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Bath, Me., Sept. 13 (JTA)—Police authorities were seeking to establish the identity of vandals who smeared paint on the store fronts and windows of eight Jewish-owned enterprises in this town this week. It was the first demonstration of racial conflict recalled here. The belief prevailed in some quarters that the job was done by persons outside Bath.

Appearances indicate that the marking was done with an ordinary paint brush, but there were no identifying marks to indicate that the perpetrators were members of some organization opposed to Jews. There is ground for belief that persons living elsewhere did the job, similar acts of vandalism having been committed in Lewiston a few weeks ago.

Sam Prawer, a wholesale dealer in fruit and produce, who keeps a truck in front of his warehouse, reported that all the tires had been slashed.