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CONGRESS ADOPTS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING NAZI MASS-MURDER OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 9.(JTA)-- The Senate today unanimously adopted a resolution condemning "the mass murder of Jewish men, women and children" as "a brutal and indefensible outrage." The House of Representatives concurred.

The resolution, introduced by Senator Alben W. Barkley, majority leader, reads: "Whereas the American people view with indignation the atrocities inflicted upon the civilian population in the Nazi-occupied countries, and especially the mass murder of Jewish men, women and children; and

"Whereas this policy of the Nazis has created a reign of terror, brutality, and extermination in Poland and other countries in eastern and central Europe: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That these brutal and indefensible outrages against millions of helpless men, women, and children should be and they are hereby condemned as unworthy of any nation or any regime which pretends to be civilized:

"Resolved further, That the dictates of humanity and honorable conduct in war demand that this inexcusable slaughter and mistreatment shall cease and that it is the sense of this Congress that those guilty, directly or indirectly, of these criminal acts shall be held accountable and punished in a manner commensurate with the offenses for which they are responsible."

GIRAUD'S WAR COUNCIL MEETS TO OFFICIALLY ABOLISH VICHY'S ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

LONDON, March 9.(JTA)-- Presided over by Gen. Giraud, the French War Council in North Africa today assembled in Algiers to officially annul the anti-Jewish and other laws promulgated in Algeria and in French Morocco by the Vichy regime.

A report disseminated today by the news agency France Afrique from North Africa stated that acting on Gen. Giraud's orders, local authorities have released from camps all persons interned by Vichy officials as anti-Nazi elements in Dakar and other places.

(The New York Times, N.Y. Sun, and other newspapers throughout the country, today carried editorials praising Giraud's proclamation voiding the anti-Jewish laws in North Africa. The Times termed the act the "birth of a new France." The Sun said it served as "a kind of Declaration of Independence for French Africa."

PALESTINE JEWS PROCLAIM "TOTAL MOBILIZATION" FOR POST-WAR NEEDS

JERUSALEM, March 9.(JTA)-- A "total mobilization" of the Jews in Palestine to care for discharged Jewish soldiers after the war as well as for Jews who may be unemployed after the liquidation of the war industries in which they are now engaged, was decided upon today by leaders of all central Jewish organizations.

40,000 CROWD MEMORIAL SERVICE IN NEW YORK FOR MASSACRED JEWS OF EUROPE

NEW YORK, March 9, (JTA)-- Climaxing a day of prayer for the Jewish victims of the Nazi regime, proclaimed by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Madison Square Garden, one of the largest meeting places in the United States, was converted tonight into a house of worship with 40,000 persons participating in a mass-memorial for the millions of Jews massacred by the Nazis in Europe.

The memorial was in the form of a pageant entitled "We Will Never Die." To accommodate the vast throngs, two presentations were given, marking the first double-rally in the history of the Garden. The arena was dimly lighted and draped in 2,500 yards of black cloth. On stage were two forty-foot tablets with the Ten Commandments inscribed thereon. Several large candelabra were suspended from the ceiling and from the ceiling an illuminated Star of David shone as a beacon of hope.

More than a thousand actors, rabbis and cantors led the audiences in the last rites and prayers for the Jews of Europe who were tossed into rivers, on funeral pyres and into common graves. There were no addresses delivered. The pageant was divided into three sections. The first part of the program was devoted to a roll call of the Jewish contributions to civilization from Moses to Einstein. The second dramatized Jewish participation in the armed forces of the United Nations and the third part visualized the forthcoming peace conference with the Jewish dead of Europe crowding around with a list of their experiences and sufferings.

The services were under the auspices of the Committee for a Jewish Army of Palestinian and Stateless Jews. "We Will Never Die" was written by Ben Hecht, based on his story "Remember Us." Billy Rose was producer and Moss Hart staged the memorial. A special musical score, composed by Kurt Weill, was played by fifty members of the N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra and sung by several hundred members of the Cantors Association of America.

Gov. Dewey's proclamation stated in part: "I hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 9, as a day to be set aside by the citizens of our state to offer prayers to Almighty God for the Jews who have been brutally massacred."

N.Y. STATE LEGISLATURE URGES ADMITTANCE OF JEWS FROM NAZI LANDS TO PALESTINE

ALBANY, N.Y., March 9, (JTA)-- The legislature of the State of New York today unanimously adopted a resolution expressing sympathy with the persecuted Jews of Europe and urging the admittance into Palestine of as many Jews "as may be required by the urgent needs of the Jewish people."

The resolution, introduced by Senator Dunnigan, Democratic leader, reads: "Whereas, the persecution and attempted extermination by Nazi Germany of the Jews in occupied Europe have outraged the conscience of the civilized world and have manifested the necessity of continued maintenance and development of a Jewish national homeland. Therefore, be it resolved, that we of the State of New York express our most profound sympathy toward the victims of Nazi religious persecution and racial hatred. Be it further resolved that we favor the continued development of a Jewish national home in Palestine, for the absorption of as many Jews as may be required by the urgent needs of the Jewish people, in accordance with the principles for which the United Nations are now fighting."

The resolution, which was introduced at the suggestion of the officers of the American Palestine Committee, also urges the fullest cooperation of the United Nations in punishing those responsible for the Nazi crimes against Jews and in alleviating suffering through an international rescue agency. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to the President and to Secretary of State Hull.

VANDALS WRECK REVISIONIST CLUB IN JERUSALEM; JEWISH CAFES SET AFIRE, BOMBED

JERUSALEM, March 9.(JTA)-- A group of vandals broke into the Betar club in the Jewish quarter of the city this week-end and burned books, pamphlets and furniture. The Betar group is a Revisionist organizations.

At the same time flaming paraffin-soaked rags were thrown into the outhouse of a Jewish cafe here, but the police were able to keep the blaze from spreading to the nearby kitchen where drums of gasoline were stored. On Friday evening a bomb was thrown into another Jewish cafe, slightly damaging the interior. This is the fourth such incident in recent weeks. Both restaurants had previously received anonymous letters warning them not to desecrate the Sabbath.

ANTI-SEMITIC PARTY IN SOUTH AFRICA DEMANDS RESTRICTIONS ON JEWS IN COMMERCE

CAPETOWN, March 9.(JTA)-- Members of the anti-Semitic Nationalist Party in South Africa served notice in Parliament that they intend to introduce a bill urging the limitation of Jews in trade, industry and in the professions to a certain quota.

The Nationalist Party, which is accused of pro-Nazi sympathies, is attempting to obstruct the government war effort which is fully supported by the Jewish population. The Government, however, has a clear working majority above all opposition groups, which guarantees an effective control of the situation.

The contribution of the Jews in South Africa to the Allied war effort was lauded here today by a number of non-Jewish speakers addressing a meeting called by the Jewish committee to aid Russia. Prof. R. F. Aherne of the Witwatersrand University, who was among the principal speakers at the gathering, emphasized that the Jews of South Africa are "a great asset to the country" and play a decisive part in the war effort. Messages of greetings were received from members of the South African Government and from Mrs. Churchill.

PALESTINE WILL HAVE NO PURIM FESTIVITIES; \$100,000 SPENT ON CLUB FOR U.S. SOLDIERS

TEL AVIV, March 9.(JTA)-- The traditional street carnival which is held here every year on Purim will not take place this year in view of the tragic situation of the Jews in Nazi Europe. Nor will any Purim festivities be held this year throughout Palestine, the Jewish National Council decided today.

It was announced today that the sum of \$100,000 was spent to renovate the Palatin Hotel here, which houses the soldiers' club which the American Red Cross opened on Sunday for men in the American armed forces stationed in Palestine. The club was opened by U. S. Consul Pinkerton in the presence of the Palestine High Commissioner, high military officers and members of the executive of the Jewish Agency.

An exhibition containing material on the life and works of the late Thomas G. Masaryk, "father" of the Czechoslovakian Republic, was opened in Jerusalem today by the Czech authorities in connection with the 93rd anniversary of his birth, which is being celebrated throughout Palestine.

In a message read at the opening of the exhibition, Jan Masaryk, present Foreign Minister of the Czech Government-in-Exile, who was a close collaborator of his father, expressed satisfaction that the Czech exhibition is being held in Palestine. The press here devotes considerable space to the late President of Czechoslovakia in connection with the birthday celebration.

REVIVAL OF NANSEN PASSPORTS FOR REFUGEES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT PARLEY IN CUBA TODAY

NEW YORK, March 9.(JTA)-- A committee of Latin Americans will meet in Cuba tomorrow to consider establishing a system of Nansen passports for political refugees, the Havana radio reported today in a Spanish broadcast recorded by U. S. Government monitors.

Nansen passports were issued after the first world war by a committee of the League of Nations, headed by Fridtjof Nansen, Norwegian explorer. They were planned for use by so-called "stateless citizens," persons born in countries which had changed political form. They have not been in general use since shortly before the current war.

The New York Times, in an editorial today, strongly urges the employment of refugee engineers and skilled technicians in American war industries and asks that refugee doctors be allowed to practice. "We need all the physicians and trained engineers that we can enroll," the editorial says. "As matters stand, we know more about the aliens within this country than we do about the native-born. Political beliefs and affiliations, education, training - everything is known. Even fingerprints are on file. It ought to be no difficult matter with all this information to weed out the undesirables and make the most of the rest."

SURVEY OF JEWISH POPULATION IN TEN AMERICAN CITIES PUBLISHED

NEW YORK, March 9.(JTA)-- A survey of the Jewish population in ten American cities conducted by a staff of experienced statisticians and sociologists under the supervision of the Conference on Jewish Relations was published here today under the title "Jewish Population Studies." The project, directed by Dr. Sophia M. Robison, gives detailed data on the Jewish population in Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, New London, Norwich, Passaic, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and Trenton.

Highlights of the survey show that the Jewish population of the cities studied is on the decline. There are relatively fewer children between the ages of five and fourteen than in the population as a whole. There is a marked trend toward smaller families. The largest are those of semi-skilled workers, and the smallest those of professional men. The foreign-born tend to have larger families than the native-born. Two-thirds of the Jews in the smaller communities are native-born, while even in such large cities as Chicago and San Francisco less than half are of foreign birth. Proportionately, more foreign-born Jews become naturalized than non-Jews. Jews tend to concentrate in certain sections of cities. Most of the gainfully employed Jews are engaged in retail trade, but the proportion of Jewish manual workers tends to increase with the greater industrialization of a community.

N.Y. JEWISH FEDERATION RE-ELECTS MEDALIE AS PRESIDENT FOR THIRD TERM

NEW YORK, March 9.(JTA)-- George Z. Medalie was re-elected last night president of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York City at a meeting of the board of trustees of the federation. He is the fifth president of the organization to have been elected for three terms.

Joseph M. Proskauer, nominating committee chairman, paid warm tribute to Mr. Medalie's years of leadership. Walter Rothschild was elected a vice-president and Henry March was named assistant treasurer. Other officers re-elected were Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, Monroe Goldwater and Mrs. Arthur Lehman, vice-presidents; Dr. Maurice B. Hexter and Joseph Willen, executive vice-presidents; Percy S. Straus, chairman of the board; Henry Littleton, associate chairman of the board; Louis J. Grumbach, treasurer; Ralph E. Samuel, secretary, and Jacob M. Frankel, assistant secretary.