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SECRETARY HULL PROMISES CONSIDERATION OF A PLAN TO SAVE JEWS OF EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.(JTA)-- Secretary of State Cordell Hull today assured a Jewish delegation that the United States Government will give immediate consideration to a plan which provides that governments of Nazi-satellite countries be approached to permit their Jews to emigrate.

The plan was submitted to Secretary Hull by a delegation representing the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe. The delegation, led by Dean Alfange, noted leader of the American Labor Party, urged that the U.S. Government take the initiative in creating an official agency of experts charged with the task of rescuing the Jews from Nazi-Europe. The necessity of separating the Jewish problem from the general refugee problem was also emphasized in the appeal which the Jewish delegation made to the Secretary of State.

Secretary Hull assured the delegation that travel priorities as well as diplomatic aid will be extended to representatives to be sent by the Emergency Committee to Turkey, the Middle East and Spain for the purposes of negotiating with neutral governments through whom any emigration of Jews from the satellite countries must be effected.

JEWS IN GALICIA FEAR MASSACRES ON JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAYS; ONLY FEW THOUSAND LEFT

GENEVA, Aug. 12.(JTA)-- The few thousand Jews left alive by the Nazis in Galicia as "useful workers" are living in constant dread that they will be massacred during the Jewish High Holidays which occur at the end of next month, it is reported by Polish Jews who succeeded in escaping this week into Rumania and Hungary.

The reports which reached here today say that the fear of the Jews in Galicia is based on the experiences of the last two years, when Jews were unharmed by the Nazis until Passover, when they were killed in the tens of thousands. On subsequent holidays, the massacres were repeated.

At present there are only several thousand Jews left in the Galician section of Poland. They are all confined to labor camps near Lwow, Bochnia, Drohobidz, Stanislawow and Tarnopol.

The first mass-killings of Jews in Galicia started on Passover, 1942. There was relative calm after this till the Jewish High Holidays in autumn, during which 12,000 Jews were executed in Stanislawow, 2,000 in Kossow and 20,000 in Horodenko, Zabolotow and Kutu. After these horrible pogroms, there was another peaceful lull until Passover, 1943, when the Nazis renewed the mass-executions. In on day 8,000 Jews were massacred in Sniatyn, where all Jews from neighborhood townships were concentrated. There were only 700 Jews left alive in the whole of the Sniatyn district who were forced to work in German enterprises as specialists. But on Shebuoth, 1943, these too were killed.

TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS SENTENCED IN PALESTINE FOR SMUGGLING ARMS FOR JEWS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12.(JTA)-- Two English soldiers were sentenced here today to fifteen years imprisonment each on the charge that they helped a Jewish group bring arms to Palestine illegally.

AMERICANS URGED TO APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT AGAINST BANNING DISCUSSIONS ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12. (JTA)-- Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York today issued a statement calling upon the American people to protest to President Roosevelt and to Prime Minister Winston Churchill against a reported contemplated move on the part of the American and British Governments to silence all discussions of Jewish aspirations to Palestine and thus "smash the hope" of turning Palestine into a haven for persecuted Jews of Europe.

Declaring that he had learned from thoroughly reliable sources that such a joint American-British statement will be issued soon, the Jewish congressman said that this statement is being prepared in an effort to appease the Arabs. "The statement will be an implied but nonetheless conclusive acceptance of the MacDonald White Paper of 1939, which limited Jewish immigration into Palestine to 75,000 for a 5-year period," Congressman Celler explained. "Only 29,000 certificates of entrance into Palestine remain unused of that 5-year quota, and most of these will be limited to children.

"Even more alarming," said Celler, "is the accompanying information that the joint statement will be issued with the knowledge and consent of the President. In the name of expediency and appeasement, under the shallow pretense of military and political necessity, Palestine as a homeland for the Jews becomes the 'Lost Atlantic' of a helpless, hopeless, unwanted people."

Role of Palestine Jews in Present War Cited

Celler contrasted the role played by the Arabs and the Jews in the present war. He said "the Arabs of Egypt, Syria, Irak and Iran, far from being neutral, were actually hostile, easy prey to the foul noises of German propaganda." In contrast he cited the record of Jewish soldiers, military doctors, nurses and workers.

"Yet," he continued, "such has been the reward of the Jews that Arab appeasement is placed above Jewish honor. In Algiers another cruel blow is struck by Gen. Giraud's abrogation of the Cremieux decree, depriving the Algerian Jews of French citizenship." Celler expressed the view that the British had made up their minds regarding Palestine and that only President Roosevelt could bring about a change. He appealed to the President to convince Churchill that the White Paper be repealed and the original Balfour Declaration put into execution.

To foreclose discussion of further Jewish immigration into Palestine, said Celler, would doom to failure the forthcoming intergovernmental conference on refugees, and would "make us co-conspirators in the violation of international decency and honor." Unless Britain can be persuaded to open Palestine at once to mass Jewish immigration, Celler said, "Europe will become a massive Jewish sepulchre."

Charging that a number of inspired articles have recently appeared in the American press designed to prepare the public for the joint declaration, Celler declared that King Ibn Saud's outburst against Zionism was part of the campaign. He also recalled to Churchill that latter's statement in 1939 in Parliament declaring that the White Paper, insofar as it contained the provision that Jewish immigration could be stopped in five years, was a breach of faith by Britain.

DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC TAKES DAILY TOLL OF FIFTY JEWISH CHILDREN IN NAZI CAMP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.(JTA)-- A recent diphtheria epidemic in the Vught concentration camp in Holland where Jews are held pending deportation to Eastern Europe resulted in the death of fifty Jewish children a day, a report reaching the Netherlands Information Office in London said.

As reported today by the Office of War Information, this account said that many other Jews were dying of illness because there were not enough physicians in the camp and that undernourishment also was raising the mortality rate.

When an internee dies, the report continued, relatives are told that the ashes of the deceased will be available a week later on payment of 60 guilders. If the relatives come to Vught they are given some ash shovelled up from a large heap of remains of the cremated internees.

STUDENTS IN MANCHESTER COLLEGE ADOPT DECISION TO CURB ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Aug. 12.(JTA)-- The students' union of the Manchester College of Technology today adopted a rule penalizing any member responsible for anything calculated to foster, or encourage anti-Semitism on the college premises.

The rule provides that in case of a second offense, the maximum penalty of immediate expulsion from the union is to be applied. Expression of personal opinions in private conversation is not considered a violation, if there is no intent to contravene the rule.

JEWISH WOMAN DESCRIBES FOUR-DAY EXTERMINATION OF JEWS IN RADOM GHETTO

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.(JTA)-- An eye-witness account of Nazi atrocities on Jews in the Radom ghetto which was "liquidated" by the German occupational authorities in Poland, was released today by the American Representation of Polish Jewry which is affiliated with the World Jewish Congress. The report comes from a Jewish woman who spent three years in Poland under the Nazis and succeeded in escaping at the end of 1942.

"On a Sunday shortly before my escape," the woman testified, "the inhabitants of the ghetto were in the streets, for Sunday was a day of rest and the factories were closed. Suddenly they noticed that Germans had arrived and had set up great searchlights in the middle of the streets. Among the numerous Gestapo men there was a lot of unusual activity. The ghetto was seized with panic. There were those who said that it was now our turn, for we knew what had been happening in other towns. But no one wanted to believe this. A little group of people got out of the ghetto and hid in the factories where they were employed. After a few hours, permission to leave the ghetto was denied. A ring of German gendarmes guarded all the street exits.

"At eight o'clock a military guard arrived in the ghetto. At one in the morning all the street lamps were turned off at once. A cannonade began and terrifying whistles were heard. I and several other Jews were hidden in the factory where I worked. I knew nothing of what was happening, I heard only shouts and shots.

"The screams were so terrifying that we, who were hidden, felt we would go out of our minds. This went on for some hours. When all was quiet we asked

the Polish watchman to go as near as possible to the ghetto and find out what had happened. When he returned he said the Germans were not letting anybody inside.

"At dawn, through chinks in the window shutters, we saw the Germans driving crowds of Jews along. It was a terrible sight - women, children, men, driven like cattle towards the railway station. Among them I saw my own sister. I saw a German tear her two-year old child out of her arms and fling him away. Those who could not run were shot through the head.

Nazis Don't Permit Identification of Bodies of Jews

"My factory was not far from the station. I saw the Jews packed into trucks, and they were ordered to throw out the bundles they had taken with them. This went on until seven a.m. The trucks were sealed and left standing. All day it was quiet, but at midnight it began again. This extermination of the Jews at Radom went on for four days. The bundles of things were carried off to special warehouses. Those shot were buried in a common grave in the park. There were 400 killed altogether.

"The Germans did not permit anyone to identify the bodies - so to this day no one knows who was shot. I myself do not know what happened to my sister and brother-in-law and their children. Among those driven off were members of the Jewish Council.

"After the deportation of the Jews the two old ghettos were closed down. The remaining 3,500 Jews were transferred to two small streets, Zytia and Brudna. It is difficult to describe the conditions in which these Jews lived. They were compelled to work twelve hours a day. The Germans stopped calling us by our names, and referred to us by numbers. Woe unto him who failed to answer to his number. I did not work long in these conditions. I found a means of escaping. I must add that during the period of the deportations many Jews fled to the forest and joined the Polish underground organization."

ORDER BRITH ABRAHAM SETS THIRTY-DAY MOURNING PERIOD FOR JEWS MASSACRED IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.(JTA)-- Herman Hoffman, Grand Master of the Independent Order of Brith Abraham, announced today that he had proclaimed a thirty-day mourning period among members in protest of the "ruthless murder" of Jews in Nazi-dominated Europe.

Mr. Hoffman, who is president of the New York County Criminal Court Bar Association, said 400 lodges with 100,000 members will join in the observance. He also said a telegram has been sent to President Roosevelt urging him to make a special broadcast to the world "if these ruthless murders do not cease."

YUDELEVITZ, ZIONIST PIONEER AND AUTHOR, DIES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12.(JTA)-- One of the few survivors among the Bilu pioneers of Palestine passed away today in the death of David Yudelevitz, who died at Rishon Le-Zion today. He was eighty years old.

Yudelevitz, who was one of the founders of the colony of Zichron Yaakov, came to Palestine with the first wave of Bilu settlers. Since 1886 he had been engaged in teaching and journalism. He was a frequent contributor to Hebrew publications, the editor of the first children's magazine published in Palestine and the author of several Hebrew works. At his bedside in passing were a few of the remaining survivors of Bilu days.