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YOM KIPPUR SERVICES HELD IN YOKOHAMA'S OLDEST CHURCH; SOLDIER BLOWS THE SHOFAR

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of Japan, the empire of the rising sun heard the shofar blown by an American soldier at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services tonight, which were attended by several hundred Jewish men of the U.S. armed forces.

The services were held in a Presbyterian Church, by the sea, the oldest in Japan. Chaplain Morris Adler of Detroit pronounced a memorial prayer "for those of every creed who gave up their lives in this war to the end that freedom might live." Corporal Daniel Cohen of Brooklyn, N.Y. blow the Shofar.

The church was offered for the Jewish High Holy Day services by Pastor Rank Mlake who lived in the United States for twenty years. A congregation of soldiers, sailors and marines, some of them with sidearms, attended Kol Nidrei services last night and the all day services today.

LIBERATED JEWS IN SHANGHAI CROWD MAKESHIFT SYNAGOGUES FOR KOL NIDREI SERVICES

SHANGHAI, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- About 8,000 of the 14,000 Jewish men, women and children liberated from Japanese internment here tonight crowded into seven rooms which had been cleared of beds and furniture and converted into temporary synagogues, so that they might attend Kol Nidrei services.

All of the worshippers were refugees from Germany and Poland who escaped to Shanghai to escape the Nazis, and were stranded here after the attack on Pearl Harbor. They are still confined in cramped uncomfortable quarters in the Hongkew district where they were interned by the Japanese.

Many of the participants in tonight's services wore prayer shawls which they took with them when they left their native lands. The services were conducted by prominent rabbis from Poland and by a Cantor Warschauer of Berlin. Humble Chinese living in the neighborhood, which is extremely poor, stood outside listening silently to the throbbing voices of the cantors and the refrains of their congregations.

Besides the seven makeshift prayer-rooms, three local movie houses in Shanghai donated their premises to the Jews in Hongkew for Yom Kippur services, so that all the 14,000 Jews released from internment should be able to pray. However, most of the liberated Jews preferred to attend services in the makeshift synagogues in their camp, as if the dreary uncomfortable conditions to which they had been accustomed these past few years brought them closer to God. Among them were Jewish refugees who had never been religious before, but who felt that they owed a prayer of thankfulness for their deliverance.

"It is our first Kol Nidrei observed in real freedom and with great hope for the future," Lutz Wachsmar, leader of the refugee community, told this correspondent.

"We have chanted the Kol Nidrei this time as never before. This is the time we have something to be thankful for," he added as he turned back from the services to the little windowless cubicle he now calls home. He asked the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to inform the Chief Rabbi of Palestine that Jews in Hongkew are grateful to him for his telegraphic inquiry, through the American Catholic Church, concerning the welfare of the liberated Jewish internees, since telegrams to Palestine cannot be sent from here.

LEAFLET BOMBS" WARN POLICE TO STAY AWAY FROM WAILING WALL ON YOM KIPPUR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) — Five "leaflet bombs" exploded last night in the Jewish quarter, seriously injuring two persons, including a nine-year-old boy, and causing slight injuries to seven others.

The leaflets contained a message from the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish terrorist organization, warning the British police not to approach the Wailing Wall on Yom Kippur.

The blowing of the shofar at the Wailing Wall is forbidden, and attempts to do so in past years have led to arrests and, on occasion, serious disturbances.

MURDERED JEWS COMMEMORATED AT SERVICES IN VIENNA ON EVE OF YOM KIPPUR

VIENNA, Sept. 16. (JTA) — The millions of Jews who were murdered during the war by the Germans and the tens of thousands who fell in battle were commemorated here this afternoon at special services on the eve of Yom Kippur, held in a large hall in the Hotel Continental.

The audience also gave thanks for their deliverance and decided that November 10 would be proclaimed an annual day of mourning and prayer to mark the destruction of synagogues and holy places throughout Germany and Austria in the nation-wide pogrom carried out by the Nazis on that day in 1938. The meeting pledged its loyalty to the Austrian Provisional Government.

OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION ARRANGES YOM KIPPUR BROADCASTS TO JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) — Yom Kippur messages of hope to the Jews in liberated Europe were broadcast from the United States by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi David de Sola Pool in behalf of the Synagogue Council of America which was invited to send Holy Day greetings through the facilities of the Office of War Information to Jews of the world.

Fifty-five Sefer Torahs were sent by the Joint Distribution Committee to liberated Jewish communities in Europe in sufficient time to reach them for the High Holy Days, it was announced by Rabbi Leo Jung, chairman of the J.D.C. cultural committee. The Torahs will replace the Holy Scrolls destroyed by the Germans when they looted and burned synagogues in all parts of Europe.

The National Jewish Welfare Board has arranged for several hundred "break-the-fast" dinners throughout the nation, tomorrow night, which will be attended by Jews in all branches of the armed services. Kol Nidrei services were heard tonight in hospitals, on ships and by overseas units where no chaplains were available through the medium of recordings sent by the women's division of the JWB.

CANADIAN JEWRY BROADCASTS YOM KIPPUR MESSAGES TO JEWS IN EUROPE AND PALESTINE

MONTREAL, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A Yom Kippur message to the Jews in Germany, Holland and Czechoslovakia was broadcast today over the short-wave transmissions of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The message emphasized that the Jews of Canada have never forgotten their brethren in Europe and have contributed millions of dollars for their relief through the Joint Distribution Committee, and shipped scores of tons of foodstuffs and clothing. The broadcast quoted a statement by Samuel Bronfman, president of the Jewish Congress, promising that the Jews of Canada will do everything possible to assist in the rehabilitation of their brethren overseas.

A message was also broadcast to the Jews of Palestine in Hebrew and in English. This was the first short-wave broadcast from Canada to Palestine on behalf of the Canadian Jewish community.

SAUTHS AND OTHER SOUTH AFRICAN LEADERS HAIL JEWISH CONTRIBUTION TO WAR EFFORT

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Jan Christien Smuts and members of his cabinet stressed the great contribution made by Jews throughout the world to the Allied war effort, in messages issued here on the occasion of the High Holidays.

The Prime Minister said: "In the great struggle to which South Africa, together with other freedom-loving nations, contributed, the Jews of the world and of South Africa played their part. It is with a feeling of deep gratitude that I send good wishes for the New Year to our Jewish comrades-in-arms and our Jewish friends generally.

Minister of Justice Colin Steyn, declaring that "Jews had made far more than their proportion of sacrifice," said: "Hard as many people were hit, they were hit the hardest. In every field of war activity they contributed at least their proportionate share, and on every battlefield sacrificed their sons in as great a proportion as any race. The time has come for them to receive a practical reward. I trust that the United Nations will realize that the time is overdue for the creation of a free and independent Jewish state in Palestine."

JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE WILL ATTEND TRIAL OF NAZI COMMANDER OF BERGEN-BELSEN CAMP

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Alec Easterman, British Jewish leader, has flown to Lüneburg in Germany to attend the forthcoming trial of Joseph Kramer, Nazi commandant of the Bergen-Belsen camp, who is to be tried as a war criminal, it was announced today by the World Jewish Congress. Easterman was provided with transportation by military authorities.

The Congress also announced that it has received an invitation from the central committee of Jewish refugees in Germany to send a delegate to the first conference of Jewish displaced persons, which is to be held in Bergen-Belsen on Sept. 25.

The invitation revealed that the meeting will map plans "to erect a monument to the thousands of Jews who have died since their liberation," and will discuss the refugees' present problems and their hopes and plans for the future.

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A wave of suicides will occur among the displaced Jews still held in camps in the Anglo-American zones in Germany, if they are not released from the camps soon, a leading UNRRA official warned today in a report on his visit to the parts of Germany held by British and American forces.

The official described the situation of the Jews in the camps as "most terrible." He said that the food there is inadequate, the hygienic conditions bad, and the morale "shockingly low" as a result of prolonged idleness. Anti-Semitism, he reported, is not confined to the camps supervised by Polish liaison officers, but is widespread in other camps.

In the Polish camps, he said, the position of the Jews can hardly be described. They are beaten and maltreated by anti-Semitic Poles, and one can hear constant shouting of slogans such as: "We want a democratic Poland without Jews," or "There wasn't enough fire to burn all the Jews up in the German extermination camps."

"There is evidence of open unrest against the Jews in many assembly centers of the displaced persons," the UNRRA representative stated. He stressed the desire of the Jews to go to Palestine. "They are in great despair, and if nothing is done to rescue them, there will be a wave of suicides among them as the winter approaches," he declared.

JEWS AGENCY HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INDICATION BRITAIN PLANS TO ACT SOON ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Jewish Agency circles have received no intimation that a decision on Palestine is imminent, although they hope that the Agency's strong representations in recent weeks stressing the urgency of the problem will result in the speeding up of plans for its solution, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

It is understood that the Agency representatives confined themselves to presenting the demands formulated at the World Zionist Conference when they saw Colonial Minister George Hall a short time ago. They did not have an opportunity to discuss with him ways of implementing these demands, the JTA informant said. The reports of alleged government proposals concerning Palestine's future status, such as partition, which have appeared in the press recently are purely speculative, he stressed.

The Ankara radio today confirmed a report that Britain is building large airfields in Palestine with the intention of transferring its air forces now based in Iraq, Egypt and Persia, thus making Palestine the center of British security for the entire Middle East.

The Cairo radio today reported that a meeting of the Arab Party in Palestine has adopted a resolution demanding the return of the ex-Buhti and other exiled Arab leaders to Palestine. The meeting also passed a resolution requesting that Palestine remain closed to Jewish immigration, and decided to send delegations to all neighboring Arab countries to mobilize the support of those governments for the Palestine Arabs.

The Paris radio reports today, in an Arabic broadcast, that Tufik el Suidi, president of the economic committee of the Arab League, has visited the El Ramleh region of southern Palestine, where he delivered an address promising that the League will support the demands of the Palestine Arabs, and appealed to the Arab population to modernize its economy. He also visited Jaffa, where he was welcomed by the mayor, and pointed out that the Palestine Arabs are the first line of defense of the whole Arab world.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN CALLS JEWISH WAR VETERANS "A LIVING ANSWER" TO BIGOTRY AND HATRED

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Praise for the Jewish War Veterans of the United States as a "living answer to those who would confuse our people with the evil doctrine of bigotry and hate" was expressed by President Truman in a letter to National Commander Archie B. Greenberg on the occasion of the beginning of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization, which, with the exception of the Grand Army of the Republic, is the oldest veterans' organization in the United States, it was announced today.

Calling the JWV "a symbol of patriotic service rendered by our citizens of the Jewish faith," President Truman expressed the hope that the organization would "grow in strength, so that together with other responsible veterans' organizations, it can render maximum service to our fighting men as they return to peaceful pursuits."

CANADIAN JEWS TO RAISE \$1,500,000 FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF; AID GOING TO POLISH JEWRY

MONTREAL, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Jews of Montreal will raise the sum of \$50,000 as their share of the \$1,500,000 which has been set as the All-Canadian quota for overseas relief, it was announced today. This sum is included in the Combined Jewish Appeal objective of \$800,000 which is to be launched on October 2.

Canadian Jewry has already made many shipments of relief supplies to the suffering Jews of Poland and elsewhere. Representatives of the United Jewish Refugee and Relief Agencies who were recently in London discussed with Dr. Emil Sommerstein, head of the Central Committee of Polish Jews, means of bringing speedy relief to Jewish survivors in Poland. Arrangements have been made to send future shipments direct to Dr. Sommerstein's committee. The most recent transport included 25,000 pairs of trousers, 25,000 tunics as well as 1,500 pairs of childrens' shoes.

LEAGUE AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM WITHDRAWS STATEMENT ON ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN POLAND

PARIS, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Three days after it had sent a formal protest to the Polish embassy here concerning the recent anti-Jewish disturbances in Poland, the League Against Anti-Semitism today issued a statement, signed by its chairman Bernard Lecache, withdrawing its protest for the time being.

Lecache's statement said: "On the basis of unverified information the central committee of the League Against Anti-Semitism recently protested against manifestations which allegedly occurred in liberated Poland. Pending results of an inquiry into the sources of this information, the central committee wishes to state that its good faith has been imposed upon, and it expresses its regrets." In its protest, the League charged that not only Nazi agents but also numerous Poles who were not under the influence of Nazi propaganda participated in the riots.

PUBLICATION OF TRI-LINGUAL JEWISH BOOK ANNUAL ANNOUNCED BY BOOK COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The publication of the tri-lingual Jewish Book Annual for 1945-46 was announced yesterday by Dr. Solomon Grayzel, president of the Jewish Book Council of America, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board. The annual, consisting of sections in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, contains articles on Jewish booklore and bibliographical information, and on Jewish literary creativity in America and Palestine during the past year.

BECAUSE OF YOM KIPPUR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON MONDAY