

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE SESSION IN AMERICA; WEIZMANN SUBMITS REPORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- The present military situation in North Africa has opened, for the first time, opportunities to discuss practical Zionist questions with representatives of the United Nations, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, reported today addressing a session of members of the Zionist Actions Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

Present at the session were members of the Zionist Actions Committee from the United States, Poland, Germany, Palestine, Belgium and other European countries. They represented all factions of the Zionist movement.

Reporting on the political activities which he is conducting in the United States in conjunction with other members of the World Zionist Executive residing in America and with the participation of some American Zionist leaders, Dr. Weizmann said that there is undoubtedly a friendly attitude in America towards the practical and political aims of Zionism, but there are also some groups which oppose Zionist aspirations. He urged American Zionists to make it an integral part of their activities "to enlighten public opinion in this country on the Zionist aims and to meet squarely hostile attacks on the Zionist movement."

Wants Referendum to Establish Attitude of American Jews to Zionism

Speaking on the internal developments in American Jewry, as far as Zionist post-war aims are concerned, Dr. Weizmann expressed the belief that 90% of American Jews believe in the justice of the Zionist cause. He emphasized, however, that in his opinion the attitude of American Jewry must be given clear expression, whether through a referendum or a democratically organized Congress of American Jews for Palestine, which, he believes, ought to be one of the immediate aims of American Zionism.

Dr. Weizmann announced that he expects to remain in the United States until Spring, when he plans to return to England. Dr. Weizmann, in the near future, will report to the members of the Actions Committee on further political developments concerning Palestine and his efforts here.

GERMANY PRESENTS SLOVAKIA WITH \$20,000,000 BILL FOR DEPORTING JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- The German Government, charging Slovakia a \$300 "deportation fee" for each Jew ousted from the country, has presented a bill for 700,000,000 crowns - approximately \$20,000,000 - to the Government of Slovakia to defray the cost of the deportation of 65,000 Slovakian Jews, it was reported here today by the Czechoslovakian Government-in-Exile.

The Slovak parliament, the report said, has approved the request of the Minister of Finance for payment of the bill. The Slovakian press expressed the hope that the money will be refunded from the sale of confiscated Jewish property.

INTER-ALLIED COMMITTEE ACTS ON POST-WAR PUNISHMENT OF NAZI MURDERERS OF JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- The Inter-Allied Committee here representing the governments of the United Nations is now following up the Allied declaration on the Nazi massacres of Jews in Europe by consulting eminent jurists on the appropriate form of judicial procedure with regard to the punishment of the perpetrators of the crimes, it was learned here today.

It is understood that the Governments-in-Exile are encountering no difficulty in compiling the lists of the Nazi criminals in the occupied countries, because they are known in their respective localities to the underground movement there.

The Archbishop of York today denounced "the murder of the Polish nation and the deliberate extermination of the Jews in Europe now being perpetrated" as the "greatest crime in history," the British radio reported. The Anglican church leader added further: "We might now look upon our people and our allies as united in a crusade to deliver our fellow men from a sub-human barbarism, which, if victorious, would destroy all that was of value in human nature."

The Polish National Council at its session today passed a resolution expressing gratification over the Allied declaration on the Nazi massacres of Jews and over the reaction to this declaration in both houses of the British Parliament. The Chinese Government, in a cabled message to the Polish Government here, expressed China's horror at the Nazi barbarities against the civilian population in Poland and emphasized its complete agreement with the declaration of the Allied Nations.

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLISHES FORMAL STATEMENT ON NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- The Soviet Government today published an official statement reviewing the Nazi massacres of Jews in occupied territory and warning Hitler and his followers of "severe revenge."

The review confirms that tens of thousands of Jews have been executed by the Nazis in the cities of Vilna, Brest-Litowsk, Bialystok, Minsk, Baranovico, and other cities. Sixty thousand Jews were massacred in the two cities of Kiev and Dnepropetrovsk. More than 60,000 Jews have been executed in Riga where there are only 400 Jews left at present; 20,000 Jews were massacred by the Nazis in Luck, Wolyonion, in the course of two days. More than 32,000 Jews were executed in Sarny; 1,600 in Rakitna; 1,250 in Borezna; 1,400 in Kostopol; 1,500 in Zdolbunovo and other thousands in various towns in the Wolyonion district.

JEWS IN GHETTOS PRAYED FOR ROMMEL'S DEFEAT; CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- A dramatic report revealing how the Jews in the ghettos of occupied Poland, though themselves brutally oppressed by the Nazis, held special fasts and prayers during the days when the Nazi army was approaching Alexandria, to pray for the defeat of Rommel's forces and for the safety of Palestine, reached here today from the underground movement in Poland.

The report arrived as thousands of Jewish school children here gathered in a demonstration at the Wailing Wall, praying for the rescue of Jewish children from Nazi Europe. Six such children, aged from 6 to 7 years, reached Palestine today from Poland after two years of wandering, covering thousands of miles through Russia, India and other countries. They were escorted by an adult. All of them lost their parents in Poland.

FRENCHMEN PROTEST PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF NURENBERG LAWS IN FRANCE

LISEON, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- The French people's indignation at the proposed introduction of the Nuremberg Laws throughout all of France, which was forecast early this week by Louis Darquier de Pellepoix, Vichy Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, was revealed today by the Nazi-controlled Toulouse radio. A large number of letters containing insults and threats have been received by Pellepoix since he announced the new regulations, the broadcast admitted.

The Paris radio today reported that Henri La Broue had delivered the first lecture in his series at the Sorbonne on the "Jewish question." A chair for the study of "Jewish Affairs" was created by the Nazis last month. La Broue's lecture, the Paris radio said, was attended by the dean and members of the faculty of the University.

Reports reaching here from Belgium today disclose that employers there have been forbidden to grant special New Year's bonuses to any Jewish employees who remain in their establishments.

1,600 JEWISH REFUGEES WILL BE RELEASED FROM INTERNMENT IN NORTH AFRICA WITH JDC AID

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- The immediate release of 1,600 Jewish refugees interned in Morocco and Algiers will be made possible by the Joint Distribution Committee following an appeal received from the Jewish Refugee Committee in Algeria stating that local authorities, acting with the consent of the American Consulate, have advised the Committee that they are prepared to free the interned refugees on condition that the Jewish relief organization assumes financial responsibility for their transportation out of the camps and the initial requirements of their lodging.

Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, in announcing today that the J.D.C. was ready to provide finances for initial reasonable expenses, pending the working out of larger governmental relief plans for the entire population in need, estimated that \$26,000 will be needed to comply with the request of the North African authorities. The 1,600 interned refugees who will be liberated include 650 in Algeria and 950 in French Morocco. The J.D.C. has been working through local committees in North Africa for more than a year, helping both native Jews and refugees who had come to North Africa, Mr. Hyman said.

AMERICAN JEWISH SOLDIERS IN ENGLAND VOLUNTEER FOR DUTY ON CHRISTMAS

LONDON, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- Every Jewish enlisted man in the largest U.S. Army unit in Britain today voluntarily inscribed his name in the routine duties roster so as to relieve men of Christian faith originally scheduled to do duty on Christmas and New Year's Days and on Christmas and New Year's Eves.

American Army headquarters here, commenting upon the action of the Jewish soldiers, characterized it as "a practical expression of good will."

ONLY 10,000 JEWS REPORTED TO BE LIVING NOW IN THE WARSAW GHETTO

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- No more than 10,000 Jews remain in the Warsaw ghetto, according to a report published in the Swedish press today quoting a Swedish businessman who returned from Warsaw. There were about 500,000 Jews in the ghetto at the beginning of this year, prior to the mass-deportations of Jews from Warsaw "to unknown destinations."

3,975 COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATED IN 1942 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- A new record in American Jewry's participation in the combined campaign of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine was established this year as 3,975 communities made contributions to the war needs of the Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal and National Refugee Service, the headquarters of the U.J.A. reported today. This figure represents the largest number of communities ever to have participated in the United Jewish Appeal campaign since its inception in 1939.

CLEVELAND TEMPLE WILL CELEBRATE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. SILVER'S MINISTRY

CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- The twenty-fifth anniversary of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's ministry in The Temple here will be celebrated by the congregation, it was announced today by the Temple's Board of Trustees. The celebration has been delayed a few months in order that it might coincide with Dr. Silver's fiftieth birthday which will be on January 28, the announcement said.

At Rabbi Silver's request, because of the war situation, the celebration will be limited to an anniversary religious service on Sunday morning, January 24, and to a children's service on Saturday morning, January 23. Representatives of the community, and of the important national and international causes with which Rabbi Silver has been actively identified during his quarter of a century in Cleveland, will participate in the Sunday morning service.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN PRESENTS GIFT TO U.S. NAVY

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- The National Council of Jewish Women today began a nation-wide drive among its 210 sections to raise ten thousand dollars for the purchase of medical equipment to be presented to the new Naval Hospital at St. Albans, Long Island, New York. The gift will be made in memory of Hannah G. Solomon, founder and first president of the Council, who died this month in Chicago.

DR. FRANZ BOAS, DEBUNKER OF NAZI RACIAL THEORIES, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.(JTA)-- Funeral services were held today for Prof. Franz Boas, 84, one of the world's leading authorities on anthropology, and in the last decade the most prominent debunker of the Nazi theory of "racial superiority," who died here yesterday of a heart attack. The private services were held at the late professor's home at Grantwood, New Jersey.

Dr. Boas, who had studied and written widely in all fields of anthropology devoted most of his researches during the past few years to the study of the "race question," especially so after the concept of superior and inferior races became a matter of world-wide conflict after the rise of the Nazis in Germany. Discussing his efforts to disprove what he called "this Nordic nonsense," Prof. Boas said upon his retirement from teaching in 1936 that "with the present condition of the world, I consider the race question a most important one. I will try to clean up some of the nonsense that is being spread about race these days. I think the question is particularly important for this country, too; as here also people are going crazy.

Dr. Boas' works were among the first to be burned by the Nazis, although before 1933 he had been showered with honors by German universities, in several of which he taught before coming to the United States in 1886. He was born in Minden, Westphalia, in 1858 and studied in the universities of Heidelberg, Bonn and Kiel.