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RESCUE OF SURVIVING JEWS OF EUROPE PROPOSED IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.(JTA)-- Creation of a commission to draw up "a plan of immediate action designed to save the surviving Jewish people of Europe from extinction at the hands of Nazi Germany," was urged today by a bi-partisan group of Congressmen in a resolution introduced simultaneously in both Houses.

Senator Guy M. Gillette, Iowa Dem., introduced the resolution in the Senate for Sens. Allen S. Ellender, La. Dem.; Homer Ferguson, Mich. Rep.; Joseph F. Gufey, Pa. Dem.; Edwin C. Johnson, Colo. Dem.; James E. Murray, Mont. Dem.; George L. Radcliffe, Md. Dem.; Elbert Thomas, Utah Dem.; Robert A. Taft, Ohio Rep.; and Frederick Van Nuys, Ind. Dem. Rep. Will Rogers, Jr., Calif. Dem., and Rep. Joseph Clark Baldwin, N.Y. Rep., introduced the resolution in the House. The resolution says:

"Whereas the Congress of the United States, by concurrent resolution adopted on March 10 of this year, expressed its condemnation of Nazi Germany's mass murder of Jewish men, women, and children, a mass crime which has already exterminated close to two million human beings, about thirty percent of the total Jewish population of Europe, and which is growing in intensity as Germany approaches defeat; and;

"Whereas the American tradition of justice and humanity dictates that all possible means be employed to save from this fate the surviving Jews of Europe, some four million souls who have been rendered homeless and destitute by the Nazis; therefore be it resolved, that the Congress of the United States recommends and urges the creation by the President of a commission of diplomatic, economic and military experts to formulate and effectuate a plan of immediate action designed to save the surviving Jewish people of Europe from extinction at the hands of Nazi Germany."

JEWSH RELIEF UNITS TO FOLLOW ARMIES INTO LIBERATED AREAS PLANNED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9.(JTA)-- Plans for bringing immediate aid to Jews in liberated European countries were discussed here today at a joint meeting of representatives of the Jewish Agency and of other leading relief organizations with the participation of Prof. Norman Bentwich who represented the Board of Deputies of British Jews of London. Dr. J.L. Magnes also participated.

The meeting placed particular stress on the necessity of immediately mobilizing fully equipped relief units to follow the victorious Allied armies into liberated territories. The units are to consist of physicians, nurses, social workers and personnel competent to deal with the needs of the Jews in these territories.

United Nations Relief Parley Will Not Discuss Immediate Aid

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.(JTA)-- President Roosevelt made clear in a speech today that he does not expect the meeting of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, which begins tomorrow at Atlantic City, to take up immediate relief for German occupied Europe. He quoted from the preamble of the UNRRA agreement, signed by spokesmen for the 44 nations, which precludes action in enemy-controlled territory.

EXILED BULGARIAN JEWS PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES FOR TEN DAYS

ZURICH, Nov. 9.(JTA)-- The reappearance on the streets of Sofia of many Jews who were deported from the city to other parts of Bulgaria and the consequent protests from pro-Nazi elements in the Bulgarian capital evoked an "explanation" over the Sofia radio today.

The broadcast "explained" that the returning Jews are permitted to remain in the city no more than ten days. They have been given permission to come to Sofia for the purpose of selling the movable property which they left behind in their homes when they were expelled, the official announcement said. "those who remain in the capital for more than ten days will be arrested by the police and sent to forced residence," it added.

The Sofia radio also announced that the permission given to expelled Jews to return to sell their possessions should not be interpreted to mean that the government intends to ease the anti-Jewish regulations. It emphasized that the Jews must deposit with state banks all the proceeds they receive from the sale of their property. It reiterated the statement made recently by the Bulgarian Minister of Interior that "no modifications of the laws against Jews are contemplated."

15,000 DUTCH JEWS BEING SHELTERED BY CHRISTIANS TO PREVENT THEIR DEPORTATION

GENEVA, Nov. 9.(JTA)-- An estimated 15,000 fugitive Dutch Jews are being sheltered in homes of Christians, to prevent their deportation from the country, according to private advices received here today. The report states that the Nazi police are combing the country for the Jews and are severely punishing persons in whose homes they are found. It also confirms that the Jewish council of Amsterdam has been dissolved and all its members deported.

The Nieuw Rotterdamsche Courant, a German newspaper published in Rotterdam, reports that damage by vandals to homes formerly occupied by Jews in Amsterdam has been so great that the municipal council has authorized the expenditure of funds necessary to block windows and doors. Stone taken from areas bombed by the Nazis in 1940 when they invaded Holland will be used.

NAZIS, FEARING ROUT IN FRANCE, SELL STOLEN JEWISH PROPERTY

LONDON, Nov. 9.(JTA)-- In fear that they will be forced to hurriedly evacuate France in the not too far distant future, members of the German occupation forces are selling property seized from Jews, it is reported in the French underground newspaper, La Voix du Nord, a copy of which was received here today.

Other reports reaching here from France disclose that the Gestapo has assumed supervision of all matters concerning Jews. German officials have replaced French authorities in dealing with Jewish affairs. As a result, the persecution of the Jews has been intensified, with alien Jews and those naturalized since 1927 being the principal sufferers. Most of the aliens have been sent to the Drancy concentration camp, near Paris, which is now ruled by members of the Elite Guard.

A recent attack on a German soldier in Clermont-Ferrand, Pierre Laval's hometown, resulted in all foreign Jews in the city and some native Jews, including a university professor and 45 students, being shipped to Drancy.

CONSERVATIVE RABBIS LAUDED FOR WAIVING EXEMPTION FROM MILITARY SERVICE

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.(JTA)-- Conservative rabbis who have waived their right to exemption from service in the U.S. armed forces, to which they are entitled as clergymen under the Selective Service Law, and have entered the army and the navy as chaplains under a self-imposed "draft" system, were lauded last night at a dinner meeting concluding an all-day conference of Jewish chaplains held at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Declaring that the voluntary "draft system" imposed by the Conservative rabbis upon themselves is "unique and unprecedented in the history of the nation," Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Seminary, read to the chaplains a resolution adopted by the Conference of the Jewish Theological Seminary on Sunday expressing its appreciation to the Rabbinical Assembly of America for its action to secure a maximum number of Army and Navy chaplains among its members.

"By unanimous consent and special resolve all members of the Rabbinical Assembly of military age have placed themselves at the service of their country and sixty of these men are now serving in all war theatres, overseas and in camps throughout the land," the resolution said. "The Conference extends its greetings to these chaplains. We commend them for the sacrifices which they are so gladly making in order to minister to our valiant men in the armed forces." The sixty Conservative rabbis, members of the Rabbinical Assembly, form about one third of the total of nearly 200 Jewish chaplains now on active duty in the U.S. armed services.

President of Rabbinical Assembly Reviews "Lottery" Draft System

Rabbi Louis Levitsky of Newark, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, reviewed the operation of the draft system. "The lottery plan," he declared, "has been in force since February 1942 when an extraordinary convention, attended by about 80 percent of the organization's 328 members, was summoned to consider the most democratic method of providing chaplains. It was agreed at that meeting that every member of the Rabbinical Assembly must give up his right of exemption or deferment to which he was entitled as a clergyman under the Selective Service Law.

"We appointed a nine-man Board of Chaplaincy Availability to determine the order in which members would be called to the services. It was decided at this conference that the procedures would apply to all rabbis between the ages of 25 and 45 who could meet the physical requirements of the Army and the Navy, and a covenant was made by each member that none would seek deferment or exemption on any grounds of indispensibility whatever. Of the total of 162 members under 45 in the manpower pool, 150 have been called to date. All who could pass the physical examinations of the Army and Navy are now in the service."

All Jewish applicants for the chaplaincy, Rabbi Levitsky pointed out, are examined by the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board whose ecclesiastical endorsement of a candidate for the chaplaincy is required by the War and Navy Departments. The committee consists of 21 rabbis representing the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform groups.

ARABS IN BERLIN "OBSERVE" BALFOUR DAY; EX-MUFTI PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

ZURICH, Nov. 9.(JTA)-- Balfour Day was marked in Berlin at a protest meeting arranged by pro-Nazi Arabs, the official German news agency, DNB, reports today. DNB says the meeting was held in the "Central Islamic Institute" and was addressed by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and Rashid Ali el Galani, pro-Nazi premier of Iraq before he was driven from the country by British troops.

FRENCH PRESS IN CANADA OPPOSES NEW IMMIGRATION; CRITICIZES ADMITTANCE OF REFUGEES

MONTREAL, Nov. 9.(JTA)-- A section of the French press in Canada today started a campaign against the efforts of Jewish and non-Jewish groups in the country to have the doors of Canada opened to wider immigration. French newspapers in Quebec province go so far as to attack the recent decision of the Canadian Government to admit refugees who are stranded in Spain and in Portugal.

Government spokesmen today stated that Canadian officials in Lisbon are already examining the applications of refugees who wish to proceed to Canada. These applications, after being examined on the spot, will be transmitted to Ottawa for approval, after which regular immigration visas will be issued.

No restrictions will be made with regard to race, or religion, or profession in issuing the visas, it was emphasized. There is no limit on the number of visas to be issued in Spain and in Portugal. Preference will be given to families.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN CONVENTION DISCUSSES AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.(JTA)-- A discussion on the American Jewish Conference is expected to take place here tonight at the 17th triennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women meeting at the Drake Hotel.

Addressing the delegates from more than 200 sections throughout the country, Mrs. Maurice Goldman, president of the organization, said that "Jews of today must recapture the values for which Jews of old so firmly stood." Various aspects of the organization's participation in the war effort are being discussed by the convention, including rehabilitation of disabled soldiers, organization of war bond drives, blood donors and nursery schools.

The members of the Council purchased \$15,000,000 of war bonds in the second and third war loan campaigns, it was reported at the convention. At today's session Mrs. Albert J. May of New York reported on contemporary Jewish affairs. Mrs. Arthur Brin reported on international relations and peace.

MIZRACHI WOMEN'S CONVENTION DECIDES TO RAISE \$250,000 FOR VILLAGE IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.(JTA)-- The Mizrahi Women's Organization in convention here today adopted a resolution pledging itself to raise \$250,000 for the establishment of a "Mizrahi Children's Agricultural Village" in Palestine. The new settlement will house, educate and give agricultural training to 400 girls between the ages of 12 and 14. In order that work on the village may be started immediately, the Mizrahi Women today cabled \$75,000 to Palestine.

Other resolutions adopted by the convention today urge the United Nations to secure the immediate abrogation of the White Paper and full implementation of the Balfour Declaration, and criticize the American Jewish Committee for having "tragically impaired the already difficult position of Jews in Europe" by withdrawing from the American Jewish Conference.

A message from President Roosevelt, received by the convention yesterday, voices his grief and solicitude for the Jews of Axis-held Europe. The President's message said: "Once again I wish to express my own grief and solicitude for the Jewish populations suffering and dying under Axis tyranny. I congratulate your organization upon the efforts it is making to ameliorate the suffering and distress of those people. May your good work continue."