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### JEWISH GROUPS THROUGHOUT NATION EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN FINAL VICTORY

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- Messages of support of President Roosevelt in the United States' all-out war against Japan continued to pour in today from many Jewish organizations all over the country.

Frank L. Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, the Jewish organization in closest contact with our armed forces, sent a message to the President offering the "complete facilities and entire resources" of his organization. He promised that the JWB will "intensify its services and redouble its efforts," adding that "in all solemnity, and with a calmness born of deep conviction in the might of America and in its indestructable courage to see it through to absolute victory, the Jewish Welfare Board pledges itself to the grave and inescapable duty before us."

The Agudas Israel, speaking on behalf of orthodox Jews, wired the White House that orthodox Jewry "stands united under your leadership in this decisive hour for our country as for the entire democratic world. We are certain that with the help of the Almighty this crisis will lead to victory over the dark powers enlisted by our enemies."

### BRITISH JEWS PLEDGE SOLIDARITY WITH U.S. AND ROOSEVELT IN WAR AGAINST JAPAN

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- Solidarity with President Roosevelt and the United States Government in the war with Japan was expressed here today in a message from the British section of the World Jewish Congress to the American Jewish Congress, which will convey it to President Roosevelt.

Addressed to the people of the United States, the cable, a copy of which was handed to Ambassador John J. Winant, expresses the "horror" of British Jewry at the "brutal and unprovoked assault on the part of European Fascism against the great American democracy." It stresses that the "Jewish people, who were the first victims of Nazi and Fascist savagery, are ranged with all civilized mankind in unswerving sympathy and support of the American nation in defending its life and liberty against totalitarian savagery."

"The British Section of the World Jewish Congress salutes the entry of the United States, under the leadership of its great President Franklin D. Roosevelt, into alliance with the world democracies to finally rid humanity of Fascist despotism," the message concludes.

The letter accompanying the copy of the cable which was sent to Ambassador Winant reads in part:

"We believe that when the United States, Britain and her allies have finally crushed and rid humanity of the despotisms which seek to enslave it they will inaugurate a new world in which Jews, like other peoples, will secure justice and the full equality of citizenship."

WASHINGTON DISCUSSES INTERNMENT OF ALIENS AS WAR DECLARATION BY GERMANY IS EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- The round-up of over 400 German and Italian aliens by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the announcement of a proclamation by President Roosevelt authorizing these and further arrests has resulted in the question of concentration camps for aliens being raised once again in Congressional circles here. The issue came to the fore prominently today as war declarations by Germany and Italy against the United States were expected to follow the opening of hostilities by Japan.

Though action apparently cannot be initiated again in the House during this session of Congress on the Hobbs "Concentration camp bill" which was defeated last month by a vote of 167 to 141, it was pointed out here today that the Senate could take up the Russell bill, which is the twin to the Hobbs bill, and that the House would pass it now as soon as it has passed the Senate.

It was disclosed here today that a few days before the Hobbs bill came up in the House on November 18, the Judiciary Committee in an unannounced meeting voted to offer committee amendments striking out the provisions which extended the Attorney General's authority to legalize the stay of aliens who have lived in the United States for a certain number of years as well as of refugees who have come to the United States as non-immigrants. The Judiciary Committee also insisted on making more severe the exclusion and deportation provisions of the bill. This move altered the position of the Department of Justice on the Hobbs Bill.

A statement issued by Attorney General Biddle, clarifying his views on the issue of internment deportable aliens who could not be deported to their native lands, reads:

"I have never been in favor of any measure which would grant permanent authority to confine deportable aliens without the right of trial, and I should prefer a bill in which authority is expressly limited to the emergency. However, in view of the very graveness of the emergency which faces this country and because our long-standing policy of deporting undesirable aliens has become inadequate, I do support the Hobbs bill in the form in which it was originally introduced. This is because the authority to confine aliens, under this bill, is in effect, though not expressly, limited to the present emergency. When the emergency is over, we shall then, in most cases, be able to return deportable aliens to their native lands. This fact, in actuality, makes the authority contained in the measure temporary in character.

"When the bill was originally drafted, one of the considerations which made me willing to support it was the provisions which gave the Attorney General discretion to change the status of aliens who had been in this country for a certain number of years. If, however, these sections are eliminated, the bill cannot have the support of the Department of Justice."

POLISH ANTI-SEMITIC PARTY URGES EVACUATION OF ALL JEWS FROM POST-WAR POLAND

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- The Polish Government-in-exile here was today urged to accept the principle that all Jews will be forced to leave Poland after the war, in the first issue of a new publication, "Walka," issued by the youth group of Nara, which is the most reactionary and anti-Semitic party in Polish politics.

An editorial in the paper, which is widely distributed among Poles in Scotland, declares that: "We are not allowed to write concerning our post-war frontiers or about the Jews, but it is desirable that the Government should take up the policy of evacuating the Jews from Poland."

PARIS PRESS LAUNCHES NEW ANTI-SEMITIC DRIVE; ASKS SEIZURE OF JEWISH PROPERTY

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- New anti-Jewish outbursts in the Paris press as a result of Sunday's meeting of Jacques Doriot's anti-Semitic party, at which confiscation of all Jewish property in France was advocated, were reported today by the Paris radio.

At the meeting, one of the Popular Party's leaders stated that the Jews must pay reparation for the war "which inflicted such losses upon the French people." He demanded that Jews be immediately deprived of the right to possess property of any kind.

The Cri du Peuple writes that "defeat with all its consequences was needed to show Parisians all the harm done by the Jews." It calls for stricter anti-Jewish measures to "punish the exploiters of the French people." The Petit Parisien states that France lost its position as a leader in the doctrine of race because the Jews and their friends tried to eliminate from the French mind everything concerning the matter. It demands an "urgent, scientific and methodical defense of the French race."

The broadcast also announced that children of the members of the Institute for the Jewish Question will celebrate Christmas at the anti-Semitic exhibit which is currently running in Paris. Standing under the Christmas decorations the children will be forced to listen to anti-Semitic addresses.

COLOGNE, MUNSTER NOW VIRTUALLY JUDENREIN; JEWS ROBBED OF HOMES BY NAZI OFFICIALS

GENEVA, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- The districts of Cologne and Munster in Germany are almost completely "judenrein," according to reports reaching here today.

Every Jewish family has been forced to give up its home to Nazi party officials. They were not permitted to take with them any of their belongings and were even warned to leave their homes in a spotless condition with fresh linen on all beds. In some of the small cities bordering on Munster, Cologne, Essen, Duesseldorf and other Rhineland sections that have suffered from RAF bombing, the confiscated Jewish homes are being rented to business men and industrialists who wish to obtain places of relative safety. As a result, the report discloses, some Nazi party officials are amassing fortunes.

Their activities, however, are arousing a feeling of disgust among the general population and have increased sympathy for the Jews, the reports add. The Nazis are not confining themselves to stealing Jewish property but in some places are robbing church property as well. There is now open hostility to the Nazis in many non-Jewish quarters in the affected areas, according to the latest information.

MUFTI CONFERS WITH HITLER, VON RIBBENTROP IN BERLIN

ZURICH, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- Haj Amin Al-Husseini, Mufti of Jerusalem, was received by Fuehrer Adolf Hitler, reported the Berlin radio here today. The conversation, which occurred in the presence of Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, was characterized as "cordial" and "of great consequence for the future of the Arab countries."

RUSSIAN JEW PROMOTED TO RANK OF LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- Among promotions in the Red Army decreed recently by the Council of People's Commissars of the Soviet Union is that of K.P. Podlas to be Lieutenant-General, it was disclosed here today. General Podlas is a Jew.

CREATION OF A JEWISH ARMY WOULD STRENGTHEN DEFENSES OF PANAMA CANAL, PATTERSON STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- Creation of a Jewish army in the Middle East would strengthen the position of the Panama Canal, declared Col. J. H. Patterson, commander of the Jewish Legion during World War I and now honorary chairman of the Committee for a Jewish army, at a press conference today.

Col. Patterson stated that with the United States and Great Britain at war with Japan and with Hawaii, the Philippines and Singapore under attack, the 100,000 Australian troops engaged in the Middle Eastern campaign are vitally needed in the Orient. Formation of a Jewish army in Palestine would make possible the shifting of these Imperial forces to the new battlegrounds, he stressed.

OSE IN FRANCE PLANS EXTENSION OF HEALTH AND CHILD WELFARE WORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- An extensive program for medical relief work in France under the auspices of the OSE was mapped out at a recent conference at Montpellier of active leaders and collaborators of the organization, it was reported today by the OSE quarters here.

Plans for the coming winter and a number of reports on OSE activities in the fields of children's care, refugee aid, relief service to physicians, and related topics were heard by the delegates who came from Marseille, Lyon, Perigueux, Limoges, Rivesaltes and Gurs. The OSE recently opened a preventorium for children susceptible to tuberculosis and twenty-five Jewish-French refugee children have already been admitted for preventive care to this institution at Villard-Sur-Buege in the mountains of High Savoy in unoccupied France.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS TO REVISE ITS BY-LAWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- The membership of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will be asked to take final action at the 1942 General Assembly on a number of proposed revisions of the By-laws approved by the Council's Board of Directors at a meeting in New York on November 15-16, it was learned here today.

Based on a membership of 219 agencies, 183 agencies located in cities of less than 20,000 Jewish population and having a total Jewish population of \$04,568, will have a total of 223 votes, while 36 agencies in the larger cities, having a total Jewish population of 3,562,211 will have a total of about 217 votes.

Another recommended revision raises the minimum annual assessment to the Council from \$25 to \$50 and establishes the principle of prorating the costs of the Council program among the member agencies. Still another proposal would make all General Assembly decisions "binding upon the Board of Directors but not upon the member organizations of the Council, except as each member adopts such decisions as its own." The Board also approved a number of minor revisions.

Other issues reviewed by the Board included the national advisory budget service, plans for the Chicago G.A., Council finances, increased contribution to the National Social Work Council and current developments in the General Jewish Council. The Board adopted a resolution of tribute to Herbert Mallinson, Texas Jewish philanthropist and member of the Board, who died recently.

JEWISH AIRMAN AWARDED DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA)-- Sgt. Air Gunner Aubrey Weldon, a 25-year-old Jewish lawyer, of Southport, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for an act of "conspicuous bravery and outstanding resource," the nature of which, however, cannot as yet be revealed, it was announced here today.