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### NAZI PLAN FOR ENSLAVEMENT OF BEATEN BRITAIN SMUGGLED OUT OF REICH

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A document purporting to be a detailed Nazi plan for the enslavement of a conquered Britain, annihilation of British Jewry and intimidation of American Jewry, has been smuggled out of Germany, it was reported here today. The document, allegedly signed by Gestapo leader Heinrich Himmler and circulated among Gestapo group leaders as "confidential--on penalty of death," outlines the following program:

- 1--Round-up of war leaders, anti-German writers, speakers, preachers, teachers, all trade union executives and all European Jewish refugees;
- 2--Creation of a government comprising British Fascists under German leadership, with local government administered by German army commanders for at least ten years;
- 3--Placing of all schools upon a "Germanic base," and control of all cultural activities;
- 4--Padlocking of all factories competing with German industries or converting them to other work;
- 5--Compulsory labor, embracing a 10-hour day and minimum wages, "to keep the population fit," and a ban on all voluntary labor unions;
- 6--Dealing with English Jewry "in such a way as to strike terror to the hearts of American Jews;"
- 7--Ruthless suppression of possible unrest by cordoning off districts and starving the inhabitants to death;
- 8--Converting England ultimately into a German colony.

### EXPULSIONS FROM CZECH AREAS BEGIN IN ADVANCE OF FEB. 1

PARIS, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Czech official circles here today reported receipt of information that expulsion of Jews from the Protectorate had been launched last week--before the Feb. 1 deadline for Jewish emigration.

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As warning to the Jews that the expulsion would begin in earnest on the first of the month, the Gestapo loaded several hundred Jews on two cattle trains and transported them to an unknown destination, the reports said. These Jews were said to be all of Polish origin.

In preparation for the mass expulsions, all Jews in the Protectorate have been ordered to submit to the Gestapo within 24 hours detailed lists of their belongings, it was reported. Germans were told they could select any Jewish house they wished to move into, and the occupants were evicted on a few hours' notice from those houses chosen by Germans.

Gestapo orders to the Jews are not published officially nor reported in the press, but are conveyed orally to Jewish communities, which must in turn transmit them verbally to individual Jews, with use of mail and telephone for this purpose prohibited.

Jews wishing to emigrate are finding unusual difficulties placed in their way. Each prospective emigrant must fill out 30 sheets of questions which he receives in a brown folder. Jews have given these folders the soubriquet "Mein Kampf" because of the struggle involved in arranging emigration.

#### New Polish Expulsions

PARIS, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Polish official circles reported today that the Nazi authorities have expelled all Jews from the towns of Pabianic and Zdunskavol near Lodz, "into the interior of Poland," which is taken to mean the Lublin or Siedlce regions.

In Warsaw, it was said, the Nazi administration has ordered the Chamber of Commerce to prepare lists of "Aryan" and Jewish enterprises, and a special office has been set up with authority to "collaborate" in transferring Jewish enterprises into "Aryan" hands.

Reports from provincial Polish cities said more than 1,000 persons, about half of them Jews, were burned alive when the town of Visskov was razed by a fire set by Nazis. The remaining inhabitants left the burning town by night, carrying their dead and wounded through woods and marshes, until they crossed the frontier into Soviet Poland.

#### REICH REPORTED DRAFTING JEWISH DOCTORS FOR ARMY WORK

PARIS, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Reliable reports today stated that the German authorities, because of a shortage of medical staff, have decided to mobilize Jewish physicians and have introduced a special uniform for them. The uniform is said to be the same as that of a German Army doctor, with a special inscription "Juedischer Arzt" (Jewish physician) on the stripes which signify rank.

At the same time, it was reported from Bohemia-Moravia that despite the Nazi ultimatum to Jews to emigrate by Feb. 1, nurses and chemists were being prevented from leaving.

WEIZMANN HAILS U.S. JEWRY'S RESCUE ROLE AS DETROIT WELFARE PARLEY OPENS

DETROIT, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Tribute to American Jewry's affirmative answer to "the question of Jewish survival in lands of oppression" was voiced last night by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, before the opening session of the seventh annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Attending the meeting, which will end on Monday, are more than 450 delegates from 144 communities in the United States and several thousand guests.

Tonight's session of the convention was devoted to a discussion of the General Jewish Council, led by President Henry Monsky of B'nai B'rith, Louis Lipsky, of the American Jewish Congress, and Simon Shetzer, president of the Detroit Jewish Community Council. Present-day trends in welfare work were discussed in an afternoon session presided over by Elias Mayer, of the Chicago Jewish Charities, and in which participants included Harry Greenstein, executive director of the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore; Edward Greensfelder, president of the Jewish Social Service Bureau of St. Louis; Joseph H. Hagedorn of Philadelphia and Julian H. Krolik of Detroit.

Other speakers at the opening session, held at Temple Beth El, included Clarence E. Pickett, executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers); Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; Fred Butzel, chairman of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, who introduced Dr. Weizmann, and William Rosenwald, president of the National Refugee Service, who presided.

In his address, Dr. Weizmann praised the role of the Council in effectively canalizing American Jewry's "impulses of devotion" toward the cause of aiding stricken European Jewry and supporting the Jewish national home in Palestine.

"In the world I have but recently left," he said, "there are today literally millions of Jews who find in the American Jewish community a great reservoir of material and spiritual strength. Beaten down by years of ruthless persecution, the Jewish communities of central and eastern Europe have been forced in large measure to relinquish their leadership in Jewish life throughout the world, and have watched with tortured hope the assumption by American Jewry of pre-eminence in the communal existence of Jewries everywhere."

"Year by year," Dr. Weizmann continued, "it has been made evident through the increasingly generous contributions of Jews throughout this country--contributions which have in many cases indicated real sacrifice--that the great body of American Jewry has answered affirmatively the question of Jewish survival in lands of oppression, and has determined to avail itself of every opportunity for supporting the Jewish national home in Palestine."

Citing the fate that has overwhelmed European Jewries, Dr. Weizmann emphasized that the contrast between them and the Jewish community of Palestine "lies in the fact that the Yishub, with self-reliance and single-minded purpose, may map out its own chart of the future." He added that "no threat--internal or external" would deter the Palestine Jewish community from carrying forward its upbuilding task.

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Mr. Pickett, speaking on "Our Part in American Security," asserted that in America's handling of the refugee problem lay "one of the great opportunities to show the effective functioning of democracy and even to give relief to unemployment." He said that if the problem were handled with skill "we will in the process bring to America a significant social and economic contribution."

Mr. Pickett scouted fears of competition by German immigrants, citing the experience of Britain where 11,000 refugees gave jobs to 15,000 native Britons and similar experiences in the United States.

For greater effectiveness in checking any anti-Semitism arising from the refugee problem, the Quaker leader urged increased efforts by Jewish and Christian organizations to orient into American life the present immigration from central Europe.

Mr. Pickett, citing the "close relationship which has grown up between Jews and Quakers during these trying days," voiced the hope that it might develop and "bear fruit in statesmanlike planning for the benefit of our whole American life."

#### Weizmann Gets Sum For Chemical Research

DETROIT, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A check designed to aid chemical research at his laboratories in Rehoboth, Palestine, was turned over to Dr. Chaim Weizmann yesterday at a luncheon in his honor by a group of prominent industrialists in the middle west.

The luncheon was tendered by Nate S. Shapero, president of the Cunningham Drug Stores in Michigan, and presentation of the check was made by Lewis Judah Ruskin, head of the Ford-Hopkins drugstore chain. The check was accompanied by a parchment testimonial carrying the names of all who made the gift.

#### ANTI-SEMITIC NATIONALIST GROUP UNITES WITH HERTZOG GROUP IN SO. AFRICA

CAPETOWN, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic Nationalist Republican Party of Dr. D.F. Malan and the parliamentary group led by ex-Premier J.B.M. Hertzog tonight announced an agreement for mutual cooperation against the Union government and issued a statement calling for "a republican form of government separated from the British crown." The agreement on cooperation between the opposition groups is subject to the approval of congresses of both groups.

The announcement followed by a day defeat in the Union House of Assembly of a resolution introduced by Gen. Hertzog calling for a separate peace with Germany. The Hertzog resolution was beaten by 81 votes to 59, giving the government of Gen. Jan Christiaan Smuts four more votes than had been anticipated.

#### WORK ON NEW FARM COLONY BEGUN IN PALESTINE; J.N.F. INCOME RISES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Two hundred persons today attended the laying of a foundation stone for the first of 50 houses at Helzibah near Hedera, launching a new settlement for agricultural laborers on a tract given by the Palestine Land Development Co. The first 50 houses will be completed within four or five months and another 50 families will be registered for the next series of buildings.

Meanwhile, the Jewish National Fund announced that its income in December, 1939, represented an increase of £50,000 over the same period a year ago. During the last quarter of 1939, £280,000 was expended for land purchases, amelioration, afforestation and participation in the costs of settlement.

In Tel Aviv it was disclosed that in connection with the general restriction of Mediterranean shipping, the number of ships calling at the Tel Aviv port decreased considerably during the last four months. In 1939, 845 ships with an aggregate tonnage of 1,728,160 called at the port, compared with 818 ships with a tonnage of 1,480,502 in 1938. A total of 158,507 tons were unloaded and 48,202 loaded, including 1,251,951 cases of oranges. Passengers arriving totalled 13,950 and passengers leaving 4,653.

At a meeting of the Tel Aviv Municipal Council, Mayor Israel Rokach introduced a budget for 1940-41 involving income of £527,947 and expenditures of £525,922. The only change from last year's budget was an additional three per cent tax on property.

The budget provides £136,414 for health and sanitation, £125,290 for education, £37,426 for social work, £15,300 for public works, £4,100 for police, £3,652 for cultural purposes and £36,238 for administrative costs.

Mayor Rokach pointed out that since April, 1937, a total of £190,000 in debts had been repaid and the remaining debts on April 1, 1940, would be £200,000. Urging the Government to contribute toward education and health maintenance, he warned that the city was unable to continue these services indefinitely without assistance.

#### Heavy Rains, Earthquake Hit Palestine

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Heavy property damage was inflicted today by torrential rains that disrupted traffic and flooded streets throughout the city. Quick work by firemen and civil guards prevented loss of life in the more crowded quarters.

HAIFA, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A slight earth shock, centering in Haifa, was felt in northern Palestine yesterday morning. There were no casualties or damage.

#### Seeks Trade Pact in Bucharest

BUCHAREST, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Moshe Chelouche, president of the Palestine Rumanian Chamber of Commerce in Tel Aviv has arrived here to negotiate a new commercial treaty with the Rumanian Government.

#### GOLDSTEIN NAMED J.N.F. PRESIDENT SEVENTH TIME

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein has been re-elected to his seventh term as president of the Jewish National Fund of America, it was announced today. A board of directors comprising 32 representatives of constituent Zionist groups and 19 of the community as a whole was elected, as well as an administrative committee of 16 members. Other officers named were Louis Rinsky, treasurer; Rabbi I.M. Kowalsky, associate treasurer; Louis Segal, honorary secretary, and Mendel N. Fisher, executive director.

ITALIANS DISPLACE JEWS AS MAJORITY IN GARMENT TRADE, SURVEY REVEALS

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Italians have displaced Jews as the majority group in the men's garment industry in the metropolitan area, it is revealed in a survey published today by the Conference on Jewish Relations in its quarterly publication Jewish Social Studies.

The survey, embracing 5,720 workers in 48 representative shops, was made by Jacob Loft on the basis of a fellowship established at Columbia University by the Conference in 1937. Of the total, 3,152 workers or 56.1 per cent were found to be Italian, and 2,155 or 38.6 per cent Jewish.

Although 31 of the shops examined were Jewish-owned and 17 Italian-owned, the author of the survey found no evidence to indicate that "the Jewish employer is disinclined to employ Jewish garment workers." "However," he added, "he tends to leave the Jewish mass with a large number of Italian workers. The Italian employer tends to seat Italians in his shop and is strikingly reluctant to employ Jewish workers. It appears that the Italian-owned shop is re-enacting the role of cultural intermediary for the Italian workers that was formerly played by the Jewish-owned shop for the Jewish contingent."

Relegation of the Jewish garment workers to a minority group, Mr. Loft found, "is significant enough to suggest that an added page has been completed in the annals of the industry as an agency for cultural-acclimatization. First, immigrant German and Irish displaced native-born workers of Anglo-Saxon and Scottish stock, then Jewish strains from southern, western and eastern Europe supplanted their predecessors, and now we find an Italian group in substantial control of the field, having replaced the Jewish contingent."

HERO OF ETHIOPIAN CONQUEST GRANTED EXPLOITATION RIGHTS BY MUSSOLINI

ROME, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- In accordance with the personally-expressed wish of Premier Benito Mussolini, the Jewish hero of the Ethiopian war, Lieut. Bruno Jesi, will soon leave for Ethiopia to launch the activities of a newly-formed Jewish corporation for the cultivation of oil-bearing plants. He will be accompanied by seven Jewish engineers and agricultural experts.

Lieutenant Jesi, who is the founder and director of the company, incorporated as the Compagnia Ethiopica Semioliosa, was recently awarded the rarely-bestowed Gold Medal brevet, held by only 50 living Italians, for extraordinary valor during the Ethiopian campaign, in which he lost a leg.

The company has as its principal purpose the organization of profitable agriculture in Ethiopia. The project found its inspiration when Lieut. Jesi wrote a personal letter to Premier Mussolini presenting his case as an Italian Jew who had given all he could, including his right leg, for his fatherland and now found himself deprived of the fundamental right of existing, under Italy's anti-Semitic laws.

In response to the appeal, the Duce invited Jesi to organize a Jewish project for the development of the Empire, offering him every Government cooperation. An incorporated project with capitalization of 5,000,000 lire soon resulted. Lieut.

Jesi visited Ethiopia with a technical commission to find territory best adapted to development. He chose three tracts, embracing 2,000 hectares in the vicinity of Cerear, 2,000 hectares near Bogadica in Italian Somaliland and 1,000 hectares around the village of Khora on the Ardis Ababa-Jibuti railway, 100 miles from the Ethiopian capital.

On returning to Rome, this land was requested and was immediately ceded to the Jesi company under 99-year leases calling for rental of \$1 annually in order to retain Government ownership, with option for renewal for another 99 years.

Lieut. Jesi plans first to take his seven engineers and a supply of tractors to the 1,000 hectare tract around Khora, where work will be commenced within a month. He intends eventually to produce olive oil, castor oil, arachic (peanut oil) and several other types of vegetable oil, besides a certain amount of wheat.

Jesi states that it will take about a year to complete organization on the first tract. With the benefit of the experience gained there he will then proceed with cultivation of the other two areas. Meanwhile, he hopes to expand the company's capitalization to 30,000,000 lire. It is pointed out that the plan is not intended as a scheme for colonization of Jews. Labor will be recruited from among the natives, with a minimum number of supervisors and clerical employees brought from Italy.

#### 60,000 JEWS SERVING WITH FRENCH FORCES

PARIS, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The French League to Combat Anti-Semitism announced today, with permission of the military authorities, that at least 60,000 Jews were serving with the French forces.

At the same time, the Interior Ministry issued an announcement calling on stateless and political refugees to hold themselves in readiness for military service. These refugees, who include several thousand Jews, had volunteered in the first week of the war, but have not yet been called up.

Jews with the fighting forces, according to the League's statement, include 30,000 French Jews serving on the front and 30,000 foreign Jews who have voluntarily joined the Foreign Legion and Polish and Czech Legions. They represent almost all the able-bodied Jews in France, outside of stateless and political refugees. The statement was accompanied by a list of Jews killed and wounded in action and those decorated for bravery.

Meanwhile, another battalion of several hundred Czech Jewish volunteers arrived here from Palestine to join the Czech Legion in France.

#### FRENCH JEWS SEND EARTHQUAKE RELIEF TO TURKEY

PARIS, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Alliance Israelite Universelle has presented to the Turkish Ambassador a contribution of funds in the name of the French Jews for Turkish earthquake relief, together with a message to the Turkish President paying tribute to Turkey's "most humanitarian attitude towards the Jews, which is reciprocated by deep sympathy felt by world Jewry towards the Turkish nation."