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### ACTION ON SPLIT IN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL; DR. SILVER EXPLAINS HIS RESIGNATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The resignations of Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver from leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council were acted upon tonight at a closed session of the Council, following a week of stormy discussions in Zionist ranks during which the hope was expressed that the resignations of the two Zionist leaders would not be accepted. A statement on the decisions of the Council is expected.

The Mizrahi Organization of America, which is one of the constituent members of the Council, is reported to have decided to leave the Council if Dr. Silver is not retained as co-chairman. The Zionist Laborite Party, another member, decided to recommend that a new presidium be elected at tonight's session of the Council, and that it include Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise. The Zionist Emergency Council is composed of representatives of the Zionist Organization of America, Mizrahi, Zionist-Laborites and the Hadassah.

Dr. Silver did not participate in tonight's session. In a statement issued last night he reaffirmed his resignation from the leadership of the Zionist Emergency Council, adding that he intends to remain just an ordinary member of the Council. As a "private in the ranks" he would continue to work for a policy "in which timidity, appeasement and backstairs 'diplomacy' will have no place," he declared. Dr. Silver's statement reads:

"At the time that I announced my resignation as co-chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and as the chairman of its executive committee on December 20, I stated that it was irrevocable. I regret that so much controversy has developed over it, but I must insist upon the position I have taken, despite the urging of many friends that I reconsider my decision. My policies do not appear to have the support of a sufficient majority of the membership of the Council as now constituted to warrant my continuing in office.

### Z. O. A. Representatives Blamed by Dr. Silver for Crisis; Lauds Other Groups

"My action has been prompted particularly by the position taken by the representatives of one of the groups, the Zionist Organization of America. Despite the fact that the national convention of the Zionist Organization of America at Atlantic City on October 16 approved my policies by a unanimous vote, the present representatives of the Z.O.A. on the Council are committed to an attitude and a course of action which make it impossible for me to carry out those policies effectively.

"I am deeply grateful for the consistent and loyal support which I have had from the Poale Zion and Mizrahi parties, from the Jewish press, from the rank and file of American Zionism and the local Zionist Emergency Councils everywhere.

"I remain, of course, a member of the American Zionist Emergency Council and

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will eagerly give the movement whatever help and counsel I can. My resignation will leave me free to devote myself more fully to Zionist education among our people and the exposition of the Zionist program among the general public. As a private in the ranks I shall continue to advocate the classic Zionist program which aims at the re-establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth, and a policy in which timidity, appeasement and backstairs 'diplomacy' will have no place.

"It is a source of great satisfaction that the past sixteen months of my administration have been marked by substantial progress for the Zionist cause in our country. I trust that whatever differences of opinion exists in our movement -- and no great movement is quite free of them -- will in no way interfere with the further progress of our historic cause in the days to come."

#### POLISH GOVERNMENT BODY TO AID JEWS PUT UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF PREMIER

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The "Council for the Rescue of Polish Jews," which was established by the Polish Government-in-Exile several months ago, has been removed from the jurisdiction of the Government's Ministry of the Interior because the present Minister and his deputy are members of the anti-Semitic Endek Party.

Following a protest by Emanuel Szerer, Jewish Socialist deputy, the council has been placed under the direct supervision of Premier Tomasz Archiszewski. Mr. Szerer pointed out that at the time the body was established the Jewish Socialist Bund declared that it would not participate in its activities if Endek representatives were included on it.

Meanwhile, Endek deputies in the Polish National Council, the parliament of the Government-in-Exile, today attempted to exclude certain categories of Polish Jews in Belgium from benefitting from the relief activities of the Government. During discussion of the 1945 budget of the Government, the Endek deputies moved to restrict relief for Polish Jews in Belgium to those who were war refugees, excluding others who emigrated to Belgium before the war, and who were denaturalized by the pre-war government. Their motion was defeated.

#### JEWSH ORGANIZATIONS IN RUMANIA FORM COMMISSION TO LIST WAR CRIMINALS AND DAMAGES

BUCHAREST, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations here today formed a special commission for the purpose of preparing a list of war criminals directly and indirectly responsible for the murder of Jews during the period of collaboration between Rumania and Germany.

The commission will also prepare lists of Jews who were massacred by Germans and Rumanians. It will also register damages suffered by Jews whose property was looted. All these lists will be compiled in preparation for submission to the United Nations.

Although there is no unity among the leaders of various Jewish groups here with regard to other political problems, all major Jewish parties are represented on the commission, including the Union of Rumanian Jews, the Jewish National Party and the Jewish Democratic Bloc.

#### PALESTINE RABBINATE CALLS FOR PRAYERS AT WALLING WALL FOR JEWS IN BUDAPEST

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinate today issued a call to the Jewish population of Palestine to hold special prayers at the Walling Wall for the 75,000 surviving Jews in Budapest who are threatened with extermination by the pro-Nazi Hungarian authorities.

BRITISH JEWISH FUND TO LAUNCH \$4,000,000 DRIVE FOR RELIEF OF JEWS IN EUROPE

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Council of the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief announced today that it will shortly launch a campaign for £1,000,000 for relief and rehabilitation of Jews in Europe.

The announcement points out that the rehabilitation problem will be so vast as to necessitate measures by governmental and intergovernmental bodies, but that British Jewry desires to participate, with the Jews of other countries, in relieving the distress of Jews in Europe. The immediate problems, it adds, are rebuilding of communal life and aid to orphans.

The Manchester Guardian today, in an article discussing the relief tasks facing the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, writes that "one guarantee that UNRRA's work will be carried out as a humanitarian matter, and not a political one, is the fact that Director General Herbert H. Lehman previously held high office in the Joint Distribution Committee, "one of the largest voluntary relief organizations in the world."

Reviewing the efforts of voluntary groups, the Guardian particularly stresses the activities of the JDC, mentioning the visit of Dr. Joseph Schwartz, JDC European director, to liberated countries to resume contacts with Jewish communities. "The Joint, as it is familiarly known all over Europe, has been helping throughout the war years in the relief of Jewish sufferers, with the help of its Swiss counterparts," the article says. "The magnitude of its task can be judged by the fact that its 1945 budget is \$46,000,000." The guardian also pays tribute to the work of the British Fund for Jewish Relief.

U. S. GOVERNMENT REPORT ON NAZI ANTI-JEWISH ATROCITIES ATTRACTS WORLD-WIDE ATTENTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- World-wide interest in the revelation of atrocities in Nazi extermination camps made public a month ago by the War Refugee Board has been evidenced by a flood of applications for copies of the report, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today.

Requests for the report have come by the hundred from diplomatic representatives, organizations of all kinds, professional men, including doctors, lawyers, churchmen and college professors. A score of teachers from the United States and Canada wanted the report for classroom study, and a psychiatrist from McGill University was among the numerous medical men who sent requests.

Public and university libraries asked the material for reference, and churchmen of all denominations wrote for the report for use in the pulpit. A Swiss publishing house asked the publishing rights in Switzerland, and approximately 25 American publishers wrote in for the texts of the report.

HISTADRUTH DECIDES TO ESTABLISH CHAIR FOR LABOR MOVEMENTS AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of the Histadruth, Palestine Federation of Labor, today decided to establish at the Hebrew University a chair for the study of the world labor movement. The chair will be named after Berl Katznelson, late Histadruth leader.

The Mizrahi Laborite Party today decided to honor Henrietta Szold by naming a synagogue after her in one of its agricultural settlements, Sdei Elihu. This is the first time in the history of Palestine that a synagogue will bear the name of a woman.

LEHMAN RETURNS TO UNITED STATES; BRAZIL TO SUPPLY TEXTILES TO UNRRA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Director General Herbert H. Lehman of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration has returned to the United States and is in Washington following a seven weeks absence most of which he spent in London with a ten day trip to the continent during which he visited Paris. Mr. Lehman will give a press conference here tomorrow.

Brazil is about to begin supplying 45 million yards of textiles for clothing distribution overseas by UNRRA, Laurence Duggan, UNRRA's Special Diplomatic Advisor announced here. Duggan has just returned from a tour of 16 Latin-American countries, including Brazil, together with Dr. Eduardo Santos, UNRRA Deputy Director General.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE URGES ROOSEVELT TO SAVE JEWS IN BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Gravely concerned over the fate of the surviving Jewish population of Belgium and Luxembourg, especially because of reports which have reached this country that local quislings plan the annihilation of the remaining Jews in the event that these countries are again temporarily overrun by Nazi hordes, the Jewish Labor Committee today wired President Roosevelt, Secretary of War. Henry L. Stimson, and John W. Pehle, executive director of the War Refugee Board, urging that extraordinary measures be taken to prevent "these long suffering people from becoming again the victims of the Nazi butchers."

The wire, signed by Adolph Held, David Dubinsky, Joseph Baskin, and Jacob Pat, chairman, treasurer, secretary, and executive secretary, respectively, of the Committee, emphasized that the special position of the Jews justifies special attention to remove them from possible danger areas. "We pray that this be done in time, before the conscience of civilized humanity will be further burdened with the accusation of being too late," the appeal stressed.

ROOSEVELT LAUDS PUBLICATION OF GERMAN-JEWISH REFUGEES ON ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt in a message to the Aufbau, American-Jewish weekly newspaper in German and in English, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary this week, lauded the publication as voicing "the aspirations of men and women eager to learn the meaning, the opportunities and responsibilities of free citizenship in a free America." Vice-President Henry A. Wallace and five members of the President's Cabinet also sent messages of congratulation to the Aufbau.

Dedicated to the achievements of immigrants since 1933, the anniversary issue gives a comprehensive survey of what the new and prospective citizens have contributed to the home and war fronts, and what they have achieved in the literary, scientific and commercial fields.

PANAMA HOSPITAL THANKS B'NAI B'RITH FOR REPLENISHING BLOOD BANK

PANAMA, R. P., Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The largest public hospital in Panama, the Santo Tomas Hospital, has expressed its official appreciation of the response of the Jewish community to an appeal for replenishing of the hospital's blood bank, which was at a perilously low level. A blood-donor drive organized by the local B'nai B'rith lodge has succeeded in securing the cooperation of the bulk of Panamanian Jews. Although the lodge requested that its name not be mentioned in connection with the drive, the hospital expressed its gratitude in a release sent to the local press.