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### NAZI BOMBERS CENTER ATTACKS ON LONDON JEWISH QUARTER; CASUALTIES FEW, MORALE HIGH

LONDON, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- I watched residents of London's largest Jewish district rush to cover today when, for the 44th time since Aug. 15, sirens wailed a warning at noon hour that Nazi bombers were approaching.

Bustling crowds in the streets instantly vanished, although there was no panic and no excitement, merely evidence that they have learned their lesson well during the past fortnight, when the Jewish districts have received more than their proper share of attention from the Nazi attackers.

Today's warning came while the people were still busy clearing up the shattered glass and debris from last night's seven-hour raid. Demolition squads were shoring up buildings weakened by explosions. Shopkeepers were sorting out wares jumbled into a hopeless mess by the force of the blasts.

The residents were still exchanging experiences, recounting miraculous escapes of last night. One heavy high-explosive bomb scored a direct hit on a shelter holding 1,000 persons, but casualties were fewer than a handful. A second bomb shattered a large shop on the main street of the district and dug a terrific crater just alongside a basement shelter in which there were 800 people who were untouched.

A third fell in the soft earth of a park 50 yards from a large Jewish hospital. Oddly, though not a single window was undamaged in all the buildings within a hundred-yard range, the hospital itself was untouched. None of the persons sheltered in the hospital was injured, the only casualties being passers-by who failed to take cover.

Everyone agrees that these people are standing up to the danger magnificently. Air Raid Precautions officials and police of the district complain that their chief difficulty is in keeping the people in the shelters during a raid if nothing can be seen and heard in the immediate vicinity.

Their adaptation to new and abnormal conditions of life is remarkable. In some streets, residents, particularly the oldsters, go to the shelters at dusk with mattresses

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and bedclothes to spend the entire night. Neighbors have organized to take turns in keeping the shelters clean and habitable.

Even oldsters who do not know a word of English have caught onto the tricks. They do not wait for the sirens. As soon as they see the police instructing bus drivers to put out bus lights they trot home and warn their families to take their bedclothes and proceed to the shelter. A current joke describes the "well-furnished bedrooms for rent" in the public shelter.

One oldster in a shelter I visited during today's raid was busy reassuring his Jewish and non-Jewish neighbors in Yiddish that they really were in little danger, pointing out that Madrid had been bombed for two years but few persons were killed. The general attitude of the older Jews is that this bombing is just another method of Hitler's to afflict the persecuted Jews further.

I had to leave the shelter before the "all clear" sounded. One bearded old man tried to dissuade me. "If you have to die, you have to die, but why go looking for a bomb?" he asked.

I found all the workshops and factories of the district hard at work despite the raid warning.

I am not permitted to reveal the total casualties in the East End, but they are comparatively insignificant, as indeed the casualties throughout the country have been, although relatively heavier in other districts than in London.

#### ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATIONS IN BUCHAREST AS MICHAEL BECOMES KING

ZURICH, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Abdication of King Carol and the emergence of the Iron Guard into a key position in Rumania was accompanied by anti-Jewish demonstrations in Bucharest, it was reported here.

As 18-year-old Crown Prince Michael became King, Iron Guard gangs broke windows of Jewish stores in the capital, including the Galleries Lafayette. Jewish shopkeepers who failed to hang pictures of Michael in their windows were beaten.

Shouts of "Down with the Jews!" were mingled with cheers for Michael as crowds of young Iron Guardists paraded through the streets.

#### NEW ENVOY DENIES ANTI-SEMITISM IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Gaston Henri-Haye, new ambassador of the Petain French Government to the United States, arriving at LaGuardia airport on the Yankee Clipper, said today, in response to questions, that "there is no anti-Semitism in France."

Asked about the abrogation of the law forbidding racial agitation, the ambassador said the measure was cancelled because it gave special privileges to the Jews, and now every group was on the same level. Asked whether he was pro-Nazi, Henri-Haye said: "I am pro-French."

Ten members of an organization called Hi-Timirs, headed by Henry Hoke, editor of the Direct Mail Reporter, picketed the airport with signs accusing the new ambassador of being a Nazi.

SCHAFER HITS CELLER IN HOUSE FOR "ANTI-SEMITIC SPEECH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- An oddity that cropped up in today's House debate on the conscription bill was the spectacle of Rep. John C. Schafer (Rep., Wisc.), member of the so-called "pro-Nazi bloc," accusing Rep. Emanuel Celler (Dem., N.Y.), who is Jewish, of making an anti-Semitic speech.

Celler, in an attack on the Peace Mobilization Group, which has been campaigning against the Burke-Wadsworth bill, said: "Unfortunately, a number of them are of the race of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, from whence I sprang, and I repudiate them. I am no part of them and they are no part of me." He urged the House not to "judge my people by these renegades."

Schafer, one of the bitterest opponents of the conscription bill, sought unsuccessfully to cut off Celler with a point of order. Later he observed, with a perfectly straight face: "It is very unfortunate that the gentleman from New York made an anti-Semitic speech on the floor of the House today. Let it be remembered that many thousands of men of Jewish extraction volunteered and faithfully served our common country during all the nation's wars."

NATIONALITIES MAP OF U.S. DISTRIBUTED

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Distribution has begun of a map, entitled "America-- A Nation of One People from Many Countries," published by the Council Against Intolerance in America. From preview copies sent out this Summer, 7,000 requests have been received by the Council from teachers, superintendents, girls' and boys' camps, church organizations, summer school students and civic groups, it was stated. Thirty-five nationalities are shown, where they came from in Europe and Asia, where they settled in the United States and in what industry or agricultural work most members of each group entered after arriving.

JEW NAMED MAYOR OF SOUTH AFRICAN CITY

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Port Elizabeth, fourth largest city of South Africa, today elected Adolph Schauder, prominent Jewish communal worker, as mayor.

SERVICE FOR JABOTINSKY IN FRANCE

MONTPELIER, France, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- A memorial service for Vladimir Jabotinsky, who died Aug. 3 near New York, was held in the local synagogue last night.