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HAPPY NEW YEAR5707 - 1"unL'SHONAH TOVAHJEWISH NEW YEAR STARTS TONIGHT; TREATMENT OF JEWS DURING PAST YEAR DEPILORED

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Disappointment at the treatment of the Jews in Europe during the past year was expressed today by practically all Jewish leaders in the United States in Rosh Hashonah messages issued on the occasion of the New Year which will be ushered in tomorrow night by Jews throughout the world.

President Truman led American personalities in extending Rosh Hashonah greetings to the Jews of the United States. Greetings were also extended by Gen. McFarney, commander of the U.S. forces in Europe, to the displaced Jews in the American zone of Germany.

Rosh Hashonah services for Jews in the armed forces in all parts of the world have been arranged through the Jewish Welfare Board. All Jewish servicemen will be released from duty during the two days of Rosh Hashonah by order of the War Department.

The holiday will be observed on Ellis Island by Jewish refugees who are awaiting admission to the United States. Services for them have been arranged by the HIAS in cooperation with the immigration authorities.

Moscow and Jerusalem Send Greetings to American Jews

Messages of greetings to American Jews were transmitted through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Jewish religious leaders in Moscow and Jerusalem. Samuel Chobrutsky, president of the Moscow Jewish Community, speaking for the religious Jews of the USSR, called upon the Jews of America to intensify their fight against world-wide racial discrimination.

"I pray to God that from now on, as an atonement for the blood shed by innocent millions of our brethren all over the world, hatred of Jewry and fascist doctrines will disappear completely and forever, and that Jews may live happily among the prosperous people of the world," the message from Moscow read.

The Palestine message, signed by Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel, chief rabbi of the Sephardic community, expressed appreciation for the part played by the Jews of the United States in upbuilding the Holy Land and emphasized that "the Yishuv awaits help and further inspiration from the United States."

No Lasting Peace Possible Without Human Rights, Truman Says

President Truman, in extending "heartly greetings and good wishes" to the Jews of America on New Year's Day, said: "Its celebration this year comes at a time when the United States and its allies are seeking to lay the foundation of lasting peace in the world. This task cannot be completed unless all persons, without distinction of race, language or religion, are made secure in the enjoyment of their inherent hu-

man rights. To this end, the treaties of peace now being discussed bind the nations who warred against human freedom to guarantee to all their peoples freedom of opinion, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and freedom of worship. These freedoms are the heritage of centuries of civilization. All of us share the responsibility for seeing that they are extended to all mankind."

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, in a message to the Jews, said: "One year ago I expressed to you the heartfelt hope that the year 5706 might be inscribed as one of particular moment in the great history of the Hebrew people. Instead it could well be inscribed as the year of the great disillusionment. The world cannot afford to let such another twelve months elapse. The problem of admission of not one hundred thousand, but hundreds of thousands to Palestine must be solved forthwith. New homes for others and quick relief for all must wait no longer."

#### Lehman, Proskauer, Wise Say Democracies Disappointed the Jews

Former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, who was the head of UNRRA after its establishment, also emphasized in his New Year's message that "the year that has just come to an end has been one of bitter disappointment and deep sorrow to all Jews." Pointing out that the Jews, after the massacre of more than six million of them, had every reason to expect better treatment by all governments and peoples, Lehman stressed the fact that "instead, in many countries abroad, the plight of the Jews is worse than ever." He called for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine "and for the admission in the future of such additional numbers as can be absorbed by the country."

Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, in his New Year message stressed that the past year was "a year of suffering and sorrow" for Jews in Central and Eastern Europe. "Though they constitute but a pitiful remnant of the masses who were tortured by Hitler tyranny, they still remain in the hundreds of thousands--still suffering the blows of chauvinism, of anti-Semitism, of political turpitude and still looking to us for succor and salvation. Our first New Year prayer must be for them."

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, struck a similar note. "It might have been thought that the climax of sorrow had been reached and passed during the war years," his message said. "It is barely disputable that the year which followed the war years has in some respects been even more dismal than the unutterable years that went before."

Rosh Hashonah greetings were also issued by the American Council for Judaism; Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; Abraham Herman, president of the HIAS; Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund of America; Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach; A.F.L. president William Green and Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, in his message, re-affirmed the "unwavering solidarity" of American Zionists with the valiant struggle of the Jewish Community in Palestine for national liberation. In an all-out struggle, Dr. Silver said, the Zionists of America stand with them "until our goal has been achieved--firm and final establishment of the national rights of the Jewish people in Palestine." Dr. Silver also expressed a sense of close spiritual kinship "with those of our people who suffer and languish in the hell holes of Europe."

MUNICH UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM CONVERTED INTO SYNAGOGUE FOR ROSH HASHONAH SERVICES

MUNICH, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Arrangements were completed here today to hold Rosh Hashonah services in the auditorium of the Munich University for 1,400 displaced Jews from the neighboring camps, while other services will be held in camp synagogues.

Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, U.S. commander in Germany, has issued a holiday message to all Jewish soldiers and civilians in Germany. "At the approach of the Jewish New Year it is appropriate that serious consideration be given by all to continue their efforts to promote the return to a peaceful way of life," the message stated.

The Central Jewish Committee of Germany announced today that it had sent twin messages to President Truman and Gen. McNarney on the occasion of the holidays thanking them for the sympathetic treatment accorded the Jews in Germany. The messages made special mention of the fact that the American Government has provided a haven for Jews in the U.S. zone and is helping the Jews to rehabilitate themselves.

AMG Chief in Bavaria Sends New Year Greeting to Displaced Jews

A New Year wish that the displaced Jews in Bavaria will find "a permanent home in peace and security" was expressed today by Brig. Gen. Walter Muller, Military Government director in Bavaria, in a holiday message presented to Dr. Philip Auerbach, head of the Commissariat for the Victims of Political and Racial Persecution.

"My best wishes for the New Year go out to the homeless thousands of Jewish people who have found a haven here under the protection of our Army," the message read. "Though many have been the disappointments of the Jewish people in our midst during the past year, and though the road has been fraught with hardship and trials, it is my earnest wish that their way will be one of satisfaction and contentment.

"Both the military and civilian personnel under my command," the message went on, "have been instructed to assist with the many problems which now confront the helpless wanderers with fairness and understanding. May the New Year bring these people fulfillment of their hopes for finding a permanent home in peace and security where they may re-establish their lives and take their place as useful citizens in a free world."

LONDON RABBI SENT TO CYPRUS TO ARRANGE SERVICES FOR 4,000 JEWISH INTERNEES

LONDON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbi's Religious Emergency Council today announced that it had dispatched a special rabbi to Cyprus to assist the 4,000 interned Jewish refugees there during holiday services.

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine, who is now in London, has issued a holiday message, through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, calling on world Jewry for "material support and spiritual unity in this decisive hour of our supreme trial."

The message continued: "The New Year dawns on a scene of protracted tragedy without parallel in Jewish history. Yet, at the same time, it holds out the prospect of national redemption more actual, more living than any other period in our exile. Zion has stood the test--the mournful tone of the shofar echoing over the last graveyards of European Jewry mingles with the clarion call of Zion as she summons her children to rally to her cause,"

OPPOSITION TO PARTICIPATION IN LONDON PARLEY GROWING STRONGER IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA)--Opposition to Jewish participation in the London conference on Palestine was growing stronger here today as the Small Zionist Actions Committee resumed its deliberations in an attempt to reach a final decision. It is almost certain that the decision will be in the negative.

(A cable cautioning against participation in the conference under the present circumstances was sent today to the Actions Committee in Jerusalem by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. "Judging by press accounts, which is the only information we have, it would be a disastrous mistake to participate in view of the evidently negative British attitude even towards the minimum Paris program," the cable said. "I feel I must warn against demoralization of the movement by a continuing retreat and by shifts of policy. American Zionism will give its fullest support to your firm consistent stand.")

Meanwhile, the central committees of all Jewish political groups in Palestine assembled today to discuss jointly the question of whether or not to attend the parley. Berl Locker, member of the Jewish Agency executive who arrived here to report to the Actions Committee on the negotiations with the British Government, was today received by Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham who permitted him to visit Moshe Shertok, the imprisoned head of the Agency's political department.

The Hashomer Hatzair, Jewish Radical Socialist party, issued a statement demanding that the Jewish Agency submit a formal complaint to the Security Council of the United Nations against the British Navy's effort to extend its domination of Mediterranean waters under the pretext of hunting for ships carrying visaless Jewish immigrants to Palestine.

ALL JEWISH BUSINESS HALTED DURING FUNERAL OF JEWISH REFUGEE KILLED ON "PALMACH"

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA)--Jews throughout every city, town, and settlement in Palestine today went on a two-hour general strike during the symbolic funeral of Yechiel Schwartz, who was killed in a clash when armed British marines attempted to board the Palmach which brought 600 visaless Jews to Palestine Sunday. His body was hurled overboard when he was hit by a tear gas shell.

The work stoppage, called to protest Schwartz' killing and the deportation of the other passengers on the Palmach, closed down every Jewish shop and office in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and other cities. Except for vital public utilities, all commercial activities ceased in Tel Aviv, including urban and interurban bus transportation.

Some 5,000 British troops and police today surrounded the Hedera area where yesterday a group of armed and masked men held up a train crew and then blasted a locomotive and ten cars loaded with gasoline and oil. The police used bloodhounds in an attempt to trace the raiders. It was reported that the troops were making preparations to question every resident of Hedera and the surrounding villages.

The train crew told the authorities that they brought the train to a halt after signal torpedoes exploded under its wheels. As the train stopped, the raiders emerged from hiding in the nearby woods and held up the trainmen, placed the charges and fled. The damage resulting from the flames, which blocked traffic between central Palestine and Egypt and could be seen 40 miles away, was estimated to total at least \$300,000.

An Arab sentry was killed last night when he challenged a group of armed men approaching a block house near a rail bridge between Jaffa and Lydda.

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JERUSALEM MILITARY COMMANDER CLOSES JEWISH SERVICE CLUB FOR BRITISH SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA)--The Jerusalem service club which has served over 1,000,000 British soldiers, sailors and marines during the past six years, was closed down today by order of the city's military commander.

The reasons given for the shut down order was that the premises were needed for the businesses and offices which were forced to move from the center of the city when the authorities established a closely-guarded "government zone" there.

The general feeling here, however, is that the club was closed because the British officers do not want their soldiers to accept Jewish hospitality. Clubs for British servicemen were established during the war by the Central Jewish Women's Committee under the auspices of the Jewish Agency, and some of them continue to operate in various parts of the country.

SHIPMENTS OF REFUGEE JEWS FROM AUSTRIA TO GERMANY HALTED UNTIL AFTER HIGH HOLY DAYS

FRANKFURT, Sept. 24. (JTA)--Shipments of displaced Jews from camps in Austria to the American zone of Germany were halted yesterday until after the High Holidays, it was learned here today.

Originally it was planned to transfer 10,000 refugees between September 21 and 31. Instead two daily shipments of 1,000 men, women and children left Saturday and Sunday and a third will be dispatched on September 28. The remaining 7,000 will be held until sometime after Yom Kippur, when the daily transports will be resumed.

A week-long exhibition of products made in ORT schools in camps in the U.S. zone of Germany opened today in Landsberg. The fair will feature the handwork manufactured in 12 central ORT vocational schools and several of the smaller training centers.

U.S. CONSUL IN SHANGHAI HAMPERS EMIGRATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES TO LATIN AMERICA

SHANGHAI, Sept. 24. (JTA)--Approximately 200 Jewish refugees who are in possession of entry visas to various Latin American countries are stranded here as a result of delays at the U.S. Consulate where they must obtain transit visas necessary for passing through the western part of the United States.

The refugees have all passed a special medical examination, required by the American consul, and have submitted the necessary visa applications which were transmitted to Washington for approval. However, no approval has been received as yet. The Latin American immigration visas may expire if the immigrants are delayed much longer.

The refugees are especially depressed by an announcement that due to a shortage in personnel, the consulate is not able to issue visas except in special instances. "It is a grim joke that because of the lack of a few typists in the office of the American consulate two hundred homeless Jews cannot reach their destination and start a new life," a spokesman for the refugees said today.

Many of the refugees have immigration visas to Argentina, Brazil and Bolivia. Others are in possession of visas for settlement in Chile, Ecuador, Uruguay, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Colombia, Paraguay and Mexico.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT RELEASES 700 JEWISH CHILDREN FROM ATHLIT AS ROSH HASHANAH "GIFT"

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA)--On the occasion of Rosh Hashanah the Palestine Government released 700 Jewish children held as "illegal immigrants" in the Athlit detention camp.

Representatives of 32 Jewish settlements were awaiting the children at the gates of the camp to offer them permanent homes. The children were then packed into autos and, singing Hebrew songs, left for the settlements.

600 VISALESS IMMIGRANTS FROM "PALMACH" LANDED AT CYPRUS; RETURN BRITISH CLOTHING

FA' GUSTA, Cyprus, Sept. 24. (JTA)--The 600 Jewish refugees intercepted on the vessel Palmach Sunday and transferred to the British freighter Ocean Vigor for the journey to Cyprus, disembarked here this morning after a quiet crossing. The landing, which passed without incident, was completed within two hours.

The visaless immigrants declared that 40 persons were burned and injured when the British naval vessel used high speed jets of oil and tear gas shells to subdue the Palmach's passengers. According to the refugees, Yechiel Schwartz, who was killed during the attempt to board the refugee craft, was struck by a tear gas shell and hurled into the sea. The British made three attempts to storm the vessel before 100 armed marines succeeded in overpowering the weary Jews.

When the 405 men and 193 women prepared to land this morning they removed the khaki clothes issued to them in Haifa harbor and returned them to the British, preferring to enter the internment camp in the ragged clothing they wore on the 12-day journey across the Mediterranean.

J.D.C. PRESENTS 25 TORAHs TO BELGIAN JEWS; U.S. ARMY DONATES FOOD FOR ROSH HASHANAH

PARIS, Sept. 24. (JTA)--The Joint Distribution Committee presented twenty-five Torahs to synagogues in Belgium in order to enable the Jews there to conduct services during the High Holidays, it was announced here today by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, J.D.C. European director.

Hundreds of religious articles, including prayer shawls and shofars, were sent by the J.D.C. to synagogues in Germany, Poland and other countries to replace those destroyed by the Nazis. In addition, the J.D.C. sent a special train with \$500,000 worth of meat, vegetables, fruit, dairy products and chocolate to needy Jews in Poland for the High Holidays. Similar transports were also sent to Jews in Hungary, Germany, Austria and Slovakia.

Dr. Schwartz revealed that in Vienna, the American Army donated 22 tons of food to supplement the J.D.C. supplies. In Bratislava, the J.D.C. opened a special Kosher kitchen to provide thousands of meals for the Polish Jews passing through the city en route from Poland to the American zone of Germany.

ITALIAN AUTHORITIES RELEASE TEN POLISH JEWS FROM REFUGEE CAMP FOR REPATRIATION

ROME, Sept. 24. (JTA)--A group of ten Polish Jews were released today from the Fossoli camp by the Italian authorities and taken to the Italo-Austrian frontier for repatriation to Poland. The repatriation was arranged by the Polish Consul in Milan.

BECAUSE OF ROSH HASHANAH THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR SUNDAY