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### SCHACHT GIVES RUBLEE MODIFIED EMIGRATION PLAN TODAY

BERLIN, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, is expected personally to give to George Rublee, director of the inter-governmental Refugee Bureau, tomorrow a memorandum covering the altered Reich plan for Jewish emigration. The memorandum, which was the subject of a four-day conference of experts of the Finance, Economics and Interior Ministries, is said in Nazi quarters to answer "satisfactorily" the many questions regarding the original Schacht emigration plan raised by Mr. Rublee.

If Mr. Rublee agrees that the memorandum is satisfactory in principle, informed quarters said, a meeting between Mr. Rublee and Field Marshall Hermann Goering, Germany's economic dictator, will follow, during which the plan will be further clarified.

Meanwhile, Das Schwarze Korps, organ of Hitler's elite guard, declaring it "monstrous" that German money should be used to propagate the Jewish race, demanded that Jewish women be excluded from receiving social insurance payments made to mothers on the birth of a child. The paper failed to mention that such payments are made only to members of the insurance system who have paid for such benefits.

Reich municipal pawnshops have been designated as the sole purchasing agents of Jewish jewelry valued under 1,000 marks (\$400). More expensive jewelry and art objects may be sold only to the Buying Office of Cultural Goods in Berlin. A considerable turnover in Jewish valuables is expected before Feb. 15, when the second installment of the \$400,000,000 "reprisal" fine for the slaying of a German Embassy official in Paris is due.

### 3 Families Live in "Portable" Ghetto

BERLIN, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- To make Griefenhagen, Pomerania, 100 per cent "Aryan," local Nazis bundled the community's three Jewish families into an abandoned railway coach and rolled them beyond the town limits, it was learned here today. Forbidden to migrate to nearby Stettin, the Jews have been living in their "portable ghetto" since the Nov. 10 pogrom. A curfew law forbids them to enter Griefenhagen except between the hours of 7:30 and 9 a.m. for shopping.

Hull Denies Rublee Plans to Resign

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Cordell Hull, questioned at his press conference today about reports that George Rublee, director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Bureau, intended to resign, said that the Government had no information about any such resignation and was not considering a successor.

When Mr. Rublee was appointed he was not expected to stay in Europe indefinitely, Mr. Hull said. In the meantime, however, the Washington lawyer is giving the refugee problem his ability, energy and tact, although the problem is not free from difficulties, the Secretary of State declared.

CZECHS START CENSUS OF JEWS; SLOVAKIA TO PASS RACIAL LAWS, TISO STATES

PRAHA, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The authorities today began taking a census of Czech and foreign Jews, reportedly as a preliminary measure to introduction of a law curbing participation of Jews in the nation's economic life. At the same time, Premier Joseph Tiso of Slovakia, in a statement to the press declared that the Jewish problem was one of the State's foremost tasks and would be solved on a racial basis immediately after passage of land reform, school and electoral laws.

About \$4,500 has been granted from the London Lord Mayor's Fund for retraining of 150 Jewish students, who are formally still admitted to German high schools to complete their advanced studies but are unwilling to comply with orders forcing them to occupy "ghetto benches" in classrooms and other discriminatory regulations.

The Supreme Council of Jewish Communities has been reorganized, with Zionists and Czech Jews being represented on a 50-50 basis. Dr. Joseph Popper, president of the Union of Jewish Communities, who is an independent, has been named president.

League Extends Refugee Aid to Sudeten Exiles

GENEVA, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The League Council today adopted a French proposal, supported by Great Britain, extending the competence of the High Commission for Refugees and the Feb. 10 convention on refugees to refugees from the Sudetenland. In reporting the proposal, the Bolivian delegate announced that his country was prepared to contribute to a solution of the refugee problem by admitting a certain number.

Sir Herbert Emerson, League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in an interview today with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the administrative committee of the World Jewish Congress, denied that Czecho-Slovakia intended to expel 15,000 Austrian and German refugees, but declared that the situation was urgent and asked the cooperation of Jewish organizations. Sir Herbert has just returned from Praha.

BRITISH CABINET PREPARES FOR PALESTINE PARLEYS AS CRITICAL STAGE NEARS

LONDON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet today decided to appoint a committee composed, among others, of representatives of the Colonial, Foreign Affairs, War, Air and Navy ministries, to conclude a study of Pal-

estine problems in preparation for the forthcoming London conferences. The committee will also draw up a report which will constitute final instructions to the British delegation. The decision was reached after Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald had described for the Cabinet the present Palestine situation and the conference outlook.

Mr. MacDonald earlier today cancelled a visit to his constituency, announcing that a critical point had now been reached in the preparations for the conferences necessitating his presence in London. Mr. MacDonald and Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain were said to have touched on the Palestine question in a discussion yesterday and this morning.

Meanwhile, the Arab Center, official representative of Palestine Arabs in London, declared nothing had yet been settled with regard to participation of the Palestine Arabs in the London conferences. A center spokesman added, however, that a final decision would be taken shortly.

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Arabs Not to Insist on Mufti's Presence

CAIRO, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Following informal talks this morning, it was learned that delegates to the Arab conference which is mapping a program for the London negotiations have accepted Egyptian Premier Mohammed Mahmoud Pasha's proposal not to insist on the participation of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, an exile in Syria, whom the British Government banned as an Arab representative at the negotiations. The Egyptian delegation to London will be headed by Prince Abdul Moneim, son of the former Khedive Abbas Hilmi, since the Premier is being detained in Cairo by the local political situation.

REICH OUTPUT SEEN CUT 20% BY LABOR "SLOWDOWN"; GOEBBELS SHIFT LOOMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- William Philip Simms, foreign news editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, declared today in a Washington dispatch that he had learned from diplomatic sources in London and Paris of a "slowdown strike" by workers in Germany in protest against a policy which they felt was leading to war. The strike, Mr. Simms said, had cut production in the Reich by approximately 20 per cent.

The Reichswehr, Mr. Simms said, is still opposed to Chancellor Hitler's "unnecessarily provocative attitude" and is also said to be against his too extreme anti-Semitic and anti-religious policy. Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels is credited with being the chief instigator of the reintensified anti-Jewish drive, which he is reported to have launched in order to win back the favor of the Fuehrer which he had lost.

At the same time, an Associated Press dispatch from Berlin said reports, which were neither confirmed nor denied in official quarters, were current of far-reaching changes in the Nazi administration involving Goebbels and Field Marshall Hermann Goering. Goering, it was reported, will shortly become Vice-Chancellor and Minister of War, while Goebbels will be removed from the propaganda ministry and given a new post as Obergauleiter, or chief of all Nazi district leaders. The propaganda ministry, it was said, will be attached to the chancellery with State Secretary Otto Dietrich, Chancellor Hitler's personal press chief, in charge.

ENGLAND TO ADMIT 50 CHILD REFUGEES AT ZBONSZYN; BALDWIN FUND TO DEFRAY COSTS

WARSAW, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Fifty German-Jewish children who are now among 5,000 Polish-Jewish exiles from Germany detained at the Polish frontier station of Zbonszyn will be brought to England at the expense of the Baldwin Fund for Refugees, the Central Refugee Committee announced today. Preparations for their transfer are already under way.

Meanwhile, the question of the fate of the Zbonszyn refugees was again brought before the Sejm by Deputy Emil Sommerstein, who refuted Premier Skladkowski's recent declaration that half of the refugees had already left Zbonszyn, declaring only a small fraction had been permitted to proceed to the interior of Poland. Asserting the health of the exiles was poor and the Zbonszyn hospital overcrowded, he appealed to the Social Welfare Minister to appoint a special committee to investigate the problem and assign a certain amount for the refugees' most elementary needs.

A high official of the Polish Government has departed for Berlin, it was disclosed today, with instructions connected with the Polish-German negotiations on the question of Polish Jews living in Germany, who are faced with denationalization by Poland and consequent expulsion by the Reich. It is understood that the negotiations, broken off several days ago, will be resumed in Berlin.

SYLVIA PANKHURST HITS PLAN TO SETTLE JEWS IN ETHIOPIA

LONDON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Sylvia Pankhurst, noted suffragette leader, warned President Roosevelt in a letter today that the plan to settle Jews in Ethiopia was "impossible" because "they would be massacred at once by the inhabitants of the country who are fighting for their liberty and independence."

U.S. NAMES MISCHA ELMAN "MUSICAL AMBASSADOR" TO SOUTH AMERICA

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Mischa Elman, the violinist, has been selected by the State Department as "musical ambassador" to South America. He will appear next Spring and Summer at recitals and concerts in United States embassies and legations, according to an announcement by James Clement Dunn, of the State Department, made public today by the Mischa Elman Non-Sectarian Refugee Concerts.

Mr. Elman will leave for South America in the middle of May upon the completion of a three-month tour of the United States for the benefit of refugees.

ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS CONTINUE IN MEXICAN PRESS; REGIME FAILS TO ACT

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Continued anti-Jewish attacks in "an important section of the Mexican press" without Government disapproval and efforts to expel an American Jew on charges of bringing in refugees were reported in the N.Y. Times today by Frank L. Kluckhohn following his expulsion from Mexico.

In a dispatch filed from Brownsville, Texas, Mr. Kluckhohn said the United States Embassy had thus far blocked expulsion of Lionel Dalkowitz,

sought on the grounds that he had brought refugees from Germany into Mexico. Dalkowitz, a native of Texas, was reported still under government surveillance. Referring to the anti-Semitic campaign in the press, Mr. Kluckhohn declared: "This attack is similar to that which led the Mexican Interior Department to rule that 'persons who have lost their nationality' can enter Mexico only in exceptional instances and with the special permission of the Secretary of the Interior."

#### H.G. WELLS DECRIES "CHOSEN PEOPLE MYTH" IN TALK TO SCIENCE CONGRESS

CANBERRA, Australia, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Addressing the Australasian Science Congress last night on the topic "Poison in History," the noted author H.G. Wells protested against nationalistic teaching of history and denounced Jewish "separatism" and the "chosen people myth."

"I can imagine," he said, "no more dreadful position than the world today for the intelligent Jews with a sense of reality. There is no use in claiming to be a citizen of the world, because the Gentiles will not agree. Until the clearing up of history teaching in both Christian and Jewish education, and until the Jew will cease feeling distinctively a Jew and become a cosmopolitan, the intellectual processes of mankind will be enfeebled and innumerable lives spoiled."

#### ARAB MOB ATTACKS JEWISH FARMERS IN OLD LAND DISPUTE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Reviving a decade-old land dispute, an Arab mob today attacked a group of Jewish settlers ploughing land at Alonim, near Sheik Abreik in southern Palestine, wounding one. The land is owned by the Jewish National Fund and was occupied on June 20 last.

#### TEMPLES BODY HAILS ROOSEVELT'S ENCOURAGEMENT TO RELIGION

CINCINNATI, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at the closing business session of its 36th council, today adopted resolutions expressing appreciation of President Roosevelt's "encouragement to religion as an institution indispensable to America," reaffirming the right of asylum in America and expressing opposition to Communism, Fascism and Nazism.

#### NO JEWISH PROBLEM IN REBEL SPAIN, CATHOLIC CORRESPONDENT HOLDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish problem "does not exist in Spain," writes the Rev. Manuel Grana, Spanish correspondent of the news service of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in a dispatch from La Coruna. He states that Jews residing in Spanish possessions in Africa "live tranquilly in the exercise of their religion just as Moslems do. Their schools and synagogues function with absolute liberty."

"Spain could not possibly be a theater of anti-Semitic propaganda," the dispatch says. "The Arabs are Semites and they have much influence on the peninsula. Hispano-Arabic and Hispano-Jewish literature form an important part of the national literature. Abderraman the Caliph, Averroes the philosopher, and the two Hebrews, Juda Levy (Yehudah Halevy), the poet, and Maimonides, are a part of the historic culture of Spain."