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WELLES CONFERS WITH LITVINOFF ON ACTION BY ALLIES TO CHECK NAZI TERROR AGAINST JEWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.(JTA)-- Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles and Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff conferred yesterday on the possibility of a joint declaration by the Allied nations in connection with the murder and persecution of millions of Jews in Europe, it was learned here today.

Neither Secretary Welles nor Mr. Litvinoff would disclose details of the conversation nor was it announced what other governments have been consulted on the question. It is reported here, however, that conferences between the three major allies, the United States, Britain and Russia, and the other United Nations have been proceeding for some days, looking toward possible joint action to protest the atrocities against Jews and to seek means of rescuing these Jews who still remain alive.

KING OF ENGLAND, ROOSEVELT, STALIN ASKED TO SAVE POLISH JEWS FROM EXTERMINATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13.(JTA)-- An appeal to the King of England, President Roosevelt, Joseph Stalin, the Congress of the United States and the British Parliament to save the Jews of Poland, was cabled from here today by the Representation of Polish Jewry in Palestine.

A similar appeal was also cabled by the same group to governments of neutral countries. At the same time the Jewish national theatre, Habimah, issued an appeal to actors and playwrights throughout the democratic world asking them to join in the protest against the Nazi killing of Jews.

POLISH GOVERNMENT DISCUSSES FURTHER MEASURES TO HALT NAZI MASSACRES IN POLAND

LONDON, Dec. 13.(JTA)-- The Polish Cabinet, under the chairmanship of vice-Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, held a special session last night to discuss further steps with regard to mobilizing the governments of the United Nations for action to halt the Nazi massacres of Jews and Poles in occupied Poland.

The Nazi slaughter of the Jewish population in occupied territories was discussed also last night at a meeting of the executive committee of the International Federation of Trade Unions. It was decided to issue a public statement expressing "revulsion at the slaughter of defenseless Jews" and demanding "implaceable punishment."

Foreign Minister Eden will be asked in Commons whether the British Government would approach the Vatican, the Swedish Government and other non-belligerent powers with a view to making representations to the German Government regarding the treatment of the Jews in Poland and other occupied lands, it was learned here today. Mr. Eden will also be asked whether the government would consider proposing to the Swedish Government that Jews from Nazi-held territories be temporarily admitted to Sweden under appropriate guarantees, including the despatch by the United Nations of supplies for the refugees.

THOUSANDS CROWD SYNAGOGUES, SHOPS CLOSE AS BRITAIN MOURNS FOR JEWS OF EUROPE

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA)-- Thousands of Jews crowded the synagogues throughout Britain today and most Jewish shops remained closed as British Jewry fasted and recited prayers of mourning for the hundreds of thousands of Jews murdered by the Nazis in Europe.

Sermons in all the synagogues stressed that immediate steps must be taken to warn the Nazis of reprisals after the war and to rescue as many Jews as possible now. The Lord Mayor of London, High Polish officials and other dignitaries, Jewish and non-Jewish, attended the services. Messages protesting the Nazi decimation of European Jewry were received from Catholic and Protestant church leaders. The London press carried editorials demanding punishment of those responsible for the crimes against the Jews and action to save those who can still be saved.

In crowded Petticoat Lane, heart of the Jewish section in the East End of London, all activity stopped at 11 A.M. when messengers from the Rabbinate announced five minutes of silence in memory of the martyred Jews. Most shops in the Jewish quarter remained shut all day.

In Bevis Marks Synagogue, largest Sephardic congregation in London, Lord Mayor Sir Samuel Joseph and Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, participated in the ceremonies. Chief Rabbi Hertz, speaking at Bevis Marks, strongly attacked "high and low circles" for their indifference and silence in face of the Nazi massacres of Jews which, he said, has encouraged the "gorillas of Berlin." Rabbi Hertz also pleaded for effective rescue measures by the Allies. "Will the United Nations open the gates to refugees?" he asked. "Will they ask neutrals to admit the few who can escape? Will they rescue the children?"

Similar pleas were voiced by the rabbis of other congregations. In Brixton Synagogue the Mayor of Lambeth and members of the borough council attended the services. Synagogues in West London had to close their doors before the services even began and hundreds of persons jammed the streets outside. Polish Foreign Minister Count Raczynski and other members of the Polish Government and of the Polish General Staff attended services in the St. Petersburg Square synagogue, where Major Meltzer, chief Jewish chaplain with the Polish forces, officiated.

A mass meeting in Toynbee Hall, arranged by the Union of Polish Jews in Great Britain, heard a message from Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, head of the Catholic Hierarchy in the British Isles, who declared that: "No human being who has a spark of decency left in his heart can fail to be horrified by the outrages against the Jews. I unite my voice to that of the Catholic bishops and clergy throughout the world in solemn protest." A message was also received from Dr. Whake, the Moderator of the Free Churches.

An editorial in the London Sunday Express today urges that all the Allied Nations pledge "adequate punishment" for those guilty of the massacres. The London Observer writes that racial hatred must be made a crime "in the world of tomorrow." It demands that the British Government do everything possible now to "arrest the victims from the butcher's grip." The London Times says that Jews will be present also in the thoughts of men and women of other creeds. "One can be certain that retribution will follow the crime." A Daily Telegraph editorial said that "the free world will not lay down arms until he that killeth by the sword shall die by the sword." The Evening Standard stated: "These monstrous tragedies of today have befallen mankind because we did not protest with sufficient anger, nor did we act with sufficient vigor in times long past."

BOLIVIAN WORKERS INTERRUPT WORK FOR THIRTY MINUTES ON JEWISH DAY OF MOURNING

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 13.(JTA)--- Bolivian workers expressed their sympathy with the martyred Jews of Europe by stopping work for thirty minutes yesterday in protest against the Nazi massacres. All Jewish stores in La Paz were closed for an half-hour while special services were held for the Jewish victims murdered by the Nazis in Poland and other occupied countries.

Costa Rican President Suggests Joint Action to Aid Persecuted Jews

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 13.(JTA)--- Joint action by the countries of Central America to protest against the Nazi annihilation of the Jews in Europe and to devise means of aiding the Jews was suggested today by the President of Costa Rica.

At the same time the President issued a formal protest, stating: "I declare with vehemence my most angry protest in my own name and that of the government and people of Costa Rica and offer to do whatever is in my power to help these new victims of the Nazis."

LEADERS OF AMERICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS DENOUNCE NAZI KILLING OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.(JTA)--- Leaders of American Women's organizations went on record last night denouncing the Nazi massacres of Jews in Europe.

Speaking over the Columbia Broadcasting System Mrs. Harold V. Milligan, president of the National Council of Women of the United States, said that there are no words in the dictionary which can define the Nazi crimes against Jews. Mrs. Herbert E. Hawkes, a member of the National Board of the YWCA, declared that Americans "can no longer remain silent" on the Nazi slaughter of Jews. "We know that silence will be construed as indifference to the fate of the millions of doomed Jews who remain marked for destruction," she said. Mrs. Wales Latham, founder and honorary president of Bundles for America, spoke in the same vein, asking for action against "the revolting Nazi barbarism."

FINLAND DENIES GERMANY DEMANDS EXTRADITION OF JEWISH REFUGEES

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13.(JTA)--- Denying previous reports the Finnish Government stated officially today that Nazi Germany has not demanded the extradition of Jewish refugees residing in Finland. It admitted, however, that some "criminal refugees" have been dealt with by the police authorities. The Finnish authorities did not deny or confirm reports that a number of Jewish refugees have been sent to concentration camps in Finland.

WILLKIE URGES JEWS TO "KEEP LIGHTS OF TEMPLES BURNING"; FORESEES BETTER WORLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.(JTA)--- Emphasizing that a better world can and must be built after the war, Wendell L. Willkie yesterday urged the Jewish people to "keep the lights burning in the temples" they have built all over the world, in an address to a dinner at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, marking the hundredth anniversary of the Congregation Rodeph Shalom here.

Other speakers at the dinner included Governor Charles Poletti who reiterated his advocacy of a Jewish army; Borough President Edgar J. Nathan, Jr. of Manhattan, and Dr. James G. Heller. Mr. Poletti read excerpts from a message from President Roosevelt congratulating the congregation on its hundredth anniversary. Special ceremonies today marked the conclusion of the three-day celebration.

HIAS CONVENTION CONDEMNS NAZI SLAUGHTER OF EUROPEAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.(JTA)-- Fifteen hundred delegates of more than 800 fraternal, social, religious and labor organizations in the Metropolitan Area, voiced their solemn and bitter condemnation of the Nazi slaughter of the Jewish populations in the conquered lands, and pledged their energetic participation in the "Rescue Program" of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America, at the 13th annual convention of the HIAS Council of Organizations, today.

The resolution condemning the Hitler slaughters urged the Government of the United States and the United Nations "to issue public warning to the effect that all criminals who are involved in these gruesome slaughters of innocent men, women and children and all members of the Nazi and Fascist parties in Germany and Italy will be personally held responsible for the execution of the murderous plans." Simultaneously, the convention voted a wider program of financial cooperation with the "Rescue Through Emigration" work of HIAS in order to expedite the rescue of those refugees from the Hitler terror who escaped to neutral countries.

The convention also adopted a special resolution of "Appreciation and Gratitude" to President Roosevelt, expressing the hope that after the war the influence of the United States will be brought to bear "so that full justice is done to the victims of Hitlerism including the Jewish victims who shall be guaranteed freedom and equality as well as the right to rebuild Palestine as the National Home of the Jewish people."

OFFICERS OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL MOURN DEATH OF LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.(JTA)-- A statement paying tribute to the leadership of Louis E. Kirstein of Boston, honorary chairman of the United Jewish Appeal who died last Thursday, was issued today by William Rosenwald, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairman of that organization. Mr. Kirstein served as honorary chairman of the U.J.A. since its establishment in 1939. He was also chairman of its allocations committee in 1939.

The statement on behalf of the officers of the United Jewish Appeal, reads: "With profound sorrow the officers of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine mourn the death of Louis E. Kirstein, one of its Honorary Chairmen. Mr. Kirstein's leadership and service for the welfare of the Jewish people as well as for all peoples of all races and creeds at home and abroad have been an inspiration and a great contribution to the causes of humanity and democracy."

ASSOCIATED JEWISH CHARITIES OF BALTIMORE CONCLUDES ITS MOST SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.(JTA)-- The completion of the most successful campaign ever held by the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore was announced here today by Harry Greenstein, executive director.

Total subscriptions of \$617,000 were secured against a quota of \$585,600. The Jewish charities of Baltimore raises its funds exclusively for local purposes. National and overseas needs were provided through the Jewish Welfare Fund which held its campaign in the Spring.