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SCORES OF JEWS KILLED AS NAZI BOMB HITS LONDON BUILDING

LONDON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Scores of Jews were killed last night in one of the worst disasters of the current Blitzkrieg when a bomb struck the middle of a block of apartment houses in one London district.

The bomb cut a building in half. The total casualties there were not immediately known since most of the tenants were sheltered in the basement, which was covered by tons of debris. Demolition and rescue squads were still working, trying to recover the bodies.

The building is a block of workers' flats in the shape of a long, narrow rectangle. The high explosive completely demolished the section and reduced the building to a pile of smoldering debris.

Throughout the day, until dusk, army engineers, Pioneer Corps and Air Raid Precautions squads worked feverishly to remove the rubble and break an entrance into the basement, where it was believed the people were trapped, but little hope was held out for the victims because of burst gas mains and water pipes. Occasionally, throughout the day, a corpse was recovered from the debris and taken to an improvised morgue for identification.

Shortly after the explosion one seriously injured man staggered out of the smoldering pile and was hospitalized for treatment, but he was the only one to escape so far.

A.R.P. control officials were besieged all day by frantic men and women seeking information about the fate of relatives residing in the building. While the names of the missing were listed today, it is believed that not all were victims since many may have gone to shelters.

The scene late this afternoon was one of unbelievable desolation. Khaki-clad sappers and blue-overalled A.R.P. rescue men, aided by huge cranes, struggled with the

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pyramid of bricks, girders, concrete blocks and shattered furniture, coughing and gasping from the fumes and smoke of the still-smoldering debris, using picks, shovels and bare hands to dig their way through.

Occasionally one brought into field headquarters a sodden, burnt handbag of a woman tenant or some other article of possible value retrieved from the wreckage.

In the distance, beyond the police lines, stood crowds of silent, red-eyed men, women and children, waiting for news of relatives which may take days to come.

Other sections of the edifice was left completely uninhabitable. Evacuation officers were arranging billets for the homeless.

From the sill of one gaping, paneless window of an adjoining section the Union Jack still flew. It was placed there only the other night when high explosives destroyed scores of small houses in the vicinity and shattered windows for a mile around.

YUGOSLAVIA REPORTED PLANNING BAN ON JEWS IN PRESS, RADIO

BUDAPEST, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Yugoslav Government is preparing new anti-Jewish legislation which will ban Jews from the press, theater, radio and all professions influencing public opinion, according to an article today in the newspaper Ljubljane, organ of Father Anton Koroshets, Yugoslav Education Minister.

The minister was the father of the first anti-Jewish law issued Sept. 27 which enacted a numerus clausus for Jews in middle and higher schools. Since then a second law has been passed removing Jews from the wholesale food trade as a "precautionary measure" to prevent possible anti-Semitic demonstrations in the face of the worst food shortage in many years.

Reports here said dissension prevailed among Yugoslav cabinet members over the Jewish issue. Some of them were understood to have threatened to resign if the government embarked on a large-scale anti-Semitic program.

Anti-Semitism in Yugoslavia is strongest in Slovenia, which was under Austrian rule before the Great War. It is less strong in Serbia and Croatia. Zagreb newspapers recently published articles disclaiming anti-Semitic feeling and declaring the numerus clausus which will be put into effect at the start of 1941 has no racial basis and was merely forced on the Croats by "political necessities."

Bulgarian Banks Bar Payments to Jews

ZURICH, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Bulgarian banks have been instructed to withhold payments on Jewish deposits, the German wireless reported today.

Rumania Curbs Jews in Book Trade

BUCHAREST, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- A ghetto book trade was established in an order issued by the Education Ministry today instructing Christian pupils to buy books only from Christian shops and forbidding publishing firms to sell books to Jewish book vendors. The order also forbade Christian authors to obtain contracts from Jewish publishers.

VICHY SEIZES MORE ROTHSCHILD PROPERTY

ZURICH, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The entire movable and immovable property of the bankers, Barons Edouard and Maurice de Rothschild, at Tabres Maux and Bagnere de Bigorre, has been confiscated, the German wireless reported today. Similar action assertedly was taken in regard to the property of the noted French journalist, Andre Geraud, who writes under the name of Pertinax. These three men were recently deprived of their French citizenship.

SHOFAR BLOWN IN BOSTON CHURCH; MINISTER PREACHES IN SYNAGOGUE

BOSTON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Two unusual examples of interfaith amity occurred here last week when a shofar was blown in a church for what was believed to be the first time and a Protestant clergyman delivered a Yom Kippur sermon in a synagogue.

The shofar-blowing took place in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, where Dean Edwin J. van Etten preached on "The Call of the Shofar," reviewing the history of the ram's horn. He said that since the Jews were observing the ten Days of Penitence he had invited Rabbi Herman H. Rubenovitz of Temple Mishkan Tefila to read the Scriptures and Israel Feather of the temple to blow the shofar.

At Temple Sinai, Dr. Russell Henry Stafford of the Old South Church delivered a Yom Kippur sermon on "Christian Conscience on the Jewish Day of Atonement." He voiced "humble acknowledgment of the sins of Christendom against the Jews" and asserted that "despite surface divergencies, Jews and Christians are worshiping the same God and have much more in common than to separate them."

NAZIS USE JEWISH PHYSICIANS IN POLAND

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Germans in Warsaw do not hesitate to cooperate with or ask the help of Jewish scientists and physicians in their health campaign, according to a dispatch by Alvin J. Steinkopf, of the Associated Press, first non-German correspondent to visit Warsaw since the war. "Jewish doctors and nurses have been called from Berlin in considerable numbers to staff Jewish hospitals and quarantine homes," the dispatch said.