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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.JEWISH CONFERENCE AND CONGRESS SUBMITTING MEMORANDUM ON JEWISH DEMANDS TO SECURITY PARLEY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29. (JTA) -- Following the submission, yesterday, to the security conference of a brief by the American Jewish Committee asking for establishment of "a world order just to all people, irrespective of race, creed or nationality," the American Jewish Conference and the World Jewish Congress disclosed today that they will submit "within a few days," a memorandum embodying their suggestions for action by the conference on matters affecting Jews.

The joint memorandum, which will be prepared in cooperation with the Board of Baptics of British Jews, whose representatives are expected to arrive here this week, will urge, among other things, that Jews be given a hearing at the United Nations Conference here, the adoption of an international bill of rights, the international outlawing of anti-Semitism, the immediate restoration of Jewish rights in liberated Europe, identification to Jewish individuals and communities for losses caused by the Axis and reparations to the Jewish people for general damages.

The memorandum will also demand the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and its reconstitution as a free democratic Jewish commonwealth as well as elimination of statelessness and assistance from governmental and inter-governmental agencies in resettlement of displaced Jews. (The Palestine question, in connection with trusteeships, has not come up, as yet, at the security conference, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. told a questioner at his press conference yesterday.)

American Jewish Committee Says Jews' Flight Requires Special Consideration

Judge Joseph H. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee and its consultant to the American delegation here, issued a statement to the press in behalf of himself and of Jacob Blaustein his associate consultant, and Simon Segal, a member of the American Jewish Committee staff who is acting here temporarily for George Melville. The statement reveals that the brief submitted by the American Jewish Committee points out that the special plight of the Jewish victims of Nazi savagery will require from the peace conference, when it assembles, special consideration, but that basically the committee advocates for the security conference recommendations which are wholly consistent with the primary objective of making the world safe for all humanity.

"We have laid special stress on the establishment of a Commission on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the ultimate formulation of an international bill of rights," Judge Proskauer said. "While the details of such a charter may not be within the agenda of the security conference, we have earnestly urged that to comply with the Dumbarton Oaks proposal to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, a permanent commission should be set up at the earliest possible time by the conference."

"The task of that commission would be to formulate an international bill of rights embodying protection of the fundamental freedoms, religious liberty and racial equality and the development of a course of procedure for the implementation and the

enforcement of the bill. It is proposed that the report of this commission should be submitted at the earliest possible time for approval of the proper body of the general international organization."

### Special Commissions on Stateless and Migration Requested

Judge Proskauer emphasized that the American Jewish Committee also urged in its brief the setting up by the United Nations conference of a special Commission on Statelessness, as well as a Commission on Migration under the Economic and Social Council of the general international organization. The first commission, it said, should act as an international authority to protect the rights and be concerned with welfare of all stateless, and to provide the necessary machinery for documents of identity and passports for stateless people which should be recognized by the nations.

The duty of the second commission should be to prepare and work for an international convention on migration, and also to establish a technical body to explore migration possibilities and coordinate the work of other official international organizations already dealing with this subject.

"We emphasize our profound belief," Judge Proskauer said, "that while the conference will ultimately give attention to the wrongs which have been especially inflicted on the stricken Jews of Europe by the holocaust of war and the baseness of Hitler, the ultimate safety of the Jewish populations of Europe will rest on the international enforcement of justice and equality of treatment to all men of every race and creed."

Adolph Hold, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, arrived here today to act as a consultant to the American delegation. He declared that the Jewish Labor Committee representatives at San Francisco will concentrate on meeting with the labor leaders of each delegation in order to present to them the views of American Jewish labor. Mr. Hold also said that he will endeavor to make every effort possible to remove the friction between the various Jewish groups.

### American Jewish Congress Urges International Human Rights Agency

New York, April 29. (JTA) -- A plan for the international protection of human rights, capable of implementation at the San Francisco conference even if no agreement is reached there on the promulgation of a detailed international bill of rights, has been formulated by the commission on law and legislation of the American Jewish Congress, it announced today..

In making the plan public, Judge Nathan D. Perlman, chairman of the commission, stated that "the united Jewish representation at San Francisco, composed of delegates from the American Jewish Conference, World Jewish Congress, and the Board of Deputies of British Jews, has been urged to advocate the proposal before the United Nations conference."

This proposal, Judge Perlman said, calls for the creation of an International Human Rights Agency which shall operate as an independent, functional organization, and shall "act to safeguard the human rights and fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the internal laws of the various nations. It shall act also to safeguard the rights and freedoms guaranteed in an international bill of rights when adopted."

ONLY 5,000 JEWS REMAIN IN LIBERATED SLOVAKIA; PRE-WAR JEWISH POPULATION TOTALLED 90,000

LONDON, April 29. (JTA) -- Only 5,000 Jews have been found in liberated Slovakia, where 90,000 lived before the war, the Slovak Liberation station said today. One thousand are in Bratislava, 500 in Kosice, 300 in Presov, 300 in Mlynske, 200 in Komarno, and smaller numbers in other cities.

OFFICIAL ADMITS LAW EXPROPRIATING JEWISH PROPERTY STILL IN FORCE IN SALONICA

AUTHENS, April 29. (JTA) -- The Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, M.S. Pesmatjoglou, today confirmed that the German decree expropriating Jewish property in Salonica has not yet been repealed.

Replying to a query by a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, Mr. Pesmatjoglou said that the law will probably be annulled after the end of the war in Europe by the issuance of a decree creating an autonomous board to administer the property of deported Jews whose whereabouts are not known. Much of the Jewish property in Salonica was either confiscated or "bought" by collaborationists, and from all indications it will take some time to recover it.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Finance has instructed the local authorities that the surviving Jews in the city - about 400 of the pre-war Jewish population of 46,000 - are to have their property and other belongings returned. The survivors told a JTA correspondent that they believe most of the deportees are dead.

JEWISH REPRESENTATION AT SAN FRANCISCO AND JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE ASKED AT N.Y. RALLY

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- A demand for Jewish Agency representation at San Francisco and the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine was voiced here today in a resolution adopted at a Rally for Jewish Rights held in Lewisohn Stadium under the auspices of the Zionist Emergency Council and the American Jewish Conference.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, addressing the rally, disclosed that during a talk with the late President Roosevelt after the latter's return from Yalta, he had been assured that one of Mr. Roosevelt's objectives was to bring about an understanding in the Near East of what the rebuilding of Palestine had already come to mean, and what it might mean, to the welfare and security of the Arab people. Paying tribute to Mr. Roosevelt's promptness in supporting the creation of a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine, Dr. Wise expressed confidence that President Truman, not only supports this same program, but will act to translate it into action.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver told the meeting that "justice demands that the Jewish nation shall henceforth be included among the United Nations, shall have a voice and a seat in the Council of Nations, and shall be made secure and free in that hallowed land where already hundreds of thousands of our people have found sanctuary and to which many more must come from a war-ravaged and unwelcoming world, or perish." He criticized the failure of our State Department to carry out what, he said, was the desire of the American people to secure abrogation of the White Paper and the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine.

Sen. Robert F. Wagner, addressing himself to the people of Britain, said that "the time is ripe to do justice to the Jews. Are the Jews alone to find no solace in the destruction of Hitlerism? Are they alone to be denied the haven where they can rebirth their will to live?" Other speakers included Louis Lipsky and Mayor Fiorello La Guardia. A telegram from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, urging unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine, was received.

MILAN JEWISH COMMUNITY RESUMES FUNCTIONING; EXPRESSES THANKS TO LIBERATION COMMITTEE

BREMEN, April 29. (JTA) -- The Milan radio, operated by the National Committee of Liberation, said today that the Milan Jewish community has resumed functioning in its former headquarters at Via Guglielmo 19. As its first official act, the broadcast said, the community council expressed its gratitude to the Liberation Committee and to the clergy for helping Jews during the underground struggle against the Germans and the Italian fascists.

HONORARY DEGREES GIVEN MRS. FELIX WARBURG, JOSEPH HYMAN, FRANK WEIL, MEIER STEINBRINK

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, widow of the famed philanthropist; Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice president of the Joint Distribution Committee; Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board and Justice Meier Steinbrink of the New York Supreme Court, received honorary degrees today from the Hebrew Union College. The ceremony took place at the Central Synagogue, at the College's Spring convocation and annual Isaac Mayer Wise Founder's Day Service.

Mrs. Warburg was cited for being an "understanding promoter in manifold ways of Jewish culture and learning;" Mr. Hyman for his activities as a "zealous and constructive leader in projects of international Jewish relief;" Mr. Weil for ministering through the J.D.C. to "the spiritual needs and social needs of Jewish men in service" and the Jewish youth of America; and Justice Steinbrink for being a "civic servant of proved distinction" and a "constant and inspiring exemplar of Judaism in action."

JEWISH WORLD POPULATION DEPLETED TO ABOUT TWELVE MILLION SAY GOTTSCHALK AND DUKER

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- Pointing out that "almost two thirds of the entire Jewish population of the world are in the lowest depths of the direst catastrophe that has befallen them in history," Dr. Max Gottschalk and Abraham G. Duker estimate in "Jews in the Post-War World," being published tomorrow, that "some 4,000,000 Jews have been exterminated in the course of the present war."

Dr. Gottschalk, director of the Research Institute on Peace and Post-War Problems of the American Jewish Committee, and Sgt. Duker, formerly a member of the Institute, state that the Jewish population of the world "has been reduced by nearly one-quarter, from 16,717,000 in 1938 to a little more than 12,000,000 today. This constitutes a far greater percentage of loss than has been sustained by any other people in modern times."

"The largest proportion of Jews, more than 6,000,000" the authors point out, "will reside in countries where English is either widely or universally spoken: 4,700,000 in the United States; 535,000 in Palestine; 370,000 in Great Britain; 175,000 in Canada; 100,000 in South Africa and about 30,000 in Australia and New Zealand. The second largest group of Jews will be living in regions where Russian is the dominant language. German, until 1933 the second cultural language of the Jews of Central Europe and of the westernized Jews in the East, will lose in importance."

Declaring that "without the elimination of anti-Semitism, there can be no enduring democracy, no durable international peace," the authors point out that the status of Jews within any given country has "come to be recognized as an infallible criterion of that country's democratic structure and its genuine striving for a democratic peace."

JEWISH COUNCIL FOR RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF URGED TO TOP \$3,000,000 QUOTA FOR 1945

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The American people will never forget that the Soviet armies stood Hitler at bay while the world "still trembled in the balance," Dr. Stephen S. Wise today told delegates from 2,000 Jewish organizations attending the fourth annual conference of the Jewish Council of Russian War Relief at Manhattan Center.

Speaking on behalf of the American and the World Jewish Congress, he urged the delegates to increase their aid to the people of the Soviet Union and to surpass the \$3,000,000 gift program set by the conference as the Council's 1945 quota. Dr. Wise was unanimously elected honorary co-chairman, with Professor Albert Einstein, of the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief. An advisory board headed by James H. Rosenberg, chairman of the board of the Joint Distribution Committee, was also elected.