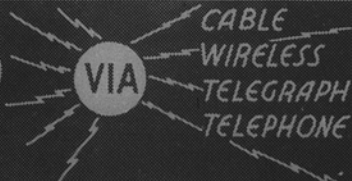


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U.S. REJECTS REICH PROTEST ON ICKES' 'SLUR'; SAYS NATION BACKS HIM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles today rejected in terms of unprecedented sharpness a German Government protest against Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes' speech criticizing Americans who accepted Hitler's awards and attacking Nazi policies.

The condemnation of the German Government certainly represented the feeling of the overwhelming majority of the people of the United States, whom recent German policies have shocked more profoundly than anything in decades, Mr. Welles told German Charge D'Affaires Hans Thomsen in an interview.

Secretary Ickes' criticism of Henry Ford and Col. Charles A. Lindbergh for accepting German Government awards is a purely domestic question, Mr. Welles advised Dr. Thomsen, adding that he would not agree to discuss it with the representative of any foreign government.

The Acting Secretary of State also informed Germany's diplomatic representative that the protest came with singular ill grace from the Berlin Government in view of attacks in the controlled German press on President Roosevelt and members of his Cabinet and criticism by German officials of the late President Woodrow Wilson.

Dr. Thomsen's visit to Mr. Welles to demand an official expression of regret was prompted by Secretary Ickes' address to the Cleveland Zionist Society last Sunday night in which he said that anti-Jewish violence took Germany back to the period of history "when man was unlettered, benighted and bestial," and asked how Americans could accept decorations "at a time when the bestower of them counts that day lost when he can commit no new crime against humanity."

WELLES SUMMARIZES INTERVIEW

The interview was summarized by Mr. Welles at his press conference this afternoon. Dr. Thomsen, he said, called on him at the instance of his Government to inform the Secretary of State that the German Government desired to make a formal protest against Mr. Ickes' Cleveland address. The German Government trusted that the United States Government would make public an official expression of regret in view of Mr. Ickes' speech.

Mr. Welles said he stated to Dr. Thomsen that he was unwilling to accept the protest by the German Government. While he had not read the full text of Mr. Ickes' speech, he had read a detailed summary of it in the press and which he had been assured was accurate.

THE ACTING SECRETARY TOLD DR. THOMSEN THERE WERE TWO PHASES TO THE QUESTION. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ONE PHASE WAS THE CRITICISM BY MR. ICKES OF TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO HAD BEEN DECORATED BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, AND THE OTHER WAS MR. ICKES' CRITICISM OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. WITH REGARD TO THE FIRST, MR. WELLES SAID, THE CRITICISM BY AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL OF THE ACTION OF TWO AMERICANS WAS A PURELY DOMESTIC QUESTION AND HE WOULD NOT AGREE TO DISCUSS THIS DOMESTIC QUESTION WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

WITH REGARD TO THE REMARKS IN MR. ICKES' SPEECH CRITICIZING THE POLICIES OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, MR. WELLES SAID THAT SURELY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THE FACT THAT RECENT POLICIES IN GERMANY HAD SHOCKED AND CONFOUNDED PUBLIC OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES MORE PROFOUNDLY THAN ANYTHING THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN DECADES, AND SUCH STATEMENT OF PUBLIC INDIGNATION AS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE CERTAINLY REPRESENTED THE FEELINGS OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MR. WELLES SAID IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT THE DESIRE OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A PROTEST OF THIS CHARACTER CAME WITH SINGULAR ILL GRACE. FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, HE SAID, HE HAD FOLLOWED CAREFULLY THE GERMAN PRESS, WHICH, HE WAS SURE THE GERMAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES COULD NOT DISPUTE WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND DICTATORSHIP OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, AND HE HAD RARELY READ MORE UNJUSTIFIED CRITICISMS OR OPEN ATTACKS ON THE MEMBERS OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT THAN HAD BEEN MADE IN THE GERMAN PRESS IN ITS RECENT ATTACKS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET.

AS LONG AS ATTACKS OF THIS KIND PERSISTED WITH UNQUESTIONED AUTHORITY BY THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES, MR. WELLES SAID, HE COULD NOT CONCEIVE OF THERE BEING ANY PROPRIETY IN A PROTEST ON THE PART OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO A SPEECH MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

THE GERMAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES STATED THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER THE CRITICISMS PUBLISHED IN THE GERMAN PRESS ON A PAR WITH THE CRITICISM MADE BY A MEMBER OF THE CABINET OF THE UNITED STATES.

MR. WELLES REPLIED THAT ONLY RECENTLY, WITHIN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, HE HAD READ REMARKS BY OFFICIALS OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT DEROGATORY TO THE LATE PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON AND STATED THAT DR. THOMSEN MUST REALIZE THAT WHILE PRESIDENT WILSON WAS DEAD HIS MEMORY WAS REVERED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND SUCH AN ATTACK ON THE LATE PRESIDENT WAS DEEPLY RESENTED IN THIS COUNTRY.

HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED THAT PUBLIC RECRIMINATION IN ANY COUNTRY AGAINST ANOTHER COUNTRY WAS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, BUT NEVERTHELESS SO LONG AS ATTACKS AGAINST OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTINUED FOR SO LONG IN GERMANY, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT COULD HARDLY SUPPOSE THAT ATTACKS OF THE SAME CHARACTER WOULD NOT CONTINUE IN THE UNITED STATES.

"GHETTO" CINEMA OPENS IN BERLIN NEXT WEEK; PROCEEDS TO AID POOR JEWS' EMIGRATION

BERLIN, DEC. 22. (JTA) -- THE FIRST "GHETTO" CINEMA WILL BE OPENED AT KULTUR UND HALL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, WITH THE INCOME TO BE DEVOTED TO SUPPORTING EMIGRATION OF POOR JEWS IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY. OPERATED BY THE NAZI-SPONSORED JEWISH CULTURE LEAGUE, THE MOVIE HOUSE WILL BE ONE OF SEVERAL IN BERLIN AND OTHER CENTERS THROUGH WHICH THE NAZIS EXPECT THE LEAGUE CAN BE MADE SELF-SUPPORTING.

FIVE AMERICAN FILMS ARE SCHEDULED AMONG THE FIRST DOZEN TO BE SHOWN AT KULTUR UND HALL. THEY INCLUDE CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS, CHICAGO AND A SHIRLEY TEMPLE FILM WHICH IS NOW SHOWING IN GERMANY. THERE WILL BE TWO PERFORMANCES NIGHTLY. PROVIDED THAT HOLLYWOOD IS GENEROUS AND SHIPS

FILMS GRATIS, SINCE THE LEAGUE IS BANNED FROM PAYING FOR IMPORTS, THE POSSIBILITY IS SEEN THAT JEWISH AUDIENCES MAY SEE FILMS THAT HAVE LONG BEEN BARRED ON RACIAL GROUNDS. SUCH PICTURES INCLUDE THOSE STARRING CHARLIE CHAPLIN, PAUL MUNI AND ELISABETH BERGNER, AND THOSE DIRECTED BY ERNST LUBITSCH AND OTHER "NON-ARYAN" DIRECTORS. HOWEVER, FILMS INVOLVING CERTAIN POLITICAL THEMES ARE AUTOMATICALLY BARRED.

RUBLEE'S BERLIN TALKS NOT LIMITED TO SCHACHT PLAN; EXPECTED TO LEAVE AFTER HOLIDAYS

LONDON, DEC. 22. (JTA) -- THE BERLIN TALKS BETWEEN REICHSBANK PRESIDENT HJALMAR SCHACHT AND DIRECTOR GEORGE RUBLEE OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE BUREAU WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE LIMITED TO THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE SCHACHT PLAN, THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY LEARNED AUTHORITATIVELY TODAY, BUT THE WAY IS OPEN TO A FULL DISCUSSION OF ALL POSSIBILITIES.

MR. RUBLEE IS VISITING BERLIN UPON THE INVITATION OF DR. SCHACHT, WHO OUTLINED TO HIM AND OTHER BUREAU OFFICIALS THE NAZI PLAN BINDING JEWISH EMIGRATION TO INCREASED EXPORTS DURING HIS RECENT BRIEF VISIT HERE. MR. RUBLEE WILL WRITE TO DR. SCHACHT WITHIN A FEW DAYS CONFIRMING HIS READINESS TO PROCEED TO BERLIN TO CONTINUE THEIR CONVERSATIONS. DR. SCHACHT'S REPLY IS EXPECTED TO FIX THE MOST SUITABLE DATE, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

THE CONVERSATIONS WILL BE PRIMARILY BETWEEN MR. RUBLEE AND DR. SCHACHT. REFUGEE COMMITTEE SPOKESMEN DO NOT AS YET KNOW WHETHER MR. RUBLEE WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION WITH OTHER GERMAN OFFICIALS. THIS IS EXPECTED TO DEPEND LARGELY UPON THE PROGRESS OF THE SCHACHT DISCUSSIONS. A FINANCIAL EXPERT AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROBERT PELL WILL ACCOMPANY MR. RUBLEE TO BERLIN, IT WAS LEARNED. THE EXPERT IS A BRITISH TREASURY OFFICIAL ASSIGNED TO THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE.

OFFICIAL CIRCLES DESCRIBED THE SCHACHT PROPOSALS AS "A VERY COMPLICATED PLAN" WITH MANY RAMIFICATIONS.

IT WAS CONFIRMED IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES THAT THE PLAN INCLUDES AN INTERNATIONAL LOAN TO FINANCE EMIGRATION. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE LOAN WOULD BE SECURED BY THE POOLING OF JEWISH PROPERTY IN THE REICH. IT WOULD BE RAISED ABROAD AND WOULD BE SERVICED AND AMORTIZED BY CURRENCY OBTAINED BY THE REICH THROUGH INCREASED EXPORTS. THE NATIONS GUARANTEEING THE RAISING OF THE LOAN WOULD THUS ACTUALLY BE TAXING THEMSELVES BY INCREASED IMPORTS FROM GERMANY TO REPAY THE LOAN. APPARENTLY THERE WOULD BE NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATION FOR THE REICH, WHICH WOULD ACTUALLY PROFIT BY THE RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL FOREIGN CURRENCY SINCE NOT ALL THE CURRENCY RECEIVED AS RESULT OF THE ADDITIONAL EXPORTS WOULD BE APPLIED TO THE FINANCING OF EMIGRATION.

THIS IS ONE OF THE ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION STUDIED BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE'S EXPERTS LAST THURSDAY. IT IS NOW LEARNED THAT THE EXPERTS INFORMED MR. RUBLEE OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS' VIEWS, BUT IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE QUESTION WOULD PROBABLY BE DELIBERATED UPON AT THE PLenary MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE IN JANUARY UNLESS MR. RUBLEE RETURNED FROM BERLIN WITH NEW PROPOSALS.

FINANCIAL CIRCLES EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT MR. RUBLEE'S VISIT TO BERLIN WAS AUSPICIOUS AT THIS TIME. IN VIEW OF THE NAZIS' DESIRE TO PROVIDE THE MOST HARMONIOUS BACKGROUND FOR THE FORTHCOMING ANGLO-GERMAN TRADE TALKS IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE REICH IS PREPARED TO MAKE CONSIDERABLE CONCESSIONS TO AVERT A BREAKDOWN OF THE REFUGEE TALKS, AT LEAST UNTIL THE FATE OF THE ANGLO-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS IS DECIDED.

A PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL LOAN FOR SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES, MADE BY DEFENSE MINISTER OSWALD PIROW OF SOUTH AFRICA HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMM-

ITTEE, FOREIGN UNDERSECRETARY RICHARD A. BUTLER SAID IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY IN REPLY TO A QUESTION. HE DECLINED TO COMMIT THE GOVERNMENT ON THE PROPOSAL.

THE EARL BALDWIN FUND FOR REFUGEES HAS RECEIVED £211,000 IN THE TWO WEEKS SINCE IT WAS LAUNCHED, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

HUNGARIAN SENATE APPLAUDS ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT FOR 'MEASURING CHRISTIANS BY ANTI-SEMITISM'

BUDAPEST, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- THE UPPER CHAMBER TODAY ENGAGED IN A SIGNIFICANT ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATION WHEN IT APPLAUDED A CHALLENGE TO THE GOVERNMENT BY LOUIS SZILAGE, WHO ACCUSED PREMIER BELA IMREDEY OF "CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH CHRISTIANS ARE NO LONGER JUDGED BY THEIR HONESTY OR THEIR HONOR, OR THEIR CAPACITIES, BUT SOLELY BY THE DEGREE OF THEIR ANTI-SEMITISM." HE WARNED OF THE INCREASE OF TOTALITARIAN METHODS AND OF IMREDEY'S EFFORT TO RULE ALMOST ENTIRELY BY POLICE MEASURES.

"THE GOVERNMENT PARTY IS MANIFESTING ITS SYMPATHY FOR THE EXTREMIST PARTIES AND IS HAGGLING WITH THEM," HE SAID. "THE NAZIS DO NOT REGARD THE IMREDEY GOVERNMENT AS A STRONG ADVERSARY. WE THOUGHT THE IMREDEY GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO ASSURE CALM AND SECURITY BUT WE MUST STATE THAT IT WAS NOT CAPABLE OF IT. THE PREMIER BASES HIMSELF ON THE EXTREME RIGHT FRACTION OF HIS PARTY. THE STABILITY OF ECONOMIC LIFE IS MORE MENACED BY THIS EXTREME RIGHT FRACTION THAN IT IS BY (FERENC) SZALASI, CHIEF OF THE NAZIS."

MEANWHILE, THE CATHOLIC AND CALVINIST CHURCHES BROADCAST INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE THOUSANDS OF JEWS SEEKING THE HAVEN OF OTHER FAITHS TO ESCAPE THE PENALTIES OF HUNGARY'S PROJECTED ANTI-SEMITIC MEASURES. JUSTINIAN GEORGE CARDINAL SEREDI, PRIMATE OF HUNGARY, SENT OUT A PASTORAL LETTER ADVISING THAT ALL JEWS SEEKING TO BE CONVERTED MUST STUDY THE CATECHISM TWO HOURS DAILY FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS. AUTHORIZATION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHURCH HIERARCHY BEFORE CONVERSION CAN BE GRANTED, IT WAS ADDED. THE CALVINIST CHURCH, ON THE OTHER HAND, STIPULATED THAT APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO THEIR FAITH MUST WAIT A FULL YEAR.

WARSAW PLASTERED WITH ANTI-JEWISH SIGNS IN CHRISTMAS BOYCOTT

WARSAW, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- THE CITY WAS PLASTERED TODAY WITH POSTERS URGING POLES TO BOYCOTT JEWISH SHOPS AND TO DO THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN POLISH STORES. THE POSTERS WERE PUT UP BY MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED WITH THE GOVERNMENT CAMP OF NATIONAL UNITY. NASZ PRZEGLAD, POLISH-LANGUAGE JEWISH PAPER, CHARGED THAT A GOVERNMENT RADIO ANNOUNCER HAD CALLED ON THE POPULATION TO BOYCOTT JEWISH SHOPS AS "THE MOST SACRED NATIONAL DUTY." THE PAPER POINTED OUT THAT THE RADIO WAS A GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION WHICH HAD THOUSANDS OF JEWISH SUBSCRIBERS.

WARSAW, Dec. 22. (Havas) -- THE GOVERNMENT PRESS ASSERTED THAT THE JEWISH PROBLEM SHOULD BE TREATED AS AN INTERNATIONAL, RATHER THAN NATIONAL, PROBLEM. IT WAS INTIMATED THAT MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN SHORTLY TO CONTROL PARTICIPATION OF JEWS IN VARIOUS OF THE NATION'S ACTIVITIES. IT WAS STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE MEASURES WILL NOT BE BASED ON RACIST THEORIES.

LIMA PARLEY AGREES ON COMPROMISE SOLIDARITY RESOLUTION

LIMA, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- THE IMPASSE WHICH HAD THREATENED THE SUCCESS OF THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE WAS BROKEN TONIGHT AFTER A COMMITTEE OF NINE DELEGATION HEADS HAD DRAFTED A NEW COMPROMISE RESOLUTION BASED ON FURTHER UNITED STATES CONCESSIONS TO ARGENTINA ON THE QUESTION OF INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY. ARGENTINA'S DEMANDS THAT THE SOLIDARITY DECLARATION BY THE 21 NEW WORLD REPUBLICS CARRY NO IMPLICATION OF MILITARY ALLIANCE WERE REPORTED ACCEPTED BY SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL AND WRITTEN INTO THE AGREEMENT.

AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES REVEALED THAT THE NEW CONCILIATION MEASURE WAS BASED ON "A MINIMUM OF COOPERATION," INDICATING THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF PERIODIC CONSULTATION AMONG THE NATIONS

OF AMERICA, CHAMPIONED BY THE UNITED STATES, HAD BEEN ENTIRELY ABANDONED.

THE COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL COOPERATION, AFTER DISCUSSING CUBA'S RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL PERSECUTIONS, APPOINTED BENJAMIN COHEN, A MEMBER OF THE CHILEAN DELEGATION, TO PREPARE A NEW DRAFT, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE OBJECTIONS ADVANCED BY ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL.

BRITAIN TO PROBE FIRING OF JEWS BY AFFILIATES OF GERMAN FIRMS

LONDON, DEC. 22. (JTA) -- SIR SAMUEL HOARE, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, PROMISED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED ACTION OF A BRITISH AFFILIATE OF A GERMAN FIRM IN DISMISSING ITS JEWISH EMPLOYEES. "I AM SURE," SIR SAMUEL DECLARED, "THAT ANY REPUTABLE BRITISH FIRM HIGHLY DISAPPROVES OF ACTIONS OF THIS KIND AND THE MORE FACTS KNOWN THE BETTER FROM MY POINT OF VIEW."

CHARGES AGAINST THE FIRM, SCHENKERS, LTD., BRITISH BRANCH OF A LARGE GERMAN EXPRESS COMPANY, WERE MADE IN COMMONS BY LABORITE R.T. FLETCHER, WHO ASSERTED THE ACTION WAS "CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLES OF TOLERATION IN THIS COUNTRY." SIR SAMUEL TURNED DOWN A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A BRITISH ELLIS ISLAND FOR REFUGEES PENDING ACTION ON APPEALS FOR ADMISSION, ASSERTING NOTHING WOULD BE GAINED EXCEPT TO ENCOURAGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE TO COME TO ENGLAND ON THE CHANCE OF SECURING ADMISSION WHO ULTIMATELY WOULD HAVE TO BE SENT BACK.

SIR SAMUEL WAS ASKED BY GEOFFREY MANDER, LIBERAL, WHETHER HE WOULD DEPORT THE LEADERS OF THE BRITISH SECTION OF THE GERMAN LABOR FRONT, DESCRIBED BY MANDER AS AN ORGANIZATION "CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF THIS COUNTRY." MANDER SAID THAT THE BRITISH SECTION WAS "COMPELLING EVERY GERMAN SUBJECT IN THIS COUNTRY TO BELONG TO IT."

"I AM AWARE," SIR SAMUEL SAID, "THAT THERE IS A BRANCH OF THIS ORGANIZATION IN THIS COUNTRY. THERE CAN BE OF COURSE NO QUESTION THAT GERMAN NATIONALS HAVE UNDER OUR LAWS COMPLETE FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN THIS MATTER, AND THE USE OF INTIMIDATION WITH A VIEW TO COMPEL THEM TO JOIN AGAINST THEIR WILL WOULD BE A PUNISHABLE OFFENCE. IF IN ANY CASE THERE WERE EVIDENCE THAT INTIMIDATION HAD BEEN USED APPROPRIATE ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN."

ROOSEVELT NAMED TO RECEIVE AMERICAN HEBREW'S GOOD WILL MEDAL

NEW YORK, DEC. 22. (JTA) -- PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS SELECTED TODAY TO RECEIVE THE 1938 AMERICAN HEBREW MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN PROMOTING BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND JEWS BECAUSE OF HIS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A HUMANE SOLUTION OF JEWISH CRISES. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS GLAD TO ACCEPT THE AWARD AND DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE CITATION.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS SELECTED BY A COMMITTEE OF JUDGES WHICH INCLUDES 59 PROMINENT PERSONS OF DIFFERENT FAITHS. THE CITATION FOLLOWS: "BECAUSE BY ALL HIS WORDS AND ACTIONS SINCE HE HAS BEEN IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE HE HAS PROMOTED BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG ALL RACES AND CREEDS; BECAUSE, DURING THE PAST YEAR, HE TOOK THE INITIATIVE OF EVERY CRISIS IN JEWISH AFFAIRS AND DID EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO BRING ABOUT A HUMANE SOLUTION; AND BECAUSE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EVIAN CONFERENCE FOR AIDING REFUGEES OF CENTRAL EUROPE."

IN A STATEMENT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO JOSEPH H. BIBEN, PUBLISHER OF THE AMERICAN HEBREW, THE PRESIDENT WAS QUOTED AS DECLARING THAT HE SINCERELY APPRECIATED THE ACTION OF THE DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE OF JUDGES WHO SELECTED HIM FOR THE ANNUAL AWARD OF THE AMERICAN HEBREW MEDAL. THE PRESIDENT FURTHER STATED THAT HE GLADLY ACCEPTED THE HONOR AND WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE CITATION WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE AWARD.