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### JEWS REPORTED EXPELLED FROM TURIN, MILAN, GENOA; YUGOSLAV JEWS ESCAPE FROM CAMP

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA)— Italian officers and men were reported today to have been tried at Tirana, capital of Albania, on the charge of having facilitated the escape of several hundred Yugoslav Jews confined in a concentration camp at Mancha, near Sarajevo.

At the same time it was reported here that many Jews in the cities of Turin, Milan and Genoa, in Italy, have been deported to concentration camps located in the Italian part of the Tyrol. Their household effects were confiscated by the local Fascist councils allegedly for distribution among Italians whose property was destroyed during British air raids.

### NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE PROTESTS DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM NORWAY

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA)— The Norwegian Government-in-Exile today issued a comprehensive report describing the persecution of Jews in Nazi-occupied Norway. At the same time it published the full text of the protests against the deportations of the Norwegian Jewish population adopted by the churches in Norway and in Sweden.

"Anti-Semitism in Norway is a sheer invention of the Gestapo and the Quislings," the statement of the Norwegian Government-in-Exile declares. "The people of Norway ceased to think of Jews as such after voiding all anti-Jewish restrictions in the country 91 years ago."

The Swedish radio today broadcast a joint protest of twenty-one leading women's organizations in Sweden condemning the deportation of the Jews from Norway. The organizations represent practically all the women of Sweden. "The persecution of people of a different race is contrary to the Nordic conceptions of justice," the protest emphasizes.

The Swedish radio last night broadcast an official announcement from Oslo, Norway, that the German steamer on which Norwegian Jews were deported to an unknown destination "has reached a German Baltic port after a stormy voyage." The announcement of the pro-Nazi Norwegian government stated that "the ship carried only 532 Jewish passengers." Private reports said that more than 1,000 Jews were on the prison ship which had been feared wrecked in a storm.

The official announcement from Nazi-occupied Norway also reported that not more than 200 Jews remained in the country. There were about 1,400 Jews in Norway prior to the Nazi occupation. (A Swedish broadcast heard today by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington stated that the Quisling police have assembled another 124 Jews at a concentration camp in Oslo for deportation to Nazi-held Poland. The ages of the group, consisting of Jewish men, women and children, range from one year to eighty, the Swedish report said.)

JEWS THROUGHOUT BRITISH EMPIRE WILL OBSERVE DAY OF MOURNING NEXT SUNDAY

LONDON, Dec. 4.(JTA)-- Central Jewish organizations here today proclaimed Sunday, December 13, as a day of mourning and fasting by all Jews in the British Empire for the two million Jews massacred by the Nazis in Europe.

The call for the observance of the day of mourning was issued by Chief Rabbi Hertz following an emergency conference of leading members of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the British section of the World Jewish Congress and the Agudas Israel orthodox organization. The two Jewish members of the Polish National Council were present at the conference.

The Zionist Review, official Zionist organ, today severely criticized the London press and radio for its "conspiracy of silence" with regard to the reports of the Nazi massacres of Jews. The Zionist publication complains that despite the fact that the news of the Nazi mass-extinction of Jews has been confirmed by Allied Governments, not a single daily newspaper in London carried any editorial comment on it, nor was the news broadcast by the British radio. "It is difficult to find adequate words of condemnation for such an attitude, which is not worthy of the great traditions of British democracy," the article says.

A Chanukah message to the Jews in Nazi Europe was broadcast from here today. The Jews in the ghettos were told of Jewish efforts in America and Palestine to avenge their dead and were urged to "keep up their courage since the day of the liberation of Europe from the Nazis is approaching."

Further reports from Jewish underground groups in Poland reaching here yesterday disclose that there are only 400 Jews left in the ghetto in Lublin of the more than 60,000 who were formerly confined there. A pound of potatoes in the Warsaw ghetto costs \$5 and a loaf of bread \$18. These prices are ten times higher than those outside the ghetto walls.

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS PETITION ROOSEVELT FOR JEWISH HOMELAND IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.(JTA)-- A joint declaration, signed by 62 members of the United States Senate and 182 members of the House of Representatives pledging the continued support of the signatories to the "declared and traditional policy of the United States to favor the restoration of the Jewish National Home in Palestine" was submitted to President Roosevelt yesterday, it was announced here today by Senator Robert F. Wagner, of New York. A copy of the declaration was sent to Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

"Faced, as we are by the fact that the Nazi Government, in its Jewish policy, is attempting to exterminate a whole people, we declare that, when the war is over, it shall be the common purpose of civilized mankind to right this cruel wrong insofar as may lie in our power, and, above all, to enable large number of the survivors to reconstruct their lives in Palestine where the Jewish people may once more assume a position of dignity and equality among the peoples of the earth," the declaration states.

Continuing, the document points out that "the reasons which, twenty-five years ago, led the American people and the Government of the United States to favor the cause of Jewish national restoration in Palestine are still valid today. In fact, the case for a Jewish homeland is overwhelmingly stronger and the need more urgent now than ever before."

J.D.C. ALREADY PLANNING POST-WAR JEWISH RELIEF IN EUROPE, BAERWALD ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA)-- The Joint Distribution Committee is "already thinking and planning" for the peace to come, it was revealed here today by Mr. Paul Baerwald, honorary chairman of the J.D.C., addressing the 28th annual meeting of the organization.

A review of the activities of the J.D.C. in 1942 given at the meeting by James H. Becker, chairman of the organization's National Council, disclosed that the J.D.C. appropriated \$7,250,000 for the calendar year to provide relief, emigration assistance, educational and reconstructive aid to 795,000 people. More than 7,700 persons were helped to escape from Europe to the Western Hemisphere and Palestine during the year, Mr. Becker reported.

Mr. Baerwald, in declaring that the J.D.C. is already planning post-war reconstruction, stressed that the organization will "enter the post-war period armed with a number of advantages which have accrued to us through 28 years of work; the respect of governments, the admiration of many men and women of good-will and of humanitarian agencies the world over, the faith and trust of those numberless thousands who have been beneficiaries of our work and, perhaps above all, with the confidence of our own government."

Stating that the choice of former Governor Lehman as Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation was an admirable one, Mr. Baerwald said: "Herbert Lehman's unusual administrative ability, combined with his great heart and his keen intelligence, coupled also with the years of experience which he gained during his service with our government in the first World War and later on in the service of our own Committee during the period following the first World War, seem to us to form a perfect combination for this post. It was he who was the chief proponent of the belief that relief in itself was not enough and that a man's self-respect in the knowledge that he stands on his own two feet is in many ways more important than broad lines and soup kitchens."

Officers Re-elected; Board of Directors Expanded

With the exception of former Governor Lehman, who resigned as vice-chairman of the J.D.C. when he was appointed Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, the present officers of the J.D.C. were reelected. Mrs. Felix M. Warburg and Paul Baerwald were named again to the posts of honorary chairman and Lieut. Edward M. M. Warburg was reelected chairman, although he can take no active part in the Committee's work due to his army duties. James H. Rosenberg of New York was continued as honorary chairman of the Executive Committee and Mr. Becker as chairman of the National Council. The eight vice-chairmen were likewise reelected: George Backer, David M. Bressler, Alexander Kahn, Lt. Com. Harold F. Linder, Rabbi Jonah E. Wise, all of New York; William Rosenwald of Greenwich, Conn., William J. Shroder of Cincinnati and M. C. Sloss of San Francisco. I. Edwin Goldwasser and Alexander A. Landosco of New York were reelected treasurers.

Thirty-one new members were added to the J.D.C. Board of Directors and nine members were added to the executive committee. Twenty-five members of the executive committee were reelected. Other officers who will continue in their posts during the coming year are Albert H. Liberman of Philadelphia, vice-chairman of the National Council; Lieut. Abner Bregman, U.S.A., of New York, associate treasurer; Joseph C. Hyman of New York, executive vice-chairman; Evelyn M. Morrissey of New York, assistant treasurer; Mr. H. B. L. Goldstein of New York, comptroller; Moses A. Leavitt of New York, secretary; and Isidor Coons of New York, director of fund-raising.

CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION APPEALS FOR EXEMPTION OF REFUGEES FROM WAR-TIME RESTRICTIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.(JTA)-- An appeal to Attorney General Francis Biddle for extension to other "friendly enemy alien groups" of the policy which exempted Italian nationals from war-time restrictions, was made today by the American Civil Liberties Union.

In a letter to Mr. Biddle, the Union said that "it is obvious that the several hundred-thousand refugees from Germany are loyal to the democratic cause" and suggested that war-time restrictions be lifted on four classes of them; 1. those who are expatriated by Germany; 2. who are employed in war work under approval by the military authorities; 3. who have been examined by Alien Enemy Boards and released; and 4. who have immediate relatives in U.S. armed forces. For those not covered by these categories, individual examinations were suggested.

ZIONIST LEADERS HONOR SECRETARY ICKES; DISCUSS PALESTINE WAR-TIME PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.(JTA)-- Palestine war-time problems will be discussed Sunday at a special session of the National Council for Palestine, which consists of leaders of Jewish communities throughout the United States who are responsible for the fund-raising activities of the United Palestine Appeal.

The session will close with a dinner in honor of Secretary of Interior Ickes at the Hotel Biltmore. Speakers at the dinner, besides Secretary Ickes, will include Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Judge Louis Levinthal, Judge Morris Rethenbergh, and others.

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND FOR RACE RELATIONS NAMES TWO NEW DIRECTORS

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.(JTA)-- Dr. Will W. Alexander of Atlanta and Washington, former head of the Farm Security Administration, and Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Negro director of the Department of Social Science at Fisk University, Nashville, have been appointed co-directors of the race relations program of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. Their selection is in line with plans for an intensified emphasis on race relations, "looking toward much fuller democracy in America and throughout the world."

NEW YORK JEWS OBSERVE YEAR OF WAR TODAY WITH "PRAYER FOR VICTORY"

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.(JTA)-- The anniversary of the "Day of Infamy" will be observed by Jews of New York on Sunday evening with a special "Prayer for Victory" service at Temple Emanu-El, sponsored by the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith. The principal address will be made by Edgar Nathan, Borough President of Manhattan, speaking on "Our Wars for Freedom."

B'NAI B'RITH BODY VOTES TO STIMULATE RECRUITMENT OF JEWISH WOMEN FOR WAR WORK

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.(JTA)-- February was designated as "Victory Through Man-power" month, during which 50,000 B'nai B'rith women and girls will stimulate community efforts looking towards the recruitment of thousands of Jewish women in the war effort, at the third annual meeting of the Women's Supreme Council of B'nai B'rith which was held here this week. Mrs. Maurice Turner of Chicago was elected president of the Council.