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## RUMANIAN JEWISH LEADERS OPPOSE GOVERNMENT'S ABOLITION OF MINORITY STATUS FOR JEWS

BUCHAREST, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Rumanian Jewish leaders today expressed dissatisfaction with the recent decision of the government to abolish the minority status of the Jewish population, in statements to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Dr. William Filderman, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities, said that he disagrees with the theory of the Minister of Nationalities Gheorghe Vladescu-Racoasa that Jews are neither a minority or a nationality. Dr. Filderman pointed out that the minority status of Rumania's Jews had been guaranteed in the peace settlement following World War I.

Dr. Abraham L. Zissu, president of the Jewish National Party, and a prominent Zionist leader, also voiced objections to the government's new policy. "We are, and will be Jews," Mr. Zissu stated, "and as Rumanian subjects we are ready to offer the Rumanian State all our loyalty and devotion."

Meanwhile, in an interview with a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, the Minister of Nationalities explained the government's reasons for adopting a new policy on minorities. The Minister of Nationalities, incidentally, was formerly called the Ministry of Minorities.

Mr. Vladescu-Racoasa disclosed that he is drafting a new "nationalities charter" from which the "notion of ethnic origin" will be expunged. Every citizen will be treated equally by the government. This move, he said, will help to smash anti-Semitic groups within the country.

At the same time, he expressed the belief that the existence of a Jewish National Party was a "mistake," but stressed that the present Rumanian Government had no intention of suppressing it. Jews, Mr. Vladescu-Racoasa continued, need only a democratically organized community to represent their interests, and, therefore, the General Jewish Council, formed recently with representation of most Jewish parties, need be only a temporary organization.

Under the new charter, the minister said, Jews will have the privilege of choosing any nationality they desire. Consequently, the Government will not hamper Zionist activities and will place no obstacles in the way of Jews desiring to emigrate. He voiced the hope that a Jewish State will soon be formed, with which Rumania can have friendly relations.

## WORLD JEWISH CONFERENCE PROCLAIMS \$10,000,000 CAMPAIGN FOR RELIEF ACTIVITIES

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- After prolonged deliberations the Finance Commission of the War Emergency Conference of the World Jewish Congress today recommended to the conference that it proclaim a \$10,000,000 world-wide campaign for relief and rehabilitation, of which \$4,000,000 is to be raised in the United States.

The \$10,000,000 is to be placed at the disposal of the coordinating committee of the three major Jewish organizations - Jewish Agency, Joint Distribution Committee and World Jewish Congress - if such a committee is formed. Should the JDC reject the

proposal for the formation of a central committee, the funds will be expended by the World Jewish Congress for relief activities in Europe.

It was learned today that in addition to the amount to be raised in the United States, the Congress will raise \$1,500,000 in India; \$800,000 in Egypt; \$500,000 in Argentina; \$500,000 in Great Britain; \$500,000 in South Africa; \$300,000 in Canada; \$300,000 in Brazil; \$200,000 in Mexico; \$100,000 in Palestine; \$100,000 in Australia; \$50,000 in Peru and the remainder in other Latin American countries.

Meanwhile, the plenary session of the Congress today adopted the resolution appealing for the coordination of the leading bodies concerned with Jewish post-war relief and rehabilitation. The resolution calls upon the World Jewish Congress "to make a maximum effort in order to secure this coordination as quickly as possible." It emphasizes that "the tremendous task involved and the complexity of the problem of Jewish post-war relief and rehabilitation require the full cooperation of all forces in Jewish life." It appealed to affiliated branches of the Congress to initiate action to secure for it the funds necessary for work "in all fields of activity which look to Jewish rebirth."

### Wise Unanimously Named President of World Jewish Congress

Dr. Stephen S. Wise was today chosen unanimously as the president of the World Jewish Congress "as a tribute to his outstanding leadership and services for the Jewish people." Up to now the World Jewish Congress has had no president and was led by Dr. Wise, as president of the executive committee, and by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, as chairman of the administrative committee. In accepting the new post, Dr. Wise expressed the hope that Jews will soon be secure all over the world and that Palestine will shortly become a Jewish Commonwealth.

A resolution adopted by the conference today urged that "no Jew who has escaped from Germany ought to be compelled, whether by legal means or by any kind of moral or material pressure, ever to return, and no former Jewish citizen of Germany ought ever again to acquire German nationality, except at his own direct and personal wishes." The resolution invites the Rabbinate of Palestine to proclaim to the entire Jewish people an annual day of national mourning for the Jews who have been annihilated by the Germans.

Another resolution demands that Jews who are or who have been citizens of Axis countries should not be considered or treated as enemy aliens in the countries of the United Nations, but should be regarded and treated as allies. The resolution suggests that the property of such Jews should be saved from seizure regardless of their residence, and that no administrative restrictions imposed on enemy aliens be applied to them.

Other resolutions adopted by the Congress urge that:

1. Abrogation of anti-Jewish legislation and the restoration of the legal status of Jews and Jewish communities should be a precondition to the granting of armistice terms to any Axis country.
2. Governments established in liberated territories should undertake the immediate abrogation of all anti-Jewish legislation and the full restoration of the legal status of the Jews under the provisions of international law.
3. Abrogation of all discriminatory measures should be made retroactive to the date of their enactment and should include the restoration of citizenship except in the case of persons who have in the meantime acquired another citizenship.
4. No nation shall be admitted to membership in the World Security Organization unless it is certified by an appropriate committee that it has assured compliance with the restoration of Jewish rights and that the enforcement of these measures has been guaranteed.

A resolution on the punishment of war criminals, offered by A. L. Easterman, a member of the British delegation, provides that representatives of the World Jewish

Congress shall be admitted to the tribunals set up by the United Nations for the prosecution and punishment of war criminals, as "amici curiae." The resolution demands that full consideration shall be given in the prosecution of war criminals to the evidence with respect to crimes against the Jewish population, and that these criminals shall be indicted and tried on these grounds.

"In the prosecution of crimes against the Jewish population," the resolution says, "provision should be made for representatives of the respective Jewish communities in the investigating and prosecuting offices." The resolution also recommends that the United Nations War Crimes Commission shall receive and give due consideration to all material which may be submitted to it by the World Jewish Congress.

#### Demand Promulgation of International Bill of Rights

Emphasizing that "the Jewish people look to the United Nations for the establishment of a new international democratic order based on the Four Freedoms and the Atlantic Charter," the Congress adopted a resolution asking for the promulgation of an international bill of rights securing full protection of life and liberty for the inhabitants of all countries without distinctions of origin, nationality, race, religion or language, and that enforcement of such a bill of rights shall be carried out by adequate international machinery.

The resolution also demands the adoption and promulgation of national laws and other appropriate international legal instruments providing that anti-Semitic and anti-racial activities, and similar acts of incitement to racial and religious hatred and discrimination, are violations of criminal laws and public policy. The resolution also calls for:

1. The establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.
2. The recognition of the particular needs of the Jewish people in the application of relief and rehabilitation measures within the scheme of post-war reconstruction.
3. Restitution and reparation for the losses suffered by still existing Jewish communities and individual Jewish victims of Nazi and Fascist murder and spoliation.
4. The recognition of the principle that the Jewish people is entitled to a collective reparation for the material and moral losses suffered by it and its institutions.

The plenary session of the conference also adopted a resolution welcoming "the establishment of a united Jewish front in the United States in relation to post-war problems through the creation of the American Jewish Conference." The resolution endorsed the working agreement between the World Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Conference which provides for a joint planning committee for post-war problems.

The resolution urges the reestablishment in each liberated country at the first possible moment of an organized Jewish community on democratic lines and affiliated with the World Jewish Congress.

The conference also adopted a resolution warmly welcoming the cooperative relations established by the Congress with Jewish organizations in Soviet Russia. The resolution expresses "the confident hope that the development and extension of these relations will lead to ever closer cooperation and the ultimate return of Russian Jewry to full participation in the affairs of world Jews."

A delegation from France is expected to arrive late today and will participate in all future sessions. The delegation is composed of Guy Alphonse de Rothschild; Acting Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan; Leon Meïss, president of the Representative Council of French Jews and Joseph Fischer, secretary of the Council, who is also secretary general of the Jewish National Fund in France.

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JDC DIRECTOR ARRIVES IN PARIS TO CONFER WITH ALLIES AND FRENCH ON JEWISH RELIEF

PARIS, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, has arrived in Paris for a series of conferences with Allied authorities, the French Government and Jewish leaders in connection with plans for an extended program for relief and rehabilitation of the Jews in France which will soon be launched by the JDC.

Dr. Schwartz announced that the first relief funds transmitted directly from the United States have arrived here. Work of regrouping the various committees which will carry out the day-to-day relief activities has already begun, he said.

The JDC director met here today with Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, who is passing through Paris en route to England from Switzerland.

Dr. Schwartz said that he is leaving soon for Switzerland in connection with problems of aiding Hungarian and Slovakian Jews, and also to investigate the prospects of aiding the Jews of Rumania. He will then visit Belgium before returning here for an extended stay.

ARGENTINE JEWS PROCLAIM \$250,000 CAMPAIGN FOR JEWS IN LIBERATED TERRITORIES

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A 1,000,000 peso (\$250,000) campaign to raise funds for the relief and rehabilitation of Jews in liberated European territories was proclaimed here today by the Council for Jewish Aid to War Victims. Announcing the drive, Simon Mirelman, president of the Council, said that all funds will be expended through the Joint Distribution Committee with which the council has entered into a cooperative working program of overseas aid.

"This fund-raising effort is real evidence of the sympathetic concern of Jewish communities in South America for their victimized co-religionists in devastated Europe," Mr. Mirelman stated. He pointed out that the major interest of the council, which, he said, consists of a cross-section of all Jewish forces in Argentina, "is to speed funds for relief and reconstruction to the liberated areas, where, in most instances, the JDC has been the first on the scene."

The council, he pointed out, was among the first Latin American agencies to extend direct assistance to Jews in liberated Poland - through JDC machinery - and it has been instrumental in the last few months, in the rescue of hundreds of Jewish refugees from the Balkans area to Palestine, utilizing funds contributed by the Jewish communities of Argentina, and the facilities of the JDC. Mr. Mirelman expressed the hope that similar campaigns will be launched in other South American countries.

JEWISH LEADERS IN BRITAIN PAY TRIBUTE TO CHURCHILL ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here today sent greetings to Prime Minister Churchill on the occasion of his 70th birthday, which he is observing today.

His services to the nation and his support of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, as well as his efforts to assist Jews in occupied Europe were lauded in messages from Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz and Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

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SEDITION CASE EXPECTED TO END IN MISTRIAL AS RESULT OF DEATH OF PRESIDING JUDGE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- With the death this morning of Chief Justice Edward C. Bloher, it appeared entirely likely that the eight-months-old mass sedition trial over which he presided in District Court here will be declared a mistrial.

Government prosecutors are prepared to start new proceedings immediately in such an event, it is learned from informed sources. The case was adjourned this afternoon until December 7, by Justice James Proctor.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR CONVENTION HITS RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The 64th annual conference of the American Federation of Labor yesterday adopted a resolution condemning racial and religious bigotry and discrimination against minorities.

The resolution urged the executive council of the A.F. of L. to support efforts by international and local unions to carry out an educational program designed to promote tolerance and understanding. It also warned against efforts by anti-democratic groups to spread bigotry in the period of adjustment which will follow the end of the war.

PEHLE ASSIGNED TO TREASURY POST AS REFUGEE WORK SLACKENS; WILL REMAIN HEAD OF WRB

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- John W. Pehle, executive director of the War Refugee Board, today was assigned supervision over the Treasury Procurement Division, the Treasury Department announced today. He will continue to serve as head of the WRB, but will assume his new duties immediately.

A spokesman for the WRB said that it would mean no change as far as the activities of the Board. Although Pehle will not be able to spend as much of his personal time on refugee matters, he has a good staff which will continue to function, the Board spokesman said. It was pointed out that the work of the Board is no longer as heavy as it was initially since the areas in which it is necessary and possible to operate have been so reduced by liberating Allied armies.

UNITY AMONG ALL JEWISH GROUPS URGED BY PROSKAUER AT MENORAH JOURNAL DINNER

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Unity among all Jewish groups, Zionist and non-Zionist, Orthodox and Reform, was urged last night by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, in an address at a dinner celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the Menorah Journal, at the Hotel Commodore.

Jews of various beliefs "must see to it that each will show decent respect for the opinions of others and that all dwell together in unity," Judge Proskauer said. "That unity, to which all may yield allegiance," he added, "rests on common loyalty to our spiritual and cultural heritage." Four hundred persons attended the dinner, which was also addressed by Henry Hurwitz, editor of the magazine.

YOUTH MEETING IN CANADA CONDEMNES RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN UNIVERSITIES

MONTREAL, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Racial discrimination in Canadian universities was condemned here by delegates attending the national convention of the Cooperative Commonwealth Youth Movement at the final session of a two-day convention. The C.C.Y.M. is the youth movement of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation - the Socialist Party of Canada.

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