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GENERAL JEWISH COUNCIL PLANS EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES TO MEET CRISIS; WILL ENLARGE MEMBERSHIP

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The General Jewish Council, at a meeting over the weekend, formulated three alternative plans for assuming greater responsibility in Jewish defense and cooperative financial efforts, which will be decided upon at another meeting on Oct. 1, it was announced today. In any event, it is expected that the council's membership will be enlarged.

The Council's statement follows:

"The General Jewish Council comprising the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and Jewish Labor Committee, completed a special two-day session last evening (Sunday), called to consider the multitude of problems arising out of the present emergency situation. It was the unanimous agreement of all those present that the emergencies of the present moment require an intensification of activities and a unification of the efforts of agencies engaged in the defense of the rights of Jews.

"After a considerable discussion, three concrete plans were presented preliminary to a special meeting of the General Jewish Council which has been summoned for Oct. 1 in New York City, for the purpose of reaching a decision with respect thereto. The forthright interval was agreed upon in order to permit the constituent organizations to present the plans for the consideration of their governing bodies and to be instructed thereupon.

"The plans call for the assumption of greater responsibility on the part of the General Jewish Council in the direction and execution of activities relating to defense, and cooperative financial efforts. All three plans envisage the establishment of cooperative relations with the agencies engaged in extraordinary and normal relief activities for Jews in foreign lands, and preparation for the preservation of the rights of Jews in foreign lands and in Palestine. Under all the plans the enlargement of the membership of the General Jewish Council is anticipated to permit the inclusion of a greater number of representatives than are now a part thereof."

J.D.C. INTENSIFIES AID FOR WAR VICTIMS; PLANS COOPERATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has provided emergency funds for Jewish relief organizations in Poland and elsewhere, has obtained the "sympathetic understanding" of the State Department for its problems and has initiated discussions for cooperation with other relief groups, it was announced today after a meeting of the J.D.C.'s officers last night.

The J.D.C. statement follows:

"Well in advance of the outbreak of hostilities, the Joint Distribution Committee took steps to organize its affairs abroad in such a way as to be able to render maximum service wherever the demands might arise. A staff of American citizens, under the directorship of Morris C. Troper, is therefore available for such activities and in such zones as the situation may require. Plans are well under way to establish Joint Distribution Committee offices in those neutral countries from which the most effective relief work will be possible.

"Close contact has been maintained with the Council for German Jewry in London, with the Jewish Colonization Association, with the Hicem (HIAS-ICA Emigration Association), and with the representatives of the organizations through which the Joint Distribution Committee has heretofore operated in the refugee countries -- Holland, Switzerland, Belgium; in Hungary and in Italy; and with the relief and philanthropic committees in Central Europe.

"In Poland, a Central Emergency Committee headed by Professor (Moses) Schorr has effected communication with us in New York; and practically all the committees overseas have cabled our New York headquarters directly to inform us of their urgent requirements. Most of these committees have already been provided with emergency funds by us.

"With the situation changing so rapidly, it is impossible to announce any long range program at this time, but our representatives abroad are in constant touch with the authorities in their own countries as well as with representatives of the United States Government who have been of great assistance and who have, in several instances, advised us concerning the conditions in various countries. This friendly and cooperative attitude of the United States representatives overseas is greatly appreciated. The Joint Distribution Committee has consulted the Department of State with respect to its activities abroad so that its entire program may be consistent with the policy of our own Government. The State Department has manifested a most sympathetic understanding of its problems.

"The Joint Distribution Committee, which functioned throughout the last war, recognizes all too well the vastness of the new problems created by the present catastrophe. As in the previous war, it will undoubtedly be necessary and desirable for all relief agencies to cooperate to the fullest possible extent, and the Joint Distribution Committee, as before, is prepared to offer the fullest possible cooperation with all other relief groups regardless of race or creed. With respect to the entire problem, the Joint Distribution Committee is initiating discussions on these matters with many organizations including the American Red Cross and the American Friends Service Committee.

"Conscious of the overwhelming tragedy which is bringing ruin and death to millions of our fellow-Jews, the Joint Distribution Committee is exerting every possible effort to discover whatever means may be useful to bring relief and assistance to them. More than ever before, the Joint Distribution Committee, which is pursuing its historic mission of alleviating suffering, needs the fullest support of all men whose hearts are moved by today's tragic events. The burden which has heretofore rested on the Joint Distribution Committee has been great. In this enormous crisis which challenges us all, the Joint Distribution Committee must look to all groups for support and for active cooperation.

"The Joint Distribution Committee issues this brief preliminary statement and will continue to keep the Jewish communities periodically informed of all the efforts it is undertaking."

WILNO JEWS MACHINE-GUNNED AS THEY LIFTED ARMS TO NAZI PLANES FOR MERCY

RIGA, Latvia, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Indescribable panic among Wilno's Jewish population greatly contributed to the carnage resulting from Friday's series of air raids by 18 Nazi bombers, according to details reaching here today.

Instead of going into cellars when the raiders suddenly appeared over Wilno's thickly populated Jewish quarters, aged persons and women carrying and dragging children rushed to the streets screaming hysterically. Many were hit by fragments of exploding quarter-ton bombs and buried in the debris of demolished buildings.

Some men were able to take shelter, but women, children and aged totally lost their heads and ran back and forth in the exposed streets, screaming, crying and pleading, often with hands uplifted suppliantly to the low-flying bombers, who answered with machine guns.

In the almost total absence of authoritative control, scores of thousands of refugees from the war zones were trudging the night long to the Latvian frontier where they were being turned back at rifle and bayonet point. Entrance to Poland from Latvia is likewise impossible.

Refugees arriving here from Warsaw via Lithuania report that the heaviest casualties occurred in Jewish quarters during the recent bombardments of the Polish capital.

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Polish Army Organ Lauds Jewish Soldiers

PARIS (JTA) -- Reports from Warsaw state that the official organ of the Polish War Ministry, Polska Zbrojna, has paid warm tribute to the gallantry of the Jewish troops in the present fighting. Polska Zbrojna calls upon the Polish population to forget all racial differences as the Jews are proving themselves worthy defenders of Poland.

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Producer Leaves Poland with Films of Destruction

RIGA, Sept. 15. (JTA-Airmail) -- Herbert Kline, New York film producer, arrived here today with his wife after a six-day trip on a refugee train from Warsaw during which they said they were almost continuously under fire from Nazi planes using machine-guns and small rapid-fire cannon.

Kline, who produced "Crisis" dealing with the Sudeten crisis of March, 1938, said he had extensively photographed the effects of German air-raids, including an entire village burned to the ground, with crowds of dazed peasants kicking the smoking embers with bare feet in an effort to find grain and salvage incinerated livestock. Kline was in the Polish Corridor making a documentary film when the war broke out.

EVACUATION FROM LONDON PRESENTS PROBLEMS FOR JEWISH CHILDREN

LONDON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Evacuation of Jewish school children from British industrial centers in danger zones has created new problems for Jewish organizations.

One question is feeding of the children, which is presenting difficulties despite Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz's pronouncement last week that in view of the emergency Jews might eat everything except forbidden meats and shellfish. Many of the children are reluctant to abandon their religious customs.

In one instance, a number of children balked at eating non-kosher food offered them and indicated they would return to London rather than give up their religious duties. It is understood that new arrangements are being made in such cases, with children who insist on kosher food being placed where their requirements may be met.

The second problem raised by the evacuation is that of religious training. Religious school teachers are being sent into the reception areas and are registering Jewish children for classes in religious instruction. The classes will be conducted by teachers sent from evacuated schools in London, Manchester and other cities. Dr. I. Slotki, superintendent of Hebrew education in the Manchester municipal schools, is now on the south coast organizing religious education for evacuated Jewish children. Local authorities are cooperating by permitting use of school buildings for the classes.

Rules for Refugee Registration

LONDON (JTA) -- In a written reply to a question by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, who asked whether in the arrangements made for alien refugees now in England the stateless Jews would rank as Czechs or Germans, Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, said:

"Refugees from Germany and Austria who were nationals of those countries are registered as either Germans or Austrians and must, therefore, be so classified for the purpose of the review of all German and Austrian cases notwithstanding that they may have been deprived of German nationality by some German law. Similarly, if there are any nationals of the former Republic of Czechoslovakia who have by German law been deprived of their nationality, they will nevertheless be classified here as Czechoslovaks."

Volunteers Listed in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of South African Jews today began compilation of a list of Jewish aliens volunteering for national service, announcing at the same time that aliens were not eligible for service in the regular defense forces.

Many Jewish aliens, it was stated, had enlisted in voluntary defense organizations even before war was declared against Germany. The Board declared that although there was no justification for the belief that their naturalization would be facilitated by this action, it nevertheless manifested their anxiety to acquire Union of South Africa citizenship at the earliest opportunity and their desire to repay the Union for its hospitality in extending to them a refuge.

BELGIAN AUTHORITIES WARN AGAINST "DARK FORCES" CREATING ANTI-JEWISH DISORDERS

BRUSSELS (JTA) -- Strongly reinforced police patrols are on duty in the Jewish quarters of Brussels and Antwerp following attempts by Nazi agitators to create anti-Jewish disturbances. Organized demonstrations occurring simultaneously in both cities prompted the Mayor of Antwerp to issue a proclamation to the public to beware of "dark forces" and to announce that the police had been instructed to deal effectively with further attempts at demonstrations or disorders.

The press unanimously condemns the disorders, which it denounces as the work of "foreign provocateurs and those who allow themselves to be influenced by them."

The Jewish Community of Brussels has telegraphed to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence a declaration that the foreign Jews in Belgium place themselves at the disposal of the Government. Thousands of Jewish refugees in the country have also signed a declaration volunteering for any services the Government would require them for. The "Jewish Home" in Brussels is registering foreign Jews who are prepared to service the country.

COMMUNIST PAPERS SAY RUSSIAN INVASION OF POLAND SAVED MILLION JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Daily Worker, Communist organ, claimed in a front-page editorial today that Soviet Russia's invasion of Poland had saved more than a million Jews from Nazi anti-Semitism.

"More than a million Jews living in western Ukraine and western Byelo-Russia are now beyond the pale of Fascist anti-Semitism," the editorial said. It asserted that the Red Army had made its entrance "after the semi-Fascist Polish Government had ceased to exist and had left them (the Ukrainian and White Russian minorities) to the ravages of war and Fascist enslavement." The Freiheit, Yiddish Communist daily, commented similarly.

NATIONAL JEWISH EDUCATION MONTH MARKED; EISNER HEADS EDUCATION COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- National Jewish Education Month, aimed at stimulating interest among parents in Jewish learning, is being observed from Sept. 17 to Oct. 15 under the sponsorship of the National Council for Jewish Education and other organizations.

The month will be marked by a Jewish Education Week beginning Oct. 8, a period during which "the message of Jewish education should reach the heart and mind of every Jewish parent," according to a proclamation issued by the Council, together with the Jewish Education Association of New York, the metropolitan section of the Jewish Welfare Board, Ivriah, the Histadruth Ivriith, the Agudath Hamorim and the Association of Principals of Hebrew Schools.

Mark Eisner, formerly chairman of the New York Board of Higher Education and vice-president of the New York Jewish Education Association, heads the newly organized American Association for Jewish Education.

WORLD'S FAIR EXHIBITS EVIDENCE EXPLODING RACIAL THEORY

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- An exhibit of books and original charts analyzing the scientific and democratic truths about race and race prejudice was opened in the Hall of Science and Education of the New York World's Fair today by Dr. Gerald Wendt, the Fair's director of science and education, and Prof. Franz Boas, world renowned expert on racial questions.

The exhibit was prepared by the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom as a feature of its American Rediscovery Week program. The committee announced that similar exhibits will be set up in hundreds of college and general book stores, libraries, and class rooms throughout the country, as part of its campaign "to lay bare the sources of prejudice" which threaten American democratic institutions.

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE SETS UP COUNCIL TO FIGHT HITLERISM

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League announced today formation of a Council of Organizations for the purpose of combining the forces of American democratic organizations with those of foreign-born American citizens of Czech, Slovak, Polish, French, British, German and Austrian nationalities to fight Nazism in the United States.

GUGGENHEIM, STEIN, WALLERSTEIN JOIN PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION BOARD

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The election of Harry F. Guggenheim, former American Ambassador to Cuba, Fred M. Stein and Leo Wallerstein to the Board of Directors of the Palestine Economic Corporation was announced today by Chairman Bernard Flexner.

POLAND WILL RISE AGAIN, AMBASSADOR TELLS POLISH JEWS' PARLEY, LAUDING JEWISH AID

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Jews in Poland stand shoulder to shoulder with their fellow citizens and are fighting to defend not only their homeland but the ancient traditions of their faith and the right of every individual, no matter what his race, to maintain his dignity as a human being, Count Potocki, Polish Ambassador to the United States, told the Third Biennial Conference of the Federations of Polish Jews abroad tonight. The Ambassador spoke from the Polish Embassy, and his words were carried by telephone to the conference, meeting in the Astor Hotel in New York.

After castigating the German attack for its savagery, and as a war upon unprotected civilians, the Polish Ambassador said:

"While, as a Pole, I have tried to give you a picture of what is taking place in our homeland and of the issues involved in this struggle, I want to impress upon you that no matter what your feelings and sympathies, as American citizens you must follow only the leadership of your country and act strictly in accordance with its interests and traditions. We in Poland do not know the meaning of divided loyalties. We do not want to introduce them here.

"You may be called upon to relieve the sufferings of your fellows in Poland and to rebuild their devastated homes. To that appeal, when it comes, I hope you will respond most generously. But beyond that it is not for you to take active part in a conflict to which your own country is not a party.

"In this struggle between might and right Poland will win. The time will come, as it did come so often in the history of our country, that Poland shall rise again. Towards this hour every Polish citizen, Christian and Jew, will strive, will hope and will pray."

HLINKA GUARDS SEEK ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-JEWISH "10 COMMANDMENTS"

BUDAPEST, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- New measures against the Jews of Slovakia are being demanded by the Hlinka Guards, according to reports from Bratislava.

The Guards, with the approval of German Nazi leaders, reportedly submitted to Interior Minister Tuka a memorandum urging enforcement of "Ten Commandments for Jews." These "commandments" are described as even more severe than the Nuremberg laws. They include immediate adoption of German racial legislation, confiscation without compensation of all automobiles belonging to Jews and immediate conscription of all Jews over 18 for compulsory labor service in connection with military defense. All costs connected with this conscription would have to be borne by the Jews themselves.