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MASS-TRANSFER OF JEWS FROM EUROPE TO PALESTINE AFTER WAR DEMANDED BY BEN-GURION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27.(JTA)-- A post-war transfer of Jews from Europe to Palestine, modelled after the mass-transfer of Greeks from Turkey by the League of Nations after the last war, was urged today by David Ben-Gurion addressing the conference of the Jewish Labor Party (Mapai) which is meeting in Kfar Vitkin, one of the smaller Jewish settlements.

In advocating such a transfer, the labor leader emphasized that Jews must be given control of the project. He said that the plan can be realized because "there are vast stretches of uncultivated land thirsty for redemption" and there are also "tremendous resources of human power and pioneering at our disposal."

Ben-Gurion mocked those in America who urge the necessity of seeking peace with the Arabs. He said that the Jewish Agency has never missed any opportunity to seek peace. "Let those American peace-seekers first persuade the Arabs that Arab-Jewish peace is necessary, we are already persuaded," he said.

ABOUT TWO MILLION JEWS ALREADY EXTERMINATED BY NAZIS, BRITISH PAPER REPORTS

LONDON, Oct. 27.(JTA)-- Estimating that "almost two million Jews have already been destroyed in Nazi-occupied Europe, excluding those massacred in the parts of occupied Russia," the Manchester Guardian, one of Britain's leading newspapers, in an editorial today draws the attention of the United Nations to the process of Jewish extermination conducted by the Nazis.

Declaring that "the same fate is awaiting 4,500,000 more Jews in Europe if Hitler remains unchecked," the article demands that the United Nations, which are now forming a commission to look into the Nazi atrocities against civilians in occupied countries, issue a special statement to emphasize that "those responsible for the hideous destruction of the Jews will come under the same retribution as those guilty of other war crimes."

The article points out that of the 450,000 Jews in Germany in 1933, there are only 20,000 left. It emphasizes that "almost all Jews in the Czech Protectorate, Slovakia and Yugoslavia have been deported" and that in Rumania no more than 500,000 Jews remain. It urges the United Nations to make clear to the people of Germany and of Nazi-dominated countries that "anyone of the enemy who, when the day of retribution comes, will be able to show that he withstood Nazi pressure for torturing these innocent victims will have this count in his favor."

EXPULSION OF JEWISH SCIENTISTS WAS GREAT HITLER BLUNDER, ROYAL SOCIETY HEAD STATES

LONDON, Oct. 27.(JTA)-- One of Hitler's greatest blunders was throwing into the arms of the Allies many Jewish scientists, some of whom have found an opportunity to continue their work in Palestine. Sir Henry Dale, president of the Royal Society, declared today addressing the annual meeting of the Friends of the Hebrew University.

Sir Philip Hartog was elected president of the organization. He revealed that groups of professors have been organized at Cambridge and Oxford for the purpose of collaborating with the Hebrew University. Lord Samuel, who was re-elected honorary president, stressed the phenomenal growth of the University despite the difficulties of unrest, finances and the war. He declared that the University is one of the most remarkable achievements of the modern world and particularly praised the Hadassah Hospital.

SYSTEMATIC EXECUTION OF JEWS IN NAZI-OCCUPIED RUSSIA REPORTED BY PARTISANS

KULBYSHEV, Oct. 27, (JTA)-- Further details of the systematic extermination of the Jews in the Nazi-occupied portions of Russia were made public today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, on the basis of reports brought here by partisans operating in the German rear.

A Jewish partisan who succeeded in slipping into Kiev, dressed in peasant clothes, told the following story:

"When we were inside Kiev I decided to take a look at my home. However, I met one of my neighbors in the street who warned me to stay away. She reported that German officers were now living in my house. 'Not a Jew has been left alive in Kiev,' she said. 'Those who did not manage to escape were either killed on the spot or were driven to the place where the body of the Yushchinsky boy was found in 1912 (precipitating the famous ritual murder trial of Mendel Beilis) where they were executed.'

"After telling me that these executions went on daily and that mounds of bodies were dumped from carts into the Dnieper every day, my neighbor again warned me to leave the city as soon as possible. She hurried into her house and brought me some food and then told me which road to take. For several days I and several other partisans wandered around in the woods and swamps outside Kiev. One night we decided to stop at a certain village. The German commandant allowed my non-Jewish companions to stay, but he decided that I was a Jew and must be sent to headquarters. Here I was placed with hundreds of other persons - Jews, Ukrainians, Red army men - all of whom were slated for execution.

Anti-Jewish Posters Urge Ukrainians to "Get Even with Jews"

"En route to the outskirts of the town in which the headquarters were located we passed through streets covered with posters reading: 'Get Even With the Jews.' All of us intuitively felt that we were being taken to an execution place. Suddenly, a German military car came speeding along the road and dashed into our ranks. Many were killed, but I and several others succeeded in escaping in the subsequent confusion."

Minna Jaroschewitsch, who was in charge of an orphanage in the region of Cherkassy, not far from Kiev, told partisans who rescued her and many of the children from the Nazis, that when the German troops first invaded the orphanage they drove all the children into the surrounding woods. From among the 150 orphans they chose the 32 who were Jewish and lined them up. Then the Nazis deliberately drove their tanks over these children, crushing all of them, and compelled the non-Jewish youngsters to bury them. A few minutes later the partisan detachment broke from the woods and surrounded the Nazis, killing many of them.

The Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee also reported today that many Jewish children, orphaned by the Nazis, have been adopted by non-Jewish families who are rearing them as members of their households.

CLEVELAND DECIDES TO RAISE FUND TO PLANT "CLEVELAND FOREST" IN PALESTINE

CLEVELAND, Oct. 27, (JTA)-- A campaign to raise a fund for the planting of 10,000 trees in Palestine, to be called the "Cleveland Forest," was launched here at a conference of 150 delegates representing more than eighty benevolent organizations. The planting of the forest will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Cleveland Council of the Jewish National Fund.

OPEN-DOOR POLICY FOR POST-WAR IMMIGRATION URGED BY SIR NORMAN ANGELL

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA)-- A new immigration policy for the democracies, to be put into effect after this war, is offered by Sir Norman Angell, famous sociologist and Nobel Peace Prize winner, in an article in the November issue of Free World, published today. The winner of the Nobel prize warns that if present population trends persist and a new immigration program is not put into effect "in fifty years the population of Britain, Australia and certain other countries will be reduced to about sixty-five percent of its present size."

Predicting that the "deepest economic depression" will be faced by countries which will refuse to open their doors to immigrants, Sir Norman writes: "Nearly all indications go to show that far from there being any danger of the Dominions or the United States being 'flooded with immigrants,' there was in the year or two preceding the present war an actual turn in the tide of immigration in the other direction, flowing from the Dominions to Great Britain and from the United States to Europe."

Professor Sheldon Glueck of Harvard University, writing in the same issue, proposes a ten-point program for the trial and punishment of Axis war criminals.

JEWISH CAMPAIGN FOR TANKS TO RUSSIA ABANDONED; DRIVE FOR WATCHES LAUNCHED BY AMBIJAN

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA)-- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the United Jewish War Effort, today announced that the Jewish Trade Union Committee which was conducting a campaign for funds to purchase 1,000 tanks and 500 bombers as a Jewish gift to the Russian Army has decided to abandon this campaign and will join the United Jewish War Effort in a drive for 1,000 medical field units for the Soviet forces. Funds collected by the union committee will be transferred to the new campaign.

At the same time the Ambijan Committee for Emergency Aid to the USSR, a Jewish organization, today launched a campaign "to present to the Russian people and to the Red Army a substantial quantity of pocket and wrist-watches which are needed badly by soldiers and officers of the Russian Army as well as by nurses and doctors of the Russian hospitals." The campaign will be conducted under the slogan "Watches Are as Important for an Army as Rifles."

The Soviet Consul-General, Victor A. Pediushine, in a statement made public today, approved the campaign proclaimed by the Ambijan Committee declaring that his office will take all necessary steps to insure immediate shipment of the watches to Russia. "Knowing as I do the very urgent need for just such watches, at this time, I have no hesitation in stating that this gift will be greatly appreciated by the government and people of the USSR. In fact, I have no doubt that it will be a real contribution to our common war effort and to the victory of the United Nations," the statement said.

SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY OF DAVID PINSKI WILL BE CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA)-- Nationwide celebrations of the seventieth birthday of David Pinski, noted Jewish writer, will be arranged by the Jewish National Workers' Alliance of America of which Mr. Pinski has been president for the last ten years, it was announced here today.

The first celebrations will be held in New York on October 30 with a special production of Pinski's play "The Treasure." The author's birthday will be marked by similar affairs sponsored by 300 branches of the Alliance in the United States and Canada.