

Jews In Berlin Are Assessed For Damage To Own Property

Berlin, Nov. 13 — (AP) — Assessments up to 150,000 marks — \$60,000 — were levied on individual wealthy Berlin Jews today to repair the damage done last week by Aryan window smashers and store wreckers seeking revenge for the fatal shooting of a German diplomat.

Those assessed were told the assessments did not exempt them from also contributing to the 1,000,000,000-mark (\$400,000,000) penalty decreed on German Jews Saturday for the murder of Ernst Von Rath, the Paris embassy secretary.

One person who was summoned to the meeting at which assessments were presented, estimated the number of Jews convoked by the president of the Jewish community "on government orders" at about 100.

These wealthy members of the Jewish community received special delivery letters summoning them to a meeting in the Jewish Brotherhood House on Kurfuerstenstrasse late this morning.

The summonses were signed by President Stahl, who stated he was acting on government instructions.

Each Given Slip

When those called assembled they were each given slips informing them of their assessments, payable Monday.

Specific cases were those of a widow assessed 50,000 marks (\$20,000) and of a rich manufacturer whose quota was 150,000 marks.

Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels today warned 70,000 listeners not to try to repeat last Thursday's demolition of Jewish stores.

Stores that Jews owned, Goebbels said, now are passing into non-Jewish hands.

"Therefore," he cautioned, "whoever attacks such business houses in the future only damages the property of the German community... The government is on the watch!"

A session of 180 Jewish leaders continued all Saturday night as frantic efforts were made to devise a plan for payment of the \$400,000,000 fine imposed by the government for the slaying.

A spokesman for the group said they wanted to suggest a plan of their own before the government decided how the levy is to be paid.

Jews expected the Finance Ministry, which is charged with exacting the penalty decreed Saturday, would announce its plan for collection some time this week.

Whether the Jewish leaders reached a decision in their all-night council was not disclosed. The spokesman

would give no indication, nor would he say where the meeting was held.

Arrests Are Stopped

Through the Jewish community tonight ran word that raids in which Jewish men were arrested throughout Saturday night had ended. It also became known that a number of those arrested returned home today. Those released were over 30 years old.

Jews who managed to escape secret police nets were advised by friends to be cautious and continue to hide for several days.

Information indicated that the arrests had been made on a quota basis for each city in Germany. Berlin's total was said to have been 2,000 and apparently was reached early today.

Jews were notified by the Government that so-called "Jewish communities," which do relief work and train persons leaving for Palestine, could resume their activities.

Anxiety over a future they could not foretell seized Jews when they learned of the heavy money penalty for the slaying of Ernst Von Rath, German embassy secretary, by a 17-year-old Polish Jew.

There was confusion as to the exact status of Jews in the absence of clearer government orders as to what is to become of them. Jews feared that something similar to the Middle Ages ghetto—a district to which Jews were restricted—was in store for them, although one high official denied that Nazis intended to herd Jews into specific sections of cities.

However, Hermann Wilhelm Goering's newspaper, National Zeitung, published in Essen, said something similar to the ghetto must be established.

Would Force Selling

Financial experts said the \$400,000,000 fine, which would amount to \$666 or more for each of the 500,000 to 600,000 Jews in greater Germany, would strip Jews of every penny of ready cash and force the sale of holdings.

They estimated that the cash on hand of all Jews in Germany would come nowhere the total amount of fine.

The bulk of Jewish wealth was believed to be in real estate, some of which might have to be sold to satisfy demands. Jewish wealth in greater Germany, including Austria and Sudetenland, was estimated at about 8,000,000,000 marks (\$3,200,000,000) making the fine one-eighth the total wealth.

What will have to be sold and the degree of property ownership remaining for Jews will depend upon how the government levies the penalty among various classes; How the fine will be collected has not yet been disclosed.

One wealthy Jew, after hearing of the decrees which imposed the fine and prohibited Jews from conducting business after next Jan. 1, said: "yesterday I was rich; today I am a pauper."

Weakness on the stock exchange Saturday was the first signal of what may happen to markets if wholesale selling by Jews is necessary. Bank stocks suffered along with industrials and financial circles attributed the weakness to unloading by Jews in view of the new anti-semitic laws.

Small Merchants Hard Hit

Small Jewish merchants will be especially hard hit, for on top of losses through looting and destruction of their properties in widespread anti-semitic demonstrations Thursday, they must repair their stores, pay their share of the \$400,000,000 and sell their businesses before Jan. 1 for what they can get. Any insurance claims for damage to the establishments must be paid to the state.

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Persecution Of Jews Protested By Britons

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venerable E. N. Sharpe, at ancient St. Paul's Cathedral in the heart of London offered special prayers for Jews and all refugees. He asked for "God's forgiveness for the injustice and brutality of man."

"Every nation to its shame breeds barbarians," the Bishop of Birmingham, Dr. E. W. Barnes, said at the same cathedral.

Geoffrey Shakespeare, parliamentary secretary to the Admiralty, said in a speech at Norwich: "I sincerely hope the German nation realizes appeasement with this country is not helped forward by exhibitions of unrestrained mob law and the persecution of people whose only fault is their race."

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist organization, speaking at a political session of the Zionist General Council, said:

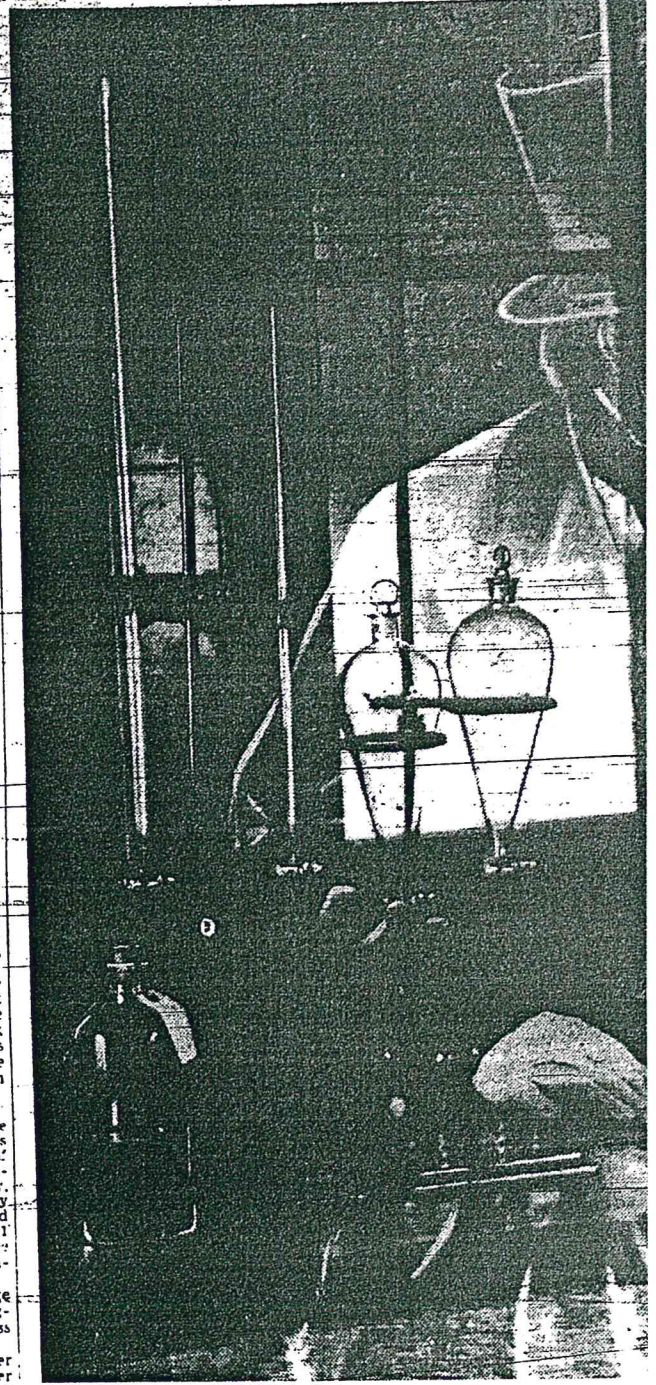
"The stream of Jewish blood now

flowing in darkened Europe can never wash away our hopes and our determination to rebuild our home in our ancient homeland, Palestine.
"We Jews are not crushed yet. We cried defiantly in speaking of Jewish persecution in Central Europe. A letter registering the protest of every political and religious organization at Oxford University against Nazi treatment of Jews was sent to Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax, who is chancellor of the university.

Bridgton

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Bridgton, Nov. 13—More than 100 persons attended the chicken pie supper served by Edward Loeman Post and Auxiliary Friday evening at the hall on Depot Street and a larger number attended the dance which was held afterward. The affair was under the management of Commander Herbert Lord and Vice Commander Clarence Lord.

The men of South Bridgton Grange entertained at the Meeting Friday evening with Master George Bryant and Raymond Whitney in charge. There was singing by the Grange, a talk on "The Meaning Of Armistice" by the Rev. E. W. Rankin; a talk,



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One large store, in business over 50 years, was sold without the former owners receiving a pfennig for its name and reputation, although the name continued to be used.

A considerable amount of foreign Jewish capital is invested in Germany, but officials said this would be exempt from the levy for the fine. They also said foreign Jews, including Americans, would be able to carry on business here since Saturday's decrees ousting Jews from business applied only to those of German nationality.

Berlin, Nov. 13.—(UP)—Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels today asserted that the Paris assassination of a minor German diplomat—an act that unleashed Nazism's worst anti-semitic terror—was a Jewish plot to stir up trouble between Germany and the Western Powers.

The propaganda minister spoke at a winter relief demonstration in Berlin.

German Jews, he asserted, were guilty of the shooting in Paris of Ernst Von Rath, third secretary of the German embassy, because all Jewry throughout the world has worked against the Reich.

"Now they must suffer the consequences of their manifold crimes," Goebbels asserted.

"The purpose of the shooting of the German diplomat was to bring about a worsening of relations between Germany and the Western Powers, and thus again disturb the international atmosphere which has been clearing.

"They (the Jews) have been spared all too long because of German generosity and good nature. Let there now be an end to it.

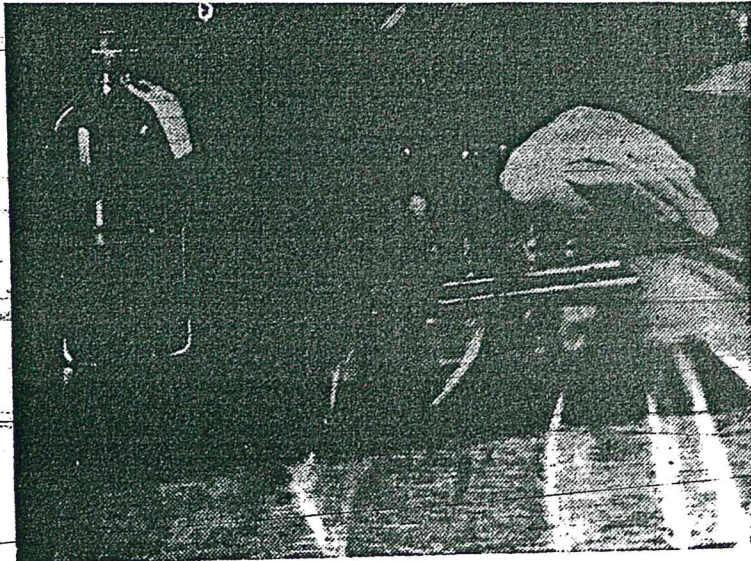
"The Jewish problem will be solved very shortly in accordance with the will of the German people."

Goebbels asserted that the drastic decrees, such as Thursday's reign of terrorism that extended to every part of the nation with unestimable destruction, was in accord with the demands of the people. The Nazi theory, he said, demands that government action always must be dictated by the people themselves.

"The people want this and we are only carrying out the peoples' will," he shouted.

Greenville, Nov. 13.—(AP)—A wing of the Mount Kineo House at Rockwood, now being dismantled, provided a bonfire easily visible in this town 20 miles distant, Saturday night.

Usable lumber from the once-popular summer hostelry already had been sold, and the fire left only a mass of twisted steel to be salvaged.



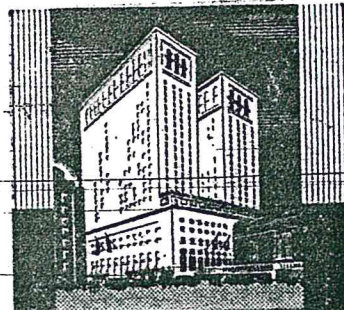
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Ghost: Sir, I am the ghost of Samuel Kier, one-time resident of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Chemist: Aren't you the fellow who played around with petroleum back in the 1840's, before the first oil well was drilled?

Ghost: That's right. The stuff turned up in my salt wells, so I got the idea of using it for medicine. Tried distilling it into lamp oil, too, but I got pretty poor results. Do you think anything will ever come of it?

Chemist: Why, Mr. Kier, that rock oil of yours has turned out to be one of the most

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