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### NEW YEAR EXPECTED TO BRING "MANY MILLIONS SURPLUS" TO PALESTINE JEWS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- Palestine, Britain's arsenal in the Near East and the largest industrial center there, will have "many millions of surplus" this year as a result of the various industrial and agricultural enterprises which the Jews have developed and which are now working on military orders, it was reported here today at a conference called by the Keren Hayesod to review the achievements of the Yishub for the Jewish year just past as well as the problems of the New Year.

Attended by members of the Zionist Executive, the Vaad Leumi, and representatives of all leading Jewish institutions in Palestine and by prominent individuals, the conference assumed the nature of a Zionist Congress in miniature. It concentrated its discussions not only on immediate tasks of adjusting the Yishub to the present war conditions but also to the economic situation which Palestine will have to face after the war is over. The organization of "an economic spring-board" for the development of the Jewish National Home in the future was recognized by all speakers as one of the principal tasks to be undertaken by the Jews in Palestine as well as by the Zionist movement outside of Palestine.

The military aspect of the situation was similarly stressed at the conference. Ben-Zion Mossensohn, opening the gathering, pointed out that "the Yishub stands firm and in readiness for utmost sacrifices to defend its Homeland and to help the Allies to a speedy victory." A touching scene occurred when Ben-Zion Israeli, a 56-year old Jewish soldier now serving "somewhere in the Middle East" appeared in the hall heading a delegation of Jewish soldiers and officers serving in the British Army. In a stirring speech the aged warrior demanded that 30,000 more Jewish volunteers should enlist in the armed forces in Palestine. The audience received this demand with loud applause.

### Palestine Unemployment Shows Marked Decrease

The center of interest at the conference was a report by Eliezer Kaplan, member of Zionist Executive, on the economic situation of the Jews in Palestine during the two years of war and on the post-war economic outlook of the Yishub. Kaplan stated that while part of the Yishub is still suffering from the increased cost of living, and from the hardships in the citrus industry, a large part of the Jewish population in Palestine enjoys prosperity. Only 4,000 Jews are now unemployed as compared with 15,000 last year. Jewish national capital today amounts to over £5,250,000, he said assuring that "there will be many millions of surplus" due to government and military orders placed with various Palestine industrial and agricultural enterprises. The Jewish Agency has spent in the course of the two years of war more than £1,500,000, Kaplan reported. About one-third of this sum went for agricultural settlement, while eighteen percent was spent for national organization and defense. Sixty new settlements were established.

ZIONIST LABORITES IN LONDON VOICE "DEEP SYMPATHY" WITH SOVIET PEOPLE

LONDON, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- "Deep sympathy" for the people of the Soviet Union in their fight against Hitlerism, was voiced today at a meeting of the Poale Zionist Federation of Great Britain by S. Adler-Rudel, prominent Poale Zionist, formerly active in Jewish social work in Germany.

Declaring that Jewish workers were putting aside their "justified grievances" against the Soviet Union in the interest of the common fight against Hitlerism, Adler-Rudel said: "Our relation with the Soviet Union in the fight against Hitlerism is not unlike our attitude toward Great Britain. We have grievances against the British Government because of its Palestine policy. As far as the fight against Hitlerism is concerned, however, we put aside our grievances and give Britain full and unconditional support. Similarly, we put aside our grievances against the Soviet for their attitude toward Zionism and Jewish Socialism."

JEWISH ALDERMAN WILL BE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON IN 1942

LONDON, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- Sir Frank Joseph Coleman Pollitzer, a Jewish Alderman, will be the Lord Mayor of London for the year beginning November, 1942. On the occasion of the election of Sir John Dawson Laurie as Lord Mayor for 1941-2, the Assembly of Liverymen of the Guilds in the City of London at a meeting in the London Guild Hall designated the Jewish Alderman from Queenhithe as Sir John's successor for 1942-3.

JDC RENDERS RELIEF TO JEWS IN ALGERIA

LISBON, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- More than 3,000 Jewish families have lost their livelihood in Algeria as a result of the recent anti-Jewish laws introduced there by the Vichy government, according to an appeal which reached the office of the Joint Distribution Committee here from the Jewish community in Algiers.

The families affected depend entirely upon charity. The Jewish community in Algiers, which has hitherto been taking care of several hundred interned foreign Jews, supplying them with additional food and clothing, is no longer in a position to continue its relief work for the foreign Jews since it must take care of the Algerian Jews hit by the anti-Jewish laws. A monthly appropriation for assistance to the interned refugees and also for the destitute native Jews has therefore been decided upon by the JDC, according to an announcement made by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-Chairman of the European Executive Council.

Baron van Harinxma, delegate of the London Committee of the Dutch Red Cross Society, has written to the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee here expressing the appreciation of the Dutch authorities for the financial assistance given by the JDC in the emigration of Dutch refugees from Lisbon to South Africa and the Dutch East Indies.

PALESTINE SHIP SUNK BY ITALIAN SUBMARINE

LONDON, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- A schooner flying a Palestine flag has been sunk in the Eastern Mediterranean by an Italian submarine, it was reported here today. The entire crew was saved by a Syrian ship and has been taken to Tyre in Syria.

THOUSANDS OF JEWS EXECUTED BY NAZI TROOPS IN THE UKRAINE ✓

LONDON, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- Information from various places in Eastern Poland and Soviet Ukraine reaching Polish circles here today reveals a horrible picture of Jewish massacres carried out by Nazi troops behind the front lines.

Thousands of Jews who failed to retreat with the Soviet armies into Russia are simply being mowed down by machine guns, the report states. The German soldiers are under orders "to get the Jews out of the way" since it would take time and trouble to transport them to ghettos.

Detailed data collected by reliable sources discloses that within one week alone 6,743 Jewish men, women and children were executed by the Nazi troops. This was during the third week of August. A two-day pogrom during which 4,200 Jews were executed by machine guns was carried out by the German military in Kamenetz-Podolsk on Aug. 27 and 28. A day before the Black Guard Elite battalions executed 546 Jews in Berdichev. During the last week of August, 367 Jews were executed in Shepetovka and many hundreds of Jews in other Nazi-occupied Ukrainian towns. Any group of Jews overtaken on roads were handed over to the troops entrusted with "mopping-up operations" and were summarily shot without any trial or interrogation.

NATION RESENTS ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS, ATTORNEY-GENERAL DECLARES

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- Popular resentment throughout the United States at the "recent bitter attacks against Jews" is an indication that "such Nazi methods do not find response in America, outside particular groups," Attorney-General Francis Biddle declared today in an address prepared for delivery before the National Association of Attorney-Generals.

"Open, bitter attacks against Jews," said the Attorney-General, make it plain that alien baiting has not yet been stamped out entirely in this country, but most of the rabid alien baiting organizations have been curbed by wise governmental action. Only a few states have passed laws discriminating against foreigners and others have acted to forbid class or race discrimination, Biddle stated.

TEL AVIV CITIZENS TO RECEIVE GAS MASKS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- All citizens of Tel Aviv will soon be supplied with gas masks, it was announced today by Mayor Rokach. Sufficient gas masks for every man, woman and child have been received and are ready for distribution, the Mayor disclosed. ✓

9,500 HECTARES OF JEWISH LAND EXPROPRIATED IN HUNGARY

LISBON, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- Over 9,500 hectares of Jewish-owned land were expropriated under the Hungarian anti-Jewish legislation in the district of Pest during the past year, according to a statement issued by the district authorities.

JEWISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE ISSUES APPEAL TO JEWISH PARENTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- An appeal to Jewish parents to enroll their children in Jewish religious schools has been issued by the Jewish Education Committee of New York, of which Justice Samuel I. Rosenman is the president. The appeal refers to the serious problem that face the Jewish people in all parts of the world and states that in the teachings of the Hebrew prophets and sages, "the child will find the fountain source of the ideals of our American democracy."

FEDERATION OF CHURCHES IN ROCHESTER ISSUES PROCLAMATION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 30. (JTA)-- A statement condemning anti-Semitic propaganda in America was made public here today by the Federation of Churches, signed by local prominent church leaders.

"Divisiveness on religious or racial grounds is a vicious menace to American Democracy," the statement reads. "If one group be made the target of attack today, the same spirit of intolerance may be visited on another group tomorrow and the rights and liberties of every group thus be put in jeopardy.

"We condemn anti-Semitism as un-American. Our nation is a free fellowship of many racial and cultural stocks. It is our historic glory that they have been able to live together in mutual respect, each rejoicing in the rich contribution which the others have made to the common good. Anti-Semitism is an insidious evil which, if allowed to develop, would poison the springs of our national life.

"Even more strongly we condemn anti-Semitism as un-Christian. As Christians, we gratefully acknowledge our ethical and spiritual indebtedness to the people of Israel. We believe that no true Christian can be anti-Semitic in thought, word, or deed without being untrue to his own Christian inheritance.

"Upon the occasion of the beginning of the 5702nd New Year, we would voice to our Jewish friends and neighbors our abhorrence of any attack made upon racial or religious grounds, our determination to unite in combating every tendency to anti-Semitism and our realization of the special responsibility resting upon us who belong to the strongest group numerically, to be staunch advocates of the rights of minorities, to the defense of which we pledge our best and unceasing efforts."

FRENCH BISHOP PROTESTS MARSEILLES SYNAGOGUE BOMBING

NEW YORK, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- Text of a letter sent by Mgr. Delay, Bishop of Marseilles, to Grand Rabbi Salzer of that city, expressing indignation at the explosion of a bomb in the Marseilles Synagogue, was released today by Free French circles here, who received it after it had been smuggled out of France through Vichy censorship. The Bishop's letter reads:

"My dear Grand Rabbi: I wish to express my deep indignation at the criminal and cowardly act committed last night against the synagogue of Marseilles. Our moral sense cries out against such an outrage and all Frenchmen loving peace which is so vital in these trying times must condemn it and hope that it will be properly punished."

NEW HUNGARIAN PARTY DEMANDS REPEAL OF ANTI-JEWISH LEGISLATION IN HUNGARY

NEW YORK, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- An Allied victory is "indispensable" to the emancipation of Hungary, Tibor Eckhardt, leader of the newly formed "Independent Hungary" movement, said in an interview today. Describing the aims of his "Independent Hungary" organization as "progressive and liberal," Mr. Eckhardt declared that he stood for "complete repeal of anti-Jewish legislation" in Hungary.

JEWS NO LONGER ADMITTED TO CROATIAN UNIVERSITIES

LONDON, Sept. 30. (JTA)-- Jews will not be admitted into any university in Croatia after October 1, it was reported today over the Zagreb radio.