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PRIVATE FUNERAL RITES FOR ADLER TODAY; 'GRAND OLD MAN' OF U.S. JEWRY DEAD AT 76

PHILADELPHIA, April 8. (JTA) -- Private funeral services, limited to relatives and intimate associates, will be held at noon tomorrow for Dr. Cyrus Adler, who died at his home at 10:30 o'clock last night at the age of 76 after an illness of several weeks. Rabbi Abraham Neumann of Congregation Mikveh Israel, Dr. Adler's synagogue, will officiate.

The death of Dr. Adler, scholar and leader of a host of Jewish organizations, called forth statements of tribute from many public officials, including Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Mayor LaGuardia of New York and Philadelphia officials, as well as Jewish leaders and organizations.

At Dr. Adler's bedside when he died were his wife, Racie Friedenwald Adler; his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Adler Wolfensohn of Cambridge, Mass., and Mrs. Adler's sister, Mrs. Henry I. Hamburger of Baltimore. No other members of his immediate family survive.

London Stirred by News of Death

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- The news of Dr. Cyrus Adler's death in Philadelphia last night created a profound impression here today. The Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Jewish Agency for Palestine sent messages of condolences to his family.

In reporting the news over the radio this morning, the British Broadcasting Corporation announcer stressed the role Dr. Adler played in the settlement of the Wailing Wall dispute in 1929.

Hull Cites Adler's 'High Ideals'

WASHINGTON, April 8. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Cordell Hull today sent the following letter of condolence to Mrs. Cyrus Adler in Philadelphia:

"I was deeply grieved to learn of the passing of your distinguished husband. Dr. Adler will long be remembered for his high ideals and his devotion to the doctrine of tolerance and good will among men of all creeds. I was privileged

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to know him for many years and I held him in great respect and esteem. Mrs. Hull joins me in sending deepest sympathy to you and your family in your bereavement."

The White House said that President Roosevelt was sending a message of condolence to the Adler family from Hyde Park.

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Mayor Lauds Services to Mankind; A.J. Committee Records Grief

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Public officials, Jewish leaders and organizations joined today in paying tribute to the services of Dr. Cyrus Adler. Excerpts from representative statements follow:

Mayor LaGuardia, in a statement made public by Stanley Howe, his secretary: "I want to add my own word of sorrow to those of the Jewish people in the United States and of the entire world today in the loss of Dr. Cyrus Adler. He was a distinguished leader, a great educator and an influence for the good of his people throughout the world. His achievements, however, were not limited to his fellow Jews. His services extended to all of mankind."

The American Jewish Committee, in resolution of its executive committee signed by Chairman Sol M. Stroock and Secretary Morris D. Waldman: "The executive committee of the American Jewish Committee, at a special meeting, records its profound grief at the passing of its beloved president, Dr. Cyrus Adler...a post which he filled with distinction to his dying day. Dr. Adler was peculiarly fitted to head an organization whose purpose is to protect the civil and religious rights of Jews throughout the world...Dr. Adler's outlook and understanding were world-wide in scope...The American Jewish Committee deeply mourns his passing. We shall sadly miss his able and inspired leadership."

The Jewish Theological Seminary, in a resolution of its board of directors and faculties, signed by Provost Louis Finkelstein, Board Chairman Stroock and Honorary Secretary Henry S. Hendricks: "The members of the faculties and board of directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary record their grief at the death of Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Seminary..... His personal piety, his devotion to the cause of Judaism, his love of learning, his indefatigable zeal on behalf of the suffering, won him the affection and admiration of all those who worked with him...In a day of increasing tension throughout the world, he stood as a symbol of traditional religious moderation. In his death, Judaism and the whole American community suffer an irreparable loss."

The Joint Distribution Committee, in a statement signed by Chairman Paul Baerwald, Co-Chairman Edward M.M. Warburg and Executive Committee Chairman James N. Rosenberg: "The officers and members of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee profoundly mourn the death of their beloved friend and colleague, Dr. Cyrus Adler. A man who was preeminent in many fields of endeavor--in scholarship, in humanitarianism, in communal service and indeed in the art of living-- Dr. Adler's life was fruitful with service and rich with the esteem of his fellow men. For the many years which Dr. Adler devoted to the work of this committee, its officers and members will always be grateful and we would like to record our deep personal sense of loss."

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Activities Embraced Many Fields; Named Peace Aide by Roosevelt

Leader of American Jewish religious, communal and intellectual life, and only three-and-a-half months ago chosen by President Roosevelt as the Jewish representative in a move to organize religious forces for peace, Dr. Cyrus Adler had persisted in working until a few weeks ago, when his physicians forbade any further activity.

His activities extended into almost every field of constructive Jewish enterprise. He was president of the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Dropsie College in Philadelphia, an officer of a host of scholarly organizations, editor of several Jewish scholarly publications and author of a number of books.

Although a layman, he devoted his life to advocating the religious view of Jewish life, as opposed to the materialistic. He had a deep interest particularly in Jewish life in America, about which he had hoped for years to be able to write a book, but never found the time for. Although his vast mental scope encompassed all of Jewish life throughout the world and a multitude of other studies, he still was a proud citizen of Philadelphia, contributing his services to such local activities as the Free Library of Philadelphia, of which he was president, and taking delight in dwelling, in private conversation, on the noted men born in this city.

His death came as a blow not only to the Jews of America, whose senior leader he was, and the Jews of the world, whose interests he had often defended, but to the United States as a whole.

Dr. Adler's was "a rich and full career of varied activity and great usefulness," President Roosevelt said in a statement published in a volume issued on Sept. 13, 1938, on his 75th birthday. "Your labors have ever been directed to the happiness of others and the well-being of the community." Secretary of State Cordell Hull had paid tribute to his "long and useful life"; Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes had called his life "a monument to better understanding between man and man."

It was because Dr. Adler represented the best in Jewish life that President Roosevelt last Dec. 25 chose him as the Jewish representative in a tri-faith move for cooperation between Government and religion towards restoration of peace and alleviation of war suffering. Despite his ill health, Dr. Adler accepted the heavy responsibility, stressing that "Israel's mission is peace."

He had given much of his time and energy in recent months to the cause of peace. On Dec. 27, together with a Protestant leader, he conferred with President Roosevelt at the White House and later announced that all parties involved were in complete agreement. He had planned to return at a future date for another conference with the President. On Jan. 10 he sent copies of the President's peace appeal to the 2,000 rabbis throughout the country with a letter inviting suggestions "with regard to the method and procedure to be followed in obtaining peace for the world." He said: "I am sure you will agree that every effort should be made to spread this idea and that no time should be lost in doing so."

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Dr. Adler believed to the last that despite the unprecedented plight of the Jews in Europe, Jewry would survive the present crisis. He frequently warned Jews against "suffering themselves to acquire an inferiority complex by the constant impact of the stream of hatred and propaganda directed against them."

"We cannot muster armies," Dr. Adler said in a statement on his 75th birthday, "we cannot build navies and we cannot compete with the air fleets of the world, but by the study of the Bible, our history and our literature, we can build a citadel in our own hearts which none can conquer." He held an abiding faith that "mankind will rid itself of the aberrations now afflicting a part of the earth. Neither Alexander nor Caesar nor Napoleon lasted, and their many imitators of modern times will not last either."

Dr. Adler was born on Sept. 15, 1865, in Van Buren, Arkansas, the son of Samuel Adler and the former Sarah Sulzberger. He was educated at the University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins University and the Hebrew Union College.

His early training was in education, and he served successively as fellow, instructor and associate in Semitic languages at Johns Hopkins; librarian and assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and curator of archaeology at the United States National Museum. He was a former president of the American Oriental Society and of the American Historical Association, which he founded. Dr. Adler was also a founder of the Jewish Publication Society and supervised that body's monumental translation of the Bible.

As one of the founders of the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Adler became the logical heir to the president's mantle when Louis Marshall died in 1929. As president of the committee he led in moves to safeguard the civil and religious rights of Jews and other minorities.

He also carried forward the work which he and Marshall had begun to bring about closer collaboration between Zionists and non-Zionists in the rehabilitation of Palestine through the medium of the Jewish Agency. He was a member of the Jewish Agency Council and, in January, 1930, at the request of a League of Nations Council special commission, prepared a memorandum on the Wailing Wall question, all of whose points but one were accepted by the commission.

As president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, he was the leader of Conservative Jewry in the United States, but enjoyed the esteem of all wings of American and European Jewish life.

An expert of Semitic customs and folklore, Dr. Adler wrote vividly on the results of his research in the public press. He was chosen as special commissioner of the Chicago Exposition to oriental countries and brought back valuable material from Turkey, Egypt and the Barbary states. As a result of this work he was sent on a diplomatic and scientific mission to the Near East by President Benjamin Harrison which took a year and a half. In 1898 he represented the United States at a conference in London dealing with catalogues and scientific literature.

As a staunch American patriot, Dr. Adler assumed the task, upon the United States' entry into the World War, of coordinating the social, religious and

educational activities of Jewish soldiers and sailors. He organized civilian local and national groups for the purpose, out of which emerged the Jewish Welfare Board. He was chairman of the Committee on Chaplains and subsequently served as chairman of the Welfare Board. At the time of his death he was chairman of its Army and Navy Committee.

Dr. Adler gave greater service when the war ended. In 1919, at the Paris Peace Conference, he cooperated in sponsoring the inclusion of the minority rights clauses in the treaties with newly-formed and enlarged States.

His published works include: "I Am a Hebrew," "Told in a Coffee House" (Turkish folk tales), "Jacob H. Schiff: His Life and Letters," sketches of Oscar S. Straus, Louis Marshall, Samuel Pierpont Langley, Thomas Jefferson, Israel Zangwill, Albert Einstein, Moses Aaron Dropsie, etc.

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'Leadership Mature, Mellow,' Times States

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- The New York Times will declare in an editorial tomorrow that Dr. Cyrus Adler offered to his generation "an example of deep faith and unwavering tolerance." The editorial will state that "to the end his leadership remained mature and mellow, alert but not militant."

BILL OF RIGHTS NOT DESIGNED TO PROTECT TRAITORS, DIES HOLDS; CITES FATE OF CZECHS

WASHINGTON, April 8. (JTA) -- Rep. Martin Dies, in a speech before the sisterhood of Tifereth Israel Congregation, today warned Americans not to follow in the way of Czecho-Slovakia, Austria and Poland and allow Nazi or Communist minorities to undermine the Government of the United States.

Referring specifically to Pelley's Silver Shirts, the German-American Bund, Knights of the White Camellias, and the Communist Party, he said: "The founding fathers never intended the Bill of Rights to protect traitors to this country."

Using as his theme, "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," Dies recalled that when the Nazis began their work in Germany they were regarded as a joke and Hitler as a madman. "This Republic," he said, "must find a way of dealing with the undemocratic minorities in our midst. We don't care if they're open and aboveboard, but they are only following the way of Hitler, preaching racial and religious hatred under the guise of patriotism."

All the leaders of the former German Republic with whom he has conversed, Dies said, now admit that they made their gravest error in ignoring or pretending to ignore Hitler when he first began.

Dies said that six weeks before Hitler sent his troops into Poland the German High Command was in possession of the defense plans of the Polish Army through their swarms of spies. Poland was paralyzed, he said, by Nazi spies.

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CHILEAN JEWS FORM CONGRESS, JOIN WORLD BODY; LAND ACT, NAZISM ASSAILED

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 8. (JTA) -- A Chilean Jewish Congress met for the first time yesterday, voted to affiliate with the World Jewish Congress, denounced Nazi terrorism and the Palestine land act, and launched a 2,000,000-peso campaign for overseas relief and Palestine upbuilding.

The session was attended by 150 delegates representing 40 Chilean Jewish organizations. Also participating were Dr. M. Helman, World Jewish Congress delegate in South America; Dr. Abraham Mibashan, representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and Dr. A.S. Juris, special South American delegate of the Palestine Foundation Fund.

The Congress named a central committee and proposed convocation of a Pan-American Jewish Congress.

500,000 FACE DEATH UNLESS FUNDS DRIVE HERE EXCEEDS QUOTA, TROPER WARNS

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- A warning that 500,000 Jews in European countries would die in the very near future unless the United Jewish Appeal drive exceeds its quota was voiced at a press luncheon at the Hotel Commodore today by Morris C. Troper, European director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, who is leaving shortly to resume his work abroad.

Troper outlined the work the J.D.C. was engaged in throughout Europe, cited the obstacles encountered chiefly as a result of the war and appealed to the Jewish and the Anglo-Jewish press to make every effort to keep American Jewry continuously informed of the situation.

Revealing that he had made 27 separate trips to all parts of Europe not closed by war conditions, Troper warmly praised the role in refugee-aid played by such governments as the English, French, Swiss, Belgian, Netherlands, and Lithuanian. He cited particularly the Belgian Government's aid for 15,000 refugees, whom they were aiding by an allocation of 8,000,000 francs for 1940.

Troper disclosed that Isaac Giterman, J.D.C. Warsaw director who escaped from Poland during the war only to be apprehended by the Nazis while en route from Lithuania and interned in a German concentration camp, has been released and returned to Warsaw.

Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Greater New York campaign of the U.J.A., and Alexander Kahn, vice-chairman of the J.D.C., presided.

RETURN OF REFUGEE PHYSICIANS, NURSES TO POLAND SOUGHT BY NAZIS

WILNO, Lithuania, April 8. (JTA) -- Jewish and Polish physicians and nurses who are refugees here are permitted to return to German-occupied Poland and resume their professional activities, according to a decision of the German authorities transmitted to the Lithuanian Red Cross today by the International Red Cross. It is understood the permission was granted because of the shortage of medical personnel and existence of widespread epidemics in Nazi Poland.

Meanwhile, the Lithuanian Government is continuing to distribute to the provinces the refugees concentrated in Wilno. Three thousand Jewish refugees, chiefly rabbinical seminary students and Zionist pioneers, have already been transferred and 30 are being settled daily. The authorities are anxious to evacuate the refugees completely from Wilno.

Meanwhile, concern was expressed here over the fate of three Polish Jewish writers, Saul Wagan, Nathan Schwable and Samuel Wolkowicz, who are interned in a camp in Russian-occupied Poland and face repatriation to Nazi-held territory. The writers are classed as war prisoners and since all prison camps in the Soviet area are being closed and the inmates returned to their homes, it is believed the three may be sent back to German-occupied Poland.

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U.S. Consulate at Kaunas Gets Warsaw Documents

WILNO, April 8. (JTA) -- The American Consulate at Kaunas has received from the former Warsaw Consulate documents concerning the emigration of Polish citizens who are now refugees in Lithuania, it was learned here today. The documents cover more than 1,500 individual cases, of which about 90 per cent are Jews who had previously applied for American visas.

HIGH NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS NAMED AS 'FRONTISTS' AT SEDITION TRIAL

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Dennis A. Healy, star Government witness in the seditious conspiracy trial of 17 Christian Front members and supporters, resumed his testimony in Brooklyn Federal Court today, relating that William Gerald Bishop, chief defendant, had said Brigadier-General Anderson and Lieutenant-Colonel Meany of the New York National Guard were members of the so-called Christian Front Action Committee.

Healy, who joined the Action Committee to report on its activities to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, amplified his account of the alleged plot to incite the Communists to revolution and seize control of the Government by staging a counter-revolution.

WOMEN'S BODY CABLES \$25,000 TO BUILD HOME FOR PIONEER GIRLS

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- A "Jerusalem luncheon" of the Women's League for Palestine, attended by 2,000 persons at the Hotel Astor, today cabled \$25,000 to Palestine for construction of the league's third home for refugee and pioneer girls, cornerstone of which was laid at 6 p.m. Jerusalem time with Menachem M. Ussishkin, Miss Henrietta Szold, David Ben Gurion, Pinchas Rutenberg and other notables scheduled to participate.

Speakers included City Council President Newbold Morris, Mrs. David L. Isaacs, the league's Palestine chairman; Mrs. William Prince, president, and Rabbi Israel Levinthal.

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U.P.A. Drive Opened in Canada

MONTREAL, April 8. (JTA) -- Canada's United Palestine Appeal was launched last night with a dinner at which \$30,000 was raised toward the \$75,000 Montreal goal. The Dominion objective is \$250,000.

Principal speaker was Dr. Solomon Goldman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who declared that only in Palestine could a tree of real Jewish civilization be planted. Officers of the campaign include Samuel Bronfman, honorary chairman; and A.J. Freiman, chairman. Harry Botshaw, Montreal chairman, presided at the dinner.

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Galilee Land Drive Launched in Bucharest

BUCHAREST, April 8. (JTA) -- A Galilee land redemption campaign was launched here today at a Zionist meeting addressed by Chief Rabbi Alexander Safran and other Rumanian Jewish leaders. Speakers said the only effective reply to the Palestine land act was the purchase of 1,500,000 dunams of unoccupied Galilee land in the district where sales were still permitted under the new regulations.

8 POLISH JEWS ARRIVE IN TRIESTE ON WAY TO PALESTINE

TRIESTE, April 8. (JTA) -- A party of eight Polish Jews arrived here today from Warsaw en route to Palestine. The group includes Leon Levitt, the Zionist leader, and his wife.

NAZI OFFICIAL GETS 4-YEAR JAIL TERM FOR FAILING TO STAMP 'J' ON JEWS' PASSPORTS

AMSTERDAM, April 8. (JTA) -- A German official at Wupperthal, Germany, has been sentenced to a four-year prison term for issuing passports without the "J" stamp to a Jewish couple who emigrated to Italy, it was reported today by the Nazi newspaper Westfaelische Landeszeitung Rote Erde. The official, who was alleged to have accepted a 40-mark bribe, was also deprived of his civic rights for five years.

NO FINNISH JEWS REMAIN IN AREAS CEDED TO SOVIET

STOCKHOLM, April 8. (JTA) -- Not a single Jew remained in the Finnish districts ceded to Soviet Russia, it was learned here today.

About 300 Jews who lived in Viborg, largest city in the ceded district, and the few who lived in smaller centers of the area emigrated with the remainder of the population to other parts of Finland. The total Jewish population of Finland is less than 2,000.

Fifteen Finnish Jews were killed in action during the Russo-Finnish war, it was learned, while a considerable number, including women and children, were wounded. Many Jewish-owned shops were among those in Helsinki damaged in the Soviet bombing raids. Synagogues escaped damage.