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BRITISH JEWS MARK NEW YEAR IN BOMB-SCARRED SYNAGOGUES

LONDON, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- British Jewry greeted the New Year in hundreds of synagogues throughout the country, many of which bear the scars of Nazi bombs. At least three of the synagogues in London could not be used for the traditional services because of bombing damage.

With the civilian population actually in the front line of the war, Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz ordered a drastic curtailment and modification of the New Year's service to prevent a congestion and expose the congregations to the danger of night raids.

The services began at 6 p.m. and ended before the blackout to enable the worshippers to reach their homes and shelters before the customary nocturnal visitations of the Nazi bombers.

In accordance with the Chief Rabbi's instructions, oldsters, the infirm, mothers and children remained at home. Those who attended the services were mainly younger people and middle-aged persons, a great number of them in uniforms of the armed forces or civil defense services. Air Raid precautions wardens were on duty at all synagogues to warn the faithful if raiders drew near.

In provincial centers scores of private services were held in small halls and homes. At Glasgow, synagogues were hosts to more than 500 Jewish soldiers stationed in the vicinity. The soldiers were guests of the members of the community after the services. Special services were arranged for Jewish soldiers in Polish army camps in Scotland.

Premier Jan Sramek of the Czechoslovak Government-in-exile issued a New Year message expressing the hope that Jewish rights would be restored and that they would secure a peaceful home.

French Synagogues Crowded

VICHY, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Synagogues throughout the unoccupied zone were crowded for the Rosh Hashonah services. No untoward incidents were reported.

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RELIEF WORK IN FRENCH FREE AREA COORDINATED AS J.D.C. INTENSIFIES ACTIVITY

VICHY, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- A meeting of Jewish relief bodies in Toulouse, with Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, attending, decided to form a nation-wide representative relief committee headed by Chief Rabbi Issaye Schwartz to supervise all relief work, coordinate the activities of local bodies and take charge of distributing and controlling funds.

Hope has been revived among the many thousand Jewish refugees in unoccupied France by the news that the J.D.C. is intensifying its activity here. This comes at a time when all other sources of relief have been exhausted and the official allocation for refugees, which was inadequate anyway, is ceasing altogether.

With Dr. Schwartz's arrival in France delegations of various relief bodies are flocking to Marseille to state the urgent needs of the respective groups of the Jewish population.

Under the leadership of the Quakers, efforts are being made to coordinate relief for the thousands of refugees interned in camps in unoccupied France and living under conditions of extreme distress. The work of the Quakers, in close cooperation with the Y.M.C.A., the American Red Cross, the Unitarians and the J.D.C. appears to be giving the best results so far obtained.

NAZIS ORDER FRENCH JEWS LISTED BY POLICE; REICH DEFINITION OF JEW TO BE USED

VICHY, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The German occupation authorities in France have ordered all Jews to appear at police headquarters before Oct. 31 for inscription in a special register in connection with a census of Jews in the occupied zone, it was reported here today.

The Nuremberg Law definition of a Jew has been introduced in France by the Germans to define those persons subject to the census, it was said. Anybody exercising the Jewish religion or whose parents or at least two grandparents were of the Jewish religion will be considered Jews.

The Nazi military also decreed that Jewish-owned businesses must display special placards in German and French announcing that the firms are Jewish. Under the new regulations Jews will not be permitted to return from the free zone to the occupied areas of France. Leaders of Jewish communities will be called upon to furnish on request all information and documents required in connection with the new regulations.

The exact definition of the legal term "Israelite" is one of the most thorny points of the Jewish statute now being discussed by the Petain Government, it was learned today. Religious affiliations have not been mentioned in French official documents for the past 60 years. The promulgation of the statute, which is expected shortly, will be followed by a census of all Jews and Jewish-owned enterprises in the unoccupied zone, observers said.

It was reported from Paris that the occupation authorities have closed the popular soup kitchen for refugees established by Mrs. Tauba Levine in 1934. The Levine kitchen daily fed more than 600 needy persons. No explanation for the action was given.

Mandel Acquitted by Moroccan Court

VICHY, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Former Interior Minister Georges Mandel was acquitted by a Moroccan military court of treason charges, it was revealed here today. The acquittal, which occurred some time ago although news of it was suppressed until now, is seen here as a serious setback for the Petain Government in the forthcoming war guilt trials at Riom, in which Mandel is to be a principal defendant.

Property of Notables Seized

VICHY, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The Official Journal announced today the sequestration of property belonging to David David-Weill, noted philanthropist and art patron, Deputy Edouard Jonas and the bankers Maurica and Leon Stern.

Outing of Jewish Competitors Promised French Retailers

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The Nazi occupation authorities in France have promised French retailers that Jewish merchants soon will be squeezed out of the trade, according to the second of a series of articles on conditions in France being published by the New York Herald Tribune. The author of the articles is a citizen of a non-belligerent country now residing in France.

MAGAZINE "TIME" SERVES NOTICE IT WANTS NO ANTI-SEMITIC READERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The magazine Time served notice today that, emulating the examples set by President Roosevelt and Republican presidential nominee Wendell Willkie, it "wants no readers who cultivate race hatreds."

The announcement was published in the current issue of the magazine in the form of a reply to a letter by two Pennsylvania readers cancelling their subscriptions with the assertion: "Our poor stomachs are no longer strong enough to handle Time. You can have Jew Beaverbrook, et al. we still believe America worth saving from this holocaust for Americans--not British."

"Just as neither Franklin Roosevelt nor Wendell Willkie wants anti-Semite votes, so Time wants no readers who cultivate race hatreds," the magazine replied, adding that Lord Beaverbrook was not a Jew but a Presbyterian descended from a long line of Presbyterians.

RECRUITING FOR 2 PALESTINE JEWISH COMPANIES COMPLETED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Recruiting of the first two 200-man companies of Jews for the Buff regiment has been completed. Vacancies still exist in the Arab units.

The first women's motor unit in the Near East has been formed by 32 Tel Aviv members of the Women's International Zionist Organization. Members of the unit wear blue overalls and blue pilot caps. They will take care of normal transport in emergencies, especially in regard to first aid.

300 PALESTINE-BOUND REFUGEES RETURNED TO ITALIAN PRISON CAMPS

ROME, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Three hundred Jewish refugees who embarked from Italy in June for Palestine, but never reached it due to wartime developments, have been returned to Italy and are now in concentration camps.

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NEW CURBS ON JEWS IN RUMANIA, SLOVAKIA

ZURICH, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Rumania has banned leasing of dispensaries and chemist shops to Jews and employment of Jews in such places owned by "Aryans," the German wireless reported from Bucharest today.

All Jewish organizations in Slovakia have been dissolved and replaced with a body called the "Jew Central," the only representative Jewish organization in the country, it was also reported.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government has ordered all Rumanian Jews employed by foreign newspapers and news agencies to cease working for these organizations immediately, the New York Times reported in a Bucharest dispatch. Among the correspondents affected are Eugen Kovacs, Times correspondent in Rumania for 14 years, Alex Coler of the Associated Press and Liviu Artemie, correspondent for the International News Service.

FORD SPOKESMAN DENIES ISSUANCE OF CIRCULAR ON JEWISH EMPLOYEES

DETROIT, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Spokesmen for the Ford Motor Co. today denied knowledge of the distribution of circulars advising that there are 5,000 Jews employed in their plants. Ford spokesmen said three weeks ago that there were 3,500 Jewish employees. A day later the figure was corrected to 2,600. A Jewish employee who has been with the Ford Motor Co. for 27 years, however, estimated the number of Jews employed there to be from 1,100 to 1,200.

2 TEMPLES DEFACED BY ANTI-SEMITES

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Vandals spattered ink on the front of Temple Emanu-El before yesterday's New Year services, it was learned today. Anti-Semitic warnings were painted on the windows of Temple Beth-El in North Bergen, N.J.

JOHN SCHIFF TO HEAD WELFARE BOARD'S ARMY BODY

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- John M. Schiff has been appointed chairman of the Army and Navy Committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board, it was announced today by President Frank L. Weil. He succeeds Colonel Julius Ochs Adler, who has been assigned to active service in the U.S. Army.

PALESTINIAN APPOINTED TO SEMINARY POST

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, today announced appointment of Dean Saul Liberman of the Harry Fischel Institute for Talmudic Studies in Jerusalem as Visiting Professor of Palestinian Literature and Institutions at the Seminary.