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U.S. AND ENGLAND AGREE ON PROGRAM FOR RESCUING NAZI VICTIMS IN EUROPE

LONDON, March 23. (JTA)-- Secretary of State Cordell Hull and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden have agreed in Washington on a program providing for practical measures to save Jews and other oppressed people in Nazi-occupied countries, it was announced in the House of Lords today.

The announcement was made following a stirring appeal voiced in the upper chamber by the Archbishop of Canterbury, suggesting that the British Government take urgent action to save Jews from Nazi extermination. He urged that Germany be approached through a neutral government with the proposal that it permit Jews to leave Nazi-held territory on a monthly quota. He also suggested that the British consuls in Turkey, Spain, Portugal and other neutral countries be authorized to issue visas to refugees at their own discretion.

Viscount Cranborne, speaking in behalf of the Government, announced that not only have the governments of the United States and of Britain reached an understanding in Washington on the program which will be discussed at the forthcoming British-American conference on refugee problems, but that they expect the collaboration also of other members of the United Nations as well as of neutral governments. The place where the British-American conference will be held as well as the names of the participants will be announced shortly, Viscount Cranborne stated.

Wants Neutral Ships Chartered to Carry Refugees to America

The Archbishop of Canterbury suggested in his appeal that neutral ships be chartered to carry the refugees from Nazi-held territories to American ports or to British overseas colonies. He also suggested that ships coming from America with troops and supplies could carry refugees on their return voyage. At the same time he recommended that a special high commissioner be appointed to supervise the work of rescuing European Jews.

Viscount Cranborne replied that it would be a mistake to over-emphasize the Jewish side of the refugee tragedy because Czechs, Poles and people of other nationalities are suffering equally. The House of Lords adopted a motion expressing fullest support of the Government in any steps it may take to aid Jews and other victims in occupied countries.

The Archbishop of Canterbury read to the House a message received by wire from a country bordering on Germany, revealing that more than 15,000 Berlin Jews were sent to internment camps between February 26 and March 2, and all the remaining Jews were to be deported from the Reich by March 15. The message also stated that 17,000 Jews were deported from Holland during the month of January.

The importance of facilitating the emigration of the 4,000 Jewish refugee children and 500 adults from Bulgaria to Palestine was particularly stressed by the Archbishop in his address. He also demanded that Britain ease its immigration regulations so as to allow the entry "of all who are able to come, especially the parents of soldiers now serving in the British forces."

BRITISH LEADERS WANT EFFECTIVE ACTION FROM ANGLO-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES

LONDON, March 23.(JTA)-- Pointing out that the British Government must remember that there is no such thing as "preliminary extermination," the Manchester Guardian, leading British newspaper, today published a demand that the forthcoming British-American conference on saving Jews and others from Nazi extermination should not restrict its activities to "preliminary exploration" only, as stipulated in the note sent by the U.S. Secretary of State to the British Government in which the conference was suggested.

The paper refers to a cable signed by British parliamentarians of all parties, by Lord Mayors, labor leaders, scientists, educators and religious leaders - including the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York - sent yesterday to Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in Washington, calling for "immediate and bold measures" to rescue Jews from Nazi extermination. It emphasizes that the British-American conference "must act with extreme urgency."

"Opinion on this problem, both throughout the country and among members of Parliament, is far ahead of that held by the Government," the Manchester Guardian writes. "If the refugees were British or Americans we would regard the difficulties as something which must be overcome. It is that spirit that we need, and the Government ought to apply, in admitting refugees and in taking them out through Russia, the Balkans and Turkey to Palestine."

The cable sent yesterday to Mr. Eden was a result of a conference which members of parliament representing all three parties held in the House of Commons for the purpose of pressing the British Government for more effective action to save the European Jews. The cable read: "With reference to the forthcoming Anglo-American conference on the massacres of Jews and others by the Nazis, we assure you of the fullest support of public opinion in this country for treating the problem as one of extreme urgency calling for immediate and bold measures of rescue. The British conscience is so deeply stirred that the country is prepared for any sacrifice consistent with not delaying victory. We hope that the great opportunity afforded by your visit may be used for the speedy achievement of definite results."

MANY JEWISH WRITERS AND ARTISTS RECEIVE STALIN PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING WORK

MOSCOW, March 23.(JTA)-- The names of many Jewish artists and writers are included in the list of winners of Stalin prizes for 1942, which is published in Izvestia today.

Among those honored are Prof. David Oistrakh, famous violinist; sculptor Lazar Matiser for his statue of the heroic partisan girl "Tanya;" scenario writer Gabrilovich and director Reizeman for the motion picture "Mashenka;" cameraman Chaim Uchitel for his filming of the "Battle for Leningrad;" and many others.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT SPONSORS VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF 2,000 PALESTINE JEWS

JERUSALEM, March 23.(JTA)-- Vocational training courses for more than 2,000 Jewish men and women between the ages of 18 and 45 opened today in Tel Aviv and Haifa. The Palestine Government is helping to defray the expenses of the project by contributing \$20 and \$32, monthly, to the salaries of unmarried and married instructors, respectively. The plans for the courses were prepared by the Palestine Government. Classes for Arabs will be opened soon.

RED CROSS RETURNS LETTERS SENT TO JEWS IN WARSAW GHETTO

JERUSALEM, March 23.(JTA)-- Many letters sent by Palestine Jews to relatives in the Warsaw ghetto through the International Red Cross, today were returned with an inscription reading "Not Delivered; Addressee Could Not Be Traced."

The activities of Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Moshe Shertok in the United States in connection with proposals to transfer Jews from Europe to Palestine as well as other problems concerning Palestine are being watched here with intense interest, especially since the arrival of Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, in Washington. It was revealed here today that the executive of the Jewish Agency is considering holding weekly sessions in connection with the activities of the leaders of the Agency in America.

ANTI-SEMITIC CHURCH ORGAN IN CLEVELAND ATTACKS ROOSEVELT, BRITAIN AND JEWS

CLEVELAND, March 23.(JTA)-- Strong anti-Administration, anti-British and anti-Jewish sentiments are expressed in the "Einwanderers Freund," monthly organ of the port mission of the Evangelical Reformed Church in the United States, published here by the Central Publishing House. Paul H. Land, port missionary, is editor.

The anti-Semitic publication, which enjoys second-class mailing privileges, attacks President Roosevelt, doubts the authenticity of war communiques and is filled with outbursts against the Jews. "If we win the war, the Jew and the Bolshevik wins the peace," the paper states in one of its issues. It also declares that "our good Americans will be sorry one day that they have opened their doors wide to these haggling Jews."

Emulating the Nazi propaganda line that the Jews are responsible for the war, the publication writes: "But, in this country too, people begin to grumble. People are unnerved by the rationing, and added to it is an evergrowing hatred of the Jews who are generally assumed to be responsible for the pushing of our country into the war."

ANTI-SEMITISM NOT SUCCESSFUL IN SLOVAKIA, NAZI PRESS COMPLAINS

ZURICH, March 23.(JTA)-- "Anti-Jewish action in Slovakia is not meeting with the expected success," Nazi newspapers reaching here today complain. The Guardista, organ of the anti-Semitic Hlinka Guard in Slovakia, states that there are still firms where Jews are considered economically indispensable.

LABOR ZIONISTS CALL CONVENTION TO CONSIDER POST-WAR PROBLEMS, PALESTINE

NEW YORK, March 23.(JTA)-- Plans for the post-war world, immediate rescue of European Jewry, and reconstruction of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth will be the major topics of the Extraordinary Convention of the American Labor Zionist movement, which will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, beginning Friday, March 26, through Sunday, March 28, it was announced here today.

The Convention will be attended by 1,000 delegates from the United States and Canada, representing the five constituent national organizations composing the Labor Zionist movement; the Poale Zion-Zeire Zion, Jewish National Workers' Alliance, Pioneer Women's Organization, League for Labor Palestine, and Haborim Labor Zionist Youth. Papers on the situation of the Jews throughout the world today will be presented at special sessions on Saturday by prominent authorities on Jewish Affairs.