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RUMANIA REACHES AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY TO DEPORT 60,000 JEWS TO NAZI-POLAND

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 22, (JTA)-- The Swedish press today reported that Rumanian Premier Antonescu has reached an agreement with the Nazi authorities to send 60,000 Rumanian Jews to Nazi-held Poland to construct fortifications. About 20,000 Jews will be sent from Bucharest and 40,000 will be taken from other cities in Old Rumania, the report stated.

The report also revealed that 160 Jews have been arrested in Bucharest as supporters of Dr. Julius Maniu, former Rumanian Premier and head of the Peasant Party who is opposed to the Nazis.

Transocean, a Nazi news agency, today reported from Bucharest that the Supreme Court of Rumania has ruled that the anti-Jewish legislation there is to be applied to every Jew in the country irrespective of his nationality. The ruling was issued in the case of a Polish Jew who appealed against being evicted from his home in Bucharest arguing that he was not a Rumanian citizen and therefore not subject to the Rumanian anti-Jewish laws, especially since he is under the protection of Chile as a Polish citizen. In rejecting his appeal, the Supreme Court stated that the anti-Jewish laws are enforceable on a racial basis and can thus be applied to any Jew regardless of his nationality.

A report from Sofia today stated that a former Jewish member of the Rumanian Foreign Ministry, Rosenthal, has been arrested by the Gestapo in France. Despite intervention by Premier Antonescu with the Nazi authorities, the arrested official was deported to Poland, the report added.

UNITED NATIONS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR NAZI MASSACRES, PALESTINE JEWS URN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22, (JTA)-- All Jewish institutions and private business enterprises throughout Palestine closed this morning for two hours during mass-demonstrations between eleven and one o'clock, protesting the Nazi massacres of Jews in Europe and insisting that the United Nations take immediate steps to save those Jews who can still be rescued from Nazi countries.

A desperate appeal, issued in the name of all Jews of Palestine, to the democratic governments emphasized that the United Nations, by confining their efforts to declarations of sympathy with the Jews of Europe and by failing to take any concrete measures to save them, will not be able to claim that their hands have not helped to spill the blood of innocent Jews. "This blood," the appeal says, "will boil and will not give rest to those who stood idle and complacent, satisfied with declarations of future reprisals while millions of our brethren and sisters were crying for help."

The appeal was read at a large rally in Jerusalem on the premises of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, crowded with members of the Jewish National Council, members of the municipal councils and leaders of all Jewish political groups. Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, in opening the protest

meeting, addressed himself to the democratic nations asking them to "treat us as you would have acted if the slaughter affected you directly."

The Rabbinate today also issued a proclamation addressed to the governments of the United Nations and the heads of all religions outside and within Nazi territories. "Save immediately those who can be saved," the proclamation read. "Demand categorically from Germany that it open its gates for the emigration of the Jews. Let neutral and Allied governments open their gates for the entry of the Jewish refugees who are escaping the sword. Protest vigorously against the Nazi atrocities!"

Prayers were recited at the Walling Wall all day by throngs of mourners. Holy tombs were visited and the shofar was sounded in synagogues. Similar demonstrations were held in all other cities and settlements throughout Palestine.

American Jewish Organizations Charged with Failure to Act for Jews in Europe

LONDON, Feb. 22.(JTA)-- British Jewry's disappointment with what has been done so far to aid the Jews in Nazi-held European countries and with the meager prospects for action in the immediate future, was voiced yesterday afternoon by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, addressing that body.

Acknowledging that many difficulties faced the United Nations in the task of rescuing the Jews, Prof. Brodetsky said that, nevertheless, even Britain itself has not done all that is possible. He pointed to the fact that the English immigration regulations have not been relaxed to facilitate the admission of refugees. Prof. Brodetsky also expressed dissatisfaction with the failure of American Jewish organizations and the American Government to take any decisive action. Appreciation for the powerful support which the churches throughout Great Britain have given to the movement to stop the massacre of Europe's Jews was voiced by the Board of Deputies president.

American Zionists Appeal to Democratic Nations to Rescue European Jews

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.(JTA)-- An appeal "to the statesmen and leaders of the justice-loving nations of the world" to rescue European Jewry, coupled with a demand for "a Jewish fighting force under the United Nations command" and for a declaration that "the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish commonwealth is one of the just and long denied aims of the peoples of the world," was made in a resolution unanimously adopted by the National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America, the ruling body of the organization between conventions, at a meeting held yesterday at the Pennsylvania Hotel.

Another resolution adopted at the meeting condemned the activities of the "American Council for Judaism." The resolution declared that it is "confident that the overwhelming majority of Jews everywhere join in this rebuke." The meeting was addressed by Moshe Shertok, political leader of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and Rabbi Meyer Berlin, President of the World Mizrahi organization, both of whom flew here from Palestine.

FIRST GROUP OF JEWISH CHILDREN FROM BULGARIA ARRIVE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22.(JTA)-- Seventy-two Jewish children from Nazi-dominated Bulgaria, the vanguard of the 4,000 youngsters who are to be allowed to proceed from there to Palestine under an agreement negotiated by the British Government, arrived here today, by way of Turkey.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL ANNOUNCES \$25,000,000 QUOTA FOR ITS 1943 CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.(JTA)-- A national quota of \$25,000,000 was announced today by the United Jewish Appeal as the minimum required to meet the expanded needs of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service in 1943.

In announcing the new quota, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairmen of the U.J.A., emphasized that 1943 will be a "year of greater opportunities and greater responsibilities" for relief, rescue and re-settlement of Jews in many parts of the world. The first \$9,100,000 raised will be divided among the three agencies in order to enable them to carry on their activities in the early part of the year. The balance of the funds raised will be distributed by an Allotment Committee.

J.D.C. Annual Report Published; Shows \$7,257,000 Spent in 1942

The 1942 annual report of the Joint Distribution Committee was published today. It contains details of the organization's appropriations of \$7,257,000 last year for programs of war and emergency relief, emigration, feeding, clothing, sheltering, child and medical care, vocational training and reconstructive assistance in behalf of Jewish war victims and sufferers.

Paul Baerwald, honorary chairman of the J.D.C., declares in his introduction to the report: "Hundreds of thousands -- some reports say two million -- of our co-religionists have met their death under conditions of almost unimaginable cruelty and terror. They are mourned not alone by their fellow Jews but by all men of good conscience and decent instinct. Together we are united in the firm resolve to bring about the creation of a new and better world where the dignity of men and all that springs from it may be preserved."

JEWISH GROUPS INVESTIGATE ALLEGED RUMANIAN OFFER TO RELEASE 70,000 JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.(JTA)-- A warning that no funds should be contributed for the transfer of 70,000 Rumanian Jews to Palestine or other places of refuge before American Jewish organizations establish whether Rumania has really made an offer to release Jews from the internment camps in Transnistria, was issued here today by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress.

"The American Jewish Congress, dealing with the matter in conjunction with other Jewish organizations wishes to state that no confirmation has as yet been received regarding this alleged offer of the Rumanian Government to allow 70,000 Jews in Transnistria to leave Rumania," the warning reads. "The matter is being dealt with by the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, the American Jewish Congress, and other organizations, and investigations are being made as to the possibility of securing the removal of these Jews from Rumania and obtaining refuge for them either in Palestine or other countries. Before the situation has been clarified, no collection of funds for this undertaking would seem justified."

300,000 AMERICAN JEWS SERVING IN U.S. ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.(JTA)-- There are 300,000 Jews serving at present in the U.S. armed forces, it was stated last night by Benjamin Kaufman, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. Mr. Kaufman spoke at a dinner in the Commodore Hotel given in his honor by the New York State branch of the J.W.V.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA ISSUES DECLARATION ON POST-WAR WORLD

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, comprising Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinical and congregational organizations, today made public a declaration of its views on the war, calling for a "new federated commonwealth of the world," asking for post-war economic justice and for the removal of "class struggle and inequities of exploitation." The declaration also advocates "such progressive and integral disarmament of all nations as shall make war impossible for our children and children's children."

"Judaism profoundly believes that peace, its immemorial teachings, can be translated into the shattering of tyranny and restoring the right of self-determination to all peoples and nations," the declaration says. "But to achieve this priceless freedom of men everywhere, all peoples and nations needs must accept such limitations of absolute sovereignty as shall make possible a federated society of nations of the world for the good of all in its constituent states."

3,000 NEW YORK CHILDREN STAGE MASS-PROTEST AGAINST NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the United Nations to take immediate steps to rescue the Jews of Nazi-held Europe was adopted today by 3,000 children assembled at Mosaic Temple here at a "Solemn Assembly of Prayer and Protest" for the children in the ghettos of Europe. The resolution, which was adopted after the children had recited a mass pledge to devote all their efforts to securing an Allied victory and the liberation of their brethren, was sent to President Roosevelt and Congress.

High point of the meeting were the accounts by Jewish refugee children from the various countries seized by the Nazis of their experiences in Europe and while fleeing to America, which was followed by a response from an American Catholic, Protestant and Jewish youngster, welcoming the refugees and affirming America's principles of freedom. During the portion of the gathering devoted to a memorial service, the young refugees lit candles while a cantor chanted El Mole Rachmin. Two children's choirs also participated in the ceremonies. The principal speaker at the meeting, which was arranged by the Jewish Education Committee, was Newbold Morris, President of the New York City Council.

NEW ORT TRAINING SCHOOL OPENED IN MONTREAL; GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATE

MONTREAL, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A new ORT training school was officially opened here this week-end with representatives of the Canadian Government and three national ORT bodies participating in the inaugural ceremonies.

Representing the Government were Doctor E.H. Coleman, Under-Secretary of State, and Senator A.K. Hugeson. Murray Levine of New York, chairman of the American ORT; Pierre Dreyfus, head of the French ORT and Louis Fitch, president of the Canadian organization, spoke on behalf of their respective groups. The first ORT training school in Canada was opened last May in an internment camp on Ile Aux Noix, about fifty miles from here.

MAX HOLLANDER, LEADER OF I.O.B.A., DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Max L. Hollander, grand secretary of the Independent Order of B'nai Abraham since 1909, who died at his home after an illness of five months. He was born in Bardiov, Czechoslovakia, 73 years ago and came to this country as a child. He was buried at the Union Field cemetery.