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BRITISH PRESS ASKS ACTION FOLLOWING ALLIED STATEMENT DESCRIBING ATROCITIES ON JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 20, (JTA)-- A call for action to save the Jews in Nazi-held Europe is voiced today in almost the entire British press in editorials commenting on the detailed statement on "persecution of Jews" released yesterday by the United Nations Information Office, which is featured this morning in all the London papers.

Presenting accounts of the atrocities committed upon Jews in Poland, Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Yugoslavia, Luxemburg and Norway, the statement said:

"The Allied Governments have just made a declaration of solemn protest against the crimes that are being committed against the Jews. In their protest they warn the criminals responsible that punishment will be inevitable and severe. The reasons for that protest and warning are in the pages of this document."

Emphasizing that "the Nazi destruction of Jews by shootings, lethal gas and other methods is not isolated to one country but is continent-wide," the statement points out that "the Jews are being exterminated for no other reason than that they are Jews." It reviews all anti-Jewish measures taken by the Nazis in each of the occupied countries and draws attention to the fact that according to information in Washington, "the number of Jewish victims deported or 'perished' since 1939 in Axis-controlled Europe now reaches the appalling figure of 2,000,000 while 5,000,000 are in danger of extermination."

The statement says that the plan of Jewish extermination "which transcends anything in history" was prepared by Alfred Rosenberg and the Nazi Labor Minister, Dr. Ley. According to this plan, announced by Dr. Ley on December 4 of this year, the Nazis have decided to "go on waging war until the Jews have been wiped off the face of the earth."

Based on reliable reports which have reached the Allied Governments from Nazi-occupied countries, the statement dwells at great length on the methods of torture which the Nazis are using on their Jewish victims, the mass-deportation of Jews, the Nazi measures of extermination, the barbaric separation of Jewish children from their mothers and wives from their husbands, the forced labor to which Jews are driven and the various forms which the Nazis use in slaughtering thousands of Jews.

"We have made no attempt to present a complete historical record," the statement declares. "That would not be possible because many details have been shrouded in death itself. But sufficient is shown to reveal the continent-wide consistency of the persecution that is now taking place. The statement thus presents but a summary of evidence. It is also a terrible indictment."

NAZIS, FEARING EFFECT OF ALLIED DECLARATION, REPORT "ANGLO-AMERICAN ATROCITIES"

ZURICH, Dec. 20.(JTA)-- The Nazi Ministry of Propaganda, which has forbidden the publication in Germany and the occupied countries of the declaration of the Allied Nations on the Nazi massacres of Jews, today began disseminating statements abroad terming the declaration "a bit of typical British-Jewish atrocity propaganda."

At the same time the Nazi press in Germany denounced the so-called British-American atrocities in territories occupied by the Allied armies. These reports are aimed at counteracting the effects which the declaration may have on those persons in Germany who learn about it despite Nazi censorship.

The official Nazi news agency today sent out a report to newspapers in neutral countries saying that "the joint declaration is taken in Berlin political quarters as best corroboration of the German thesis that the governments of Washington, London, and Moscow depend to an exceptionally large extent on the political wishes of Jewry."

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AMERICA DENOUNCES NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.(JTA)-- A declaration of Christian concern over the fate of the Jews in Nazi-occupied countries and a condemnation of "the violence and inhumanity which Nazi leaders have publicly avowed toward all Jews" was made public today by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The Council is arranging a conference with Jewish leaders for the purpose of considering ways in which the Christian churches can cooperate in the relief of the suffering of the Jews and in securing justice for them in post-war settlement.

"The reports which are reaching us concerning the incredible cruelties toward the Jews in Nazi-occupied countries, particularly Poland, stir the Christian people of America to the deepest sympathy and indignation," the declaration reads. "It is impossible to avoid a conclusion that something like a policy of deliberate extermination of the Jews in Europe is being carried out. The violence and inhumanity which Nazi leaders have publicly avowed toward all Jews are apparently now coming to a climax in a virtual massacre. We are resolved to do our full part in establishing conditions in which such treatment of the Jews shall end."

"The feelings of the Jewish community throughout the world have recently been expressed in a period of mourning, fasting and prayer. We associate ourselves with our Jewish fellow-citizens in their hour of tragic sorrow, and unite our prayers with theirs. We confess our own ineffectiveness in combating the influences which beget anti-Semitism in our own country, and urge our constituencies to intensify their efforts in behalf of friendly relations with the Jews. We urge that all plans for reconstruction in Europe shall include measures designed to secure full justice for the Jews and a safe and respected place for them in western civilization. For those who, after the war, will have to emigrate from the war-ridden lands of Europe, immigration opportunities should be created in this and other lands."

Twenty Churches in London Offer Prayers for Jews in Europe

LONDON, Dec. 20.(JTA)-- Twenty churches in London today offered special prayers for the Jews in Nazi-held Europe.

DEMAND ALLIES WARN FRANCE ON PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON CIVIL RIGHTS OF JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 20, (JTA)-- A direct Allied warning to France in view of the new anti-Jewish decrees announced in Paris yesterday was demanded today by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, addressing a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. At the same time Prof. Brodetsky revealed that the British Foreign Office was approached on Friday with an appeal that it intervene to rescue the remnants of European Jewry.

The Nazi-controlled Paris radio yesterday reported a statement by the Vichy Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, Louis Darquier de Pellepoix, to the effect that a vast "legislative" program to deprive all French Jews of their last vestiges of civil rights had been drafted.

The broadcast declared that all foreign Jews still residing in France - thousands have been deported by the Nazis to eastern occupied territories - will be committed to labor camps; Jews who became Frenchmen after August, 1926, will be deprived of their naturalization and the naturalization of all Jews will be "reviewed" as far back as 1868.

De Pellepoix was said by the radio to have predicted special schools for Jewish children, possible introduction of ghettos, easier divorce for non-Jews from Jewish spouses, and prohibition of mixed marriages, which the Paris newspaper Le Matin recently reported have already been prohibited, and a yellow Mogen David badge for all Jews. The Vichy Government, de Pellepoix was quoted as saying, would be allowed to solve the "Jewish problem" by itself, though presumably foreign Jews and prominent anti-Nazis would be handed over to Germany.

Allied Declaration Only First Step in Campaign to Save Jews, Says Brodetsky

At a mass meeting held here today to mark the conclusion of the week of protests and mourning, Prof. Brodetsky told several thousand people that the Allied Declaration on the persecution of the Jews issued this week is but the first step in the campaign "to salvage human beings." Eleanor Rathbone, Independent M.P., urged the British Government to "give the neutral countries a lead by relaxing its immigration restrictions, which, she said, have deprived many refugees from asylum in the past.

Polish Foreign Minister Count Edward Raczynski declared that "all that can be done has not yet been done," adding that "we may be compelled to consider retribution before the end of the war." Other speakers urged the British Government to approach Turkey to allow transit to all refugees who wish to reach Palestine and also demanded that quota restrictions in Palestine be lifted. Other Jewish leaders and M.P.s Samuel Silverman and A. V. Hill also addressed the meeting.

EFFICIENCY OF JEWISH UNITS IN LIBYAN BATTLE PRAISED BY BRITISH HIGH COMMAND

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20, (JTA)-- The efficiency of the Jewish signal units and of the First Camouflage Company of Royal Engineers which consists mostly of Jews is praised today in dispatches by the British military command emphasizing their "good work during the advance in the Libyan desert." Several Jewish engineering units advanced with the British forces, including five units which were under the command of a Jewish major.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE SAYS REBUILDING OF JEWISH LIFE MUST BE TASK OF ALL NATIONS

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In conclusion the declaration emphasized the delegates' "unshaken conviction that the United Nations will emerge victorious" and their determination that "the peace as well as the war must be won." It added that "the world after the war must not be the same as the pre-war world. A new and better world must be built. There will be no true freedom unless economic and political democracy is secured to all."

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, revealed at yesterday's session of the convention that the Jewish Labor Committee had distributed \$328,000 for relief abroad and educational activities here during the first eleven months of this year. Mr. Dubinsky, who is treasurer of the Committee, stated that the funds were used to aid Russia, to help political refugees, to extend aid to the underground labor movement in Europe and to promote racial and religious tolerance in the United States.

Adolph Held, president of the Committee, addressing the convention, declared that "only the complete destruction of Hitlerism will bring relief to the millions of Jews in Europe today who are faced with complete extermination."

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