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### ROOSEVELT STRESSES COOPERATION WITH ALL FAITHS FOR PEACE; SEEN REPLY TO LEWIS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt's assertion last night in his speech at New York's Madison Square Garden that he was working with "all three faiths" for peace was interpreted here today as a reference to the pro-Willkie radio address of CIO President John L. Lewis last Friday night, who urged "members of the Christian church" not to vote for the man who "practices the modern sorcery of war-mongering."

The President said: "Your government is working at all times with representatives of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths. Without these spiritual forces we cannot make or maintain peace and all three of them work with us toward that great end."

In his delivery, President Roosevelt laid stress on the "all three." In addition he said: "We guard against the forces of anti-Christian aggression which may attack us from without and the forces of ignorance and fear which may corrupt us from within."

The President's remarks gained added significance through the revelation of Presidential Secretary Stephen Early that yesterday afternoon, a few hours before the President spoke, he conferred with R.J. Thomas, international president of the United Automobile Workers of America (CIO), who quoted a Willkie supporter as having made disparaging statements about the Jews. According to Thomas the man was Harold E. Talbott, a director of the Chrysler Corporation, assertedly acting as a Willkie spokesman.

Talbott declared here today that Thomas's statements were "fantastically untrue." He said: "I hope I'm not stupid enough to go to a man like Thomas and solicit his support for Willkie with a promise of a cabinet post, anti-Semitic talk, or anything else."

There were reports, which could not be confirmed, that the original draft of Lewis's speech had included an appeal to "my Jewish friends" to oppose Roosevelt in order to avoid the possibility of persecution here such as dictatorship had brought in Europe, but that this had been deleted at the request of Republican leaders.

Hitherto the public presidential campaign had been practically free of any religious issue so far as the major parties were concerned. Republican Candidate

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Wendell L. Willkie himself had termed anti-Semitism "a possibly criminal movement," had repudiated the support of bigoted groups, specifically declaring "I don't want Father Coughlin's support," and had forthrightly pledged to help guard against "racial or religious intolerance and persecution" in this country.

#### WEIZMANN, RABBI HERTZ SEE CZECHOSLOVAKIA FREED FROM NAZI YOKE

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The belief that Czechoslovakia will be freed from the Nazi yoke was expressed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, and Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz in messages to President Eduard Benes on the 22nd anniversary of the foundation of the Czechoslovak Republic.

"The enslavement of your country was the beginning of the European catastrophe; its liberation will be a sign that the cause of Freedom has triumphed," Dr. Weizmann said.

Dr. Hertz said: "I feel certain that your country will once more be built up in the spirit of Masaryk and that Czechoslovakia will take its full share among the nations striving for democracy and humanity. "The Jews of Great Britain have always shown great admiration for your people and particularly today in view of the great hardships inflicted on the Czechoslovak nation in its struggle for freedom and justice."

#### JEWS ORPHANS MOVE 3 TIMES TO ESCAPE NAZI BOMBINGS

LONDON, Oct. 29. (ONA) -- The children of the Norwood Jewish orphanage are beginning to think that Goering's bombers have special instructions to pursue them.

At the beginning of the war the children were evacuated to a home in a south coast town. Later they were shifted elsewhere owing to enemy aerial activities. But the Nazi fliers gave them no rest and recently bombed a school in that town where they met daily for tuition. Their place of residence has been changed again.

#### NEED FOR INCREASED RELIEF STRESSED IN J.D.C. PAMPHLET

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee is continuing its relief work in behalf of suffering Jews in Europe despite wartime difficulties, the J.D.C. reports in a newly-issued pamphlet entitled "What Can We Do Today."

The urgent need for an augmented program of relief and rehabilitation for Jews abroad is stressed in the pamphlet. A continuous flow of emigration is coming to the United States from Central Europe via the trans-Siberia route to Yokohama and thence across the Pacific, the pamphlet says.

The Committee has appropriated \$5,216,500 for the first nine months of 1940, representing the aggregate of a constantly declining series of appropriations, the pamphlet says. Lack of funds, which has been increasingly manifest throughout the year, has imposed severe hardships on the overseas Jewish populations which look to the Jews of the United States as their only salvation today, the pamphlet emphasizes.

#### ONLY MILLION EUROPEAN JEWS LIVE UNDER FREE ECONOMIES, LVOVITCH SAYS

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Only about 1,000,000 of Europe's 11,000,000 Jews now live in countries where there is a free economic system, Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Union, Jewish vocational retraining organization, asserts in an editorial in the July-October issue of the ORT Economic Bulletin. He says that

some 5,700,000 Jews now live in Russia or Russian-occupied areas and 4,000,000 in Nazi-controlled countries.

A detailed picture of the sufferings of Jews in Germany is given by Rabbi Max Nussbaum, formerly of Berlin. "The continued survival of thousands of Jews in Germany cannot be denoted by the term 'life'" he says. "For this word implies certain intellectual and spiritual values...which are wholly lacking to German Jewry today."

#### JEWISH AGENCY DELEGATE OPENS PERU RELIEF DRIVE

LIMA, Peru, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. S. Yuris, representative of the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress, yesterday opened the united appeal for overseas Jewish relief for the Palestine Foundation Fund with a speech at a mass meeting. With Heller, president of the Israelite Union, and Topf, president of the Zionist Federation, he visited British Ambassador Courtenay Forbes, who expressed sympathy with the Jewish people and with Zionist work.

#### DR. JAIVENSKY, KAUNAS SOCIAL WORKER, DEAD AT 58

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Jehoshua Jaivensky, social worker and president of the Jewish Educational Association until the Soviet occupation of Lithuania, died in Kaunas, it was reported here today. He was 58. Dr. Jaivensky was dismissed from his post as government medical officer.

#### N.Y. SCHOOLS DROP STRAIGHT ARM SALUTE

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The public schools of New York have stopped using the straight-arm salute to the flag at the request of Dr. Harold G. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools, because of the gesture's resemblance to Nazi and Fascist salutes, the Board of Education disclosed.

As a result of publicity given to an objection made to the salute by Attorney General John J. Bennett Jr., patriotic groups throughout the country are seeking the abolition of the straight-arm salute which has been used for generations by public school children in pledging allegiance to the flag. The public school children here are now using the ordinary hand-to-forehead military salute at the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### COMMITTEE NAMED TO PLAN BICENTARY OF PHILADELPHIA CONGREGATION

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A Bicentennial Celebration Committee for Philadelphia's Congregation Mikveh Israel has been appointed with Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach as general chairman and Dr. Louis Gershenfeld as chairman of the planning committee, it was announced today by J. Solis-Cohen Jr., congregation president. The anniversary will be marked with a program of special events from Nov. 27 to Dec. 1.

#### MONTREAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE GETS TALMUD

MONTREAL, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- A 34-volume set of the Talmud and Midrash in English given by a group of "friends of learning" at Temple Emanu-El has been presented to the library of Divinity College here. Dean G.G.D. Kilpatrick, accepting the gift, said: "These are fundamental documents for the understanding of post-biblical Judaism, and they are a welcome addition to the research facilities of a Christian theological institution. We welcome particularly this gesture of friendship and cooperation between friends of learning who are of different faiths." Rabbi Harry J. Stern made the presentation.