

### VICHY CONSIDERING ENDING DEPORTATIONS OF JEWS FROM FRANCE

GENEVA, Sept. 10. (JTA)— The Vichy Government, pressed by the mounting protests of the French population against the deportation of Jews from the unoccupied part of France, is considering ending these deportations, it is reported here today from Vichy.

In publishing this report, the Swiss press indicates that the information may have been issued by Vichy officials to foreign correspondents as a move to "appease" the growing resentment abroad, rather than to comply with the wishes of the French population. It points to the article published in Laval's newspaper, *Le Moniteur*, this week in which Frenchmen were warned not to display any pity towards the deported Jews, and adds that events in the next few days will prove whether the Vichy government really intends to discontinue the mass-deportation of Jews or whether today's report from Vichy is nothing but propaganda aimed at creating the impression abroad that the situation has become easier for the Jews in France.

### BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL FREEZE ALL JEWISH ASSETS

ZURICH, Sept. 10. (JTA)— Estimating the value of Jewish property in Bulgaria at 8,000,000,000 lewa (about \$96,000,000 at pre-war rates), Dr. Alexander Beloff, Bulgarian Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, today announced over the Sofia radio that all Jewish assets in the country will be placed under his jurisdiction. The funds realized from the sale of these assets, he said, will be used to create a fund to meet future requirements of Jewish charitable institutions.

"Jews in Bulgaria will be permitted to draw a maximum of 6,000 lewa (approximately \$72) a month from their frozen assets," Dr. Beloff stated. He explained that only persons with at least two Jewish grandparents will be considered Jews under the new Bulgarian "Jewish Law." So called "25% Jews" will not be considered Jewish within the meaning of this law, he specified.

Clarifying the question of what persons fall into the category of "preferred Jews," Dr. Beloff said that this group will include— besides war orphans, widows and veterans decorated for bravery— Jews who acquired Bulgarian citizenship before September 1, 1940 and were married to a Bulgarian citizen before that date, providing that the marriage has been solemnized by the Greek Orthodox Church. These "preferred Jews" will be permitted to wear a yellow circle instead of a Mogen David, and can apply for permission to practice the free professions in accordance with the "numerous clauses" law as applied in their localities.

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JEWS IN U. S. FORCES WILL OBSERVE ROSH HASHANAH HERE AND ABROAD

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA)-- Thousands of American Jews in the armed services will meet the Jewish New Year, 5703, which starts at sunset tomorrow, by attending religious services in hundreds of camps, in communities adjacent to military posts, and at 18 overseas stations, it was announced here today by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Provisions for worship on Rosh Hashanah include field services for Jewish men in war areas, for those on maneuvers and aboard ships at sea. In cooperation with the Jewish Welfare Board, the War and Navy Departments have assigned 14 of the 68 Jewish chaplains now on active duty to conduct services in England, Ireland, Hawaii, Australia, New Caledonia, Iceland, Trinidad, Panama, Porto Rico, Cuba and other out-lying posts.

High Holy Day supplies, including 29,000 Rosh Hashanah prayer books and 50,000 New Year greeting cards have been sent by the Jewish Welfare Board to sixteen overseas points. Soldiers and sailors stationed in the United States have already received 30,000 prayer books and 85,000 greeting cards. Additional materials sent include abridged bibles, hymnals, Hebrew prayer shawls, phylacteries, Hebrew Scrolls of the Law, and books. Wherever possible, gift kits, games, comfort articles, and refreshments also have been sent.

Churches in England Will Conduct Services

In England, services will be conducted for Jewish men with the American forces by three U. S. Jewish Army Chaplains. The Senior Jewish Chaplain with the British forces also is cooperating with the Board in providing opportunities for worship for Jewish men who cannot be reached by U. S. Chaplains. In London, the Church of Scotland will be the scene of Rosh Hashanah services conducted by Chaplain Earl Stone. In Northern Ireland the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the Assembly Building in Belfast, has been given over to the Jewish chaplain for Rosh Hashanah services.

Services in the sign language will be held at Temple Emanu-El Community Center under the auspices of the Society for the Welfare of the Jewish Deaf, where nearly 600 persons will congregate. Men in city and state correctional institutions will receive New Year's cards and prayer books from the Jewish Board of Guardians.

In scores of communities throughout the country the High Holiday period will mark the beginning of intensive campaigns in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

Special New Year services for the refugee-immigrants have been arranged by the HIAS. Arrangements have also been made by the HIAS for Rosh Hashanah services to be held at Ellis Island to accommodate the religious needs of those temporarily detained there, Abraham Herman, president of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, stated. Appeals for the "Rescue Through Emigration" program of HIAS will be made in the synagogues in the metropolitan area and in many parts of the nation.

ROOSEVELT, CABINET MEMBERS, GREET AMERICAN JEWS ON ROSH HASHANAH

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, Governor Herbert H. Lehman and heads of various Governments-in-Exile including Czechoslovak President Eduard Benes, Polish Premier Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, Greek Premier Emanuel J. Tsouderous and Yugoslav Premier Slobodan Yovanovitch, today greeted the Jews of America in messages issued through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on the occasion of the Jewish New Year which starts tomorrow at sunset.

President Roosevelt's message reads: "Upon the occasion of the Jewish New Year, I extend to the Jewish people of America my heartfelt greetings. The tragic turn of events which has temporarily left many peoples of the world suffering under the harsh domination of foreign dictators has stirred America to the depths and has strengthened our resolution that there shall be no compromise in the struggle against hate, intolerance and bigotry."

Secretary Knox in his message said: "I extend to the Jews of America on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, my best wishes. In this great war for the liberties and freedoms of many races, including the Jews of occupied Europe, the Jews of America as patriotic Americans have responded nobly to our all-out effort to defeat decisively the brutal oppressors of humanity. It will be by toil and blood and wealth that all racial and religious groups of our beloved country will achieve final victory."

The text of Secretary Ickes' greetings reads: "This is a particularly auspicious year in which to send a message of greetings to the Jews on the occasion of the Jewish New Year. The Jews have been Hitler's first victims, and hence the earliest fighters against Nazism. They have also been the most brutally treated of all of Hitler's victims, and hence his bitterest opponents. Now the Jews, who were the real shock troops against Hitlerism, are no longer alone in the fight. They are joined by the brave and the free peoples of the world, and they will share in the victory with those peoples. May our common victory bring the fulfillment of the ancient Prophets' dreams of justice and freedom not only for the Jews but for all humanity."

Governor Lehman stated: "It is in the spirit of deep solemnity and earnest hope that I greet my fellow citizens at the season of the Jewish New Year. Since this holy day was last celebrated, our country has been plunged into the Second World War - a war for the survival of civilization. We all see plainly now that the foes of religion are the foes of democracy. America, dedicated to God and freedom, can make no peace with rulers who deny physical and spiritual liberty to their own subjects and to the freedom-loving countries of the world. We realize that the cause of the enslaved and martyred peoples throughout the world - among whom are to be numbered millions of Jews - is in sober truth our own cause. Nazism and all its evil and brutal forces must be utterly destroyed. Freedom, justice and security must once more be restored to the world.

"We must give ourselves in sacrificial consecration, with all our determination and enthusiasm, to the war effort. So that we may

have fortitude and power for our tasks, we must turn to the inspiration of religious faith, with its message of truth and justice, and its vision of a brighter future. Let us all do our utmost to make that vision come true."

### Thirty Five Governors Issue Rosh Hashanah Greetings

Thirty-five Governors have issued Rosh Hashanah greetings to the Jews of their states through the Synagogue Council of America. They include the governors of Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Washington.

### WERTHEIM, OTHER LEADERS, HOPE NEW YEAR WILL BRING RELIEF FOR JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA)-- The hope that the free world foreshadowed by the Four Freedoms will bring to Jews, as to members of all faiths, relief from the monstrous tortures and injustices to which many of them have been subjected, was expressed here today by Maurice Wertheim, president of the American Jewish Committee, in New Year's greetings to Americans of Jewish faith.

"The opening of the Jewish New Year comes amid the grimest and most fateful conflict in human history," Mr. Wertheim's message said. "A particular significance is added this year to the Holy Days. For by the time the new year has run its course, it will probably have been determined, for nations as for individuals, when liberty and peace are to prevail again. To achieve a free world, our New Year's devotions should nerve us to endure and persevere with undismayed heart through disasters and suffering.

"This hope, foreshadowed in the Four Freedoms, envisages a world worth living for, and if necessary, dying for. Its sublimity must guide the post-war world, since on no other foundation can mankind and civilization survive. To Jews, as to members of all faiths, this future must bring profound relief - relief from the monstrous tortures and injustices to which many of them have been subjected; relief from the closing of their schools and the burning of their synagogues; relief from hunger and squalor; relief from the fear that haunts millions of them in every waking hour.

"The re-enfranchisement of the oppressed in Europe will free millions of Gentiles as well as Jews, for this is a war for general liberation, a war which, ironically enough, the would-be enslavers and oppressors falsely charge was brought on by the enslaved and persecuted. The statesman of tomorrow must remember our President's words: "We know that enduring peace cannot be bought at the cost of other people's freedom." This vital and incontestable truth must be the charter of Jewish freedom when victory is achieved. It enshrines the first and last word of the eternal Jewish creed. It was this creed which produced the teachers and the prophets in Jewish history, and which has kept the Jewish people alive in its unparalleled career of

suffering. With its new affirmation and our rededication to it may yet begin a new chapter in the history of man.

"Upon us Jews, in particular, therefore, lies the imperative obligation to help carry the present struggle to a successful and early conclusion. To that aim, all energies and all resources must be devoted. No one who knows the love of American Jews for their country, the United States of America, can doubt for a single instant that they will throw their all into the fight to preserve the freedom of America and the entire world," Mr. Wertheim concluded.

### Religious and Zionist Leaders Pray for Victory

Adolph Rosenberg, chairman of the Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the oldest synagogue organization in America, addressed a Rosh Hashanah greeting to the presidents of the 307 congregations affiliated with the Union. Mr. Rosenberg expressed the conviction that Judaism can again serve mankind by offering well-tryed, even though old, remedies which were learned through long experience of moral and spiritual growth. Recognizing that the coming year will bring its difficulties for all of us, Mr. Rosenberg concluded his message by praying that the "hardships of the year fall lightly upon you and your loved ones."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America, which represents 1,300 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis and congregations, expressed the hope that our democracy will meet its post-war responsibilities after winning the war. "In the Rosh Hashanah mood the Jew envisages his own present affliction in the light of the world's tragedy and links his hope for his own future with the hope for mankind's future. May the New Year bring us closer to the inevitable victory of freedom's cause, closer to lasting peace and closer to the realization of God's Kingdom on-earth," Dr. Goldstein's message read.

Declaring the dawn of the new year 5703 "instills in us renewed faith in the triumph of the cause of the United Nations", Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Zionist Organization of America, in a Rosh Hashanah message to American Zionists, voiced the conviction that the "freedoms we Americans enjoy, shall become the inalienable rights of all men everywhere and that the Jewish people shall find permanent redemption in the re-establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth."

### MAYOR LAGUARDIA HAILS CONTRIBUTION OF JEWS TO AMERICAN LIFE

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA)-- Emphasizing the important contribution which Jews have made to American life, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia today issued through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the following Rosh Hashanah greeting:

"As Mayor of the City of New York, and personally, may I extend my warmest greetings and good wishes to all Jews on the Eve of their observance of Rosh Hashanah. American Jews have their place in American life as citizens of this great Republic. They have made important contributions to the American way of life and are honored and respected citizens." He pointed out that freedom from prejudice and persecution is the birthright of every American.