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### PALESTINE JEWISH LEADERS' BROADCAST URGES SOVIET JEWS TO FIGHT HITLERISM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- The Jews of Soviet Russia for the first time in 22 years today heard "the voice of Palestine" when leaders of all factions of Palestine Jewry, headed by Chief Rabbi Herzog and M. M. Ussishkin, delivered stirring addresses on a Jerusalem broadcast to Moscow, urging the Russian Jews to have faith in the ultimate victory over Hitlerism.

The most touching broadcast was the one made by M. M. Ussishkin, veteran Zionist leader and one of the fathers of the Zionist movement in Czarist Russia. He started his broadcast with the words "Dear brothers and sisters in Soviet Russia" and concluded with "Shalom." Others who participated in the broadcast - the first ever to be sent from Palestine to Soviet Russia - included Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council of Palestine, Dr. Isaac Gruenbaum, member of the World Zionist Executive, Berl Katznelson, leader of the Histadruth, Chanah Rovina, leading actress of the Habimah Theatre, and Saul Tchernichovski, famous Hebrew poet. The broadcast was relayed through London.

### "Don't Despair!" Is Ussishkin's Call to Soviet Jewry

Just recuperating from an operation, Ussishkin standing before the microphone said: "Dear brothers and sisters in Soviet Russia! Twenty-two years have passed since I took leave of you. But our intimate ties and mutual love and sympathy have not changed. At the time when we here were busy in upbuilding our historical fatherland we did not forget you for a single moment. We build for all parts of our dispersed people, including you. You are happy in one respect. You are equal citizens. You live in a country where there is full equality without discrimination with regard to race and religion, and where the Jewish bent back has grown straight. It is clear to us that Hitler's victory means the extermination of the Jewish people, while Hitler's defeat means the resurrection of our people.

"Israel's history repeats itself," Ussishkin continued. "We are certain that also from the present catastrophe will come a new hope for our people. Therefore, don't despair just as we do not despair. Thousands and tens of thousands will fall, but the Jewish nation will live forever and its future will be safe - one people, one hope, one ideal, the most human ideal, an ideal which will be recognized by all nations, your country including. We are entering a new year, Let us hope the coming year will take turn to the better for all. Shalom!"

Chief Rabbi Herzog in his broadcast to the Jews in Russia said: "Don't be downhearted. Rely on God of the world, of truth, of justice. Let the New Year bring victory for the Russian and British forces and peace for the world based on freedom and justice."

Issac Ben-Zvi, speaking on behalf of the Jewish National Council, said that "Russian Jewry was and remained for us the cradle of Jewry's liberation. Emphasizing that he voices the sentiments of a half million Jews, Ben-Zvi stated: "You, brethren in Moscow, recently proclaimed that the Jewish people will not die but live, our joyous reply is that we will not die, but live; the enemy of mankind will not overcome us. We follow with adoration the Russian heroic struggle with the invader and we are proud of your participation in it, just as we are proud of the ten thousand Palestine Jews who are fighting with other nations for world's freedom. Through a sea of blood and pain we are marching toward victory."

Berl Ketznelson, broadcasting on behalf of the Laborites, said this is the first time in history of wars that all Jewish people in dispersion are in one camp against a common enemy wishing Jewish extermination. "You are doing your share, and we are doing and will continue to do our share at the front as well as in the rear," Ketznelson said.

Performances at all theatres in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Tiberias were interrupted during the broadcast to Moscow while the audience listened to the addresses, which were delivered in Hebrew, Russian and Yiddish, over special loud speakers installed in the theatres. Crowds jammed the streets before every radio set in order to hear the entire broadcast. Of special interest was the Yiddish portion since it marked the first time that Yiddish had been heard over the Palestine Broadcasting Service since it was first founded.

The entire Palestine press enthusiastically greeted the "first contact with Russian Jewry." Regrets were expressed at the inability of Pinchas Rutenberg, Russian-born Palestinian industrialist and former president of the Vaad Leumi, to participate in the program because of ill health.

#### WISE, KIRSTEIN BROADCAST PLEA FOR VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- Strengthening of unity in our own land and bringing help to the victims of aggression overseas without helping aggressor nations were linked as two major tasks in support of democracy here and throughout the world, in a special High Holiday program presented by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee today over a coast-to-coast Mutual Broadcasting System network. The High Holiday messages were delivered by Dr. Jonah B. Wise, vice chairman of the J.D.C. and Louis E. Kirstein of Boston, member of the Board of Directors of the J.D.C. Rabbi Wise spoke from New York, Mr. Kirstein from Boston.

Urging all Jews who observe the fast of the Day of Atonement to "help freely those who have been forced into ignominious slavery," Rabbi Wise said: "We ask them to contribute from their plenty or from their little, so that thousands and thousands of men and women may be redeemed from the tortures which Nazi Germany has decreed shall be their portion on this earth. Man is not asked to fast to save his soul; he is asked to make sacrifices to assure himself he has a soul."

Mr. Kirstein, asserting that "we must sustain the hopes" of the silent millions overseas, pointed out that "if they give up, democracy is lost in the Old World, and we here will find ourselves isolated, standing alone against an armed and ruthless conqueror."

#### AGED JEWISH VICE-MAYOR IN PALESTINE ENLISTS FOR MILITARY SERVICE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- J. Grabovsky, the fifty-year old vice-Mayor of Petach Tikvah, today enlisted in the Palestine forces for active military service.

GERMANY PLANS TO EXPEL ALL JEWS FROM EUROPE, STATES NAZI SAVANT

LISBON, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- Segregation of Jews in the Lublin reservation and in walled ghettos is only a temporary expedient Germany is employing until it is able to proceed with the complete expulsion of Jews from all Europe, according to an article by Dr. Hohberg, a member of the Reichsinstitute for History of the New Germany, in Das Reich, German monthly, reaching here today.

The Nazis plan to deport all Jews to an isolated spot where they will be cut off from the rest of the world, Hohberg states, although he does not reveal the location of this spot which apparently has not yet been selected by the Nazis. "If Jews are capable of existing in their own state created by their own citizenry they will be able to show this when the Reich transports them to the place which will be selected, but Jewish citizenship in foreign countries is ended forever in Europe," the article declares.

Asserting that the German policy provides for "complete separation" of Germans and Jews, Hohberg describes the present restrictive measures as "only a step on the way to a new goal." The Nazi professor compares the present situation with that of the Middle Ages and points out that the ghetto policy failed there since it enabled Jews to penetrate into the economic life of Europe and to finally win emancipation. Scoring this as "medieval tolerance" Hohberg promises that Germany will not countenance such a policy today.

PARIS RADIO ATTACKS APPOINTMENT OF JEW TO FREE FRENCH COUNCIL

LONDON, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- Demanding "the outlawing of Jews," the Nazi-controlled Paris radio today broadcast a violent anti-Semitic attack in connection with the appointment last week of Rene Cassin, a Jew, to the position of Minister of Justice and Education in the Free French National Council.

Denouncing "howling Jews" the Paris announcer declared that Cassin is well known for "his intrigues in Geneva." The broadcast also attacked M. Hauck, prominent Socialist journalist, who is Minister of Labor in the new Council.

YOM KIPPUR IN JAPAN MUST BE OBSERVED ON SAME DAY AS IN PALESTINE, RABBIS DECIDE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- After two successive days of discussions, twenty prominent rabbis under the chairmanship of Chief Rabbi Herzog, decided that the Yom Kippur fast for stranded Jews in Japan should take place on the same day as in Palestine -- Wednesday.

The decision was taken after Prof. Fraenkel, dean of the faculty of mathematics at the Hebrew University, lengthily reported before the rabbinical session on the mathematical side of the problem which was raised by a cabled inquiry from rabbis stranded in Japan who pointed to the difference in time between Japan and Palestine.

PORTNOJ, LEADER OF JEWISH SOCIALIST BUND, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- Yekusiel Portnoj, leader of the Jewish Socialist Bund in Poland and one of the pioneers of Jewish Socialism, who recently arrived in the United States from Europe, died here today, aged 69. He was one of the most beloved figures in the Jewish labor movement, where he was known under the names "Noah" and "Jozef." The funeral will take place Tuesday morning from the Forward Hall.

AMERICAN JEWS DONATE 15 AMBULANCES TO ALLIED FORCES

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- At least fifteen ambulances now in service with the British and Allied forces in England, Canada, Egypt and the Near East were paid for entirely by prominent Jewish organizations or individuals, it was disclosed here today by William V. C. Ruxton, president of the British American Ambulance Corps.

These include the first of almost two hundred equatorial type ambulances sent by the corps to the Anzac forces in Africa. Donor of the initial light-weight desert mercy vehicle was the Women's League for Palestine. Other ambulances were donated by the Daniel Guggenheim Foundation and Hadassah, while sizeable contributions were received from various B'nai B'rith chapters throughout the United States. Three were accounted for by members of New York's Harmony Club.

800 JEWS FROM REICH REACH SPAIN ON WAY TO USA

LISBON, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- Over three hundred German Jewish refugees whose United States immigration visas expired after July 1st when the new American immigration regulations went into effect have been admitted to Spain to appear before American Consuls there for renewal of their permits, it was disclosed here today.

The refugees are now in Barcelona where they are being examined by the American consular authorities in accordance with the new regulations. About twenty have already had their examinations completed and received their visas, enabling them to sail for the United States this week. Examination of the remaining cases is expected to be completed within a comparatively short time. The refugees are being maintained by the American Joint Distribution Committee during their stay in Spain. A special representative of the Committee is now in Barcelona assisting the refugees and looking after their interests.

HISTADRUTH URGES AMERICAN JEWS TO "RISE TO HISTORIC TASK"

TEL AVIV, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- Jews of America were urged to "rise to their historic task" in a Rosh Hashanah message cabled by the Histadruth from Palestine.

Pointing out that "the eyes and the ears of half the Jewish nation bound in Death's prison are undoubtedly turned to you," the message states, "we deeply believe in the political moral and material strength of American Jews which prompts them to help build our national edifice resolutely and quickly." A hope that the New Year "may bring salvation for the world and for the Jews and a gathering in of the dispersed to our homeland," concludes the message.

SYLVIAN HALFF, FRENCH JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN VICHY

VICHY, Sept. 28. (JTA)-- Sylvian Halff, General Secretary of the "Alliance Israelite," died today in Vichy. Halff was one of the oldest Alliance officials and had held the post of secretary for the past seven years.

He fought as a Captain in the last war and in 1914 was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor for his bravery. A son, serving as a Lieutenant in the French army, was killed in action last year. Halff's devotion to France was expressed in a book he wrote entitled: "The Loyalty of Alsace-Lorraine Jews Toward France."