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JEWS OF PALESTINE "FIRMLY RESOLVED" NOT TO SURRENDER ARMS, BRITAIN WARNED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- The Jews of Palestine "are firmly resolved" not to disarm and not to allow themselves to be disarmed, the British and Palestine Governments were warned today by Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, addressing a special session of the city's municipal council attended by representatives of all Jewish institutions and organizations.

Rokach reviewed the attempts by the British Government to curtail Jewish rights, beginning with the White Paper of 1920 up to the recent search for arms in Ramath Hakovesh, which has precipitated the present tense situation. The meeting adopted a resolution which expressed sympathy with the settlers at the raided colony, demanded an end to arms searches and an investigation of those responsible, and pledged continued contribution to the war effort and friendship to the United Nations soldiers visiting Tel Aviv "despite disappointments." It was decided to send a delegation to the Palestine Government to submit the resolution.

In Jerusalem, it was announced that a nation-wide conference of Jewish workers would be held in Ramath Hakovesh on Sunday under the auspices of the Histadruth. Delegates from all unions, and from farmers, women's and youth organizations will be present. The Jewish community council of Jerusalem adopted a resolution protesting the Ramath Hakovesh incident.

U. S. Zionists Ask Ouster of Palestine Officials Responsible for Arms Searches

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- The American Zionist Emergency Council yesterday blamed the Palestine administration for the death of a Jewish colonist and the resulting disturbances in Tel Aviv and called for the removal of the officials responsible. The Council asserted that the demonstrations which have been taking place in Palestine are "the direct result of a series of increasingly provocative actions on the part of the Palestine administration" which reached their climax in a recent raid on the Jewish settlement of Ramat Hakovesh, where a Jewish settler was killed.

The Council called on the government to put an end to its arms searches in Jewish settlements. It declared that these searches and prosecutions had been started by the government to create an atmosphere in Palestine "calculated to provoke the Jews and ultimately to prejudice the cause of the Jewish National Home."

GREEKS BATTLING NAZIS TO SAVE 15,000 ATHENS JEWS FROM DEPORTATION

CAIRO, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- The fate of 15,000 Athens Jews rests on the outcome of a bitter struggle being waged between the Greek population, which is concealing the Jews, and the German occupation authorities who have ordered the arrest and deportation of every Jew in Greece, it was revealed here today by the Greek government-in-exile.

In an 8,000-word report describing the situation of the Jews in Greece the government describes how the population snatched the Jews from under the noses of the Gestapo and has so far concealed them successfully despite an intensive search by the Nazis. The report confirms that at least 50,000 of Salonika's 60,000 Jews have been

deported and that western Thrace and eastern Macedonia, which have been seized by the Bulgarians, are completely "judenrein" today.

The report says that a few weeks after Italy's capitulation, members of the special commission set up by Alfred Rosenberg, chief Nazi "race" theorist, to exterminate European Jewry arrived in Athens and demanded that Chief Rabbi Barzilai turn over to them a list of all Jews living in the Greek capital. Pleading that he needed at least three days to secure such a list, the Chief Rabbi utilized the delay to destroy all records of the Jewish community and then disappeared.

The three-day delay also gave Greek patriots time to spirit away most of the Jews in the city. Jewish families were dispersed and individual members were given shelter in the homes of non-Jews. Meanwhile, the patriots, aided by Greek civil and religious functionaries and by Greek police who were secret members of the resistance groups, prepared false identification cards for the Jews.

The Rosenberg commission took prompt counter-measures. They issued a decree warning Jews to return to their own homes and to report to the police in their home districts under penalty of death. They also warned the heads of families (non-Jewish) to notify the police of the identity of every non-member of the family residing in their homes. Heavy penalties, including death in some cases, were also provided for failure to report. But the German threats failed. Only 300 families reported to the police. Greek families adopted hundreds of Jewish children, passing them off as their own, while entire Jewish families were given refuge in homes in the countryside.

The report of the Greek Government hails Archbishop Chrysostomos and other members of the clergy for aiding the Jews and for intervening with the Germans in their behalf. It points out that the question of the Jews became a national issue and even the puppet premier was forced to protest to the Germans.

It tells of how in Salonika the Nazis succeeded in obtaining the Jewish community's lists and consequently were able to round-up most of the Jews. The Baron de Hirsch center was used as a deportation depot from which the arrested Jews were loaded into freight cars for shipment to eastern Europe. Hundreds of Greeks, the report discloses, were arrested and sent to concentration camps for attempting to aid the Salonika Jews. About 4,000 Salonika Jews escaped from the city and joined Greek liberation bands.

SWISS PAPER REPORTS 10,000 ITALIAN JEWS ARRESTED IN MILAN AND TURIN

ZURICH, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- Reports reaching the newspaper La Suisse from the Swiss border town of Chiasso on the Italian frontier state that 10,000 Jews have been arrested by the Germans in the industrial centers of Milan, Genoa and Turin. The arrested Jews, the report says, have been sent to concentration camps.

A report received here from Polish sources states that several hundred Jews are now working in labor camps in the Cracow district. The city of Cracow, this report says, has few Jews. Polish inhabitants of the city are being transferred to the Podgorze ghetto from which all Jews have been expelled.

Hungarian newspapers report that in his recent address in parliament concerning the number of Jews fleeing into Hungary, and emigrating from it, the Minister of the Interior asserted that 50 Jews are leaving for Palestine every month.

WEIZMANN WARNS OF ANTI-SEMITISM "IN UNEXPECTED QUARTERS"; VOICES CONFIDENCE IN FDR

LONDON, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- The people of the world seem less desirous of having the Jews for Allies than they were in 1917, Dr. Chaim Weizmann charged yesterday, addressing a meeting marking the 26th anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration. The Zionist leader said that "enemy propaganda has made inroads in even the most unexpected quarters," but expressed confidence that Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and other democratic statesmen will "end the sufferings of the Jews and establish them permanently in Palestine." Such a move would also further Arab independence, Dr. Weizmann added.

He declared further that "all our disasters are due to homelessness. This cannot continue if the promises of a better world are sincere." Viscount Cecil, former head of the British League of Nations Union and a one-time winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, also stated that the "Jewish question" will not be solved "until it is rid of statelessness." Other speakers who also stressed the necessity for the creation of a permanent Jewish homeland in Palestine were Col. Walter Elliot, Conservative M. P., and Sir Percy Harris, Liberal M. P. Sir Percy expressed the hope that "a place will be found at the peace table for Dr. Weizmann in order that the Jewish problem may not be forgotten."

JEWISH PRESS CONDEMNS MISTREATMENT OF JEWS BY POLES IN MEXICO REFUGEE CAMP

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency report concerning the mistreatment of Jewish refugees living in the Polish settlement of Santa Rosa in Mexico by the Poles has aroused a great deal of comment in the Jewish press.

The Forward, largest Jewish daily in the country, expresses dismay that neither the Polish embassy in Washington nor in Mexico City has taken action on the complaints of the Jewish settlers. It writes that "all liberals and democrats will take up the cudgels for a democratic and progressive Poland but not for a reactionary and anti-Semitic Poland." The Forward urges the Polish Government in London to make a thorough investigation of the incidents.

The Freiheit, Communist spokesman, charges that the anti-Semitic manifestations at the camp are evidence of the fact that "the present Polish Government is dreaming of the Poland of Pilsudski and Beck, of pogroms....and ghetto benches." Referring to the fact that the Santa Rosa camp is maintained with funds contributed by the United States, it says: "Every decent American should ask himself whether it is right that America should give lend-lease aid to the Polish Government which is responsible for such anti-Semitic terrorism?"

The Day charges that the Polish Government has never made any effort to stop anti-Semitic activities, such as the publication of anti-Jewish Polish newspapers in London and the discrimination against Polish-Jewish soldiers in Russia and Iran. The government's conduct makes it clear that Jews cannot expect much from the present regime, the Day concludes.

DR. ALFRED KLEE, GERMAN-JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN CONCENTRATION CAMP IN HOLLAND

GENEVA, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- Dr. Alfred Klee, one-time vice-president of the Berlin Jewish community and a noted German Zionist leader, has died in the Westerbork concentration camp in Holland, according to advices received here. He was 68.

After establishing residence in Amsterdam, Dr. Klee took an active part in the affairs of the Netherlands Jewish community and was a member of the Jewish council in Amsterdam and, later, of the council established at the Westerbork camp. Born in Berlin, he joined the Zionist movement as a young man and was a collaborator of Theodore Herzl and other Zionist pioneers.

JUNIOR HADASSAH DEPLORES MOSCOW CONFERENCES FAILURE TO MENTION JEWS; HITS WHITE PAPER

CLEVELAND, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- The omission from the statement on atrocities in the Moscow pact of reference to the Jews as among the victims of Nazi mass executions was deplored here today by Naomi Chertoff of New York, national president of Junior Hadassah, the Young Women's Zionist Organization of America, at the opening session of the group's twentieth annual convention in the Hotel Statler.

Speaking to 500 delegates from 42 states, Miss Chertoff referred to "the torture, starvation and massacre of millions of Jews in Nazi-controlled lands" and said it was "incomprehensible that in a clear and forceful warning to punish the perpetrators of cruelties against peoples in lands occupied by the Nazis, the great powers should have overlooked the Jews, who have been and are being murdered not as nationals of this or that land but solely as Jews."

At a mass meeting this evening the delegates adopted a resolution condemning the British White Paper on Palestine as "legally and morally indefensible" and as a contradiction and violation of the Balfour Declaration. The meeting, at which representatives of twenty national and local youth organizations were guests, was dedicated to the fighting youth of the underground movements in Europe. The adoption of the resolution followed an address by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, co-chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

REVISIONIST LEADER SEES U. S. ENVOY IN TURKEY IN CONNECTION WITH RESCUE PLANS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- Dr. M. Altman, Revisionist leader, disclosed here that on his visit to Turkey in connection with attempts to remove Balkan Jews to Palestine he conferred with United States Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt and other Allied officials.

AWARDS FOR HEBREW AND YIDDISH LITERATURE ANNOUNCED

DETROIT, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- The Louis Lamed Literary Foundation here announced today its third annual awards for the best works of Hebrew and Yiddish literature published during 1942. The winners, each of whom received \$250, were B. Glazman, Yiddish novelist and short story writer, for his collection of short stories entitled "Fugitive and Wanderer"; I. J. Schwartz, Yiddish poet and translator, for his "Anthology of Hebrew Poetry"; Isaac Silberschlag, Hebrew poet, for his poems, entitled "Rise World in Song"; and Menachem Ribalov, Hebrew essayist and literary critic, for his book of essays "Letters and Scrolls".

HERMAN ULLSTEIN, FAMOUS GERMAN PUBLISHER, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- Funeral services were held here yesterday for Herman Ullstein, 68, one of the five brothers who owned the Ullstein Verlag, the largest and richest newspaper, magazine and book publishing concern in Germany. He died on Wednesday at his home in New York.

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION FIGURES SHOW INCREASE FOR 1943

OTTAWA, Nov. 25. (JTA)-- During the six months which ended September 30, Canada admitted 5,033 immigrants, an increase of 15.1 per cent over the 4,374 immigrants who entered the Dominion in the corresponding period of 1942, it was disclosed here.

Among the immigrants were a small number of Jewish refugees, according to the report, which was issued by the Department of Commerce.