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### MASSACRES OF JEWS REPORTED FROM HUNGARY; BUDAPEST RADIO CALLS FOR ACTION AGAINST JEWS

ZURICH, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Massacres of Jews have been taking place in Budapest since Saturday as part of preparations by the Germans to evacuate the city which is menaced by rapidly approaching Russian armies, it was reported here today.

The report said that Gestapo troops and Hungarian Nazis have instituted a ferocious reign of terror in the streets of the Hungarian capital, murdering Jews and arresting people suspected of anti-German feelings. The report was partly substantiated in a broadcast today from Budapest telling the Hungarian people action against Jews is now "even more important than the question of defense of the country."

Only a few days ago the Budapest radio announced that Jews in Hungary will be used as slave laborers for war defense activities. Today's broadcast indicates that more extreme anti-Jewish measures are now being carried out in the Hungarian capital. It pointed out repeatedly that "the Jewish question is at present more topical than ever before."

The German radio today quoted Hungarian newspapers as reporting that "Jews were planning a massacre of pro-German Hungarians" and that "arms dumps were discovered in cellars of yellow-starred buildings." These dumps, the German broadcast said, contained automatic pistols, infantry weapons and explosives.

### JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PALESTINE DECIDES TO COMBAT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA)--Measures "to root out the terrorist plague from among the Jews in Palestine" was decided upon last night at a special session of the Jewish National Council at which opposition was expressed to the action of the Palestine Government in deporting terrorist suspects.

A statement issued by the Jewish National Council today said: "At the plenary session of the Council, at an all-day closed meeting devoted to the problem of the fight of Palestine Jewry against terrorist bands, representatives of all parties spoke of the danger for the Jews and for Zionism arising from terrorists. They emphasized the necessity of mobilizing public opinion immediately for an active and systematic campaign to root out the terrorist plague from among the Jews of Palestine."

The Council also dealt with the strike of the teachers in Jewish schools throughout Palestine, which has been going on for almost a fortnight causing great anxiety among the Jews and undermining the Jewish school system. The strike was called as a result of the teachers' demand for increased salaries. Negotiations for a settlement have been going on between all interested groups, but no satisfactory solution is in sight.

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS URGES PERMANENT UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

SIoux CITY, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The problem of returning Jewish veterans and displaced war workers, and means of combatting anti-Semitism were discussed here at a two-day regional conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds attended by 122 delegates from 18 cities.

Resolutions adopted by the conference urged the establishment of the United Jewish Appeal on a permanent basis, and called for impartial budget machinery to eliminate annual bargaining; requested the Council's General Assembly to consider inclusion of other legitimate agencies within the UJA, and discouragement of new organizations duplicating existing services; voiced support of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, and advocated its implementation, with further cooperative planning, in local and national programs.

E. N. Grueskin of Sioux City was elected president of the region, succeeding Louis S. Myers of Kansas City. Vice-presidents chosen were Avery Carp, Granite City; Milton Livingston, Omaha; and I. S. Joseph, Minneapolis. Mr. Myers sounded the keynote of the conference at the opening session when he pointed to a greater need and opportunity for sound community planning, and urged diverse groups to work together for the common good.

Problems of post-war adjustment were analyzed by H. L. Lurie, executive director of the Council, who examined the basic provisions made by the Government for returning veterans and indicated the nature of supplementary services by Jewish organizations. Harold Goldenberg, Minneapolis, stressed the necessity of giving proper attention to the needs of civilians as well as veterans, and of community-wide action rather than separate activities by special groups. It was noted that post-war needs would require lifting of some standards of agency performance.

Harry Barron, executive director of the Cleveland Jewish Community Council, analyzed the psychological, political, social and economic phases of anti-Semitism. He urged Jewish participation in constructive civic activities, and advocated development of a cooperative relationship with liberal, pro-democratic groups. Irwin Oreck, Duluth, presented techniques of dealing with the problems, and Julian Venezky, Peoria, discussed local community-wide organization for civic-protective work.

Community planning for Jewish education was discussed by Frank Marshall, Chicago, Dr. Morris Margolin, Omaha, and Herman Morton, Southern Illinois. They stressed the need for sharing of responsibility by parents, schools, and the community, discussed experiments in reaching rural Jewish populations, and urged the strengthening of Jewish contributions to American civilization. Mr. Goldenberg was elected president of the West Central States Region of the American Association of Jewish Education.

WAR REFUGEE BOARD TAKES ISSUE WITH BRICKER ON ESTABLISHMENT OF OSWEGO REFUGEE SHELTER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The War Refugee Board today issued a statement to the press taking issue with Gov. Bricker of Ohio, Republican vice-presidential candidate, who, in a speech at Denver yesterday, assailed the action of President Roosevelt in establishing the Emergency Refugee Shelter in Oswego, N. Y.

The statement emphasized that Gov. Bricker was among those who joined in an appeal to the President in May, 1944, urging the establishment in the United States of temporary havens for refugees from Europe. The Board also pointed out that Gov. Bricker's charge that most of the Fort Ontario refugees were men was not accurate, since the majority of them are women and children.

400 JEWISH REFUGEES SAIL FROM SPAIN TO PALESTINE; MANY CHILDREN AMONG PASSENGERS

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- More than 400 Jewish refugees, about half of them children, left Spain today for Palestine aboard a Portuguese ship. The children were rescued from France during the last few months of the German occupation and were helped by Jewish underground groups to cross into Spain.

A huge blue-white flag carrying the inscription "From Slavery to Freedom" in Hebrew letters decorated the steamer when it left Cadiz harbor. This is the second ship to sail directly from Portugal and Spain to Palestine carrying Jewish refugees.

LEON BLUM BROUGHT BY NAZIS IN CHAINS TO PRISON IN STUTTGART, GERMAN PAPER REPORTS

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Leon Blum, former premier of France, is now imprisoned at Stuttgart in Germany, according to a dispatch by the French Telegraph Agency.

The dispatch quotes a newspaper in the German town of Schaffhausen on the Swiss-German border, as reporting that Blum, together with Edouard Daladier, who was premier when war broke out, had been taken "to Freiburg in Breisgau and from there to Stuttgart. Both Blum and Daladier had their ankles and wrists manacled during the time they were being moved, the paper said.

J.D.C. SENDS FOOD AND CLOTHING TO JEWS IN POLAND; ALLOCATES \$500,000 FOR URGENT RELIEF

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee today announced that fifty tons of food and clothing, valued at \$250,000, are being shipped from its stockpiles in Teheran to the Jewish Relief Committee in Lublin for distribution to needy Jews in liberated Poland. The J.D.C. has appropriated another \$250,000 for the purchase in the United States and elsewhere of additional commodities.

The action follows an exchange of cables with Dr. Emil Somerstein, head of the Jewish Relief Committee in Lublin, and climaxes the efforts of the J.D.C. to return to a major scene of its relief activities prior to the outbreak of World War II.

PROF. ROTH, RECTOR OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM, ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Prof. Leon Roth, Rector of the Hebrew University, arrived here today from Jerusalem for the purpose of making a study at close range of some of the leading American universities, with special reference to academic administration and methods of instruction.

Prof. Roth will, in addition, try during his visit to establish a closer cultural contact between America and the Hebrew University. Prof. Roth holds that it is an error to believe that the Hebrew University either as an institution of higher learning or as a centre of Jewish spiritual life is able to maintain itself in isolation. He says "it should aim at penetrating and being penetrated by the educated Jewish world, and in this way it could become what it should become, an asset to its supporters and thus make a direct contribution to the maintenance of world Jewry. The Societies of Friends of the Hebrew University throughout the world should constitute living channels through which the spiritual lifestream could course--not only from Jerusalem outward, but also to Jerusalem inward."

POLISH JEWISH CHAPLAIN GIVEN "MEDAL OF GRATITUDE" BY BELGIAN CITY

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The city of Ghent in Belgium has awarded a "medal of gratitude" to Capt. K. Lepfisz, the Jewish chaplain of the 1st Polish Division, it was announced here today.

BRIGADIER BENJAMIN, COMMANDER OF JEWISH BRIGADE, COMES FROM FAMILY ACTIVE IN JEWISH LIFE

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The British Government today released further details on the appointment of Brigadier Ernest Frank Benjamin as commander of the recently formed Jewish Brigade group, reviewing his military record and pointing out that he is treasurer of the United Synagogues in England.

Brigadier Benjamin, who is 44 years old, was born in Toronto and is the son of the late Frank D. Benjamin, who served for many years as president of the Holy Blossom Congregation and treasurer of the Toronto branch of the Anglo-Jewish Association. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Royal Engineers in 1919. He was sent to Malaya in 1936, with the rank of captain, returning to England in 1939. He served at home during the early years of the war and later participated in General Platts' rapid advance in 1942 in the Madagascar campaign. He also served in Egypt and visited Palestine.

Brigadier Benjamin's father, after returning from Canada to England, became an active leader of the London Jewish community, serving as treasurer of the United Synagogues. He was a member of the Jewish Board of Guardians, of the Council of Jewish Collage, of the Anglo-Jewish Association and of the Central Committee for Jewish Education.

DANISH RELIEF GROUP RECEIVES \$10,000 FROM STEPHEN S. WISE BIRTHDAY FUND

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Danish Minister to the United States, Dr. Henrik de Kauffmann, today revealed that he has received a gift of \$10,000 from the Stephen S. Wise Birthday Fund to be used for refugee relief work and that he is turning this sum over to the American Denmark Relief, Inc.

Dr. Wise had allocated the sum of \$10,000 for Danish Relief from the monies he received for the Wise Birthday Fund on the occasion of a 70th birthday celebration, extended to him by the Jewish community of Los Angeles, California, to be distributed in the manner he deemed most worthy.

SAUL S. SPIRO NAMED SECRETARY OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Saul S. Spiro of this city, well known Zionist and educator, was elected secretary of the Zionist Organization of America by its national executive, succeeding Simon Shetser of Detroit, who retired from that post because of ill health. Mr. Spiro was director of membership of the ZOA and also served as acting secretary of the organization.

B'NAI B'RITH ESTABLISHES INTER-FAITH STUDENT FELLOWSHIP IN NAME OF ALFRED COHEN

CINCINNATI, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- An inter-faith student fellowship at some college or university in Ohio was created by the B'nai B'rith National Hillel Commission this week in the name of Senator Alfred H. Cohen, former president and now honorary president of B'nai B'rith on the occasion of his 85th birthday on October 19th. B'nai B'rith adopted the Hillel Foundation movement during Senator Cohen's presidency of B'nai B'rith and he has been a member of the Hillel Commission since its inception.

DR. TARTAKOWER'S SON KILLED IN ACTION; JOINED U.S. ARMY SOON AFTER ENTERING AMERICA

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Arleh Tartakower, a leader of the World Jewish Congress, was notified today that his 19-year-old son, Jochanan, a soldier in the U. S. Army, has been killed in action in France. He came to the United States three years ago from Europe.

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