

ACTION DEMANDED TO SAVE JEWS NOW

Leon Henderson Terms Allies Guilty of Moral Cowardice in Stand on Massacres

The Allied governments are guilty of moral cowardice in failing to meet "the major political weapon of Nazi bestiality," that is, extermination of the Jews, Leon Henderson declared last night.

Speaking at a "Salute to Sweden and Denmark" rally in Carnegie Hall, sponsored by the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, Mr. Henderson said that Sweden and Denmark, by their stand have proved "the tragedy of Allied judgment."

Declaring that "this is no post-war problem, no matter to wait the peace table," the former Office of Price Administration head charged that "this war issue has been avoided, submerged, postponed, played down and resisted with all the forms of political force available to powerful governments."

Mr. Henderson laid the blame for the delay in settling the Jewish problem at the door of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. He held that they found it difficult to solve the Jewish problem "but less difficult to keep governments in exile" and added that action would be taken if both leaders so desired.

A petition was circulated among the 3,300 persons present calling upon the President to establish a specific inter-Government agency to save the Jewish people of Europe and requesting him to advise the British Government that it is America's desire that the door be opened to refugee Jews of Europe.

Madame Sigrid Undset, novelist and Nobel prize winner, expressed the hope that those who could not be saved "have not suffered in vain," that "their blood may help to drown the poison-snake of race-discrimination everywhere in the world, where people yearn to govern themselves in a way compatible with human dignity."

Other speakers included Senator William Langer of South Dakota; Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde, former Minister to Denmark; Representative Emanuel Celler of New York; and Peter H. Bergson of the Free Palestine Committee.