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**“Out of the Depths Have I  
Cried Unto Thee, O Lord!”**

PSALMS CXXX:1

**"SAVE US, O LORD . . ."****An Editorial**

Ten years ago in Germany there came into power a man who did not believe in man—or G-d. This man was the epitome of everything against which enlightened mankind had been fighting since the dawn of civilization, and his first official act was the sacrificing on his altars of animalic cruelty, debauchery, and supreme hatred the Jewish citizens of his state.

Yet, the world kept silent.

His slaughter benches became redder and redder with the blood of this people. The drops accumulated and became raging torrents, and as the years went on they bore ghastly witness to the extermination of a portion of mankind.

Yet, the world kept silent.

The tidal wave of chaos and havoc overflowed the sluice gates, and this flood of fury poured out all over Europe, tearing out everything in its path—appealed for the moment only when mixed with Jewish blood. Rob the Jew! Kill the Jew! Exterminate the Jew!

Yet, the world kept silent.

**The Jew As the Symptom of World's Ills**

The world did not realize that this stigmatized Jew was its pulse. It did not realize that rot and decay were setting in, that when the Jew suffers it is always symptomatic of a greater and far more deadly illness. And even when, finally, the world decided to take up arms, "expediency" prevented it from demanding justice for the first heroic soldiers who fought this monster.

"It might be said it is a Jewish war", furtively whispered so-called leaders of freedom. "It might lead to embarrassing complications if we bring the Jew into the limelight", worried so-called fighters of liberty. Blasted appeasement and weak-kneed cowardice was all that it was! While the world was sacrificing itself on an altar of "expediency", the Jewish people was being sacrificed for all humanity, and that same indifferent world is now paying dearly for turning its eyes away, for saying "Peace, Peace" when there was no peace.

Conditions have now reached a head—late enough to be sure. With the blood of two million murdered Jews screaming out for revenge, rumblings of protest and demands for action are finally issuing forth. The stomach of human decency is vomiting in revolt!

We, the students of Yeshiva College and The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, have dedicated ourselves to the task of making those rumblings stronger and stronger. We have taken upon ourselves the sacred duty of making every human being with a spark of mercy and righteous indignation bring pressure upon the leaders of the United Nations to guarantee for our brethren a fifth freedom—the freedom to live. Or if to die, to die as human beings, and not as helpless lambs being led to the slaughter.

This publication is our initial attempt. Through it we hope to create a militant nucleus—on the campus, from the pulpit, on the floors of Congress, in the schoolroom, on street corners, wherever a thinking being can be found—which will storm the gates of our leaders and demand that abstruse principles be translated into dynamic reality.

Whether we shall succeed or not depends wholly upon the reader. If what is presented in the ensuing pages is read with the proper measure of mind and heart and soul, we will succeed; if not, this will but be a hollow voice in the wilderness of indifference.

Yet, it goes still deeper. We are students of a theological seminary. Our lives are bound up in the work of the Lord. We hope some day to become leaders of Jewry, to mould a good and spiritual people.

But we, the living, cannot rest while our brethren are dying. The words in our holy books become blurred because of the burning tears which blind us. And although we know that the ultimate decision rests in the hands of G-d, we also feel that it is incumbent upon us to let our brothers know that we are not forgetting them in this, their darkest hour—to let them know, that besides our prayers, we are trying our utmost to make mankind itself create out of their black misery a new humanity and a real civilization.

**Students Condemn Nazi Atrocities; Demand Action**

"We ask that the United Nations extend a strong hand to the Jewish people which is being engulfed by Nazi brutality. Justice, mercy and human decency demand that this action be taken."—Abraham Zuroff.

"We must not be deluded into thinking that ours is but a feeble and ineffectual protest. With concerted efforts, we can effect action."—Jacob Walker.

**Resolution Urges United Nations Lend Succor to Jews**

Representing all the departments of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Yeshiva College, an overflow crowd of students, alumni, and faculty members assembled Tuesday morning, Feb. 23, and condemned the Nazi atrocities against the Jews. A vigorous protest was lodged against the United Nations' silence in the face of "the brutal obliteration of a whole people."

The assembly gave its unanimous approval to a strongly-worded resolution urging the American government to assume the lead in effecting the rescue of the European Jews now facing extinction. In addition, the resolution urged that the Palestinian immigration laws be annulled to allow the Jewish refugees from persecution "a haven in the Jewish National Home."

**Retaliation for Atrocities**

"The governments of the United Nations must impress the Germans that acts of atrocities against the Jews will result in immediate retaliation," the statement continued. "We appeal to the leaders and statesmen of the justice-loving nations of the world to act now while there is yet time."

The resolution concluded with a plea for concrete action, rather than expressions of sympathy and commiseration. "In regaining the lost soul of the world, let us not discover that in the process, we have, by our own indifference, lost our own."

Preceding the adoption of the resolution, Abraham Zuroff '41, president of the Students' Organization of Yeshiva, briefly outlined the state of the European Jews today. "The record shows," he stated, "that over two million Jews have already been ruthlessly slaughtered. The Nazis have conceived and executed a satanic program beyond the grasp of the decent human mind. . . . What is needed now is action, not pity, action, not sympathy!"

**Walker Urges Action**

Discussing the immediate problem of "what can be done by the individual student," Jacob Walker, president of the Yeshiva College Student Council, declared: "Our own beloved country is, thank G-d, still a democracy and public opinion is still a powerful force. The voice of decent, justice-loving people must be heard." The speaker concluded with a spirited plea to the gathering to send letters to its representatives in Congress, protesting America's indifference to the plight of the Jews.

Solomon Gopin, representing the alumni of the institution, then read the resolution which was unqualifiedly accepted.

**TEXT OF RESOLUTION**

We, the students of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, and of the Yeshiva College, raise our voices in solemn protest against the iniquitous silence and callous passivity on the part of the United Nations, in the face of total annihilation of all the Jews on the continent of Europe.

Hitler and his accomplices in crime have committed themselves to a policy of barbarous extermination, the magnitude of which is unparalleled in the annals of human history. Millions of Jews have already met a martyred death in the German slaughterhouses; millions more are facing imminent destruction at the hands of the ruthless Nazi butchers.

We, citizens of a free country where the torch of freedom still burns with unabated intensity, cannot resign ourselves to the belief that the conscience of mankind has become so morally numb as to view with equanimity the total obliteration of a people. For the Jews do not bleed alone. Israel's wounds are the wounds of all mankind.

In view of the aforementioned we demand that:

- 1.) Immediate negotiations be started through the good offices of the Vatican or a neutral country, for the immediate release of all Jews imprisoned on the continent of Europe.
- 2.) That the gates of Palestine, the Jewish national home, be thrown open to these innocent victims as a haven of refuge. All restrictions on immigration must be lifted!
- 3.) That the governments of the United Nations impress the Germans that acts of atrocities against the Jews will result in immediate retaliation.

We appeal to the leaders and statesmen of the justice-loving nations of the world to act now while there is yet time. Recent reports from reliable sources indicate that thousands of Jews can be saved from the inferno created by the Nazi hordes.

If the United Nations fail to act now, they will have placed an indelible stigma on themselves second only to the barbarism of the instigators and perpetrators themselves. Mere expressions of pity, sympathy, and commiseration are but empty gestures and a hollow mockery if they are not translated into concrete action.

In regaining the lost soul of the world let us not, G-d forbid, discover that in the process, we have, by our own indifference, lost our own.

**T. A. Joins In Protest****Gordon Speaks At Mass Assembly**

More than 300 students of the Talmudical Academy assembled last Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 24, in the Harry Fischel Synagogue to appeal for action on the part of the United Nations which will alleviate the suffering of as many persecuted European Jews as possible.

The principal speaker at the assembly was Irwin Gordon '43, Vice-President of the College Student Council who, after outlining the atrocities which the Jews had suffered in Nazi-dom-

inated Europe, stressed the urgency of immediate action to save the "remnant of Israel."

Continuing his address, Gordon stated, "Hitler is willing to make peace with the Poles, the Czechs, and the Greeks; for the Jews there is no peace but the eternal peace of the grave." He

**Student Leaders Act**

The following steps have been taken by your leaders since the student assembly:

1. A dramatic appeal was sent out to student leaders of three hundred colleges and universities by our Student Council president. The appeal, which includes the resolution adopted at the mass meeting, also offers a seven point program to be adopted at these campuses.

2. A delegation of students represented the College at an inter-seminary conference last week. The aim of the conference was to discuss fully the plight of the Jew. A resolution was adopted condemning the atrocities and urging the lowering of the barriers to immigration to Palestine.

3. Copies of the College resolution were sent out to hundreds of Anglo-Jewish newspapers.

further pointed out the importance of public opinion which "must be brought to bear on our government in order to insure effective action."

The next speaker, Sam Oaken, president of the G. O. of Talmudical Academy told the students of concrete ways and means in which American public opinion could be aroused.

# EUROPEAN JEWRY FACES TOTAL EXTINCTION

## Nazi Pattern of Death Threatens 5,000,000 Jews

Last June 24, while you may have flicked a match and idly lit it to your cigarette, another match was being kindled by a member of the "Utasha," Croatian police, to ignite three hundred and seven bound Jews who had previously been drenched in gasoline. And in August of the preceding year the crackle of almonds nuts under your mother's rolling pin was matched by the crackle of bones in the Ukraine; Jewish bones and flesh and blood of women and children tied together in the road for German army lorries to run back and forth over their broken bodies.

No Food, No Warmth,  
No Hope

It is difficult for American Jews living in warmth and comfort to visualize the misery of those clinging to life in the fifth-, starvation-, and disease-ridden inferno of Nazi-dominated Europe. There is no food there, no warmth, no comfort, and—no hope. It is difficult to picture a hate which knows no boundary except the grave. Or does it stop there? Even the tombstones of Jews in Germany have been ripped from the ground to erase the very last vestige of Jewish residence in that country. Death is not the end of the story.

Proceeding on the basis of scientific inquiries since 1932 into methods of extermination and utilization of corpses, the Nazis are exploiting exhumed bodies for the manufacture of soap, glue, and train oil. There is one such factory in Dresden and at least two in Breslau. Some very assiduous calculator in the Reich's Ministry of Economics has estimated the utility value of a single corpse at 50 Reichsmarks.

Information on the whole grisly embroglio streams through the thin pipeline of depositions to the American State Department, official German admissions and confidential reports, eye-witness accounts relayed to Jewish agencies in free countries, the underground press, and other channels to Governments-in-Exile. As far as it is possible to check on a continuing process of mass murder which may have counted many victims in the few minutes you have been glancing at this page, the facts have been cross-verified and the figures accurately recorded.

Total Destruction  
For The Jews

From all this information there emerges a pattern of total destruction for the Jewish people. That is the horror of it! It is a pattern, with all the systematic calculation and premeditation that word connotes. Although Hitler never concealed his implacable hatred of Jews and a determination to "solve the Jewish Question" by its roots, human minds simply refused to believe that he meant every threat literally. It is not quite clear whether he had formulated a definite plan before the war, but with the objective set, a program was not long in coming.

The goal was complete annihilation. Last summer Herman Backe, Secretary of State for Economics, submitted a project to the Fuehrer's headquarters for the concentration of all Jews in certain regions of Eastern Europe, where they were to be

exterminated in one fell stroke. According to reliable information received at the Geneva office of the World Jewish Congress, this action was to be consummated by autumn, 1942. Because of technical difficulties the death-line was probably extended, but with massacres going on apace, it is considered to be a matter of a year or two before the plan is fulfilled. Hitler predicated his dread order on Backe's proposals.

Heinrich Himmler  
Objects

However, do not think that the plan passed unopposed in higher Nazi councils. It was frowned upon by Heinrich Himmler, head of the Gestapo, among others because—listen!—"Such Jews as are artisans or specialists in industry can ease the labor shortage in Poland." Not even the faintest glimmer of humanitarianism is played on the discussion. Either a Jew is worth more to the Reich as a corpse or as an artisan. Add, subtract, and kill.

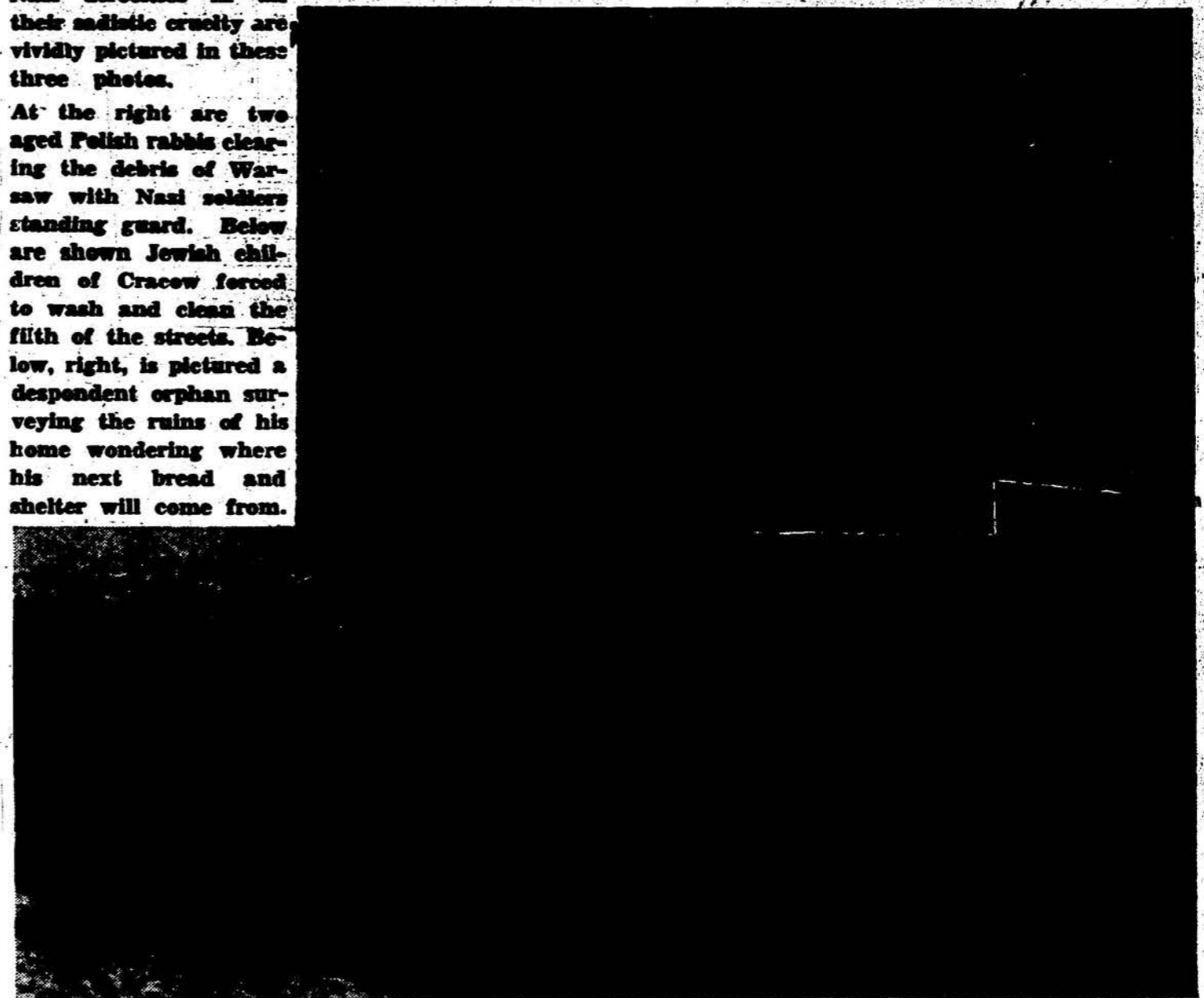
Scientific Patterns  
Of Destruction

The goal set and a program accepted, ways and means of carrying it out were adopted with fiendish dispatch. Firstly, the deportation process itself gives the Nazis an opportunity to decimate the ranks of their victims by shocking numbers. The November 24th report of the Polish Government in London describes how Jews are loaded into freight cars in batches of 150 when there are accommodations for less than one-third that number. Providing no food nor drink for the trip, Gestapo men in charge sprinkle doused lime or chlorine on the floor and seal the doors. More than one-half the hapless travelers perish of suffocation and starvation, but again death provides them with no rest; the cadavers remain standing, compressed against the bodies of those still gasping. There is no room to fall! Of 250,000 in one such "resettlement group," about 4000 reached labor battalions.

Once in the Eastern European concentration areas, Jews are herded into ghettos, which is nothing but another name for slaughter house in the Nazi vocabulary. Spotted typhus epidemics rage with such ferocity that bodies are simply heaped on the streets to be carted away, in scenes reminiscent of the Black Plague. With his bread ration one-third that allotted to Poles, his purchases confined to hours when stocks are gone, and no scouring for food outside the ghetto walls permitted, how is the Jew to eat? Sweeping through the horror-ridden ghettos at this moment are German

Nazi atrocities in all their sadistic cruelty are vividly pictured in these three photos.

At the right are two aged Polish rabbis clearing the debris of Warsaw with Nazi soldiers standing guard. Below are shown Jewish children of Cracow forced to wash and clean the filth of the streets. Below, right, is pictured a despondent orphan surveying the ruins of his home wondering where his next bread and shelter will come from.



mobile extermination squads (Vernichtungskolonnen) which kill the feeble, aged, and infirm.

This ruthless policy is reflected in the depopulation of ghettos, such as at Warsaw, once crowded with 500,000 victims of Hitlerite rule, now harboring less than 40,000. In Cracow 4000 Jews remain of the city's original 60,000. A similarly horrifying picture is drawn for every country within the Nazi orbit. Of 2,800,000 in Poland in February, 1942, at least a million and a half have been slaughtered; 200,000 of our kinsfolk in 1939 have been reduced to 40,000 at the present. So goes the dread roster. Belgium, from 85,000 to 8000. Netherlands, 180,000 to 60,000. Greece, Austria, Rumania, Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania. In all, it has been estimated that by December, 1942 almost 2,000,000 Jews had been slaughtered.

Synagogues  
Desecrated

Not only do the beasts wipe out the Jews in body, they are also trampling his spirit. The leading synagogues of Europe are either destroyed or converted into latrines, scrolls of the Torah are desecrated wholesale, religious libraries and educational institutions are liquidated. Further, observance of the Sabbath and "Schechitah" regulations are forbidden. To panic religious communities, rabbis have been martyred by the hundreds.

Immediate Steps Essential  
If Any Jews To Remain

Everywhere in Nazi-occupied Europe we are faced by extinction. Great as may be the temptation to yield to despair, there must be no surrender. Unless immediate steps are taken **THERE WILL BE NO JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE NAZI REALM TO SAVE!** Today is for action; tomorrow, for weeping.

## United Nations Must Act Before It Is Too Late

Before the outbreak of World War II those countries now included in the United Nations contented themselves largely with token acts to alleviate Jewish persecution in Germany. The American "White Paper" recently issued by the State Department speaks of representations made to the Nazi Government through Ambassador Dodd against anti-Jewish excesses.

The Evian Conference and subsequent appointment of Commissioner Macdonald by the League of Nations to administer the refugee problem did not improve the lot of the Jew significantly. All during this period, 1933-1942, passivity was justified on the grounds that German anti-Semitism, was an "internal problem" in which other nations had no call to interfere.

Events Contradict  
Argument

Today that tenuous argument stands contradicted by events. It is clear that anti-Semitism played an important role in the Realpolitik of German aggression, that the flogging of one Jew in Lissau was organically bound up with the attack on Poland. President Roosevelt in his many pronouncements on the polar separation of the ideologies for which the United Nations and the Axis powers are respectively struggling, has recognized this fact. "We are fighting," he has declared, "not only for ourselves, but for all men."

Why, then, has not one solid step been taken to aid us in our distress? How can nations which profess consecration to justice and decency witness the extinction of innocent millions without lifting a finger to stay the blood-

shed? And concrete action is feasible, as will be developed in another section of this issue.

Sympathy Expressed  
By Leading Figures

It is true that prominent individuals, some of them in government, have expressed warm sympathy. Thus, we find such names among signers of a "Proclamation on the Moral Rights of Stateless and Palestinian Jews" as Major-General Edward F. McClellan; Admiral A. J. Heppburn; Prentiss Brown; Senators Capper, Herring Johnson, Thomas; Representatives Bender, Gearhart, Holland, Traynor; Thurman Arnold, among many hundreds of leaders in state, church, finance, and education.

Yet, to quote the very words of the statement they signed, "To commiserate is not enough. Our (the American people) pity will not stay the doom of millions more. To pride ourselves on tolerance and good-will and to make predictions and promises that after the war somehow or other everybody and everything will naturally slip back into place, is evasion of harrowing reality. We will be judged guilty if we do not change our present remote attitude to a positive, bold course of moral action.

"Darkness is spreading over the world. But it is not yet dark enough not to recognize a brother. We will not fail so shamefully. For a single injustice makes our whole cause unjust and only justice is the guarantee of victory."

From his enemies the Jew knows he can expect nothing but death. Bewilderedly he turns to his friends and finds—silence.

By Pierre Van Paaseen:

# An Appeal To The Conscience of America

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters."

In that hallowed hour on Thanksgiving Day when President Roosevelt recited those words from the 23rd Psalm to the nation, seven thousand children of the people who first sang that Psalm were led out of the ghetto of Warsaw to be slaughtered.

The day before and the day after that, the day after and the day after that the same harrowing thing occurred: more thousands of Jews were massacred. For Hitler is not merely boasting that the Europe he has conquered will be made Judenrein, he is feverishly at work translating into reality his threats to exterminate the Jewish people root and branch and wherever they may be found.

To the Jew of Europe the green pastures have become a big ditch which he is forced to dig with his own hands before falling into it riddled by volleys of shot from the Gestapo's execution squads. The still waters are pools, nay, a rising river of blood . . .

## Cruelty Unparalleled In Annals of History

Air bubbles are injected into the veins of tens of thousands of Jews, resulting in agonizing death in a short time . . . Men, women and children are pressed into airtight chambers where they are choked to death en masse with poison gas . . . Elsewhere, as in Vilna, Jews are herded into disused slaughterhouses and done to death by electric currents that pass through the specially installed metal flooring on which they stand. Jewish mothers have been compelled to look on as German soldiers played football with babes and newly born infants. . .

Did Dante in his awful vision see anything as gruesome in hell?

## No Cry Of Horror Heard

Every day, our State Department's figures reveal, a larger number of Jews is slain than the British people lost in the entire year 1940, the worst year of the air blitz. The Jews have nearly two million victims to mourn, and each hour the mountain of their martyred dead rises to still ghastlier heights . . .

When, a quarter century ago, the Armenian people were subjected to systematic spoliation and murder, the Christian world cried out its indignation and protest. When the streamlined barbarians of our day leveled Rotterdam with the ground and buried 30,000 Netherlanders under the ruins, humanity's heart stood still and sickened. When they burned Lidice a cry of horror went up from the civilized world.

The Jew has seen a hundred Rotterdams. He has witnessed and experienced the horrors of a thousand Lidices. Every step he takes in Europe is stained with his own blood. Yet, no action was undertaken to stop this ruthless process of annihilation.

There has not been an official word of protest or indignation in America following the State Department's recent harrowing revelations—not a word of rebuke or disgust, of siname or warning.

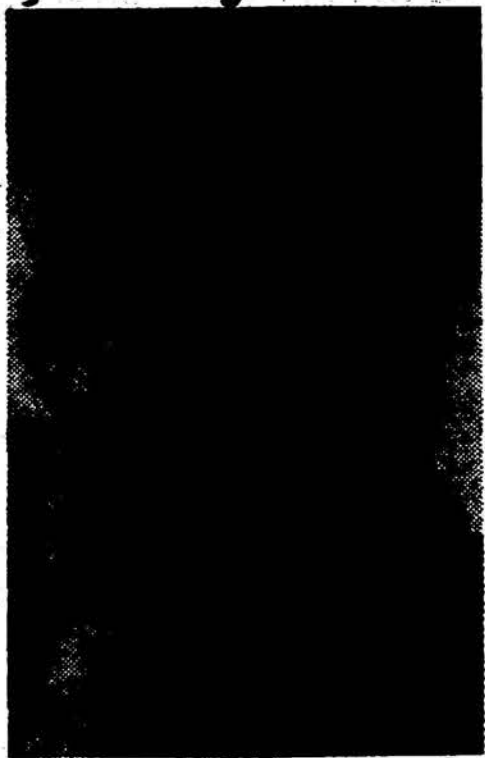
## Can't We Hear The Death-Rattle?

That silence, sinister in its implications, has now lengthened into weeks. And Jews are still being slaughtered.

Or are we so callous or so injured to calamity and horror that we cannot take notice of an old people's anguish or hear the death-rattle in the throats of millions of human beings?

Are the United Nations so weak, or so cowed and intimidated by Hitler's bloody face, that they do not even dare to talk back?

Dr. Goebbels, the Nazi Minister of Popular Enlightenment, wrote not long ago in his weekly newspaper "Das Reich": "If the



day should ever come when we (Nazis) must go, if some day we are compelled to leave the scene of history, we will slam the door so hard that the universe will shake and mankind will stand back in stupefaction!"

Now, having seen the writing on the wall in the unbroken fighting spirit of the Red Army and in America's ability to wage offensive war on both sides of the world simultaneously, the butchers of Berlin have begun to slam the door. They have started to do the Jewish people that fiendish thing which is to cause the human race to reel back aghast, just as every act of barbarism and every piece of inhumanity they ever perpetrated was first tried on the Jews.

What the Nazis are doing to the Jewish people today is a foreshadowing, a foretaste of what is in store for all the peoples in the occupied countries. It is the beginning of a program of terror and horror that is ultimately to be applied to Poles and Czechs, to Dutchmen and Yugoslavs, Greeks and Frenchmen.

## One God, One Humanity

At the time when the Nazis came to power and singled out the Jews for their first attacks, the democracies stood aside, invoking the political doctrine that

there must be no interference in or notice taken of the purely internal affairs of a foreign state. Moral considerations had to make way for the rules of the imperialist game of blood and guile when great nations like the Czechs and the Austrians were to be handed over to the sadists of the Reich.

We were yet to learn, at an immense cost in tears and blood, that humanity is one, even as God is One, and that the martyred Jews were merely the forerunners on the road of sorrows of Poles and Albanians, of Czechs and Norwegians—and of American mothers and fathers. Silence Is Sin As Jews Die

To be silent in this hour when thousands of unarmed, innocent Jewish human beings are murdered each day is not only a betrayal of elementary human solidarity, it is tantamount to giving the bloodthirsty Gestapo carte blanche to continue and speed its ghastly program of extermination.

This must not be! There is a way to stop and prevent those blood baths. America is not to have the blood-guilt of these millions on its conscience.

They must be delivered from

the two-jawed trap in which they are caught: Hitler's long knife at their throats on the one hand, and our passive commiseration and silence on the other! To succor a man who suffers is a duty, but to succor a man who suffers for humanity is more than a duty . . .

## America Must Speak Out

If this is to be, America must speak out. The furor and outcry over Lidice in this country did frighten the Nazis. The Hitlerites are so afraid of the avenging wrath of the common people of America that they seek to cover their gruesome annihilation of the Jewish people in darkness.

In order to judge with scrupulous impartiality eight miserable saboteurs and traitors, seven high American Army officers sat in deliberation for a week.

When thousands of Jews are killed each day, Jews who are not saboteurs or traitors but our allies in the bitter struggle to preserve the Christian foundations of Western civilization, can we not send one strong word of warning to the German people that we intend to keep them to account for what they are doing now?

This warning, for instance: that for every ten thousand Jews slain by the Nazis the civilian population of Berlin will be bombed for one whole night.

Such language the brutal masters of the Herrenvolk will understand. In fact, they understand no other language.

Our present silence is growing audible in Berlin. For us to say that we will do our best to find a solution for the Jewish question after the war is a mockery, and only evokes laughter in hell. At the present rate of killing, there will be no Jewish question left to solve.

Let America speak out.

Enough of chicanery and evasion! Enough of a political warfare that rejoices over bloodless victories in one place but turns its face and is silent when millions of victims fall in another!

Man is one all over the earth. Hurt to one brother is hurt to all!

Pierre Van Paaseen

## United Nations' Silence Reveals Appeasing and Compromising Attitude

Regardless of the number of bombs rained down on Berlin, regardless of the divisions of troops massing for an invasion of the European continent, regardless of the amount of lease-lend material supplied to Russia and China, the governments of Great Britain and the United States stand accused of conspiracy with reaction.

No amount of lip-service to the ideals of liberty, justice and freedom on the part of the leaders of democracy can compensate for their complicity in the systematic murder of the Jewish people. The leaders of the United Nations share a great part of the guilt for the massacre of millions in the Germanic slaughterhouse. If they fail in the immediate future to redeem themselves, their judgment by posterity will be severe.

## Contradictions And Compromise

In the long record of human history no period has been productive of more wierd phenomena than has the present. The contradictions and inconsistencies of our current experience are frightening in their frequency. Yet if we are to understand the nature of this world catastrophe we must first realize that it is the result of those contradictions and inconsistencies.

The word which has wielded the most telling influence over the life of our generation has been the word COMPROMISE, which is inconsistency disguised. Compromise is a betrayal of truth, for truth is uncompromising. Compromise is the refuge of traitors, cowards and men who lack the force of their own con-

victions. Compromise bred Fascism, nurtured it, and almost established world supremacy for it, and it is compromise which is the responsible agent in the bloody assassination of the innocent and the helpless.

## Chamberlain And Churchill

Neville Chamberlain will always be treated with contempt and denunciation because he engineered Munich, the modern symbol of cataclysmic compromise. Winston Churchill was Chamberlain's most caustic critic. Churchill is now a compromiser par excellence. As head of a government which refuses to throw open the gates of refuge to those whose title to it is irrefutable, he is compromising with justice.

As head of a government which obstinately denies the chief victims of Hitlerian slaughter the right to fight back as a unit under their own flag, he is compromising with justice. As head of a government which has persistently refrained from executing a twenty-five year old promise to establish Palestine as a Jewish National Homeland, he is compromising with justice. Winston Churchill and the government of Great Britain, must answer the charge of hypocrisy.

## America, Too Is At Fault

Neither is the United States of America to be absolved of guilt in history's most outrageous crime. No country in the world has greater prestige or exercises a more profound influence on international policies than does ours. Yet beyond occasional half-hearted protests by Secretaries and Under-Secretaries,

this country has done absolutely nothing in a concrete way to alleviate the misery of the Jews of the European inferno.

It has not gone beyond its sphere to champion the dubious motives of the Austrian Otto or to extend Presidential felicitations to "my good friend," the Spanish butcher Franco. The United States does intervene in foreign issues. It is not morally isolated. But in so far as the most screaming issue of them all is concerned, it has thus far maintained a loud silence. This is an unadulterated compromise with justice. It is Munich all over again.

## Nobility and Treachery In One Body

But in G-d's name, how can nations fight against injustice on the one hand and condone and even promote it on the other? How can one reconcile Tunisia and Palestine, Guadalcanal and Iraq, the "Prince of Wales" and the "Struma"? How can nobility and treachery co-exist in the same body? The answer is that they cannot. Nobility in the company of treachery immediately becomes suspect, and the suspicion that it is a false nobility is warranted.

The thousands of soldiers of democracy who are daily dying in its cause, cry out bitterly against this inconsistency, duplicity and compromise. The blood of the hundreds of thousands of massacred Jewish sons and daughters exclaims with frantic fury against it. And until this voice of the dead is heard, World War II will have been fought in vain.

# Palestine—A Temporary Haven And Permanent Home

## Palestine Described As Only Solution

The anti-Jewish atrocities in Europe make it imperative that most of the Jews on that continent be removed immediately. There can be no talk of altering their occupational distribution to integrate them into the post-war economic structure. Either they will be saved now or they will be killed now. Besides, it is naive to believe that anti-Semitism generated by Hitler's poison will be dissipated within one or two generations. Where can the Jews go?

### A Haven in British Guiana

One colonization proposal sought to establish a haven in British Guiana. It is argued in its favor that the territory is sparsely populated, available, and sufficiently distant from developed territories to eliminate economic friction. Considering, though, that British Guiana was judged unfit for settlement by Assyrian refugees, we may suspect that it is impossible to colonize there on a large scale at the present time.

Our suspicions are confirmed by the statement of the British Colonial Secretary that experimental groups would determine within twenty-five years whether Guiana is habitable. Finally, is there any guarantee that there would be no dispute between Jews and the colored inhabitants, few as they are, any more than there was none between Hebrews and the sparse Arab population of Palestine in 1920?

### Western Australia As A Solution

Another, and more feasible plan was championed mainly by Dr. I. Steinberg: settling Jews in Western Australia. There is a vast waste territory lying along the northern half of the continent's northwestern sea coast, larger than England or Wales. Dr. Steinberg and his "Freeland League" seem to have persuaded the State Legislative Assembly to endorse the project.

Here we consider a territory

which is almost literally unpopulated and whose climate is at least tolerable. Aside from other objections, the fact that the territory is at present occupied by the Japanese excludes it from consideration. Three or four other spots on the surface of the globe have been advanced, but in all these cases they are not ready for immediate occupation. An excellent summary of the situation is contained in Philip Bernstein's "Alternatives to Zion" in the Nation magazine.

Palestine now enters consideration. Why Palestine? One powerful factor which should not be overlooked as a cogent political factor in Jewish settlement in the Holy Land is the long chain of tradition reviewed more fully elsewhere on this page. Experience in Eretz Israel has shown that national enthusiasm provides a practical dynamic.

### How About Its Absorptive Power?

Can Palestine absorb a significant number of refugees? If the economy of the country remains predominantly agricultural, it has been estimated by Mr. Ormsby Gore, Colonial Secretary, who certainly cannot be accused of being biased in favor of the Jews, that the country can absorb three-quarter millions. If the country becomes industrialized, as is altogether possible considering that it provides a commercial gateway to the Orient, we may calculate its possible settlement according to the density of population of other industrialized regions. For instance, Germany, with agricultural activities amounting to 24 percent, has a density of 360 per sq. mi. On this basis Palestine could accommodate 2,500,000. By the Dutch standard it could absorb 3,250,000, and by the English, 8,000,000.

With a modicum of understanding, all other difficulties can be solved. Palestine is the only solution of the Jewish problem.



If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning...

## We Ask: "Give Us Back Our Homeland"

Close to two thousand years the Jew has wandered from country to country from continent to continent; nowhere could he stay, nowhere could he rest so he trudged along the road to no man's land. A day here, a day there, so has he travelled across the length and breadth of the universe. When he sat down to think only one idea permeated his mind, "next year in Jerusalem". So he has told his children throughout the ages, next year! next year!

There were periods in his life when he was subjected to the ruthlessness of mankind. There were times when he was robbed and murdered, pillaged and plundered. Whole communities were razed and communal populations annihilated. But never in all his history has he undergone a more complete and systematic extermination as in the past decade. Europe has become an inferno of hate and slaughter. Man stands arrayed on an opposite front from his fellow man and in the midst of all this misery of mankind stands the Jew, beaten and tortured in the blood-caves of the continent.

### The Cry Of the Jew

To all mankind we cry out—why? What have we done to deserve this fate? Whom have we killed? We ask not riches nor fame, nor fortune. Let us live! Permit us just to rest our wearied bodies on the cold stones of your land. This, too, you do not grant us. Have we not given of our sweat and blood to the growth of the fatherland? Must the blood of the Jew forever grease the wheels of civilization? To you, noble England, we can say only this: We are sick of being butchered in all parts of the earth. We shall no longer be cattle to be herded for

## "Give Us Arms," Cry Palestinian Pioneers

Thousands upon thousands of European, stateless and Palestinian Jews, as well as leading Jewish organizations, have been clamoring for three years for the opportunity to fight Hitler. In September 1939, 134,000 Palestinians, both men and women, registered as volunteers for a Jewish army. Conservative estimates show that another 100,000 stateless Jews throughout the world are crying out for the opportunity to join their Middle Eastern brethren.

Three years have passed, a period in which two million defenseless Jews have already perished and with many millions more awaiting the executioner's blow.

### Jews Are Denied Privilege To Fight

Yet their brethren are denied the right not only to fight but the right to die in their own defence. These Palestinian and stateless Jews, who are ready to take up arms and fight on any battlefield to which they may be assigned, side by side with the armies of the United Nations, are denied this privilege.

What are the reasons given for the refusal to organize a Jewish army? The main reason given by the British Colonial Office is that such action would arouse the antagonism of the Arabs. What Arab hostility are we shielding ourselves against? There has been no pan-Arabian movement for 500 years. The Arabs are split up into hostile tribes. They have just about reached the stage where they fight on horseback and with spears. In modern mechanized warfare, even if they were united, they would constitute no military force of any consequence.

### Fascist Leanings Of the Arabs

Furthermore, the Arabs have at all times been non-co-operative, to say the least, and we can gain nothing by appeasing them. The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem is now in Berlin with a Nazi guard of honor posted at his door. The Arabs were antagonistic in Syria, which the English had to conquer. The Arabs staged a revolt in Iraq, which the English had to put down. The Italians

have slaughtered their own Arab population and yet have no difficulty in making friends with other Arab tribes. Indeed, the Egyptians have remained remarkably neutral with Rommel only 80 miles away.

The only dependable, united, and aggressive group in the Middle East are the Jews. Must we commit the colossal error of alienating friends and endeavoring futilely to appease our enemies? Let us deal sternly with laggards whose neutrality is but the preparation for betrayal. Is it not time that the traditional orthodox Colonial Office view point be examined in the light of the dynamic realities of today?

Another objection to the formation of a Jewish army is the difficulty of supply and the problem of outfitting such a force. As rebuttal, suffice it to point out that at this very moment Polish and Czech legions are being outfitted in "remote" Palestine.

Other objections, remarkably enough, come from Jewish sources. They claim, primarily, that they do not wish to segregate the Jews. These sincere Jewish leaders are too late. Hitler has already segregated the Jews.

### Give the Jews The Right to Fight

The Jews want to fight for democracy and liberty, as well as for the rest of the United Nations. They must not be denied this right. It would be a violation of the Atlantic Charter and of all the principles for which we fight if they were denied the opportunity.

We have read so much of human degradation. Here is a magnificent, concrete gesture—one that can inspire the hearts and minds of men. We must think even now of the post-war period. Even now we must prepare the road so that a new anti-Semitic movement will not follow in the wake of economic dislocation after the war. Let the valor and heroism of the Jews, like that of the Free French, the Free Poles, the Free Czechs, write its own page in the glorious annals of history.

slaughter on chopping blocks. Can't you see that we are breathing our last breath? Can't you see that mother earth has reached its saturation point with Jewish blood. Do not mock at us because we are small in number or weak physically. Remember, Palestine is ours and shall be so forever because G-d in his infinite mercy has granted it to us. Remember, too, that our spirit is still high and shall never be daunted by the beastliness of men. G-d shall fight our battle!

### "In That Day....."

When this black age of unbelievable torture and suffering shall pass and the voice of freedom shall ring throughout the world and when the shackles of hate and despair shall forever be broken, our people shall come forth proudly and staunchly. Higher and higher shall we rise above the shoulders of man. Slowly but surely shall we march along the glorious road that leads to our everlasting homeland. Lo and behold the gates shall open. Israel shall forever be—a people!



REFUGEE CHILDREN — What are we going to do with them?

# Proposals Must Be Adopted—Concrete Action To Be Done The Time To Act Is Now!

It seems as if the entire democratic world of freedom-loving countries has become calloused to the extermination of millions of defenseless and innocent people. These deeds of savagery have undoubtedly strengthened the resolve of the United Nations to overthrow the barbarous Nazi tyranny. They have even effected the issuance of a statement declaring that "the people of the United Nations sympathize with all victims of Nazi crime and will hold the perpetrators of these crimes to strict accountability in a day of reckoning which will surely come."

But, is a mere declaration unescorted by practical action commensurate with the ghastliness of a tragedy that has befallen an entire people? Has verbal consolation already been recognized and accepted as an adequate substitute for immediate action which alone may save the remnants of a martyred nation? Even in the arsenal of democracy—America—only faint clamorings for action have been audible. Evidence of severe shock has manifested itself neither in the American press, in public opinion at large, nor in the law-making bodies of this Republic.

### We Must Awaken From State Of Apathy

The apathy and indifference alone that greeted the publication by the American Jewish Congress of the documented story of Nazi atrocities against the Jews, is an exhibition of the complacency that has gripped the Christian peoples of the free world, and the most frightening aspect of the situation is the fact that even a large portion of American Jewry finds itself immersed in a pool of lethargy and smugness. Has the entire civilized world descended to a state of moral bankruptcy? Perhaps even the word bankruptcy is incorrect for it necessarily implies a prior assumption of obligations and responsibilities.

But maybe this attitude has finally changed. Perhaps the conscience of a people has finally been aroused.

At any rate, the huge protest meeting of Monday night last

served its purpose in finally setting forth a concrete platform to the leaders of the United Nations. They are proposals which no civilized being can refuse—and to refuse, or just as bad, to ignore them, is not civilized.

The following are some of the proposals—all of which we heartily endorse—which were addressed to our President and through him to the governments of the United Nations, and let every reader of this paper absorb them and realize once and for all that something can be done if he so wills it:

1. Through the intermediation of neutral agencies, the German Government and the governments of states it now partly dominates or controls—such as Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary—should be approached with the view to secure their agreement to the release of their Jewish victims and to consent to their emigration to such havens of refuge as will be provided.

2. The United Nations should take steps, without delay, to designate and establish a number of sanctuaries in Allied or neutral states, to serve, under agreed conditions, as havens of refuge for those Jews whose release from captivity may be arranged for, or who may find their way to freedom through efforts of their own.

3. The procedure that now prevails in the administration of existing immigration law in the United States, should be revised and adjusted to the war conditions and in order that refugees from Nazi-occupied territories may find sanctuaries here within such quotas.

4. Subject to the maintenance of national security, Great Britain should be asked to provide for receiving a reasonable quota of the victims escaping from Nazi-occupied territories and to provide for their accommodation for the duration.

5. The United Nations should urge the republics of Latin America to modify such administrative regulations that now make immigration under the law extremely difficult and to endeavor under existing immigration law to find temporary havens of refuge for an agreed number of refugees.

### England Must Open Doors Of Palestine

6. Overriding pre-war political considerations, England should be asked to open the doors of Palestine—the Jewish homeland—for Jewish immigration, and the offer of hospitality made by the Jewish community of Palestine should be accepted.

It is not the intention of this article to repeat again the story of the tragic plight of our people. Yesterday we had but a faint notion of the atrocities; today we feel them. The complete picture and some solutions to the problem have been presented to the reader in the preceding articles. But the question arises: What can we as students, as future leaders of Jewry, as human beings, do to alleviate or to erase once and for all the threat of extermination that hangs over the Jew in all parts of the world?

To answer this, one need only recall the ringing phrase employed by one of the speakers at last week's mass student assembly, in a stirring plea to the students for immediate action.

....let us resolve to strike now....and to strike hard!"

We can add nothing to this powerful appeal. We can, however, suggest to all readers some steps that can be taken during the next few weeks to fulfill our obligation to strike at once and to insure the effect of the blow.

### What Each Group Can and Must Do

For the sake of convenience we will divide our readers into four large groups. 1) Students of this institution. 2) Students and organizational leaders of other institutions. 3) Alumni, rabbis and other influential figures of community life; and 4)

The boys who are giving their energies and very lives to cleanse this world of all forces of evil—the servicemen.

- 1. All students of our institution are urged to write to their respective Congressmen demanding some definite stand on the part of our government and the United Nations, in solving the problem. They should also appeal to their friends and relatives to do likewise. Above all, you should contact as many organizations during the next few weeks and effect their aid.
- 2. Students of

outside institutions throughout this country are urged to appeal to their campus leaders to arrange a mass meeting of the student body, at which time a resolution similar to ours should be adopted. If this is not feasible, then a Student Council meeting should take this step. All religious and interfaith groups should propagandize the facts of the situation as much as possible on the campus.

3. Alumni, rabbis and other leading men of the community should set aside the Saturdays of March 6 and March 13 as days of protest and supplication to G-d for our lost brethren in Europe. Strong appeals must be delivered from the pulpit to awaken the people of America from their spiritual slumber; awaken them to the full realization that if these atrocities continue, we will be next. There must be no more equivocation or procrastination. The pulpit must offer dynamic leadership, not weak-kneed timidity.

### What Servicemen Can Do

4. To the members of the armed forces who are willing and ready to give their lives for the preservation of democratic principles and ideals, we offer our strongest plea. Pause momentarily from your tasks and think about these very ideas. Is it a democratic principle to allow millions of people to be annihilated—not even to give them the chance of dying as soldiers? Is it a democratic ideal to appease a handful of Arabs by shutting the doors of Palestine while thousands of refugees ride the waves in search of a haven of refuge...only to find refuge in the depth of the sea, as in the case of the "Struma"? Think about such burning questions; talk them over with your buddies at camp; then sit down and write to your Congressmen and other Washington officials demanding an answer to these problems. Your cries will not go unheeded.

These suggestions may not seem to be an effective remedy to our problems if taken individually. Let us all join hands "to strike now....and strike hard!"



## Yeshiva Students Are Not Blameless

Nothing is more tragic than apathy in the face of disaster. Consolation can often be derived even in defeat from having fought valiantly against it. When, however, resistance is lacking, the sense of futility accompanying defeat renders it unbearable.

All of this is said as a preliminary to the indictment of the entire rank and file of the student body of Yeshiva on the grounds of a seemingly frightful indifference to the unparalleled plight of their people. The Jewish world is crumbling about their eyes and ears, yet their minds and their hearts do not seem to be affected.

7. The United Nations should provide financial guarantees to all such neutral states as have provided temporary refuge to Jews from Nazi-occupied territories. The transfer of such refugees to the designated sanctuaries should be undertaken without delay.

Remember, the time to act is now! Tomorrow may be too late!

### Leaders With Compassion

The condemnation becomes all the more powerful when one considers that this institution is the training ground for leaders in Jewry. A leader in the true sense of the word is one who has compassion for those he leads and who is alive to their distress. On the basis of this definition, and of their showing to date, the students of Yeshiva do not qualify. Has any of them reacted even in a mild way to "Commentator's" editorials on the Jewish situation? Have the ranks of the various student Zionist organizations of Yeshiva been increased? Have the halls of the building resounded to excited discussions of the Jewish tragedy and of ways and means of alleviating it? No! is the answer to all three questions.

### New Attitude?

The recent student meetings and the excitement they have aroused indicate, perhaps, the germs of a new attitude on the part of the students. We hope this is true.

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