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INTERNATIONAL JEWISH CONFERENCE OPENS IN ATLANTIC CITY; CRITICIZES DEMOCRACIES

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. Nov. 26, (JTA) -- The charge that the democracies have not done enough to save millions of Jews in Europe from Nazi annihilation was made here today by the principal speakers at the opening session of the five-day War Emergency Conference convened by the World Jewish Congress.

The conference, which is the first international Jewish gathering since the outbreak of the war, adopted a resolution demanding that the Allied governments should not only establish Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, but should actively help in the development of the Commonwealth.

More than 300 delegates from 40 countries are participating in the conference, including about 40 from Latin American countries. The delegation from France, the only one which was expected to arrive from a liberated European country, did not arrive. Nor did the full delegation from Palestine. The largest European delegation is that from England, which is composed of eight persons. The absence of a Jewish delegation from Russia was publicly regretted by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress, in his opening address.

In a moving speech, Dr. Wise pointed out that this international gathering of Jewish representatives is not a relief conference, but was convened for the purpose of planning freedom and security for Jews throughout the world, and the re-enfranchisement of Jews in former German-controlled countries.

There were times, Dr. Wise said, when it was thought that justice for Jews could be secured as a favor from the outside world and as crumbs from rich dining tables. The present conference, however, aims at bringing forward the conviction of the Jewish people that no real justice can be expected by the Jews unless they, as a people, formulate their own demands, he continued. The word "refugee," Dr. Wise said, must be banished from the vocabulary of civilized nations. This word, he added, is in itself a reproach to civilization and must be blotted out.

"Jews," Rabbi Wise continued, "cannot be permitted to become a great body of refugees. They must have human rights and equal rights. A world at peace can deny those rights to Jews in every land in which they live, only if they are indifferent to the causes of other and still more terrible wars. A world which permits Jews to be warred upon by any nation will find itself at war everywhere."

Rabbi Wise Urges Russia to Support Demand for Jewish Commonwealth

Emphasizing that the Christian world owes reparations to the Jews for all the terrible sufferings that they have undergone, Dr. Wise appealed to the United Nations to support the Zionist demand for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. "The English-speaking peoples I am confident favor the establishment of a

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Jewish Palestine; the Soviet Union cannot fail to give it concurrence," he stated. "The failure to establish a Jewish Palestine would mark the tragic failure of this global war."

Dr. Wise spoke out strongly against the recent assassination of Lord Moyne and called upon the Jews to combat terrorism in Palestine "at any and every cost." "If such terrorism had the approval of the population of Palestine," he said, "it might be difficult to banish it, but it is a wicked aspersion upon the honor and integrity of the Jewish people even to insinuate that the terrorism has more than a handful of advocates and defenders among the Jewish people of Palestine."

Dr. Goldmann Outlines Program for Jewish Demands to Allied Nations

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the administrative committee of the World Jewish Congress, addressing the conference, emphasized that countries which had millions of Jews before the war are now left with but a few hundred thousand. The real moral responsibility for the Jewish tragedy, he said, lies with our whole generation. The democracies, he asserted, cannot say that they were not warned, because since 1933 they were warned again and again by leaders of the Jewish people either to stop Hitler's persecution of Jews or, at least, to enable them to get out while there was still time.

"The reply to our warning," Dr. Goldmann told the conference, "were routine measures, red tape and the rejection of measures proposed by us and other Jewish organizations. And what was done was too late or too little. When we asked them to intervene with Germany the reply was that anti-Jewish policies are the internal affair of a country whose sovereignty forbids other countries to intervene. When we asked the opening of doors to other countries, especially Palestine, the reply was that immigration policies are the internal affairs of a sovereign state. And England's appeasement policy toward the Arabs led the English to shut the doors of Palestine at a time when their opening was more essential than ever before."

Outlining a program of Jewish demands to the Allied nations, Dr. Goldmann urged:

1. Jewish rights be restored where they had been abrogated and Jewish property should be restored as far as is possible. "It would be adding mockery to tragedy, were non-Jewish individuals and communities and governments to become the heirs to property which, if not legally, certainly morally belongs to the Jewish community and must be used for rebuilding the Jewish life and a Jewish future," Dr. Goldmann said.
2. Jews be given international help at least as much as all the other European peoples. "Jewish rehabilitation in the future," Dr. Goldmann explained, "cannot be the exclusive and primary task of the Jews themselves. In its magnitude and complexity the problem of Jewish rehabilitation surpasses the resources of private Jewish relief. The main bulk must, therefore, be provided by the same agencies of government which will assist Europe and Asia after the war."
3. The punishment of criminals who have committed crimes against Jews. "This is not a question of revenge," Dr. Goldmann pointed out. "To teach the world that crimes such as those committed by the Nazis and their allies cannot remain unpunished is a necessary condition for the restoration of the moral balance of the world of tomorrow."
4. The establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. "No program of Jewish demands has meaning or historic significance if it does not culminate in a demand for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine," Dr. Goldmann said. "If there is any kind of real reparations due us from the democratic world it can be made only through

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the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth, a place where every Jew from Europe or elsewhere who wants to go there, or is forced to go, will be received and find refuge."

5. Jewish representation in the councils of the peoples of the world. "The first step toward treating the Jews with equality should be to grant them recognition and representation in all those international conferences and agencies where problems vital to our future are under discussion," he stated.

Pointing out that the World Jewish Congress is working in close cooperation with Jewish bodies of various countries in Europe, Dr. Goldmann referred to the necessity for reestablishing and strengthening the ties between the Jews of Soviet Russia and world Jewry. "It is a slow and difficult process," he said, "but the more Russia assumes international responsibility, the more the walls that separate the Soviet from the rest of the world will break down. To bring back the Russian Jewish community into the orbit of Jewish life and to utilize its great resources and ability for rebuilding the Jewish future is one of our essential internal tasks."

5,500,000 Jews Killed in German Territory Since Outbreak of War

At the evening session of the conference, Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzky, head of the Rescue Department of the World Jewish Congress, spoke on the program of action with regard to the rescue of surviving Jews in Europe conducted by the Congress. He estimated that apart from Jewish losses in combat service, 5,500,000 Jews have been killed in Germany and German-occupied territories since the outbreak of the war.

Dr. Arieh Tartakower, head of the relief department of the Congress, reported to the conference on the relief and rehabilitation work of the organization. He made an appeal for unity in the cause of Jewish relief. Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, head of the political department of the Congress, reported on political activities of the organization.

A memorial service was held for the fallen Jews of Europe. The service was conducted by Rabbi Isaac Alkalay, former Chief Rabbi of Yugoslavia, who is a delegate to the conference.

ONLY 6,000 OF 150, 000 JEWS IN HUNGARIAN-HELD TRANSYLVANIA SURVIVED, RED CROSS FINDS

BUCHAREST, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Only 6,000 of the 150,000 Jews who lived in the section of Transylvania annexed by Hungary before the war survive, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today by Dr. Ernest Marton, head of an International Red Cross delegation which has just returned from a two-week visit to Transylvania.

The bulk of the 6,000 survivors, Dr. Marton said, were men between the ages of 20 and 40 who fled from forced labor camps to the Russian lines during the German retreat. A few others escaped by hiding in caves, or securing forged identity documents. Hardly any women and children are to be found among them. An indication of the extent to which the Transylvanian Jewish communities have been decimated, Dr. Marton said, is the fact that in the city of Grossewardien, where 25,000 Jews formerly lived, there are now 1,200.

The surviving Jews are in a desperate position, he said, since they lack homes, clothing and food. In most cases their families have been killed or have disappeared. Houses and synagogues have been razed. The large synagogue at Klausenberg was blown up just prior to the German retreat.

In an attempt to rehabilitate the remnants of the Jewish communities, Dr. Marton has suggested to Gen. Sergei Vinogradov of the Russian armistice commission that Jewish property remaining in the Transylvanian towns be turned over to the local Jewish community.

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WORLD STATESMEN AND JEWISH LEADERS PAY TRIBUTE TO WEIZMANN ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Vice President Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr. Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and British Ambassador Lord Halifax are among the notables who today sent messages to Dr. Chaim Weizmann on the occasion of the Zionist leader's 70th birthday, which he will observe tomorrow.

The messages, which were cabled to Dr. Weizmann, who is now in Palestine, stressed his contributions to humanity as a scientist and his contributions to the Jewish people as the world leader of the Zionist cause for more than a quarter of a century. The tributes were made public by the National Committee for the Observance of Dr. Weizmann's Birthday, of which Justice Frankfurter is honorary chairman.

The committee also released messages from Joseph M. Froskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee; Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith; and prominent Zionist leaders including Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Rabbi James G. Heller and Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, president of Hadassah. An announcement of the dedication of a special volume of the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund in tribute to Dr. Weizmann was made by Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Fund. The proceeds of the inscriptions will be dedicated to the acquisition in Palestine of an extensive land tract upon which a colony bearing Dr. Weizmann's name is to be founded.

Another tribute to Dr. Weizmann on the occasion of his birthday will come in the form of a testimonial volume, "Chaim Weizmann - Statesman, Scientist, Builder of the Jewish Commonwealth," edited by Meyer W. Weisgal of the Jewish Agency for Palestine's New York office. The volume, to be published tomorrow by the Dial Press, with a foreword by Justice Frankfurter, contains contributions by twenty-seven eminent writers, scientists and public workers, including Thomas Mann and Norman Angell, Lord Melchett, Dorothy Thompson, Sholem Asch, S. N. Behrman, Prof. Louis F. Fieser, Dr. Vladimir N. Ipatieff and Rabbi Wise.

Junior Hadassah Establishes Weizmann Scholarship at Hebrew University

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 26. (JTA) -- As a tribute to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, whose 70th birthday will be celebrated tomorrow, Junior Hadassah, at the closing session of its 21st annual convention, last night, established a \$500 scholarship, to be called the Chaim Weizmann Scholarship, to the Agricultural School of the Hebrew University, to be given annually to a graduate of Meier Shfeyah, the children's village in Palestine maintained by Junior Hadassah for orphans and underprivileged children. Miss Naomi Chertoff, of New York, was re-elected national president for the third consecutive year.

LIBERTY SHIP NAMED AFTER DR. ISAAC MAYER WISE WILL BE LAUNCHED IN FLORIDA

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- A Liberty Ship named after Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, the father of Reformed Judaism in America, will be launched at Jacksonville, Florida, on December 2, it was announced tonight at a dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in honor of the national executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, a son of the late Rabbi Wise, will officiate at the launching ceremony, it was announced by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which Rabbi Wise founded in 1873.

JEWS PLAY LARGE PART IN RUSSIAN MILITARY SUCCESSES, SAYS AMBASSADOR GROMYKO

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Jews have played an important role in the successes of the Red Army, participating actively in front-line units and in guerrilla bands, Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko said last night, addressing a dinner arranged by the Ambijan Committee as part of its national convention.

"Among the outstanding military leaders of the Soviet Union are many Jews," the Ambassador continued. "A talented son of the Jewish people, Hero of the Soviet Union Army General Cherniakovsky, is now conducting all military operations against the citadel of German militarism, East Prussia. Among the soldiers and officers of the Red Army, among the guerrilla heroes fighting in the Nazi rear, there are many Jews who defend with their lives their right to live and work, and who are avenging themselves upon the enemy for the brutalities of the Nazi-German troops on occupied Soviet territory."

Mr. Gromyko, stressing that "in the Soviet Union there is no problem of minorities," said that "it was natural that the more developed republics and regions of the country should assist the Autonomous Jewish Region of Biro-Bidjan."

Messages lauding Ambijan's activities in support of Jewish settlement in Biro-Bidjan and in caring for Jewish war orphans were received from Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, and Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy.

ALL-OUT EFFORT TO CRUSH TERRORISM IN PALESTINE BACKED BY NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Support of all efforts to eradicate terrorism in Palestine was voiced today in a proclamation by the 21st annual convention of the National Labor Committee for Palestine, which is the fund-raising organization in America of the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor. The proclamation protested at the same time, against attempts to hold the entire Jewish people responsible for the terror.

The proclamation also called for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, the opening of Palestine to unlimited immigration of refugees, greeted Dr. Chaim Weizmann on the occasion of his 70th birthday, and paid tribute to the achievements of the Histadruth. Joseph Schlossberg was elected national chairman and Isaac Hamlin, national secretary of the organization.

Ira Hirschmann, who returned three weeks ago from a mission to the Balkans as representative of the President's War Refugee Board, addressing the convention yesterday, advocated "aggressive, ruthless" elimination of the terrorists in Palestine. Unless the Jewish people rid themselves of what he described as "the lunatic fringe," they will suffer for all acts committed by the few hundred persons in that group, he said. Other speakers included Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal adviser of the Jewish Agency.

At a mass meeting last night, at Carnegie Hall messages of greeting were read from Senator Robert F. Wagner, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; Philip Murray, president of the CIO; the British Labor Party; and the International Federation of Trade Unions in England.