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## HULL ISSUES MESSAGE OF HOPE TO JEWS ON ROSH HASHONAH; WALLACE BROADCASTS TO SOLDIERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.(JTA)-- The Jewish New Year 5704 will be ushered in tonight throughout the world in synagogues and temples, on the fighting fronts and in concentration camps in Europe where persecuted Jews will pray for the hour of their liberation.

Vice President Henry A. Wallace will broadcast a Rosh-Hashonah message to Jewish fighting men tonight from Washington. A message to the Jews of America issued by Secretary of State Cordell Hull, through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, reads:

"On the occasion of the celebration of the Jewish New Year I desire to extend my greetings to all Americans of the Jewish faith. It seems appropriate at this season to express again my constant sympathy with them in their sorrow over those of their religion who still live and die in the deep shadow of persecution. It is also appropriate at this time for us to rejoice together over the world's quickening hope for the dawn of a new year in which we may realize peace at last for all the great brotherhood of mankind."

Pointing out that in the Jewish year now ended, one-third of the Jews of Europe have perished, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared in a New Year's message that while the major crime is that of "Hitler and his fellow-gangsters," the civilized world is not wholly without blame. He asserted that the United Nations might have saved many from death "if they had cared or dared to intervene," and expressed the hope that "it may not be too late to save numbers of those who can yet be saved."

Governor Thomas E. Dewey, in a message to the Jews, said: "The celebration of Rosh Hashonah has a particular significance to the Jewish people this year 5704. They, of all the peoples and religious faiths of the world, were the first victims of the Nazi-Fascist assault upon mankind. It was early recognized by those with foresight that the persecution of the Jews was but the preliminary to the assault upon the whole civilized Western world by the atavistic bestiality of Hitler. The world has since learned the basic truth of that foresight."

Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O., issued a Rosh Hashonah greeting through the Jewish Labor Committee, expressing the hope that "this new Jewish year may see the coming of that peace for which we all labor and serve. May this be the year of the last battle in the war in which the Jews were the first casualties."

The World Council for the Four Freedoms, embracing many non-Jews and religious leaders of other faiths, said in its message: "It should be reassuring

and hopeful to realize that an increasing force of Christian public opinion is being created and implemented to help not only the suffering millions of Jews but also to help assure for the days to come a world order in which Israel together with every other people may enjoy complete security and take its place in the household of nations as an equal in every respect."

Junior Hadassah cabled a special Rosh Hashonah contribution of \$10,000 to the Children's Village of Meier Shfeyah, near Haifa, to help expand its facilities and to meet the wartime cost of living. The grain crops of the village were spoiled by excessive rainfall, cutting off an important source of income, it was said.

The American Federation for Polish Jews has sent an appeal to the Rabbis all over the country, asking that they dedicate an appropriate part of their sermons during the coming Holy Days, to the tragedy of Polish Jewry.

#### Jews in Polish Armed Forces Greeted by Commander-in-Chief

LONDON, Sept. 29. (JTA)-- Greetings to Jewish soldiers in the Polish armed forces were issued here today, on the occasion of Rosh Hashonah, by Gen. Kazmierz Sosnkowski, Polish Commander-in-Chief, and Gen. Marjan Kukiel, Polish War Minister. A message of encouragement to the remnants of the Jews in occupied Poland was also issued by Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, Jewish member of the Polish National Council.

In his message to the Jewish servicemen, Gen. Kukiel emphasized "that a spirit of comradeship and brotherhood must prevail among the Polish soldiers irrespective of their origin and religion. Any appearance of religious and racial intolerance would be opposed to the law and to the service regulations." Gen. Sosnkowski in his message pointed out that he "often expressed horror and condemnation of the inhuman brutalities inflicted by the German invader upon the Jewish population in Poland."

In a broadcast tonight to the people of occupied Czechoslovakia, Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, appealed to all Czechs and Slovaks to be of aid to the persecuted Jews. "Every nation is judged according to its attitude towards the Jews," the Minister said in his broadcast. "I should like us to be able to say to our children and to the whole world after the war that we helped the Jews with all our strength and have remained decent even under German horror."

#### Palestine Rosh-Hashonah Message Urges Democracies to Save Jews in Europe

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA)-- The governments of the democratic countries were again reminded today, on the occasion of the Jewish New Year, that they must act immediately to save European Jews from the Nazis. In a Rosh Hashonah proclamation issued today by the Jewish National Council of Palestine, it was emphasized that "the Jews of Palestine do not cease to summon democracies to aid Jews in occupied countries and have also summoned themselves for special rescue action."

The proclamation speaks of the Jewish war contribution to the Allied cause and expresses the belief that "Hitler's complete downfall will take place during the coming Jewish year."

Chief Rabbi Herzog, in a Rosh Hashonah message, addressed "to the Jews all over the world," calls for Jewish unity and for renewed Jewish faith and courage in the coming year. "Special Divine Providence has manifested itself in the miraculous escape of Eretz Israel from the horrors of war," the message says, expressing the hope that the Jews will be rehabilitated in the countries where they are now suffering and that "international recognition will be achieved for Israel's divine historic right to the land of our fathers."

ARAB LEADERS TO RESUME TALKS ON PAN-ARAB FEDERATION; WASHINGTON'S VIEWS AWAITED

CAIRO, Sept. 29. (JTA)-- The exploratory conversations with regard to the formation of a pan-Arab Federation which were initiated by the Egyptian Premier Mustafa Nahas Pasha, will be resumed in Cairo next week with the arrival here of a Syrian delegation headed by the Premier of Syria, it was learned here today.

The return to Cairo of a special Egyptian mission which just visited King Ibn Saud in Saudi-Arabia for the purpose of explaining to him the advantages of the establishment of a pan-Arab Federation is also expected within the next few days. It is understood that Ibn Saud, "the strong man of Arabia," did not modify his opposition to the idea of creating a pan-Arab Federation, but expressed no objection to modified objectives. The position of King Ibn Saud is expected to be considerably influenced by the outcome of the talks in Washington next week between President Roosevelt and Emir Feisal, the son of Ibn Saud, who is due to arrive in the United States at the end of this week.

The question of Palestine will naturally be among the problems which will come up at the resumed conversations here next week between the leaders of the various Arab countries. It is believed that the idea of forming a pan-Arab Federation will not meet with any success since it involves partial surrender of sovereignty. Instead, a basis will be sought for the creation of a homogenous block of Arab countries to secure concerted action on questions affecting all Arab states.

The Arab News Agency today reported that Egypt is preparing to turn large parts of the Sinai desert into cultivatable land through a special irrigation scheme. The land lying between the Suez Canal and the Eastern frontier will be irrigated from dams and reservoirs which will be built by the Egyptian Government, the report said.

BULGARIA TAKING CENSUS OF JEWS; SOFIA MUNICIPALITY BUYS CONFISCATED JEWISH PROPERTY

ZURICH, Sept. 29. (JTA)-- A special census of all Jews remaining in Bulgaria has been proceeding this month, it is reported in Sofia papers reaching here today. The Commissioner for Jewish Affairs has instructed the police to take action against any Jew who does not fill out the prescribed census forms during September.

The papers also report that the Sofia municipal council has purchased from the national government several buildings which were confiscated from Jews deported several months ago.

The crushing defeat the Nazis are suffering in Russia and their reverses in Italy are tempering the severity with which Hungary deals with the Jews. Budapest papers received here today report that the Court of Appeals this week reversed the jail sentence imposed upon a Jewish mechanic convicted of "race pollution" and declared that a fine was sufficient punishment for the offense. This is the first time that a Jew accused of this "crime" has not been jailed in Hungary.

HISTADRUTH PROTESTS SLIGHTING REFERENCES BY PROSECUTOR IN ARMS TRIAL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA)-- The Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor, today addressed a strongly-worded communication to Palestine High Commissioner Sir Harold MacMichael, protesting against the references to "Nazi-like discipline" in the Histadruth made by Major Baxter, the prosecutor in the recently concluded arms trial. The protest pointed to the contribution members of the labor body have made to the Allied war effort and to the restraint they have exercised over a period of years during which numerous Jews were attacked and killed. The Histadruth requested that Sir Harold forward its communication to the Colonial Office in London.

4,000,000 JEWS IN EUROPE AMONG "TRANSPLANTED, DEPORTED OR DISPERSED" IN EUROPE

MONTREAL, Sept. 29. (JTA)-- More than 23,000,000 men, women and children, including over 4,000,000 Jews, were "transplanted, deported, or dispersed" in Europe between June, 1941 and the beginning of this year, according to an estimate in an exhaustive study of the displacement of European populations published by the International Labor Office here today.

The study was prepared for the International Labor Office by Professor Eugene M. Kulischer of New York in consultation with Pierre Waelbroeck, chief of the Labor Conditions, Employment and Migration Section of the I.L.O. It estimates that more than thirty million persons have been torn from their homes and their native soil in Europe since the beginning of the war. This figure does not include millions of Europeans who, without having left their native countries, are not living at home because they have been conscripted for labor service or because of evacuations from bombed cities and coastal defense areas.

The study points out that international organization will be required to overcome the tremendous difficulties which repatriation efforts will meet in a shattered Europe after the war. The problem of resettlement cannot, however, be wholly solved by European measures, Prof. Kulischer says. Many Europeans, he predicts, will be induced by various reasons to emigrate overseas after the war.

CANADIAN JEWS HOLD FIRST CONFERENCE ON POST-WAR PROJECTS; DISCUSS IMMIGRATION

MONTREAL, Sept. 29. (JTA)-- The first national conference to discuss post-war plans of Canadian Jewry was held here today under the auspices of the social and economic research bureau of the Canadian Jewish Congress. A general plan was formulated for the rehabilitation of the over 11,000 Jewish servicemen and for the solution of a number of world Jewish problems, including Jewish immigration into Canada.

The "festering sore" of anti-Semitism which is spreading across Canada was given close attention at today's session of the national public relations committee, which consists of representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith.

The race riots in Plage Laval and the anti-Semitic campaign that is being waged against the building of a synagogue in the city of Quebec were specific instances mentioned. A committee was appointed to study ways and means of combatting the spread of anti-Semitism.

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF SEMITICS

MELBOURNE, Australia, Sept. 29. (JTA)-- The Council of the University of Melbourne is considering the establishment of a Department of Semitics, it was learned here today. The Dean of the University is understood to have recommended to the Council that such a department be set up. At present the university authorities are exploring the possibilities of securing sufficient endowments to finance the department.

BECAUSE OF ROSH HASHONAH THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON MONDAY