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### JUSTICE BRANDEIS LAPSES INTO COMA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- Louis D. Brandeis, retired Justice of the Supreme Court, lapsed into a coma early today. Physicians were understood to have despaired of saving his life. (As the Bulletin went to press Justice Brandeis' condition was unchanged.)

Messages of sympathy and concern have been pouring into the Brandeis home during the week-end. Mrs. Brandeis and his two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Brandeis-Rauschenbusch of the University of Wisconsin faculty, and Mrs. Susan Brandeis Gilbert, a judge in New York City, are constantly at his bedside.

### JEWS EXECUTED BY GESTAPO IN CZECH PROTECTORATE

ZURICH, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- Three Jews were hanged and two Jewish leaders were executed by Nazi firing squads in the Czech Protectorate as a result of the increased Nazi terror aimed at suppressing growing anti-Nazi sabotage, it was reliably reported here today. The Jewish leaders shot to death are George Fischer and Leo Schwartz. The names of the three Jews hanged are not given.

The Nazi press in Prague today started a campaign urging the expulsion of all Jews from the larger cities in the Protectorate. An article in the Narodni Politika, leading Nazi newspaper in Prague, accuses the Jews of stimulating anti-Nazi sabotage in Bohemia and Moravia by conducting "a Jewish whispering campaign."

### VICHY ORDERS JEWS IN MOROCCO TO CEASE PRACTICING PROFESSIONS

VICHY, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- Two decrees published today in Morocco provide that Jews must cease practicing all professions forbidden to them under the Vichy anti-Jewish laws by November 1st, and that beginning with today no Jew in the forbidden professions can transfer his property without a special permit from the French authorities in Morocco.

At the same time it was announced today in Rabat that Jews who do not transfer their enterprises in Morocco to non-Jews before December, will have "aryan" administrators assigned to their firms.

### SLOVAK GOVERNMENT PLANS EXPULSION OF JEWS FROM BRATISLAVA

ZURICH, Oct. 5. (JTA)- The Slovakian government is preparing an order providing for the expulsion of all unemployed Jews from Bratislava, it is reported in the newspaper "Slovak" published in the Slovakian capital. The paper, which reached here today, states that the same order will be applied also to all foreign Jews residing in Bratislava since October 1, 1918.

JEWISH SOLDIERS AND SAILORS RECEIVE LEAVE TO CELEBRATE SUCCOTH

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- More than three hundred soldiers and sailors stationed in the metropolitan area and at cantonments in New Jersey will celebrate "Succoth," in ceremonies at the Jewish Theological Seminary Wednesday and Thursday as guests of the Greater New York Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, Mrs. Ely Jacques Kahn, Chairman of the committee, announced today.

Servicemen have been granted special leave to attend the festival. The men will come by army convoy and bus from the camps. At the Seminary, the men will be greeted by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, President of the institution, and led to the large "Sukka" in the center of the school's quadrangle. The Sukka, a wattled cabin or hut, has a roof of interlaced leaves and is hung with seasonal citrus fruits. Here the men will be served the traditional "Feast of Tabernacles."

SOVIET ISSUES OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION

MOSCOW, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- The Soviet Government, through its official spokesman, S. A. Lozovsky, today affirmed the existence of freedom of religion in Soviet Russia as well as freedom to conduct anti-religious propaganda.

Linking his statement to the recent comment on the subject by President Roosevelt, Lozovsky said that in Soviet Russia the church is separated from the State. He explained that churches and other religious institutions in Soviet Russia are not taxed, but clergy pay an income tax similar to other citizens. The anti-religious museums, he stated, are considered as institutions dealing with "history of man's culture" and they "belong to the same category as planetariums."

"There is freedom of worship in the U.S.S.R.," Mr. Lozovsky said in his statement. "This means any Soviet citizen may adhere to any religion which is a matter for the conscience of each citizen. Religion is a private affair for the Soviet citizen in which the State does not interfere and considers it unnecessary to interfere. The Soviet Constitution provides not only the right to adhere to this or that religion but also the right of Soviet citizens not to belong to any church and to conduct anti-religious propaganda. Soviet law does not consider it possible to force citizens to worship this or that religion. This is a matter for the conscience of each Soviet citizen."

"The Constitution of the U.S.S.R. is based on the following: Freedom to worship any religion assumes that religion, church or congregation will not be utilized for overthrow of the existing regime recognized in the country. The policy of the U.S.S.R. toward religious questions is stated briefly and clearly in Article 124 of the Soviet Constitution, which said: 'In order to insure citizens freedom of conscience the church is separated from the State and the school from the church. Freedom to perform religious rites and freedom of anti-religious propaganda is recognized for all citizens.'"

BRITISH MISSION IN WASHINGTON DENIES CHARGES OF ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- The British Supply Council, today denied the charges made by a witness before a Senate sub-committee that Jews are being discriminated against when American applicants are hired by the British Purchasing Commission.

"It has never been the policy of the British Purchasing Commission, nor of any of the other British missions in the United States, to discriminate against any applicant for employment on religious grounds," the Council said.

BENES ASSURES RIGHTS TO JEWS IN A RESTORED CZECHOSLOVAKIA

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- A call to the Jews to bravely await the end of Nazism was made public here today by Eduard Benes, President of the Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile. Declaring that Jews will enjoy "due justice" and religious freedom in a restored Czechoslovakia, Dr. Benes in his message to the Jews, declares:

"The Jewish problem, along with many other problems relating to the reconstruction of the life of our State after the conclusion of the war, has greatly occupied my mind. It represents an important factor in our efforts to secure civil liberty and social justice in Czechoslovakia within the framework of a genuine and improved new order which, as a sequel to the chaos let loose upon the world by the insane Nazi experiment, is certainly destined to come into existence. In a restored Czechoslovakia all sections of the population, as far as they have shown themselves and will show themselves in the future, as capable of aiding in the work of the State, must receive due justice."

Emphasizing the brutal treatment of Jews by the Nazis, President Benes' message continues: "The Nazis incite people to intolerance and to racial, religious and ideological fanaticism. They expel those who are not so cowardly as to accept their regime, or those who ~~in their~~ eyes sinned only by the fact that they were not born of "Aryan" parents, while at the same time they drive their own youth to their grave on battlefields. But all this is only transitional like everything which is in contradiction with the laws of humanity. Hold on, therefore, to the end and be sure that the renewed Czechoslovak republic will have no other program than the program of religious tolerance maintained by the First Republic of President Masaryk."

ROOSEVELT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS STRICTER WATCH OVER RELIEF CAMPAIGN IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- A special committee appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate war relief activities in the United States today recommended the coordination of overseas relief work by establishing a central advisory body for the purpose of eliminating duplication and waste.

Estimating that about 700 agencies are conducting relief campaigns in America for belligerent nations, the committee urges the revocation of the licenses of all such agencies. New licenses, the committee recommends, should be issued "only when it appears to be in the public interest, and upon submission of satisfactory proof by the applicants that they are in a position to carry out their proposed relief activities efficiently and economically, and without duplication of work being done by other agencies, such as the Red Cross."

JDC TO HELP REFUGEES IN SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- To help refugees from Nazism who have emigrated to South American countries achieve economic independence, and become useful residents of their new homelands, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is sending a number of its overseas staff there to cooperate with local leaders in the establishment of credit cooperatives and free loan banks, it was announced here today by Alexander A. Landesco, chairman of the organization's Committee on Reconstruction Activity. Noel Aronovici, the JDC representative, left today for South America.

SIMON SHETZER APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ZOA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- Judge Louis Levinthal, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today announced the appointment of Simon Shetzer of Detroit, as executive director of the ZOA. He succeeds Rabbi Isadore Breslau of Washington.

WEIZMANN CALLS AMERICAN JEWS TO COMMEMORATE USSISHKIN BY SPECIAL DRIVE

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, today addressing a memorial meeting for M. M. Ussishkin on the premises of the World Zionist Executive, urged American Jews to commemorate the name of Ussishkin by a new drive for acquisition of all land in Palestine which can still be purchased "within the straight jacket of the White Paper."

Dr. Weizmann stated that during his next visit to America, which he said "will be soon," he would be willing to devote himself to this particular effort. He described Ussishkin as "a rock which adorned the Zionist landscape for almost half a century." Other speakers included David Ben-Gurion, Berl Locker and Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart.

Arabs in Palestine Pay Tribute to Ussishkin

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- The Arab press in Palestine today publishes long articles on Ussishkin's personality and on the role which he played in Jewish life. The Jewish press estimates that 50,000 persons participated in the Ussishkin funeral. Among the participants were many Arab notables, including Mayor Khalidi of Jerusalem and Ragheb Bey Nashashibi. The High Commissioner of Palestine sent a letter of condolence to the Jewish Agency. Condolences have also been received from the Board of Jewish Deputies in London, and from Jewish organizations the world over.

Zionism Lost a Great Man of This Generation, Says Nahum Goldmann

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA)-- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, today issued a statement mourning the death of M. M. Ussishkin with whom he closely collaborated for many years. The statement reads: "With a profound feeling of sorrow I learned about the unexpected death of Ussishkin. Bound to him by many years of personal friendship and close collaboration I feel that Zionism and the Jewish people have lost one of the very few of its really great men of this generation. I had the special privilege of close collaboration with him during the last two Zionist Congresses. In presiding then I learned to admire not only the fairness of his character and his unsurpassed devotion to the cause but at the same time the deep objectivity of his mind and his sense of justice also to his political opponents. In a time of revolutionary changes and chaotic conditions he was more than ever necessary to our people as a pillar of strength and as a symbol of unbroken faith and courage. His loss is irreparable. Nobody can replace him and occupy this unique position he held in the life of our people."

Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America, in a telegram from Denver where he is now visiting in behalf of the JNF campaign, said: "Ussishkin's death is a very great blow. He was the strongest Zionist leader since Herzl and he leaves a void that will not be refilled for generations. Our chieftain carried on to the end. He was great in mind and heart. Without his unbreakable will the Kayemeth would not have achieved its place in the Zionist movement. The dunams redeemed, including Emeq, will forever live as a monument to his imperishable memory. He earned immortality. All generations will honor him."

BECAUSE OF SUCCOTH THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON WEDNESDAY