier, are accepted.

#### 2 NOTED VIOLINISTS PLAN CONCERT TOURS FOR REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Yehudi Menuhin hopes to raise a quarter of a million dollars for Jewish refugees through benefit performances that he will give in the course of a world tour on which he is embarking Feb. 24, his father, Moshe Menuhin, informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Meanwhile, Mischa Elman will open, with a Carnegie Hall recital this Saturday, a three-month tour of 25 cities in the United States for the benefit of refugees of all faiths. The sponsoring committee, of which Alfred E. Smith is honorary chairman, will divide the funds equally among the American Committee for Christian German Refugees, the Committee for Catholic Refugees from Germany and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Yehudi Menuhin's plans call for devoting several of his more than 90 performances in the largest cities abroad to the refugee cause, the proceeds

to be contributed to the Jewish refugee committees in the respective cities. It is hoped to raise more than \$40,000 through a concert in Royal Albert Hall, London, on April 16. A performance is also being arranged in Amsterdam, and it is hoped to present others in Paris, Johannesburg, Melbourne, Sydney, and possibly later in New York.

"The proceeds will go for Jewish refugees only," Mr. Menuhin said. "Although Yehudi has given plenty for the Earl Baldwin Fund and other funds, he feels that the Jews are the principal victims of Nazi brutality."

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#### Trinidad Cancels All Entry Permits

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The Trinidad Government has invalidated all immigration permits outstanding, thus creating difficulties for German Jews who are en route to the British West Indian island or who have booked passage there, according to information received from Port-of-Spain by the National Coordinating Committee for Jewish refugees and Emigrants from Germany. Applications for new immigration permits will be considered on their merits, the information said, but only a limited number of German Jews will be admitted. The action followed a resolution of Trinidad's executive council and Governor banning all refugee immigration after Jan. 15.

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#### 300 Czech Refugees Slated For San Domingo

PRAHA, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Three hundred Jews of Moravska-Ostrava, it was learned today, will shortly be emigrated to San Domingo where the Government is granting them land for sugar cultivation. The first group of emigrants will be followed by a second contingent of 1,200, it was stated.

There is no immediate danger that Sudeten refugees will be sent back to Germany, Sir Herbert Emerson, League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said today. He added, however, that it was in the interests of all concerned that they be evacuated at the earliest moment, and promised to do all in his power for them at Geneva and London. Sir Herbert revealed that he has negotiated with Welfare Minister Vladislav Klumbar on the refugee problem, especially on the possibility of establishing an office of the High Commission at Praha.

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#### Board of Deputies Drafts "Conduct Code" For Refugees

LONDON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- A code of conduct for German Jewish refugees arriving in Great Britain has been prepared by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, it was announced today, and will be issued to every refugee now in England. Practical instructions on registration and a list of useful organizations are followed by an explanation of the position of British Jewry.

Further delay is to be expected in obtaining permission for admission of 10,000 refugee children to Palestine, Dr. Israel Feldman, chairman of the Palestine committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, reported to the board today.

SENATE TO CONFIRM FRANKFURTER NOMINATION TODAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The full Senate Judiciary Committee today approved unanimously the report of a subcommittee recommending confirmation of the nomination of Prof. Felix Frankfurter as Supreme Court Justice. The Senate is expected to vote final confirmation tomorrow.

CONGRESS GETS BILL FOR REGISTRATION OF REICH CORPORATION ASSETS HERE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Charging "deliberate discrimination against American citizens who may hold German corporate bonds," Representative Emanuel Celler of New York today introduced a bill providing for compulsory registration of all assets of German corporations in the United States in which American citizens hold corporate securities. Mr. Celler said that the Nazis defaulted on securities held by Americans while paying regularly on French, Swedish, Norwegian and other securities.

Representative Hamilton Fish of New York introduced a bill prohibiting formation of "private military forces, such as uniformed Nazis, Communists or other alien groups."

ZIONIST POSITION OUTLINED TO RUMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

BUCHAREST, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- A delegation of Zionist leaders headed by Chief Rabbi Jakob Niemirower has delivered to Foreign Minister Gregoire Gafencu a memorandum outlining the position of the Zionist movement in Rumania and stressing the economic importance of Palestine to Rumania. Replying, Mr. Gafencu declared he had always been keenly interested in the Zionist movement and, while aware of the difficulties, realized the importance to the Jews of large emigration to Palestine. He expressed the opinion that the Polish and Rumanian governments should cooperate toward a solution of the Jewish problem, stating that Palestine should be considered as the first outlet.

VAAD LEUMI NAMES REPRESENTATIVES TO LONDON PARLEYS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council is commissioning three members to go to London for the forthcoming conferences on the Palestine question called by the British Government, it was learned today. Previously, the council had urged the Jewish Agency to reconsider its decision to participate in the conferences because of Britain's refusal to sanction admission of 10,000 refugee children into the Holy Land.

FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH FORMED

CINCINNATI, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- A National Federation of Temple Youth, affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, was organized over the weekend at the first national convention of temple youth, attended by 200 delegates and guests. The organization is sponsored by the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

BULLETIN

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The Uruguayan Cabinet, considering the plight of 500 Jewish refugees who arrived here en route to Paraguay to find their visas invalidated, decided today to forbid transit through the country to persons arriving here without valid visas for Paraguay. The Cabinet appointed three ministers to work out definite immigration regulations under the Government's measures of Dec. 19, 1938. What disposition will be made of the refugees lodged here remains indefinite.