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### JEWS TURN DOWN MACDONALD PLAN; WEIZMANN HOLDS IT COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald's three-point scheme for a compromise solution of the Palestine question was flatly rejected by the Jews today when their considered reply to the proposals was delivered to the British Government representatives at this morning's British-Jewish session at St. James Palace. The proposed compromise, providing for restriction of Jewish immigration, curb on land acquisition by Jews and establishment of Arab-Jewish political equality, had been submitted to the Jews on Wednesday.

Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax, who was present at the opening of this morning's meeting, heard Jewish Agency President Chaim Weizmann declare the proposals were completely unacceptable to the Jews, who under no circumstances would accept permanent minority status or infringement of the Balfour Declaration such as the proposals implied.

While not going into details, observing it would be a waste of time when there was no agreement on principle, Dr. Weizmann pointed out it was the considered view of the Jews that the proposals for restriction of immigration could not be accepted since they introduced the entirely new principle of giving the Arabs consent or veto rights on Jewish immigration.

M.M. Ussishkin, world leader of the Jewish National Fund and chairman of the Zionist General Council, attacked the land proposal and expressed regret that the conference had begun with proposals that did not take into consideration the Balfour Declaration, the League of Nations Mandate and all other British pledges to the Jews.

During the ensuing discussion, a Jewish delegate told Mr. MacDonald that the Jews would never accept the proposals put forward and that they could only be imposed by Britain without the acquiescence of the Jews. Participating in the discussion, Mr. MacDonald again referred to fears of the Palestine Arabs concerning possible domination by the Jews. A Jewish spokesman replied that the Jews neither desired nor intended to dominate the Arabs, but they would never accept Arab domination. He pressed the view that a satisfactory agreement could be reached only by direct discussion between Arabs and Jews, but Mr. MacDonald neither commented nor offered any promise to attempt to arrange a meeting between the two delegations.

Another British-Jewish meeting is scheduled for next Monday evening, but it is not clear what the basis will be for further discussions. It is apparent that the talks are now back at the point at which they started and it is a question whether Mr. MacDonald will

make new proposals or attempt to break down Jewish opposition. The next British-Arab meeting will be held tomorrow morning.

The compromise proposals, presented to the Jewish delegation by Mr. MacDonald on Wednesday night, were put in a very tentative form, prefaced with the frequently-repeated statement that they did not represent the Government's views. They covered three points -- immigration, constitution and land. Regarding the first point, Mr. MacDonald asked the Jews what they thought of a scheme for restriction of immigration under a criterion representing a modification of the economic absorptive capacity standard to continue in effect for a stipulated number of years, with entry regulated so as not to alter the present population status -- that is, to ensure that at the end of the period the Arabs would still be in the majority. Subsequently, immigration would be regulated under an Arab-Jewish agreement. The Jews were understood to have objected on the ground that the idea would establish the principle that Arab consent was necessary for Jewish immigration.

Regarding a constitution, Mr. MacDonald was understood to have spoken only briefly, making no detailed suggestion, but only indicating some form of political equality giving the Arabs and Jews an equal voice on questions such as legislation. On the question of land, he outlined a proposed system under which Palestine would be divided into three types of areas -- (1) where Jewish land acquisition would be prohibited, (2) where it would be restricted, (3) where Jews would be free to acquire land.

Further light on the nature of the British plans was shed when it was reliably learned that Mr. MacDonald yesterday countered Arab demands for establishment of a Palestine Arab State with tentative proposals for a legislative council in which the Arabs would be a majority, restriction of Jewish immigration to the Jewish zones with gradual diminution over a period of years and restriction of Jewish land acquisition along the lines suggested in the proposals to the Jews.

The Arabs, continuing to urge establishment of an Independent State, offered universal franchise, autonomy to the Jews in the predominantly Jewish area, establishment of joint councils in districts where the population is mixed and admission of Jews to the Cabinet.

Meanwhile, the American Jewish delegates to the conferences, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Robert Szold, today saw United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, who returned yesterday from a visit to the United States. They were understood to have discussed developments at the Palestine conferences.

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Kalvariski, Expert on Arabs, Gets Bid to Parleys

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine has invited Chaim Kalvariski, former head of its Arab department, to attend the London conferences. Kalvariski, whose nomination as a delegate by the left Poale-Zion had been originally turned down, will leave for London next week.

The military authorities today suspended Arab commercial traffic between Jaffa, Jerusalem and Nablus until further notice, as a punitive measure for Arab sabotage of the railway line near Ramleh.

USTER OF JEWS FROM ALL ASPECTS OF ITALIAN LIFE SEEN IN 6 MONTHS

ROME, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Complete elimination of Jews from Italian professional, political, economic and social life is expected here within the next six months.

In view of the rapidly rising Jewish unemployment, resulting from spreading "Aryan" propaganda, organized efforts have already been initiated for retraining of men in various trades and girls as domestics and seamstresses, although prospects of their absorption in economic life even in these occupations is considered very slight.

Anti-Semitism will be injected into the entire Italian educational system under a plan presented to the Fascist Grand Council by Education Minister Guiseppe Bottai. The plan, designed to put education on a totalitarian basis, was described by Bottai as a pet scheme of Premier Benito Mussolini, who wanted, he said, to adapt Italian education to the new "atmosphere" created by the Fascist racial doctrine. Existing Italian laws were not equipped to bring about this radical change, Bottai asserted, and the new project was therefore considered necessary to alter the school system in the desired direction.

#### ITALY RENEGES ON PROMISE TO LEND PAINTINGS FOR REFUGEE BENEFIT EXHIBIT IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Italian Government has withdrawn a promise to lend a number of old masters to an art exhibit for the benefit of the Baldwin Refugee Fund, it was announced today by the fund committee. The exhibit is to be opened Wednesday by the Earl of Crawford. The Rome Government, it was stated, rejected offer of a deposit of foreign currency covering value of the pictures. Its attitude is understood to be strongly resented by King George VI, who had been recently asked to lend pictures for exhibitions in Italy.

#### POLISH STATESMAN ASSAILS UNIVERSITY TERRORISM; EMIGRATION ISSUE RAISED AGAIN

WARSAW, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- An attack on "brutal" political agitation in Polish universities was launched by ex-Premier Casimir Bartel in the Senate last night. Lwow University, where Senator Bartel is a professor, has such a low scholastic level, he said, that the students cannot even identify historic figures such as Raymond Poincare, world-war president of France.

Riots are frequent, and students sometimes kill one another, the Senator charged. Taking advantage of the universities' extra-territorial status, undergraduates indulge in anti-national demonstrations. Bartel charged that the academic authorities remain passive, and urged the abolition of extra-territorial privileges.

For the second time within a week, the Sejm yesterday heard demands for intensification of Jewish emigration from Poland on a mass scale, elimination of Jews from Polish industry, commerce and the liberal professions. They were voiced by Col. Wenda, a leader of the Government Camp of National Unity.

Denying adherence to racial theories and disavowing threats of violence, Col. Wenda declared the Camp regarded Jews as "culturally alien and economically harmful elements." His sentiments were echoed by Deputy Dudzinski, notorious anti-Semite, who recommended that Jews be forced into labor battalions to drain swamps and build roads as preparation for emigration.

Replying, Deputy Jacob Trockenheim declared Col. Wenda's speech merely formulated in sharper terms the Camp's known anti-Jewish program, which Jews regarded as an attack against the fundamental rights of the Polish Jewish population. He said that Polish Jewry would defend itself against this attack and continue to cooperate with other sections of the population for the benefit of the Polish State.

"BLACK FRONT," TERRORIST GROUP, HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR BUDAPEST BOMBING

BUDAPEST, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Police investigating the Feb. 3 bombing of a synagogue revealed today the existence of a secret terrorist organization known as the "Black Front," an affiliate of Capt. Ferenc Szalasi's Hungarist Nazi Party. The police said that a group of eight young members of the organization met two days before the bombing at the Green House of the Hungarian Nazis and were instructed in every detail of the bombing. Trial of five members of the organization, whose arrest was announced yesterday, will be held soon.

DR. JACOB HOROWITZ, REICH SCHOLAR, DEAD IN HOLLAND; HAD BEEN JAILED BY NAZIS

ARNHEM, The Netherlands, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Jacob Horowitz, vice-president of the Rabbinical Association of Germany who recently came here from Frankfurt-am-Main, died here today at the age of 65. Dr. Horowitz last December was reported a mental patient in a Frankfurt hospital following a fortnight's detention in prison, to which he was taken during a general round-up of Jews. He was the spiritual leader of the orthodox Frankfurt Jewish Community, a teacher in the Jewish Religious and Pedagogical Academy at Frankfurt and the author of many books on philosophical subjects, the bible and rabbinical teachings, as well as numerous articles on topical subjects.

WARBURG INSTITUTE, ART LIBRARY, REOPENED IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Warburg Institute, a library on the history of art, was reopened here today in the Imperial Institute Building, where accommodations have been provided by London University. Speakers at the ceremonies included Sir Allen Mawer, provost of London University College and Prof. T.R.S. Boase, director of the Courtauld Institute of Art.

WISCONSIN GOVERNOR'S REMARK AT LINCOLN DAY RALLY HELD ANTI-SEMITIC

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Heywood Broun, in his World-Telegram column yesterday, characterized as an "excursion into anti-Semitism" a remark of Governor Julius P. Heil of Wisconsin at the Republican Lincoln's Day dinner on Monday night. In the course of his address, which was nationally broadcast, Mr. Heil was quoted as declaring his pleasure because all the audience appeared to be composed "of Christian ladies and Christian gentlemen." Mr. Broun said this remark called forth the most fervent applause of the evening.

"EUROPE-RACIAL" SUBSTITUTED FOR "ARYAN" IN REICH LAW TEXTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The German Law Academy has decided to replace the terms "Aryan," "German-blooded" and "of German and cognate blood" in law texts with a new term, "Europe-racial," the New York Times reported today from Berlin. The first two terms were not exact and the third was too long, an academic subcommittee reported, while the new term is held to come closest to the purport of the racial laws.

TIMES RIDICULES MOTIVE BEHIND IMREDEY RESIGNATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Commenting on the resignation of Premier Bela Imredey of Hungary after his Jewish antecedents had been discovered, the New York Times declared editorially today that "a sane world would judge a man by his own qualities, not by his grandmother's or great-grandfather's race or religion, or even by their virtues or lack of them. And another name for sanity, in this meaning, is democracy."

MAYOR DECLINES TO BAN NAZI MEETING; DECLARES SUCH ACT WOULD BE 'LIKE HITLER'

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Mayor LaGuardia announced at City Hall tonight that he did not intend to prohibit the rally of the German-American Bund at the Madison Square Garden next Monday night despite protests received by his office from various organizations. He said that he would be doing "exactly as Hitler is doing in carrying on his abhorrent form of government" if he attempted to ban the meeting "because I don't agree with the sponsors of this meeting and just because they abuse the mayor of New York.

As long as the meeting is conducted in orderly fashion and no speeches are made advocating overthrow of the Government by force and violence, it will be permitted to be held, the Mayor said. He added that the same police "precautions" would be taken for this rally as are taken for similar meetings. Regarding the statement of Fritz Kuhn, leader of the Bund, that 3,000 Bund men would be on hand to preserve order, the Mayor said that "the police will attend to their duty and nobody will substitute for the police."

Among the organizations which protested against the meeting are the Descendants of the American Revolution and the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

DOROTHY THOMPSON BACKS RUBLEE EMIGRATION PLAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Dorothy Thompson today approved, in her syndicated column published in the Herald Tribune here, the plan for emigration of Jews from Germany negotiated by George Rublee. "It is argued against this plan," she said, "that it assists German exports. It also prevents wholesale suicides. It is an enormous advantage to the emigrants that instead of being permitted to take out a minute fraction or none of their goods in money they can take out a large proportion of it in capital goods -- in wealth which can be used to produce wealth abroad."

BROTHERHOOD WEEK TO SEEK MOBILIZATION OF FAITHS FOR DEMOCRACY

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A nation-wide campaign to mobilize members of all faiths for promotion of the principles of democracy, freedom and brotherhood will be launched during Brotherhood Week which begins Sunday. Sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Brotherhood Week will have as its theme "Democracy and Freedom," with emphasis upon a study of the Bill of Rights and its implications for a free America. The brotherhood campaign has been endorsed by President Roosevelt, governors of many states and mayors of cities throughout the country.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Brotherhood Week this year should be made the occasion for a mobilization of the nation's thinking and action for the purpose of publicizing and teaching the real significance of the Bill of Rights of the Federal Constitution, Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith, said today in a statement endorsing the sixth annual observance of Brotherhood Week. B'nai B'rith and its affiliates -- Aleph Zadik Aleph (Junior B'nai B'rith), the Hillel Foundations and Women's Auxiliaries -- are planning Brotherhood Week observances.

MEXICAN POLICE CHIEF COMPARED ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES TO REVOLUTIONARY OUTBREAKS

MEXICO CITY (JTA) -- General Federico Montes, Chief of Police, told newspaper reporters after the anti-Jewish excesses of Jan. 28 that the police had not taken drastic steps to avert the disorders in order not to repeat the brutal measures adopted 30 years ago in the repression of the "early revolutionary outbreaks" which prepared the way for the Mexican Revolution of 1910, according to the Mexican Labor News Service.