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'ISRAEL'S MISSION IS PEACE,' ADLER TELLS ROOSEVELT IN PLEDGING AID TO TRI-FAITH MOVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt has called on leaders of Catholicism, Jewry and Protestantism for cooperation between government and religion towards restoration of peace and alleviation of war suffering, and has received a reply from Dr. Cyrus Adler, the Jewish leader to whom the appeal was sent, stressing that "Israel's mission is peace." (Text of Dr. Adler's reply is on another page.)

The President sent a letter to Pope Pius XII asking "that we encourage a closer association between those in every part of the world -- those in religion and government -- who have a common purpose." An almost identical letter was sent to Dr. George A. Buttrick, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Dr. Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, with the added request that they come to Washington "from time to time" to discuss "our parallel endeavors for peace and the alleviation of suffering."

Mr. Roosevelt's letter contained this reference to the refugee question: "Furthermore, when that happy day (of the return of peace) shall dawn, great problems of practical import will face us all. Millions of people of all races, all nationalities and all religions may seek new lives by migration to other lands or by reestablishment of old homes. Here, too, common ideals call for practical action."

In this connection it was significant that the President appointed as his personal representative to the Pope, with the rank of Ambassador but without portfolio, Myron C. Taylor, retired chairman of United States Steel Corporation, who has devoted the past two years to organizing the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, of which he is American vice-chairman.

Pope Pius, in a Christmas Eve address to the College of Cardinals in Rome, welcomed Taylor's appointment and outlined a five-point peace program one of whose provisions was the adjustment of minority problems. He declared:

"A point which should attract particular attention, if a better arrangement of Europe is wanted, concerns the real needs and just demands of nations and peoples, as well as of ethnical minorities; demands which, if not always enough to form a

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strict right when there are recognized or confirmed treaties or other juridical documents which oppose them, deserve anyway benevolent examination to meet them in a peaceful way, and even where it appears necessary by means of equitable, wise and unanimous revision of treaties. Once real equilibrium among nations is thus brought back and the basis of mutual trust is reestablished, many incentives to resort to violence would be removed."

Mr. Taylor made public in New York a statement accepting his appointment and declaring: "I am doubly pleased that the opportunity comes through the field of religion, that great cornerstone on which civilization and man's dearest hopes for the future have and must rest if human destiny is to achieve its ultimate triumph over the forces of evil." He quoted the Pope, then Cardinal Pacelli, as saying in a visit at his home in New York two years ago, that in the days soon to come all the forces of religion would need to align themselves against a revival of paganism if civilization were to be saved.

The importance of religion as a force for peace had been stressed by President Roosevelt in his letter to the leaders of the three faiths. He compared the present day to the time of Isaiah when "nations walked dangerously in the light of the fires they themselves had kindled" in which day "a spiritual rebirth was foreseen -- a new day which was to loose the captives and to consume the conquerors in the fire of their own kindling."

He expressed belief that a new order "is even now being built, silently but inevitably, in the hearts of masses whose voices are not heard, but whose common faith will write the final history of our time. They know that unless there is belief in some guiding principle and some trust in a divine plan, nations are without light and peoples perish.

"They know that the civilization handed down to us by our fathers was built by men and women who knew in their hearts that all were brothers because they were children of God. They believed that by His will emities can be healed; that in His mercy the weak can find deliverance, and the strong can find grace in helping the weak.

"In the grief and terror of the hour, these quiet voices, if they can be heard, may yet tell of the rebuilding of the world."

Dr. Adler's reply, telegraphed from Philadelphia, welcomed the President's leadership in bringing the forces of religion together in the cause of peace and said he would convey Mr. Roosevelt's message to the various rabbinical associations for transmission to their congregations. He stressed that the watchword of the Jewish people was "Israel's mission is peace" and that this held true for the Jewish communities scattered throughout the world.

President's 'Vivid' Leadership Lauded

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America today made public the following telegram he has sent to President Roosevelt in reply to his message enlisting cooperation of the three great religious faiths in a broad peace move.

"I am only now able to acknowledge your telegram of Dec. 23 owing to delay in delivery of the message which has just reached me.

"Your fellow countrymen and the world at large take new courage from the fact that you are again throwing your vivid and forceful leadership into the cause of peace. It is a noble deed to bring the forces of religion together. I have the confident hope that the leaders will unite the members of their churches and synagogues into a unanimous support of your efforts.

"I gladly take the opportunity to send good wishes to His Holiness the Pope and to Dr. Buttrick and feel sure that all true men of good faith will in their several ways further your inspired leadership.

"I shall, of course, convey your message to the various rabbinical associations for transmission to their congregations. But I can say without qualification that the watchword of the Jewish people is 'Israel's mission is peace,' and that this holds true for all the scattered communities to which the Jewish people have been dispersed and are now, alas, being further dispersed with great brutality.

"I take this occasion to express to you our grateful thanks for the bringing together of the Evian conference and the further efforts you have made in aid of the sorely tried refugees.

"It will be a privilege to me to have the opportunity to visit you at the White House.

"With the hope that you will have the time to spend a happy holiday with your family, I am

"Faithfully yours,

Cyrus Adler."

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Jewish Leaders Praise Move

NEW YORK, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt's move for peace through mobilization of religious forces has drawn commendation from religious leaders and newspapers.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, made the following statement today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "I had hoped for some time that the President might be moved to utilize the resources of America's religious life in some such way as he has now planned. Dr. Adler fittingly enough represents collective American Jewry in its religious life and will doubtless prove a valuable coadjutor in the working out of the President's high spiritual purpose."

Among other Jewish leaders who commented, Rabbi Samuel H. Goldenson declared in a sermon at Temple Emanu-El yesterday that the President's step was "wisely conceived and permeated with humane sentiment," Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein said at West Side Institutional Synagogue that the President was "the world's hope for peace" and William Weiss, president of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, wired the President a message declaring that his action was acclaimed "in the hearts of all normal and liberty-loving people and nations."

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The New York Times declared editorially that the President could not have chosen a better moment to unite the voices, influence and power of the three faiths "so that their words and acts may count for most when the moment to speak and act has come." The Herald Tribune said that Mr. Roosevelt had given "practical application" to the message of peace and good will.

NUREMBERG LAWS PROCLAIMED FOR POLISH AREAS ANNEXED BY REICH

PARIS, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Official introduction of the Nuremberg racial laws and closing of all Jewish enterprises in the areas of Poland which have been proclaimed an integral part of Germany was reported to Polish Government circles today from the German frontier.

Approximately 200,000 Jews are affected by the measures, the report estimated. Merchandise of the closed Jewish shops has been confiscated, it added. The areas falling under the Nuremberg laws include the cities of Kattowice, Czestochow, Lodz, Kalisz, Pultusk and Posen, as well as the whole provinces of Pomerania, Poznan and Zaglemia and the Polish part of Upper Silesia.

Polish-language newspapers in other parts of Nazi-occupied Poland have received instructions to develop a more anti-Semitic policy and to stimulate more hostility by the Polish population against the Jews. Complying with the order, the Nazified Polish daily Gonicz Krakowski started intensified anti-Jewish agitation, taking its line from the official Nazi organ Krakauer Zeitung, which is published in German.

Parallel with the press propaganda, the Nazis started a drive to keep Jews in Cracow from appearing in the streets because the yellow armbands which Jews must wear in Cracow served only to increase Polish sympathy for the Jews and hostility against the Nazis.

To keep Jews off the streets Gestapo agents detain them when they are found walking in pairs. They are separated and each is asked individually what they were talking about. If their answers do not tally they are arrested on suspicion of conducting anti-Nazi conversations.

In a number of cities of Nazi-occupied Poland similar measures are taken against the Polish population. In Thorn, the local Nazi administrator, Herr Weberstedt, issued an order permitting Jews and Poles to walk only in the street, declaring that "the sidewalk belongs only to the conquerors, not to the conquered." This order also provides:

(1) Jewish and Polish males must doff their hats when meeting an official of the German State, army or Nazi Party; (2) stores and market dealers must first serve Germans and "the conquered population can only be served afterwards."

Though officially not coming under the Nuremberg laws, the Polish population is notified in this order that any Pole found talking to a German woman or girl in the street will be "punished as an example," and any Polish woman found speaking to a German man on the street "automatically will be assigned to a brothel."

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Special Passports to Be Issued in Lodz-Kalisz Area

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Special "Jewish Reich passports" will be issued in the German-annexed Lodz-Kalisz territory of Poland beginning Jan. 1, it was learned here today. The Jewish community in that district has been ordered to start special registration of Jews for that purpose.

'Non-Aryan' Christians Also Forced to Wear Armbands

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- "Non-Aryan" Christians are among the most pathetic victims of Nazi anti-Semitism in Poland.

In all Polish towns under the German occupation Jews are forced to wear armlets with a blue Star of David, the earlier revocation of this order having been rescinded. "Non-Aryan" Christians must wear a similar armband with a small cross superimposed.

The armbands aggravate the Jewish position since they expose Jews more readily to molestation by both German and Polish Nationalist anti-Semites. While to the majority of Jews the wearing of armbands does not affect their morale, many even displaying a sense of pride in wearing them, the practical injury is immense since the wearers are debarred from even the most miserable means of livelihood, such as street trading.

For "non-Aryan" Christians, however, among whom are many intellectuals, artists, physicians and lawyers, the armlet signifies a great moral humiliation. Hence their present greater representation in the number seeking to escape to Soviet Poland.

In recent weeks there has also been a noticeable increase in the numbers of Jewish women seeking to evade the strong frontier patrols and enter Soviet territory. Hitherto the frontier crossing was carried out mostly by men. The influx across the border is great despite the difficulties and the dangers of being caught.

Meanwhile, in the Warsaw ghetto Jews are admitted to only the post office, located on Dzianska Street, to which Christians are denied entry. In Lodz, previously issued passes permitting Jews to enter Piotrowska Street, the main thoroughfare, have been cancelled and the street is entirely barred to Jews for both residence or passage. Christian residents of Jewish-owned houses are forbidden to pay rent to the owners but must pay the municipality instead.

Mass Expulsions Most Tragic Aspect of Nazi Terror, Szoszkes Holds

NEW YORK, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Poles are suffering together with Jews from Nazi persecution in German-occupied Poland, it was declared today by Dr. Henry Szoszkes, former vice-president of the Warsaw Jewish Community, who arrived here on the Conte di Savoia on Saturday -- one of the first Jewish leaders to leave Poland after the German invasion and reach the United States.

"The worst thing I witnessed in Poland," Dr. Szoszkes said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "was not the bombardment of Warsaw, although that was horrible -- at least 10,000 Jews were killed -- but the expulsion of Jews from towns to wander they knew not where; the Jews who left their homes in the morning and were afraid to return, fearing that the Nazis would be there.

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"There can be nothing worse than to be cast out of your town and told to wander where your eyes lead. And this was not the fate of Jews alone. Thousands of Poles were also expelled from their towns and villages, especially in Pomerania and Poznan." He exhibited a yellow armband which Jews in Lodz are forced to wear.

The Warsaw Jewish leader intends to remain in the United States several months before proceeding to Palestine, where he has been named a consul by the exiled Polish Government.

U.S. RED CROSS AGENT ON WAY TO CRACOW TO START RELIEF WORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- James T. Nicholson, European representative of the American Red Cross, has left Geneva for Cracow, Poland, to superintend distribution of clothing and medicine dispatched from Genoa, Italy. He is the first American to reach Cracow since the outbreak of the war. The Nazi-occupied city has been the scene of much recent anti-Jewish persecution.

Non-Sectarian Relief Guaranteed, Walcott Says

NEW YORK, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Frederic C. Walcott, treasurer of the Commission for Polish Relief, who arrived from Europe on the Conte di Savoia Saturday, told the J.T.A. today that arrangements had been completed with the German authorities for distribution of relief in Poland on a non-sectarian basis. "Germany has accepted all our conditions," he said, "and the relief will be absolutely non-sectarian."

Walcott declared that distribution of relief would be supervised by Americans, but actually carried out by the Polish Self-Help Organization for the Poles and a local Jewish organization for the Jews.

BUDAPEST LISTS JEWS' LICENSES SLATED FOR CANCELLATION

BUDAPEST, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Regulations for carrying into effect provisions of the anti-Jewish law regarding cancellation of Jews' trade licenses have been issued by the Interior Ministry and published in the official gazette.

The following licenses will be revised: cinema, music hall, variety shows, circuses, meeting places, private detective bureaus, sporting grounds, clubs, music bands and also licenses for possession of barrel organs, for accompanying singers, performing publicly, owning arms, ammunition and explosives, organizing driving lessons, agencies for placing domestic servants abroad, gymnastic dancing and ballet courses, schools, amusement parks and newspaper stands. Exempt from the revision are licenses expiring not later than Oct. 31, 1940, and those enterprises not calculated to yield profit.

Jewish-held licenses will be cancelled in three stages: July 31 and Dec. 31, 1940, and July 31, 1942. Non-Jewish associates of Jewish licenses will be invited to break the association. Permits to employ business managers will be cancelled and no exemptions will be made for war veterans and invalids.

J.N.F. BUYS 6,700 DUNAMS OF LAND IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Purchase of 5,400 dunams (about 1,100 acres) of land in the Hanita district of northern Palestine was announced today by the Jewish National Fund, Zionist land-purchasing agency. The land will be developed for fruit plantations and has been temporarily turned over to the care of neighboring settlements. The Fund also announced the purchase of 1,300 dunams of land near Bnei Geulim in the northern part of the Sharon Valley.

HEBREW U. PLANS STUDENT EXCHANGE WITH U.S. SCHOOLS, SCHOCKEN REVEALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Salmann Schocken, chairman of the executive council of the Hebrew University, who arrived here Saturday on the Conte di Savoia for his first visit, declared today that he intended to confer with officers of the American Friends of the Hebrew University on plans for the institution, including a system of exchange scholarships with American colleges.

Mr. Schocken said that with many European students prevented by the war from coming to Palestine it was hoped to work out an arrangement with the Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Jewish Institute of Religion and perhaps also with general universities whereby 75 American students could go to Palestine and the Hebrew University would send its students here.

He emphasized the determination of Hebrew University officials to carry on their work despite the war. The student body has grown to nearly 1,000, he said, and two new faculties -- medicine and agriculture -- have been added. Three new buildings are under construction -- the Rosenbloom Building housing the Institute of Jewish Studies, the Museum of Jewish Antiquities and a sports arena.

Some 450 of the students are from Poland, Mr. Schocken said. "We accepted the responsibility that Jewish destiny placed upon us. At the time when important centers of Jewish science and culture were being destroyed one by one, the university felt it a duty to open wide its doors to persecuted Jewish men of science and thus turn the young university into one of the largest and most important Jewish scientific institutions in existence."

Because many Polish and other students have lost their sources of financial support, the university has been obliged to provide housing, food and tuition for them. A special fund has been set up for this purpose.

JEWS BACK ALLIES BUT FIGHT BRITAIN'S PALESTINE POLICY, PERLZWEIG STATES

LONDON, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The Rev. Maurice L. Perlzweig, of the Jewish Agency for Palestine's political department, today told a conference of religious laborite Zionist groups that "we fight with Britain and the Allies against the march of tyranny in Europe but at the same time have to battle to resist the advance of forces hostile to the national home in Palestine."

"The Government had every ground for accepting a policy of truce and maintaining the status quo, upholding the implementation of its policy (on Palestine) for the duration of the war," Perlzweig said. "This policy (of truce), however, was not adopted, necessitating a fight against implementation (of the Palestine White Paper) which is continuing."

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Perlzweig announced that he would follow Dr. Chaim Weizmann to the United States and might possibly also go to Australia. He said that Dr. Weizmann's departure could be taken as indication that the situation today was not "so acute as yesterday." He added that "the Jewish people's participation in the struggle against Nazi aggression does not mean that they are willing to yield a hair's breadth of their rights in Palestine."

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Weizmann Feted in Paris

PARIS, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- The plight of the Jews in central and Eastern Europe and the role Palestine will play in solving the Jewish problem in the ultimate peace negotiations was outlined here Friday by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the Zionist leader, at a farewell luncheon prior to his departure for a visit to the United States. The luncheon, at which many French statesmen were present, was presided over by Senator Justin Godart.

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Wise Heads Weizmann Reception Committee

NEW YORK, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- A national reception committee to honor Dr. Chaim Weizmann on his arrival in the United States this week has been formed with Dr. Stephen S. Wise as chairman. Members include Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Sholem Asch, the Rev. Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Col. Frank Knox, Ludwig Lewisohn, George Z. Medalie, Pierre van Paassen and the Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling.

PALESTINE POST OFFICES, CLOSED BY DISORDERS, BEING REOPENED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- It was officially announced today that the Government is reopening post offices throughout the country closed during the Arab disturbances. In the future mail, telegraph and telephone services will operate normally, it was stated.

The large Italian passenger steamship Marco Polo has left Brindisi for Alexandria, Haifa and Lebanon. The newspaper Davar reports that regular communication will now be resumed between Italy and Palestine.

DEPORTATION ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL ENTRANTS SUSPENDED BY PALESTINE POLICE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- Instructions not to press for expulsion orders against illegal immigrants have been issued to public prosecutors in Palestine police courts, it was learned today. This was revealed when the case of two illegal Jewish immigrants was brought before Magistrate Burke here. The accused were sentenced to pay a fine of £25 each or serve one month in prison, but the customary recommendation for deportation was omitted, the prosecutor explaining he was acting upon special instructions from police headquarters.

HALF OF \$1,000,000 ARGENTINE DRIVE earmarked FOR PALESTINE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 25. (JTA) -- A conference attended by 260 delegates of Jewish organizations, 170 of whom represented Buenos Aires groups, today launched a 5,000,000 peso (\$1,000,000) campaign for overseas needs. Half of the quota will be allocated for Palestine requirements and the remainder for refugees and victims of the war.