

### U.S. STATESMEN URGED TO PREPARE PALESTINE PLAN FOR SUBMISSION TO PEACE CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, May 25. (JTA)-- The establishment of a special commission of American senators, congressmen and other notables for the purpose of preparing a plan for submission to the post-war peace conference which would guarantee "progress and justice" to the Jews in Palestine after the war, was urged here tonight by Senator Robert F. Wagner, chairman of the American-Palestine Committee, in an address delivered at the second annual dinner of the Committee.

The dinner, held to mark the twentieth anniversary of the passage of a joint resolution of Congress favoring "the establishment in Palestine of the National Home for the Jewish people," was attended by more than five hundred leaders in political, civic and industrial life. Ambassadors, ministers and representatives of seventeen of the United Nations and a large number of Senators and Congressmen were among those who attended the dinner. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who was the principal speaker at the dinner, discussed the position of Palestine in the present war and the future of the Jewish National Home and its relation to the refugee problem and the post-war world.

"The test of the principles upon which President Roosevelt's four freedoms and the Atlantic Charter are built is not whether large nations will maintain their strength, but whether they will help small and weak nations to achieve their rightful peace," Senator Wagner said. "The American Palestine Committee could help prepare for that day, as many other groups are already doing for other lands, by creating a Commission to chart the course of progress and of justice for the Jewish people in the land that was Promised long ago. In its truest sense, the Homeland is destined to become a great new arsenal of democratic faith. I look forward to the day when Jewish Palestine, combining the spiritual values of the East with the progressive ideals of the West, will link the two together in a world fellowship of freedom."

#### Palestine's Strategic Position Stressed by Speakers

The Senator demanded that Jews in Palestine be given a chance to "serve under British command and to face the enemy under their own flag, the official flag of their National Home."

Other speakers, including Sir Norman Angell, British Nobel peace prize winner, and diplomats of the United Nations, emphasized the strategic position of Palestine in the Middle Eastern front and pointed out that although the danger to Palestine has lessened for the moment, the Middle East may yet be among the decisive battlefields of the entire war.

A message from Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, was read at the gathering. Referring to Jewish grievances against England in connection with Palestine, Lord Halifax stressed the fact that the primary aim of both the Jews and England at present is to see Hitler defeated. Among the speakers were: Pierre Cot, former Minister for Air in the Daladier Cabinet; Jan Ciechanowski, Polish Ambassador; Ralph William Close, Minister of the Union of South Africa; Constantin Fotitch, Minister of Yugoslavia; Vladimir Hurban, Minister of Czechoslovakia; Mr. Cimon P. Diamantopolous, Minister of Greece, and Lieu Chieh, Counselor of the Chinese Embassy.

SOVIET JEWS APPEAL FOR 1,000 TANKS AND 500 PLANES TO HELP RUSSIAN ARMY

MOSCOW, May 25. (JTA)-- An appeal to the Jews of the democratic countries to contribute 1,000 tanks and 500 planes to the Soviet Army in order to help Russia defeat Hitler, was broadcast from here today following the conclusion last night of the Jewish Conference to Fight Fascism.

Declaring that "the summer of 1942, which is destined to decide the fate of mankind, will also decide the fate of the Jewish people," the appeal calls upon the Jews in the democratic countries to give their maximum aid to their governments and "to fight to the last drop of blood, so that fascism will soon be routed."

The appeal emphasizes the fact that the Jews in Soviet Russia, fighting side by side with the Russian people, are helping break the myth of Nazi invincibility. It points out that the present war is a life and death struggle between the forces of reaction and progress. "On the side of reaction, there is Hitlerite Germany and her allies. On the side of progress, there stand the great democratic powers, the USSR, Great Britain, the United States and the other freedom-loving peoples. Between the two camps there can be no peace, no truce. Hitler and his clique must and will be routed and destroyed," the appeal says.

Ask Aid of Jews in America, Britain, Canada, Palestine

"Brother Jews of the United States, Great Britain, Canada, Palestine, South Africa and Australia," the appeal continues, "more airplanes are needed to crush the Nazi murderers; more tanks are needed to liberate the regions overrun by Hitlerites. Great is the grief of the Jewish people. In the towns captured by them, the Hitlerites have put Jewish men and women to cruel deaths. They raped women and murdered children before the eyes of their mothers. They buried people alive and mocked their graves. There are towns and villages where not a single Jew remained alive, either aged nor infant. All had been murdered on Hitler's orders."

The appeal was also addressed to the Jews of Nazi-occupied territories, urging them "to join the ranks of the guerrilla fighters; to undermine the Hitlerites wherever possible; to blow up the German stores and railways." From the Jews of the neutral countries in South and Central America the appeal asks "tanks, fighter planes and bombers" for the Soviet fighting forces.

"At a time when the Jews of Paris and Rome, of Amsterdam and Salonika, of Warsaw and Riga are being hounded, exterminated, tortured to death by the foul Hitlerites," the appeal concludes, "we citizens of the Soviet Union, assembled in the capital of our sacred native land, solemnly call upon all Jews throughout the world: Fight to the last drop of blood under the banner of freedom. The hour of victory is nigh."

Zionist Leaders Greet Soviet Jewry in Broadcast to Moscow Jewish Rally

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA)-- Zionist leaders, including Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the administrative committee of the World Jewish Congress, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish National Fund in the United States, were among those participating in a broadcast from here to the Jewish Anti-Fascist Rally held in Moscow yesterday. The broadcast, which was beamed to Moscow by the National Broadcasting System, was arranged by the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief Inc.

Dr. Goldmann, who was the first speaker, declared that it was a great moment in the life of American and world Jewry to have the opportunity to speak to Russian Jewry and resume the contact which was interrupted for so many years. He stated: "Fighting Soviet Russia shows how serious she was in her policy of collective security, and how determined she was in doing her share in putting an end to international anarchy and barbarism. A new and better future for the world is being built today primarily on the battlefields of Soviet Russia."

JAPANESE MISTREATMENT OF JEWS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES DESCRIBED

LONDON, May 25. (JTA)-- Documents confirming the reports that Japanese authorities in the newly occupied territories of the Far East have embarked on a policy of brutal anti-Jewish persecutions similar to that practiced by the Nazis, were received here today.

While these documents cannot be published in full at present, the details therein reveal that Japanese terror against the Jews follows the Nazi model. It is estimated here that about 3,000 Jews have fallen under Japanese administration in the occupied British territories of Burma, Malaya and Hong Kong, in addition to over 20,000 Jewish refugees in Shanghai.

NAZIS ARREST NON-JEWISH YOUTHS IN HOLLAND FOR DISPLAYING SYMPATHY FOR JEWS

LONDON, May 25. (JTA)-- The Nazi-controlled Amsterdam radio announced tonight that new anti-Jewish measures would soon be introduced, including banning Jews from public transportation services, as a wave of sympathy for the Jews was reported sweeping Holland.

Clamping down on Dutch demonstrations of pro-Jewish sympathies, the Nazi authorities have arrested many non-Jewish youths in Amsterdam and other cities who donned yellow stars to evidence their solidarity with the Jews, the German organ, Deutsche Zeitung in den Niederlanden, announced. They will be subjected for a period of time to the regulations covering Jews.

Among the regulations to be applied to these non-Jews, the German organ said, will be ouster from employment in the public services, a ban on visits to cafes, cinemas, parks and bathing resorts. Those repeating the offense "will be punished with greater severity," the Deutsche Zeitung said, threatening internment in concentration camps.

The Nazi paper, De Misthoorn, denounced residents of the town of Weesp, near Amsterdam, who had demonstrated friendship for the Jews when all Jewish inhabitants were expelled recently. "A purification process took place in Weesp on April 29," the Nazi paper said, "which means that the town is now free of the desert nomads."

"At one P.M.," the Nazi paper continues, "the Jews made their last appearance in the town, and they were seen off by the inhabitants. These Weespnaars, who are for the most part very Christian, degraded themselves by carrying the Jews' luggage. On a tunnel wall a large placard was posted saying, "Au Revoir." We even saw a Christian school teacher named Bouhuys crying like a child. Recently this Bouhuys twice entered a classroom showing a Jewish star and saying, "Children, all Jews must wear this. Weespnaars also should do as the Amsterdammers, who raise their hats when meeting a Jew with a star."

BELGIAN JEWS BARRED FROM WORKING TOGETHER WITH "ARYANS": FORCED LABOR INTRODUCED

LONDON, May 25. (JTA)-- Jewish workmen in Belgium are no longer permitted to work together with non-Jews under a new decree issued by the German military command, according to information reaching Belgian circles here today. Factory supervisors have been informed that Jewish workers must be kept together in segregated groups.

An indirect form of forced labor has also been introduced for the Jews of Belgium. The occupation authorities have announced that Jews are required to accept any work offered to them by the employment exchange. If the place of employment is far from their homes, they will be housed in barracks.

HEBREW SCHOOLS IN PALESTINE REOPEN AS THREE-WEEK TEACHERS' STRIKE ENDS

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA)-- The Hebrew schools throughout Palestine reopened this morning as 1,600 teachers returned to work after a three-week strike. It was not announced whether any settlement had been reached with the Jewish National Council concerning the teachers' demand for higher wages to meet increased living costs, which precipitated the disputes.

Sir Harold MacMichael, Palestine High Commissioner, broadcasting yesterday on the occasion of the celebration of Empire Day, reported on his recent visit to London, stating that "the fine contributions made to the war effort by our industry, agriculture and home guards are not unappreciated there." He warned, however, that Palestine must not fall into complacency since "the race has still to be run." The High Commissioner called for increased production and "tightening of belts" to save materials and shipping space.

In Tel Aviv yesterday "London Square" was dedicated at the sea front during the Empire Day Celebration.

HENRY MONSKY RECEIVES DOCTORATE FROM DROPSIE COLLEGE

PHILADELPHIA, May 25. (JTA)-- Henry Monsky, Omaha civic leader and national president of B'nai B'rith, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters last night at the 50th annual Founder's Day and commencement exercises of the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning. Mr. Monsky is the first lay leader of Jewry who is not an academician and the fifth person in the College's 54 years to be thus honored.

In conferring the degree, Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, Dropsie College president, lauded Mr. Monsky's "distinguished record of service to your fellowman without regard to race or creed" and paid tribute to his leadership under which "B'nai B'rith has placed itself wholeheartedly at the service of our government and of all its agencies engaged in the effort to win the war and the peace."

DR. MORDECAI KAPLAN HONORED ON 60th BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA)-- More than 800 civic, communal and religious leaders met last night at the Commodore Hotel and paid tribute to Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan for 40 years of leadership in the Jewish religious and educational life of America.

Dr. Kaplan, whose 60th birthday was celebrated at last night's dinner, is professor of homiletics and dean of the Teacher's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and lecturer at Teacher's College, Columbia University. He is rabbi of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism whose synagogue is in New York; and he is the head of the Reconstructionist Movement, which advocates a contemporary program for American Judaism. The dinner was sponsored by the Reconstructionist Foundation.

Speakers at the dinner were: Dr. Solomon Goldman of Chicago, Frank L. Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board; Dr. Salmann Schocken of Jerusalem, regent of the Hebrew University; Professor Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

200,000 PRAYER BOOKS PRINTED FOR JEWS IN AMERICAN ARMED FORCES

PHILADELPHIA, May 25. (JTA)-- The Jewish Publication Society of America today announced that it has published another edition of 100,000 prayer books ordered by the National Jewish Welfare Board for the use of the American servicemen of Jewish faith in the armed forces of the United States. This raises to 200,000 the number of prayer books ordered by the Jewish Welfare Board since September, 1941.