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WEEK OF MOURNING FOR JEWS MURDERED BY NAZIS STARTS TODAY IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27, (JTA)—All Jewish stores and places of entertainment will be closed throughout Palestine all day Sunday when 400 rabbis will gather in Jerusalem's oldest synagogue to initiate a week of mourning for hundreds of thousands of Jews massacred by the Nazis in Europe. Special prayers will be recited and the worshippers will rend their clothes. The places of entertainment will remain closed until Wednesday, the day set for fasting and prayers by all Jews in the democratic countries.

At a special meeting of the Jewish National Council of Palestine it was decided to summon an extraordinary session of the Assefath Hanivcharim, the Jewish National Assembly, which is the parliament of Palestine Jewry, for the purpose of discussing ways and means of effectively protesting against the intensified Nazi extermination of Jews in Europe. The entire diplomatic corps will be invited to attend the session which will be addressed by the Chief Rabbi and by members of the executive of the Jewish Agency. A call to the people of the world and to the Vatican to exert all possible influence to save the Jews in Europe from being completely annihilated by the Nazis under Hitler's new plan will be issued by the Assembly.

On Monday local Jewish community councils throughout the country will hold protest meetings, while on Wednesday work will be stopped in all Jewish enterprises in Palestine from noon till midnight to give every Jew in the country an opportunity to participate in the national Day of Mourning which will be marked by a procession to the Wailing Wall and by fasting and prayers as on the Day of Atonement.

Press Asks International Movement to Save Children

The Hebrew press in Palestine today appeals to the non-Jewish democratic world to start an international movement to save at least the Jewish children in Europe from Nazi extermination. "Such a movement must be started at once," the leading daily newspaper *Avart* writes. "The Jewish children must be saved even while the war is still going on. They must be transferred from the Nazi hell to any neutral country where they can be out of danger. There they must be taken care of by an international body until the fall of Hitler. The world must not remain silent."

The *Haboker*, another leading daily newspaper, complains that the United Nations pay little attention to the Nazi massacres of Jews. "Why don't the radios of London, Washington and Moscow broadcast in German that the whole German nation will be held responsible for the extermination of the Jews and will pay for it?" the paper asks. "Why doesn't the Vatican radio call upon the Christian world to protest against the Nazi slaughter of innocent Jewish men, women and children?"

Similar articles are also published today in the *Haaretz*, *Hatzofeh*, *Hamaahkif* and other Palestinian newspapers. The general tone of the press is expressed in an editorial in one of these papers stating that "all talk about a war for freedom is

nothing but vain phrases if it is not accompanied by acts to save the Jewish people from extermination." The Hatzofeh points out that "while the world was shocked by the single fact of the Lidice mass-murder, it remained unmoved by the hundreds of Jewish Lidices." At the same time it calls for greater Jewish unity "in order to move heaven and earth and find a way to destroy the wicked hands which threaten the remnants of our race."

LABOR AND ORTHODOX JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN AMERICA MOURN NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.(JTA)-- The Jewish Labor Committee today announced that it has decided to issue a call to all Jewish workers throughout the country - except, those in factories engaged in war industry - to suspend work in order to demonstrate organized Jewish labor's protest against the Nazi wholesale murder of Jews in Europe. An emergency meeting of the executive of the Jewish Labor Committee will be held on Tuesday to consider the latest reports of the Nazi massacres of Jews.

At a conference of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America and Canada held in New York, it was decided to proclaim Wednesday, December 2, as a day of mourning in the United States, in accordance with a similar decision adopted by the Rabbinate in Palestine. The Union will issue an appeal to all Jewish enterprises throughout the country to join in the mourning by closing their businesses on Wednesday for a half-hour.

HITLER PRESSING HIS PUPPET STATES TO EXTERMINATE ALL THEIR JEWS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.(JTA)-- The Office of War Information today quoted Swiss newspapers reporting that Hitler is pressing the puppet states of Rumania, Hungary, Croatia and Slovakia to follow his policy of immediate extermination of the Jews in Europe.

At the same time the Federal Communications Commission today recorded an announcement made by the Nazi radio stations that the Hungarian ex-Premier Bela Imredy, in a speech yesterday, demanded the "speeding up of the solution of the Jewish problem."

The Basler Nachrichten, a Swiss newspaper quoted by the Office of War Information, said that the order of the Hungarian Premier, Nicholas von Kallay, calling up all Jews of military age for forced labor service with the army attracted special attention in Rumania and is regarded there as a sign that "the hour has struck" for the Jews in South-Eastern Europe. It emphasizes that Hitler has always pressed for a "solution of the Jewish question" in the Balkans and that in Croatia and Slovakia practically all Jews have been deported, while in Rumania Jews are being exterminated by banishment to devastated parts of Axis-occupied Ukraine.

NAZI AUTHORITIES IN LATVIA ORDER GERMANS TO TURN OVER PROPERTY STOLEN FROM JEWS

ZURICH, Nov. 27.(JTA)-- The German occupation authorities in Latvia are attempting to secure valuables seized by Germans when the Jews in the country were either deported or exterminated, it was indicated in a recent order appearing in the Deutsche Zeitung in Ostland, which is published in Riga.

An ordinance of the Reichs Kommissar for Ostland provides that all persons holding property formerly belonging to Jews or owing money to Jews must register such goods or debts with the authorities before the end of this month. Reports reaching here from Latvia in the past year indicated that the Germans in the country stole what ever they could from the homes of Jews who were arrested or executed.

1,000 JEWS DEPORTED FROM NORWAY ON NAZI STEAMER, UNDERGROUND PRESS PROTESTS

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 27.(JTA)-- The underground press in Norway today carries vigorous protests against the deportation yesterday from Oslo to an unknown destination of more than 1,000 Jews who were crowded into a Nazi steamer. Among the deportees were refugees from central Europe such as Dr. Joseph Jarosi of Prague and Dr. Epstein, both of whom taught at Oslo University, and many doctors, artists and other intellectuals.

Reports reaching here today tell of heartbreaking scenes as the Jews - including old men and women, children and sick persons, were jammed into a 9,000-ton German steamer. Further deportations are expected, according to these reports. Yesterday's action is the culmination of a wave of anti-Jewish terror in Norway which resulted in the arrest of practically every male Jew in the country and the confiscation of virtually all property belonging to Jews. Some 200 to 300 Jews succeeded in fleeing to Sweden.

The Oslo report states that early yesterday morning Gestapo agents and Quisling storm-troopers rounded up Jewish women and children and sick and old Jews who had not been arrested and ordered them to take along whatever belongings they could get into a small valise. The deportees were then taken to the ship. There they were joined by 500 Jewish men brought from the Tonsberg concentration camp.

DARLAN STILL PRACTICING ANTI-JEWISH LAWS IN NORTH AFRICA, FRENCH DEPUTY CHARGES

LONDON, Nov. 27.(JTA)-- The charge that Admiral Darlan who is now the head of the French forces in North Africa is still discriminating against Jews and refusing to accept some of them for military service was made here today by Pierre Bloch, Socialist member of the French parliament who reached London to join General Charles de Gaulle.

"Only Jews who are holders of Legion of Honor and war decorations have been called up by Darlan for military service in French Morocco and Algeria, while all other Jews are still treated by him in accordance with the anti-Jewish laws which prohibited Jews from serving in armed forces," Mr. Bloch said. (A report last week from Algiers stated that Jews in the classes of 1938 to 1942 have all been called up for service in North Africa. Nothing was said about Jews in other classes.)

The former French deputy also reported that students at the Sorbonne University in Paris have formed an organization called "Union of Inter-Allied and French Youth," the members of which wear a yellow Mogen David in solidarity with Jews.

Unverified reports published in London today state that Jewish leaders have been arrested by the Axis military authorities in the Tunisian harbor city of Bizerte which American and British forces are approaching. The same reports state that Jews have been deported by the Axis authorities from certain localities in Tunisia "to unknown destinations."

EXPAND ENLISTMENT OF PALESTINIANS FOR ACTIVE SERVICE, WAR-EFFORT JOBS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27.(JTA)-- Men between the ages of thirty and thirty-five will now be accepted for active service in the Jewish battalions, especially for duty outside Palestine, it was decided today at a meeting of the executive committee of the Jewish National Council. It was also decided to extend recruitment for activities connected with the war effort to young men and women between the ages of 18 and 20.

HEINRICH STAHL, FORMER HEAD OF BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY, DIES IN EXILE

GENEVA, Nov. 27.(JTA)-- Heinrich Stahl, 74, former president of the Jewish community in Berlin, who was deported from the German capital together with his wife last June, has died in the fortress city of Terezin in Czechoslovakia, where the Nazis have concentrated tens of thousands of Jews from the Czech Protectorate and other countries in Western Europe, it was learned here today. The president of the Jewish community in Terezin, M. Edelstein, is reported to have delivered a eulogy at a simple funeral ceremony at the cemetery.

Active in Jewish affairs for many years, Dr. Stahl was president of the Berlin Jewish community from 1933, when the Nazis came to power, until he was sent to Terezin last summer. As such, he was one of the chief spokesmen for German Jews in their dealings with the Nazi officials and government. In the Spring of 1940 Dr. Stahl planned to leave Germany for Brussels, where his children lived, but was prevented from emigrating by the Gestapo which ordered him to remain as a hostage.

NAZIS HANG JEWS IN BENGALI BEFORE RETREATING FROM CITY

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.(JTA)-- The International News Service today reported from Bengazi that the Nazi occupation army there was especially cruel to the Jews.

Quoting a number of Jews who remained in Bengazi after the Axis retreat, the correspondent of the International News Service reported that one of them told him that the Nazis hanged four Bengazi Jews "as an example of what happens to those who are friendly to the British." The Germans' treatment of Jews was so bad that even the Arabs sympathized with them and aided them as much as possible, despite possible retaliation. Italian priests once interceded in the Jews' behalf. The Nazi commandant curtly warned them to mind their own business. "You take care of God and we'll take care of the Jews," he told the Catholic clergyman.

SHERTOK LEAVING FOR AMERICA; EXILED ARAB LEADER RE-ADMITTED TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27.(JTA)-- Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, will soon proceed to the United States on several important missions, it was learned here today following his departure for Cairo.

Dr. Hussein el Khalidi, Arab leader and former mayor of Jerusalem who was exiled by the British authorities to an island in the Indian Ocean in 1937 for complicity in anti-British and anti-Jewish terrorism in Palestine, returned to Palestine this week, it was announced here today.

JEWISH-ARAB COOPERATION INDISPENSABLE FOR NEAR EAST, NEUMANN TELLS JR. HADASSAH

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.(JTA)-- Cooperation between Arabs and Jews is possible and in fact indispensable for the welfare and prosperity of the Near East, Emanuel Neumann, of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, told 1,000 delegates gathered at the Hotel Plaza yesterday at the opening session of the nineteenth annual convention of the Junior Hadassah.

"When victory is achieved," he said, "and an end put to the intrigues of Axis agents and their Arab quislings, the ground will be clear for a new alignment in which Jews and Arabs, under genuine democratic leadership, will sit down together to work out a new democratic order for the Near East in cooperation with the leaders of the United Nations."