

JEWS IN ARMY AND NAVY WILL OBSERVE YOM KIPPUR TODAY HERE AND OVERSEAS

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA)-- Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, will be ushered in at sundown today, marked by fasting and prayers until sundown tomorrow. Memorial prayers will be recited in hundreds of cities and towns and in Army and Navy chapels for Jewish servicemen killed on the battlefronts.

When the Yom Kippur services are brought to a close tomorrow at sundown by the blowing of the Shofar, Jewish servicemen and women will break their fast at dinners arranged for them by the 500 Army and Navy Service Committees of the Jewish Welfare Board operating near army and navy camps and bases. At army chapels here and overseas, Jewish servicemen will attend Yom Kippur services conducted by Jewish chaplains.

In Washington, Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross, today announced that eighty-odd American Red Cross service clubs in the British Isles will be hosts to Jewish members of the U.S. armed forces tonight and tomorrow after sundown, serving them free meals in cooperation with local Jewish Hospitality Committees.

The Synagogue Council of America today issued a message stating that Jewish prayers on the sacred day of Yom Kippur "are offered for struggling humanity and for stricken Israel who has borne the brunt of the world's ills, failures and hate. May the nations emerge out of this cataclysm purged of hate and greed and cured of the cruelties and injustices responsible for this holocaust. We pray for the early victory of the United Nations in the words of the liturgy of the holy Day; May wickedness be wholly consumed like smoke, the dominion of arrogance pass away, and righteousness prevail on the face of the earth."

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT DEALS ONE KIND OF JUSTICE TO JEWS AND ANOTHER TO ARABS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA)-- The prejudice of the Palestine Government against the Jews of Palestine was sharply indicated here today when an Arab of Hebron who was found in possession of a British rifle of the most recent make and 86 rounds of ammunition was sentenced by a civil court, while Jews charged with similar offenses are brought before military tribunals.

The Arab was sentenced to six months imprisonment, while a sentence of seven years imprisonment was imposed only yesterday by a military court upon Dr. Weizmann's former body guard, Elihu Sacharov, who was charged with possessing two bullets, one of which was defective.

When sentencing the Arab, the British magistrate expressed surprise that the case had not been brought before a military court. The handling of this case is aggravating resentment among Palestine Jews, especially since Leib Sirkin and Abraham Rachlin, two Jews, were sentenced last week to ten and seven years imprisonment, respectively, despite the fact that no ammunition was found on them to substantiate the government's charges of gun running.

GESTAPO STARTS REGISTRATION OF JEWS IN GREECE; DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM ITALY FEARED

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 8. (JTA)-- German authorities have begun registering all Jews in the Italian-held part of Greece for the purpose of making that section a "judenrein" as Salonica and other Greek cities which are under German occupation, it was reported here today from Rome.

At the same time the Swedish press predicts that a German drive against the Jews in Italy, along the same lines followed in Denmark, can also be expected. The prediction is made today following reports from Rome that the Jews in German-controlled Italy are being blamed for Gen. Badoglio's surrender. The reports revealed that the German authorities in Italy have already started rounding up Jewish refugees. Also that the Mussolini's puppet cabinet issued an order that the anti-Jewish laws which were relaxed after the arrest of Mussolini be strictly enforced. An unidentified broadcaster on the German-controlled Italian radio declared last night that the "new Italy" will punish all traitors, but the first who must pay will be the Jews. He added: "We do not demand any St. Bartholomew's day, or pogroms, but in behalf of sufferers in our country, we demand that the Jews, who are implacable enemies of our race, our country and Fascism, be neutralized."

On the other hand, the Italian radio stations which are under the control of the Anglo-American forces, today carried a broadcast announcing that Gen. Badoglio issued a circular order on September 22, addressed to Italian police authorities in the liberated part of Italy, informing them that measures have been taken to repeal all the anti-Jewish laws in the Italian territory under his jurisdiction.

Goebbels Attacks Sweden for Intervening for Danish Jews

Das Reich, organ of the German Ministry of Propaganda, which reached here today, carries an article severely attacking Sweden for opening its doors to the Jews of Denmark. At the same time a high German official today bluntly stated here that "whether we win or do not win this war, there will not be a single Jew left in Europe and also very few Poles."

It was also reported today that the deportation of the Jews of Denmark is under the supervision of Hitler's Palestine-born commissar, Eichmann. Eichmann was born in the German colony of Saronah, a suburb of Tel Aviv, and speaks Hebrew.

The Dagens Nyheter, reviewing the situation in Denmark today, reports that three deportation vessels are still lying in the Copenhagen roadsteads outside the fortress of Provstenen, awaiting their cargo of Jews bound for Germany and Poland. The paper adds that arrested Jews are instructed to dress warmly, and to take along food for seven days. They are then dragged to the ships, where they are searched and all their valuables confiscated. The Copenhagen synagogue has been looted and its Torahs burnt, another local paper reports, adding that the Chief Rabbi has been put on board one of the deportation ships. It also discloses that Gestapo agents broke into a Jewish home where a woman was giving birth and shot seven persons. Among prominent Jews who are reported to have committed suicide is Professor Erik Warburg.

Meanwhile, the influx of refugees continues. Among those arriving here today are many prominent physicians and lawyers. Three wounded survivors of the sinking of a small fishing vessel also arrived. The boat that was carrying them capsized and eight of their number were drowned. The three were picked up by a Swedish naval vessel.

PALESTINE JEWS WILL MEET WAR WITH WAR, BUT FEEL TENSION EXAGGERATED, SAYS SHERTOK

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8. (JTA)-- The Palestine Jewish Community has never provoked anybody - either the Arabs or the British - but it has always replied and will reply to war, Moshe Shertok, political chief of the Jewish Agency, warned today, delivering a report on the political situation in Palestine at the closing session of the "Substitute Zionist Congress" which has been meeting here since Tuesday.

Taking cognizance of the recent flurry of activity in Cairo in connection with attempts to form a pan-Arab federation, Mr. Shertok declared that the Jews were not opposed to such a union in principle. "We do not scorn such a conception," he said, "on the condition that it does not strangle us. We demand freedom to work all of Palestine: its soil, water, hills and sea, and industries, and to develop every corner without effecting any of our neighbors. We must have security and an independent life. Without these, we cannot feel that Palestine is a Jewish country."

Speaking at length concerning the allegations against Jewish institutions voiced at the recent arms trials, the Agency political leader reiterated that the Jews of Palestine "indignantly and contemptuously repudiate the charges that we are arming ourselves for attack and not for defense and that we seek an armed solution to the White Paper. But," he continued, "if we are faced with a fait accompli and to immigration and we are handed over to the Arab majority - then we will not be responsible for what happens. We will stand up for our lives."

Indicating that he felt that the current situation in Palestine had been misrepresented, Mr. Shertok went on to say that "we are still very far" from violence, "since we still see friendly trends among the British people and we still continue to believe in British justice."

Believes Russia Will Understand Zionist Aims; Praises American Jews

Emphasizing the role that he expects the major powers to play in the solution of the Palestine problem, Shertok stressed that the Jews have not lost confidence in England and the United States "because they understand Jewish pride and appreciate creative power, and also because American Jewry is rallying around the Zionist banner." He voiced the belief that Russia will also understand Zionist aims, and expressed the opinion that "the best reply to the mean allegations against us is an ever increasing enlistment until final victory is achieved."

Henrietta Szold, veteran youth and welfare leader, told the gathering that the Polish Government has up until now not contributed any money for the maintenance of the nearly 1,000 Polish-Jewish refugee children who were brought here this year from Teheran. Miss Szold outlined the Youth Aliyah plans for emergency and rescue work.

Eliahu Dobkin, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, reported that the Jewish population of Palestine has risen by 50,000 during the war, of which 32,000 were immigrants and the balance represented children born here since 1939. He said that the present Jewish population is 535,000, which is ten times the number of Jews who were living here before the issuance of the Balfour Declaration.

The congress was closed by Joseph Sprinzak, Laborite leader, who sent greetings from the Palestine Jewish community to American and British Jews and to Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

SENATE HEARS DEMAND FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY TO ASSIST JEWS IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (JTA)-- In an address in the Senate supporting a petition asking the creation of an intergovernmental agency with powers to act to save the Jews in Europe, Sen. William Langer, Republican of North Dakota, criticized the fact that no report on the Bermuda Conference has as yet been given to the Senate. He recalled that shortly after the conclusion of the conference, Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois, who was one of the three American representatives at Bermuda, promised that the results of the parley would be divulged. He also scored the British policy in Palestine for closing the door to Jewish immigration.

The petition for which Senator Langer was speaking was drawn up by the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe and was given to Vice-President Wallace by the delegation of 300 rabbis which visited Washington on Wednesday. The Vice-President conveyed the petition to the Senate. It has been referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

HEROIC DEEDS OF JEWISH FIGHTING MEN IN U.S. FORCES RECORDED IN J.W.B. PAMPHLET

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA)-- The Jewish Welfare Board today published a pamphlet "for Jews in the Armed Forces of the United States," recounting the stories of scores of individual fighting men of Jewish faith - from Pearl Harbor to the beginning of the campaign in Sicily.

The booklet's preface states that "in the following pages are stories about some of the many Americans of Jewish faith who, fighting side by side in the front line with other Americans, have distinguished themselves no more than their fellow soldiers of other faiths - and no less. Without heroics, they have risked their lives in the face of gigantic odds to carry out desperate missions in the cause of victory." Many of the men whose deeds are described in the pamphlet are casualties today, while others continue to fight in a score of campaigns, in all branches of service, the world over. The booklet, issued in "response to many request made by Jewish men and women in the armed forces," is free to the military personnel.

FIRST GROUP OF REFUGEES FROM LISBON ARRIVES IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA)-- The first group of Jewish refugees to arrive from Lisbon reached here today after a lengthy voyage. The 31 men and women are the vanguard of several hundred refugees in Portugal and Spain for whom the Jewish Agency has secured immigration visas.

EPHRAIM CAPLAN, NOTED JEWISH JOURNALIST, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA)-- Ephraim Caplan, noted Jewish journalist and a member of the editorial staff of the Jewish Morning Journal since 1908, died here last night after a long illness. He was buried today at the Mount Judah Cemetery, Queens.

Born in Lithuania 65 years ago, Caplan started his journalistic career on Hebrew newspapers in Russia. He came to the United States in 1901 and joined the editorial staff of the Jewish Daily News in New York. An ardent Zionist, he was president of the Council for Orthodox Jewish Education and a member of the administrative committee of the Mizrahi Zionist Organization of America. He had also been a director of the Jewish National Fund of America and helped in the establishment of the Yeshiva College.