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### PALESTINE PARLEYS TO OPEN WEEK OF FEB. 6; AGENCY BIDS 40 JOIN ADVISORY PANEL

LONDON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The British-Arab-Jewish conferences on Palestine will start the week of Feb. 6, immediately following the arrival of American Jewish leaders who are scheduled to sail for London on Saturday, it was learned today.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine is inviting about 40 outstanding Zionists and non-Zionists, including organizational representatives to form an advisory panel to consult with the negotiating committee during the discussions. Those invited include Lord Bearsted and Lord Reading. The actual negotiating body will be composed of about 12 members of the Agency executive and certain personalities to be selected from the advisory panel.

### Talk of Entry Ban Will End Parley, Wise Declares

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, Louis Lipsky and Robert Szold will go to London as representatives of the American Zionists for the conferences on Palestine, it was announced today. Dr. Wise and Mr. Szold will sail Saturday on the Champlain, and Mr. Lipsky will depart later.

Dr. Wise said in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "Mr. Szold and I, as representatives of the American Zionists, assume that the question of closing the doors of Palestine to immigration and the restriction of land sales will not, cannot come up. Any such proposals would, of course, terminate all discussion."

The American non-Zionists have not yet decided on the composition of their delegation to London.

### 3 Jews Wounded in Arab Attacks

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Three Jews, two of them special policemen, and an Arab police sergeant were wounded today as Arab terrorism continued in various parts of Palestine. The Government censor, meanwhile, has prohibited newspapers from publishing pictures of armed terrorists or of the

victims of violence. The Court of Appeals reduced the sentence of British Constable William Wood, found guilty for participating in the killing of an Arab prisoner allegedly attempting to escape, from three years to eighteen months.

### 3-HOUR RUBLEE PARLEY FAILS TO BRING FINAL ACCORD; JEWS PAID HUGE FLIGHT TAX

BERLIN, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A three-hour conference late this afternoon between George Rublee, director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Bureau, and Dr. Helmut Wohlthat, Economics Ministry official, failed to iron out the final difficulties regarding the emigration plan of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former Reichsbank president, which forms the basis of the current negotiations. A third conference is scheduled for tomorrow.

Jewish emigrants paid \$2,000,000 marks (about \$36,000,000) in "flight" taxes for the privilege of leaving Germany during the three months ending Dec. 31, as compared with 67,000,000 marks in the same period of 1937, it was revealed today.

Of a total of 3,750 Jewish shops in Berlin last August, the owners of only 700 succeeded in selling their enterprises, it was disclosed. Of the remainder that were to be closed by Jan. 1, 500 were approved for sale but had no buyers, while the others were declared superfluous, representing a total loss except for pittances paid for their merchandise. The bulk of the abandoned shops were situated in Berlin side streets. In Hamburg, only 87 out of 1,100 Jewish shops were permitted to be sold.

### Streicher, Farinacci Proclaim "Anti-Semitic Axis"

BERLIN, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- "The Rome-Berlin anti-Semitic axis," on the wheel of which the body of European Jewry will apparently be stretched, was referred to today by Julius Streicher, Germany's chief Jew-baiter, in an interview in which he repeated the warning he gave last night, when he appeared at the Sportpalast with Roberto Farinacci, Italy's leading anti-Semite, that the present anti-Jewish measures represent "only the beginning of the fight against world Jewry."

BERLIN, Jan. 26. (Havas) -- Julius Streicher and Roberto Farinacci stood shoulder to shoulder on the speakers' platform here last night in the Rome-Berlin partnership's first great joint demonstration against the Jews. Farinacci, member of the Fascist Grand Council and former general secretary of the Fascist Party, took the rostrum in the Sportpalast a few hours after Chancellor Adolf Hitler had welcomed him here from Rome.

The Italian politician and editor devoted much of his speech to a bitter tirade against the Catholic Church, which he declared had lost the support of its masses for its defense of the Jews. Streicher sponsored the rally, which was attended by Italian Ambassador Bernardo Attolico, his staff, members of the Berlin Fascist cell and a number of high Nazi and German army figures.

"The Catholic Church," Farinacci exclaimed, "has no right to fight anti-Semitism, since the Church itself in the past has persecuted the Jews pitilessly and sometimes cruelly. Why this sudden change of attitude? Why have the Jews been successful in winning over the high Catholic prelates?"

Today the church shows more sympathy for the countries friendly to the Jews than for us, who reintroduced morality in the schools and among the people."

The Catholic laity was "saddened and surprised" by the "strange and perfidious" attitude of its priests, the Fascist extremist declared. "In France and elsewhere," he said, "the Jews have succeeded in polluting the Catholic masses." He warned that "religion must not be confused with politics" and the Church therefore has no right to fight anti-Semitism, which he said was a purely political issue.

"It is the holy gospel that should be preached from the pulpit," Farinacci said, "while the priest, by his example, should prepare for the Kingdom of heaven. Anything more is abuse, treason deceit."

To whip up public enthusiasm for the rally Streicher had placarded the city with posters declaring Germany's Jewish problem was still far from solved. On the speakers' stand he described the last November's anti-Jewish disorders and measures as "nothing more than a small foretaste of things yet to come." He matched Farinacci's attack on Catholicism with an assault on the Confessional branch of the German Evangelical Church and particularly on its imprisoned "U-boat pastor," the Rev. Martin Niemöller, whom he branded a traitor to the Reich.

#### SCHORR DELEGATION, IN LONDON, ASKS LINKING OF POLISH EXODUS TO REICH'S

LONDON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Proposals to facilitate Jewish emigration from Poland simultaneously with that from the Reich were presented today to various British Government and Jewish organizations by a delegation of Jewish leaders from Poland who arrived in London last night with a special mission following a conference with Polish Foreign Minister Josef Beck. The delegation includes Chief Rabbi Moses Schorr, Dr. Henry Rosmarin and the prominent Jewish industrialists, Carol Sachs and Anthony Eiger, all of whom are members of the executive of the recently formed Jewish Colonization Society in Poland.

The nature of their mission is so important that they intend to spend a week in London, during which time they will confer on Jewish emigration to Palestine and other overseas lands with Myron C. Taylor, American vice-chairman of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, the Colonial Office, President Chaim Weizmann of the Jewish Agency and important British bodies. Some time later, the group intends to visit America on the same mission.

Headed by Dr. Schorr, the delegation called on Polish Ambassador Raczyński and outlined to him their plans. The Ambassador's cooperation in bringing the delegation together with government bodies was asked. Later the delegation conferred with Dr. Weizmann.

It is understood that the Schorr group is anxious to secure from the Intergovernmental Committee a promise that the 14,000 Polish Jews deported from Germany be helped to emigrate from Poland on the same basis as the German Jews. This was apparently demanded of the delegation by the Polish Government, now that the latter has agreed that the deportees should not return to the Reich.

The major issue which the delegation is raising in London, however, is that the growing anti-Semitism in Poland can be checked, provided that a certain Jewish emigration from Poland is started for overseas lands. In this connection, it is understood, the Polish Government would be willing even to permit the transfer of Jewish capital to the countries of immigration, especially Palestine, under certain conditions and despite existing currency regulations.

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Details of Accord on Deportees Revealed

BERLIN, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The deportation of 14,000 Polish Jews last October has been accepted by Poland as a fait accompli and their fortunes have been virtually yielded to the Reich, according to details of the Polish-German accord revealed here today. In turn, the Nazis make minor concessions, promising not to repeat the deportations and to furnish denationalized Polish Jews with "stateless" passports.

The accord is understood to include the following major points:

(1) The status quo is to be maintained on the deportations, with none to be withdrawn and no new ones to be ordered. In some instances, the deportees will be allowed to return temporarily to the Reich to liquidate their affairs.

(2) Poland agrees to admit the dependents of the deportees, who will be allowed to take with them clothes and furniture but no other property without special permission of the Reich authorities. It is believed that the dependents will not be allowed to take out more than the usual ten marks plus the Sperrmark transfer of around six per cent. The transfer question, however, has not yet definitely been settled.

(3) In view of Poland's determination to carry on the denaturalization of its Jewish citizens resident in the Reich, Germany agrees to furnish those denaturalized with "stateless" passports within eight days after the loss of their Polish citizenship. Such passports are valid for identification purposes but can be used for emigration with exceptional difficulty.

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3 Deputies Demand Denationalization of 600,000

WARSAW, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Three Poznan deputies demanded in the Sejm today that the Government deprive of nationality 600,000 Jews who became Polish citizens prior to 1928 but whose documents are alleged to be not in order.

REFUGEE INDUSTRIES EMPLOY 15,000 IN BRITAIN, WINTERTON ASSERTS

LONDON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Denying that German refugees were competing with British labor, Earl Winterton said in a speech on the international situation today that the refugees had established factories which were employing at least 15,000 British workers and had introduced designs, inventions and processes of the greatest value to British trade. Earl Winterton is chairman of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee.

In an editorial on a survey of the refugee problem by Sir John Hope Simpson, director of the refugee survey of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, The Times declares that it becomes clearer that the main responsibilities must devolve on other governments if sympathy is to prove practical.

Swift international action, the editorial states, has become indispensable both for the long and short term policy. Illusions that the rescue work can adequately be performed by charity "must perish." If action is to be commensurate with the undoubted will to help, The Times asserts, a larger view must be taken of the provision of temporary sanctuary here and in other British territories. "The possibilities of permanent settlement," it concludes, "must be more swiftly and officially explored and all countries must be asked to realize that unless they act swiftly it may be too late."

#### South American Countries Confer on Immigration

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The finance ministers of Argentine, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay will confer here tomorrow on the Jewish immigration problem, it was announced today.

#### Congress Asked to Admit Aged Refugees

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A bill to permit political and religious refugees over 65 to enter the United States upon posting of a \$10,000 bond to guarantee they would engage in no occupation for profit and would not become public charges was introduced today by Senator Smathers of New Jersey.

#### GERMAN HANDBOOK INITIATES REFUGEES INTO NEW WORLDS THEY FACE

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- With such terms as "Long Island," "Labrador," "seasickness," "Pacific time," "malaria" and "typhoon" becoming part of the everyday parlance of a German Jewry desperately scanning world horizons for emigration outlets, a handbook for Jewish emigrants has been issued in Berlin explaining 600 terms necessary for would-be emigrants and providing 20 colored maps and 25 tables to acquaint them with the far-off lands that may become their new homes. The 233-page book, entitled "Philo Atlas, a Handbook for Jewish Emigration," was published in German by the Juedischer Buchverlag (Jewish Publishing House) at the end of October, 1938. It was edited by Dr. Ernst Loewenthal and Hans Oppenheimer.

A foreword by the publisher states: "The Philo Atlas -- references, maps and tables together -- is an extraordinarily timely special lexicon. The Jewish emigration movement of our day has completely revolutionized Jewish life and has given a very enlarged scope to Jewish social work. The individual Jew is faced with tasks and decisions which demand a great deal of Jewish and general knowledge. The Philo Atlas is aimed at assisting in answering the numerous newly-posed questions. It aims to be an informer for the already emigrated, a road-indicator for colonists and a link between those outside Germany and those remaining here."

#### WARSAW BUND LEADER NOWOGRODZKI TO VISIT AMERICA

WARSAW, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Emanuel Nowogrodzki, general secretary of the Bund (Jewish Workers' Party), left yesterday for a visit to the United States.