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HULL SAYS PEOPLE OF U. S. CONCERNED OVER MURDER OF JEWS IN HUNGARY; BACKS PROTESTS

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Cordell Hull today said that the people of the United States are greatly concerned over the murder and assassination of Jews going on in Hungary, largely at the instigation of the German Government. He said that many individuals, groups and organizations had been voicing their protests at the massacre and added that there cannot be too many joining in this protest.

The Secretary's statement came in response to a request at his press conference that he comment on the House Foreign Affairs Committee approval of the resolution condemning the extermination of the Jews in Hungary.

Asked whether the Moscow declaration applied to the situation of the Hungarian Jews, Hull said he would be glad if that part of the declaration dealing with atrocities would be recalled. The Moscow declaration warns that those responsible for atrocities will be sent back to the countries where their "abominable deeds" were done to be judged and punished according to the laws of the liberated countries and of the free governments to be set up.

Germans Attempting to Counteract Allied Warnings to Satellites on Jews

ZURICH, June 26. (JTA) -- In an attempt to counteract Allied warnings to the Nazi satellites concerning post-war punishment of persons participating in the persecution of Jews, the German radio has started a series of talks to the Balkan countries urging them to pursue a "merciless anti-Jewish policy."

The series opened today with a broadcast in the Bulgarian language denouncing the Jews in the usual Nazi terms and stressing that "the struggle against Jewry is in general indivisible. It is impossible to make an exception for the Jews of Bulgaria," the broadcast continued. "There can be no question of any limitation of the anti-Jewish policy or any justification for tolerance or mercy."

Meanwhile, the Nazi Transkontinent Press today said that the last Jews in Budapest were driven into ghettos on midnight Saturday. It adds that the chief of police has forbidden Jews to leave their homes in the ghetto except between two and five pm daily. Jews must not receive visitors, must not talk to anybody on the street from their windows, and are barred from all parks. House porters have been instructed to report to the police immediately if any Jewish resident is not in his home during the prescribed hours.

POLISH GOVERNMENT ASKED TO ACT TO HALT EXTERMINATION OF HUNGARIAN JEWS IN POLAND

LONDON, June 26. (JTA) -- Urgent measures by the Polish Government to halt the extermination of Hungarian and other Jews in Poland were asked today by Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, Jewish deputy, in an address in the Polish National Council. Dr. Schwarzbart told the session, which was attended by Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, that 100,000 Hungarian Jews have been murdered recently in Poland.

PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAMPERS AMERICAN COMMISSION SEEKING TO MAKE ECONOMIC STUDY

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- Acting on the insistence of the Palestine High Commissioner, the British Government has refused to issue visas for the American Palestine Institute mission of three, comprising Robert Nathan, Louis Bean and Oscar Gass, who for the past four months have been seeking permission to make an economic study in Palestine, it was learned here today.

The study would explore the financial and population possibilities of the country, including in the investigation Palestine's ability to absorb new immigration, and the demand for investment in new enterprises. The mission, non-Zionist and independent, is said on excellent authority to have met with cooperation from the British Embassy in Washington. It is felt that the British Foreign Office would set up no insuperable obstacles to the mission.

Opposition is said to come mainly from High Commissioner MacMichael, who is reported to have alleged fear of Arab disturbances as ground for the refusal. A high British official who recently visited Washington is quoted by an informed source as having belittled the likelihood of such disturbances, and to have added that the worst that might be expected would be an outburst of propaganda. The mission still hopes eventually to receive visas.

GREEKS LAUDED BY PALESTINE LABOR FEDERATION FOR AID TO JEWS IN GREECE

WASHINGTON, June 26. (JTA) -- The Greek Office of Information today made public here the text of a letter addressed to the Hellenic Government by David Remez, secretary general of Histadruth in Palestine, expressing thanks to the Greek people for the aid they have given to Jews in Greece.

"We have had occasion to hear during the last session of our executive committee the report made by an eyewitness about the nobility shown by the Greek people towards their Jewish fellow countrymen when the curse of Nazi deportation fell on them; the letter reads, "We were aware of the facts in but a general way; but the description we heard aroused in our hearts the strongest feelings of esteem and admiration. We consider it a duty and honor to express through your channel these feelings to the Government of Free Greece as well as to the Hellenic people of Greece. We shall always keep in our memory the cult of these great humanitarian movements which were made in the middle of darkness of the days we are living."

PALESTINE TERRORIST WANTS HIGH COMMISSIONER AND BEN-GURION TO TESTIFY AT HIS TRIAL

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- A demand that High Commissioner Sir Harold MacMichael and David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, be summoned to testify at his trial was made today by Raphael Birnbaum, accused terrorist, when proceedings opened before a military court. Birnbaum, who is a member of the outlawed Stern Gang, is charged with firing on the police in Tel Aviv on May 5, and illegal possession of a revolver, 26 rounds of ammunition and a hand grenade.

Birnbaum said that he wanted MacMichael to appear in order that it might be shown that "he did not come here to fulfill the last hope of the Jewish nation and carry out Britain's obligations as mandatory." Ben-Gurion, the defendant said, could "show that the entire Jewish people are embittered, and are accusing the British Government of being an accessory to the wholesale murder of European Jewry." The President of the court took Birnbaum's request under consideration. The influential labor newspaper Davar commenting upon recent Sternist statements says they are bringing great harm and damage to the Jewish cause.

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS VOTES TO RETAIN NEUTRALITY ON ZIONISM

CINCINNATI, June 26. (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis, at its annual convention today, voted to retain its position of neutrality with regard to Zionism. The session ratified the report of its committee on the president's message, reading:

"With reference to the American Jewish Conference's resolution on Palestine, we beg to state that the CCAR delegates went to the conference uninstructed and were free to vote in accordance with their individual convictions. They therefore did not commit the Central Conference of American Rabbis to their point of view, and the CCAR's position on neutrality adopted in 1935 remains unimpaired. The committee on the President's message concurs in the action of the CCAR executive board in ratifying the other resolutions of the American Jewish Conference for which our delegates voted."

The convention re-elected Solomon B. Freehof, President; Abba Hillel Silver, Vice-President; Harry S. Margolis, Treasurer; Sidney L. Regner, Financial Secretary; and Isaac E. Marcuson, Administrative Secretary. Elected to the executive board until 1946 were Stanley R. Brav, Vicksburg; Abraham Feinstein, Chattanooga; Alan S. Green, Troy, N.Y.; Jacob Marcus, Cincinnati; Louis Witt, Dayton; and Major Aryeh Levy, Washington. Rabbi Barnett Brickner of Cleveland was elected to the board for a four-year term. C. George Fox of Chicago and Samuel S. Mayerberg of Kansas City were named members of the Board of Governors for the next four years.

Ask Representation on National Community Relations Advisory Council

The convention passed a resolution stating that "although the newly created National Community Relations Advisory Council does not achieve that unity of forces of Jewish defense which the Conference has long hoped and labored for, the CCAR looks upon it as a step in the direction of complete unity and, desiring to cooperate in attaining that end, respectfully asks for inclusion on the Council of representatives of the three main religious movements in America."

The convention also adopted the following recommendations of its Justice and Race Commission: "That the Central Conference of American Rabbis express regret over banning by USO and War Department of the pamphlet 'Races of Mankind'; that the American Red Cross be appealed to end segregation of blood of Negro donors; that appeal be made for justice to Japanese-Americans; that the conference deplore strikes which have occurred in many sections of the country but, at the same time, caution the American public not to condemn all labor for the acts of a few; that the Conference lead the great record of American industrial management, 'unparalleled in the history of the world'; that the Fair Employment Practice Committee be made a permanent function of the Government; that the Conference urge President Roosevelt to recognize the French Provisional Government of General de Gaulle; that the American Red Cross be praised for its contribution toward civilian relief; that Secretary Hull be commended for saying to obtain appointment of a Senatorial Advisory Committee to consult with him on foreign policy and thus remove from the arena of partisan politics questions of international policy."

As a means of helping to combat racial hatred and religious intolerance in America, Dr. Freehof urged that the Commission on Jewish Education be instructed to consider and undertake the task of publishing a number of books of general appeal for children of public school and high school age on the place and contribution of Israel in world civilization and in American history.

## RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA OPENS FOUR-DAY SESSION ON SPIRITUAL RECONSTRUCTION

LACKAWAXEN, Pa., June 26. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Assembly of America, representing 350 rabbis of the Conservative wing of American Judaism, today opened its 44th annual convention at Camp Delawaxen here under the theme "Spiritual Leadership in Tomorrow's World."

The convention, which will last four days, was addressed at its opening session by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, leader of the World Jewish Congress. He pointed out that the problem of general Jewish reconstruction after the war is totally unlike that of the first World War and its solution can only be encompassed with the aid of the great nations. "During the war," Dr. Goldmann said, "the larger part of European Jewry has been wiped out, all important Jewish communities in Europe annihilated. Not only will we have lost millions of Jews, but all the great centers of Jewish life and learning, the basis of Jewish tradition and civilization, will have been wiped out. This is a colossal problem which can only be dealt with through international assistance."

It will not be possible, Dr. Goldmann continued, to repatriate all of the refugees to their original homelands. While a number of Jews will return to their old countries "and we will have to see to it that their rights are restored and as far as possible their property given back to them and economic places found for their existence, a large number will refuse to return to countries in which they have undergone such terrifying experiences." The latter, he said, must be given a chance to go to Palestine and for this "we will need not only favorable political conditions, Jewish control of immigration and establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth, but also large scale economic help of the United Nations."

## AGUDAS ISRAEL CONVENTION PROTESTS AGAINST WHITE PAPER; URGES COOPERATION WITH ARABS

FERNDALE, N. Y., June 26. (JTA) -- The fifth national convention of the Agudas Israel of America closed today after adopting a resolution demanding the cancellation of the British White Paper "and the establishment of such political conditions in Palestine by the League of Nations or any other international trusteeship that will allow the homeless Jewish masses to immigrate into and live in Palestine in equality with all other inhabitants." These new political conditions will have to be defined by the Allied nations in joint consultation with Jews and Arabs, the resolution emphasized.

Another resolution says that neither negotiations, nor decisions concerning the future of Palestine "can be considered as legitimate, unless representatives duly authorized by organized orthodox Jewry take part in these negotiations and discussions." A Jewish state that is not based on foundations of the Torah would mean a denial of Jewish history and of true essence of Jewish nationality and would destroy the basis of national life, the resolution declares.

The convention went on record as urging peaceful understanding and cooperation with the Arabs; upbuilding of the Jewish community in Palestine on the basis of the law of the Torah, and demanding "free Jewish immigration to Eretz Israel as far as the economic capacity of the country allows."

## BLACKOUT LIFTED IN HAIFA FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1940

HAIFA, June 26. (JTA) -- For the first time since 1940, blackout restrictions have been lifted in Haifa, under orders of the Middle East command. All internal lighting, except that facing directly out to sea, may be used freely. The restrictions have also been lifted in the Galilee and Samarian districts.