YOM KIPPUR BROADCAST

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COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM (30 seconds)

CHOIR:

(FROM CINCINNATI - THEME - BG)

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Tomorrow at sundown Jews the world over will begin the ancient rites of Yom Kippur - the Day of Atonement. For all those of the Jewish faith, this high holiday, ending ten days of penitence, is the most solemn and sacred of the year - a day of fasting, prayer, and humility before God.

CHOIR:

(FADE OUT THEME)

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT (CONTINUED):

Today, the Columbia Broadcasting System, in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee, brings you a special Yom Kippur broadcast. You will hear holiday messages from Dr. Nelson Glueck and the honorable Herbert H. Lehman. The program will open with traditional liturgical music, sung by the choir of the Isaac M. Wise Temple of Cincinnati, after which Dr. Nelson Glueck will deliver a prayer.

CHOIR:

(2½ MINUTES)

GLUECK:

We turn to Thee, O God of life,
In gratitude for all the wonder of life,
In thanksgiving for its beauty,
In eager acknowledgement of its endless gifts and enduring promise.
GLUECK  
(CONTINUED):
Thou art our strength and hope.
Help us all to learn that the beginning of wisdom
and final salvation
Lie in the Fear of God.
(1 MINUTE)

CHOIR:
"KOL NIDRE" (4 MINUTES)

ANNOUNCER:
And now we take pleasure in presenting the honorable
Herbert H. Lehman, former Governor of the State of New York,
and first UNRRA Director-General, who will speak to you
from New York City.

(SWITCH TO NEW YORK)

LEHMAN:
By ancient tradition, the Jewish Day of Atonement is a
time of self-communion, a time when all of us, as best we
can, try to measure ourselves in the light of those moral
values which are eternal. Examining the past, we know the
limits of our mortality. Looking to the future, we perceive
anew the need for spiritual guidance. On this day, rising
above the routine of daily living, we strive to see the whole
life from the larger perspective of the history of all
mankind. And each year, in the words of the Atonement
Service, we pray the Lord: "Hasten the day that will bring
gladness to all the dwellers on earth and victory of the
spirit to those who bear witness to Thy unity."
That day is not yet. In 1943, dictatorship and tyranny
still persist in many parts of the world, still threaten
peace and freedom. Yet, man's age-old yearning for liberty is now closer to being realized than in any previous era of recorded time. In the hearts of the peoples of the earth today, there is a surge toward freedom, and an awareness, growing constantly stronger, that dictators must be opposed and not appeased. For example, the spirit with which our European Recovery Program has been greeted in the war-devastated lands expresses more than gratitude for material aid. There is a great welling-up of thankfulness that the American people, through this program of recovery, have pledged themselves to meet the challenge of despotism. This same determination to uphold human rights is also leading thousands of Americans to scrutinize our basic liberties here at home. Ours is the greatest country on earth, and the freest. Here democracy is not a word; it is a living reality. Strongest proof of this is the rapidly growing conviction among Americans that those abuses of civil rights which still persist must be wiped out. The Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights was more than an audit of democratic practices. This Report reminds us once more that we have come to our present stature among the nations because men and women of every faith, of every race and ancestry, from every corner of the globe, responded to freedom with their heart's gifts, working with hand and brain to build these great United States. This awareness of our unique tradition as the land of opportunity lay behind the recent act of Congress which
LEHMAN (CONTINUED): makes possible the entry of some two hundred thousand displaced persons from Europe. While many phases of this bill fall short of the high aims of many of us, the correction of its defects is already foreshadowed in the chorus of voices raised on behalf of a broader, more open-hearted welcome to the survivors of Nazi oppression. They have endured unspeakable trials, these displaced persons, but aid is now forthcoming from many lands, and their long patience will soon be rewarded.

This year also sees another crucial problem near settlement. Palestine has long been a scene of suffering, a symbol of tragedy. Today, with the new State of Israel an established fact, we can hope at last for a happy outcome. The new draft constitution of Israel is dedicated to "the sanctity of life and the dignity of man." It is described with pride, by those who wrote it, as an attempt to reproduce "the spirit of the United States Constitution." Israel is now functioning on the democratic principle of equal rights for all within its province, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin. Moreover, a just appraisal of the achievements of the Israelis must give us confidence that there is now emerging from the soil of Palestine a new pattern of living for both Arabs and Jews, a pattern as rich in promise as the bountiful fruit that has been brought forth from what was once parched desert and malaria-ridden swampland.

All in all, while this year -- 5709 on the ancient Hebrew calendar -- finds our world still in many respects a troubled
LEHMAN (CONTINUED): one, the outlook for the future is full of hope. For never before have so many of the world’s peoples known so clearly where salvation lies. Never before have we understood so well what we must do to hasten the day for which we pray, the day described in our Atonement Service in these words: “Then shall the just see and exult, the righteous be glad, and the pious sing for joy.” (6 MINUTES)

NEW YORK ANNOUNCER: Our special Day of Atonement program now returns to Cincinnati.

(SWITCH BACK TO CINCINNATI)

CHOIR: (3 MINUTES)

ANNOUNCER: For a holiday message we shall hear from Dr. Nelson Glueck, prominent rabbinical leader, and President of the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati. Dr. Glueck:

GLUECK: Our Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, occurs in a period of great dismay and widespread physical and emotional disturbance. Hardly have we bestirred ourselves to repair some of the damage and correct some of the wrongs of the worst phases of the holocaust but yesterday ended, than the tocsin of new threats of war sounds out its alarm, and constricts our hearts with fear and pity for ourselves and mankind. This time of concern with ultimates gives us especial opportunity to seek together, as companions in spiritual arms, the fortitude and vision we must acquire to withstand
the ordeals of our era and the tribulations of each human lot. We meet for meditation and prayer to find in worship of God solace for our pain, support for our weakness, and direction for our striving. The testament of our tradition embraces the precepts of our faith on the one hand and our integral connection with the life and spirit and promise of America on the other. It teaches us that there is no divorce possible between our affirmations to God and our relationships with each other. It demands of us forthright self-searching, the sensitive exercise of integrity and humility, the fearless advocacy of justice. We and all others shall be judged in the Final Judgement not only for sins we ourselves may have committed but also for wrongs by others we have not sought to prevent, for crimes we have not denounced or punished, for rights we have not upheld. We shall be held accountable for being indifferent to what does not appear to concern us immediately, and for yielding to the confusion of evil. Let there be no hysterical retreat before those who spread the doctrines of hate or lust after power, be they outside or inside of America. Let there be no yielding to despair, no succumbing to despondency in the face of personal troubles or public disorder, but let there be an increasing emphasis
in our land and throughout our lives upon the necessity of carrying out the divine injunctions.

The significance of Atonement underscores the endless possibilities for spiritual development with which all human beings are endowed. Its lesson spurs our confidence as Jews and Americans that the disasters of man's fashioning can be overcome, that there is yet time to aid the hurt, to buttress hope, to fill the earth with the blessing of peace and of brotherhood.

America has an important role to play in the world and Judaism a great mission in America and to the ends of the earth. And the Moral Law must underlie our individual actions and the laws of our land, even as it furnishes the only secure foundation upon which the developing structure of the United Nations can rest.

The Words of Sinai express the charge which can lead all persons to tranquility, affording them equality of freedom and opportunity for happiness.

The history of mankind mirrors the endless battle between civilization and savagery, between order and anarchy, between good and evil, between the values that endure and the possessions that waste away.

Woe unto those individuals and nations that believe in the might of their wealth, in the strength of their armor, in the invincibility of their position. Woe unto those who consider the laws of God only as forces of convenience, to be ignored or employed at will.
No culture can last, no nation or union of nations survive, except that its aims and practices be conducive to life with liberty for all its members.

There is no permanent ownership of material goods; there is only qualified stewardship. There are no unrestricted privileges of physical power or position for long; there are only unrestricted rights and obligations of humanity for ever.

There can be no peace and serenity, no promise of security and salvation, except through the translation of our ideals of religion into the laws of society and the unified responsibility of all for individual and world welfare.

There can be no forgiveness of sin, no freedom from fear and permanence of freedom, except there be fear of God,

(6 MINUTES)

Psalm 24:3 - 6.

(3) Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, and who shall stand in His holy place? (4) He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul to falsehood nor sworn deceitfully. (5) He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of salvation. (6) Such is the generation of those that seek Thee, that seek Thy face, O God of Jacob.

Psalm 33:22.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.

(1 MINUTE)
CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT:  

(CHOR IN BG SINGING THEME)

You have just heard a special Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement, program presented by the Columbia Broadcasting System, in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee. The holiday messages were delivered by Dr. Nelson Glueck, President of the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati, and the honorable Herbert H. Lehman, former Governor of the State of New York, and first UNRRA Director-General. The traditional music was sung by the choir of the Isaac M. Wise Temple of Cincinnati. Dr. Carl Hugo Grimm was the choir director and organist. Copies of this broadcast may be obtained without charge by writing to the American Jewish Committee, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York. 

(1 MINUTE)