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### DR. WEIZMANN POSTPONES TRIP TO AMERICA; SEEKS MORE INFORMATION ON MISSING SON

LONDON, Feb. 15. (JTA)-- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, today postponed his scheduled trip to the United States after receiving official confirmation from the Air Ministry that his 24-year old son, Michael, a flyer in the Royal Air Force, is missing.

The information from the Air Ministry stated that Michael is reported as having failed to return from a patrol assignment. The place of the actual operations was not mentioned, but it is known that he was sent out on a reconnaissance flight to Brest shortly before the German battleships steamed from there into the Dover straits last Thursday.

Dr. Weizmann received the message from the Air Ministry over the telephone five minutes before he and Mrs. Weizmann were ready to board an airplane to Lisbon for the flight to New York. They immediately cancelled their passage and returned from the air field to London to await more information on the fate of their son.

The blow for Dr. and Mrs. Weizmann is especially hard because Dr. Weizmann regarded Michael, who is a gifted chemist, as his successor in conducting the important research work in chemistry on which he is now engaged. Michael, a lieutenant in the air force, was in charge of a fighter plane. His craft was last heard from when his radio operator signalled that engine trouble had developed while the plane was over the Atlantic. Last week Michael was given a special 24-hour furlough to say good-bye to his parents prior to their scheduled departure for the United States. Dr. Weizmann's older son served with the British forces until recently when he was discharged on account of ill health.

### JEWISH LEADERS APPEAL TO NAZIS TO EXTEND THE WARSAW GHETTO; SOME STREETS ADDED

GENEVA, Feb. 15. (JTA)-- The mass expulsion of Jews from various towns in Poland to the ghetto in Warsaw, which has now been resumed, has prompted the Jewish leaders in Warsaw to appeal to the Nazi occupational authorities asking for the enlargement of the ghetto territory in order to accommodate the thousands of newcomers, it is reported in Polish newspapers reaching here today.

The reports state that the Nazi authorities complied with the request of the Jewish leaders and added a number of streets to the ghetto. The names of the streets, however, are not given. It is assumed here that the added section is composed of the slums located at the outskirts of the city which border the ghetto.

Because of the constantly mounting number of sick in the ghetto, the Jewish hospital in Warsaw was compelled this month to establish 400 new beds. The raging epidemics necessitated making room in the hospital for another 500 beds. The Jewish population in the ghetto is making unprecedented sacrifices to enable the hospital to acquire the equipment needed for the installation of the additional beds.

ROOSEVELT APPEALS FOR "COOPERATION AMONG AMERICANS OF EVERY CREED AND RACIAL ORIGIN"

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA)-- Common determination among Americans of all faiths to perform the tasks which the war presents to the nation and to keep alive the concepts of democracy throughout the struggle, was emphasized throughout the U.S. today, in the observance of Brotherhood Week by Protestants, Catholics and Jews in some 2,000 communities.

Sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the ninth annual observance of Brotherhood Week from Feb. 15 to 22, was endorsed by President Roosevelt as affirming "a principle essential to our national defense."

In a letter to Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference, the President said, "In this critical hour of our own and the world's history, we, as Americans, need more than armaments and armies to make safe our democracy. We need a secure bond of understanding among all our citizens, and even more, the practice of brotherhood and willing cooperation among Americans of every creed and racial origin." The President's letter was read today in thousands of churches and synagogues across the country to signalize the opening of the Week.

Christian and Jewish Leaders Issue Declaration on Common Religious Beliefs

A declaration of fundamental religious beliefs held in common by Protestants, Catholics and Jews, the first statement of its kind in the nation's history, was made public today by Dr. Clinchy. The declaration, issued simultaneously today in hundreds of communities throughout the country by local leaders of the three faiths in connection with the opening of Brotherhood Week, expresses the loyalty of the signers to their respective religious convictions and recognizes "differences in many important beliefs." But the religious and lay leaders emphasize "certain basic convictions" which they share. These common convictions are described as:

1. Belief in one God, creator and sustainer of the Universe.
2. Rejection of all attempts to explain man in "merely material terms."
3. Belief that God's "all-holy will" is the ultimate sanction of human morality, and rejection of all deterministic interpretations of man.
4. Belief that education or social theories which state man's duties, standards and happiness without reference to God are "doomed to failure."
5. Belief that "God's fatherly providence" extends equally to every human being and rejection of theories of race which affirm the essential superiority of one racial strain over another.
6. Belief that the republican form of government is the "most desirable for our nation and for countries of similarly democratic traditions;" belief that political forms can bring liberty and happiness to a society "only when moral and religious principles are accepted and practiced."
7. Belief that individual rights are an endowment from God and rejection of all denials of this principle as "certain to result in the enslavement of man."

Among the Jewish leaders who signed the declaration are: Carl J. Austrian of the American Jewish Committee; Paul Baerwald; Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, president of the Jewish Big Sisters; Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Dr. James Heller, Central Conference of American Rabbis; Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America; Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith; Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the Hebrew Union College; Louis Moss, president of the United Synagogue of America; James N. Rosenberg, and a number of prominent rabbis from various parts of the country.

4,000 DUTCH JEWS WORKED TO DEATH BY NAZIS IN YUGOSLAVIAN MINES

LONDON, Feb. 15. (JTA)-- The prediction that all Jews in Holland will be deported by the Nazi occupation authorities to Poland is made here today in the "Voice of Netherland," a weekly newspaper published by the Dutch Government-in-Exile.

Estimating that "about 4,000 young Jews have already been worked to death in the mines of Yugoslavia," the paper reports that able-bodied Jews in Holland are being picked up on the streets by the Nazi occupation authorities and deported to concentration camps from where they are sent to dangerous forced labor. The paper also states that the Jewish birthrate in Holland has dropped fifty percent since the Nazi occupation.

Reviewing the anti-Jewish restrictions which the Nazis introduced in Holland, the Dutch publication says that the Jews are literally not allowed to earn a livelihood. If not for the friendly attitude of the Dutch population, starvation and mortality among the Jews would have reached very high proportions, the article points out. It relates how Dutch butchers are supporting Jewish butchers in Amsterdam who have been prohibited from entering slaughter houses and reveals that non-Jewish doctors in Holland are voluntarily passing on to their Jewish colleagues the fees which they receive from Jewish patients and how Dutch lawyers are doing the same with remuneration which they get from Jewish clients.

ROME AND BERLIN INTENSIFY ANTI-JEWISH RADIO AND PRESS PROPAGANDA

ZURICH, Feb. 15. (JTA)-- Alleging that Jews in Benghazi persecuted the Italians there when the city was held by the British forces, the Rome radio today broadcast a violent anti-Jewish attack in the Rumanian language apparently aimed at strengthening the anti-Semitic propaganda which the Axis is now conducting in Rumania, with a view of blaming the Jews for the shortage of food there and the large number of Rumenians killed on the Soviet front.

In its broadcast, the Rome radio told a story of how a Palestinian Jew named Geil was appointed civil commissioner of Benghazi and how he and the local Jews were "entrusted with the persecution of Italians, committing all kind of crimes."

At the same time, the Voelkischer Beobachter, Hitler's chief organ, commenting today on the speeches delivered at the recent annual conference of the British Zionist Federation in London takes the opportunity to unleash another violent front-page attack against Jews. Citing the demand voiced at the conference that the economic reconstruction of the Jews in Europe and the settlement of Jews in Palestine should be included in the war aims of the United Nations, the Voelkischer Beobachter states that this demand is "proof" that the Jews are preparing themselves for "domination in Europe" in case of a victory for the democracies.

POLISH JEWISH BUSINESSMEN FORCED TO WORK IN GERMAN GOVERNMENT-OWNED FACTORIES

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15. (JTA)-- Polish Jews whose businesses have been confiscated are being forced to work at their trades in municipally and government-owned factories, under conditions of virtual slavery, according to reports appearing in the Litzmann-stadter Zeitung reaching here today.

The Nazi paper, published in Lodz, carries an advertisement inserted by the mayor of the town of Warta in the annexed section of Poland, stating: "I am in charge of 250 qualified Jewish tailors, hatters and furriers; and I undertake all sorts of work for military and civilian customers."

HADASSAH MARKS ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THREE-DAY SESSION OF ITS LEADERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA)-- Marking the thirtieth anniversary of its founding, the Hadassah today opened a three-day session of its national board with a plea from Mrs. David de Sola Pool, its president, for intensified health work in Palestine.

The sixty Hadassah leaders from all parts of the country who are attending the session were told that the present 80,000 senior membership of the organization must be increased to 100,000 by March 3, the day on which the nation-wide celebration of the Hadassah will culminate. Hadassah was founded in New York during Purim in 1912 by Miss Henrietta Szold.

A cable from Miss Szold and other members of Hadassah's War Emergency Committee in Palestine read at today's session stated that Hadassah's medical center on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem, the Rothschild-Hadassah-University Hospital and Medical School, is now offering clinical conferences to Australian, New Zealand, British and other allied medical men stationed with the armies there as part of its war program. In cooperation with the Hebrew University with which the center is affiliated, courses in the control of malaria, leprosy, bubonic plague and other epidemic diseases indigenous to semi-tropical climates are also being given.

Between October 1, 1941 and January 31, 1942 Hadassah raised a total of \$378,000 for its regular and war emergency projects abroad, Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, national treasurer, reported. During the period September 1939 to November 1941, Hadassah sent \$1,644,839 to Palestine for war emergency, hospitalization, public health, child welfare, refugee and land reclamation work.

ZIONIST CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK ASKS PALESTINE JEWISH COMMONWEALTH, JEWISH ARMY

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA)-- More than 400 representatives of districts and groups of the Zionist Organization of America in the Metropolitan area of Greater New York meeting at the Hotel Astor unanimously approved a resolution calling for the mobilization of "the manpower of the Jewish population of the country to secure the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth after the war." Another resolution adopted called upon the Government of the United States "to use its good offices in conformity with the spirit and traditions of this country to help secure for the Jews of Palestine the right to organize a Jewish fighting force under the British or Allied Command."

A warning that "the Near East is still inadequately manned, its peril imminent" was sounded at the session by Emanuel Neumann, in an address on the war situation in Palestine. Referring to the reported request to send an AEF to the Middle East, Neumann stated: "If American troops are to be sent to the Near East across 10,000 miles of ocean, we have the right to inquire whether full use is being made of all other available manpower and resources in that part of the world." "Can we afford to neglect or to turn down the offer of increased military aid on the part of Jews in Palestine?" Neumann asked. Judge Louis E. Levinthal, ZOA president, also addressed the meeting.

UNITY BETWEEN POLES, JEWS STRESSED AT MEMORIAL MEETING FOR PROFESSOR SCHORR

LONDON, Feb. 15. (JTA)-- The unity between Jews and Poles in the fight for a free Poland was emphasized today at a memorial meeting here attended by Jewish and Polish leaders in honor of the late Prof. Moses Schorr, Chief Rabbi of Poland, who died in Soviet Russia early last July.

Chief Rabbi Hertz stressed Prof. Schorr's achievements as a scholar and the leader of the largest Jewish community in Europe. Stanislaw Stronski, Polish Minister of Information, declared that "Schorr will be missed when the fate of a new Poland is shaped."