A wave of suicides is sweeping over Vienna. Great minds prefer death to utter humiliation. The conso-
ling words of friends, including Robert Schon-
berg, are under "protective artifacts," which
is quite different from the formal suicide note
of 1933. The Jewish masses are being reduced to
penury, to beggary at street corners. Depression
is rampant, even here. Synagogues are being
bombed. One of our great, one of our
illustrious diaspora communities—the community of Herzl and Freud, of Scholz and Beer-Hoffman—lies in
ruins, is stamped into the mire. Is it not
time to wake every heart and every head? And the
world stands by, the Christian world, and
fits no hand of summer.

The poet: The spirit is upheaved. Let the heathens rage.
They have nabed before the dawning ages. We stand fast. Even in Vien-
na. For in that city these, lives, these
allies, these Jewish allies, are didger-dog men, still suffering severely
from the wounds he has while defending the
land he thought his father land from 1914 until
1924. Ernst Walpugus. And he is a poet,
And he is, necessarily from his ori-
gen and place of birth, a poet in the
German language. He has never, of
course, been able to live by his art and has been employed in a com-
mercial establishment for the sake of
his wife and child. His first volume
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lished in 1923. His second volume
The Career of Gibbs (Der Germino-
schneider) was published in the Jan-
uary of this year 1938. Let us not
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a Jew. Could we match that in America?

Let me define and by this definition explain why I am writing. Since
Pater Maria Rille died and since the poet
died in France World, born in a
Jewish family of course, this
Vienneu Jew Ernst Walpugus is the only man who has con-
tributed so deeply to the German
language. The Nazis rave about their Aryans and they
produce dirt and drudgery. They forbid
Jewish work and publish her and
they drive their greatest German writer
Thomas Mann into exile. They
condemn the glory of their race and
form is being sustained by Ernst Walpugus, a Jew,
a Jew of Vienna, an economic and
self-affirmative Jew. In him in this age (even as I said the other day of
a Jewish composer and the Lied) Germany is
abalancing on a certain cypales of
existential condition and may now that Vienna too has fallen, reach its
extinction.

His poetry is the finest in the world. Highest precision of speech is
mastered to an equally high degree of
form. This form arises to trans-
scend time and does so. Through this
form itself Walpugus speaks with a
rainless, a charming thing. He
does so intentionally. All the em-
pire of comitetur of life today in Central Europe is losted, hearkened until
hopeless. The poet, if he would re-
make himself, must address himself
to fashioning in a form of enduring stones of those aspects of mortalitv which
No man can touch and no behamish. Man.
Walpugus has done it. Under
civilization. I predict that men in a future time will come back to the
work of this poet, this Jew, to prove that amid savagery and severity stands the human race at
the highest still survived.

Once and again in this new and
probable last volume Walpugus strikes a personal and explanatory
note. He wants it understood that
though by the decree of fate he is a poet, the
German language, he is not for a moment deluded. He is in a

FLASH!
Italy's deal with England includes the
following arrangement... Italy to keep her
hands off Arab-Palestine
advocates for Arabs for
Spanish... A Jewish State in Pa-
lestone is objectionable to Mussolini in
any event... On the other hand
we have just been informed that Eng-
land is already organizing an army
of 10,000 for the Jewish State... Our
informant is none other than a high
ranking British army officer who
is slated to be commander-in-chief...

The poet's volume is the best, the
most, the greatest German
writer's name for which there is a
new volume.

Strange is in love, evermore alone.
They seek and chew their words as
kite the ground up. And though
this tongue mine and mother's was

Common to us is the sound, the
sound of

Stare partners in the piddles of

Earth up

At their skull hearted I had lost out or
Can be seen in the volume of

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