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AMERICAN, RUSSIAN ENVOYS CONFER WITH EDEN ON NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS

LONDON, Decn. 7. (JTA) -- The British Government is expected to issue an official statement this week on the Nazi massacres of Jews, it was reported here today following visits to Foreign Minister Anthony Eden by the American Ambassador John G. Winant and the Russian Ambassador Ivan Maisky.

The two envoys are reported to have discussed with Eden the question of united action against the Nazis in connection with the mass-killing of Jews in occupied territories. The Polish Foreign Minister, Raczynski, has also submitted to Eden authenticated documents containing accounts of the Nazi deportation of Jews from the ghettos in Poland and of the mass-slaughter of Jews there.

The London Times reported today that the Nazi radio is broadcasting the date when each occupied country must be cleared of Jews. The paper states that more and more evidence is reaching the Foreign Office concerning the Nazi annihilation of the Jews. "The question arises whether the Allied Governments can do anything to prevent Hitler's threats of exterminating the Jews from being carried out literally," the Times writes.

Details of Massacre of 6,000 Warsaw Jews Reported by Eye-Witness

An eye-witness account describing the massacre of the first 6,000 Jews in the Warsaw ghetto to be "deported" reached here today, dated the middle of October. The victims, rounded up by the Nazi police, were led through the gates of the ghetto and transported in closed freight cars to the "extermination camp" at Belzec. There they were unloaded in an open field where many were machine-gunned while the remainder were driven back into the freight cars which in the interim had been strewn with quicklime and sprinkled with chlorinated water. Sealed in these cars, the victims were left on a siding until they were all suffocated.

The eye-witness account was read today by Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council, addressing a conference of representatives of Jewish organizations. "During the Nazi round-up in the Warsaw ghetto many Jews leaped from the windows as the Gestapo men entered their homes and Gestapo officers, anticipating such a move, amused themselves by shooting at the Jews, counting the number of hits scored," the eye-witness report stated. Dr. Schwarzbart, in making public this document, emphasized the necessity of removing any existing doubts about the accuracy of the atrocity reports, "in face of the overwhelming evidence."

POLISH GOVERNMENT HAS SUBMITTED PROPOSALS TO HALT NAZI EXTERMINATION OF JEWS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7(JTA)-- The Polish Government has submitted proposals on means of halting the Nazi slaughter of Jews in occupied Poland and is making every effort to see that these proposals are carried out by the United Nations. Prof. Stanislaw Kot, Polish vice-Premier, declared today at a press conference here.

Vice-Premier Kot expressed regret that public opinion in the democratic countries is not ready to believe the extent of the Nazi atrocities in Poland. He emphasized that the Polish Government has been informed that the extermination of the Jews in Poland by the Nazis has assumed "tremendous dimensions" and declared that his government is in constant contact with Jewish organizations in England and America conveying to them the information received.

Palestine Jewish military units in the Libyan desert are reported to have marched in "mourning parades" in memory of the massacred Jews in occupied countries. At the same time it was learned today that the central Jewish organizations in Palestine intend to send a delegation of three or five representatives to Allied countries to stir up greater activity on behalf of the Jews in Poland. Palestine Jewish leaders are disappointed at the weak reaction of the non-Jewish press in the democratic countries to the news of the Nazi extermination of Jews in Europe and feel that American Jews have "inadequately responded as yet to the demand that they use their influence to secure action by Allied and neutral countries to save the remnants of European Jewry."

GERMANS BELIEVE BOMBING OF THEIR CITIES IS GOD'S PUNISHMENT FOR ANTI-JEWISH ACTS

BERN, Dec. 7(JTA)-- The German population in the British-bombed cities of Cologne, Bremen, Rostock, Luebeck and Essen is condemned in the Nazi press because many of them believe that the bombing of their cities is "God's punishment for the brutal handling of Jews."

The Stuttgart Nazi newspaper "Hakenkreuz Banner" which reached here today urges the launching of a special propaganda campaign "to prove to the German people that the British air attacks on the German cities have nothing to do with the burning down of the synagogues in those cities." The paper points out that these "pious Germans" apparently still maintain friendly feelings towards Jews.

JEWS IN DENMARK FEAR DEPORTATION; PROTEST MEETINGS HELD IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7.(JTA)-- Further reports from Nazi-held Denmark received here today indicate that the Jewish population there is nervous as a result of intensified anti-Jewish Nazi activities and fear that they will be deported as were the Jews in Nazi-occupied Norway. The reports emphasize that the Danish Government is definitely opposed to any attempt by the Nazis to deport the Jews from Denmark.

Swedish opinion united during the week-end in expressing indignation at anti-Jewish measures taken by the Quisling and German occupying authorities of Norway. Various groups have taken steps to aid those who have been persecuted. The voice of Sweden was raised in protest from the pulpit, in the press and at public meetings. Gothenburg University students adopted a resolution of "indignation at the inhuman treatment of Jews in Norway," and urged Swedish authorities to give "all possible aid to Jews who have, or may yet, escape from Norway to Sweden." Other organizations took similar action.

NAZI-CONTROLLED FRENCH GOVERNMENT BANS HISTORY BOOKS BY JEWISH AUTHORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA) — Quoting a Paris Radio broadcast, the Office of War Information today reported that the Nazi-controlled French Government has banned the use in secondary schools of two history books by Jewish authors.

The two prohibited history books are entitled, "Modern Times," which was used "in the fourth form," and "Contemporary History" which was a part of the "third form" curriculum. The names of the authors were not given in the report.

SECRETARY ICKES LAUDS ROLE OF JEWS IN ALLIED ARMIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) — Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes, speaking at a dinner last night given in his honor by the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal, hailed the "Fighting Jews" as counterparts of the fighting units of all other groups allied in the United Nations. He explained that in talking about the "Fighting Jews" he was not "talking about a Jewish Army or a Jewish Legion, but of the Jews who are fighting gallantly under the flags to which they owe allegiance."

Secretary Ickes said that Hitler's campaign against the Jews was a carefully planned attack on Christianity and that "at last we have come to realize that Hitler's real aim is the submergence of Christianity, not of Judaism alone."

"Hitler has made every effort to conceal his monstrosities behind anti-Semitic agitation and Jewish persecution," the Secretary of Interior stated. "He singled out the Jews as his first victims because they were the weakest, not the strongest, group that was immediately available to slake his criminal thirst. To distract the world's attention from his atrocities and his criminal designs, he laid down a barrage of calumny upon a small, defenseless and scattered race. Actually, as all have come to see, and Hitler himself to acknowledge, his attack was not primarily one upon the Jews alone; it was an assault against civilization. His campaign against the Jews was, equally, a carefully planned onslaught on Christianity."

Hitler's ultimate objective is the destruction of non-Jews as well as Jews, and the most numerous of his victims are the Catholics, Mr. Ickes concluded.

JEWISH LEADERS AT "VICTORY PRAYER" ASK GUARANTEES FOR MINORITIES IN POST-WAR EUROPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) — National minority rights in post-war Europe must be guaranteed so that they can not be violated later, Edgar J. Nathan, Jr., Borough President of Manhattan, declared last night addressing 3,000 prominent Jews at a "prayer for victory" held at the Temple Emanu-El marking the anniversary of Pearl Harbor and the celebration of Chanukah.

"The war will have been fought in vain if, in any corner of the world, any law abiding peoples, however few and impotent, cannot enjoy the same privileges and freedoms as do other citizens of the country in which they are living," Mr. Nathan said. No victories on land, sea or air, or at the final peace table, will have any meaning unless the sacrifices of our armed forces are honored by the assurance that the freedom we fight for will be extended to all groups, he added. The "Prayer for Victory" was arranged under the auspices of the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith.

BIRO-BIDJAN SENDING MEN AND VITALLY-NEEDED MATERIALS TO RUSSIAN BATTLE FRONTS

KUIBYSHEV, Dec. 7. (JTA) — The Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan in Soviet Asia, although thousands of miles removed from the fighting front is contributing materially to the war effort, both in manpower and vitally-needed war material and food, according to reports reaching the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee here today.

Typical of the Jewish fighters whom Biro-Bidjan has contributed to the Russian forces are Misha I. and Zakhar B., who have been living in Biro-Bidjan since 1929. They joined the Red Army as soon as war broke out and later became attached to guerrilla bands. Zakhar is now the commander of one partisan detachment. In a letter to his parents, a copy of which was released by the Committee, the young commander writes: "The partisans have recaptured many towns behind the German lines and the regular Soviet government has been restored there. We have derailed many trains and destroyed hundreds of Fascists and we shall not rest until we are victorious." In an interesting postscript to his letter he adds: "I am writing this letter hurriedly, in order to catch the plane which will soon be here to take out mail," indicating that there is regular communication between the guerrilla bands behind the Nazi lines and regular Red Army detachments at the front.

On the home front the Jewish province has made great strides agriculturally and industrially since the advent of war, according to the reports from there. War plants constantly exceed their quotas, sometimes by as much as fifty percent and more; local cooperatives have shipped hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition to the front, far exceeding their production schedule; metal and textile factories are working on war orders. The Jewish collective farmers have delivered great quantities of grain, potatoes and dairy products to the armed forces. Machine tractor stations have filled and over-fulfilled their quotas.

SEVENTEEN ORGANIZATIONS WILL PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION ON RACIAL UNITY IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) — Educators, social workers, religious and civic leaders from 17 organizations will participate in panel discussions at the Greater New York Conference on Racial and Cultural Relations in the United States which will be held Saturday, December 12 at the Benjamin Franklin High School, it was announced here today.

Major attention of the conference's panel discussions will be focused on an examination of the forces and factors in American life which lead to the development of attitudes among younger people which promote national unity and international understanding. Organizations sponsoring the conference include the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born; American Jewish Congress, American League for Tolerance, National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Institute of Immigrant Welfare and others.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OPENS AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL AT REHOVOTH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) — The Agricultural School of the Hebrew University established with the financial aid of the Jewish Colonization Association was opened today at the colony of Rehovoth by Dr. J.L. Magnes, president of the University, in the presence of Jewish leaders and officials of the Palestine Government.

Dr. Magnes also announced the appointment of Prof. J. Isaacs of Kings College to the newly-established Moses Montefiore chair of English Language Literature.