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ANGLICAN CHURCH LEADER ASKS BRITAIN TO APPROACH GERMANY ON RESCUE OF JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA)-- The Bishop of Chichester, one of the most influential Anglican Church leaders, today urged the British Government to approach Germany, through a neutral power, with a proposal that the Nazi authorities allow Jews, especially women and children, to leave Germany and German-occupied territories.

The Bishop, writing in the London Times, also suggested that Britain ask all neutral states to grant temporary refuge to the Jews, under a guarantee that as many as possible will be evacuated after the war. He further asked that all the Allied nations and neutral countries be asked to cooperate "in a comprehensive treatment" of the entire Jewish problem. "Our only answer to the tragic cries of the Jews is steps to be taken now, before it is too late to effect their deliverance," the Bishop concluded.

The Scottish people's sympathy with the suffering Jews was manifested at an inter-denominational protest meeting in Glasgow yesterday. Among those addressing the gathering were the Lord Provost of the city, the Bishop of Glasgow, the Reverend Thompson, representing the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, and Reverend Matthews, representing the Catholic Church in Scotland.

The World Jewish Congress today echoed the demand of the Bishop of Chichester, proposing that the United Nations set up an international body to approach Germany via neutral intermediaries, and that a \$4,000,000 fund be established to finance the rescue of the Jews.

150 JEWISH REFUGEES IN FINNISH CAMPS; ONLY FEW DEPORTED

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28. (JTA)-- About 150 Jewish refugees have been sent to internment camps in Finland since the outbreak of the Russo-German war, but so far only four of them have been deported, it was reliably learned here today.

According to a well-informed Swedish source, the Finnish police, acting under orders from the German Gestapo, planned to deport some 50 Jews who were interned near Tavastehus. The projected deportations, the Swedish informant confirms, caused a split in the Finnish cabinet, with the majority of the members inclined to allow the Jews to be expelled from the country. However, Field Marshal Mannerheim voted against any deportations at the present time.

As a result of Mannerheim's action, no new deportations are said to have taken place recently. The belief was expressed here that the problem of the Jewish refugees in Finland may be solved by allowing them to enter Sweden. However, no official confirmation of this report could be secured.

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When the Germans invaded Krakinova, the Committee report states, only a small part of the town's 3,000 Jews succeeded in escaping. Most of the Jewish population fell into the hands of the Nazis. The Jews were ordered to wear distinguishing armbands and were instructed to lift their hats whenever a German passed. One old half-blind Jew, who stopped wearing a hat because he feared he might fail to see a passing German in time to remove it, was taken to Nazi headquarters and tortured to death because it was charged he walked about bareheaded so as to avoid having to show respect to the Nazis. German soldiers roamed the streets assaulting Jews without any provocation and practically every young Jewish girl was dragged into military brothels.

At dawn one day, shortly after the Nazis had seized the town, the German soldiers invaded the quarter where all the Jews were confined and ordered them to assemble at the village square, the report continues. The Jews were not even given time to dress. When they arrived at the assembly point, the German commander told them that a Nazi soldier had been bitten by a dog "belonging to hostile elements." The Jews were ordered to hunt for the dog, which, they were told, was hiding in the marshes near the river. The soldiers, each of whom had a dog on a leash, and the commander on horseback drove the Jews to the river. When they arrived there, the soldiers unleashed the dogs who proceeded to attack the half-naked Jews, while other Nazis turned machineguns on their victims.

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The Essex County prosecutor's letter was in reply to a demand by Governor Poletti, last week, that an "immediate and thorough" investigation be made in an attempt to discover the identity of the guilty parties. At that time, the Governor stressed that "religious freedom is the cornerstone of American democracy."

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JNF LAUNCHES DRIVE TO BUY 2,000,000 DUNAMS IN PALESTINE TO HONOR MARTYRED JEWS

DETROIT, Dec. 28.(JTA)-- Plans were being drawn up today for a drive to raise sufficient funds to purchase 2,000,000 dunams of land in Palestine, in memory of the 2,000,000 European Jews who have been slaughtered by the Nazis. A decision to launch such a drive was adopted yesterday at the Jewish National Fund's "Land for Victory" Conference here, following a stirring appeal by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland.

Dr. Silver demanded that the democracies make clear now what action they plan to take to solve the Jewish problem, declaring that "it will be too late after the war." He called for the redemption of the 2,000,000 dunams in Palestine as an answer to the Nazi murder of 2,000,000 Jews. At the same time he scored the anti-Zionists in America for their opposition to Jewish nationalism. Similar attacks on the groups opposing Zionist aspirations in Palestine were made by Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Zionist Organization of America, in a message sent to the conference and by Dr. Israel Goldstein. A resolution condemning the "protest rabbis" was adopted unanimously by the conference. Following a memorial meeting for the martyred Jews in Nazi-held countries, the conference voted to establish a colony in Palestine called "The Jewish People Lives." It was also decided to found a colony "Nachlath Israel Goldstein," in honor of Dr. Goldstein's tenth anniversary as head of the JNF in America. Continuation of traditional collection methods despite any pooling arrangements on a national scale was also voted.

A banquet honoring Dr. Goldstein concluded the conference last night. Among the speakers were Senator Alben Barkley, majority leader of the Senate, Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and others. Senator Barkley assured the diners that Jews will be given a homeland in Palestine after the war and told them that "the more land you buy through the JNF, the stronger will be your voice at the peace conference."

Canadian Zionists Will Redeem Land in Palestine to Settle Jewish Soldiers

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.(JTA)-- As a new project for the coming year, Canadian Zionists will launch a campaign for the redemption of 5,000 dunams of land in Palestine to settle the returned Jewish soldiers after the war, it was announced today.

The objective of the drive is \$125,000 and the campaign will be officially launched in Montreal. During 1942 the Jewish National Fund Bureau in Canada raised nearly \$100,000 for the Ussishkin Memorial Fund, it was also reported today.

ZIONIST AIMS MUST BE BROUGHT TO FOREFRONT BEFORE WAR ENDS, SAYS SHERTOK

LONDON, Dec. 28.(JTA)-- A major political offensive must be launched immediately to bring the "Zionist solution" to the forefront before the end of the war, Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency in Palestine, declared last night addressing the national conference of the Poale Zionist organization here.

In a two-hour address reviewing the political situation in Palestine, Mr. Shertok touched on the country's contribution to the Allied war effort and the problem of rescuing as many Jews as possible from Europe and settling them in Palestine. He expressed the hope that American influence may result in the modification of the White Paper, which restricts Jewish immigration to Palestine.

CHICAGO MAYOR PROCLAIMS "HAYM SALOMON DAY" NEXT MONTH; CEREMONIES PLANNED

CHICAGO, Dec. 28. (JTA)-- January 6, 1943, will be observed as Haym Salomon day by the City of Chicago in honor of the services of the great Jewish patriot of the American Revolution, according to a resolution unanimously adopted by the City Council.

Upon proclamation of Mayor Edward J. Kelley, Haym Salomon day will be devoted to "retelling, in our schools and before public assemblies, the story of the contribution of our Founding Fathers to the building of America, to intensifying the campaign for the sale of Victory bonds and to rededicating our lives to the cause of liberty for which Haym Salomon sacrificed all he had." According to the resolution introduced by Alderman Frances E. Callahan, "Haym Salomon risked his life and sacrificed his fortune in behalf of the American cause and, together with George Washington and Robert Morris, conducted this nation's first victory bond drive."

AMERICANS OF GERMAN DESCENT SCORE NAZI EXTERMINATION OF JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA)-- A message denouncing the "cold-blooded extermination of the Jews in Europe" and condemning the barbarities committed by the Nazis against other innocent civilians was issued today by prominent Americans of German descent, who appealed to the German people "to overthrow a regime which is the infamy of German history." The message was published in the form of a full-page advertisement in the New York Times by the Loyal Americans of German Descent.

Signatories to the message include Americans of German descent in thirteen states, among them presidents of universities, newspaper publishers and correspondents, religious leaders, labor spokesmen, Governmental officials and business leaders. The fifty signatories called on German-Americans "to join in speaking out to our fellow Americans, to the German people, and to the World" in order that hundreds of thousands of us "may testify that men and women of German descent stand for the principles of Christian civilization."

AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR JEWISH RESEARCH MEETS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA)-- The American Academy for Jewish Research held its fifteenth annual meeting yesterday in the Jewish Theological Seminary here. Professor Salo W. Baron of Columbia University was re-elected president.

Dr. Julius Brutzkus of the Yiddish Scientific Institute presented a thesis on the Jewish Khazar State in Southern Russia in which betrayed the influence of Jews and Turks on Russian life in the eighth and ninth centuries. Dr. Ilse Lichtenstedter of the Jewish Theological Library wrote on the situation of non-Moslems in the early Moslem Empire, declaring that Mussulmans tolerated neither Jews nor Christians. Professor Isaiah Sonne of Hebrew Union College compared the recent expulsions of Jews with the exodus of the Jews from Egypt.

PETER BERCOVITCH, CANADIAN JEWISH M.P., DIES IN MONTREAL AT 63

MONTREAL, Dec. 28. (JTA)-- Peter Bercovitch, Liberal member of the Canadian Parliament, died here today at the age of 63. He was the first Jew to sit in the Quebec legislature and had been a member of the Federal Parliament for several years. Mr. Bercovitch was active in Jewish affairs and was the first president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society of Canada.