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LEADERS IN MANY NATIONS VOICE PRAISE OF J.D.C. ON EVE OF 25TH ANNUAL MEETING

PARIS, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- More than 200 messages from Jewish leaders in all parts of Europe -- except the Nazi territories -- were received today by the European office of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in connection with the relief organization's 25th anniversary, which will be marked this week-end in the United States.

Coming from virtually every important Jewish leader in a score of countries, these messages stressed the great work of salvation done by the J.D.C. for millions of needy Jews in Europe up to the present and its historic mission at a time of unprecedented Jewish catastrophe.

Outstanding among the messages were those of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency for Palestine; Barons Edouard and Robert de Rothschild of France; Sir Osmond d'Avigdor Goldsmid of England, Prof. William E. Rappard of Switzerland and Senator Justin Godart of France. Those from the various Jewish communities in Central and Eastern Europe were touching.

Dr. Weizmann wired: "I am sending to the Joint my heartiest congratulations on the completion of 25 years of magnificent work in behalf of suffering and oppressed Jewry. The Joint has earned the gratitude of Jews throughout the world. Its wise and generous administration of relief funds has saved thousands from despair. I pray that its work may be continued and extended during the dark days before us."

In similar vein were messages from the Board of Deputies of British Jews in London, the World Jewish Congress in Geneva, the Alliance Israelite Universelle in Paris, the Jewish Colonization Association, HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, World ORT Union, the OZE, the Quaker relief organization and the federations of Jewish communities in France, Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Luxemburg, Turkey, Finland, Sweden, Portugal and others.

Morris C. Troper, chairman of the J.D.C.'s European Executive Council, sent the following message to the 25th anniversary conference of the relief organization which will be held in Chicago this week-end:

"My deep regret in not being with you in your deliberations today is exceeded only by the determination to remain on the bridge during the hurricane through which we are now passing.

"Once more the pitiful, pain-wracked and starvation-marked faces of decent men, women and children look westward, all now in one single category of war sufferers looking to you and to you alone for assistance.

"Once more the organization born in war is asked to become the pivotal agency in bringing war relief. Once more refugees stalk the open highways and barren wastes of no-man's-lands with their bodies mutilated and their hours numbered.

"Once more America and Americans are looked to for a modicum of help and assistance for those uprooted from an already abnormal existence, for those torn asunder from all vestige of hope, for those for whom in their stark nakedness and degradation, death seems the only escape.

"I know what it means, after the year of fund-raising through which you have just passed, once more to attempt to raise the necessary wherewithal even fractionally sufficient to cope with the present situation. And yet, with full realization thereof, I feel it my duty to tell you that unless you come forward again with the utmost resolve and generosity to help in this situation, there will be no help, and even worse, no hope.

"Like the great nations fighting for principles for which so many of their sons have fallen, we too have our honored dead, who during their lives nobly carried on the work in behalf of the downtrodden, the persecuted and the underprivileged.

"Let us be true to the memory of Jacob Schiff, Louis Marshall, Julius Rosenwald, Felix Warburg, Cyrus Sulzberger, Arthur Lehman and so many others who so unselfishly gave their all to this cause. Millions are present with you in your deliberations today. They have faith that their urgent pleas, though physically unspoken, will be heard and answered by you."

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Lehman, McDonald, Pickett to Address Chicago Parley

CHICAGO, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Outstanding American leaders in the field of war relief and refugee work will address the sessions of the 25th annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee at the Standard Club here Dec. 2 and 3.

Principal speaker at the opening dinner session Saturday evening will be Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York who took an active part during the World War in the relief efforts of the Committee. In the years immediately following the World War, Governor Lehman was in direct charge of the reconstructive work carried on by the J.D.C. in behalf of distressed Jewish communities in Eastern Europe.

The conferees will hear James G. McDonald, chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees, and Clarence E. Pickett, executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) on Sunday at the afternoon session. Others who will speak are Paul Baerwald, chairman of the J.D.C. Edward M.M. Warburg and James N. Rosenberg, vice-chairmen, Joseph C. Hyman, executive director and Mrs. David M. Levy.

Jewish communal leaders from all sections of the United States and Canada will gather at this conference to take part in the discussions of the work facing the Committee.

An announcement issued prior to the conference pointed out that the Committee today found itself "facing problems similar to those which had brought about its estab-

lishment in 1914, but vastly magnified." A discussion of these problems will be the major object of the conference. It was pointed out that the J.D.C. had been able to render help to civilian war victims throughout the siege of Warsaw and that from the outbreak of the current hostilities, it has been cooperating with the American Red Cross, the American Friends Service Committee and the Commission for Polish Relief in order to effect on the part of major American relief agencies "such coordination as might be of the greatest benefit to all victims."

HUNGARIAN RACE LAWS HIT IN PARLIAMENT; ASSAILED AT CHURCH PARLEY

BUDAPEST, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Government's anti-Jewish policy was denounced today by three deputies in the Hungarian Parliament and by speakers at a conference of the Evangelical Church in Oroshaza.

Deputy Ernst Brody, speaking at a session of the Lower House, enumerated injustices which the Government's anti-Jewish measures had inflicted on Jews in Upper Hungary and the Carpatho-Ukraine through revocation of trade and artisan licenses, and demanded revision of these measures.

The demand was supported by Dr. Rupert, a non-Jewish deputy, known for his democratic views. He declared: "We see how hundreds of Jewish enterprises and workshops in Upper Hungary are being closed down, and it is painful to observe it, not only because such action contradicts humanitarian feelings, Christian teaching and Hungarian history, but because it undermines the defensive strength of our country, which requires that our economy should not shrink and that the income from taxes should not be reduced."

Social Democratic Deputy Hugo Payr also demanded withdrawal of the anti-Jewish measures, declaring they were detrimental to the State's interests. None of the Upper Hungarian deputies, however, spoke against the anti-Jewish restrictions in Upper Hungary, which was a part of Czecho-Slovakia before the Munich pact.

At the Oroshaza Evangelical conference, Bishop Raffay, criticizing the anti-Jewish measures, stated that no country should permit itself the luxury of classifying its citizens into special categories. Father Beliczey declared that he never would permit religious differences to be used as an issue in his parish as he was firmly convinced that those preaching such differences were undermining not only the Church but the State. "A nation which indulges in religious intolerance must perish," he said. Other participants in the conference spoke in similar vein.

Meanwhile, Jewish chorus singers in the Budapest State Opera, who were dismissed under the "Jewish law," have started court proceedings against the Opera for payment of salaries until the end of the season, as provided in their contracts, which were concluded before the promulgation of the law barring Jews from State employment.

OPTIMISM VOICED ON RESULTS OF ZIONIST BRITISH TALKS ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish Chronicle said today it understood that important conversations between Dr. Chaim Weizmann, David Ben Gurion and Moshe Shertok, Zionist leaders, and leading British politicians had not been entirely without result.

The men responsible for British world policy showed a great understanding of the Jewish case and disastrous conditions of the Jews resulting from the war, the periodical said. "Of course, no substantial changes in the situation affecting Palestine are to be expected, but it is hoped that the ruthless, unrelenting prosecution of the Palest-

PROPAGANDA FILMS FED POLES AS NAZIS TAKE OVER THEATERS IN POLAND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Germany has taken over control of all theaters in Poland and is pouring on the populace a steady stream of Nazi propaganda movies, according to information received by the Department of Commerce.

Moving picture theaters are now being reopened in Poland, but only films already released in Germany can be shown. Numerous shorts accompany each feature, the shorts pertaining to social and political developments in the Reich. Polish theaters in possession of persons of German origin will continue to be operated under the present management, but all theaters owned by Poles or Jews will be operated by German commissioners.

BIG SUPPLY OF CLOTHING STORED HERE BY RED CROSS FOR SHIPMENT TO POLAND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A tremendous supply of warm clothing, particularly heavy underwear, is now stored in a New York warehouse awaiting shipment to Poland, the American Red Cross said today. The relief organization is completing plans for sending the clothing to German-occupied Poland under terms reached with the Berlin Government.

J.D.C. REJECTS CONGRESS PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL DRIVE, BROADER EXECUTIVE BASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has rejected proposals submitted by the American Jewish Congress for organization of a "mass" campaign for overseas relief and broadening the base of representation in the J.D.C., it was disclosed today when correspondence between the two organizations was made public. Both proposals were contained in a resolution adopted at a conference last October of representatives of 421 organizations affiliated with the Congress, and later amplified in the form of a memorandum to the J.D.C.

In replying to the first proposal, the J.D.C. cited participation in the United Jewish Appeal and local welfare funds as making it "wholly inadvisable and impractical for the Joint Distribution Committee to associate itself at this time with any plan of money-raising that has not been discussed by the designated representatives of the welfare funds throughout the country, or which, after such discussion, does not meet with their approval."

Rejection of the second proposal, for inclusion of Congress and affiliated groups' representatives in the J.D.C. administration, was explained as follows: "The Joint Distribution Committee has only one purpose, viz: to provide remedial, preventive and constructive relief service to Jewish communities, organizations and individuals, suffering as a result of adverse conditions abroad. It cannot include within its official structure any persons who regard themselves as representatives of organizations or agencies having other functions or purposes, however important, whether they be of a political, civic, or defense, or of any other nature. The Joint Distribution Committee cannot assent to a proposal that other bodies shall be authorized to designate representatives on the Executive or other committees of the Joint Distribution Committee. The Joint Distribution Committee is confirmed in the policy that it has heretofore followed, viz: that it should be representative of a cross-section of Jewish life in America, and should devote itself exclusively to the purposed stated above."

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MASS RALLY TO PROTEST NAZI OPPRESSION SET FOR DEC. 12; CHRISTIAN GROUPS AMONG SPONSORS

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Christian organizations and leaders are among the sponsors of a mass demonstration to protest Nazi oppression of Jews in Poland and Greater Germany, to be held in Madison Square Garden Dec. 13, it was jointly announced today by the American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee.

Associated with the two Jewish groups in arranging the rally are the American Federation of Labor, through President William Green; the American Committee on Religious Rights and Minorities, the Church Peace Union and the Protestant Teacher's Association. Bishop William T. Manning, ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Prof. Albert Einstein and Dr. John Haynes Holmes are among prominent individuals on the Committee of Sponsors for the meeting.

COUGHLIN USED CHURCH FUNDS TO PLAY STOCK MARKET, REPORTER CHARGES

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Charges that "radio priest" Charles E. Coughlin used funds collected for the defunct League of the Little Flower, a charity organization, to speculate in the stock market, were made today by John L. Spivak in another of a series on Coughlin in the current issue of the periodical New Masses.

The magazine published photostatic reproductions of brokerage accounts in Coughlin's name which showed purchases of stock in 1929, at a time when in his radio broadcasts "he called stock market gambling 'shooting craps with other people's money.'"

The reporter intimated that Coughlin used money collected for the League, which had been formed for the ostensible purpose of building a new church and which had almost \$51,000 in its bank account at the time it was dissolved and replaced by the Radio League for the Little Flower, to pay for the stock transactions. The stock purchase, 500 shares of Kelsey Hayes Wheel, totalled \$30,000. Spivak said his efforts to interview Coughlin on that and other questions were unsuccessful.

Spivak disclosed, also, that there is no such person as Ben Marcin, featured anti-Semitic writer in Social Justice, who has been represented to be a Jew. According to an affidavit by a former employe of a Detroit firm that prepared art work for Social Justice, Marcin is a combination pseudonym representing E. Perrin Schwartz, editor of the magazine, and Joseph Patrick Wright, who prepare all articles bearing the Marcin by-line.

HAVANA LABOR PARLEY MOVES TO SET UP IMMIGRATION GROUPS

HAVANA, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The immigration committee of the Second Inter-American Labor Conference has approved a resolution recommending creation of an official organization in each of the countries interested in receiving immigrants to aid the orderly procedure of future immigration.

The resolution also called for organization of experts' committees on selection and settlement of immigrants, a study of the basis on which an international body for financing the settlements, organization of a technical section on the settlers and the adoption of measures of a social character to facilitate adaptation of immigrants to the special conditions in the region of immigration.