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New Year, 1938.

1) In a dark - hearts - minds .

RH-38

Past year recorded - disaster

closing days - debacle - prophetic -

Bec. of abdication, ^{eli}enthroned - Wild-beast - ride

Small nations - broken reeds - rush headlong - camp - Most

2) More serious - the things - enthroned
Force has been justified - Dict. succeeds - In 5 years ^{what!} - A

And democ. France - what indictment!

Any nation - wishing to - scraps -

An era of reaction - suppression - Twilight

3) Poison - violence - More insistent, aggression, Disrupt
Surest weapons

4) Prospect dark!

Why have - Fundamentally - repudiation - Violence -

Break down -

First affront - dragons' teeth.

Salutary provisions - disregarded -

Our own country - shock - Japan - immobilized -

Beginning of End - thereafter - Stage-setting

Other unchecked - unilateral - statesmen - morass

5) Proper adherence - Unionist Rights - contempt, disregard

Framers - cannot apply - St. Keir - 30% -

Anticipated - depressed - revisionism -

Fundam. Law - League - only a League - Break-down

Can be built only - Justice - Law - Fight
"Curse" ^{לענ} "Because they came not to the help of the
Lord against the mighty"

11/ Hard to maintain - esp. for Jewish people -

Let us remember plight - In East -

One Picture - will change - 2000/1/15 -

Ancient people - not lose - perspective - into account
mighty tides

There is a limit - toleration of oppression - this week

Man kind - never permanently submitted -

No one ever succeded - coordinating

Mighty Troubles of Earth - disaster.

Let us be patient - resolute - wait & work -

Know how to draw strength -

35 centuries -

Always faced superior forces

12/ What is clearly indicated - direction - ideals for us

① Refugees ② Palestine ③ Syn. & Schools - refresh

④ Fight our enemies! - not on defensive!

- for all -

13/ we must be able to stand up to the world - we must be able to stand up to the world

RH 38

1) It is a dark desperate hour in which - Our hearts are heavy -
minds - perplexed.

Past year recorded one disaster - Austria - Italy - A near-
disaster in short-lived Cziza-Gyga - drastic curtailment - Hungary
Riots - blood shed in Palestine - defend.

Closing days of Year witnessed a tragic debacle of honour -
which is prophetic of still greater disasters for -

Be. of the abdication of Em. Klemm in face of - on issue of
Sweden - Hitter - ^{the Great German Empire is in} enthroned exalted - And the things
he stands for - ^{Blind world host of force} will ride triumphantly - Central & Europe.

Small nations with proof of unreliability - will rush headlong
into His camp -

will be master of continent of Europe -

more serious - the things he stands for - enthroned - exalted

Force has been justified! Dictatorship succeeds! Peace -
is played out! Without a war - H. has extended -

What a selling point for Die!

And Em. France - on top world 20 - without
having lost any war - 2nd rate - how before H.

What an indictment of Klemm.

Any nation which wishes to survive - or grow great
must scraps - object lesson!

An era of reaction - suppression - blackest tyranny will
sit over Europe - to last no one knows how long.
It is the twilight of Humanity

4. Prison & Antisem. will spread - with increasing virulence
Antisem. in ~~the~~ few remaining democr., will become
more aggressive - insistent -
Nazism will attempt to disrupt few remaining democr.
and their reachest weapon is Antisem.

3/ Prospect - dark!
Why have all these things happened? Fundamentally -
repudiation - mounting catastrophes.
You cannot do violence to Spirit - Break-down.
First affront - dragons' teeth -
Moral & Salutory provisions - if - disregarded -
Our own country - Shock! Next shock - unmitigated
Beg. of end of Collective Security.
Thereafter - stage - setting for colossal futility.
Other unchecked acts of aggression - Unilateral -
Having destroyed collective security - Europ. statesmen - more
frantically - regional pacts - shameful concessions

4/ Proper adherence to princ. of Rights of humanity -
Contemptuous disregard - for princ. & covenants
The framers - intermingling - regardless - boundaries
Princ. of Self-determ. could not be applied - Skeris -
30% - Poland -

(3)

It was anticipated - oppressed - revisionism -
∴ fundamental law - only logical & the real
League appointed - only a League - Break-down
Pawns - Strong nations - hurt - will disrupt -
Hitler is to-day leading in this game.
not interested -
By permitting him to play this game successfully, on
pretext of self-defence - ~~by means of~~ ^{shaping} ~~European~~
~~which, in the end, will some day destroy France~~
helping him to extend his hegemony over weak states -
~~and thereby must be reconstructed the state of Europe before~~
1914 - war.

5. His persecution of J. minority should have been a
warning - to other minorities - to all Europe.
J. picked on first - weakest - others were sure
to follow - others have!
If stop them! - ^{There is an inter. order - to protect} ~~And now its~~ Greeks who will have
to flee! ... To Warsaw - Poles!
We told them - H. is not our enemy only -
When law is denied to one - Tyranny overtakes all!

6. Sad to contemplate to what a sorry pass - (210701)
Dream of a new world order - shattered - not because
Cham. at Brest-Litovsk - Godsherg - Synder - Walachin - Imphol

7/1. Chavke. constant talk about appeasement - betrayed Peace.
Had they lived up to - collective security - no need - purchase
peace - sacrificing - not British interest

• had a foot - colony - to aphron!
Sudden enthus. ans - placates + P. Dete. Inchar
why isn't he demanding rights for 600.000 g - Gypsies - Soldiers

8. Appeasement is not Peace - ransom - black-markets -
encourage greater expectations.

Peace can be built only - willingness to pay price - fight

Curse pronounced - "Merog" - "Because they came not
to the help of the Lord against the mighty"

9/1. It is hard to maintain morale - esp. Jewish people - Communists
criminals
parasites
Let us remember - plight - singled - one picture -

Picture will change! 2000 1/10 - 1005 1/10
Ancient people, not lose historic perspective - fail to talk with
account mighty tides.

There is a hint to human toleration of oppression
Manhood, never permanently - submitted -
no one has succeeded in coordination with rigid
mighty troubles, the earth - Let us be patient - grim - story - + wait!
Our people know how to draw strength from defeat -
35 centuries - hardened
Always we have been faced - superior forces

10/ What is clearly indicated - increased alienation - ideals
on religion - chaos.

Much work to be done ① Refugees ② Palestine - 1/10 - 1918 - If
our status is worse > other minorities -

③ ~~Our Com. life here - Temples - Schools -~~ ^{Ref. & Syn.}
~~Communal life~~ - feed, refresh & strengthen our spirit. Symbol
of our solidarity - ④ Fight our enemies - not on defensive!
באמצעות כל האמצעים האפשריים -

11/ Law & our History: כל מה שקשור לנו חייב להיות
בסדר וכל מה שחייב להיות

