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He declared that behind his opponents was "either the Jew or the sacred money bag." In reviewing the rise of Nazism in Germany, he said that "we fought against internal decay and again the alien race of Jewry."

Mussolini, speaking in Rome yesterday, denounced the "illusion that the United States is still a democracy, when instead it is a political and financial oligarchy dominated by Jews through a personal form of dictatorship." Attacks on Jews in Hitler's vein have appeared rarely in Mussolini's speeches. In this case, the Duce read from a prepared text, which was a departure from his usual practice of speaking extemporaneously.

#### 150 REFUGEES ARRIVE IN JAPAN

TOKYO, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Some 150 European Jewish refugees arrived today at the Japanese port of Suruga from Vladivostok aboard the Japanese steamship Anabusa Maru, the Domei news agency reported. A number of them hope to be allowed to remain in Japan until they are able to settle in the Far East or in South America, the report said.

#### 50 REACH PALESTINE FROM LITHUANIA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Fifty Jewish refugees from Soviet Lithuania, who traveled by way of Istanbul, arrived here today. The first 50 Rumanian Jews to reach here as fugitives from the January pogroms are expected tomorrow.

#### SILVER URGES MAXIMUM AID FOR PALESTINE AS UPA NEW YORK DRIVE OPENS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Chairman Abba Hillel Silver of the United Palestine Appeal today called for support of the UPA \$12,000,000 drive in an address at a rally of the UPA Women's Division at the Hotel Astor. It was one of six sessions in a city-wide conference which launched the most extensive campaign for funds for Palestine in the history of the New York Jewish community.

"The desperate situation of the Jews in the Balkan countries," he declared, "particularly Rumania, which is at this very hour the pulse of momentous world events to come, has made it necessary for the United Palestine Appeal to place the emigration of Jews from Rumania to Palestine at the head of its program for the rescue and re-settlement of Jews from the distressed centers of Europe."

One of the ceremonies of the conference was the intoning of a special prayer for Palestine by 200 rabbis led by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the Rabbis' Division, who gathered at a luncheon at the Hotel Sharon.

Following the luncheon of the rabbis, leaders of New York trades and industries gathered at the Empire State Club in a meeting designed to enlist support of the trades behind the United Palestine Appeal.

The final session of the campaign opening was a rally and demonstration of the Junior Division at the Free Synagogue. A message from Professor Albert Einstein was read which said:

"May our love for our Palestine work therefore remain alive in our souls! Thus it will lead to valuable achievements in the future also. For my own part, my love for our work will become greater when we have succeeded in reaching a permanent understanding

with the Arabs in Palestine. I hope that the time will soon be favorable for the attainment of this goal. Moved by our thousand-year history of suffering, we will strive to achieve this important aim, thus demonstrating that for us the words of our prophets have not remained mere empty phrases, but that we are filled with and guided by a yearning for humanity, peace and justice. May this work be close to the hearts of every one of us, and may each of us do his utmost to imbue it with the spirit of true justice."

An appeal from four British statesmen to American Jews to support Palestine as a stronghold in Britain's defense in the Middle East and to promote its upbuilding for the solution of the problem of the Jewish refugees, was also made public by Dr. Silver. The call came from Viscount Cecil, Lord Snell, the Duke of Devonshire and Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite member of Parliament.

#### MCWILLIAMS FOLLOWERS REBUFFED IN EFFORT TO INJECT ANTI-SEMITISM IN ISOLATIONIST RALLY

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A firm rebuke was given to adherents of Joseph E. McWilliams' anti-Semitic Destiny Party on Friday night when they attempted to convert an isolationist rally at Mecca Temple into an anti-Jewish demonstration.

A number of McWilliams followers, estimated by some at 500 persons, acting on advance instructions, began shouting anti-Semitic slogans during speeches. As soon as organizers of the meeting became aware of the anti-Semites' presence, speaker after speaker repudiated them.

John T. Flynn declared: "We do not approve doctrines which stimulate racial hatreds or religious hatreds or any kind of hatreds in this country." Senator Burton K. Wheeler said: "I abhor intolerance whether it be predicated upon color, race or religion." Norman Thomas also denounced racial prejudice.

The rally was sponsored by the America First Committee and the Keep America Out of War Congress.

#### HOLLANDER DEFENDS BUDGETING PLAN; SEES GAINS FOR ALL

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A more sympathetic response to all legitimate Jewish causes will be the outstanding result of the establishment of an advisory service on budgeting for national and overseas agencies, Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, has declared.

In a statement to be published in the American Israelite of Cincinnati regarding the referendum being conducted by the Council among its 205 member agencies in 167 cities on the proposal to set up a national advisory budgeting service, Hollander appealed to national agencies to permit local communities to decide the matter "solely on the usefulness of the proposed services to their individual needs and not as a result of hysterical clamor or threats of disruption."

"No agency appealing to welfare funds," he said, "has anything to fear from an honest, sympathetic examination of its programs and needs."

#### EGYPTIAN STEAMER WITH 122 JEWS FROM PALESTINE ARRIVES AFTER 2-MONTH TRIP

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Egyptian steamship Zamzam arrived here today after a two-month roundabout voyage from Egypt, bringing 122 Jews from Palestine, 15 of them American citizens. One of the passengers was Eri Jabotinsky, son of the late Vladimir Jabotinsky, who was not permitted immediately to land and was taken to Ellis Island. The ship still bore the scars of bomb splinters, the result of an Italian air raid while the vessel was in Alexandria harbor. The 15,000-mile voyage from Egypt was made by way of the Suez Canal, the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean, Cape Town, the South Atlantic, Brazil and Trinidad.