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WAR ON REICH NOT MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO AVENGE JEWS, COMMONS IS TOLD

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Imposition by Germany of her tyranny upon neighboring states rather than a desire to avenge Nazi treatment of Christian and Jewish minorities, moved Britain to war on the Reich, the House of Commons was told today by Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal Opposition.

Supporting and amplifying a statement of British war aims by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, Mr. Sinclair said:

"If the Germans want Hitlerism, have we the right or the power to demand its destruction? Surely the answer is that we recognize the right of a nation to govern itself in its own way, even to choose dictatorship if it wants to. We may be horrified by the results. We may see the loathsome spectres of racial and religious persecution rearing their ugly head, and secret police, oppression and concentration camps.

"We have the right and duty to condemn these manifestations of barbarism, but it is not for us to chastise any people for their own misgovernment or to go to war on behalf of Pastor Niemöller or the German Jews. The German people must find their own means to settle their own house in order, and we must recognize their rights. But when they seek to impose their tyranny on their neighbors, the peace and freedom of every nation, including our own, is threatened, and to shrink from any sacrifice to stop Nazi tyranny would be to destroy not only our own country but the democratic ideals and hopes of establishing peace in the world. Accordingly, if the idea of conquest is inherent in Hitler's policy and system, it follows that Hitlerism must be destroyed. There is only one man who can prove the contrary. That man is Hitler himself."

BRITISH SIGNING UP 2,000 PALESTINE NATIONALS FOR WAR SERVICE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Recruiting has opened for 2,000 Palestine nationals volunteering for various branches of the British army, it was officially announced today.

The volunteers are enlisting for service in the Royal Engineers, the Royal Army Service Corps, the Royal Army Medical Corps and the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. They will be liable for service in any garrison or theatre of war.

KIN IN LONDON NOW BELIEVE SCHORR IS ALIVE; EXPECT EARLY WORD FROM HIM

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The belief that Senator Moses Schorr of Poland, Chief Rabbi of Warsaw, is still alive was expressed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today by relatives and friends of the distinguished Polish Jewish leader. It was stated that word was expected from Rabbi Schorr in the nearest future. Unconfirmed reports published abroad said that Rabbi Schorr had been executed by the Nazis in Poland.

UNCHECKED IMMIGRATION CHEERS PALESTINE JEWS, MEREMINSKY STATES ON ARRIVAL HERE

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Immigration to Palestine, whether quota or extra-quota, has continued uninterruptedly in the current crisis and is a source of "the greatest satisfaction and encouragement to the Palestine Jewish community," it was declared today by Israel Mereminsky, general secretary of the Palestine Jewish Labor Federation (Histadruth), upon his arrival from Paris on the United States liner Washington.

Mr. Mereminsky, who is a member of the Zionist General Council and who remained in Europe after the Zionist Congress, is here for a six-month stay during which he will cooperate in all projects designed to further the work of the Histadruth and the Yishub as a whole.

During his stay, Mr. Mereminsky said, he will also endeavor to establish improved contact between the American Jewish community and Palestine during the crisis and to strengthen relations between the two communities.

Commenting on the question of immigration in the course of an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Mr. Mereminsky expressed the conviction that the rate and extent of Jewish immigration to the Holy Land depended both "on the means and the efforts that the Yishub itself can put forward to absorb and organize it."

"And," he added, "if American Jewry can put forth efforts in behalf of the Yishub commensurate with the efforts of the 100,000 Histadruth members in absorbing the immigrants then Palestine could readily be prepared as a center for the immigration of the Jewish masses."

Commenting on the war, the labor leader said that the world now had an opportunity to see that the three and a half years of terrorism in Palestine were not the result of Zionist infiltration and activities but were "definitely linked to the efforts of the same totalitarian powers which today are at war with the democratic powers."

Mr. Mereminsky paid high tribute to the American Federation of Labor and American Jewish labor organizations for their help to the Histadruth in the period of terrorism.

U.S. JEWRY URGED TO MAKE HUGE AID EFFORT FOR POLISH JEWS AT LABOR PARLEY HERE

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Resolutions condemning the occupation of Poland, denouncing the Russo-German agreement, calling on American Jews to furnish "colossal material means" to support the Jews in Poland and pledging an unceasing fight for Poland's liberation were adopted last night by more than 1,000 delegates of Jewish labor groups attending a conference at the Center Hotel called by the Relief Committee for the Jewish Masses in Poland.

Funds are necessary, a resolution on relief declared, to finance emigration of Jewish Socialists and to conduct the battle for a liberated democratic-Socialist Poland."

Speakers included a Jewish labor delegation from Poland -- Emanuel Novogrudski, Jacob Pat and B. Tabatshinsky -- and J. Weinberg, chairman of the Relief Committee; Benjamin Stolberg and Abraham Reisin, dean of Yiddish letters.

ROOSEVELT URGES COORDINATION OF RELIEF BODIES IN INTERESTS OF WAR VICTIMS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Warning that "human suffering will become more appalling" if the war continues, President Roosevelt urged in a statement today that the work of voluntary relief agencies be completely coordinated in order to avoid duplication of effort and waste in effecting relief in the war zones.

The statement, drafted by the State Department, pointed out that while the United States was neutral in the present European conflict, "I am sure we cannot be indifferent to the suffering inflicted upon the peoples of the war-torn countries, particularly upon the helpless women and children."

The President continued: "It is traditional that the American people should wish, after providing in full measure for the support of our necessary charitable endeavors at home, to extend material aid to the helpless victims of war abroad.

"With the continuance of war, human suffering will become more appalling and there will no doubt be need for relief work in addition to that which comes within the scope of Red Cross policy and responsibility.

"Groups desiring to carry on various kinds of relief work have in fact registered with the Secretary of State as required by regulations issued pursuant to the Neutrality Act."

The President said that the statement was issued at the suggestion of Secretary of State Hull and Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross.

Clause in New Neutrality Bill Seen as Possible Bar to Aid for War Victims

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A clause in the neutrality bill now being debated in the Senate was seen by the New York Times yesterday as a possible bar to aid for war victims in belligerent countries.

In an editorial, the Times said that narrow construction of the phrase "in aid of," which is included in Section 8 (b) of the measure permitting certain types of aid for war victims except persons or organizations acting "in aid of" belligerents, "would rule out almost any effort to aid women and children in a belligerent country."

Suggesting that the bill as now phrased might make it "illegal to send milk to undernourished children or medicines to the old and the sick," the Times urged that if this was not the intention, the quoted phrase should be brought out into the open and, if necessary, removed.

LONDON LEADER SET FOR TRIP TO RUMANIA TO AID POLISH REFUGEES

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Elsley Zeitlyn, treasurer of the United Polish Appeal, will leave shortly for Rumania in connection with relief for Jewish refugees from Poland, it was announced today.

POLISH JEWS REPORTED SEEKING REFUGE IN SOVIET TERRITORY

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A Moscow dispatch to the New York Times today quoted White Russian reports that Jews in Nazi-ruled areas of Poland were seeking to escape persecution there by crossing into Polish territory now under Soviet rule. The dispatch said that many thousands were taking refuge in Soviet-held areas and that the city of Bialystok was reported to have almost doubled its population as a result.

MOVE TO HELP RABBIS LEAVE SOVIET POLAND MAPPED IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- H.A. Goodman, secretary of the Agudath Israel, orthodox Jewish organization, was received today at the Foreign Office for a discussion of problems arising from the Soviet occupation of Poland and her growing influence in the Baltic countries.

Mr. Goodman pointed out that the organization was particularly disturbed over the fate of distinguished rabbis in the Soviet-held territories. It is understood that the Agudah has contacted a number of rabbis and is endeavoring to obtain their departure from occupied zones, with the moral support of the governments concerned.

LORD MARLEY, ORT BACKER, HERE FOR TOUR; MAY ATTEND WHITE HOUSE PARLEY

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Lord Marley, British Laborite member of the House of Lords and chairman of the British Parliamentary Council of ORT, organization for the re-training of Jews in Eastern Europe, arrived here this morning on the S.S. Washington for a lecture tour in America.

It is believed Lord Marley will attend the meeting of officers of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees to be held in Washington on Oct. 16 and 17. He recently returned to his country after spending a year in So. Africa where he raised approximately \$600,000 for the ORT Federation. He has worked in close collaboration with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duchess of Atholl and Noel Buxton on refugee aid problems in England.

MINTZ COLLECTION OF CEREMONIAL OBJECTS, SAVED FROM WARSAW, ON VIEW HERE

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Several hundred representatives of learned institutions and laymen gathered at the Jewish Theological Seminary's Museum of Jewish Ceremonial Objects Tuesday to view the Benjamin Mintz collection of Jewish objects, which was saved from possible destruction in the German invasion by having been shipped here from Warsaw for exhibition at the New York World's Fair.

Plans for exhibiting the collection at the Fair did not materialize, but the important collection was saved, said Dr. Alexander Marx, director of the Seminary's library, addressing the formal opening of the exhibition. The collection, he said, shows the richness of Jewish life from birth to death. Dr. Louis Finkelstein, provost of the Seminary, also addressed the gathering.

RABBI, PRIEST JOIN IN SERVICES IN BRITISH CHURCH

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Interdenominational intercession services have been introduced at the Old Church in Hove, near Brighton, with Liberal Rabbi Dr. Lemle acting for the Jewish denomination. Commenting on the innovation, the vicar of the church stresses that the striking feature of a priest and rabbi jointly entering the church from the vestry "was a true case of the meeting of Jew and Gentile in common worship."