

Brown Replaces Henderson As Chief

U. S. JOINS IN CONDEMNING NAZI 'BESTIAL EXTERMINATION' OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)

—The United States today joined other United Nations governments in condemning Germany's "bestial policy of cold-blooded extermination" of the Jews and pledging that those responsible "shall not escape retribution."

In announcing the move the state department said reports from Europe indicated that German authorities, passing beyond the stage of ordinary persecution, "are now carrying into effect Hitler's off related intention to exterminate the Jewish people in Europe."

The announcement described Poland as "the principal Nazi slaughter house," where ghettos established by the Germans now are being systematically emptied of all Jews except a few skilled workers valuable to the war industries. It added:

"None of those taken away are ever heard of again. The able-bodied are slowly worked to death in labor camps. The infirm are left to die of exposure and starvation or are deliberately massacred in mass executions. The number of victims of these

bloody cruelties is reckoned in the many hundreds of thousands of entirely innocent men, women and children."

Associated with the United States in the joint action were the Belgian, Czechoslovak, Greek, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norwegian, Polish, Soviet, United Kingdom and Yugoslav governments and the French National (Fighting French) committee.

(Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden read to the British house of commons the Allied declaration and commons stood briefly in silence in a gesture of protest to what one member called "this disgusting barbarism.")

(Eden was asked whether the government could explore the possibility of a mass migration of Jews into a neutral country, such as Sweden.)

Attention recently was called to the German extermination campaign by Rabbi Stephen M. Wise, who issued a statement charging that the Germans not only systematically slaughtered Jews but utilized the corpses in the manufacture of soaps, fats and other products.

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