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## POLISH GOVERNMENT ADDRESSES NEW NOTE ON NAZI ATROCITIES TO UNITED NATIONS

LONDON, Jan. 27 (JTA)-- The Polish Government today made public the text of a second note addressed to the United Nations on the Nazi extermination of the Jewish and Polish population in occupied Poland. The note urges the governments of the United Nations "to take urgent counsel together for the purpose of devising practical and effective means of restraining Germany" from continuing its intensified barbaric methods of annihilation of the civilian population.

At a press conference today Gen. Sikorski, the Polish Premier, speaking of the new wave of Nazi terror in Poland stated that a record number of 35,000 Jews and Poles was deported from Warsaw in four days following January 15. Some of these victims were sent to the concentration camp of Majdanek while others were sent to the so-called "Jewish extermination camps", he said.

The note of the Polish Government to the United Nations reveals among other things that last June there were still 8,170 Jewish men in the Nazi concentration camp in Oswiecim which is the most notorious camp in occupied Poland. They included 1,100 Jews who were deported from France and 5,000 Jews exiled from the Czech Protectorate. Internment in the Oswiecim camp is tantamount to death after prolonged torture. Of 85,840 Jews and Poles interned in this camp since its establishment by the Nazis some 58,000 have perished, including 2,000 Catholic priests, the note of the Polish government points out.

## BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES ABOLISH AXIS GHETTO FOR JEWS IN TRIPOLI

LONDON, Jan. 27 (JTA)-- British military authorities in Tripoli have torn down the barbed wire fence which the Italians erected around the Jewish-populated section of the city, thus releasing the Jews from the ghetto which has been in existence since the Nazi campaign in Libya, the London press reported today.

At the same time the Daily Herald, organ of the Labor Party, carries a despatch from its special correspondent in North Africa establishing that the anti-Jewish laws in Algeria have not yet been rescinded. Leaders of the British Labor Party, at a conference this Sunday in Holborn, adopted a resolution protesting the appointment of Marcel Peyroux as head of the civil administration in North Africa "because of his anti-Allied and anti-Semitic activities."

## JEWS IN HOLLAND AND BELGIUM SENT TO BUILD COASTAL FORTIFICATIONS

ZURICH, Jan. 27 (JTA)-- Nazi authorities in Holland and Belgium have decided to discontinue temporarily the deportation of Jews from those countries to Nazi-held territories in the East and instead are sending them to forced labor building coastal fortifications to thwart Allied landings on Dutch or Belgian shores, it was reported here today.

Swedish newspapers reaching here today report that in the churches of Nazi-occupied Norway prayers for the Jews are being delivered repeatedly.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT URGES INTERNATIONAL AID TO RESCUE JEWS FROM NAZI TERRITORY

LONDON, Jan. 27. (JTA)-- Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, speaking in the House of Commons today assured the members that the British Government is doing its utmost to rescue Jews from Nazi-held countries. He added, however, that "the effort must have an international basis in order to be effective."

The British Government, Eden said, is confident that it can count upon the assistance of all humanitarian and charitable organizations, including the British Red Cross, in the application of any measures agreed upon by the United Nations.

A private meeting of members of Parliament took place today to consider making a new appeal to the government for immediate action to save as many Jews in Nazi territories as possible. In the meantime Samuel Silverman, Laborite M.P., in a letter published today in the Manchester Guardian appeals to the United Nations to make a formal and direct request to the German Government to permit Jews to leave the Reich and Nazi-occupied countries. The request should ask Hitler to name conditions upon which he would be willing to permit the emigration of Jews to free countries, Silverman suggests, adding that "protests which are not accompanied by an offer of salvation and refuge are a mockery to the victims and to civilization."

Chief Rabbi Asks Government to Establish Council for Saving Jews

Chief Rabbi Hertz draws attention in the London Times today to the fact that six weeks have passed since Foreign Secretary Eden made his historic declaration in Parliament with regard to the extermination of the Jews in Nazi-occupied countries, but nothing has been done as yet on the actual task of human salvage. He suggests the creation by the British Government of "a special council to be in charge of the direction of human salvage" and demands speedy measures "to save those escaping from the Nazi inferno".

Echoing the appeal to the British Government to act to save the Jewish refugees in Europe, which was issued on Saturday by the Archbishops of Canterbury, York and Wales, Arthur Cardinal Hinsley, Catholic primate of England, and J.S. Whale, Moderator of the Free Churches, today added their voices to the growing clamor in religious and humanitarian circles for immediate steps to facilitate the emigration of the Jews in Axis-held countries.

In a letter published today in the London Times, Cardinal Hinsley quotes Cardinal Faulhaber of Munich's condemnation of "the blind, racial hatred which is the motive for the unparalleled barbarities." He points out that Christian principles should be a stimulus for action by the Government. Rev. Whale expresses the hope that "the Government will shortly announce measures of practical assistance."

CHURCH OPPOSITION TO NAZI ANTI-JEWISH LAWS GAINS STRENGTH IN OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

ZURICH, Jan. 27. (JTA)-- Opposition by church leaders in Nazi-dominated countries to the anti-Jewish brutalities is becoming stronger daily the Swiss press reports today.

Cardinal Serebi's appeal to the people of Hungary to defy Hitler's racial theory, is termed "sensational" by the Swiss newspapers which also report that in Slovakia, the Lutheran Church protested against the decree forcing Jews to wear yellow badges.

CHURCH UNION ASKS UNITED STATES TO ADMIT JEWS ESCAPING FROM NAZI TERRITORIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- A resolution urging the United States as well as other free countries of the world to admit Jews who succeed in escaping from Nazi Europe, was made public here today by the Church Peace Union, composed of clergyman and laymen representing various religious denominations and political affiliations. The resolution was adopted by the Union's Board of Trustees at its annual meeting this week.

Expressing "horror and indignation at the cruelties now being visited upon all the peoples subject to Nazi tyranny", the resolution appeals to all men and women in the United States to join in protest against the Nazi execution of Jews and "the ruthlessness of the deliberate program of the German Government under Hitler to exterminate all the Jews of Europe."

"We urge the governments of the United Nations to give immediate assurance that the Jews of Europe will not be left to suffer alone in this crisis but that the shedding of their blood will be avenged by the punishment of the butchers," the resolution reads. "We urge further that havens of refuge and asylum be provided in all the free countries of the world, including the United States, for such Jews as can be rescued from the hell of Fascist Europe."

"We urge that the United Nations give their immediate thought and attention to the possibilities of Palestine as a present place of refuge for some of the Jews now living in deadly peril. We recognize that Palestine as a homeland cannot solve all the problems of the Jews, but we urge that consideration be given to the policy of opening this country to large scale immigration at the end of the war; thus permitting the persecuted either to settle in their former homes or to reconstruct their lives in the ancient land of their fathers."

"We join all civilized mankind in a demand that in the post-war world there be established a political, economic, and social status for Jews and Judaism consistent with the requirements of decency and democracy; that Jews shall be free men; and that the Jewish tradition shall be free to fulfill itself."

CONFERENCE ON NEAR EAST ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA)-- A conference on economic problems of the Near East will be held here on Saturday at the Hotel Roosevelt arranged by the Institute of World Economics of which Dr. Lewis Lorwin of Washington is chairman. The conference will review the economic, social and political development of Turkey, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia in the period between World War I and World War II, and will consider the post-war outlook for that area.

Among the speakers will be Professor Philip K. Hitti, distinguished orientalist of the History Department, Princeton University; Professor W. F. Albright of Johns Hopkins University; Professor S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College; Laird Archer, Foreign Director of the Near East Foundation; Lt. Edward A. Norman, U.S.N.R., and former president of the American Economic Committee for Palestine; Dr. H. William Hazen of the Board of Economic Warfare; and Emanuel Neumann, former member of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

TWO POLISH REVISIONIST LEADERS EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE FROM RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- Two leading Polish Revisionist leaders, Menachem Begin, last president of the Betar organization in Poland before the Nazi invasion, and Dr. Jan Bendor, former president of the New Zionist Organization in Galicia, are in Tcheron on route to Palestine, it was announced today by the headquarters of the Revisionist Organization here.

AMERICAN JEWRY TO OBSERVE NATIONAL RED CROSS SABBATH

WASHINGTON, D.C. Jan. 27 (JTA) -- The historic loyalty of American Jewry to the American Red Cross will be symbolized by a nationwide observance of the February 26-27 week-end as Red Cross Sabbath in synagogues and temples, it was announced today by Red Cross headquarters here. Red Cross Sunday will be similarly observed in Protestant and Catholic churches on February 28.

This religious demonstration, emphasizing the essentially spiritual character of Red Cross services, will herald the opening of the 1943 Red Cross War Fund for \$125,000,000 on March 1. The "Red Cross Sabbath" is being arranged by the Synagogue Council of America, which embraces all branches of American Judaism.

Norman H. Davis, chairman of the Red Cross, today made public an appeal which he has issued to American rabbis. "Throughout its history," the appeal reads, "the American Red Cross has had the loyal and generous support of the Jewish people. This year, more than ever, we look to them and to you as spiritual leaders for help to enable the Red Cross to carry out the tremendous responsibilities imposed upon it by the most devastating of all wars. The demands upon our resources, human and financial, are unprecedented. To insure our success in the 1943 War Fund, we need your help and the help of all other patriotic Americans."

BELEATED PROTEST BY GERMAN-AMERICANS AGAINST NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS IS CRITICIZED

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA)-- The Polish press in America, in articles commenting on the protest published by Americans of German descent against the wholesale slaughter of Jews in Europe, asks why these Americans had been silent for so long a time.

The Dziennik Dla Wszystkich, a Polish daily newspaper in Buffalo, emphasizes that these very Americans of German descent had ignored the Nazi brutalities in 1939, 1940 and 1941 only because they believed in a German victory. Only when it became apparent that Hitler was doomed to defeat did they protest.

Dziennik Chicagoski, a Polish newspaper published in Chicago, writes that the delayed protest was the result of fear that Germany was losing the war. The protest, it says, was merely a ruse to fool the world, as was the case during the first World War. Nowiny Polskie, a Milwaukee daily, writes that "it was not an expression of sympathy for the victims, but an effort to show the world that there was still extant 'good Germans' who can be trusted."

Prof. Friedrich W. Foerster and two other well-known German scientists now in this country, in a letter in the New York Herald Tribune, deny that there exist contrasts between the Nazi regime and the German people. They point out that the protest of the "Loyal Americans of German Descent" seeks to draw a distinction between the German people and the Nazis and they declare that "this idea of two Germanys is a dangerous myth." The Nazi regime, they say, is not un-German, but "the logical outgrowth of the gradually increasing brutality, trickery and robbery of the Prussian system." They urge the disarmament of Germany followed by a guardianship charged with teaching the German youth that all nations are free and equal. "The world will never find lasting peace while Prussian militarism endures," they warn.