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LONDON LISTS 104 DEAD, 126 INJURED IN TEL AVIV RAID

LONDON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The Colonial Office today announced that a total of 104 persons were killed in Monday's Italian air raid on Tel Aviv. They included 96 Jews, seven Arabs and one Australian. The injured totalled 126.

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) (Delayed) -- In yesterday's Italian air raid on this city high explosive and incendiary bombs fell on thickly populated districts, catching the population unawares. About 25 houses were wrecked and rendered uninhabitable and hundreds of families were left roofless.

Immediately after the raid, Mayor Israel Rokach, accompanied by this correspondent, toured the stricken areas and instructed Air Raid Precaution workers and fire brigades and directed rescue work.

Some bombs fell on the old cemetery, where Max Nordau, Achad Haam, Chaim Nachman Bialik and other famous Zionists are buried. An adjoining synagogue and yeshiva (rabbinical academy) were wrecked and three old Jews studying the Talmud were buried in the debris. The fire brigades brought conflagrations under control in the shortest time, but were unable to rescue several inhabitants of the Shechunat Pachim section, which consists mainly of wooden huts that blazed rapidly.

While A.R.P. workers removed those who were trapped, first-aid squads speedily removed the wounded to hospitals. The dead were brought to the Nordau School to await identification this morning. Eliezer Kaplan, Dr. Bernard Joseph and Isaac Gruenbaum immediately came to Tel Aviv from Jerusalem to extend the Jewish Agency's assistance.

Throughout the raid inhabitants of Tel Aviv demonstrated marvelous calm. A conference of the Group "A" General Zionists was interrupted only to hear news and continued with its business. High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael came to Tel Aviv to inspect the damage and visited families of victims. Mas funerals started at 11 a.m. today and continued until 6 p.m. Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog recited "Kaddish," the memorial prayer.

The city engineer, Y. Shiffman, told this correspondent that 43 private houses had been damaged during the raid.

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Rome Fails to Mention Tel Aviv Bombing

ROME, Sept. 12. (ONA) -- Italian war bulletins continued today to make no mention of any bombing of Tel Aviv, speaking only of a raid on Jaffa.

The newspaper Il Messagero said the main objective of the bombardment of Jaffa was to interfere with ship traffic between Jaffa and Egypt. The paper declared the traffic was carried on by small sailing vessels which it would not pay to torpedo, hence it was considered simplest to paralyze the outlet of the port.

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Jewish Congress Protests to Washington

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress has appealed to the United States Government for intercession against the bombings of such open cities as Tel Aviv, it was announced today. The action was taken by the Congress' governing council in response to a plea from Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv.

The Congress cabled a message to Mayor Rokach expressing "hope that American Government will issue solemn protest" against the bombing. The message added: "No crime against Palestine, wherever committed, can shake faith American Jewry that Jewish homeland will be rebuilt and will remain the secure possession and unassailable home Jewish people."

HUNDREDS EVACUATED FROM LONDON EAST END

LONDON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Hundreds of East End families left homeless by German air raids have been evacuated elsewhere. The London Jewish Hospital, in the heart of the East End, has been evacuated as a precautionary measure.

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews; Otto Schiff and A.G. Brotman toured the damaged areas, conferred with local officials and arranged to supply volunteer relief workers. They issued a statement praising the morale of the inhabitants and paying tribute to cooperation between Jews and Gentiles in the East End.

90 PER CENT OF RUMANIA'S SYNAGOGUES CLOSED

BUCHAREST, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Ninety per cent of Rumania's synagogues have been closed, according to official estimates today, under the new decree expropriating Jewish houses of worship except where special permission is granted for continued use.

FORD HITS RACE PREJUDICE IN U.S.

DETROIT, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- In a press statement endorsing Wendell L. Willkie, Republican presidential candidate, Henry Ford yesterday condemned racial and religious prejudice in the United States. The automobile magnate said:

"I was strongly attracted toward Mr. Willkie by what he said in his acceptance speech about his disapproval of all forms of intolerance, for I believe in helping oppressed peoples. I believe all people were put on this earth for a definite purpose. Class divisions and racial or religious prejudices have been too much encouraged in this country."

RABBIS' PARLEY URGES DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A four-point resolution designed to spur American Jewry's defense of democracy in the face of "another world war which threatens the sanity and safety of America" was adopted last night at the closing session of the two-day convention of the Assembly of Hebrew Orthodox Rabbis at the Hotel Sharon.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by more than 100 delegates after a heated two-hour debate behind closed doors which saw two important points in the original text resolution struck out. The defeated points urged that rabbis "refrain from using their office and influence in the turmoil of domestic politics" and that they "shall not seek deferment or exemption from military service for themselves or for rabbinical students."

In the adopted resolution the rabbis pledge "the moral, material and physical resources of American Jewry in the aid of democracy's fight against Nazism, Fascism and Communism," resolve that Jewish congregations lend additional support by releasing their rabbis from some of their duties "so that they may tender their services as chaplains in military training camps," urges Jewish families "to open their hearts and homes to refugee children fleeing the terrors of war" and announces the rabbis will petition President Roosevelt "for advice as to the best means of serving the nation in these troublous times."

Prayers were recited for Britain's safety.

DR. BERNSTEIN RETURNS TO EUROPE TO CONDUCT HIAS-ICA WORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- After spending two months in the United States, Dr. James Bernstein, director of HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, sailed today on the American Export liner Excambion for Lisbon to supervise the work of helping Jewish refugee emigration into overseas countries.

While establishing his headquarters in Lisbon, Dr. Bernstein expects to visit unoccupied France, where the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association maintains an office in Marseille, which assists refugees to secure their emigration visas and aids them to reach Portugal en route to their countries of destination.

During his stay in New York, Dr. Bernstein submitted a report to the HIAS board of directors on emigration problems in Europe, and also held several conferences with leaders of the Joint Distribution Committee.

SECOND VOLUME OF JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA ISSUED

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Dedicated to the memory of Felix M. Warburg, the second of ten volumes of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, in English, was published today, according to an announcement by Rabbi Isaac Landman, editor-in-chief, who is also director of the Academy for Adult Jewish Education. The remaining volumes are scheduled to appear at approximately three-month intervals, the entire set to be completed by the end of 1941.

Containing 656 pages, upward of 1,100 articles and 513 illustrations, Volume II embraces all of the letter B and part of C--from Beal through Canada. The illustrations of Volume II comprise a number of five-color reproductions, maps, charts and rare facsimile documents, in addition to black and white photographs.

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