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### GERMAN PRESS, RADIO BLAME JEWS FOR U.S. ENTRY INTO WAR AGAINST AXIS

LISBON, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- Fears mounted in Jewish circles here today concerning the fate of the thousands of Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe and the hundreds stranded in this city, as the German radio and press, taking their lead from Hitler's Reichstag address yesterday, launched a violent campaign against the Jews as being responsible for the United States' entry into the war against the Axis.

The panic that has assailed the 1,500 Jewish refugees here manifested itself today as hundreds of people jammed the office of the American Export Lines, seeking passage to the United States on what will probably be the last American boat to leave this port for many months to come. The situation grew even more tense when the Export line officials announced that no German nationals would be carried even if they possessed American visas. Bookings will be made only for American and British citizens. The anxiety felt here was heightened by the fact that the status of the Portuguese lines remained in doubt. Whether they would continue to operate between here and the Americas was not known.

Tuesday's Berlin papers, which reached here today, blame the Jews for America's war with Japan. The Voelkischer Beobachter, Hitler's personal organ, scores President Roosevelt as the "Agent General" of the Jews. The German radio today quoted the sections of Hitler's speech in which he said: "We know of course that the eternal Jew is behind all this. Roosevelt himself may not realize it, but then that only shows his limitations. Indeed we all know the intention of the Jews to rule all civilized states in Europe and America." The broadcaster in commenting on the speech villified the Jews and threatened them with dire consequences for "their activity in fomenting the war."

Reports which reached here today disclose that in recent weeks the Nazi officials in Warsaw have been terrorizing the Jewish inhabitants of the ghetto by warning them that they would die the same day the United States entered the war against the Reich.

### CITIZENS ARRESTED BY F.B.I. FOR SPEECHES AT PRO-NAZI MEETING

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- Ellis O. Jones, a notorious anti-Semite who has been very active recently in Nazi and isolationist circles in California, was taken into custody last night by F.B.I. agents.

He, together with Robert Noble and Miss Leone Lee, all of whom are American citizens, were arrested by the federal agents at a meeting of 200 persons at the Embassy club here, where speeches were delivered attacking President Roosevelt.

Noble, who according to police records was arrested as a deserter during the last war, was charged with sedition. The charges against the others were not specified.

DAVID YELLIN, HEBREW WRITER AND TEACHER, DEAD IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- David Yellin, one of the foremost pedagogues and cultural leaders of Palestine, died here today after a long illness. He was 77 years old.

Born in Jerusalem on March 19, 1864, David Yellin came of a prominent family. His father, Joshua Yellin, came from Poland as a boy. His mother was a member of the famous Sassoon family. She was born in Baghdad. At the age of eighteen Yellin became a teacher. A few years later he joined the staff of the Laemel School in Jerusalem, of which he was director when he resigned in 1915. The resignation came about as a result of the controversy, begun in 1889, over whether Hebrew or German was to take precedence in the Jewish schools supported in Palestine by the Hilfsverein der deutschen Juden. Yellin was a leader of the movement for Hebrew and subsequently founded the training college at Beth Hakerem of which he was director at the time of his death.

Yellin was also active in many other cultural fields. For many years he was president of the "Jerusalem" B'nai B'rith lodge, which he helped found. In 1882 he helped establish the nucleus of the Jewish National Library, now housed at the Hebrew University.

From 1903 to 1912 Professor Yellin served in the Jerusalem Municipal Council. From 1905 to 1920, when he became president of the Jewish National Council, he was Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem. During the first war Professor Yellin, with many other Jews, was exiled to Damascus because the Turkish Commander suspected the Jews of favoring the Allied cause. During his exile he served with the American Palestine Relief Committee. After the war he was a member of the Jewish Committee at the Paris Peace Conference.

Dr. Yellin visited the United States in 1925 to serve as guest professor at the Dr. Stephen S. Wise Theological Seminary in New York and lectured at Columbia University on Hebrew and Arabic literature.

Z.O.A. "BRANDEIS MEMBERSHIP WEEK" PROCLAIMED FOR CHANUKAH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- The eight days of Chanukah, from December 14 to 22, will be observed as Zionist Membership Week by Zionist Districts and groups throughout the country in tribute to the memory of the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis, in accordance with a proclamation issued today by Judge Louis E. Levinthal, President of the Zionist Organization of America. The Membership Week will be part of the general Brandeis memorial membership campaign proclaimed for the sixty-day period ending February 1.

Calling for the observance of Membership Week during Chanukah, Judge Levinthal declared that "as an enduring monument to a modern Maccabean, the Brandeis Memorial Membership must evoke a nationwide response. I call upon every Jew who cherishes the memory of Louis D. Brandeis and who feels a kinship and sympathy with the valiant Yishuv in Palestine, to enroll as a member of the Zionist Organization of America."

WAR MAKES PALESTINE AMERICA'S ALLY, DR. GOLDSTEIN DECLARES

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- The entry of the United States into the war against the Axis powers has made the Jewish National Home in Palestine America's ally and it is, therefore, important to continue and expand American support for the upbuilding and defense of Palestine, was the burden of a war emergency message addressed by Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the Jewish National Fund of America, to the organization's Councils and Committees throughout the nation.

ALIENS OF GOOD CONDUCT REASSURED BY ATTORNEY-GENERAL BIDDLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- Attorney-General Francis Biddle today assured aliens in this country that so long as they "conduct themselves in accordance with law, they need fear no interference by the Department of Justice or by any other agency of the federal government."

The Attorney-General added that every effort would be made to protect such aliens from any discrimination or abuse "not only in justice and decency to the loyal non-citizens of this country but also in the hope that it may spare American citizens in enemy countries unjust retaliation." Individuals and local and state authorities were warned by Biddle not to take any "direct action" against aliens but to forward any pertinent information to the F.B.I.

A War Department spokesman said that aliens may not voluntarily enlist in the army, although there is nothing in the Selective Service Act to prevent their being drafted.

RUMANIAN AND HUNGARIAN JEWISH REFUGEES OFFER AID TO ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- Jewish men and women in refuge here from Rumania and Hungary today offered their services to Britain at a mass meeting following Britain's declaration of war against these two countries.

A special body dealing with the affairs of Hungarian and Rumanian Jews has been established by the Jewish Refugee Committee, it was announced at the meeting. Stressing the fact that volunteers for military duty would enjoy the same status as British fighters and be free of alien restrictions, speakers declared that the military authorities would welcome the enlistment of Hungarian and Rumanian Jews who had proven their loyalty to Britain.

AMPLIFICATION OF ATLANTIC CHARTER TO INCLUDE JEWS DEMANDED BY N.Z.O.

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- The eight-point Atlantic Charter formulated by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at their historic mid-ocean meeting must be amplified to include the Jewish nation, which has no status today, declared Dr. S. Klinger, executive member of the New Zionist Organization, in an address before the Anglo-Palestine Club today.

The speaker pointed out that one of the reasons for the failure of the League of Nations was its inability to discharge its duty in connection with the Palestine mandate and urged that the Atlantic Charter be amended so that it might pave the way for the establishment of a Jewish state.

ADDITIONAL \$1,000,000 ASKED FOR PURCHASE OF FARM LAND IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- An appeal to Jews of the world to raise an additional \$1,000,000 to be used for the purchase of land to increase the ploughable areas of Palestine in order to avoid a food shortage, was voiced here today at a joint meeting of executives of the Keren Kayemeth, the Keren Hayesod, the Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency. The project calls for 14,000 dunams for three more settlements, to be established in the name of M. M. Ussishkin.

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, emphasized that "despite the war embracing both hemispheres" this fund is urgently necessary to make Palestine as self-sufficient as possible.

B'NAI B'RITH TO HOLD RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RALLY, CHANUKAH EVE SERVICE IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- A mass religious freedom rally in observance of the eight-day festival period of Chanukah will be held at the Philadelphia Academy of Music on Sunday evening under the auspices of the national Americanism Commission of B'nai B'rith.

Five thousand people, including B'nai B'rith delegations from cities all along the entire Eastern seaboard who are planning pilgrimages to Philadelphia to participate in the exercises, are expected to attend the rally, which is being held in connection with the observance of the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights.

Governor Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator and coordinator of all health and welfare activities affecting the national defense, will make the principal address, which will be broadcast over Station WIP and the coast-to-coast network of the Mutual Broadcasting System from 10:15 to 10:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith, will also speak and will introduce Governor McNutt to the radio audience.

SIEFF DEFENDED IN PARLIAMENT FOR U.S. SPEECH ADVOCATING JEWISH RIGHTS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- The address made by Israel Sieff, British industrialist and leading Zionist, before a United Palestine Appeal meeting in Albany, New York, on November 16, precipitated a heated discussion in Commons today.

In his address Mr. Sieff suggested that the Palestinian Arabs be transferred elsewhere and that Palestine be enlarged within its historic borders as a Jewish National Home. He also suggested the issuance of a document supplanting the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate.

C. T. Culverwell, Conservative, asserted that Sieff while in America is conducting anti-British propaganda and antagonizing the Palestine Arabs. Replying to Culverwell, Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, stated that everybody was entitled to express their opinions on "controversial subjects." Culverwell also asked why Sieff was in America and asserted that Britains who are granted exit visas should be instructed to "keep their mouths shut." Agreeing that British subjects in America should be "discreet" Morrison declared that Sieff was here on a mission connected with Britain's export trade to America. Morrison added, "I have no evidence that Mr. Sieff desires to stir up anti-British feeling."

Oliver Locker-Lampson, Conservative, asked Morrison if it were not true that Sieff was a "much honored representative of his race who had offered to fight for England from the beginning of the war."

JAN MASARYK, SOL BLOOM ADDRESS YESHIVA COLLEGE DINNER TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- Jan Masaryk, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czecho-Slovak Government-in-exile, and Sol Bloom, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the House of Representatives, will be the principal speakers at the Thirtieth Annual Yeshiva College Membership Dinner to be held at the Hotel Astor on Sunday, it was announced today by Samuel Levy, former president of the borough of Manhattan and chairman of the Dinner.

EIGHT VOLUMES OF NEW BIBLICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA PUBLISHED HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA)-- The publication of the first eight volumes of the Torah Shelamoh Biblical Encyclopedia, a compendium of commentaries on the Five Books of Moses, was announced here today. Rabbi Menachem M. Kasher is in charge of the work, which will contain thirty volumes when completed.