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By the eleventh decree under the Reich Citizenship law dated November 25, 1941, and effective the following day, all German Jews who have their "usual place of abode" outside Germany or who at any future time transfers their usual place of abode from Germany abroad, are deprived of their German citizenship. All property of such persons as well as of stateless Jews abroad who were formerly German citizens is forfeited to the Reich. The decree states that such property "is to be used for all purposes connected with the solution of the Jewish question". Such persons can not inherit or receive gifts from German citizens and the German Reich is not liable for their debts except to the value of their assets. The Chief of the Security Police (Heydrich) is to decide on the application of the decree in doubtful cases while

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while the administration and utilization of the confiscated property is placed in the hands of the Berlin provisional tax authority. The measure also applies in Bohemia and Moravia as well as in the annexed eastern areas.

For several years the German authorities have deprived a considerable proportion of the Jewish emigrants of their German citizenships and confiscated such properties as they were forced to leave behind in Germany but the present decree makes this practice universal and automatic. Since it apparently does not apply in the so-called Government General or in the German-occupied territories of the Soviet Union, these areas will apparently be considered as "outside Germany" and the many thousands of Jews now being deported to them each week will soon be de jure as well as de facto deprived of their citizenship and their worldly goods.

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