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HAPPY NEW YEAR L'SHONA TOVAH

JEWS THROUGHOUT WORLD USHER IN NEW YEAR TONIGHT; TRUMAN ISSUES ROSH HASHONAH GREETINGS

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Greeted by President Truman, members of his cabinet and by many other notables, including Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the Jews in the United States will join the Jews of the world at sunset tomorrow in ushering in the new year, 5706, and in voicing thanksgiving for the Allied victory and for the liberation of the world - and the Jewish people - from Nazilism.

Servicemen of Jewish faith will have an opportunity of observing the new year wherever they may be. Military and naval installations everywhere have made preparations for the observance of Rosh Hashonah. Arrangements have also been made for periods of leave, so that many servicemen may attend Rosh Hashonah services in the cities where they are stationed. Ten Jewish chaplains have been sent by the Jewish Welfare Board to Iceland, Greenland, the Azores, Ascension Island, Trinidad, Cuba and other outposts to conduct Rosh Hashonah services there. Other Jewish chaplains, assisted by local rabbis, will hold services for the wounded in hospitals.

President Truman, in his Rosh Hashonah message to the Jews of America, issued through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said: "The enemies of civilization who would have destroyed completely all freedom of religion have been defeated. All faiths unite in thanksgiving to Almighty God on our victory over the forces of evil.

"Let us now all join to create the kind of peace settlement which will keep alive freedom of religious beliefs all over the world, and prevent the recurrence of all this misery and destruction. That is the most fitting memorial we can erect to those who have fought and suffered and labored and died in this struggle to preserve decency for mankind."

The text of Gen. MacArthur's message reads as follows: "The Jewish High Holy Days, Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur, with their emphasis on the judgment of the Lord and man's need of penitence, are important observances in this year when destruction and devastation have reached such great proportions. Victor and vanquished alike stand under the judgment of Almighty God. Efforts and sacrifices of these years find justification in a bright new world, and men everywhere must pause in humility and prayer before God. Your ancient traditional High Holy Days are to all men a worthy reminder of Him whose goodness and mercy extend to all mankind."

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes issued the following message: "The recent ending of the war makes this celebration of the Jewish new year an occasion of the most solemn significance. In sending cordial greetings to all our citizens of Jewish faith I rejoice with you that deliverance has come for those who have suffered so greatly

under Nazi and Fascist rule. But deliverance has not yet brought peace and a home to many of them. Together we must work to build a just and enduring peace for all peoples so that all men and women regardless of race, religion or language will be protected from persecution and in the equal enjoyment of all fundamental rights and freedoms."

Wallace Urges Punishment for Anti-Jewish Atrocities

Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace said: "As the Jewish New Year approaches, people everywhere can thank God that the days and nights of terror have passed. Millions of Jews who committed no crimes have been murdered. Those who were responsible must be punished. Those who survived the Nazi persecution will, I am sure, help make this the sort of world where evil will never triumph again."

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes issued the following greeting: "The end of the war has brought an end to horrible devastation, and it has also brought an end to the sadistic torture of Jews and others. To that extent, the plight of Jewry in Germany and occupied countries has improved. Further damage has been stopped and an opportunity is present for rehabilitation to set in. I hope that the year 5706 will bring great strides of progress in this rebuilding. To my fellow citizens of the Jewish faith in the United States, I extend greetings on the advent of the New Year. I express the hope that in our own land we will continue with strength and courage on the true path of democratic action, and that significant progress will be made in reestablishing the dispersed peoples of Europe."

Jewish Leaders Stress Reconstruction for Jews in Europe and Palestine

Declaring that the end of World War II has raised high the hopes of surviving Jews for speedy rehabilitation overseas and large-scale Palestine settlement, Rabbi James G. Heller, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and William Rosenwald, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, issued a High Holiday message to the Jews of the United States in which they emphasized that mass need, distress and homelessness in the wake of war's destruction threaten the survival of the remaining Jews of Europe, unless American Jews embark immediately on a tremendous overseas relief and rehabilitation and Palestine upbuilding program to assure for the Jewish survivors a place of dignity and security in the post-war world. They stressed the fact that the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal--the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service--are required to meet the greatest needs in their history.

Paul Baerwald, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, emphasized in his Rosh Hashonah message that long years of persecution and suffering have erased the word "happiness" from the vocabulary of the Jews in Europe to whom American Jewry is personified in the J.D.C. "They are alive, and in that there is joy," the message said. "But the common hunger and destitution have made food and the reestablishment of normal living conditions the paramount thought in each mind. The year 5705 has seen victory in Europe, liberation of 1,250,000 Jews from the fear of German deportation. We pray that 5706 will bring peace to all the world and a new life to our brothers in Europe. Then in truth we can say 'Happy New Year,' for it will be a year of happiness to all."

JDC Broadcasts Pledge of Continued Aid to Jews of Europe

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, speaking in behalf of the JDC, today broadcast, through the facilities of the Office of War Information, a message of greeting to the Jews of Europe, assuring them that the JDC will continue to extend to them in the coming year the maximum amount of assistance possible.

Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund, issued a Rosh Hashonah message stating that "the Jewish people earnestly hope that President Truman's

recent statement on Palestine is a foreshadowing of prompt and concrete steps to be taken soon to abrogate the White Paper and to implement the basic purpose of the Balfour Declaration by the establishment of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine."

Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, said that for the first time in fifteen years world Jewry can feel a surge of genuine hope as the New Year is welcomed. "It has been the privilege of the National Jewish Welfare Board to contribute, as the agent of the Jewish community, to the Allied victory," the statement declared. "As we give voice to our gratitude for peace and victory, we must renew our determination to make the world a better place to live in during the coming year."

Rosh Hashonah messages were also issued by the Synagogue Council of America, the HIAS, The National Labor Committee for Palestine, Hadassah and other Jewish organizations, all of which emphasized that the surviving Jews in Europe look to American Jewry for aid. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O., issued greetings through the Jewish Labor Committee pledging that organized labor in the United States will not forget the responsibility of the civilized world to the Jews who were the most tragic victims of Nazi aggression.

PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA GREETS JEWS ON ROSH HASHONAH; LAUDS THEIR ROLE IN WAR

OTTAWA, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- "All Canadians will rejoice that the final victory of Allied arms over the enemies of freedom has ended the cruel oppression to which countless people of the Jewish faith have been so long subjected, and from now on, let us all remember that the only sure foundation of world peace is human brotherhood," W.L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, said today in a Rosh Hashonah message to the Jewish community of the Dominion.

The Prime Minister also stated that "it affords him special pleasure to extend cordial greetings to the Jewish citizens of Canada together with his warm thanks for their fine contribution to Canada's war effort throughout the past six tragic years."

Douglas Abbott, the Minister of National Defense, in his New Year message to the Jews of Canada, said: "This great Dominion has reason to be proud of the manner in which its sons and daughters have responded to the call. Jews and Christians together, they have fought magnificently to bring about the downfall of the infamous Nazi regime. Still together, and with the inspiring example of their own Canadian way of life, they are carrying on their just part in the fight to the end that all nations of the world may yet live and work together in peace and security."

CHIEF RABBI HERZOG, IN NEW YEAR MESSAGE, URGES JEWS NOT TO FORGET BRETHREN IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Declaring that the battle against Nazism was fought not only at such places as Dunkirk, Stalingrad and El Alamein, but in the death camps at Treblinka, Maidanek and Buchenwald, Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine, in a New Year's message, today appealed to the Jews of the world not to forget "our brethren wandering by the ash heaps of the remains of a third of Israel."

He called on Jews everywhere to meet "this greatest crisis of our martyred people" by banishing all dissension so that they "may prove equal to the massive, unprecedented tasks" of physical and spiritual rehabilitation. Rabbi Herzog expressed the hope that the coming year would see an end to the wandering of the Jewish people and the return of the homeless Jews in Europe to the traditional Jewish homeland.

CENSORSHIP WILL END IN PALESTINE THIS MONTH, SAYS ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Civil and military censorship of cables and letters leaving Palestine will be terminated the end of this month, and censorship of the local press will be restricted to "matters affecting the country's security, Acting High Commissioner John V.M. Shaw told a conference of Palestine editors today.

Shaw also announced that persons desiring to leave the country will no longer be required to obtain a police permit, but he added that the Palestine Government is not prepared to do anything more in connection with facilitating visas for neighboring countries.

In reply to a question, the Acting High Commissioner said that the government was not prepared to discuss any proposal for nationalization of large enterprises such as the Palestine Electric Corporation, or the Palestine Potash Co., which was proposed by the editor of the Arab newspaper Al Difa.

The central committee of the Histadruth adopted a resolution today demanding that the government revoke all war-time emergency regulations affecting man power controls, prohibition of strikes and night work by women.

PALESTINE JEWS READY TO COOPERATE WITH BRITISH INQUIRY COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- The "Yishuv Education Committee," consisting of representatives of all Jewish parties, met here today and issued a statement welcoming the appointment by the Colonial Office of a commission to investigate the administrative machinery of the Jewish school system in Palestine. The committee said it would extend all possible assistance and cooperation to the investigating body.

Eliahu Dobkin, immigration chief of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference today that 1,600 immigrants had entered Palestine in August and 2,000 were expected this month.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES OF POLAND APPEAL TO CHIEF RABBI OF PALESTINE FOR GUIDANCE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Jewish religious groups in Poland have cabled to Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine asking him to send directives to them concerning all religious questions, especially the problem of women whose husbands have disappeared, but who have no proof of their death, it was learned here today. Rabbi Herzog's advice was also solicited on problems of reconstruction of Jewish communities.

At the same time, the Chief Rabbi received an official communication from the Polish Ministry of Public Administration which declared that Jewish religious life in Poland has been restored. It revealed that the Polish Government summoned the representatives of all Jewish religious groups to a conference presided over by Col. David Cahane, Senior Jewish Chaplain in the Polish Forces and Rabbi Moses Steinberg of Cracow, where problems of the Jewish religious communities were discussed.

The cable to Rabbi Herzog from the religious groups disclosed that a rabbinical college has already been opened and that Polish Jews are presently engaged in restoring the cemeteries which were desecrated by the Nazis.

MUNICH JEWS TO HOLD ROSH HASHONAH SERVICES FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1938

MUNICH, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- The small Jewish community of this city tomorrow night will hold its first Rosh Hashonah services since the destruction of most German synagogues by the Nazis, in November, 1938.

AMERICAN NATIONALISTS MEET IN NEW YORK; URGE DEPORTATION OF JEWS, END OF IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) — A motley collection of former members of the American First party, the Nazi Bund and smaller anti-Semitic anti-democratic groups met here last night under the aegis of former Senator Robert Reynold's "American Nationalist Party," to form a local chapter of that organization.

Among the participants were two indicted seditionists, Elmer Elmhurst, who, it has been reported, recently placed an order for 5,000 copies of the "Protocols of Zion" with a local printer, and Col. Eugene Sanctuary and a sprinkling of anti-Semitic and pro-fascist propagandists.

The addresses were devoted to the usual attacks on Jews, Roosevelt, the present administration and other favorite topics of the "hate" groups. John G. Scott, editor of the publication "Money," which is devoted to a "Christian America," told the audience, which consisted of about 125 persons, that the group led by Christian Front-er Joe McWilliams and a new group being formed by former radio commentator and Hearst writer Upton Close would shortly amalgamate with the American Nationalists.

Among the slogans voiced at the meeting were "Deport the Jews and Negroes," and "End Immigration into the U.S." The members of the audience were urged to organize cells of ten each among their friends and acquaintances to spread the nationalist propaganda.

MAJORITY OF BUDGET COMMITTEE FAVORS NATIONAL ADVISORY BUDGETING, BLAUSTEIN REITERATES

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the Budget Research Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, reiterated today that a majority of the members of that committee favor the National Advisory Budgeting plan which is being submitted to the member communities of the Council.

In a statement commenting on the question raised several days ago by the group opposing national budgeting, Mr. Blaustein declared:

"It is apparent that the opposition committee has misread or misinterpreted both as to content and record of votes an interim report which was presented in February to the board of the Council for its consideration. Only five members of the Budget Research Committee of fourteen were definitely opposed to the principle of advisory budgeting at that time and since then one of these five has declared himself in favor of the proposal. Moreover, a more recent vote in June reaffirms the fact that a majority of the members of the Budget Research Committee is in favor of the National Advisory Budgeting proposal which is being submitted to the member communities of the Council."

INSTITUTE OF JEWISH AFFAIRS REPORTS 5,700,000 MURDERED BY AXIS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- The Institute of Jewish Affairs, research affiliate of the World Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Congress, today reported that 5,700,000 Jews, or 60 percent of the total Jewish population in Europe, were murdered by the Axis.

The report said that the Institute came to this conclusion on the basis of statistics gathered from all available sources on the number of Jewish civilian casualties during the Axis domination in Europe. It added that if the Jews killed by the Germans in Russia are excluded from the count, the percentage of Jews killed or missing would reach 68 percent. None of these estimates, it is pointed out, takes into consideration the military casualties among Jews.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN CALLS FOR PERMANENT FEPC IN ADDRESS TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Declaring that freedom from discrimination because of race, religion and color was an "American ideal" and "one of the fundamentals of our political philosophy," President Truman in his message to Congress today reiterated his recommendation that the Fair Employment Practice Committee be placed on a permanent basis by Congressional enactment.

"During the years of war production," said the President's message, "we made substantial progress in overcoming many of the prejudices which had resulted in discrimination against minority groups. Many of the injustices based upon considerations of race, religion, and color were removed. Many were prevented. Perfection was not reached, of course, but substantial progress was made.

"In the reconversion period and thereafter, we should make every effort to continue this American ideal. It is one of the fundamentals of our political philosophy, and it should be an integral part of our economy. The Fair Employment Practice Committee is continuing during the transition period. I have already requested that legislation be enacted placing the Fair Employment Practice Committee on a permanent basis. I repeat that recommendation."

KAPLAN SAYS RABBIS PROCLAIMED HEREM AGAINST HIM BECAUSE THEIR POSITION IS ENDANGERED

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Condemning the use of the herem, which was proclaimed against him by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis last June, as an attempt by the Orthodox rabbinate to use force as a means of keeping the Jewish religion alive, Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, leader of the Reconstructionist movement, charged today that the Orthodox rabbis took this drastic action because they see their powerful position in the Jewish community challenged by the Conservative rabbinate.

The burning of his revised prayer book and the attack on the entire Reconstructionist movement, Rabbi Kaplan asserts, in a 30-page pamphlet defending his views, was occasioned by the Orthodox rabbi's hope that they could in that manner damage the entire Conservative branch of Jewry. The use of the herem, he continues, implies that the Orthodox rabbis have never renounced the "right to coerce obedience to rabbinic authority which is not based on democratic consent."

Rabbi Kaplan also charges that the same spirit of Orthodoxy is stifling Jewish religious growth in Palestine and splitting the community into those who "hurl bans and anathemas," at one another and those who "detest religion and all its works which they still regard as the creation of hypocritical clericalism."

GOLDSTEIN CALLS FOR IMMIGRATION OF 100,000 JEWS INTO PALESTINE WITHIN SIX MONTHS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today called for a new immigration policy designed to speed the entrance of 100,000 Jews into Palestine within the next six months.

Addressing a press luncheon, Dr. Goldstein termed President Truman's recent statement on Palestine "encouraging" but said that "it left some doubt as to how soon a definite decision might be expected," regarding establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine and the entry of as many Jews as possible. He urged that Palestine be given "a new status" in the coming half year, with the Jewish Agency for Palestine exercising interim control over immigration and colonization.

BECAUSE OF ROSH HASHONAH THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON MONDAY