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CHRISTIANS IN BELGIUM SAVE TORAHS FROM NAZIS; AMSTERDAM CHIEF RABBI DEPORTED

LISBON, Dec. 6.(JTA)-- A pro-Jewish "Star of David Organization" organized by anti-Nazi Christians is now functioning in occupied Belgium for the purpose of rescuing and storing Torahs in Belgian cities which are becoming "Judenrein" as a result of deportation of the Jewish population by the Nazi occupational authorities, it was reported, here today.

A reliable report from Nazi-held Holland states that 58-year old Chief Rabbi Lodewijk Sarlouis of Amsterdam and Max Bolle, secretary of the Amsterdam Jewish Council, have "left Amsterdam with their families." They are believed to have been deported to Poland.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT WILL DISCUSS NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS IN EUROPE

LONDON, Dec. 6.(JTA)-- A query as to why the governments of the United Nations have not issued an "emphatic protest" against the Nazi extermination of the Jews of Europe, strong enough to influence the Nazis to halt the ruthless massacres of the Jewish civilian population in the occupied countries, will be voiced in the House of Commons at its next session.

Sir Patrick Hannon, Conservative member of Parliament, today announced that he will put the question to Foreign Secretary Eden. He will also demand a reply from Eden on the question of whether the British Government has received any information of Hitler's intention to exterminate all the Jews in occupied Europe.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, writing in behalf of the Church of England, expressed his "burning indignation" yesterday at Hitler's project to slaughter all the Jews of Nazi-Europe, in a letter published in the London Times. He termed the Nazi massacres of the Jews as "a horror beyond what imagination can grasp and for which barbarous ages scarcely supply a parallel," and demanded that all persons concerned in the outrages be held liable to post-war punishment. He also suggested that Britain admit Jews escaping from the Nazi-dominated countries.

The Manchester Guardian, one of England's leading newspapers, expresses the fear that very few Jews will be left in Europe by the time the Allied forces achieve a military victory over the Nazis. It urges the Allied governments to issue a joint statement warning the Nazis and their puppet-states that the extermination of Jews will be included in the war crimes for which retribution will be exacted. This, the paper says, might have an effect upon the pro-Nazi countries in Europe and even upon Germany.

POLISH GOVERNMENT WILL ACT ON PROPOSALS TO HALT NAZI EXTERMINATION OF JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 6.(JTA)-- The Polish Government is taking action on proposals for halting the persecution of Jews and Poles in Nazi-held Poland, presented to it by the Jewish deputy Samuel Zygielboim, it was indicated today by Foreign Minister Count Edward Raczynski in a conversation with Mr. Zygielboim.

The proposals provide for reprisals against Germans now held in Allied countries, dropping printed accounts of the atrocities over Germany so that the German people will not be able to claim in the future that they were unaware of what was going on, and, finally, calling an Allied conference to plan effective measures to halt the Nazi massacres.

Polish Minister of Propaganda Stronski today reiterated his denial that a section of a speech by Premier Sikorski pledging equality to Jews in post-war Poland had been omitted in a broadcast of the address to Poland via BBC. Stronski sent the Jewish Telegraphic Agency a copy of a letter from Ivone Kilpatrick, director of the BBC, which stated that no section of the Premier's address was out and that the full speech was broadcast to Poland in Polish several times.

Count Raczynski today cabled Dr. Chaim Weizmann in New York stating that he was profoundly affected by the horrible reports of Nazi massacres of Jews in Poland. "I hasten to convey to you, as the most eminent representative of the Jewish National ideal, my heartfelt compassion with the martyrdom the German barbarians have inflicted upon the Jewish nation," he stated. "I can assure you that the Polish Government is determined that the perpetrators of these dreadful deeds shall receive punishment commensurate with their crimes."

CHURCHES THROUGHOUT CUBA OFFER MASS FOR MARTYRED JEWS OF EUROPE

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 6.(JTA)-- Acting upon a call from the Archbishop, all Catholic churches in Cuba today offered a special mass for the Jews in Europe tortured and massacred by the Nazis. The Archbishop himself received a Jewish delegation and expressed strong condemnation of the Nazi brutalities against Jews.

The entire Cuban press during the past few days has carried vigorous protests against the slaughter of Jews in Europe. The Confederation of Cuban Workers, which has 600,000 members, issued a proclamation condemning the Nazi murderers. A similar proclamation was issued by the Student Federation of the university in Havana. Twenty-five radio stations in Cuba carried special broadcasts during the week-end describing the Nazi atrocities against Jews and calling on the population to support the Jewish demands for reprisals.

FIRST RUSSIAN JEW DECORATED WITH ORDER OF ALEXANDER NEVSKY

KUIBYSHEV, Dec. 6.(JTA)-- A Jewish fighter pilot, M. Isensohn, is the first Jew in the U.S.S.R. to be awarded the new military decoration, Order of Alexander Nevsky, which has been presented to a group of Red Army men who performed exceptionally courageous exploits. The order is named after the Russian Grand Duke Alexander Nevsky who in 1242 defeated the German knights and who is now honored as a national hero.

Isensohn received the award for gallantry on the Stalingrad front where he attacked the enemy under heavy fire, flying just a few feet from the ground. He destroyed enemy installations and returned with important military information.

FINNISH MINISTER RESIGNS IN PROTEST AT SURRENDER OF JEWS TO GESTAPO

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6.(JTA)-- The resignation of the Finnish Minister of Social Welfare, Karl August Fagorholm, in protest at the cabinet's decision to turn over to the Gestapo foreign Jews who are being held in concentration camps on the Island of Hogland in the Gulf of Finland, was reported today from Helsinki.

The Helsinki radio announced that Mr. Fagorholm has resigned for "personal reasons." This is interpreted here as an indication that the Finnish cabinet has finally acceded to the Nazi request for the surrender of the Jews, since Mr. Fagorholm had stated earlier that he would quit if the German demand were not rejected. Among the Jewish internees are reported to be several who fled from Norway to Finland to escape deportation. The incarceration of foreign Jews in Finland began some months ago.

PALESTINE JEWS CALLED ON TO INCREASE ENLISTMENT IN BRITISH FORCES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6.(JTA)-- Stressing that "the blood of our brethren in Europe calls for revenge and the remnants of the Jewish communities await rescue," a joint proclamation issued by the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Council today appealed for wider enlistment of Jews in the British armed forces, to include youths of 18 to 19, unmarried men between 32 and 35, and women between the ages of 21 and 29.

Urging that the Jewish infantry battalions in the recently formed Palestine Regiment be filled immediately, the proclamation disclosed that almost 30,000 Jews are already in the armed forces, including 19,000 on active military service, 3,000 assigned to special military duties, 800 in the active Home Guard and several thousand in the various home and civil defense units. It was announced at the same time that several Jewish units have already been transferred to the Jewish battalions.

ROOSEVELT URGED TO FACILITATE JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.(JTA)-- In an appeal to the United Nations, directed to President Roosevelt, the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal, which met today in an all-day session, urged the following measures to facilitate Jewish immigration into Palestine and to secure the creation of a Jewish Commonwealth there:

1. Abolish the White Paper, which limits Jewish immigration into Palestine.
2. Facilitate the immigration of tens of thousands of homeless Jewish refugees in North Africa, Russia and Iran who wish to enter Palestine and who could help to alleviate the manpower shortage there.
3. Organize a Jewish military force, under its own flag, to take its place alongside the other United Nations.
4. Implement the Balfour Declaration and set up in Palestine a self-governing Jewish Commonwealth.

A banquet was tendered in honor of Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes at the conclusion of the conference. Dr. Chaim Weizmann was one of the principal speakers at the banquet, which also heard Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Nathan Straus, former United States Housing head, and other Jewish leaders. Mr. Straus proposed that the governments of the world establish "a rehabilitation fund for dispossessed and homeless people, to enable them to rebuild their lives." "This must be a responsibility of the Allied Governments," he said. "It is too huge a task to be assumed by any group of private citizens." Charles J. Rosenbloom, National Treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal, reported to the conference that in the fiscal year ended October 1, the national funds which receive their American support through UPA spent \$8,969,036.

LEHMAN CITES BRAVERY OF MACCABEES AT DEDICATION OF SERVICE FLAGS

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.(JTA)-- Speaking at a dedication of 25 service flags massed by reform synagogues in New York in honor of their more than 3,000 members in service. Governor Herbert H. Lehman said today in referring to the Pearl Harbor attack, that "it is a great privilege to be able to recite the tremendous moral resentment of all Americans against this kind of warfare and also to recapitulate the powerful rebound from this initial setback of our brave and devoted armed forces, backed up by the consecrated loyalty of their fellow citizens, of all creeds and kinds in America. Pearl Harbor destroyed our differences, unified our nation and consecrated our sacrifice."

The dedication exercises, held at Central Synagogue, were observed in conjunction with the Feast of Chanukah. The celebration took place under the auspices of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues. Other speakers were Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, and Ben Kaufman, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of America. Frederick Greenman, president of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, presided.

Citing the resolve of the ancient Maccabees, "who chose rather to die than they might not profane the holy covenant," Governor Lehman said that "It is indeed a proud record for the Jews that in these days, when all of us are close knit in the struggle for freedom, we can recall that our ancestors two centuries before the birth of Christ had already proclaimed the righteousness of the sacrifice made against the same kind of tyranny we are asked to face today."

Governor Lehman emphasized that the Jews remember more than the Maccabean victory on the Feast of Chanukah. "We remember the kind of bravery which for the first time in the history of all humanity rose and offered the lives of its men, women and children in defense of a principle of righteousness in freedom," he stated.

BOSTON SYNAGOGUE OBSERVES 100TH ANNIVERSARY; GOVERNOR AND CARDINAL SEND GREETINGS

BOSTON, Dec. 6.(JTA)-- Governor Saltonstall and Cardinal O'Connell were among the representatives of all faiths who paid tribute to the Jewish community of Massachusetts last night on the occasion of the centennial anniversary of Temple Ohabei Shalom. Governor Saltonstall appeared in person and Cardinal O'Connell's greeting was brought by his personal representative, Father Michael J. Ahern, S.J., of Weston College.

Other speakers included Dr. James G. Heller of Cincinnati, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rev. Ashley Day Leavitt of the Harvard Congregational Church, who spoke for the Protestant churches and Rabbi Herman H. Rubenowitz, president of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Boston.

1942 WINNERS OF LITERARY AWARD FOR HEBREW AND YIDDISH WORKS ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.(JTA)-- The "Lamed Literary Fund" which annually awards two prizes for the best literary works in Hebrew and another two for the best works in Yiddish, today announced the 1942 winners. The two first prizes of \$200 each were awarded to Menachem Borovish for his 500-page epic poem "The Wanderer" in Yiddish and to Dr. N. Turov for his Hebrew book "Communal Psychology." The second prizes of \$150 each were awarded to the Yiddish writer, Daniel Charney for his memoirs "Those Ten Years" and to the Hebrew poet Gabriel Preil for his collection of poems.