

Measures Directed Toward Halting Persecutions Hungary, Vol. 5, Folder 6

MAY 15 1944

Messrs. Friedman and Weinstein

N. J. Marks

Re: Hungarian Language Radio Broadcasts Relating to Refugees

Attached to the original of this memorandum is a set of photostatic copies of Hungarian language broadcasts beamed at Hungary by OWI, RBC, and Radio Algiers, from March 24, 1944, the date of the President's proclamation concerning the Jews and war atrocities, through May 7. The Hungarian language broadcasts by OWI should be complete although there may be a few minor omissions. Inasmuch as the Washington office of OWI receives only a small sampling of the Hungarian language broadcasts by RBC and Radio Algiers, the copies attached to this memorandum of broadcasts from these radio stations are very incomplete. If you desire a complete record of the Hungarian language broadcasts of RBC or perhaps even of the Hungarian clandestine stations, this can probably be arranged through the Federal Communications Commission, which monitors such broadcasts in the United States.

Before discussing in detail the contents of these broadcasts, a number of observations should be made. Although the hour, date and station has been indicated at the head of each broadcast, such information can not be relied on absolutely without further checking, as the information on the broadcast reports is frequently ambiguous. Furthermore, you will note, as you examine the photostats, that seemingly the language used in the broadcast is not Hungarian. It must be remembered, however, that the original broadcast was in the Hungarian language and that what you are seeing is merely a hasty translation from the Hungarian. You will also note upon examination of the photostatic reports that often there are changes and deletions in the text. Any one of three reasons may explain such changes according to Mr. Sándor Lengi, head of the Hungarian desk of OWI in Washington:

- (1) Each broadcast must be censored before final approval, and the censor may have made changes. See for instance the broadcast of Reverend Erdogh on April 19, 1944;
- (2) The original script may have been too long for the time allotted for the broadcast, and was accordingly cut; and
- (3) The broadcaster, particularly if he is a well-known public figure, may change his mind concerning the language used in the text after it has been prepared.

I noted from an examination of numerous OWI Hungarian language broadcasts on various subjects that frequently notorious Hungarian Nazis are singled out by name. Thus, for instance, Amdor Jaross, Minister of the Interior and Leczlo Endre, Commissioner of Jewish Affairs, are both specifically named in such broadcasts.

Frequently, statements "planted" by OWI are made by prominent individuals in the United States concerning the refugee situation. Typical of such "plants" is the statement by Senator Barkley on April 18, 1944 and that by Senator Cuffey on May 7, 1944. It would seem that a statement by John Dehle, as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board, would have more significance to foreign listeners than statements by various senators and other public figures who are relatively unknown to the masses in occupied Europe. If such a statement were to be used, arrangements would have to be made through the New York offices of OWI with the head of the particular desk having jurisdiction over the country to which the broadcast is to be beamed.

As a concluding observation, I should like to remark that the Office of War Information has done an excellent job of beaming to Hungary the type of broadcasts desired by the War Refugee Board.

If you wish to have a similar record of OWI broadcasts to Bulgaria, Rumania, and any other country, this can undoubtedly be arranged here in Washington with the head of the desks concerned.

There will now follow a chronological summary of the various broadcasts, copies of which are attached to the original of this memorandum.

March 25, 1944

OWI - 2:10 A.M. - 1 1/2 pages

A brief summary of President Roosevelt's proclamation of March 24, together with a 5-line comment to the effect that the President's proclamation concerns particularly the Hungarian people.

OWI - 2:45 P.M. - 4 pages

A full quotation of President Roosevelt's proclamation of March 24, together with a page and one half comment to the effect that the military ~~com-~~ ~~mand~~ of Hungary induced the President to make the statement. Reference is also made in the broadcast to the statement of Secretary of State Hull calling upon the people of Hungary to resist the Nazis and to the British Government's approval of the President's proclamation.

March 25, 1944

OWI - 4:45 P.M. - 4 pages

This broadcast is identical to the one made two hours earlier except for a slight modification wherein Poles who have found refuge in Hungary are called upon to cooperate with the Hungarians in resisting the Nazi occupation.

March 26, 1944

OWI - 4:45 P.M. - 1½ pages

An appeal to the people of Hungary to save the lives of Polish refugees in Hungary by concealing them and aiding them to reach Yugoslavia territory. This appeal is followed immediately by a quotation from the President's proclamation of March 24.

March 28, 1944

BBG - 2:45 P.M. - 7½ pages

A full quotation of President Roosevelt's proclamation of March 24 followed by a 5-page description of the manner in which the French Underground and persons in other occupied countries have aided in saving the lives of Jewish refugees. The Hungarian people are called upon to do likewise. A paragraph is devoted to informing the Hungarian people of the ways to preserve the evidence against war criminals. Particular reference is made to Andor Jaross. This broadcast should be read by you in full.

March 30, 1944

BBG - 1:45 P.M. - 1½ pages (The identical broadcast was repeated by OWI on March 31, 1944 at 4:45 P.M.)

An appeal by Dr. Balazs Antal, former First Counsellor of the Hungarian Legation in London, to the Hungarian people to protect, hide, and help all refugees in Hungary. Reference is made in the appeal to the President's proclamation.

April 2, 1944

OWI - 4:45 P.M. - 1 page

A quotation from an editorial in the New York Herald Tribune referring to the President's proclamation of March 24 and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's approval thereof.

Mr. George Lanyi, Chief of the Hungarian desk at OWI, stated on May 11, 1944 that OWI did not stress Eden's statement in the House of Commons as it was felt by OWI officials that Eden's statement would be broadcast in full by BBG.

April 9, 1944

OWI - 1:45 P.M. - 2 pages (The identical broadcast was carried on the same day by EBC at 11:45 A.M.)

An Easter message by Rev. Takacs from Hungarian Americans to their brethren in distress. Reference is made to the "Hungarian Jewish brethren -- whose lives were turned into hell ...".

April 16, 1944

OWI - 1:10 A.M. - $\frac{1}{2}$ page

Quotation of statement of Senator Barkley calling upon the Hungarian people to protect, hide, and aid refugees in Hungary.

OWI - 1:45 P.M. - 1 page

After reference to the resistance of the Gacsos against their "lackey government", Senator Barkley's statement is again quoted.

April 18, 1944

OWI - 8:45 P.M. - $1\frac{1}{2}$ pages

Message from Louis Toth, Chairman of the New York Hungarian Victory Council, calling upon the Hungarian people to protect Jews, Hungarian liberals, and other refugees from Nazi barbarism. "Seen the day of the great reckoning will come ***"

April 19, 1944

OWI - 1:45 P.M. - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pages (The identical broadcast was carried by EBC on April 18 at 12:45 P.M.)

An address by Rev. Monsignor Elmer Herdagh, Papal Prelate and Parish Priest of the St. Stevens Catholic Church of Toledo, Ohio, denouncing the Nazi occupation of Hungary and the Hungarian "lackey government" and calling upon the Hungarian people to protect the Jews, Poles, and other refugees. The Rev. Herdagh closed his address with a dramatic reference to the defiant cry of Hungarians to all conquerors, "To hell with you".

According to Mr. Lanyi, this broadcast of the Rev. Herdagh, who is the leading Catholic Churchman in the United States of Hungarian extraction, and as such is well known in Hungary, caused a furor within Hungary and brought about a retaliatory blast from the Hungarian Nazi press, which accused the Rev. Herdagh of having turned Communist.

OWI - 8:45 P.M. - 1 1/2 pages

In commemoration of the first anniversary of the battle of Warsaw Ghetto, a brief description is given of what took place. This is followed by a one paragraph summary of Ira Hirschmann's statement to the press on his return to Washington. This broadcast should be read by you in full.

April 20, 1944

OWI - 8:45 P.M. - 1 page

A further reference to the battle of the Warsaw Ghetto which was commemorated in New York and Massachusetts by Governors Dewey and Saltonstall. A quotation is broadcasted from an address by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia on the occasion of this anniversary.

April 21, 1944

OWI - 1:45 P.M. - 11/8 pages

Description of an appeal by the Nazi radio to the people of Nazi Italy calling upon them to aid the Jews. This appeal is tied in with President Roosevelt's proclamation of March 24.

April 22, 1944

OWI - 8:45 P.M. - 1 page (The identical broadcast was carried by NBC and Radio Algiers at 10:15 A.M. on the same day)

An appeal to the people of Hungary by the "speakers" of the United States Government counter-acting the Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda in Hungary and calling upon the Hungarians to protect the Jews. A brief quotation is made from President Roosevelt's proclamation of March 24. This broadcast should be read by you in full.

April 23, 1944

OWI - 8:45 P.M. - (Also carried by Radio Algiers)

In the course of a broadcast outlining the meaning of the German occupation in terms of suffering and decapitation, etc. reference is made to the Nazi looting of the Jews in Hungary, the main goal of which is, according to the broadcast, to disrupt the Hungarian economic order and spread chaos into Hungarian public and economic life.

May 2, 1944

OWI - 1:45 P.M. - 4 pages (Also carried by OWI on the same day at 8:45 P.M.)

The broadcast refers to the "stunning" announcement over the Nazi Balkan radio that the Hungarian Army officers responsible for the notorious Vjivack

massacres in the Zagreb region of Yugoslavia, which was taken over by Hungary, have now returned to Hungary under the protection of the Nazis and have been restored to their former ranks.

Although there is no specific reference to the Jews in this broadcast, Mr. Lanyi of OWI explained to me that every one in Hungary is familiar with what took place at Ujvidék. Apparently, shortly after the Hungarian Army had taken over the region from Yugoslavia, shots were fired on Hungarian troops by unknown assailants in the city of Ujvidék. The Hungarian officers in charge thereupon massacred the majority of the inhabitants of Ujvidék. A large number of those massacred were Jews, although Serbians, and even Hungarians and Germans were killed indiscriminately along with the rest. The incident created such a furor in Hungary that the Hungarian Kálmán Government was compelled to conduct a military trial of the officers responsible. During the trial some of the defendants "somehow" escaped to Germany. Subsequently, they were condemned in absentia and stripped of their rank. This is a first rate broadcast.

May 5, 1944

OWI - 5:45 P.M. - 9½ pages, triple-spaced instead of double-spaced as are those above

This broadcast is devoted to the Budapest radio announcement of the burning of Anti-Nazi books. Because a number of the authors of the condemned writings were Jews, this leads into a denunciation of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, which is the underlying theme of the entire broadcast. Specific mention is frequently made of Andre Laszlo, Commissioner of Jewish Affairs. The broadcast closes with the quotation of the Hungarian proverb: "If the Lord wishes to destroy a person, he first destroys his mind", which is followed by the following adaptation of the above quotation: "If the Lord wishes to hit a nation very hard, he first sends it Laszlo Andre". This broadcast should be read.

May 7, 1944

OWI - 11:45 A.M. - 1 page

A quotation from a statement of Senator Joseph Guffey warning those in power in Hungary to discontinue the persecution of the Jews. In his statement, Senator Guffey refers to the President proclamation of March 24.

This is typical of the "plants" which OWI uses for foreign language broadcasts.

OWI - 5:45 P.M. - 2½ pages

Commencing with the quotation from Saint Matthew where Jesus says that little children are the foremost in the Kingdom of Heaven, this broadcast describes how the Nazis have violated Jesus' teachings by killing Jewish children in Poland. A detailed description is then given of the manner in which the Greeks

protected the Jews in Athens who had been ordered by the Nazis to register. The broadcaster calls upon the Hungarian people to emulate the Greeks and to put into effect the Greek slogan "That each Christian home receive a persecuted Jew; that each Christian family adopt a Jewish child." Reference is made in the broadcast to the President's proclamation of March 24 and to Senator Guffey's statement earlier in the day.

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Released on April 26, 1944. Broadcast by the Voice of America to Europe, particularly to Hungary

TEXT OF U.S. APPEAL TO HUNGARIANS TO AID HUNGARIAN JEWS *File*

Following is the text of an appeal addressed to the Hungarian people Wednesday by a spokesman of the United States government:

People of Hungary: You are living under Nazi occupation. Although your rulers have long collaborated with the Nazis in the past, you are learning now at first hand what a Nazi regime means, what it has meant to millions of people in occupied Europe.

You are witnessing in the course of this occupation, one of the most terrible of Nazi devices in action. This is the familiar Nazi scapegoat device by which the Nazis hope to divide and conquer. In your country, the scapegoat has been made the Hungarian Jew. You are being told today that the Hungarian Jew is responsible for allied air attacks on your cities, which manufacture weapons for Germany. You are told this even though your puppet rulers are working frantically to contribute arms, transportation, and the blood of your men to the Nazi cause, converting your factories and your railroads into a target for Allied bombers.

Knowing this you can judge how insanely brutal is the Nazi puppet announcement that Hungary's Jews should be made to suffer for these attacks.

We know that many of you have already reacted against this Nazi brutality. We know because we read it in your own papers that Hungarians are walking publicly in the streets with Jews who wear the Nazi inspired Star of David; that your own primate, Cardinal Seredi has appealed to the Nazi authorities to spare the Jewish people; that Hungarians are aiding Jews to retain their property; that Hungarians continue to trade in Jewish stores. We know all of these things. We ask you, however, to go further. We ask you to remember the words of President Roosevelt:

"I ask every man everywhere under Nazi domination to show the world by his action that in his heart he does not share Hitler's insane criminal desires. Let him hide these pursued victims, help them to get over their borders and do what he can to save them from the Nazi hangman. I ask him also to keep watch and to record the evidence that will one day be used to convict the guilty."

These are the words of President Roosevelt, spoken on March 24th . . . they are addressed to the whole of Europe . . . To all people who wish to demonstrate that following an Allied victory they are fitted to take their place in a peaceful family of nations.

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JOHN W PEHLE

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ENSLAVED PEOPLES OF EUROPE WE AMERICANS OF HUNGARIAN DESCENT
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US TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU TO DO YOUR UTMOST FOR THE
PREVENTION OF THIS MOST ABOMINABLE CRIME STOP WE ARE AT YOUR
SERVICE IF IN ANY WAY WE CAN ASSIST YOU STOP FOR THE
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JEW IN HUNGARY FEAR ANNIHILATION

Cas-Chamber 'Baths' on Nazi
Model Reported Prepared
by Puppet Regime

By JOSEPH M. LEVY

By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
ISTANBUL, Turkey, May 7 (De-
layed)—Although it may sound
unbelievable, it is a fact that Hun-
gary, where Jewish citizens were
comparatively well treated until
March 19, is now preparing for the
annihilation of Hungarian Jews by
the most fiendish methods. Laugh-
ing at President Roosevelt's warn-
ings, Premier Doeme Sztojay's
puppet Nazi government is com-
pleting plans and is about to start
the extermination of about 1,000-
000 human beings who believed
they were safe because they had
faith in Hungarian fairness.

The Government in Budapest has
decreed the creation in different
parts of Hungary of "special
baths" for Jews. These baths are
in reality huge gas chambers ar-
ranged for mass murder, like those
inaugurated in Poland in 1941.

Scores of thousands of Jews, in-
cluding women with babies in
arms, were murdered in these gas-
chamber baths. They were Jews
from all over Europe, sent to Po-
land in cattle trains and forced in-
to specially built chambers to
which they were taken under the
pretext of having baths prior to
being sent to the Ukraine for col-
onization. Five and half million
Jews in Europe are reported to
have been put to death in one form
or another by the Germans since
the war began.

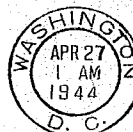
Official diplomatic dispatches
from Budapest declare that all
Jews in Hungary are living in fear
of imminent annihilation, from
which there seems to be no escape.
The dispatches, written by a neu-
tral diplomat who is known to be
a great friend of the Hungarians,
condemn in the strongest terms the
present Hungarian Government's
treatment of hundreds of thou-
sands of innocent, loyal Hungarian
citizens of Jewish faith.

"Were I not here to witness it
with my own eyes, I would never
have believed that Magyars were
capable of perpetrating such in-
human acts against honest, law-
abiding citizens, whose only sin is
that they are members of the faith
which is the mother of Christian-
ity," the diplomat wrote.

"Never in my career was I so
eager to be relieved of my post as
I am today. The cruelty of the
Government is beyond my compre-
hension, and I fail to understand
how men calling themselves gentle-
men and aristocrats can be so
heartless and brutal to their fel-
low men.

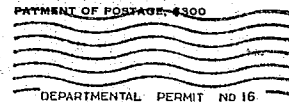
"I am not justifying the Allied
bombings of Budapest, but I can-
not help laugh when I hear mem-
bers of the Hungarian Government
refer to the Allied air raids as bar-
baric and inhuman at a time when
this Government is daily commit-
ting the most abominable crimes
against a million of their own
countrymen."

G. A. Lanyi, Room 3410, Sec. Sec. Bldg.
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Mr. I. M. Weinstein
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Treasury Department
Room 391, War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

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WASHINGTON

April 26, 1944

Mr. I. M. Weinstein
Special Assistant to the
Executive Director
Treasury Department
Room 391, War Refugee Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Referring to a telephone conversation four weeks ago, may I belatedly inform you that we had immediately contacted Mr. Anthony Balasy who was ready to write for us a special appeal to Hungary. We have used this appeal, the full text of which I herewith attach, in our broadcasts to Hungary twice. First in our BBC relay at 1:45 p.m. on March 30, and also in our direct broadcast at 4:45 p.m. on March 31.

May I also inform you that we have repeatedly broadcast President Roosevelt's message to the Germans and the satellites concerning refugees as well as other appeals by American public figures which followed the President's line. We have used brief summaries of similar appeals by British personalities, like Secretary Eden and the Archbishop of Canterbury. A week ago, the leader of American Catholics of Hungarian descent, Monsignore Eordogh of Toledo in his broadcast to Hungary also included an appeal to Hungarians to save the Jews and other persecuted people from German inhumanity. Following Mr. Pehle's letter of the 22nd we have composed a new appeal which we are broadcasting to all European countries, but especially to Hungary. According to our information the Catholic Church in Hungary is in the best position to hide and aid Jews and other refugees, hence, we are going to broadcast appeals from high Catholic dignitaries to Catholics in Hungary.

We are always glad to receive your suggestions and we would be very grateful if you could make your information concerning the refugee situation in Europe available to us.

Sincerely yours,

George A. Lanyi
George A. Lanyi



Hungarians!

The military occupation of Hungary has unleashed upon our country that infamous German-Nazi Army to whose hands adheres the blood of thousands of innocent people shed all over Europe. It has let loose upon the country the beasts of the Gestapo who use their power to murder their defenseless fellowmen, should they dare to deny the divinity of the Fuehrer. This gang is running rampant in Hungary today and so it is to be dreaded that in our country too will be repeated those atrocities of terrorism which made the very name "nazi" hated wherever christianity, honesty and the principle of loving your fellow men are still considered ideals worth keeping. Even though they sinned against Hungary's cause and the Hungarian future, former Hungarian governments, discounting a few sad exceptions, did not degrade themselves to the murderous level of their nazi-friends. Today, I repeat, it is to be feared that in our own country, too, the blood of innocent men will be shed. Since 1939 public opinion in both Britain and the United States has been aware of -- and to a certain degree, has acknowledged the fact that Polish, French, Jewish and other political and military refugees had found a haven of protection in Hungary. I am convinced that the great majority of the Hungarian people have thought it natural to welcome the persecuted and have followed their heart-prompted inspiration in doing their best to provide for their welfare.

The events of these past few days have impelled Pres. Roosevelt to call upon the population of the newly occupied countries, asking and warning them to remember their duty toward their fellow-men. This call is addressed to Hungary as well. And it is impossible that it should fall upon deaf ears when addressed to a people whose past and traditions reach back to the saints of the Arpad dynasty. There are not enough German bayonets to silence the voice of conscience when it comes to the protection of the weak and the persecuted. It is the christian duty of the Hungarian people to protect, hide, help in their flight all those unfortunate people intended for destruction by the nazis only because they are Polish, French or Jewish. For whether the persecuted be Poles or Jews or anything else, they are human beings whose blood flows back upon the heads of those who instead of love, have hatred in their hearts for the weak!"

April 22, 1944

Dear Pete:

Herewith a copy of the letter concerning Hungary that
was mailed to Elmer Davis.

Regards

Mr. I. M. Weinstein
340 Riverside Drive
New York, N. Y.

Enclosure

L. J. R.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

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APR 22 1944

Dear Mr. Davis:

We have received information from several reliable sources that the German government is already taking measures to put into effect a program to exterminate the 800,000 Jews of Hungary. We are informed that the Nazis plan to segregate these Jews into three zones in order to facilitate this program and that they are now taking the usual preliminary steps of requiring Jews to register and to wear yellow badges.

We think it necessary, in order to save their lives, that the Jews in Hungary do not make the tragic mistake made by the Jews in Poland and in the Netherlands. To this end, we request that through the facilities of OWI, the Jews of Hungary be promptly warned to seek refuge outside the big cities; that they be urged neither to register nor to wear the yellow badge and to destroy all lists of membership in Jewish communities, associations, synagogues, etc. We further request that an appeal be promptly broadcast to all Hungarians urging them, along the lines of the President's statement of March 24, to protect and shelter their fellow countrymen of the Jewish faith and Jews from other nations to whom Hungary had given asylum before the German occupation. They should be warned not to betray Jews who have failed to register and who are trying to save their lives by not wearing the yellow badge.

The extreme urgency of this matter requires the most prompt action.

This request has the approval of the State Department.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Elmer Davis, Director,
Office of War Information,
2362 Social Security Building,
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Eden's
Statement

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: LEGATION, Stockholm
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: October 19, 1944
NUMBER: 4262

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US URGENT

See my 4204, October 16, 5 p.m.

Today the Swedish Foreign Office transmitted a wire to the Swedish Minister at Budapest requesting that the appeal of the King of Sweden concerning the treatment of Jews, particularly those four thousand who have been given Swedish passports, be again brought to the attention of the present Hungarian authorities.

In addition the Minister was instructed to ask for a prompt answer. The matter of withdrawal of his mission if assurances are not promptly given was left to the Minister's discretion. It is the opinion of the Swedish Foreign Office that maintenance of the Swedish Legation at Budapest so long as possible in order to give aid to the Jews is desirable. However, it fears that the demarche will have little effect since Foreign Office today received a wire from its Legation there reporting that the statement has been made by Hungarian officials to the effect that they will not respect Swedish passports issued to Jews before March 13. In addition, this wire reports that Legation at Budapest are

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in real danger of being killed. Members of the Legation staff who are not Jews are being molested also, one motorcycle and one auto have been taken from them already. The request has been made by the Swedish Foreign Office that this not be released for publication purposes.

The four Salazy adherents have been thrown out of the Hungarian Legation by Swedish Government who, in order to ensure safe return of Swedish personnel at Budapest, contemplates keeping them as hostages.

JOHNSON

10-20-44

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CHRONICLE states that Nazis, in Frenzied hatred against Jews, have piled horror upon horror to a point beyond which it would seem that even they could not go. But it adds that "in what is now happening in Hungary, a new climax of savagery and beastliness seems to have been reached." Telling of deportation of Hungarian Jews to Poland, where it is reported some 400,000 victims are marked down for destruction in Hitler's gas chambers, editorial continues: "Our minds cannot take in the full implications of murder on this scale. *** The crimes of the Huns and Vandals, which made hideous the so-called Dark Ages, become by comparison insignificant. What are we going to do about it? At the moment unfortunately we can do little--though it may not be long now before the Red Armies are in

Hungary. But,



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Hungary. But, because of our present helplessness in the face of these appalling brutalities, we must resolve all the more firmly that those who are in any way responsible for them shall presently be brought to justice. And such reparation as is possible must be made to the families of those who have been murdered."

Please furnish copy to War Refugee Boards.

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LONDON
Dated July 7, 1944
By 13, 8 am

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Secretary of State

Washington

4-818, July 7, 1944

For the Secretary of the Treasury for Pehle from Taylor

The following is the official transcript of a statement
of Mr. Eden in the House of Commons in respect to mass
deportation of Jews from Hungary/as reproduced in Lansard,
July 5, 1944:-

Mr. Silverman (by Private Notice) asked the
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he has
any information as to the mass deportation of Jews now
proceeding from Hungary to Poland for the purpose of
massacre; whether he can say how many have been
slaughtered in this way in recent weeks, and whether
there are any steps which the United Nations can take
to prevent in the moment of victory the total annihilation
of European Jewry by Hitlerite Germany.

Mr. Eden: As regards the first and second points
raised by my hon. Friend, I fear I have no definite
information, though there are, I greatly regret to say,
strong indications from various reliable sources that
the German and Hungarian authorities have already begun
these barbarous deportations and that in the course of
them many persons have been killed. As regards the third
point, there are unfortunately no signs that the
repeated declarations made by His Majesty's Government
in association with the other United Nations of their
intention to punish the instigators and perpetrators of
these frightful crimes have moved the German Government
and their Hungarian accomplices either to allow the
departure of even a small proportion of their victims
or to abate the fury of their persecution. The
principal hope of terminating this tragic state of
affairs must remain the speedy victory of the Allied
nations.

Mr. Silverman: May I ask my right hon. Friend
whether such information as he has, tends in any way
to confirm the figures which have been given in some
quarters, namely, that in recent days the number deported
amounted to 400,000, of whom the number killed amounts
already to 100,000? Has he any information that the
Hungarian Government has recently called upon their

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various police presidents to speed up the process so that it may be completed within the next 20 days?

"Mr. Eden: I have not heard anything on the last part of my hon. Friend's supplementary questions. In this terrible business I would really not give figures unless one is absolutely sure, because it is bad enough, God knows, without doing that. We have done all we can and we shall do all we can. I might say that his Holiness the Pope made some representations a little while ago, and the House probably knows that the King of Sweden has already made an appeal. I am bound to say that the action and attitude of the Hungarian Government is one that fills this country with loathing.

"Mr. Silverman: While appreciating to the full my right hon. Friend's sympathy and constructive activity in this matter, may I ask does he realize that the Jewish community in Hungary is now the last remaining Jewish community in Europe? If any further appeal can be made - not to the butcher gang now running German affairs but to the Hungarian Government who, in the past, have not resorted to this sort of activity except under German pressure - might not that still be made?

"Mr. Eden: I have considered that, and I agree that the previous record of the Hungarian Government makes this so much more terrible a story. The last representations we made, the hon. Gentleman will perhaps remember, were actually in reply to a statement which he made endorsing the initiative of President Roosevelt. That was as lately as last March. I do not think we can add anything to that, although we shall, of course, use the B.B.C. to bring home to the Hungarian Government the feeling of this House and the nation on the matter.

"Mr. Gallacher: Could not a direct appeal be made to the Hungarian people by the United Nations through the B.B.C. and other channels to defend these Jews against this persecution?

"Mr. Eden: That has been done and is being done. Of course, the hon. Gentleman will know that it was as a result of the declaration made in Moscow that the original appeal was made, but I will consider a further appeal.

"Mr. Austin Hopkinson: Is not the important thing first to ascertain the facts?

"Mr. Eden: Yes, Sir, I agree. That was why I was not willing to give figures, but there can be no doubt in the main as to what is going on.

"Mr. Graham White: Might it not serve a useful purpose

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purpose if His Majesty's Government were to associate themselves formally with the representations made by the Government of the United States of America and by the King of Sweden?

"Mr. Eden: We have, Sir. We have been completely in step with the United States about that. The position of the King of Sweden is, of course, different from that of the United States Government, as he is the head of a neutral country."

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Mr. Eden's statement in Parliament yesterday concerning fate of Hungarian Jews is theme of editorials in three London papers. Avowing that Foreign Secretary's remarks left no doubt that this group is marked for extermination and that massacres have already begun, TIMES says: "With the complicity and indeed the support of the traitor government which was set up in March to ensure the subservience of the once proud Magyar's to German military, economic and political domination scores of thousands of Jews are being deported to those so-called concentration camps in Poland which are in fact slaughterhouses." Editorial goes on to say that Hungarian Jews--constituting largest single Jewish community in Europe--had until German occupation in March been relatively well treated and that intermarriage

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intermarriage between Jews and non-Jews had been widespread. This circumstance, it declares, adds to disgust excited by measures Hungarian Government is carrying out, as without its active participation, Gestapo would have lacked information necessary for planning and capacity for execution of these mass murders. It continues: "neither the representations of the Pope nor the recent appeal addressed by the King of Sweden to the Hungarian Regent have moved these obedient instruments of German savagery; nor is it to be supposed that men who have eagerly accepted office from the exploiters of their country will recoil from the destruction of multitudes of their fellow citizens. Mr. Eden has expressed the 'loathing' with which their action and attitude have undoubtedly filled this country, and if, as he promised, the BBC loses no chance of bringing this detestation home to the Hungarian Government and people, fear, at a time when their protectors face catastrophe on every front, may still be effective where appeals to humanity have failed".

DAILY TELEGRAPH believes that only hope of stopping butchery of Jews in Hungary and elsewhere under German domination lies in speedy victory of Allied nations.

DAILY HERALD editorial

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DAILY HERALD editorial links Hungarian disregard of British protests with policy toward Spain and Argentina. It expresses grave doubt that Mr. Eden's words will have any effect on Hungarian Government which "has been well aware throughout the war and for years before the war how British public opinion feels on this matter." Declaring that British indignation has produced no result, editorial continues: "Even today, when German military might is reeling, when Allied victory is sure, the Hungarian satellite statement show no more regard for British wrath than they showed in the early days of the war, the days of Nazi triumph." Asking why this is and what is to be done about it, TELEGRAPH states: "Before we suggest an answer, let us examine the case of another evil Government: that of Argentina. On June 10 Colonel Peron, the Argentine War Minister, made a speech in which he talked of war in South America as inevitable. He said that Argentina, in preparation, must 'organize a structure of total war'. Who is Colonel Peron to use these words? Who and what are the members of the Argentine

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Argentine Government, on whose behalf he was presumably speaking? There are the strongest reasons for believing that they are the tools of a militaristic, pro-Axis, anti-Democratic clique. Are we to beat down Germany and Japan only to find ourselves involved in another war at the command of Colonel Peron? Is this present period of blood and toil, tears and sweat, to be merely an installment of the price we must pay for receiving the boon of peace in some millennial age? What is alarming in the case of Argentina, as in the case of Hungary, is that these petty tyrants dare at such an hour to defy the manifest will of the United Nations. It is painfully obvious that, although they are well aware that the Axis is fast losing the war, they do not take seriously the prospect of a postwar system in which aggressive nationalism will be an impossible policy. The Hungarian Fascists continue their crimes against the Jews because they are not convinced that they will suffer for these crimes or that the Allied victory will extinguish Fascism. They have read no doubt Mr. Churchill's words in championship of General Franco, and his declaration that the war has become 'less ideological in character.' Very naturally they draw comfort from such pronouncements. They decide that they can risk indulging for a little longer the

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longer the sadistic tastes which they share with the Nazis who are still their masters. If Franco can get away with it, thinks Horthy, why shouldn't I? So thinking, he consigns another trainload of Jews to Poland. As for Colonel Peron, he no doubt has noted the long delay of the Allies in announcing a postwar system of military. He imagines that for a long time after this particular world war the nations which have borne its brunt will be arguing about the best ways and means of preventing another. He thinks that in the meantime he will be able to cast a Hitleresque spell over South America--simultaneously menacing his neighbors, pretending to seek the friendship of the greater powers and stifling the voice of democratic protest in his own country. No doubt he looks forward with full confidence to the day when a British Prime Minister will ask the press not to draw rude caricatures of Colonel Peron." Asserting that a revision of United Nations policy towards Argentina is foreshadowed in recall of British and United States Ambassadors, editorial concludes: "We appeal for something more. We appeal for a declaration of United Nations policy which will make it clear that Fascist tyranny and aggressive ambitions have not the slightest hope of

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hope of survival in any country. We appeal for the announcement of decisions--not merely for aspirations--which will paralyze these minor intriguers and adventurers before they become a major menace. We suggest that the news from Hungary and Argentina is an urgent warning to the United Nations that they must proclaim far more clearly their determination to implement as to the war the principles for which they are fighting. It is a warning that they should work faster on the job of planning a system of military security and economic development which will bring contentment to the world and destruction to all who plot against peace."

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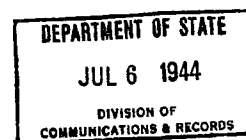
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During question hour in House of Commons today Mr. Eden made a statement about the deportation of Jews from Hungary. The Foreign Minister said that although he had no definite information there are "strong indications from various reliable sources that the German and Hungarian authorities have already begun these barbarous deportations and that many people have been killed. There are unfortunately no signs that the repeated declarations made by the British Government in association with other United Nations of their intention to punish the instigators and perpetrators of these frightful crimes have moved the German Government and their Hungarian accomplices either to allow the departure of even a small proportion of their victims or to abate their persecution,

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The principal hope of terminating this tragic state of affairs must remain the speedy victory of the Allied Nations".

When asked whether his information confirmed the figures given in some quarters that in recent days 400,000 were deported, of whom 100,000 have already been killed, and whether he had any information that the Hungarian Government had recently endeavored to speed up the process of deportation so that it might be completed within the next twenty days Mr. Eden replied, "I have not heard of that. I would rather not give figures unless I can be absolutely sure, because it is bad enough, God knows, without doing that."

When asked whether or not a further appeal could be made to the Hungarian Government, Mr. Eden stated he had considered that point. He added "it is the previous record of the Hungarian Government which makes this a so much more terrible story. We shall use the BBC to bring home to the Hungarian Government the feelings of this House and nation."

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German military political AFTONBLADET seventh
Berlin correspondent reports police officer Cowshot
on Berlin suburban street and public being exhorted
by Berlin police to help find perpetrators.

SVENSKA seventh Bern correspondent in article
about Hungary states resistance to occupation power
and Quisling government in Budapest increasing daily.
Resistance includes masses and intellectuals.
Hungarians hoping generally that Russia will soon
force Germany to surrender as isn't considered that
any peace can be worse than present situation. 'Tis
estimated in Hungarian opposition circles in Budapest
that 10% of Jewish population or over 100,000 persons
already executed mostly in Slovakia Poland. Opposition
quarters reckon 400,000 Jews thus far deported.

MORGONTIDNINGEN eighth Bern correspondent reports

Field Marshal

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Field Marshal von Vlasowitz is expected to retire in few days.

DAGENS eighth. Berlin states von Papen presently with his Embassy personnel at his Turkish summer residence. All stories concerning negotiations, journeys and peacefeelers by von Papen considered fables.

SVENSKA eighth. Bern correspondent reports former Hungarian Premier Kallay recently arrested near Slovakian border where he was assisting Jews cross frontier. Kallay engaged in this traffic with friend who owns large estate near border. Both arrested and taken to political prison in Budapest.

Idem Bern correspondent reports construction of refugee camps in eastern and southern Germany to receive large anticipated influx of German refugees from Poland East Prussia in near future. German quarters don't consider East Prussia immediately threatened but anticipate eastern section of province will become operations area and desire to remove civilians in time. Many rumors also circulating regarding evacuation of Balkans Norway. Hitler said engaged in mediating between Generals who want to hold present territory and those who wish abandon all outlying

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outlying areas to conduct better defense near
border. Press correspondents from Berlin indicate
dramatic decisions impending in German war
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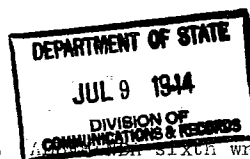
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2512, Eighth

Swedish politics.



Sixth writes: Its
now clear why King Gustaf appealed Horthy this very
time in favour Hungarian Jews since Germans obviously
preparing total deportation these people beginning July
15. Unfortunately theres reason assume both British
American threats and Swedish papal appeals all in vain.
Previous experiences invite no hope. Hungarian people
surely as shaken as Sweden who watching events from
distance. Hungarians lived quite friendly with Jewish
minority but now they at Germans mercy. Latter about
commit now terrible crime against humanity. Hopable
that they hesitate and that rumours correct about
Horthy's attempt influence German rulers. However
reason fear Eden right when saying only solution is
speedy allied victory but this instance it will surely
be too late.

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Liberal JOENKOEPIINGS POSTEN sixth: Would certainly be specially gratifying if Sweden able relieve Hungary's distress. Sweden long enjoyed lively trade relations with Hungary well as good contact in cultural scientific fields. Swedish Hungarian intercourse sports athletics also particularly intimate pleasant. Sweden's name held high esteem in Hungary. Gustaf's appeal spontaneous action which surely further strengthens traditional Swedish Hungarian friendship.

German aircraft downshot near Swedish territory south Halesingborg early yesterday morning. Plane completely wrecked but unhurt pilot found be Danish refugee who stole plane Copenhagen with intention flying to England although lacking all air experience. Dene treated as civilian political refugee.

American Liberator forced landed Bulltofta airdrome Malmoe yesterday escorted by Swedish fighters. Bomber only slightly damaged but two slightly injured crew members taken to hospital.

Nazi DAGSPOSTEN seventh referring above notes indignantly German plane downshot by Swedish AA batteries whereas American bomber unmclested. Letter only very damaged and doubtless would been able return English base but "apparently Falun again tempted crew".

DAGENS seventh

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DAGENS seventh reports Swede schooner and Danish steamer recently barely escaped being hit by German artillery fire from batteries on Amager Island (off Copenhagen) while proceeding inside Swedish waters off Skanoer. Germans apparently engaged artillery practice without Swedish shipping being officially warned about dangerous areas. Germans using heavy caliber guns and theres risk stray shells might land Swedish soil across sound.

Social Democratic VAESTMANLANDS FOLKBLAD sixth referring recent Swedish protest Berlin (see our 2328) against two flying bombs landed Swedish soil writes

Swedish press acting as markmanship recorder for Germans when reporting just where bombs landed. Without directly supporting seemingly daring theory that Germans intentionally used Sweden as target paper admits however one must reckon also this possibility and act accordingly. Should this kind shooting recur public mustn't demand that press report precise locality where flying bombs land since such recording obviously aids Germans.

DAGENS seventh quoting above asks incidently whether Berlin had replied Swedish protest which also demanded measures against repetition. It's not thanks to Germans that Swedish lives unlong.

SVENSKA seventh

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SVENSKA seventh reports two large Finnish steamers KÄRIN THRODEN and SAVONIA yesterday sequestered in Trelleborg by order chief executor following request by Alpunex Insurance Company Stockholm which has claim against two ships owners amounting over two million crowns outstanding since 1940. Steamers arrive Trelleborg for provisions after one attacked by Russian aircraft in Baltic resulting death German control officer. Assumed steamers uncalled any Swedish port since 1940 wherefore sequestration impossible until now.

Chief police Vaermland province yesterday arrested Swedish subject suspected having supplied Germany information certain Swedish defense establishments Norwegian border.

DÄGENS seventh reports during Finnish social Minister Aaltonens visit Stockholm (see our 2495) agreement reached in principle with Swedish authorities for transfer Sweden 14,000 Karelian children arriving within next four weeks. Swedish Government presently considering special arrangements receiving these children who couldn't immediately expect be received private homes. Total other Finnish children sheltered Sweden now exceeding 40,000.

DÄGENS seventh writes

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DAGENS seventh writes expected heavy influx Finnish refugees near future presenting great problems which Sweden must prepare meet in time. Easiest receive own kin of Fenno-Swedish stock and admit they stand closest our heart and must be given preference. We have right draw distinction here. Regular passenger traffic probably any event being restricted aside from childrens transfer. But if panic occurs refugees will flee Sweden in small boats and once here discrimination difficult for theres no question then granting or refusing visas. What possible do however is agree beforehand on classification different categories and inform unwelcome guests in advance how they treatable. Among unwelcome guests are firstly pro-German activists Nazi elements. They threw their country into despair and they contributed breaking up Nordic collaboration and must be treated just as Norwegian and Danish quislings.

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* Swedish King's personal appeal to Admiral Horthy

on treatment of Hungarian Jews has been given extremely
strong and prominent support in Swedish newspapers.

Our No. 47 for War Refugee Board. SVENSKA DAGBLADET
states that all neutrality ceases to exist in the
face of these deliberate and cold blooded crimes
against defenseless and innocent people. Stockholm
TIDNINGEN states that the terrible fate suffered by
millions of Jews under Nazi regime will shake the
world to its very foundations perhaps more than
anything else when the full truth of what actually
happened becomes known. It adds that no more crying
injustice has ever been committed than this annihila-
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Swedish politics DAGENS 6th learns from Sweden's

Zionist leader Dr. Hugo Valentin that King's appeal to Horthy (see our 2472) obviously made after it ascertained Germans preparing deportations all Hungarian Jews commencing July 15th. According Valentin Hitler declared already before occupying Hungary he would allow no compromise regarding Hungarian Jews. Nazis also claimed Germany unable defend southeast Europe long as million Jews remained Hungary. Valentin finds reason for extreme pessimism concerning fate Hungarian Jews. There is no question deportation or persecution but sheer mass murder.

SVENSKA 6th reports from Bern that Gustaf's appeal attracted widest attention Hungary where free press immediately published Swedish action stressing Horthy and Cabinet now made responsible to whole world for outrages in Hungary. 300,000 Jews already deported but 400,000 still remain

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still remain Hungary and now slight hope these saveable. Horthy already discussed matter with Cabinet and with German representatives but negotiations result not yet known.

Stockholm press 6th carries Reuter account yesterday's Commons' debate London on Hungarian Jews and American Swedish interventions their behalf. Anthony Eden's statement quoted.

MORGONBLADET 5th characterizing Gustaf's initiative act of true humanity appealing everybody uninfected with hatred. Perhaps appeal may not have immediate effect but nevertheless of great value showing Swedish King feels deeply for suffering Jews and openly protests against barbaric annihilation campaign conducted against them for years.

AFTONBLADET 5th much terror already committed against Hungarian Jews on whom intruding tormenters clamped down immediately country occupied. Impossible judge result King's appeal but he's spoken in name humanity placing his exceptionally great moral authority on scales. This surely must mean something.

ALLEHANDA 5th perhaps King's words interpretable not only as appeal but as warning "don't increase your debt"

AFTONTIDNINGEN

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APTONTIDNINGEN 5th observes Horthy at least formally still Hungary's Regent although nothing heard of him since Germans came into power. His influence thus could not be great but Gustaf's telegram perhaps doing some good as open protest from neutral monarch against German methods. There been many speculations what could be meaning behind Jew massacres. Hitler and followers themselves hardly believe theories they employ for propaganda. Most Jews mass murdered in Europe been poor powerless people unrepresenting any military obstacle to German expansion. Morbid spectacle probably unexplainable completely without resorting psychiatric methods. On top much else Naziism implied also terrifying outburst sadism. Third Reich's ascetic leader probably experiences voluptuousness when ordering mass murders and when reading reports how orders outcarried.

VESTMANLANDS LANS TIDNING 5th believes Gustaf's action must be based knowledge beyond what's generally known about Hungarian situation. Swedish King would not resort measure this nature without very strong reasons for appealing in name humanity. Perhaps belief venturable that he chose moment for action on assumption

German

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German hold on Hungary has loosened to degree where need not be misinterpreted as irony when King appeals to "influence" of Hungarian Regent. King definitely supported by overwhelming majority his people in this good enterprise.

AFTONBLADET 5th published Malmo report that its openly alleged Copenhagen Swedish Government intervened with German authorities which partly responsible for German compliance Danish terms for ending general strike. Swedish Foreign Office informs AFTONBLADET, however, these rumors completely unfounded and no Swedish intervention made. Similar rumor published HANDELSTIDNINGEN 5th saying Swedish Minister Copenhagen more or less on own accord mediated between Danes, Germans. This likewise emphatically denied by Foreign Office in today's morning papers.

Having undertaken protect Finnish interests in America Sweden now protective power for twenty nations.

Board Information announces intention publish comprehensive review Swedish foreign policy during war Professor Edvard Thermanius compiling work.

In answering Gallup Poll question "Do you believe that any party will make appreciable gains in fall elections? 25% believe Communists will gain, 12% believe Social Democrats

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Social Democrats will, 5% other parties, 21 believe status quo while 37% undecided. Result secondary question showed 60% regard possible substantial Communist gain detrimental to Swedish interests, 7 considering such gain advantageous, 11 that it immaterial while 22% undecided. Fact that 7% favored substantial Communist gain indicating that if elections held now Communists would actually gain over 1942 elections when they polled 6% of votes. Interesting feature of poll also that among those voting Social Democratic 1942 4% now regard increased Communist representation desirable and 13% indifferent to such development.

German born Swedish subject Otto Oskar Erich Holz arrested Stockholm charges espionage tried first time yesterday. Apparently prisoner entertained hopes becoming some sort Swedish Goebbels. He testified he, 1941, on own initiative sought activate German propaganda in Stockholm which he had found "almost nonexistent". On his suggestion German propaganda showroom opened on city's main thoroughfare Kungsgatan. He planned form Swedish company principally with German capital for continued propaganda activities and visited Berlin to see Goebbels in matter but only allowed see one latter's subordinates.

His notion

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His notion was prospective propaganda company be headed by either Commander Wibom who part owner Nazi DAGSPOSTEN or Major Ernst Killander but neither these two aware of scheme which finally broke down since Germans obviously thought project too expensive. Court hearings thereafter continued in Camera.

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Press generally carries news that King of Sweden has appealed to Admiral Horthy to save Hungarian Jews from persecution. Only editorial comment is in MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, which, after referring to King of Sweden's message and "strong protests" which have also been registered in United States, continues: "It is time that the Allied leaders should join in the effort to prevent the extermination of the last considerable body of Jews in Central Europe. It would be a major tragedy, President Roosevelt said on March 27, that innocent people who have already survived a decade of Hitler's fury should perish on the very eve of triumph over the barbarism which their persecution symbolizes". Yet since his warning the whole nauseous apparatus of the Nuremberg Laws has been applied in Hungary, the Jews have been expropriated and segregated, and many thousands

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thousands of them have been deported to Poland to extermination camps. There have been admissions from the Nazi side that this policy is not popular in Hungary. It is our duty to make it more unpopular. A stern warning by the heads of the three states, Britain, the United States and Russia, of what will happen to the persecutors is called for. We have the means, through leaflets dropped by our bombers, of reaching the Hungarian people. Why delay?"

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SWEDISH fifth hails King Gustaf's appeal to Horthy (see our 2449) with genuine satisfaction saying action follows tradition of Sweden's intervention behalf Norwegian-Danish Jews and Norwegian students. 800,000 Jewish lives Hungary now at stake. To prevent repetition of horrors which overcame Jews all other German controlled countries King now addressed himself Horthy who still regarded Hungary's chief of state. Faced with deliberate crimes coldbloodedly planned against defenseless innocent people all neutrality ceases exist. Swedish people warmly approve this active humaneness regarding it honor for Sweden and King that he speaking in Humanity's name.

TIDNINGEN fifth: King's personal appeal behalf Hungarian Jews worthy of monarch who really has right speak in Humanity's name. On rare occasions when Sweden's King made personal statements appeals in international matters world

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matters world has listened with all respect due more his high personal prestige than his position. When he now openly addresses himself directly to another chief of state urging protection persecuted, maltreated, mortally threatened minority in latter's country this is remarkable action which surely never taken had King not been convinced terrible fate threatening these people. Horrible fate suffered by millions Jews under Nazi regime and occupation will shake world to its very foundation perhaps more than anything else when full truth of what actually happened becomes known one day. What's known already sufficient for declaring that no more crying injustice ever committed than this annihilation innocent people merely because they belonged certain race, religion. He hailed with relief and gratitude Swedish Government's protest against action against Danish Jews and its offer shelter them Sweden. Its with same gratitude we hail King's initiative favouring Hungarian Jews. He is speaking in name humanity but also particularly in name Swedish people. Impossible say whether initiative having desired effect. Hungarian regent who surely condemns brutal policy against Jews has powers restricted by those now ruling Hungary. But moral impression on Gustaf's appeal unremoveable.

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UPSALA NYA TIDNING fifth, referring Finnish situation observed Germany for time being controls all outer members of north having also drawn closer to center from east. Swedes mustnt shut eyes to fact that now only Baltic separates us from Germans and that Aland Islands form bridge across Baltic. Holder strategical Aland barrier able shut opening Bothnian Gulf as he likes. Repeatedly stressed in Swedish defense surveys both official and others that Aland turnable into pistol against Sweden's heart and therefore natural desire in Nordic speculations that Aland jointly defended and strategically employed by Sweden and Finland together. Sweden's interest in Aland unonly defensive. Islands inhabitants Swedish and still speak our language and have strong feeling for mother country. Only too natural that idea to neutralize Aland again acute. An Aland servitude once existed guaranteed by all great powers surrounding north. If this servitude renewable would be most natural for Sweden exercise control of islands.

HANDELSTIDNINGEN fourth reveals Finland could have counted on grain shipments from Sweden if she made peace with Russia. Finland been long dependent on continuous food imports from Germany but not generally known here that Swedish

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that Swedish Government long ago made promises whereby Finland feel dependent German benevolence for safe-guarding supply. Had Finland made peace with Russia and communications southward severed adequate grain shipments could been expected from Sweden. On this point Finns need't have taken Ribbentrop's threats too seriously. This fact rememberable when judging "coup d'etat" in Helsinki.

Responding demand by youth towns of four leading political parties Royal Social Board handling alien and refugee affairs declares has no objection abandoning system imprisoning all German deserters arriving Sweden placing them instead in camps whence upon individual examination they pleaseable and given workers open market.

DAGENS fifth expects Sweden soon confronted new refugee problem aside from anticipated influx Finnish refugees only gradual increase formerly Hitler loyal Germans now seeking escape effects of feared third Reich collapse. These people not ordinary political refugees although like claim such status. They were Nazis long as Nazism prospered but now want leave train. They suddenly begun admire Swedish culture recalling they have Swedish friends who might help. But Swedish authorities have every

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have every reason critically examine these cases without listening to pathetic stories. Whether Germans want cut loose from beloved fatherland or want come here from Finland, Norway, Denmark where they played more less obscure role they must be treated without sentimentality. Shelter we able provide here must be reserved better people.

Swedish steamer DAMA (see our 2449) still detained by Germans Copenhagen and crew of three still under arrest without Swedish authorities yet advised of reason. According Malmo rumours ship engaged carrying personal effects from Copenhagen belonging Danish refugees Sweden but since Swedish train ferry long time been carrying carloads similar effects Copenhagen to Malmo without German protest DAMA affair remains mystery.

Commercial Counsellor Harry Eriksson Swedish Legation Washington appointed Swedish Minister Pretoria.

Swedish national debt rose from 2670 million crowns end 1939 to 9970 million June 1, 1944. Only half per cent of debt in foreign hands.

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Chief Rabbi Ehrenpreis has been informed from what
he considers absolutely reliable sources that Germans
have ordered the deportation of all Hungarian Jews to
Germany by not later than July 15. Jewish communities
here have addressed petition to King asking him to appeal
to Hungarian Government. We are informed by the Jews who
drafted the document that this petition is being forwarded
to King by Swedish Foreign Office with recommendation
that King intervene with Hungarian authorities in this
matter.

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