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BRITISH CHIEF RABBI BROADCASTS PASSOVER MESSAGE; YUGOSLAV JEWS URGED TO MAKE 'ALL SACRIFICES

LONDON, April 10. (JTA) -- A Passover message of encouragement to the approximately 4,000,000 Jews suffering under the Nazi yoke in Europe was broadcast here today by Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz, speaking over the London radio.

Dr. Hertz told the legend of how Pharaoh, standing forever at the gates of the Hell, has been asking over the centuries every entering oppressor: "Why hast thou not profited by my example?" This question, the Chief Rabbi said, is ringing now in the ears of the Italian oppressor and will surely ring in the ears of his Nazi overlord.

While this message was delivered 50,000 Jews were being concentrated in a ghetto in Lublin, Nazi Poland. There are 300,000 Jews in the district of Lublin. The Nazi authorities plan to complete segregation of the Jews in the Lublin ghetto by April 15.

Reports which reached London today from Yugoslavia state that representatives of the Jewish communities and important Jewish bodies there, after a meeting in Belgrade, issued a manifesto to all the Jews of the country urging them to make the utmost sacrifices for defense of Yugoslavia. The manifesto will be read in all the synagogues as part of the Passover services.

German Jewish refugees in Yugoslavia have, according to the same reports, appealed to the Government for permission to join the Yugoslav army or to cross the border into Greece in order to join the Greek Army. There are some 5,000 Jewish refugees from the Reich in Yugoslavia.

The Belgrade Government has reportedly suppressed a number of anti-Semitic papers and arrested anti-Semitic pro-Nazi agitators. Among the papers suppressed are "Vreme, one of the largest Yugoslavian daily newspapers in Belgrade, and two Russian monarchist weeklies, Zemlia and Russkaya Svoboda. No reports have been received on the fate of the 50,000 Jews in Salonika after the Nazi occupation of the city.

Intensified anti-Jewish propaganda was started by the Nazi press during the pre-Passover week, according to a report issued here by the Polish Government-in-exile. The report quotes the Ostdeutscher Beobachter as stating, in one of a series of anti-Jewish

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articles, that there are 2,000,000 Jews in Nazi-held Poland and that all of them must be isolated from the Poles. The Beobachter claims that there are 700,000 Jews in the Warsaw district and that a half million of them are already in the Warsaw ghetto. In the Radom district, the Nazi organ reports, there are 300,000 Jews of whom 30,000 are locked in the local ghetto. Seventy thousand Jews have been expelled from Cracow, capital of the Government-General, and 15,000 have been isolated in a ghetto there, the paper says.

WEIZMANN STRESSES JEWISH STATE AS AID TO EMPIRE DEFENSE; SEES WASHINGTON OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- The importance of establishing a Jewish state in Palestine was stressed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, addressing a meeting at the Harrington Hotel last night attended by about 100 persons.

Dr. Weizmann said a strong Jewish Palestine would be the best guarantee of a stable Near East and a rock of strength for the democracies in the battle to keep the Suez Canal open.

He leaves Washington tomorrow morning after a week in Washington during which he conferred with British Ambassador Lord Halifax, Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles and other Government leaders. He expressed satisfaction with the results of his conferences. He also saw William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

William Philip Simms, foreign editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, reported yesterday that information reaching Washington indicated that the Nazis would start a new drive towards the Near East and seek to occupy Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Transjordan and the Iraq oil fields.

King Sees Jewish Commonwealth

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- William H. King, former Senator from Utah, in an address over radio station WQXR tonight, predicted eventual establishment of Palestine as a Jewish commonwealth with a population numbering several millions.

Asserting that an investigation which he conducted several years ago during a visit to Palestine had led him to the "conclusion that the resources of Palestine were adequate to meet the requirements of several millions of Jews," he characterized the Zionist movement as a force for democracy, linking Jews and Non-Jews. The address was under the auspices of the Metropolitan Bureau of the Zionist Organization of America.

PALESTINE FARMERS ASK GOVERNMENT WORK PROGRAM

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- The 36th conference of Jewish farmers at Rehoboth yesterday adopted a resolution demanding that a program of work instead of doles be carried out by the Government and asking maximum assistance from Jewish national institutions.

Harzfeld urged furtherance of agricultural settlement even in wartime. Samuel Dayan demanded investment of £250,000 to stabilize recently-initiated rural settlements.

225 BALKAN REFUGEES REACH HOLY LAND

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- Two hundred twenty-five Jewish immigrants have arrived here from Balkan countries in recent days, it was disclosed today.

VICHY TO TURN OVER REFUGEES TO REICH; SOCIALIST LEADER TAKES LIFE

LONDON, April 10. (JTA) -- The Vichy Government has agreed to turn over to Germany a number of German Jewish and political refugees, the London radio reported today.

"The Vichy Government is reported to have agreed to hand over to Berlin a number of political and Jewish refugees from the Nazi regime," the broadcast said. "The Nazis are said to have drawn up lists of the men they want seized."

The Austrian Jewish Socialist leader, Hertzfeld, has committed suicide in the Moulins concentration camp in France on the eve of being extradited to Germany, Reuters reported.

PASSOVER SERVICES BEGIN TONIGHT; GENERAL LAUDS JEWS' SERVICES AT FORT DIX

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- With emphasis on conditions of the Jews in Europe today as a parallel to the bondage in Egypt, Jews throughout the United States will begin observance of Passover tomorrow night.

This year thousands of Jews will observe the holiday in or near army camps because of the Selective Service Act. Many Jews in the armed forces have received two-day furloughs to attend Seder services in their homes or in nearby communities, where provision is being made for public Seders by the Jewish Welfare Board.

More than 1,000 Jewish soldiers assembled for a pre-Passover service in the War Department Theater at Fort Dix, N.J., yesterday heard Maj. Gen. Clifford R. Powell declare: "In looking over the pages of our history we are particularly proud of the significant role played by Jews in our own struggles for freedom and democracy." Rabbi David de Soia Pool delivered a sermon which was broadcast on a nation-wide network.

A Seder will be held in Camp Upton both Friday and Saturday nights, under the direction of Chaplain Norman Siegel, with the cooperation of the Jewish Welfare Board. A Seder will be conducted at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., with Rabbi Edward Ellenbogen in charge. Services will be held at the Jewish Welfare Board Army and Navy Center in the Canal Zone under Rabbi Nathan Witkin. The Jewish Welfare Board has also sent Rabbi Lavy M. Becker on a 1,400 mile trip to Puerto Rico to conduct Passover services for the Jewish men stationed there.

In the metropolitan area Jewish centers are conducting special public Seders to which Jewish soldiers and sailors have been invited. Similar public celebrations will be held by Jewish community centers, YMHAs and YWBAs throughout the country. Matzos and hagadahs have been distributed by the Welfare Board to all of its army and navy committees in areas adjacent to army camps and are also being supplied for the men in the camps who are unable to leave on furloughs.

Arrangements are also being made by the board to transport 400 men by bus from Camp Hulen, Texas, to Houston, a distance of 110 miles, for Seder services in the community. Similarly 378 men will be transported from Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas, to Fort Worth and Dallas for services.

Approximately 1,000 refugees who have recently come from the war zones will attend their first Seder on American soil as guests of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid

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Society. The community Seder will be held at HIAS headquarters, and on Ellis Island, where a number of temporarily detained immigrants will be accommodated,

Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Senator Alben W. Barkley, Senate majority leader, will be speakers at the ninth annual Third Seder of the National Labor Committee for Palestine, to be held simultaneously at the Hotel Astor and the Hotel Commodore on Sunday evening. The 4,000 guests, who have raised at least \$20 each for the campaign, will be divided into two sections, with the program repeated in the ballrooms of the two hotels.

U.S. JEWS MUST INCREASE AID TO SAVE EUROPE'S JEWS, NEW ENGLAND PARLEY TOLD

PROVIDENCE, R.I., April 10. (JTA) -- The American Jewish community will have to increase its giving even to the point of sacrifice, if the Jews of Europe are to survive, it was declared by speakers at a panel discussion on European and Palestinian causes and the refugee service in the United States which was a feature of the seventh annual New England regional conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, held here this week with 300 delegates from 15 cities attending.

Speakers during the panel discussion included representatives of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal, Hebrew Immigrants Aid Society, American ORT Federation and National Refugee Service. Archibald Silverman of Providence was chairman and Jacob Landau, managing director of the JTA, was interlocutor.

At the close of the discussion Silverman said: "We have heard the challenge. The answer rests with us. Let us go back to our communities; organize our local campaigns, work in them untiringly, and, above all, give."

Speakers on various other subjects during the conference included H.L. Lurie, executive director of the Council; Rabbi Morris Lazaron of Baltimore, Joseph Schlossberg and Rabbi Ira Eisenstein.

Among the resolutions adopted by the conference was a pledge of "full cooperation" in the national defense program and "unremitting support of the national effort to maintain the principles and methods of democracy." Officers elected are Herbert L. Cohen, Bridgeport, president; Bernhart Hoffman, New Haven, Milton Kahn, Boston, Harry Levine, Icominster and Milton Sapinsley, Providence, vice-presidents, and Jacob Gross, Worcester, secretary.

BAERWALD, WARBURG HONORED AT DINNER

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- More than 350 Jewish religious, civic, social, professional and trade leaders active in the United Jewish Appeal attended a dinner last night at the Waldorf-Astoria in honor of Paul Baerwald, retiring national chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Edward M. M. Warburg, who succeeds him as chairman.

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKEND JTA BULLETIN BECAUSE OF THE PASSOVER HOLIDAY