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RESCUE MEASURES REJECTED BY BERMUDA CONFERENCE NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- There are encouraging indications that rescue measures which were demanded by Jewish agencies from the Bermuda Conference, and which apparently were rejected then, are now being undertaken, the American Jewish Conference announced today.

The statement issued by the Conference calls for "acceleration and intensification" of efforts to rescue the Jews of Europe. The statement is critical of Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long's report to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on measures since the Bermuda Conference. It declares that from Mr. Long's testimony and subsequent dispatches from London it was apparent that there was "inexcusable" confusion over the powers of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, and adds "the American Jewish Conference demands early clarification." The analysis of Mr. Long's testimony, issued by the Conference, also asserted that:

- 1) The country has been given an exaggerated impression of the number of Jewish refugees admitted into the United States.
- 2) The State Department is continuing to restrict immigration "to a figure far below that permitted by law, adhering to policies and procedures which cannot be defended."
- 3) Officials of the State Department, Mr. Long among them, still "purport, publicly at least, that the plight of the Jews in Hitler-occupied Europe is indistinguishable from the plight of all other peoples; notwithstanding Hitler's ruthless determination to exterminate all the Jews within his grasp."

"Mr. Long's testimony," the statement said, "can be read only with mixed feelings in which bewilderment and regret predominate over satisfaction. The figures given by Mr. Long, that 580,000 visas had been issued since the advent of Hitler, has resulted in the impression that this was the total number of Jews admitted. According to official figures of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in this period, the total number of Jews admitted was 166,843 under national quotas, and some 43,089 on emergency visas. Some of those are included in the earlier figure and not all of them were refugees." Mr. Long's contention that lack of shipping facilities was responsible for barring immigration was also challenged.

GERMAN PRESS CONFIRMS "LIQUIDATION" OF CRACOW GHETTO; ALL CRACOW JEWS DEPORTED

ZURICH, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- German newspapers reaching here today confirm the report that the German authorities in Cracow have "liquidated" the Jewish ghetto there and deported all the remaining Jews from the city.

The papers describe how the barbed wire fences were removed from the ghetto area after the city became "judenrein." They announce that the houses in which the Jews dwelt are being disinfected by the occupation authorities in order that non-Jews may move into them.

CONFISCATED PROPERTY OF ITALIAN JEWS IS WORTH TWELVE BILLION LIRE, NAZIS ESTIMATE

GENEVA, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The German radio today estimated that the property confiscated from Jews in the German-controlled part of Italy is worth twelve billion lire. The broadcast admitted that practically all the wealthy Jews in Italy have been arrested and forced to "confess" the exact amount of valuable property they possess.

BOLIVIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN U.S. URGES HIS GOVERNMENT TO REPUDIATE ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Enrique de Lozada, representative of the new Bolivian Government in Washington, today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he has not as yet received any reply to a request which he cabled to his government in La Paz, asking that it officially disavow the anti-Jewish doctrines advocated by the National Revolutionary Movement, the government party. He emphasized that he would resign as the representative of the Bolivian Government if the government refuses to comply with his demand.

"I want my government to utterly and completely repudiate any racial doctrine," Dr. Lozada said. "I consider that anti-Semitism is an entering wedge for Nazism, and I will resign at once if my demand is not met by my government."

Dr. Lozada is especially interested in securing clarification of the attitude of the new Bolivian regime towards Jews, since La Calle, the official organ of the new government party, has been carrying on anti-Jewish propaganda. He is also dissatisfied with the fact that a proclamation of the party, issued more than a year ago and containing anti-Jewish demands, was recently published in a pamphlet form by the present government officials.

Pointing out that the anti-Jewish section of the proclamation must be repudiated by the new Bolivian regime, Dr. Lozada said that the document asked for an end to Jewish immigration into Bolivia. "We denounce as against the interests of the nation any possible relation between international political parties and the operations of Judaism within the liberal democratic system and secret organizations," the proclamation stated.

New Government Party in Bolivia Definitely Anti-Jewish, Report Says

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Reports from Bolivia reaching here today establish that the National Revolutionary Movement, the new party which has come to power there, is strongly anti-Jewish and that its organ La Calle has been constantly attacking Jews.

One report says that members of the new government party, including the present Minister for Public Works, had on several occasions provoked anti-Jewish disturbances "and made efforts to organize pogroms against Jews which were, however, prevented by the authorities." Another report points to the fact that members representing the National Revolutionary Movement in the Bolivian parliament recently demanded adoption of a law providing for the expulsion of all Jewish taxi-drivers from the country. There are no more than ten Jewish taxi-drivers in Bolivia.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY WARNS AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM IN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

LONDON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Declaring that "for Christians, anti-Semitism is utterly abhorrent," the Archbishop of Canterbury in his annual Christmas message yesterday called on Christians to take the lead in "combatting the anti-Semitic virus" and to labor for "mutual adjustment."

The Archbishop said that anti-Semitism is "essentially a brutish, barbarous reaction to a primitive animal herd instinct." Pointing to "the persecution and mass-murder" in Germany, he asserted that "we can see what happens if this barbarous tendency is not suppressed."

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HUNGARIAN DEPUTIES CHARGED WITH TREASON FOR ESPOUSING RIGHTS OF JEWS

ISTANBUL, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Charges of treason have been levelled against three members of the Social Democratic Party in Hungary in retaliation for pro-Jewish demonstrations by party representatives in the Hungarian parliament, it was reported here today.

The report says that one of the three is Charles Peyer, the Hungarian deputy who recently demanded that the government publish a list of members of the cabinet and state under-secretaries who have been given land taken from Jews on the pretext that it would be awarded to wounded soldiers returning from the front.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND WACS MARK CHANUKAH AT SPECIAL SERVICES IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- American soldiers and trim-looking WAC's formed the largest contingent of the inter-Allied Jewish formations which marched in procession today through the East End from Bevis Marks Synagogue to a concert at the Brady Clubs Settlement House.

During the special Chanukah services at the synagogue, prayers were offered by United States Chaplain Judah Nadich, of Chicago, for the victory of the United Nations. An American warrant officer named Weisgal kindled the menorah, while British and French chaplains recited traditional prayers. Also officiating were Capt. Gerson Levi of the Canadian Army Chaplain Corps, and Lieut. Kraus of the Czech forces in Britain.

CHANUKAH SERVICES HONORING GREEK JEWS HELD IN CAIRO SYNAGOGUE

CAIRO, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Impressive Chanukah services honoring the heroic Jews of Greece and the other oppressed peoples in that Nazi-occupied country were held today in the Great Ismailia Temple with Chief Rabbi Haim Nahum of Egypt officiating.

Attending the services were Greek Premier Emanuel Tsouderos, members of the Greek Government, representatives of King George of Greece, high-ranking Greek Orthodox churchmen and Allied officers. The Chief Rabbi offered prayers for the speedy liberation of Greece.

Among the worshippers were Jews wearing the uniforms of the fighting forces of a dozen Allied armies and many Jewish refugees from Greece. A troop of Egyptian Jewish boy scouts furnished a guard of honor.

LIBERTY SHIP NAMED AFTER JEWISH WAR CORRESPONDENT LAUNCHED IN CALIFORNIA

WILMINGTON, Cal. Dec. 26. (JTA) -- A 10,500-ton Liberty ship named after Jack Singer, the Jewish war correspondent who covered the Pacific front for the International News Service, was launched here at the yards of the California Shipbuilding Company.

Singer, who lived in New York prior to becoming a war correspondent, was killed when the aircraft carrier Wasp was sunk by a Jap submarine in the Guadalcanal campaign. He was 27.

HEBREW WRITERS IN PALESTINE VOTE TO RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH RUSSIAN COLLEAGUES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Writers Conference concluded its eleventh annual session here with the adoption of a resolution voicing its desire to establish relations with the "Jewish writers of Russia who are still maintaining the Hebrew and Yiddish sparks." The conference also called on intellectuals throughout the world to act to save the Jews of Europe and praised the Swedish Government for offering haven to persecuted Danish Jews.

## ZIONIST ORGANIZATION PROCLAIMS CAMPAIGN AGAINST AMERICAN COUNCIL OF JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America today announced that at a meeting last week in New York it decided to inaugurate a "strong campaign" against the American Council of Judaism for its anti-Zionist activities. Dr. James G. Heller of Cincinnati, former president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, will direct the campaign, the announcement said.

Addressing the session of the executive committee, which was held at the Hotel Commodore, Dr. Heller warned it not to underestimate the danger which the American Council for Judaism represents for the Zionist movement. He reported that the Council is very active in a number of cities and is also disseminating anti-Zionist literature among influential persons.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who also spoke at the session, severely criticized the testimony given by Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long before the House Foreign Affairs Committee with regard to the Jewish-refugee question. He reported that a memorandum will be submitted to the State Department challenging Mr. Long's data on the number of Jewish refugees admitted to this country. Dr. Israel Goldstein, ZOA president, spoke on Dr. Weizmann's political activities in London and declared that a detailed report concerning the latest Zionist political developments will be submitted to an all-day session of the new Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America which will be held in New York on January 23.

## AMERICAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE LAUNCHES DRIVE AMONG CHRISTIANS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The American Palestine Committee has launched a nation-wide drive to mobilize American public opinion in support of the movement to establish a Jewish national home in Palestine. This was announced during the week-end by Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York and Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, co-chairmen of the Committee.

In a formal statement Senators McNary and Wagner pointed out that "in the years between two world wars, the Jewish National Home has received moral and political support from the United States under successive administrations, regardless of party," and declared that by joining the American Palestine Committee, Americans "will strengthen the hands of the American Government in its traditional support of the Jewish National Home policy, and hearten the homeless Jews of Europe with the assurance that the pledge to rebuild the Jewish Homeland will be redeemed with our help."

## BRITH SHOLOM WITHDRAWS FROM AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The Brith Sholom Order, a charter member of the American Jewish Committee, today announced here that it has decided to withdraw from the Committee.

"This action was taken as a result of the newly adopted position of the American Jewish Committee which opposes the establishment of a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine," the announcement said. It emphasized that "the American Jewish Committee's new position is in direct conflict with the longstanding policy of Brith Sholom with regard to Palestine, as indicated by the Order's endorsement of the Basle and Biltmore Programs and the Palestine resolution of the American Jewish Conference."

## BOSTON FIRM CLEARED BY COURT OF CHARGE OF PRINTING ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

BOSTON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The case against the Rapid Service Press, which was charged with violating the Massachusetts race libel law by printing anti-Semitic literature, has been dismissed in Municipal Court here by Judge Brackett. The judge stated that the prosecution had failed to prove "cause for action." Under the race libel law, it is necessary to prove premeditation.