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BRITISH JEWS PRESENT PROPOSALS ON RESCUING EUROPEAN JEWRY TO EDEN

LONDON, Dec. 25.(JTA)-- A delegation of prominent British Jews, headed by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, visited Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden yesterday and conveyed to him several specific proposals on rescuing Jews in Nazi-occupied lands. At the same time the delegation thanked Mr. Eden for the recent Allied Declaration which condemned the decimation of European Jewry and pledged retribution.

In the Czechoslovakian State Council, Josef David, vice-chairman of the parliament-in-exile, gave an official report concerning the atrocities committed upon the Jews of Czechoslovakia, warning the Slovaks, particularly, that "everyone who does not abstain from participating in these bestialities will be held responsible for them." He stated that the "common people of Slovakia, Bohemia and Moravia are raising their voices against the atrocities which have resulted in the deportation of 72,000 Czech Jews and 76,000 Slovak Jews." Ernst Frischer, only Jewish deputy in the Council, thanked the Czech Government for participating in the Allied declaration and stressed the necessity of action by the neutral countries to save, at least, Jewish children in Hitler-dominated territory.

Influential sections of the British press continue to demand some action on behalf of the Jews of Europe, to implement the Allied declaration. Harold Nicholson, Laborite M.P., writing in the Spectator, urges the British Government "to revise its obstinate policy on refugees." He suggests that the Government approach the Palestine problem "with greater energy, imagination and unselfishness." An editorial in the same publication urges that the 5,000 refugees now in Spain and Portugal be evacuated to safety. The New Statesman and Nation demands that the British authorities approach Sweden and Turkey to save the Jewish children, and adds that the British people would welcome efforts by the Home Office to bring the children to England.

RUSSIAN PEOPLE DEEPLY MOVED BY REPORT OF NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS

KUIBYSHEV, Dec. 25.(JTA)-- Thousands of people, Jews and non-Jews, thronged the streets of Moscow, Tashkent, Kuibyshev, Sverdlovsk, Biro-Bidjan, and Ufa and many other Russian cities where large numbers of evacuated Jews have been concentrated, this week, to hear the broadcast by the Information Bureau of the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs detailing the atrocities which have been committed upon the Jews in the occupied countries by the Nazis, it is reported today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee here.

The account of the massacre of hundreds of thousands of Jews made a tremendous impression upon all the people of the Soviet Union, but especially so on those from occupied territories who were forced to leave friends and relatives behind, the Committee report states. Jews from Kiev, Minsk, Malyatok,

Vilna, Bordinchev, Zhitomor, Odessa, Kalindorf, Vinitza stood in the streets weeping and muttering imprecations against the Nazis as the radios blared forth more and more details of the havoc that the Nazis have visited upon the Jewish population of those cities.

Some Jewish workers in armament factories doubled their production after hearing the broadcast, the report states. Other Jewish workers rushed to the directors of the plants asking to be released from their duties so that they might enlist in the Red Army and take vengeance for their murdered kinsmen.

CIO PRESIDENT STRONGLY CONDEMNES NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS OF EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.(JTA)-- A statement strongly condemning the Nazi atrocities against the Jews of Europe was issued here today by Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. A similar statement was issued earlier this week by American Federation of Labor president William Green.

Mr. Murray's statement read, in part, as follows:

"The civilized world is filled with horror and anger at the slaughter of whole generations and whole peoples now being carried on by order of Adolf Hitler. Europe, and particularly its eastern regions, has been turned into a gigantic shambles by the Nazis, who are daily killing thousands of men, women and children to satisfy an insane bloodlust. The conduct of Nazi Germany's armies and Gestapo hangmen in the occupied countries and in the territories they have invaded marks them as the greatest curse that has ever afflicted mankind. No parallels in the history of brutality suffice to describe the massacre of Jews and of civilians of all nationalities where the Nazi war machine has entered.

"This brutality is part of a calculated plan, part of the basic program of the Axis to enslave and destroy all peoples. In the organized mass slaughter in Axis held territories, we can see the future that is planned for our own country and our own people should Hitler win. In answer to this mass horror now being inflicted on our brothers and sisters in Europe, we pledge in the name of humanity to redouble our work for the utter destruction of Nazism and all its legions of death throughout the Axis... We join with the leaders of all the United Nations in telling the Axis murderers that they will be tried and punished with the utmost severity for their crimes."

PROMINENT SWISS CITIZENS PLEDGE SOLIDARITY WITH JEWS IN OPEN LETTER TO PRESS

BERNE, Dec. 25.(JTA)-- A message of encouragement to the Jews in Switzerland, expressing solidarity with them in the present hour of crisis for Jews throughout the world, appears today in the Basler National Zeitung under the signature of Professor Karl Barth, noted Protestant theologian, and twenty-five other prominent Swiss citizens.

Addressed to "Dear Jews of Switzerland," the letter reads:

"We can't help but tell you how much the indescribable sorrow of your brethren and sisters burdens our soul. Perhaps it will strengthen your heart when you hear that Christians think of you and help you under all circumstances and pray for you. We know that the powers of evil which today attack the Jews will tomorrow try to destroy Christians." The letter continued: "The burning down of synagogues marks the first step towards the annihilation of Christian churches. We pray to the Almighty for power to stand for all you stand and to help you if ever persecution should come to our country."

WORLD INTER-FAITH COUNCIL IS URGED BY INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.(JTA)-- Creation of a "World Council of Christianity and Judaism" and establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine after the war were urged yesterday in a statement issued by the "American Institute on Judaism and a Just and Enduring Peace" at the close of its four-day session at the Hebrew Union College here. The statement also demanded the creation by the United Nations of a tribunal to try "those responsible for the perpetration of crimes against humanity" and the removal of all racial barriers.

Discussing Jewish post-war reconstruction, the leading rabbis and laymen from all sections of the country who participated in the Institute stressed that after victory has been achieved by the Allied Nations, the Jews, who were among the chief victims of the Nazis, must be given homes and opportunities to rehabilitate themselves. This can be best accomplished, the statement pointed out, by:

1 - Recognition by all nations "of the right of Jewish groups everywhere to the fullest enjoyment and fostering of their religious and cultural heritage in accordance with their specific needs and conditions in their respective countries.

2 - Creation after the war of conditions which "will permit as large a Jewish immigration into Palestine as possible, in accordance with the obligations assumed under the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine mandate," and action by the United Nations "to facilitate in every way the work of rebuilding that land."

As the "inter-faith basis of a just and enduring peace," the statement proposed the immediate creation of a "World Council of Christianity and Judaism," which "while preserving the integrity of each religion" would mobilize their spiritual resources for the application of righteousness and brotherhood in the post-war world. Such a Council, it added, might, in due time, be replaced by a "World Council of Religion" which would "embrace in its membership all the religions of the world."

To secure the political prerequisites of a just and enduring peace after the war will require the creation of "a federation of nations in the interests of which the sovereignty of individual states shall be limited," the statement declared. Such a federation of nations, it emphasizes, must set up a tribunal to try those guilty of the murder and persecution of countless thousands of innocent civilians.

"Racial discriminations and segregations must be eliminated from the laws of states and nations," after victory, the statement stressed, at the same time urging an end to the exploitation of colonial peoples and discrimination against Negroes. It pointed out also that "Judaism maintains that no just and enduring peace is possible unless founded upon full political, economic and social rights for men everywhere," and asks guarantees for the rights of workers to organize "in order to advance their own welfare."

NAZI POLICE ROUND UP BELGIAN JEWS FOR DEPORTATION IN MIDNIGHT RAIDS

LONDON, Dec. 25.(JTA)-- Hundreds of Jews in Belgium were rounded up in midnight raids by the Nazi police recently and deported to unknown destinations, it was reported today by official Belgian circles here. The most wide-spread round-ups have taken place among Polish Jews living in the Ghent area, the Belgian informants stated.

POST-WAR REHABILITATION TO BE DISCUSSED AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF WELFARE FUNDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.(JTA)-- The participation of Federal welfare agencies in the gigantic task of post-war planning and rehabilitation will be discussed by Charles P. Taft, assistant director of the Government's Defense, Health and Welfare Services, at the tenth annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, it was announced today by Sidney Hollander, president of the Council.

The General Assembly, which will be held at the Hotel Statler in Cleveland, will open on Saturday evening, Jan. 16, and close on Monday evening, Jan. 18. Mr. Taft, who is also a member of the President's War Relief Control Board, will be the principal speaker at the Sunday evening session. Mr. Taft's address will cover the field of social welfare planning and post-war rehabilitation with particular emphasis on the part that Government agencies are planning to play in this work.

It is expected that more than 400 Jewish welfare leaders, representing the Council's 224 member agencies in 187 cities in the United States and Canada, will attend the three-day conference, which marks the end of a decade of Council service to local Jewish communities. The Assembly has been an annual event since 1934 when representatives of the 17 agencies then affiliated with the Council met in Chicago to map the Council's present program.

The Assembly will hear reports from the Council's Committee on Civic Protective Organizations, which has been conducting negotiations with the four major defense agencies in this country looking towards the establishment of a centralized operating agency for all American defense programs, and from the Committee on Fund-Raising Policies, which has made a detailed study of the war chest movement and its relationship to local Jewish federations and welfare funds. Copies of these reports will be sent in advance to all delegates so that they may familiarize themselves with the contents and be able to take an active part in the floor discussions.

JNF CONFERENCE OPENS IN DETROIT; CITY PROCLAIMS PALESTINE SABBATH

DETROIT, Dec. 25.(JTA)-- About 800 delegates from Jewish communities throughout the nation will gather here tomorrow at the "Land for Freedom" conference of the Jewish National Fund at the Book-Cadillac Hotel. Representatives of all Zionist parties and groups and a special delegate from the B'nai B'rith will participate in the two-day meeting. Senator Alben Barkley will deliver the principal address at the closing session on Sunday when Dr. Israel Goldstein, J.N.F. president, will be tendered a banquet.

In honor of the conference, Mayor Edward J. Jeffries has proclaimed a "Palestine Sabbath." In his proclamation Mayor Jeffries calls "the Jewish National Fund one more weapon in the fight against the aggressors in the Near East."

BRAZILIAN JEWS PRESENT FIVE PLANES TO GOVERNMENT; PLEDGE SUPPORT TO WAR EFFORT

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec. 25.(JTA)-- The Jews of Brazil have presented five training planes to the government as a symbol of their wholehearted support of the nation's war effort, it was announced here today.

A Jewish delegation which was received by President Getulio Vargas pledged all their efforts to increase production of war materials and to speed effective prosecution of the war.