NAZIS SEEN PLOTTING SEPTEMBER POGROMS IN FRANCE

LONDON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The news weekly Cavalcade reported today that large-scale anti-Semitic outbursts have been timed to break out in France during the first week of September.

According to the Cavalcade, the man behind the terror being prepared for France is Dr. Wilhelm Karl Kugler, who staged many anti-Jewish outrages in Germany and was responsible for directing the November, 1938, pogroms which followed assassination of a German Embassy official in Paris.

Assisting Kugler, the magazine said, is a big staff of newspaper editors, radio announcers and platform propagandists. The campaign is reportedly reaching a climax now with slogans accusing the Jews of responsibility for the war, hunger, unemployment and absence of money.

ITALIAN POLICE LAUNCH DRIVE ON JEWISH STREET VENDORS

ROME, Aug. 12. (JTA--By Airmail) -- The Italian police are rounding up Jewish street vendors and voiding their licenses in what is considered to be one of the most important economic sanctions yet imposed by the Italian Government since it instituted its racial policy just two years ago.

Approximately 1,200 heads-of-family, or more than ten per cent of the entire Italian Jewish population, are affected by the drive. Rome Jews are particularly hard hit, since there are more than 800 of the vendors, representing some 30 per cent of the capital's Jewish population, earning their living at this occupation.

The police action does not stem from any specific anti-Jewish decree, but is an administrative measure resulting from the police power over street vendors' licenses. It is noteworthy that even the licenses of Jews exempt from the racial laws in recognition of meritorious service to Italy in wartime, are also being cancelled.

The street vendors for the most part are pushcart peddlers selling dry goods, second-hand merchandise and miscellaneous articles. Many, however, are well-known to tourists in Rome as hawkers of postcards, maps, cameos and other souvenirs of Rome.

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The profession of street vendor has long been looked upon in Italy as a very respectable means of livelihood. This is especially true in Rome, where they formed the internationally famous "Campo di Fiori," or rag market, which the police broke up a year ago much to the sorrow of the Rome populace.

Among Roman Jews, the profession of street vendor dates back to the days of their imprisonment in the ghetto, which terminated only some three-quarters of a century ago. During that period, virtually every other means of livelihood was barred to them. When they were completely liberated with the unification of Italy in 1870, the Jews consequently found it difficult to rehabilitate themselves in other professions.

The tragedy of this latest drive on Italian Jews is that it almost completely impoverishes the lowest class. Unlike the majority of those eliminated from the free professions, these have no reserve funds to fall back upon.

23 INJURED IN 6-HOUR SAFED FIRE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (Delayed) (JTA) -- Twenty-three Jews, including thee children, were seriously burned today in a fire of accidental origin that damaged 15 houses and the American Synagogue in Safed. The fire lasted six hours. The Scrolls of the Law were rescued from the burning synagogue.

NAZIS CANCEL ARMBAND ORDER FOR BELGIAN JEWS

LONDON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Nazi authorities have withdrawn their order compelling Jews in Belgium to wear Mogen David armbands due to popular objections, the Jewish Chronicle reports in its current issue.

The weekly also reported that Sheriff Boekman, Zionist leader and member of the Amsterdam City Council, who had been prominent in the city's artistic and educational life, had committed suicide.

PRZEMYSL SYNAGOGUE TURNED INTO POWER STATION

GENEVA, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A synagogue in the city of Przemyśl, which straddles the Nazi-Soviet frontier in occupied Poland, has been turned into an electric power station, it was reported today by the Krakauer Zeitung, official Nazi organ in Poland. The synagogue was in the German side of the city.

It was reported from Cracow today that Germans are rushing to occupy apartments vacated by Jews ordered to leave the city. Because of the resultant chaos, Nazi Commandant Schmid has forbidden occupation of the apartments without special authority.

VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION HIT COLOMBIA JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish violence and discriminatory regulations are causing fear among the large Jewish population of Bogota, capital of Colombia, a letter received here today disclosed.

According to this message, a young Jewish butcher boy who attempted to sell kosher meat in the capital was badly beaten up by anti-Jewish demonstrators early in August and taken to a hospital in a desperate condition. Various restrictions are making it increasingly difficult for the Jews to obtain work in the city, it was said.
Dispatches from Bogota to Buenos Aires earlier this month said that the rights of immigrant Jewish institutions and associations had been restricted by the Colombian Government and that the country has been virtually closed to Jews, whether immigrants or tourists. It was also reported that the Colombia government planned to deport all Jews not engaged in occupations specified in their immigration permits.

SPHERES OF WORK DEFINED IN N.R.S.-HIAS PACT

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- An agreement between the National Refugee Service and the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) defining the division of responsibility between the two agencies with respect to certain of their services was announced today by William Rosenwald, N.R.S. president.

Under the terms of this agreement, the N.R.S. will continue to assume responsibility for carrying out a broad program of resettlement and social and economic adjustment of refugees throughout the United States. In order to avoid duplication of effort in the field of migration services, HIAS will take responsibility, except in special circumstances, in appealing the cases of immigrants excluded at ports of entry.

The N.R.S., Rosenwald explained, will continue as in the past to refer requests for dock services to HIAS and the National Council of Jewish Women. Individuals requesting advice on affidavits and related documents will be referred by the National Refugee Service to HIAS, the National Council of Jewish Women, and other agencies.

"There is no overlapping of services," Mr. Rosenwald said, "with respect to the major aims of the National Refugee Service, which offers temporary financial assistance to refugee families, provides vocational retraining and placement services, makes available English and other adjustment classes, and, through the cooperation of committees in 750 cities throughout the United States, gears its entire program to planned resettlement of refugees outside the crowded ports of entry, where the economic and social adjustment is simpler and more effective. In addition, the National Refugee Service is organized to provide specialized services to such categories of refugees as physicians, musicians, rabbis, farmers, scholars, and businessmen."

STEUR, NOTED LAWYER, DEAD AT 68

JACKSON, N.Y., Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Max D. Steuer, one of the country's outstanding criminal lawyers, a former president of the American Jewish Congress and lately active in philanthropic and refugee work, died here yesterday of a heart attack while vacationing at the Hotel Wentworth Hall. He was 68.

Funeral services for the Jewish lawyer will be held at Temple Emanu-El in New York City. He is survived by his wife, the former Bertha Popkin, and a son, Justice Aron Steuer of the New York Supreme Court.

JEWISH THEATER IN RIGA TURNED INTO STATE THEATER

BERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The newspaper Der Bund reported from Riga today that the former Jewish theater in that city has been transformed into a State Theatre under the directorship of Herz Leibovitch, well-known Latvian Communist.

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TROTSKY SAW HOMELAND VITAL FOR JEWS; LAID ANTI-SEMITISM TO STALIN REGIME

MEXICO, D.F. Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Leon Trotsky, former Russian War Commissar once nicknamed "The Napoleon of Bolshevism," died last night from injuries inflicted by a trusted associate in an attack at his villa in suburban Coyoacan. He was 60.

Trotsky, who was born into a Russian Jewish family named Bronstein, was living in New York with his wife in 1917 when events in Russia prompted him to return there and embark on one of the most spectacular military and political careers of modern times. He became an exile in 1927 after clashing with Stalin. He arrived in Mexico in 1937 after wandering in many countries. During his residence here Trotsky actively worked with his pen for the revolutionary cause that had been his almost since he was born in 1879.

He outlined his views on Jewish problems in an exclusive interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here in 1937. Reversing his advocacy of assimilation of Jews, Trotsky declared that he recognized the Jews' need for a "common homeland" but emphasized that the final solution of the Jewish question would come only through the "emancipation of entire humanity" by international Socialism.

Trotsky accused the Soviet "bureaucracy" of anti-Semitic tendencies and claimed he had changed his attitude toward the Jewish question because of "historical developments."

"We must bear in mind that the Jewish people will exist a long time," he said. "But the people cannot exist without a common territory. Zionism is based on this idea, but the everyday facts do not demonstrate to us that Zionism is capable of solving the Jewish question. I do not believe the Jewish question can be solved within the framework of decayed capitalism and under the control of English imperialism."

JUNIOR HADASSAH VOTES $10,000 LOAN TO AGENCY

CHICAGO, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A $10,000 loan to the Jewish Agency for Palestine was voted today by the 17th annual convention of the Junior Hadassah meeting here.

The delegates also voted a resolution expressing solidarity with the Palestine Jewish community and calling upon American Jewish youth to strengthen their homeland.

The following budgets were adopted: $25,000 for the Jewish National Fund; $43,000 for the Meier Shfeyah Children's Village in Palestine; and $10,000 for the Nurses' Training School.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, chairman of the World Zionist Organization, predicted "the war will end with the complete downfall of Nazism in a message from London to the 17th annual convention of the Junior Hadassah which opened here last night. Weizmann said that end of the war, however, "will not mean the end of the Jewish problem," and added: "It is our duty to rally all Jewish forces still free to act in order to secure life and future for our people and strengthen the Zionist movement."