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HULL REITERATES UNITED NATIONS PLANNING PUNISHMENT OF AXIS WAR CRIMINALS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- Secretary of State Cordell Hull today reiterated that the United Nations are giving full attention to the problem of punishing Axis war criminals, and added that the appropriate officials concerned are concentrating on assembling the necessary facts that will lead to the punishment of those responsible for the atrocities against Jews and other innocent civilians in occupied Europe. Mr. Hull, however, would not comment on London reports that definite plans for an international criminal court were well advanced.

The reports from London stated that plans have already been drawn up for the immediate appointment of the court's staff, and that the American appointee to the court would be Prof. Sheldon Glueck, professor of criminal law and criminology at Harvard University. Prof. Glueck is a native of Poland who became a naturalized American citizen in 1920. It is stated that he has been assisting in preparations for establishing the court for the past several months.

Official confirmation of Prof. Glueck's appointment could not be obtained here today, but it was pointed out that one of the major points on his proposed program for dealing with the Axis war criminals, contained in the London report, corresponds to Secretary Hull's recent statement that the Axis must be required to surrender those guilty of crimes against civilian populations no later than the end of the war.

POPE ASKED TO ATTEMPT TO RESCUE JEWS OF EUROPE

LONDON, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- The Agudas Israel organization has appealed to the Pope to intervene for the Jews in Nazi-dominated countries, it was revealed here today. Speaking on behalf of religious Jewry, the Agudah urged the Pope to try to save as many of the doomed Jews as possible.

A resolution urging the Jews of America and Palestine to close ranks for united action to aid their brethren in Europe was adopted today at the annual meeting of the Agudas Israel. H.A. Goodman revealed that Polish Minister of Social Welfare, Jan Stanczyk, who is leaving for Palestine and the Middle East, assured him that he will do everything possible to aid the several hundred Jewish children in Teheran who possess Palestine visas but who have been refused permission to cross Iraq. Goodman addressed the political session of the conference.

DETAILS OF NAZI ORDER FOR DEPORTATION OF ALL WARSAW JEWS MADE PUBLIC

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- An authentic copy of the deportation order issued by the Nazi authorities in the Warsaw ghetto, which heralded the beginning of the mass deportation and extermination of the Jews in Warsaw was made public today by the American Representation of the General Workers Union of Poland. The decree, which was received through underground channels, precipitated the suicide of Adam Chernikov, president of the Warsaw Jewish community, last summer, the Polish-Jewish workers' group said. The order warns that any Jew who evades deportations and is subsequently discovered, will be shot.

The text of the decree is as follows:

1. - By order of the German authorities all Jews living in Warsaw, without regard to age or sex, are to be deported to the East.
2. - Each deportee Jew is entitled to take fifteen kilogrammes of his personal possessions, as travelling baggage. Baggage weighing more than fifteen kilogrammes will be confiscated. All valuable articles, such as money, jewelry, gold, etc., can be taken. Food should be taken sufficient for three days.
3. - Punishments: a) Any Jew who is not entitled to do so, who leaves the Jewish quarter after the action of deportation has begun, will be shot; b) Any Jew who undertakes activities which might evade or hinder the execution of the deportation orders will be shot; c) Any Jew who aids in any activity which might evade or hinder the execution of the deportation orders will be shot; d) Any Jew found in Warsaw after the conclusion of the deportation of Jews, who is not entitled to remain, will be shot.

The order also included a list of the categories that were exempt from deportation - mainly Jews who were employed in German war industries.

At the same time that they issued the above document, the Polish-Jewish laborites announced that they are calling a conference of representatives of all European Socialist parties who are now in the United States to issue a declaration on the Nazi persecution of the Jews. The meeting, which will be held in the Hotel Pennsylvania on January 2, will be attended by representatives of the Socialist groups of Germany, France, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Spain and other countries.

Only 30,000 Jews Now in Warsaw, Eye-Witness Reports

LONDON, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- The Polish Information Ministry today released an eye-witness account by a man who recently escaped from Warsaw, estimating that no more than 30,000 Jews remain in the former Polish capital.

JEWS WOMEN IN BELGIUM TAKEN TO SLAVE LABOR IN WAR FACTORIES

LONDON, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- Jewish women of Liege are being compelled by the Germans to work in armament factories, according to information received in Belgian circles here. The women are forbidden to speak to or associate with other workers. Their wages have been fixed at 16 francs for an eight-hour day, but they often have to work twelve hours a day without extra pay.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWRY OBSERVES DAY OF MOURNING FOR JEWS MURDERED BY NAZIS

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- Jews throughout the Union of South Africa today observed a day of mourning and fasting for the hundreds of thousands of Jews who have been massacred by the Nazis in Europe.

In a message addressed to the Board of Deputies of South African Jews, Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts stressed that the horrors inflicted upon the Jews call for the greatest protest. The Prime Minister's message read:

"I am filled with a dire foreboding at what may be the harvest from those dragon's teeth the Nazis are sowing over Central and Eastern Europe. The tragedy which has overtaken Jews, Poles, Yugoslavs and other communities at the hands of their Nazi persecutors calls for a world-wide protest by all who value the principles of our common civilization. Protests today might prove unavailing and the senseless butchery continue, but at any rate, we shall have placed on record the retribution which surely awaits its perpetrators - a retribution which may exceed all recorded limits, just as their crimes have surpassed all previous records."

A message associating the Polish Government with today's protest and mourning was received here from Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, vice-premier of the Polish Government-in-Exile in London.

Brazilian Jews Mourn and Pray for European Jewry

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- The Jews of Brazil crowded synagogues yesterday and Jewish shops closed in the afternoon as Brazilian Jewry mourned for the thousands of Jews who have been exterminated in Nazi-held Europe. The memorial day was also marked by fasting.

HISTADRUTH DELEGATION WILL SHORTLY LEAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- It was learned here today that a Histadruth delegation led by Golda Meirson will shortly leave for the United States to meet with Zionist and labor leaders there.

The area of this city has been almost doubled as the result of a gift of land along the sea shore by the Palestine Government, it was announced today by Mayor Israel Rokach. The gift raised the total territory of the city from 6,300 dunams to 12,650.

EGYPT'S JEWS PRESENT \$1,000 TO POLISH RED CROSS

CAIRO, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Chaim Nachum Effendi, spiritual leader of the Jewish community of Egypt, today visited the Polish Minister here and turned over to him a gift of \$1,000 as a contribution by Egyptian Jews to the Polish Red Cross.

CZECH GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT EXHIBIT ON JEWISH SUFFERINGS IN EUROPE

LONDON, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- An exhibit entitled "Under the Star of David," consisting of a series of drawings and paintings concerning the sufferings of the Jews under the Nazis, will be opened here next month by the Foreign Ministry of the Czechoslovakian Government-in-Exile, it was announced today. The exhibits which will be shown are the work of a Czech-Jewish soldier, Geza Sobel.

JEWISH LIBRARY IN LARGE LITHUANIAN CITY BURNED BY NAZIS

KUIEYSHEV, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- The destruction in a bonfire of thousands of volumes of the Jewish library in Shavli, in Nazi-occupied Lithuania, before the eyes of hundreds of Jews who had been driven to the library premises by Nazi soldiers, was disclosed today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee here on the basis of an eye-witness account by a young Lithuanian student who fled the city and joined a Soviet guerrilla band in White Russia.

On the square where the book-burning took place, scores of Jews and non-Jews were dangling from gallows where they had been hanged the previous day, the young Lithuanian reported.

CONGRESSMAN CELLER DEMANDS NAZI CRIMINALS BE TRIED NOW

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- A demand that the Nazis and their followers who are responsible for the massacre of thousands of Jews in Europe be brought to justice now, whenever possible, was voiced here last night by Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York, addressing a protest meeting called by the Jewish Peoples Committee.

Stressing his agreement with President Roosevelt's statement that German leaders should be punished for their crimes against civilization, Rep. Celler asked: "Why wait until victory is achieved? We should act now. We must try these brutes now. Some of them, including Rudolph Hess, should be made to face a firing squad." A resolution demanding that anti-Semitism be outlawed in the United States was adopted at the meeting.

JEWISH RIGHTS MUST BE GUARANTEED BY PEACE SETTLEMENT, SAY BRITISH POALE ZIONISTS

LONDON, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- No real peace settlement is possible unless the wrongs done to the Jewish people are repaired and the interests of the Jews are taken into account in plans for international reconstruction after the war, it was stated today in a resolution adopted at the national conference of the British Poale-Zionist organization.

The resolution demanded that after the war the Jews be guaranteed equality and freedom in all countries, the right to immigrate to any part of the world, international assistance to Palestine and the creation of a Jewish Commonwealth there. It praised the recent declaration by the Allied Nations condemning the atrocities against the Jews of Europe and urged practical steps to implement the statement. It further reiterated the demand for a separate Jewish army and endorsed the policy of Arab-Jewish cooperation in Palestine.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL SENDS NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO CHRISTIAN GROUPS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- New Year greetings to American Catholic and Protestant groups were extended today by the Synagogue Council of America on behalf of its constituency of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Rabbis and Congregations.

FORTY REFUGEES RETURNING TO ENGLAND FROM AUSTRALIA REPORTED DROWNED

LONDON, Dec. 29.(JTA)-- Forty refugees en route to England from Australian internment camps from which they were recently released, were drowned when the vessel on which they were travelling was sunk, it is reported in the Daily Herald.