

40,000 HERE SEEK WAY TO SAVE JEWS

Mass Meeting in Madison Square Park Adopts Plan to Preserve Lives

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

He Again Warns Nazis—Wire From Dewey Backs Efforts to Rescue Europeans

Declaring its fear that by the time the war has been won the largest part of the Jewish populations of Europe will have been extinguished, a mass meeting of 40,000 American Jews gathered in Madison Square Park yesterday afternoon adopted a resolution embodying a program for saving as many Jews in the Nazi-occupied territories as possible.

The huge crowd, standing closely packed for more than two hours despite the oppressive heat, heard messages from President Roosevelt and Governor Dewey expressing their abhorrence at the atrocities against the Jews in Europe, and denunciations of the Nazis' savagery by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, former Justice Joseph M. Proskauer, Senator Ralph O. Brewster of Maine, Norman M. Littell, an assistant attorney general, and others.

The mass meeting was arranged by the American Jewish Conference and its sixty-three affiliated organizations, in cooperation with eight other national Jewish organizations. It attracted a throng that filled Madison Avenue solidly from Twenty-third to Twenty-fifth Streets; extended down the side streets and packed the walks of Madison Square Park.

Message of President

Dr. Wise, who presided, read the following message from President Roosevelt:

"Please express to those gathered at the meeting to protest the deportations and cruelties visited upon the remaining Jewish community of Europe my feelings of abhorrence of these desperate acts of the enemy. I repeat to all concerned my earlier warning that those who participate in these acts of savagery shall not go unpunished."

Governor Dewey's telegram said:

"If ever there was an example of man's inhumanity to man, it has been furnished by the beasts of Berlin, who set the whole world on fire, and who are now fortunately, on the run, thanks to the brave men and women of the United Nations on the battlefield of Europe.

"The Jewish people are not alone the victims in the present war, but the Jewish people have been singled out for wholesale slaughter by a maniac dictator, and the whole world is outraged by the unspeakable cruelties committed against them. We must do everything humanly possible to stay the bloody hand of Hitlerism in occupied Hungary, where there are still hundreds of thousands of Jews who can be saved. Let the Nazis and their satellites be warned that there will be a day of reckoning—and soon—for their crimes."

Resolution Adopted

Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith and co-chairman of the interim committee of the American Jewish Conference, offered the resolution adopted by the gathering. It appealed to the United Nations to broadcast warnings to the Hungarian Government and people that they would not be allowed to escape full responsibility for the crimes now being perpetrated against the Jews within their territory.

It said that the protection of the United States and the other United Nations should be openly extended to the victims; that the territories under their administration should be open to all Jews who can be rescued; that all possible efforts to extend relief to the victims through the International Red Cross should be made, and that military authorities, in cooperation with the underground forces, should make every effort to destroy the implements and facilities of the Nazi mass executions.

Asserting that "this great assemblage speaks the soul and the will of America," former Justice Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, warned that nothing could save the remnant of European Jewry from ruin "except the aroused and concerted action of the civilized world."