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### AMERICAN JEWRY MOURNS TODAY FOR 2,000,000 JEWS MASSACRED BY NAZIS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA)— Jews throughout the United States, Canada and Latin America will join with the Jews in other democratic lands tomorrow in a universal Day of Mourning for millions of Jewish victims of Nazi brutality. About 500,000 Jewish workers in factories in the Metropolitan area of New York will stop work for ten minutes at 10 A.M. tomorrow, while Jewish firms will be closed for one hour between 4 and 5 P.M.

Hundreds of synagogues in every section of the country will hold special prayers and memorial services. Participating in these services will be representatives of the Orthodox, Reform and Conservative rabbinates. A memorial service will be broadcast at 4:30 tomorrow afternoon over the facilities of the Blue Network. This service, which will be under the auspices of leading American Jewish organizations, including the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Synagogue Council of America, Union of Orthodox Rabbis and others, was arranged after these groups received news that almost 2,000,000 Jews have been killed by the Nazis in Europe and that the remaining five million are threatened with death by December 31, 1942.

Jewish trade union leaders at a joint conference with the Jewish Labor Committee adopted a declaration protesting against the wholesale slaughter by the Nazis of civilian populations in the occupied countries, especially the Jews. During the ten-minute work stoppage shop chairmen will read this resolution to the assembled workers.

"We appeal to our great President Roosevelt and through him to the United Nations to issue a solemn warning to Hitler and the Nazi government, to all those who are in power in Germany and to the generals whose armies torture and murder the peoples of Europe, that on the day of reckoning they will be called to responsibility for every drop of blood shed in vain, for every murdered Jew, Serb, Pole or Frenchman," the resolution says. An oath stressing that "no sacrifice is too dear in the sacred struggle of the United Nations against the Nazi, Fascist and Japanese armies," will be taken by the workers after the reading of the resolution.

The Zionist Labor Party at a special meeting today decided to follow up the general Day of Mourning with plans for street demonstrations and a march to Washington by Jewish delegations from various cities which would present to President Roosevelt a memorandum asking him to take effective steps to save the Jews in Europe from extermination.

### Canadian Jewry will Mark Day of Mourning by Work Stoppage

TORONTO, Dec. 1. (JTA)— Jews in Canada will observe the world-wide Day of Mourning tomorrow with prayers in the synagogues, with mass-meetings protesting the Nazi massacres of European Jewry and with a fifteen-minute stoppage of work. The

Canadian Jewish Congress, in a call to the Jewish population, urged Jewish business men to close their shops and factories at 11 A.M. The Jewish press in Canada urged the Jews throughout the country to refrain from going to theatres tomorrow and suggested that arrangements for private entertainments be cancelled.

#### Argentine Jews will Close Businesses Tomorrow

Buenos Aires, Dec. 1. (JTA)-- Jewish commercial and industrial enterprises throughout Argentina will be closed from noon till 5 P.M. tomorrow as an expression of mourning for the millions of Jews massacred by the Nazis. Special prayers will be held in the synagogues and a general fast has been proclaimed by the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry.

In an appeal issued by the DAIA, the non-Jewish population is asked to cooperate in making the mourning day an impressive protest against the Nazi killing of Jews. A large protest meeting will be held at a later date at which the Government of Argentina which still maintains diplomatic relations with Germany will be asked to intervene against "the menace of total extermination of the Jews in Nazi Europe."

#### CATHOLICS IN NAZI POLAND PROTEST AGAINST MASSACRES OF POLISH JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA)-- A statement from the underground movement in Poland protesting against the Nazi mass-murder of Jews in occupied Polish territory was made public here today. "We Catholic Poles do not want to remain silent on the Nazi massacres of Jews," the statement reads. "We cannot save anyone, but we can strongly protest; and we are, therefore, transmitting our protest to the outside world as Catholics and as Poles."

A protest meeting against the Nazi decimation of Jews in Europe was held here last night addressed by Jan Stansożyk, Polish Minister for Social Welfare. The meeting was arranged by the orthodox Agudas Israel organization.

Leaders of the World Jewish Congress here today revealed that they have approached the British Government as well as the Soviet Ambassador Ivan Maiski with concrete proposals regarding reprisals for the Nazi slaughter of Jews. The nature of the proposals cannot be divulged at present, they stated.

#### EXCHANGE OF GERMANS FOR JEWS IN NAZI LANDS IS URGED IN APPEAL TO UNITED NATIONS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA)-- An appeal to the United States, England, Russia and other members of the United Nations to save the Jews in Europe from Nazi extermination by exchanging German citizens in those countries for Jews in Nazi-held territories, was voiced here last night by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, addressing the extraordinary session of the Palestine Jewish National Assembly which was convoked for the purpose of seeking ways and means to rescue the Jews in Europe whom Hitler plans to exterminate by the end of this year, according to recent reports. Ben-Gurion also urged that the gates of neutral countries and of Palestine be opened to the Jews of Nazi Europe.

The session, which was attended by representatives of the Palestine Government and by the diplomatic corps, concluded with the adoption of an oath pledging itself "to save the remnants of Jewry." Messages were received from Lowell C. Pinkerton, American Consul-General in Palestine, the Latin Patriarch and representatives of other religious communities in the country. The building of the Jewish Agency flew its flags at half-mast today, while the hall of the Hebrew University in which the Assembly was held was draped in black.

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL COMMITTEE FORMED TO PURGE ANTI-SEMITIC STATEMENTS FROM TEXTBOOKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA)-- Religious leaders of all denominations, ministers, educators and writers, met last night at the Waldorf Astoria to raise their voices against the unprecedented scope of Hitler's war of extermination against the Jews and to enlist in a nation-wide campaign of education to eradicate anti-Semitism in this country.

John Hammond, Jr., chairman and trustee of the National Committee of Protestant Associates who issued the call for the conference, announced the formation of a Textbook Commission to Eliminate Anti-Semitic Statements from American Textbooks. The Commission will shortly launch a million dollar advertising campaign in the leading newspapers of the country to bring to public attention the evil in implanting anti-Semitism in the minds of children through the study of textbooks containing anti-Semitic statements.

A declaration of principles and purposes of the Textbook Commission was submitted by Kenneth Leslie, editor of The Protestant, to the Conference and was unanimously adopted. The declaration in part says: "The war which engulfs our world differs from all other wars in the fact that anti-Semitism has been from its beginning a motivating power and has continued throughout its entire course as one of its integral elements. We may pause to deduce from this fact a significant tribute to the Jewish element in the Jewish-Christian tradition. For the haters of a free world hate supremely the Jews, and they have attacked first the Jews in order that, having destroyed the vanguard, they may then strike deeply into the main body of democratic life.

"It is not the purpose of the Textbook Commission to enter into the realm of theological disputation, but to speak a word of counsel to those responsible in any way for the injection of suggestive and provocative statements in books used for the teaching of democratic youth. A democracy which permits any group of its people to be educated in hatred against any other group puts itself in serious danger. The very heart and soul of democracy is the love of its people for one another. This love is, in the words of Father James Tompkins, the cement which holds together the stones of the political structure. Without this love the building falls."

Among the religious leaders endorsing the conference was the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati, who wired that he "is cordially in sympathy with the objectives of Textbook Commission which will eliminate anti-Semitic and anti-religious and anti-racial statements from American textbooks."

\$16,053,000 SPENT BY UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AGENCIES SINCE PEARL HARBOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA)-- A total of \$16,053,000 has been spent during the past twelve months by the Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal and National Refugee Service, the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal, for large-scale war relief and rehabilitation overseas, Palestine reconstruction and defense and aid to refugees in the United States, it was reported today. Since Pearl Harbor some 3,200 communities have conducted campaigns on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, the report said.

SHERTOK UNABLE TO PROCEED TO AMERICA; WILL RETURN TO PALESTINE FROM LONDON

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA)-- The American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs today received a cable from Palestine stating that Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, will not be able to proceed to the United States. He will limit his trip to London from where he will return to Jerusalem in view of the fact that his presence there is important at the present time.

NAZIS MURDERED 5,000 JEWS IN DNIETRO-PETROVSK, JEWISH DOCTOR REVEALS

KUIBYSHEV, Dec. 1. (JTA)-- The massacre of 5,000 Jews by the Nazis in Dniepro-Petrovsk, in the Ukraine, in April of this year, was revealed today by a Jewish doctor, Moishe Friedman, who succeeded in escaping after having been left for dead by the Germans.

On the pretext that they would allow any Jew who wished to reach Soviet territory to depart, the Germans gathered about 5,000 Jewish men, women and children in a restaurant in the town, Dr. Friedman reported. The Jews, who had been instructed to bring along whatever valuables they desired, were given receipts for their luggage which was piled in waiting trucks. Then they were loaded onto other trucks which proceeded to the outskirts of the town.

When the trucks reached a spot which had evidently been designated in advance as an execution place the Jews were flung from the vehicles, the doctor said. Armed Nazi soldiers methodically shot every person, children and adults alike. Dr. Friedman, who had only been wounded by the Nazi bullets, crept from beneath a pile of dead at night when the German soldiers had departed, and found shelter in the hut of a neighboring peasant where he remained hidden until he recovered sufficiently to reach here.

10,250 MEMBERS OF B'NAI B'RITH, AZA AND HILLEL FOUNDATIONS IN ARMED FORCES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. (JTA)-- There are 10,250 members of B'nai B'rith and its two youth agencies, the Aleph Zadik Aleph and Hillel Foundations, in the nation's armed forces, and of these 29 have been killed in action or in line of duty and 10 have been decorated or cited for bravery, Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith announced today in making public a statistical report of B'nai B'rith's nationwide war service record one year after Pearl Harbor.

The report also showed that 20,184 B'nai B'rith men and women and members of Aleph Zadik Aleph have donated blood to the Red Cross; that \$22,000,000 worth of war bonds have been sold by B'nai B'rith groups through B'nai B'rith sponsored or initiated campaigns and rallies; that \$355,000 of B'nai B'rith funds are invested in war bonds; that 160 Torah Scrolls for use in Jewish religious services at Army chapels have been obtained, with 56 already dedicated; and that 47,109 members of B'nai B'rith, its youth and women's affiliates are serving in voluntary civilian defense jobs.

Supreme Council of B'nai B'rith Women Opens Conference in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 1. (JTA)-- Plans for encouraging Jewish women not now employed to enter the labor market as a contribution toward solving the war manpower shortage were laid before the first war-time meeting of the Women's Supreme Council of B'nai B'rith, which opened its annual conference here today.

This third annual meeting of the Women's Supreme Council, which will last two days, will coordinate the war service efforts as well as the educational, philanthropic and youth welfare projects of the six B'nai B'rith women's grand lodges and their more than 400 senior and junior groups in 265 communities. War bond sales of over \$7,000,000, production of 750,000 surgical dressings and 100,000 sewn and knitted garments for the Red Cross and the distribution of 85,000 comfort kits for servicemen were among the war activities reported at the annual meeting.