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### 300 SWISS CLERGYMEN ASK PROTESTANT CHURCH TO ADOPT PROGRAM AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

BERNE, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Three hundred ministers of the Protestant Church in Switzerland today assailed recent deportations of Jews from Nazi-held territory and demanded that the Church take a stand against anti-Semitism.

At a meeting of the "Swiss Society for Aid to the German (Bekennende) Church" the assembled clergymen scored the Jewish deportations as "especially horrible in number and manner," and asked that the following program be proclaimed:

"1. The Church to which the Gospel has been entrusted through God's mercy calls upon its members to pray for suffering Jewry and to do everything possible to relieve their sufferings.

"2. The Church condemns the mockery and persecution of the Jewish people as a revolt against the creative will of God.

"3. The Church feels itself especially bound together with the fate of the Jewish people according to the New Testament. Anti-Semitism is irreconcilable with membership in the Christian community."

### NAZIS ORDER RECRUITMENT OF 500 JEWISH POLICEMEN FOR "JEWISH QUARTER" IN LWOW

ZURICH, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- While claiming that they do not intend to establish a Jewish ghetto in Lwow along the same lines as was done in other cities of Nazi-held Poland, the Nazi authorities in Lwow today ordered the Jewish Community Council there to recruit a force of 500 Jewish policemen to maintain order in the "Jewish quarter" of the city to where some 120,000 Jews are to be removed by December 12.

The order is published in the Krakauer Zeitung, official Nazi organ in occupied Poland, which announces that the city of Lwow will be divided into four separate quarters so that each nationality - the Germans, the Ukrainians, the Poles and the Jews - will be segregated from the other and live its own life.

"Jewish stores located outside the section of the city which has been designated as the 'Jewish quarter' will not be transferred to the Jewish territory, but will have to be sold to Germans for a nominal sum," the Krakauer Zeitung declares. It reveals that Jews will be allowed to take their belongings with them when moving to their new quarters, but that "no damage must be done either to the buildings or to the fixtures within the houses." The Jewish Community Council will be fined for any damage discovered, the Nazi newspaper warns.

The Krakauer Zeitung also announces that Jewish stores in Lwow which are not situated in the "Jewish quarter" must remain locked between now and the day when their owners move into the segregated area.

AMERICAN JEWS CAN INFLUENCE BRITISH ATTITUDE TOWARDS PALESTINE, BEN-GURION SAYS

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Expressing his firm conviction that Jewish opinion in the United States can decisively influence the attitude of the British Government towards Jewish demands for Palestine, David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, today ridiculed the assertion made by the British Colonial Office that the establishment of a Jewish Army is impossible because all available military equipment must be sent to Soviet Russia.

"The Jewish Agency has good ground to believe that the formation of a Jewish Army will only lead to an increase in the British military equipment, and did not hesitate to so inform the British Government," Mr. Ben-Gurion disclosed, addressing a press conference in the offices of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs.

Mr. Ben-Gurion who only arrived here from London on Monday revealed the details of his negotiations there with Ivan Maisky, Soviet Ambassador in England, concerning the aid which the Jews of Palestine have decided to give to Soviet Russia. The Yishub, Mr. Ben-Gurion said, is ready to give moral, political, and any other possible assistance to Russia without any specific conditions. All that the Jews of Palestine ask is that the Soviet Government support the Jewish demand for Palestine as a Jewish State at the post-war peace conference. No requests were made by the Zionist leaders with regard to internal Jewish affairs in Soviet Russia, Mr. Ben-Gurion declared.

Speaking of Palestine's contribution to the British war effort, Ben-Gurion emphasized the important role which Palestine war industries are now playing in aiding the British forces in the Middle East. He spoke of the shortage of Jewish labor in Palestine which has resulted from the growth of war industries there and estimated that approximately 32,000 Jews have entered Palestine during the two years of war. He praised the British military forces in Palestine as being sympathetic to the Jewish demand for an army of their own, but had little praise for the British diplomats, charging them with deliberately obstructing Jewish efforts even when they are valuable for England in the present war.

Jewish Achievements In Palestine Aid Allied Cause, British JNF Perley Told

LONDON, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Present strategic developments in the Middle East theatre of war conclusively show that Jewish efforts in developing Palestine have been a direct contribution to the Allied cause, it was stated last night in an annual report presented to a nation-wide meeting of the British Jewish National Fund.

The report also stressed the obligation of British Jewry, as the last free Jewish community in Europe, to intensify the work of redeeming large stretches of land in Palestine so that "when the nightmare of war" is over, Jews from the ghettos and the concentration camps will have an opportunity to live in freedom and happiness.

SAMUEL BRONFMAN DONATES \$100,000 TO MCGILL UNIVERSITY IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and noted philanthropist, has contributed the sum of \$100,000 towards the reorganization of the School of Commerce of McGill University, it was reported today.

Another group of 50 Jewish refugees who have been interned in Canada for a year and a half, has returned to England, crossing the Atlantic together with a large contingent of Canadian troops, according to an official announcement made today by the authorities. Of the refugees still remaining in the two Canadian camps a number are awaiting release locally to continue their studies in various Canadian schools of higher learning.

CONFISCATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY IN SLOVAKIA ESTIMATED IN MILLIONS OF CROWNS

LONDON, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Information from Slovakia reaching Czechoslovak authorities here today estimate that Jewish houses valued at 1,200,000,000 crowns have been confiscated up until now by the Nazi-controlled Slovakian government. In addition, 15,000 Jewish estates in 150 communities were ceded to Slovak peasants.

The same report says that Jews in Slovakia have so far lost 400,000,000 crowns of their yearly income as a result of the anti-Jewish laws providing for the dismissal of Jewish employees from "aryanized" enterprises and limiting the salaries of Jewish employees in Jewish establishments.

The total income of Jews employed in both public and private enterprises is now only 50,000,000 crowns annually, it was announced in the Slovak parliament by M. Sokol, its chairman, according to the Gardista, Hlinka Guard organ, which reached here today. The state revenue from Jewish businesses which have been "aryanized" will amount to 60,000,000 crowns annually, Sokol stated.

WARSAW JEWISH LEADERS SEEK FOOD FOR 30,000 JEWS DEPORTED FROM SIEDLEC

BERNE, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- The Jewish Community Council of Warsaw, which has its own problems to solve, is now faced with the complicated question of providing relief for 30,000 Jews deported from the city of Siedlec where their homes were converted into hospitals for German soldiers wounded on the Soviet front.

Reports reaching here today state that the expelled Jews have been herded into fields under the open sky and are held there without being permitted to proceed to neighboring cities. Intervention on the part of the Warsaw Jewish Council resulted in 10,000 Jews being permitted to leave for the Warsaw ghetto, and in barracks being constructed on the fields to shelter the others. The problem of feeding the 20,000 Siedlec Jews in the barracks, however, remains unsolved since the Warsaw Jewish Council is hardly able to take care of the needy Jews in the Warsaw ghetto and has no funds to secure food for the 20,000 Jews of Siedlec who remain in the fields outside of Warsaw.

ORTHODOX JEWS IN POLISH ARMY IN ENGLAND WILL RECEIVE KOSHER FOOD PARCELS

LONDON, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Orthodox Jewish soldiers with the Polish forces in England will be supplied with parcels of kosher food by the Chief Rabbi's Religious Emergency Council, it was announced here today. The Council, Jewish chaplains in the Polish army and the Keren Hatorah are authorized to receive applications for such parcels. The plan is being financed by the United Jewish Relief Appeal.

PALESTINE MAYORS SUBMIT MEMORANDUM ON FOOD COSTS TO HIGH COMMISSIONER

JAFFA, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- The second conference of Palestine mayors called to discuss the rising cost of living met today in the home of Omar Il Bitar, mayor of this city. The conferees decided to request an audience with Sir Harold MacMichael, Palestine High Commissioner, to whom they will submit a joint memorandum suggesting measures to halt the unprecedented increase in the prices of essential commodities.

BRITISH JEWS MAY INTRODUCE COMMUNAL TAXATION TO FINANCE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LONDON, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Communal taxation may be introduced for the first time in the history of British Jewry as the result of a conference which is to be held on December 14 to discuss a plan of financing religious education, according to a report presented to the Board of Deputies of British Jews by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, its chairman.

OUTSTANDING AMERICANS COMMEMORATE BILL OF RIGHTS UNDER SWOPE'S CHAIRMANSHIP

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- The establishment of the four freedoms - religion, speech, press, and assembly - as the cornerstone of American democracy is commemorated in a book published today by the Bill of Rights Sesqui-Centennial Committee of which Herbert Bayard Swope is National Chairman and President Roosevelt is Honorary Chairman.

Fifty-nine outstanding Americans, including Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter of the U. S. Supreme Court, have contributed chapters for this book which carries the title "Our Bill of Rights: What It Means To Me." The contributors stress the significance of reaffirming the Bill of Rights today, not only for the United States, but to give new hope to oppressed peoples abroad.

Mr. Swope writes the foreward in which he says: "To help all of us to realize the high privilege we have of living under the Bill of Rights, the thoughts contained herein were put in words by men and women who believe the fires of Freedom must always burn brightly and sometimes fiercely. Now is one of those times."

JUSTICE BRANDEIS MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN PROCLAIMED BY AMERICAN ZIONISTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- Dedicating its current year's membership enrollment to the memory of the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis, the Zionist Organization of America today proclaimed a Brandeis Memorial Membership campaign for the sixty-day period from December 1st, 1941 to February 1st, 1942.

The eight days of Chanukah commemorating the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian tyrants, which will be observed by Jews from December 14th to 22nd, have been set aside as special Membership Week "in honor of the great Maccabean of our time, Louis D. Brandeis," it was stated by Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Z.O.A., in the proclamation announcing the launching of the campaign. "For more than a quarter of a century Justice Brandeis maintained uninterruptedly his membership affiliation with the Z.O.A. One of his very last acts before he passed away was the payment of his membership dues for 1941-42," Judge Levinthal declared.

20,000 PEOPLE FILL MADISON SQUARE GARDEN FOR UPA SHOW

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- More than 20,000 people crowded Madison Square Garden here tonight to see the "Night of Stars" the proceeds of which go to the United Palestine Appeal. Many notables, including President Roosevelt, Governor Lehman, Mayor LaGuardia and United States Senators Alben Berkeley, and Henry Cabot Lodge sent greetings to the United Palestine Appeal on the occasion of the show.

JEWS IN ENGLAND ASK AMERICAN JEWRY TO SEND THEM PRAYER BOOKS

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA)-- The Agudas Israel of America has received from the Central Agudas Israel of London an appeal in the name of English Jewry, requesting a supply of several thousand Siddurim and Chumoshim. On account of the war, the importation of prayer books to England from European countries has ceased and the English Jews are left without holy books, the message says.

Acting on this appeal, the Agudah office in New York today issued a call to the Jews of America to donate prayer books which the Agudah will ship to London for distribution.