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National Conference for Palestine, 1939.

My dear friends,

The annual conference of the United Palestine Appeal is now in session here in the city of Washington. Hundreds of delegates from all parts of the country have assembled to consider the grave problem of Jewish refugees and how Palestine may serve as a haven for many of them.

For more than half a century now Jews have been pioneering and building in Palestine at the behest of a great historic necessity - now made doubly imperative - to reconstruct their national life in their national home. For many centuries the Jewish people, as such, has been without a national center and a normal national existence, though many Jews as individuals have found homes in many parts of the world where they are enjoying the privileges and sharing in the responsibilities of loyal citizenship along with the rest of the population. The lack of a national homeland and national status, such as all other peoples possess, has tragically disadvantaged the Jewish people throughout the centuries of their dispersion. Everywhere a minority, Jews have frequently shared the fate of all minorities, which is to be saddled with the guilt for whatever misfortune befalls the majority. Lacking a voice in the councils of nations, and possessed of no fatherland to champion their cause, the plight of the Jewish minority was oftentimes far more desperate than that of any other ~~minority~~. Thus the hope and desire to rebuild their national life in Palestine and to put an end to their national exile, have always been very strong and active among Jews.

Little, however, could be done to achieve these ends through the long centuries of persecution. Towards the close of the last century, however, under the compulsion of events in Western Europe which clearly demonstrated the hopelessness of finding a solution for Jewish disabilities and discriminations as long as the Jewish people remained nationally homeless, and under the impulse of inspired leadership, the work of rebuilding Palestine ~~as the national homeland~~ began in earnest. The story of that work, carried on under the most difficult and discouraging conditions, in a land which had been neglected for centuries

and which had become the prey of waste, ruins, disease and unspeakable poverty, constitutes one of the truly noble epics of modern times, a matchless saga of physical courage and spiritual vision.

In 1917, during the World War, the Balfour Declaration was issued by Great Britain. This placed the official seal of approval of that great empire upon the labor and aspirations of these nation builders in Palestine, and proclaimed to the world that Great Britain looked with favor upon the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people. At the conclusion of the World War the mandate over Palestine was awarded to Great Britain by the League of Nations and, by its terms, Great Britain pledged itself to carry out the letter and spirit of the Balfour Declaration and to assist in the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland by facilitating Jewish immigration into Palestine and the close settlement of the Jews upon the soil.

The last five years have again demonstrated ~~and~~ even more forcibly the indispensibility of Palestine in Jewish life and vindicated anew the vision and the sacrifices of the pioneers who opened up the land for settlement. As civilization in Europe began its plunge downward into darkness and chaos, with the rise of the Nazis to power, the plight of the Jewish people in Central and Eastern Europe became increasingly more desperate and tragic. The ghastly story of the Jews in Germany is too well known and too fresh in the ~~public~~ ^{of men} mind to need recounting. That great community, so rich in history, culture and achievements, ~~among whom the dream of a free, creative and tolerant humanity, was most ardently cherished,~~ lies utterly shattered today, and hundreds of thousands of German Jews, broken, stripped and impoverished, are scattering all over the world as exiles, seeking new havens ^{in which} to begin life ~~all over again~~ ^{anew}. Should the plague of diseased ideas, whose focal point of infection is Nazi Germany, spread to the neighboring countries which, since Munich, have come under its ideologic ~~in the wake of~~ ^{as well as} its political and economic influence, many other Jewish communities might share a

similar fate.

Whither these refugees are to go has been the grave concern of many *earnest and* sympathetic minds. Our own government, through its great, humanitarian President, has taken commendable initiative by convoking an international conference to discuss this tragic problem. Suggestions have been made for the settlement of many of these refugees as colonists in new territories to be opened up to them in Tanganyika, British Guiana and elsewhere.

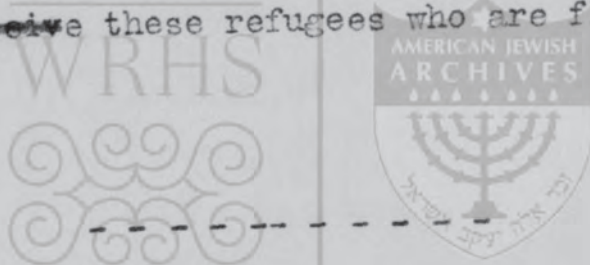
These proposals may be found to have merit, but for the immediate future they offer little prospect for any large-scale settlement. Palestine alone offers such a prospect. Palestine is prepared today, because of the preparatory pioneer-
already done
ing work, and the labor and capital already invested in it, to absorb 100,000 Jewish settlers immediately and tens of thousands more annually thereafter. There is no longer any need for preliminary and prolonged surveys ~~studies~~, for the initial, costly and difficult work of clearing jungles or draining marshes or constructing roads or bringing into existence the health and educational facilities which a large-scale immigration requires. All this has *already* been done. The country is already prepared to receive immigrants in large numbers. In the last five years Palestine absorbed nearly a quarter of a million new settlers - half of the total world Jewish immigration.

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A policy on the part of Great Britain favoring a free and unrestricted admission of Jewish refugees into Palestine, in view of the unprecedented disasters which have overtaken large Jewish communities in Europe and which threaten to engulf many others, will be welcomed and applauded by all the fair-minded governments of the world. Such a policy would be predicated not only on obligations freely and publicly assumed by Great Britain under the terms of the Balfour Declaration and the mandate, but also on the even stronger moral basis - the emergency which confronts hundreds of thousands of helpless human beings and the mandates of humanity and justice. The intransigence of Arab political extremism which has been fostered in recent years *by* ~~all~~ totalitarian governments, as hostile to Great Britain as to the

Jews, should not be permitted to stand in the way of this great human service of rescue and salvation, especially since the coming of Jews into Palestine has been shown to bring increased prosperity and well being to the Arabs.

It is unbelievable that at a time when some nations, like the United States, which have serious unemployment problems of their own, are willing out of sympathy and human compassion to admit a substantial number of ~~these~~ refugees, these exiles' way of refuge to the Jewish homeland should be barred by Great Britain, which undertook to facilitate Jewish immigration into it and proclaimed that Jews may come to Palestine as of right and not on sufferance.

The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, all well-intentioned governments and public opinion throughout the world should concentrate on this task of *urging* ~~bringing moral pressure~~ *and bounding* on Great Britain to do its clear duty, and ~~to~~ open wide the doors of Palestine to ~~receive~~ these refugees who are fleeing from persecution and terror.



To the everlasting credit of this sorely-tried generation of Jews be it said, that in spite of the tragedies which were piled up upon it, Ossa on Pelion, in spite of the frightful disruption of numerous old centers of Jewish life, in spite of the impoverishment, exhaustion and persecutions which made of the whole household of Israel one vast hostelry of pain, it nevertheless was able to find within itself the energy, the courage and the resources to build in Palestine in twenty short years a new and resplendent center of Jewish life, already the fifth largest Jewish center in the world, and first and foremost in the richness and vitality of its intrinsic Jewish spirit and culture. Here in Palestine a new and powerful bulwark for the survival of the Jew and of Judaism has been established, as great and as rich in promise, and to be sure, under as great difficulties, as in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. Regardless of any future developments, something great and heartening and re-assuring has already been achieved there.

And much more will be achieved in the days to come. The Jewish people has set its hand to the task and will not desist until it will have achieved that for which our people has yearned and hoped through the ages - a free and independent Jewish life in its own home.

Abba Hillel Silver

October 30, 1939

For U.P.A. Yearbook

1/273 26 - Dark Ages - Civilization, spires - UPA (1939?)

~~Apology - why? - more - alienation~~

(1) Suppression of Individual - "inalienable rights -

(2) Enslavement of Mind - indoctrination - thing with blood - propaganda - studies -

(3) Chauvinistic Nationalism - 19C - provincialized "Humanity"

(4) The Racial State,

(5) War psychosis -

4. In such a world - recurrent Med. - Fr. Rev. - Judeo-Ch. Tradition - lot of all weaker professions - Spain - China - Ethiopia

lot of J. minority - It thrived on rights of ind. - freedom of mind - tolerant nat. - peace -

And a minority which has no homeland

"The Jews' quality of a permanent minority renders Ant. permanent" (Prof. Hugo Valentin) - and in times of their conflict - violent and deadly.

3. Against background - madness -

~~Crusades~~

~~Vienna 1421 - Hissites~~

~~Bismarck~~

~~To-day - Right & Left~~

Until ~~that~~ Angels is resolved - that!

- in for hammering -

4) Will pass away - Lie - No new Phils -

will destroy itself - Mankind resume (and when)

Not despair for Europe -

Jews life not bigamy -

Solution of minority problems - sought anew. & will find it

Must not accept slogan of "surplus population" - ^{that I can't}

and "Exodus" -

④ It is deep - Surgery. No Relief.
⑤ By taking away ⑥ Taken away

① It is hoped - Roman

② Job-less intellectuals

③ Parasite

5) P. cannot take care of 16 M. world, or 10 M. Europe

And settling in countries adjacent to Vol. affords them no greater security, & lands where they now are & only merely voluntarily resettles the diaspora.

② P. cannot be built up then a highly & unfavorable mass exodus of evacuated Jews - And, it is clear now, that any org. association will be of just this nature. 1.5, 1922 - 1923

③ The Jewish ideal is to land Jews to P. - not to crowd occupants with land to land their Jews to Vol.

④ Vol can absorb large numbers - esp. if does & if we Jews 400,000 But it cannot do the impossible -

(c) Its chief conclusion - Status - like all other people - A National Home & Homelessness - but bi-millennial tragedy -

(d) Internat. Jew - English - German will go from one home to another - We from one Homelessness to another

we should find comfort in our history, one who was the
 first people to interpret and to write history. ~~the~~
~~find the warrants for this~~ ^{they put in metaphors but} ~~theology~~ in history. 12th.
~~we can find~~ ^{They} saw the first prints of God's presence therefore
 in their national experience ^{It is not that is a wish to suppress the 1st} ~~theology~~ 1228 1213
 1231

① Moses: ה' כ"ב ח'א' כ"ב ה' כ"ב
 Haham: 2781 328 ד' כ"ב



Wendell Rosen House - 1928

rearm Barb - destroy Soviet - remove Jews
to states 7 untouchables

"I promise, he said, burying his fist down on the table, that I will make life impossible for the Jews 7 Germany. and that I will not rest till I have destroyed the influence, the Jews in the whole of Europe - and in the world. Yes, I swear that the day will come when you in America will see the Jewish plutocrats stand with outstretched hands at the doors, the Christian churches begging for alms. They have been Germany's misfortune. They will pay dearly for their crimes!"

Pierre Van Praesen -

Ways / Our Year's

1/ Roiled = Change -

2/ In such a world - 1st/2nd 12/3 - rules.
Men make idols - forbidden - indecent -
Apostasy - Turn from Classic Values - Shrines
why?

3/ What are some of these -

① Suppression of Ind. - Our Bible begins
1st/2nd - clay - but unique - Invisible

✓ (a) "Unalienable rights"

✓ (b) To-day - Monolithic State

✓ (c) Mussolini - no quarrel - "Correlation"
Can't stand alone.

✓ (d) Jew - no longer treated as an Israel.
Freud, Hermann,

(e) This is Alienation!

(2) Enslavement of Mind

✓ Invest - Crown - 1st/2nd - Schools

✓ To-day - regimentation -

Think with blood -

✓ (a) Einstein rejected - Jewish

✓ (b) Books proscribed - libraries - burnt

✓ (c) Moving Pictures

(3) Degradation / man-thru Race

Judas-ch. Trad. — 3 1/2 hrs —

"The God — one blood"

✓ Adam —

✓ at behest —

✓ children — cruelty — "personalize"

(4) Degradation / man-thru War —

✓ ① Vienna — from —

✓ ② Our own world —

✓ ③ To-day — idealization / war — Weltanschauung

4/. In such a world of recurrent Meel. —

Fr. Karl — Judas ch. — lot of all

men is sad — ✓ Sp. — think — to think

✓ Concentration Camps — not just only

✓ for , Minority — part. sad.

500,000 on Race

5/. Will not hear your hearts —

Use your imagination — Carer — Public

Teachers — Friends — Youth —

Erase

Excess Pop. - of course - is Jewish (3)
In order to relieve pressure - emigrant
Tantamount - edicts - cynical -

7/ Some of leaders - toyed - evacuation -
An eminent delegation - to persuade -
a large-scale Exodus - should be arranged
Within a few weeks, this highly publicized
adjacent, all news papers, announced

To-day, it is clear, solution by Exodus
highly fantastic, imposs. of realization
No longer a question of 500,000 -
5 million - & no one knows

8/ At best - & at the cost - with aid -
a small percentage

Present econ. conditions, hardly, not favorable
large-scale migrations. Every country

9/ We must, of course, do all we can -
those who can - those who remain
But to hope for a Permanent Solution

without blinking

(4)

And we must bring this fact - to govt

We must bear them in no doubt

May not be able persuade - artif. remedy,
drastic surgery

no essential relationship bet. popul.
and Prosperity - To our own

14. It is just as logical for Poland -
for United States

Then an 14 M. - not to speak of 25

would such - wheels of industry?

11/. Again, you do not solve, by taking away
It is only by sound reorganization

12. I say, we may not be able to persuade
But, we may at least them - no doubt
about our ability or readiness to export
we are not able! but ready! but willing!

13/ Poland - has to reconvert - cannot however
impossibility, under present conditions, poor
at rate - birth rate
Even, if there existed perfect, 50,000
at end of 9 generations - still 3%.

14/ In Poland, Russians, will have to live
suffer or not -

Question arises - Is it more states would
harass - a source - Breeding
lying down! Human nature!
They will seek to destroy - Russians

15/ Long Gant which is 20 - set about
prescribing its own down

It is doing its best to raise, train
you can hold present people

boycott propaganda - Napoleon

16/ Return to Equality - Human rights
- will come -

14 - כ"ו אלול ה'תש"ח -



See. we do not ^{serve} ~~worship~~ God in our present - We are
with our enemies in our adversity. 1846

~~Fear - Unstable~~

Always - 1, 3 21 2 2 2 - P. this slaves. All
are slaves. - G. House / Slaves - 21 13 1 2

Rule of our over many!

First Commandment: מלכה אחת ויהי אלהים אחד
אלהים אחד ויהי אלהים אחד

Imagination -

773 18 - Fronts - Widening Area of
Disaster - orbit of tragedy -

Within 12 months - $\frac{1}{2}$ shadow - Process
Italy - Mamel - Rumania - Antropot

Refugees - across - Singly - Known -

Few lands - Bridged - Odyssey -

Meager - Bear marks - Proud

Hard Road & Exile - Vises

In normal times - charge - luck

In the past - our own land

But there are not - 25 yrs -

Primal savages - Paganism - 101%

Typhus - Cholera - Flu - 4 Horsemen

^{- cyanide -}
Evian Conf - exposed - insects

Not a simple nation - Unwilling

4. 773 18 - Have thides

① h. o. Hopelessness - Dark waters

35 centuries - learned
② Present Scene -

Until that time

3/ 3 Things -

① Alone - Alone - youth -

② Refugee -

③ Palestine

1- Material Plane - 200.000

2- In 1946 riots
→ 2B - Guiana

3- Symbol - Ruins - Essen

4- Epic

5- Normalize - International

6- Arabs - compromise -
"moment"

Nothing in Bal. Deal.

7- Suffering - Joshua - 2nd King

Australia 7 1/2

New Zealand 1 1/2

1/ Glar. House of God.

Survival of Is. in world - inseparable from
" Synag. -

Our status may depend upon Survival of Jews.
" Survival depends entirely... .. yourself

Jews have been known to exist under
Monarchies - Tyrannies - under Oppressors.

But at no time did they persist long
without Eyn. + Torah

2/ Exp. in these times - when so many
things to which Jews clung - Emancipa-
tion - Prosper. - Power - Education - Wealth - are
falling away - crumbling like dust -

↳ lifting their fingers -
Is' faith - Is' Torah - Is' Synag. - Loorn
up again as Refuge - Comfort - Hope
and Pride

3/ When now the Jews 7 J. Ther. get to be
it means 7 survival 9 past - is now
n tolerated - Sole remaining sp. Home!

① Prayer - echoes of past - Mid Sun

- אור נשגב
הנבחר

it is ^{very} ~~exists~~ torn from depths of our soul!

B- Rel. kept alive Pal. hope - Festival

4/1 say. fitting, Conf. climax session with assembly is historical citadel of life

① J. Paymen ② most dear. sheltered -
and ③ unfading companions - all wandering
and vicissitudes

7. What makes present situation desperate?

① Katabasis - 150 yr - resilience and optimism

Moving along with an advancing World
Freedom - Equality - Tolerance

② Since War - in spite of seeming liquidation
reshopmen - War - Enemy

300 rebz - Deep Water - rolled

③ Rights of Man - 19c - Golden Age -
BiPa - 1262 - unshakable

④ Power of State curbed by Const. Guarantees
- Kept Majority - from Victorious Minority

1/ Katabasis - Since was Enemy
Crusades - Vienna - Black Rye.

2/ Rejuvenation - Rights, Man - State
Mind - Nat - Rationalism

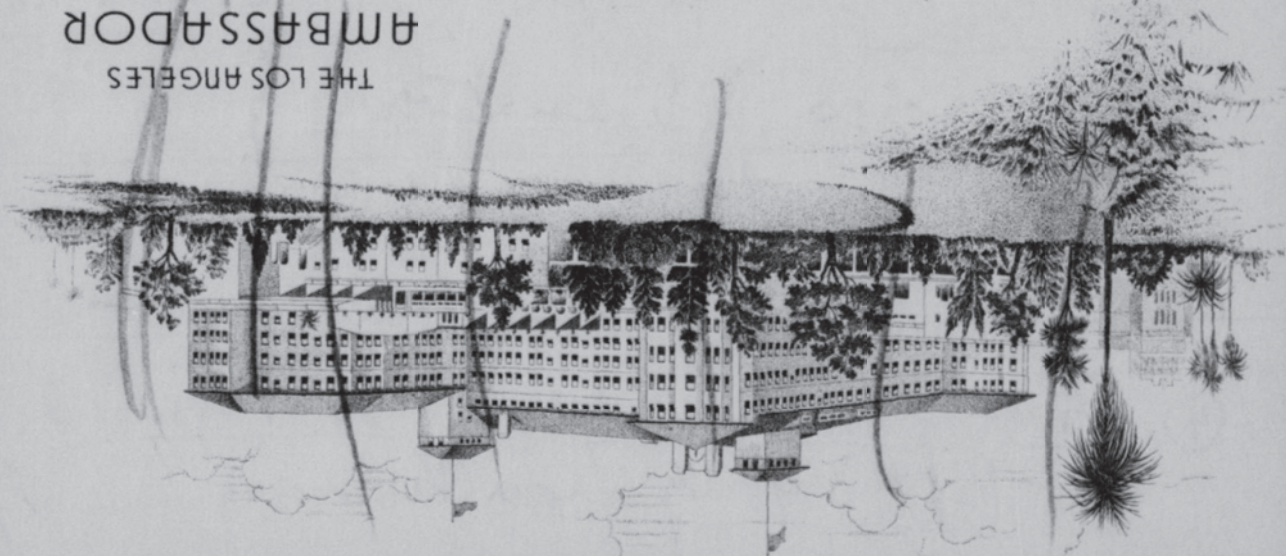
3/ Steeple exploitation - Propaganda
51% on Race

4/ Projects - Collapse
① no new Philos -

② Holy Alliance

5/ Israel - not liquidation - defunct
Law - 2nd 100 1
Hita - 5 yr - year 1938 -

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7/ What are prospects? - Hope?

Fasann here to stay? No! Has no new
philosophy - no new vision - no new hope -
Except old, three repudiated Med. doctrines
of Hopkins - them Fur - Granny - conquest -
and War!

① Man kind will destroy it High chance
44X① Western Front

8/ Israel - not liquidating.

Too much faerie "flood + dream - mercury"
in our camp - "Carve" "Courage" "Hough"
etc.

We have forgotten Law from Existence
but don't stop, and stop in the
middle

✓ Hater is 5 mins — we — soon —

"Il a la mer à boire"

Year 1938 - not lost in Calcutta, Govt.

Our world is a fire today -

הסרה חתך 12 ארסה אלמן האל

And out Fire = Renovation!

6/ Things to do.

And - ② 100 -

Not enough
→ 125,000

Fight - Defence

7/ Palatine - Refuge - 200,000
To America?

8/ No opposition to Palest.

9/ Character of Desperation

10/ Epre

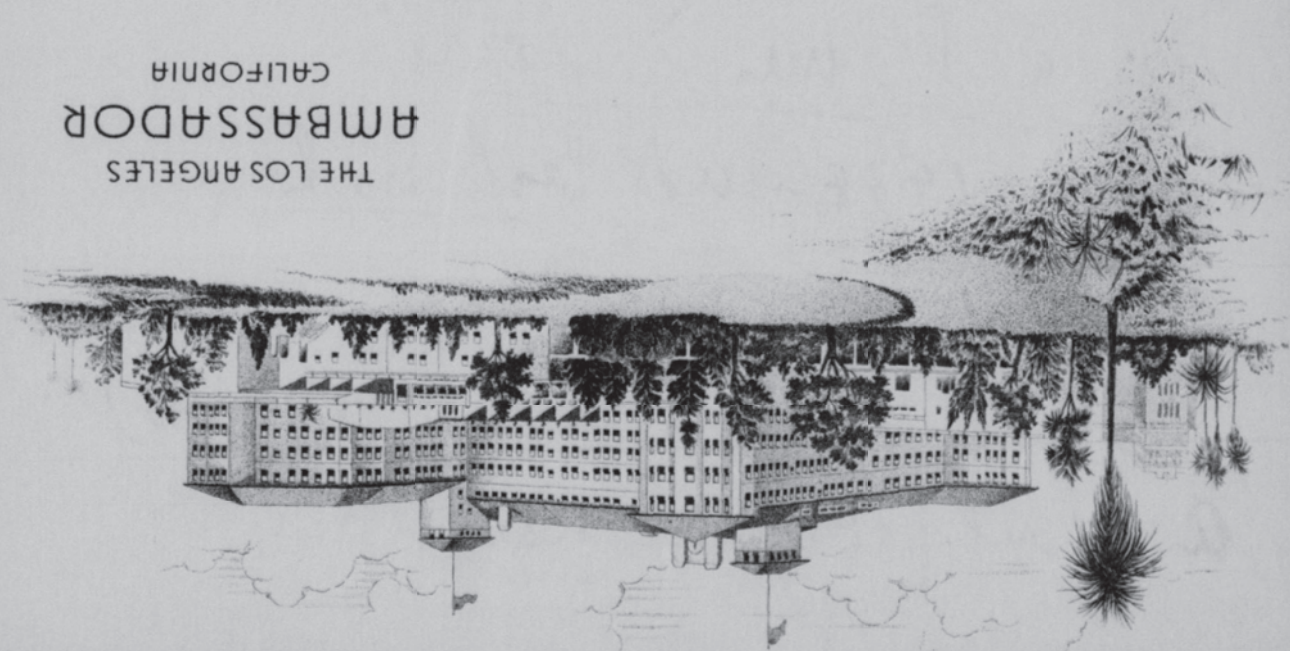
Last year -

25,000



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~~Each State - Shall Hold High~~ ~~Few~~

renouncing plume in world to-day

~~Spirit of Jefferson 150 yrs~~

12/ High Ego in Europe

Palestine - Refuge 200-000

Nat. Home

normalizing

Status - Respect
address -

Proud - Homecoming

Life

Education

13/ Tagore

Give a maximum - guide by extent of

Emergency - + hard

Sacrificially



17/ I said at outset - 2 fold -
Maximum sample - for upskilling, of Homeland
not bec. Pal. is solution of problem.
not yet - having all presented -

{ Pal. can become Home -
In fact - 71% - 200,000 - 40,000
5. children -
Phy, int, moral journey

~~18/ Due to the pol. uncertainty / declined
But A. such periods, declines before
Perhaps, as a result - Secy Hull -
Insofar as P. can drain off~~

19/ But P's major contribution - Henry
a Nat. Home -
a land - as of right
" - Mayouty - Curse -
" - J. life develops normally as do the
a Place - J. culture - authentic traditions
a Nat. Home - will prob - Pop. Statistics
- but all - Fatherland

~~27/ Budget 4 1/2 H-~~

28/ It is my friend Hye - Am. Jewry, in its
 had. generosity, will rise to challenge
with possible rebuking - Cradle - Place
renewed land -

~~29/ Up building - the expression of an American
 Hye - to defend Jewry~~

30/ King - Baggar - Tagore

1/ In a world of chaos -

2/ Among a people. Xenophobia - Xenophobia

3/ Drama - like a Greek Tragedy in
which - no element of surprise -
only slow grinding of wheels of Fate

4/ דבר דבר . ד"ר 28. (Jude)

5/ No despair! Hitler in Rome
Colosseum - "Arch of Titus"

Rome was destroyed - pray

Israel survived. 16 M.

Sign-painter cannot read signs
written by Fayer 9/rd - ^{Plavels} ~~Plavels~~ 9/rd
בית הכנסת 9/rd 23 12115 kv

6/ ~~These~~ These who are fleeing - blessing
Lands - Palestine - 1453

7/ hid! Map, man

"A great House must not find us a
small people"

no excuses - Recession - 1000 letters

Austria

"Included me out"

"In me you shouldn't count"

8/ Go forth - emissaries -

"What did we men do to deserve
with a DNR"

1. This Han - A wave - Austria - Poland.

2. ~~Plague~~ - ~~Andean~~ ~~Threat~~ - ~~Idols~~ - Vienna
China, etc. Czechs
Center of Infection - Germany - Italy - Czechs

3. However - deep concern - Character - ~~23~~
~~24~~ ~~25~~ - ~~26~~ - ~~27~~ ~~28~~ ~~29~~

4. Two - ~~for~~ Task - 1/3/37 - Words - ~~hot~~
Solidarity - ~~29~~ ~~30~~ - Poland - ~~beggar~~

5. Pal - Refuge - 200,000 - 45,000 -
7170

Children - ~~Plutts~~ - ~~breaks~~ -

6. In these days - ~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~Told~~ -

Accept low estimate -

Decidedly - Mark Tamm - E/ri -

They built -

7. To the heart -

8. Within their year - 19 - part -
- 5/8 - Under Fire!

9. With security - capital - W.P.G. ~~Rothenberg~~

10. For amendment 1/2 - U.S.A - Blessed