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JEWS IN TWENTY-NINE COUNTRIES OBSERVE IMPRESSIVE DAY OF MOURNING FOR NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- Jews in twenty-nine countries today observed a universal day of mourning and prayer for the two million Jewish victims of Nazi brutality by crowding synagogues, stopping their work, closing their businesses and refraining from attending any places of entertainment. In New York, where about 500,000 Jewish workers observed a ten-minute stoppage of work, they were joined by non-Jewish workers of all nationalities who participated in shop meetings at which resolutions condemning Nazi massacres of Jews were adopted. The stoppage was made up later in the day in order not to retard the war effort.

Several radio stations in the New York area observed a two-minute silence, while a memorial service was broadcast at 4:30 over the Blue Network. The service was arranged by leading Jewish organizations and was conducted by Dr. Israel Goldstein, prior to the hundreds of services held in individual synagogues throughout the country at 5:00 P.M.

The entire Jewish press in America appeared today in black borders with articles and editorials appealing to the United Nations to take effective measures to prevent the further extermination of Jews by the Nazis. Some of the Jewish newspapers demanded that the entire German nation be held responsible for the fate of the Jews in Europe. The non-Jewish press published editorials calling upon the Jewish people to maintain courage. The New York Times, in an editorial reviewing the Nazi slaughter of Jews in Europe, estimated that "two million European Jews have perished and five million are in danger of extermination" and urged the United Nations to declare "that these Jewish lives, taken by our enemies, shall be accounted for at the time of reckoning."

LaGuardia Calls on Christians to Join in Mourning; Lehman Attacks Nazi Cruelty

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, in a proclamation to the population of New York City, called the attention of all the people of the city to the Jewish day of mourning. "I know that they will want to join with their Jewish friends and neighbors in their prayers," he said. "No creed and no faith is safe from the vicious attacks of the Nazis."

Governor Herbert H. Lehman, who has been appointed Director of Relief and Rehabilitation by President Roosevelt, in a statement said:

"In all pages of history, we can find no greater example of studied cruelty. Obviously, Hitler and his band of monsters have determined to wipe out an entire people. This studied cruelty and brutality has called forth the deep resentment of all decent-thinking people in every part of the world. It is our duty to wage war so vigorously, so uncompromisingly that these unfortunate men, women and children

will again be freed and be able to take their rightful places in the world of security, peace and goodwill. To that end, we in this country and in every other freedom-loving country of the world must devote every ounce of our determination, our courage and our energy."

Greatest Calamity in Jewish History, Says Proclamation of Jewish Groups

A proclamation issued in behalf of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and other leading Jewish organizations said: "The greatest calamity in Jewish history since the destruction of the Temple has befallen all Jewish communities in the European lands occupied by the enemy. His deliberate and Satanic purpose to destroy Jewish life wherever his power reaches has now been exposed to the world. Nearly two million Jews have already cruelly been done to death and the remaining millions live in the shadow of impending doom. In the hour of their unspeakable grief and travail, the Jews of America in the spirit of an ancient and invincible faith turn once again to Him who has been the Guide and Guardian of Israel throughout all generations."

The Jewish Labor Committee made public today the text of a message received from the Catholic underground movement in occupied Poland which reads: "The Jews in the Warsaw ghetto, isolated from the rest of the world, are all condemned to death. There is no hope for them. No one can aid them. Nazi patrols are shooting Jews at sight in the streets of the ghetto. The sidewalks are littered with corpses of murdered Jews. It is estimated that an average of 8,000 to 10,000 Jews are being massacred daily. Mothers see their children carried away to death. Thousands of them are losing their minds." The message also reveals that all drug stores have been closed by the Nazis in the Warsaw ghetto in order to prevent Jews from securing poison which many have used to commit suicide.

PREMIER SIKORSKI PRESENTS REPORT TO ROOSEVELT ON NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2, (JTA)-- Gen. Sikorski, the Polish Premier, who arrived in the United States yesterday, today disclosed that he visited President Roosevelt this afternoon and presented to him a report on the Nazi massacres of Jews and Poles in occupied Poland.

Addressing a press conference, the Polish Premier asserted that the primary purpose of his visit to the United States is "to urge the speeding of the war in order to end the atrocities that the Nazis are inflicting daily on the Jewish and Polish populations of Eastern Europe." Those atrocities, he stated, are designed to lead to the extermination of these peoples. "The atrocities which the Jews and the Poles are suffering seem unbelievable, but unfortunately we have proof of them," he declared.

JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL CABLES FIVE-POINT APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL, STALIN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2, (JTA)-- A five-point appeal was cabled today by the Jewish National Council of Palestine to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Soviet Premier Josef Stalin and heads of other governments of the United Nations.

The appeal asks: 1. Do your utmost to stop Nazi slaughter of Jews in Europe; 2. Warn the Nazis that they will be held to account for the killing of the Jews; 3. Save the remnants of European Jewry by exchanging Germans residing in the democratic countries for Jews in the ghettos; 4. Rescue Jewish children from the Nazis immediately; 5. Allow the Jews to fight as a people among the other peoples.

NAZIS TRYING TO FORCE ANTI-JEWISH LAWS UPON SWITZERLAND, SWISS PAPER SAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.(JTA)-- The Office of War Information today released a report quoting the Swiss newspaper Volkrecht to the effect that Nazi Germany is trying to force its anti-Jewish laws upon Switzerland.

Answering an article in Hitler's own newspaper, the Voelkischer Beobachter, which attacked Switzerland for giving shelter to refugees escaping from Nazi territories, the Swiss newspaper declares that as long as Switzerland remains independent, the ambitions of the Nazis to see anti-Jewish measures in the country will never materialize.

"Why is the Jewish question suddenly being forced on us?", the paper asks. "Is it in order to cause us to pass anti-Jewish laws? To standardize persecution? So long as Switzerland is an independent state - and we are determined to maintain our independence with all our means and energy - no other power on earth shall order us or tell us what laws we must make or how we must treat our citizens. It isn't our fault but our honor that we have become the refuge for some thousands of persecuted. There must be one little spot of ground in 'New Europe' where humanity finds a home. We only regret that the force of circumstances makes fulfillment of our task so modest. If 'new Europe' finds few supporters in Switzerland, it isn't the Jews who are responsible therefore, but those Aryans who understand 'new Europe' as the suppression of small peoples."

DEMONSTRATIONS IN NORWAY PROTEST NAZI DEPORTATION OF JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 2.(JTA)-- Protest demonstrations are reported to have broken out in several Norwegian towns as the result of the deportation of more than 1,000 Norwegian Jews last week on a Nazi prison ship, which, according to a report reaching here yesterday, was foundering in a storm off Denmark. Spontaneous outbursts occurred in Trondheim and in Teensberg, despite the fact that the Norwegian press was forbidden to mention the deportations.

At the same time it is reported that many members of the Norwegian Nazi party are resigning in disgust at the deportations, despite the fact that they have been threatened with reprisals.

JEWISH GIRLS IN WHITE RUSSIA SUBJECTED TO BRUTAL INDIGNITIES BY NAZIS

KUIBYSHEV, Dec. 2.(JTA)-- The Jews in the city of Pruzhan in Nazi-occupied White Russia were ruthlessly exterminated by the Nazi occupation forces and young Jewish women were subjected to brutal indignities, it was reported here today by Eugene Kulik, who passed through Pruzhan while fleeing from the nearby town of Borisov.

"The only Jews that Nazi execution squads were careful to spare were young and pretty girls who were taken to the quarters which a Nazi major, Albrecht Austein, had set up in a monastery," Kulik said. "In fact, the mayor of Pruzhan had orders to deliver the youngest and prettiest Jewish girls to the major."

ALIENS ADMITTED TO U.S. SINCE PEARL HARBOR TOTAL ONE-TENTH OF PRE-WAR ANNUAL QUOTA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.(JTA)-- The Office of War Information today reported that aliens admitted to the U.S. since the Board of Appeals on Visa Cases was created on December 3, 1941, total less than 1/10 the number admitted in a comparable prewar period. The Board, in its first report to President Roosevelt, said it has passed on 6,162 visa applications, representing more than twice that many individuals. In addition, the Board said existing visa-review machinery is unduly complicated and suggested that it be simplified.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN ARGENTINA STUDY MEANS OF BRINGING OVER REFUGEE CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- Central Jewish organizations in Argentina are now studying ways and means of transporting 1,000 Jewish refugee children from Nazi-held territory to Argentina, it was reported here today by the Hias-Ica Emigration Association. Permission for them to enter has been granted by the President of the Argentine Republic.

The President's assent was secured by large Jewish organizations in Argentina on the initiative of Edouard Oungre, director of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association who, during his recent stay in Argentina, invited all Jewish communities in South America to cooperate with the Association in the work of rescuing Jewish children from Nazi-occupied lands, especially from France, the report said. In Chile, the President of the Republic promised local Jewish organizations that his government would admit refugee children as well as a certain number of refugee intellectuals, the Association reported. Argentina and Chile are the only countries in Latin America which still maintain diplomatic relations with Germany.

The children, when admitted to Argentina, would be placed by Jewish organizations in orphan homes, in private homes and in the colonies maintained by the Jewish Colonization Association. Mr. Oungre is now in Chile where he was received by the President of the Republic and the new Minister of Foreign Affairs in connection with his efforts to secure admission of Jewish refugees from Europe.

J.N.F. CALLS NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN DETROIT TO CONSIDER PALESTINE NEEDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- A three-day national conference, dedicated to Palestine Jewry's wartime needs and to the consideration of plans for post-war colonization there, will open on December 25 at the Hotel Book-Cadillac in Detroit, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the J.N.F. of America, announced today.

The conference will be attended by delegates of all Zionist parties and groups, of national Jewish organizations and delegates of Jewish National Fund Councils in more than 1,000 communities in all parts of the nation. It will consider the achievements of the Jewish National Fund in Palestine and in the United States since the outbreak of the war and formulate plans for the mobilization of American Jewry's support for a large-scale colonization program for the settlement in Palestine of two to three million Jews after the war, Dr. Goldstein said.

NAZI RACIAL THEORY CONDEMNED AT INTERFAITH MEETING AT U.S. MILITARY RESERVATION

FORT RILEY, Kansas, Dec. 2. (JTA)-- Freedom, tolerance and brotherhood were pointed out as the three basic principles of American life by chaplains of three faiths as men of the entire Fort Riley area met together for the first interfaith prayer meeting ever held on this military reservation.

Speakers at the service, held in Red Cross recreation headquarters of the station hospital at Camp Whiteside, were Chaplain Francis S. Rzasa, Catholic; Chaplain Robert M. Man, Protestant, and Chaplain Edward T. Sandrow, Jewish. Rev. Rzasa, speaking of Nazi tyranny, condemned Hitler's racial theory. Chaplain Man said that "in the world of the future we must be as ready to help our brothers in need, whether he be Jew or Gentile, Protestant or Catholic, Negro or white man, as we are ready now to risk our lives on the battlefield to save a fallen comrade."