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PALESTINE RABBIS APPEAL TO WORLD TO RESCUE JEWS FROM EXTERMINATION BY NAZIS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (Delayed) (JTA)—A rabbinical assembly unduplicated in nearly 2,000 years of Palestine history today called upon governments and church powers of the world to take whatever effective measures were possible to halt Hitler's systematic extermination of the Jewish people in Europe.

More than 400 rabbis, representing every sect in Judaism and including refugees from Europe, gathered in an ancient synagogue for a conclave unlike any held within the walls of the Old City since the destruction of the Second Temple in the first century. Sitting on the marble-tiled floor of the Holy Land's oldest synagogue, seat of Palestine's chief rabbis for the last two centuries, the rabbinate, assembled in the manner of the Sanhedrin of old, heard Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog address separate appeals to temporal and spiritual rulers of all nations.

Extraordinary rituals of mourning attended the appeal, which was climaxed by a procession to the Wailing Wall, in which Chaplains of all the Allied military forces in Palestine joined. Robed in black, the rabbis rent their garments, recited Psalms 73, 79 and 142, the prayer of supplication beginning, "Our Father, our King" and "Yiskor," the prayer of mourning for the dead. The flickering light of a thousand candles and lamps was cast upon the solemn assemblage. The synagogue was filled with wailing when, after the shofar had been sounded six times, the aged Gerer "rebbe" from Poland, whose entire family was recently murdered by the Nazis, ascended to the Holy Ark, leaning on the arm of Chief Rabbi Herzog, and told the assembled rabbis that "all of us must unite and trust in God's mercy."

Declaring the assembly had been convoked to "raise the conscience of humanity in view of the massacres perpetrated on our people in the Nazi-occupied countries," Chief Rabbi Herzog said:

"This great rabbinical assembly appeals to all nations and governments in the name of the living God, in the name of hundreds of thousands of martyrs and in the name of the remnant struggling in torture and agony; Awake to the divine and historic call of Israel's supreme agony. Rescue those who can still be rescued. Take measures while there is yet time to stay the fiendish hand of the assassin."

Let all humanity unite to save a nation from slaughter, use all means to take out of the valley of death those doomed to utter destruction. Let the gates of all lands be flung wide open. Let shelter be accorded to these fleeing from the inferno, until God vouchsafes grace to His people and their historic cradle."

In the appeal to the spiritual leaders of the world, the Chief Rabbi stated: "See what has been wrought on the people of the Prophets; the blood of their sons and daughters and babes has been spilled like water throughout Europe. Gather all your hearts and souls and might; use your influence to halt the shedding of innocent blood. Have we not all one Father and has not one God created us?"

JEWISH ASSEMBLY SEEKS AID OF DEMOCRACIES IN SAVING JEWS FROM NAZI SLAUGHTER

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30.(JTA)-- The charge that "the democracies are standing aloof in the blackest day of Jewish history by refusing to open the gates of their countries for Jews escaping the sword of the Nazi assassin," was voiced today by Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council of Palestine, addressing the extraordinary session of the Assefath Hanivoharim, the Jewish National Assembly, convoked for the purpose of protesting against the Nazi mass-extinction of Jews in Europe.

The session was also addressed by Miss Henrietta Szold who appealed to the women of the world to save the Jewish children from being massacred by the Nazis. A similar appeal was voiced by Chief Rabbi Herzog who from the floor of the Assembly called upon all nations and people of all faiths to lend their aid in rescuing as many Jewish children as possible from Nazi-held countries.

Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner for Palestine, in a message to the Assembly, expressed his regret at not being able to attend the gathering and emphasized his deep sympathy with the Jewish community of Palestine. "You are not alone in your grief," the message said. "The entire civilized world, regardless of race and creed, stands aghast at the atrocities of the sadistic maniacs. The United Nations are determined to exact retribution. Though the mills of God grind slowly, they grind exceedingly fine."

The appeal to the world issued by the impressive Rabbinical gathering yesterday, was broadcast tonight in English by Chief Rabbi Herzog on the Jerusalem radio. A three-day period of mourning for the massacred Jews will conclude on Wednesday with a Day of Fasting and Prayers and with a general stoppage of work from noon to midnight. All Jewish institutions throughout the country continue to be draped in black.

JEWISH LABOR CONVENTION ASKS U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RETRIBUTION AGAINST NAZIS

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.(JTA)-- The Government of the United States, as well as the Allied peoples, were asked "not to delay until the end of the war the punishment of those who have been guilty of the outrages against thousands of Jews who are being exterminated hourly," in a declaration adopted here last night at the concluding session of the 18th annual convention of the National Labor Committee for Palestine, attended by more than 2,500 delegates from all parts of the country. The convention also decided to raise \$1,000,000 for Palestine in 1943 as compared with \$571,000 raised this year.

"There can be no equanimity as long as the enemy proceeds with his diabolical plan to wipe out the Jews within his grip," the declaration said. "The democracies cannot make peace with the thought that no counter-action can be taken even during the war, to forestall the execution of these innocent victims of Nazi brutality. Shocked by the annihilation of Jewish community life in Europe, the disintegration of Jewish families, and the ruination of millions of Jews, we extend, in this desperate hour our hand in unity, and hope for the speedy rescue of Jewish martyrs from the Hitlerite and Fascist yoke. We send greetings and our encouragement to our wandering brothers wherever bitter fate has dispersed them."

YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES WARN OF RETRIBUTION FOR ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS

CAIRO, Nov. 30.(JTA)-- Yugoslav authorities in the Middle East in a broadcast today addressed to Serbs and Croats under Nazi occupation told them that "severe punishment will be meted out to those responsible for the murder of innocent Jews."

NAZI PRISON SHIP WITH 1,000 JEWISH DEPORTEES FROM NORWAY FEARED WRECKED

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 30.(JTA)-- Swedish lifeboats were reported today to be engaged in a search for a 9,000-ton Nazi prison ship, carrying more than 1,000 Jewish deportees from Norway en route to an unknown destination, which, it is feared, may have foundered in a roaring gale 25 miles from Helsingor, Denmark.

The deportation of the Jews from Norway was assailed here yesterday during services at two of Stockholm's principal cathedrals and at a protest meeting held here last night. At the same time the executive committee of the Swedish Baptist Union appointed a special committee to take up the question of aiding the Jewish victims of the Nazis, especially those in Norway.

Protests voiced by church leaders in Norway were endorsed here by high Swedish clergymen in statements in the press, in broadcasts over the radio and at services in the cathedrals. The Stockholm Morgensbladet today publishes the following statement by Bishop John Collberg: "The Swedish Church wholly backs the protests voiced by the Norwegian Church." Bishop Gustav Aulen, in a sermon broadcast here, said: "The horrible infection of racial persecution has spread to Scandinavia. There appears to be no limit to the depths to which hatred-blinded people will sink."

The Gotesborg Cathedral was packed to the doors yesterday when Dean Olle Nystedt said prayers for the deported Norwegian Jews and added: "Sweden cannot remain silent when such things happen close to our frontiers. If we keep silent, the very stones would cry out to high heaven." At Upsala Cathedral, Archbishop Erling Eiden of the Swedish State Lutheran Church, enthroning Manfred Bjorkquist as the new Bishop of Stockholm, said: "Within the Church there is no room for strife between races."

A huge protest meeting was held in Stockholm yesterday with the following speakers: Zeth Hoglund, former editor of Social-Demokraten; Amalia Fogelklau, noted Swedish writer; Natanael Beskow, Doctor of Theology; Lydia Wahlstrom, Swedish feminist leader and author who has been active in many humanitarian causes. The meeting adopted a resolution stating: "In the name of Christianity, democracy, humanity and justice, we protest against the mass deportation of Norwegian Jews not for any crimes but for their birth."

RUMANIANS TOLD THEY CAN MOVE INTO ANY JEWISH HOME IN CZERNOWITZ

ZURICH, Nov. 30.(JTA)-- The Nazi paper Bukarester Tageblatt which reached here today from Rumania carries a report stating that "Aryan" inhabitants in the slums of the city of Czernowitz were officially told to move into any Jewish home they desire, after first ordering the Jewish dwellers to leave.

The Pommersche Zeitung which reached here today from Germany reports that an order has been issued in Rumania prohibiting Jews from securing any food directly from peasants. Henceforth, the Jews in Rumania will subsist solely on food assigned to them under special rationing regulations, the Nazi paper says.

NOTED JEWISH PROFESSOR KILLED BY NAZIS IN SIMFEROPOL

LONDON, Nov. 30.(JTA)-- Information reaching here today from Russia states that Prof. Abraham Balaban, noted Jewish psychiatrist, has been murdered by the Nazis in the city of Simferopol, in the occupied Crimea.

POST-WAR PROGRAM FOR JEWISH REHABILITATION IN POLAND OUTLINED BY POLISH MINISTER

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.(JTA)-- A post-war program for Jewish rehabilitation in Poland was outlined here today by Dr. Henryk Strasburger, Polish Minister of Finance, in a statement given to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The Minister, who is now on a visit to the United States, declared that when Poland is liberated from the Nazis, it will be the duty of the Polish Government to take the following steps:

1. Abolish the Jewish ghettos which the Nazis have established.
2. Restore to the Jews property taken from them by the Nazis.
3. Take into consideration that Jews have been treated by the Nazi occupational authorities in a "particularly pitiless way." This must be carried in mind especially in feeding and clothing the starved population.
4. Assist the Polish Jews, who, as a result of military operations, left Polish soil, to return to Poland and to start their life anew.

Dr. Strasburger emphasized that he is opposed to compulsory emigration of Jews from Poland since he considers that "emigration is a right and not an obligation of a citizen."

WEIZMANN CERTAIN THAT RUSSIAN JEWRY WILL HELP IN POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT OF PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.(JTA)-- Russian and American Jews were urged to cooperate in the solution of Jewish post-war problems, in rebuilding the devastated Jewish communities in Europe and in the building of a Jewish National Home in Palestine, in a declaration adopted last night at a Unity Conference held at Carnegie Hall under the auspices of the Committee of Jewish Writers and Artists of which Dr. Chaim Zhitlowsky is chairman. More than 800 delegates representing various Jewish groups participated.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, in a message to the Conference read by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, expressed the belief that "when the Soviet people see what the Jews have achieved in Palestine, they will extend their full support and cooperation to the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home." The Soviet Consul-General Victor Fedushin, addressing the Conference, said that the invincible alliance of America, Great Britain and Russia would not only win the war but also a just peace for all the peoples of the world.

The conference, which concluded with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, Hatikvah and the Soviet national anthem, heard a number of speakers describe Nazi brutalities. Messages were received at the gathering from the British, Polish, Czechoslovak, Norwegian, Yugoslav and other consulates in the United States.

RABBI JOINS RUSSIAN PARTISAN BAND "TO AVENGE NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS"

KUIBYSHEV, Nov. 30.(JTA)-- An aged rabbi from a small Ukrainian town invaded by the Nazis recently joined a partisan band in order "to avenge the atrocities which have been committed upon Jews," it was reported here today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee.

When the rabbi came to the headquarters of a Red Army detachment and requested that he be assigned to a partisan band operating in the Ukraine, the commander asked him: "What makes you, an old man, want to join the partisans?"

"I want to avenge the atrocities committed upon the Jews and upon the Jewish holy scrolls," the old man replied. "The Nazis kill our people. They are wild beasts. I shall never forgive them that, nor the desecration of our Torahs. I shall not rest until I wash their filth from our Torahs with their blood."