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BRITISH, AMERICAN, RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS AGREE ON JOINT STATEMENT ON NAZI MASSACRES

LONDON, Dec. 11.(JTA)— Representatives of the British, American and Russian Governments here were reported today to have reached an agreement on the general lines of a joint Allied statement which will be issued soon condemning the Nazi atrocities against Jews and outlining the special measures which have been decided upon to halt the mass-killing of the Jewish population in Nazi-held territories.

The statement has already been approved by the United States Government and the British Cabinet, well-informed circles stated today. A reply is awaited from Moscow before issuing the statement.

Jews of British Empire Mourn Today for Nazi Victims

Jews throughout the British Empire will observe Sunday as a day of mourning and prayer for the hundreds of thousands of Jews killed by the Nazis in Europe, while all Jewish newspapers in England appeared today with black borders.

All Jewish stores in England will be closed all day Sunday in accordance with a joint appeal issued today by Chief Rabbi Hertz, the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Rabbinates. This means that many Jewish enterprises will remain closed for two consecutive days, since a considerable number of Jewish shops in London are usually closed on Saturdays and open on Sundays.

The Women's International Zionist Organization today addressed an appeal to all women throughout the world asking them to act "in order to avert the annihilation of the remaining Jewish men, women and children in Nazi Europe." The appeal stressed the organization's "mournful privilege" to speak in the names of thousands of its members who have been murdered by the Nazis.

In a pamphlet detailing the Nazi atrocities, which also incorporates exhaustive Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports of the reaction in Palestine and throughout the world, the British Poale-Zion organization urges that the following measures be taken by the Allied nations: Broadcast warning of reprisals to Germany; provide financial assistance for refugees from Nazi-dominated lands who are able to reach neutral or friendly countries; save the Jewish children; open the gates of Palestine and the British Empire to Jewish immigrants; allow Jews to fight under their own flag.

The Manchester Guardian, in an editorial commenting on the fate of the Jews in Nazi-occupied countries suggests that "international machinery be established to help rescue those Jews and non-Jews who can flee to friendly countries." It also suggests broadcasting appeals urging non-Jews everywhere to render all possible assistance to escaping Jews. "Our protests must be translated into action - such action can only be government action," the paper writes.

NORWEGIANS HIDE JEWS IN COUNTRYSIDE TO SAVE THEM FROM DEPORTATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.(JTA)-- The Office of War Information today quoted a report from the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter stating that about 300 Norwegian Jews who escaped deportation to Poland are being hidden from the Nazi police by friendly Norwegians.

"Besides hiding these Jews in the countryside, Norwegians have started collections of funds for Jews still remaining in Norway," the paper reported. The Nazis issued an order to the Norwegian police to confiscate such collections and to arrest all persons connected with them, the report stated.

The suggestion that the Jews of Finland be allowed to seek asylum in Sweden is made by the Swedish newspaper Arbetaren, according to a report received by the O.W.I. The newspaper said that while Finland hasn't "been compelled" to adopt any anti-Jewish laws as yet, Jewish refugees there are threatened with "the same cruel fate" as the Jews in Norway.

DUTCH JEWISH PHYSICIANS MURDERED IN MAUTHAUSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP

LONDON, Dec. 11.(JTA)-- Reliable reports of the mass-murder of thirteen Dutch Jewish physicians in the notorious Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria were received today by Dutch circles here.

The reports state that last June the doctors, all of whom were attached to the staff of the Amsterdam Jewish hospital, were deported to Mauthausen. Recently the families of all thirteen received identical notices on the same day stating that they had died in the camp. There is no doubt that the doctors were the victims of a mass-murder by the Nazis, the Dutch informants emphasized.

The Belgian Government today learned that the noted Belgian Jewish sculptor, Maurice Wolf, has died in a German fortress prison where he was sent after having been charged with distributing the underground newspaper "La Voix des Belges." Wolf served in the Belgian army in the present war.

SLOVAKIAN JEWS IN AMERICA BARRED FROM MEMBERSHIP IN LEAGUE OF SLOVAK CLUBS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.(JTA)-- The Slovakian press here carries a report disclosing that a decision to bar Jews from membership in a League of Slovak Clubs in New York was adopted at a meeting of representatives of thirteen Slovak organizations held in St. Neponuk Hall here, under the chairmanship of Mgr. Stephen Krasula.

After deciding to found the League of Slovak Clubs, the gathering is reported to have passed a resolution stating that "any Slovak organization may become a member of the League, regardless of political, religious or other affiliations, but non-Christian groups are not to be admitted."

BUDAPEST DEPUTY DEMANDS HUNGARIAN JEWISH WOMEN BE SENT TO FORCED LABOR

ISTANBUL, Dec. 11.(JTA)-- A demand that Jewish women be mobilized for forced labor was voiced yesterday in the Hungarian parliament by a Budapest deputy, Agoston Eitner, it was reported here today.

At the same time Eitner attacked the Jews who have been sent to forced labor at the Soviet front, charging that they are "demoralizing" the Hungarian troops. According to reports reaching here recently there are almost a quarter of a million Hungarian Jews attached to labor and penal battalions on the Russian front.

PRIVATE SERVICES HELD FOR KIRSTEIN; BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARIES CLOSE DURING FUNERAL

BOSTON, Dec. 11.(JTA)-- Private services marked the funeral of Louis E. Kirstein here today, while all libraries of the City of Boston, including the Kirstein Library at City Hall, were closed between three and four this afternoon as an expression of mourning for the dead Jewish leader who was president of the board of the Boston Public Library.

The entire Boston press carried pages of tributes to Mr. Kirstein emphasizing the vital role he played in the community life of the city, especially in the organization and development of the Greater Boston Community Fund, and the United War Fund. Many condolences were received today by the family, including many from leaders of Jewish organizations throughout the country.

William Rosenwald, president of the National Refugee Service, of which Mr. Kirstein had been a board member since its inception, in a message said: "Louis E. Kirstein was one of America's outstanding humanitarians, who gave unstintingly of himself to aid others regardless of race or creed. His was a rare spirit, never tiring in the cause of humanity. Not only we who were associated with him in the work of the National Refugee Service, but everyone with whom he came in contact will miss his wise and understanding counsel and energetic leadership. His death is a loss the Jewish community can ill afford at this time."

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Zionist Organization of America, stated: "The death of Louis E. Kirstein today is a grievous loss to the entire Jewish people and to the cause of the Jewish homeland in Palestine in which he was vitally interested. Mr. Kirstein was one of the original incorporators of the Zionist Organization of America and for many years served on its executive committee, remaining a member of the organization until his death. He was a close associate of the late Justice Brandeis and shared many views of the latter with regard to Palestine and Jewish life. His passing leaves a gap in the ranks of American Jewish leadership which it is becoming increasingly difficult to fill. He was of the school of Felix Warburg and Louis Marshall, champions of their people and friends of Zionism, though perhaps closer to the Zionist movement than either of the two."

ORGANIZATION OPPOSING JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE FORMED BY NON-ZIONIST RABBIS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.(JTA)-- The formation of an American Council for Judaism which will "combat nationalistic and secularistic trends in Jewish life" and will oppose the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, was announced here today by Rabbi Louis Wolsey, provisional chairman of the organization.

Emphasizing that the new organization "will seek to identify and define the Jews as a member of a religious community and nothing else," Rabbi Wolsey stated: "We are definitely opposed to a Jewish state, a Jewish flag or a Jewish army. We are interested in development of Palestine as a refuge for persecuted Jews but are opposed to the idea of a political state under Jewish domination in Palestine or anywhere else."

Rabbi Elmer Berger of Flint, Mich. will be executive director of the Council which will open headquarters in New York as soon as a charter is issued by New York State. The Council will publish a magazine, will establish a lecture bureau and will release tracts on liberal Judaism.

CUBAN SENATE HITS NAZI MASSACRES; GOVERNMENT MAY INTERVENE WITH VATICAN

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 11.(JTA)-- A resolution protesting the Nazi massacres of Jews in occupied countries was adopted yesterday by the Cuban Senate, voting upon a motion introduced by Dr. Jorge Manach. It was learned here today that the Cuban foreign ministry is studying the possibility of a joint declaration by all the countries of the Western Hemisphere condemning the Nazi atrocities.

Diplomatic circles here stated that it was possible that Cuba might intervene with the Vatican and the Red Cross in Switzerland, asking that action be taken to aid the persecuted Jews.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY GREETES AMERICAN RABBIS' INSTITUTE ON PEACE

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.(JTA)-- Greetings from the Archbishop of Canterbury to the "American Institute on Judaism and a Just and Enduring Peace" which will set forth the peace goals of all mankind in the light of the teachings of Judaism and the inspiration of the prophets of Israel was received here today by the Commission on Justice and Peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis which is arranging the Institute.

The Institute will open its sessions at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati on December 21. The purposes of the gathering, which will close on December 24, will be outlined by Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman of St. Louis, chairman of the Commission on Justice and Peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The participants in the Institute will be housed in the dormitories of the Hebrew Union College.

In addition to the message from the Archbishop of Canterbury greetings were also received from John Foster Dulles, chairman of the Delaware Conference held last year under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches, and from Monsignor John A. Ryan, director of the National Catholic Welfare Council which sponsored the Inter-American Seminar at Washington.

Rabbi James Heller, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Louis Levitsky of the Rabbinical Seminary of America and Mr. Adolph Rosenberg of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will bring opening messages.

The Institute will divide into six round tables for which preliminary studies have been prepared by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Morris Lazaron, Maurice Zigmund, Sidney Goldstein, Jacob J. Weinstein and Professor Paul Freund of Harvard Law School and others with whom they consulted.

HIAS CONVENTION TODAY WILL CONSIDER REFUGEE RESCUE PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.(JTA)-- The problems connected with aiding Jews who have escaped from Nazi territory to neutral countries will be discussed on Sunday at the annual convention of the Hias Council of Organizations, which will be held at the Plaza Hotel with 2,600 delegates representing various fraternal, labor and religious groups in attendance.

Principal speaker at the convention will be Newbold Morris, president of the City Council. Other speakers will include Morris Feinstone, general secretary of the United Hebrew Trades; Abraham Herman, president of Hias; John L. Bernstein, former president; Adolph Held, president of the Jewish Labor Committee.