

Mobs Burn and Loot as Anti-Jewish Wave Sweeps Nazi Germany

**Synagogues in Dozen Cities Destroyed: Loss to Property Will Reach Millions; Vienna Reports 22 Suicides
Violence Following Assassination of Vom Rath in Paris Checked After 12 Hours**

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Berlin, Nov. 10. – (AP) The greatest wave of anti-Jewish violence since Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933 swept Nazi Germany today and Jews were threatened with new official measures against them.

Millions of dollars worth of Jewish property was destroyed by angry crowds. Jewish stores were looted, Synagogues were burned, dynamited or damaged in a dozen cities.

Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, calling for a halt in the demonstrations, declared that “the final answer to Jewry will be given in the form of laws or decrees.”

Violence Nation-wide

It was a nation-wide day of vengeance for the death yesterday of Ernst vom Rath, secretary of the German embassy in Paris, who was shot Monday by a 17 year old Jew, Herschel Grynszpan.

Bands of youths roved the streets of Berlin and other cities from early morning on, smashing windows of Jewish shops. In many places crowds which gathered after daybreak pushed into the establishments and came out with loot. Most of Berlin’s 1000 Jewish stores were plundered.

Sounds of breaking glass and shouts of looters died away only near midnight. Hundreds of Jews voluntarily spent the night in jails fearing worse violence as reports of burning and looting continued to come in from many cities.

Few Police Seen

At the height of the demonstration few police were seen. One detachment of police in the heart of Berlin was charged by a mob which pushed them aside and began plundering.

After more than 12 hours of violence Goebbels appealed to the people to refrain from further demonstrations.

The appeal was issued at 4 p.m. but at first apparently had no effect in the west end of Berlin. Three hours latter it was repeated by radio. Then police appeared on Koenig-strasse where a number of Jewish shops are situated, arrested 21 looters and cleared the street.

“The justifiable and understandable indignation of the German people over the cowardly Jewish murder of a German diplomat in Paris has resulted during the past night in extensive demonstrations,” Goebbels’s appeal said.

Orders Issued to Desist

“In numerous cities and communities of the Reich, acts of violence were committed against Jewish buildings and businesses.

“The entire population is now, however, strictly requested to desist immediately from all further demonstrations and actions of whatever nature against Jewdom. The final answer to Jewry will be give in the form of laws or decrees.”

All Jews in Munich were told that they must leave the country within 48 hours, and many Jews feared that Goebbel’s concluding statement was a threat that the Munich order could be made nation-wide.

All of Vienna’s 21 synagogues were reported burned, wrecked or damaged. Seven of Berlin’s 20 synagogues were burned.

In Vienna, 22 Jews were said to have committed suicide. A number of Jews were arrested while they waited outside the British consulate seeking visas to England. A dispatch from Vienna said truckloads of Jews were taken by storm troopers to Doliner Street and put to work tearing down a synagogue.

In Munich, Aufhaeusers, the only remaining Jewish bank, was raided. One director and his wife committed suicide and another was taken to a concentration camp.

Private houses of Jews were entered at Nuernberg. Children were thrown out of their beds. Furniture was smashed.

Cologne crowds broke windows in nearly every Jewish shop, forced entrance into a synagogue, overturned its seats and smashed the windows.

The Salzburg synagogue was destroyed and shops of Jewish tradesmen there were looted.

Synagogues Demolished.

Potsdam, Treutlingen, Bamberg, Bayreuth, Everswalde, Brandenburg, and Cottbus all reported synagogues raided, demolished or burned.

In Friedrichstrasse, in downtown Berlin, crowds pushed police aside in their hunt for plunder. Late in the afternoon fire broke out in Israel’s department store near Alexanderplatz, but firemen soon extinguished the blaze.

From early morning on, curious throngs milled up and down Berlin streets on which Jewish shops were situated or stood watching burning synagogues. As day wore on, however, a desire for loot possessed them more and more.

Unhindered by police, the mobs invaded stores the windows of which had been broken during the night and helped themselves to furs, clothes, rugs, toys and other merchandise.

No one, official or private citizen was able to estimate the full monetary extent of the damage.

Damage Many Millions

That scores of synagogues, burned, bombed and razed in various parts of Germany, were worth many millions alone stood beyond doubt.

The extent of damage to Jewish business also ran into millions of dollars.

While a large section of the German population seemed thoroughly ashamed at the exhibition of mob rule, those who participated in anti-Semitic actions had a gay time.

Before one Friedrichstrasse shop devoted to the sale of magic apparatus, children lined up with brass poles hooked at the end. With these they fished magician's boxes of tricks for themselves out of the interior of the shop through a broken show window.

Older boys unconcernedly threw tables, chairs and other furniture out of smashed windows. One typewriter, dropped from a second story shop, landed at the feet of an Associated Press correspondent.

One group moved a piano from a shop into the street and played popular tunes for onlookers. Before synagogues, demonstrators stood with Jewish prayer books from which they tore leaves as souvenirs for the crowds.

Cause of Rioting Weeps

Paris, Nov. 10 (A.P.) – The young Polish Jew who assassinated the secretary of the German embassy examined today by alienists, was reported to have wept when he learned his act brought new mob vengeance against Jews in Germany.

Seventeen-years-old Herschel Grynszpan had said he shot Ernst Vom Rath at the embassy Monday to protest anti-Semitism in Germany. Vom Rath died yesterday.

Vom Rath's body lay in state at the embassy and thousands of Germans, diplomats and others called early today to pay their respects.

There were private services this afternoon around the coffin and Ambassador Count Johannes von Welezeck read a eulogy before the embassy staff.

The embassy announced public funeral services would be held at noon Saturday in the German Protestant Church of Paris with representatives of the French government and the Paris diplomatic corps in attendance.

After the services, a motor cortege will escort the coffin to the North Station where the body will be placed in a special railroad car and transported to Dusseldorf, Germany.