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ROOSEVELT TELLS CONGRESS OF NAZI DETERMINATION TO EXTERMINATE ALL JEWS IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt, in a message to Congress today, in which he reported on the arrangements to bring 1,000 refugees from Europe to this country for temporary shelter, emphasized that "as the hour of final defeat of the Hitlerite forces draws closer, the fury of their insane desire to wipe out the Jewish race in Europe continues undiminished."

"Knowing that they have lost the war," the President said, "the Nazis are determined to complete their program of mass-extermiation. This program is but one manifestation of Hitler's aim to salvage from military defeat victory for Nazi principles - the very principles which this war must destroy unless we shall have fought in vain."

Mr. Roosevelt told Congress that "it was essential to take action without delay" in the work of rescuing people from Nazi lands. He outlined the activities of the War Refugee Board and emphasized that "this nation is appalled by the systematic persecution of helpless minority groups by the Nazis." He pointed out that "the Congress has repeatedly manifested its deep concern with the pitiful plight of the persecuted minorities in Europe whose lives are each day being offered in sacrifice on the altar of Nazi tyranny."

"To us the unprovoked murder of innocent people simply because of race, religion or political creed is the blackest of all possible crimes," the President said. "Since the Nazis began this campaign many of our citizens in all walks of life and of all political and religious persuasions have expressed our feeling of repulsion and our anger. It is a matter with respect to which there is and can be no division of opinion among us."

Appeals for Urgent Action to Rescue Nazi Victims

Emphasizing that despite what the U. S. Government has done and is continuing to do to rescue people from the Nazis, the number of persons actually rescued has been small compared with the numbers still facing extinction in German territory, the President said,

"This is due principally to the fact that our enemies, despite all our appeals and our willingness to find havens of refuge for the oppressed peoples, persist in their fiendish extermination campaign and actively prevent the intended victims from escaping to safety. In the face of this attitude of our enemies we must not fail to take full advantage of any opportunity, however limited, for the rescue of Hitler's victims. We are confronted with a most urgent situation."

Mr. Roosevelt said that many victims of Nazi oppression continue to reach the liberated part of Italy and are being moved from there to temporary refuges in the

territories of other United and friendly nations. The 1,000 refugees who will be admitted from there to the United States are predominantly women and children, he said. They will be sent back to their homelands upon the termination of the war, he declared.

Full Text of President Roosevelt's Message to Congress

"Congress has repeatedly manifested its deep concern with the pitiful plight of the persecuted minorities in Europe whose lives are each day being offered in sacrifice on the altar of Nazi tyranny. This nation is appalled by the systematic persecution of helpless minority groups by the Nazis. To us the unprovoked murder of innocent people simply because of race, religion or political creed is the blackest of all possible crimes. Since the Nazis began this campaign, many of our citizens in all walks of life and of all political and religious persuasions have expressed our feelings of repulsion and our anger. It is a matter with respect to which there is and can be no division of opinion among us.

"As the hour of the final defeat of the Hitlerite forces draws closer, the fury of their insane desire to wipe out the Jewish race in Europe continues undiminished. This is but one example; many Christian groups also are being murdered. Knowing that they have lost the war, the Nazis are determined to complete their program of mass extermination. This program is but one manifestation of Hitler's aim to salvage from military defeat victory for Nazi principles — the very principles which this war must destroy unless we shall have fought in vain.

"This Government has not only made clear its abhorrence of this inhuman and barbarous activity of the Nazis, but, in cooperation with other governments, has endeavored to alleviate the condition of the persecuted peoples. In January of this year I determined that this Government should intensify its efforts to combat the Nazi terror. Accordingly, I established the War Refugee Board, composed of the Secretaries of State, Treasury and War. This board was charged with the responsibility of taking all action consistent with the successful prosecution of the war to rescue the victims of enemy oppression in imminent danger of death and to afford such victims all other possible relief and assistance. It was intrusted with the solemn duty of translating this government's humanitarian policy into prompt action, thus manifesting once again, in a concrete way, that our kind of world, and not Hitler's will prevail. Its purpose is directly and closely related to our whole war effort.

"Since its establishment the War Refugee Board, acting through a full-time administrative staff, has made a direct and forceful attack on the problem. Operating quietly, as is appropriate, the board, through its representatives in various parts of the world, has actually succeeded in saving the lives of innocent people. Not only have refugees been evacuated from enemy territory, but many measures have been taken to protect the lives of those who have not been able to escape.

"Above all, the efforts of the board have brought new hope to the oppressed peoples of Europe. This statement is not idle speculation. From various sources I have received word that thousands of people, wearied by their years of resistance to Hitler and by their sufferings to the point of giving up the struggle, have been given the will and desire to continue by the concrete manifestation of this Government's desire to do all possible to aid and rescue the oppressed.

Nazi Satellites Warned of Punishment for Acts of Savagery

"To the Hitlerites, their subordinates and functionaries and satellites, to the German people and to all other peoples under the Nazi yoke, we have made clear our determination to punish all participants in these acts of savagery. In the name of humanity we have called upon them to spare the lives of these innocent people.

"Notwithstanding this Government's unremitting efforts, which are continuing, the numbers actually rescued from the jaws of death have been small compared with the

members still facing extinction in German territory. This is due principally to the fact that our enemies, despite all our appeals and our willingness to find havens of refuge for the oppressed peoples, persist in their fiendish extermination campaign and actively prevent the intended victims from escaping to safety.

"In the face of this attitude of our enemies, we must not fail to take full advantage of any opportunity, however limited, for the rescue of Hitler's victims. We are confronted with a most urgent situation. Therefore, I wish to report to you today concerning a step which I have just taken in an effort to save additional lives and which I am certain will meet with your approval. You will, I am sure, appreciate that this measure is not only consistent with the successful prosecution of the war, but that it was essential to take action without delay.

Allied Landings Swelled Stream of Hunted People

Even before the Allied landing in Italy there had been a substantial movement of persecuted peoples of various races and nationalities into this country. This movement was undoubtedly prompted by the fact that, despite all attempts by the Fascists to stir up intolerance, the warm-hearted Italian people could not forsake their centuries-old tradition of tolerance and humanitarianism. The Allied landings swelled this stream of fleeing and hunted peoples seeking sanctuary behind the guns of the United Nations. However, in view of the military situation in Italy, the number of refugees who can be accommodated there is relatively limited. The Allied military forces, in view of their primary responsibility, have not been able, generally speaking, to encourage the escape of refugees from enemy territory. This unfortunate situation has prevented the escape of the largest possible number of refugees. Furthermore as the number of refugees living in southern Italy increases, their care constitutes an additional and substantial burden for the military authorities. Recently the facilities for the care of refugees in southern Italy have become so overtaxed that unless many refugees who have already escaped to that area and are arriving daily, particularly from the Balkan countries, can be promptly removed to havens or refuge elsewhere, the escape of refugees to that area from German-occupied territory will be seriously impeded. It was apparent that prompt action was necessary to meet this situation. Many of the refugees in southern Italy have been and are being moved to temporary refuges in the territory of the United and friendly nations. However, in view of the number of refugees still in southern Italy, the problem could not be solved unless temporary havens of refuge were found for some of them in still other areas. In view of this most urgent situation, it seemed indispensable that the United States, in keeping with our heritage and our ideals of liberty and justice, take immediate steps to share the responsibility for meeting the problem.

Accordingly, arrangements have been made to bring immediately to this country approximately 1,600 refugees who have fled from their homelands to southern Italy. Upon the termination of the war, they will be sent back to their homelands. These refugees are predominantly women and children. They will be placed on their arrival in a vacated Army camp on the Atlantic coast, where they will remain under appropriate security restrictions. The Army will take the necessary precautions and the camp will be administered by the War Relocation Authority. The War Refugee Board is charged with overall responsibility for this project."

JEWS IN PARIS PREPARING U. S. FLAGS FOR DAY OF LIBERATION, GERMAN RADIO REPORTS

LONDON, June 12. (JTA) -- The German radio today reported that Jews in occupied France are preparing for the day when the whole of France will be liberated. "American flags manufactured and owned by a Jew have been discovered in a Paris cellar," the broadcast said.

Mobilization of Hungarian Teachers for Anti-Jewish Campaign is Urged

ZURICH, June 12. (JTA) -- Pro-Nazi newspapers in Hungary have started a campaign for the mobilization of all school teachers to conduct anti-Jewish propaganda to "enlighten" the Hungarian population concerning the "advantages" which the elimination of Jews from economic life will bring to every non-Jew in the country.

The newspapers continue to complain that not only do many Hungarians disapprove the anti-Jewish measures, but they even go so far as to help the Jews evade these measures. In the city of Kosice, one paper reports, the police arrested a number of Hungarians who attempted to smuggle food into the ghetto. In Satoral-Jaujhely non-Jews were interned for not informing the local authorities regarding Jewish property which they had concealed. In Satu-Mare a large number of non-Jews applied the local orphans office for permission to adopt Jewish children.

All these and similar facts give the anti-Jewish officials ground to believe that "the treason of favoring Jews at the expense of the Hungarian race occurs daily" and that many Hungarians "are still not imbued with racial consciousness," the paper writes. It quotes high Hungarian officials as stating that the people of Hungary must be made to understand that "the elimination of Jews offers great opportunities for the country."

Major Political Parties Urged to Back Legislation Outlawing Anti-Semitism

ATLANTIC CITY, June 12. (JTA) -- The Democratic and Republican parties were called upon today to incorporate in the platforms which they will adopt at their Chicago conventions planks calling for legislation to make anti-Semitism and other forms of racial bias a criminal offense. The demand was voiced in a resolution adopted at the 57th annual convention of the Independent Order Brith Abraham, meeting here.

The convention also adopted a resolution urging promulgation by the peace conference of an international bill of rights, incorporating the Four Freedoms and the Atlantic Charter. A committee was appointed to undertake a study of proposed world peace plans, in cooperation with other Jewish groups, in order to secure international legislation outlawing anti-Semitism and all other forms of racial discrimination.

The delegates voted to petition President Roosevelt, members of Congress and national figures urging abrogation of the British White Paper on Palestine and free and unlimited Jewish immigration there. They also affirmed their support of the Balfour Declaration, calling for a Jewish national home in Palestine.

Other resolutions voted approval of the American Jewish Conference and voiced the organization's support of the Conference; pledged the purchase of \$1,000,000 worth of war bonds during the Fifth War Loan Drive, which opened today; and approved establishment of a war fund within the order to give financial support to all war-connected organizations.

Addressing the convention this afternoon, on the plight of European Jewry, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise demanded that after the war those refugees desiring to remain in countries to which they immigrated be allowed to do so; that refugees wishing to return to their homelands be assisted to do so; and that Palestine be created as an independent Jewish Commonwealth.

BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES IN ENGLAND READY TO COOPERATE WITH JEWS IN RUSSIA

LONDON, June 12. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews today announced its readiness to cooperate with the Jews in Russia "after twenty-five years of isolation."

The announcement was made by A. G. Brotman, secretary of the Board, addressing a conference of representatives of sixty Jewish organizations called for the purpose of speeding the campaign of Jewish groups here for \$200,000 to send twenty-five ambulances to Russia.

The conference heard a message of greetings from Chief Rabbi Hertz who emphasized Russia's contribution to the fight for the cause of freedom in the present war. A message was also read from the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow greeting the landing of the Allied armies in France.

REPATRIATION OF TRIPOLITANIAN JEWS IN TUNISIA REPORTED BY HIAS-ICA ASSOCIATION

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- The repatriation of Tripolitanian Jewish refugees now in Tunisia is being carried out by local authorities in cooperation with the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, it was announced here today by the headquarters of the association here.

A cable received by the Hias-Ica office in New York from Dr. James Bernstein, its European director, states: "We are now assisting in the repatriation of Tripolitanian Jewish refugees in Tunisia. In this connection we have sent the Hias-Ica representatives in Algiers to Tunisia in order to cooperate with the local government there."

U. S. LABOR EXPERT LAUDS JEWISH ACHIEVEMENTS IN PALESTINE; SPEAKS OF POST-WAR AIMS

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Jewish achievements in Palestine were lauded by Robert J. Watt, representative of the U. S. Government to the International Labor Office, addressing a luncheon of the Pioneer Women Organization at the Hotel Pennsylvania, attended by more than 1,000 members and guests.

Mrs. Alexander Kahn, who presided, announced that the Pioneer Women in New York this year raised the sum of \$80,000 for Jewish welfare work in Palestine, and hope to increase this sum to \$125,000 before the end of the year. She demanded free Jewish immigration to Palestine and the right of Jews to establish their national home there.

Speaking on post-war problems, Mr. Watt said that when the peace pact is concluded, provisions must be made for equal treatment of all peoples and for elimination of racial persecutions. "We must be united in our determination not to see any racial or religious persecutions repeated and not to have any suppression of national minorities," he declared. Other speakers included Hayim Greenberg, Zionist labor leader, and Dvorah Rothbard, national secretary of the organization.

B'NAI B'RITH WAR COUNCIL "ADOPTS" CREWS OF SEVEN LANDING CRAFT

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Seven LSM's (Landing Craft Medium) were formally "adopted" today by the B'nai B'rith War Service Council, at ceremonies at a Navy pier here. Crews of each boat will receive letters, packages, and cigarettes from members of the B'nai B'rith lodges in the New York area. Speakers at the ceremonies included Rear-Admiral Edward V. Reed, Capt. Maurice Witherspoon, Lieut.-Com. Thomas W. Walsh, Lieut.-Com. C. Russel Lea, Miss Ann Vogel, of the B'nai B'rith Ship's Service Committee, and S. Arthur Glixon, chairman of the B'nai B'rith War Council.