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11 JEWS, 3 ARABS DEAD IN 2 DAYS OF RIOTING IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 20. (JTA) -- One Jewish boy and an Arab were killed by police today, bringing the toll of two days' race rioting in Jaffa and other centers to eleven Jews and three Arabs dead, with more than fifty Jews and an unascertainable number of Arabs wounded. Unconfirmed Moslem sources said eleven Arabs were killed.

Clashes flared anew this morning in the Keren Kateimanim and Shapiro sections near the boundary between predominantly Arab Jaffa and 100 per cent Jewish Tel Aviv, forcing police to fire when the crowd refused to disperse. Troops were stationed on the boundary tonight prepared to quell new disorders.

Danger appeared from a new source when Arabs began to fire Jewish homes near the Tel Aviv border. Mobs of Arabs filled the streets of Jaffa. Jews were not to be seen in the streets. Many, evicted from their homes, had fled to Tel Aviv escorted by police or unguarded, and sought refuge in postoffice buildings, big stores and public parks. A number bivouacked on the streets, especially Rothschild Boulevard, where they were carol for by members of the Women's international Zionist Organization.

Although tension was high throughout the country, few disturbances were reported outside Jaffa. All was quiet in Haifa with heavily armed police patrolling the city and environs. The Jewish colony of Petach Tikvah was in a state of excitement over agitators' rumors that Jews had killed scores of Arabs.

Arab Incitement Heightens Agitation

Arab incitement to raids on Jewish colonies heightened the tension as Moslem leaders spread reports of Jewish attacks on Arab villages. Seven Arabs and two policemen were injured in clashes in Tul Karem, while ten Nathania colonists were wounded as they passed Tul Karem en route to Haifa and had to be removed to the Nathania hospital.

In Tel Aviv, the Hadassah Hospital issued an appeal for volunteer blood donors to submit to blood transfusions for persons wounded in yesterday's riots. Thirty volunteers immediately offered their services.

Arab reports that Jews had destroyed villages in the vicinity of Nathania proved false upon questioning by a delegation of Arab youths from Tul Karem. Incitement in the Arab village of Umkhalef for a raid on Nathania failed when the population rebuked the agitators and reaffirmed their friendship with the Jews.

Heavily armed detachments of Cameron Highlanders patrolled the streets of Tel Aviv and Jaffa as the Jews began to bury the ten victims of yesterday's rioting. Thousands heard Mayor Meier Dizengoff deliver an impassioned eulogy from the City Hall Balcony. The interments began at 4:30 o'clock this morning and will continue at dawn tomorrow.

Police efforts to restore communications between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv failed. Two steamships, the Koskiusco and the Jerusalemme, were forbidden to dock when they arrived at the port of Jaffa today. They were ordered to proceed to Haifa.

Victims Did Not Die in Vain, Dizengoff Declares

Mayor Dizengoff sent the following message abroad through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency:

"When a nation wants to rebuild its home, it must fight. There is no fight without sacrifice. Though our fight is peaceful and cultural, others are handling the problem with Esau's hands. More victims may fall, but so long as there is one Jew left we will continue our peaceful fight until final victory:

"Our sacred and dear brothers, you did not fall in vain. Every drop of blood poured out on this soil will double and treble our zeal. We swear that we will continue our work until every one of the dead is replaced by thousands from abroad to carry on the work until the ultimate salvation of the land of our people."

Police Guard on Jaffa-Jerusalem Train

Transportation throughout the country continued to be perilous. A heavy police guard was riding the Jaffa-Jerusalem train with Jewish and Arab passengers segregated in separate compartments. Bus transportation was suspended because roads were unsafe and the police requisitioned buses owned by Arab and Jewish companies. All traffic, even pedestrian, between Jaffa and Tel Aviv was halted.

A seven-o'clock curfew was invoked in the chief trouble centers.

Despite the hazards of traveling, scores of Jewish physicians, here for the first World Congress of Jewish Physicians, which opens tomorrow, continued to tour the country.

Arab leaders pressed for a strike to be continued until Jewish immigration into the country and sale of land to Jews is halted. Demonstrations were held at Nablus and other cities. Police arrested an Arab on charges of murdering Eliezer Bishnitzky, one of the slain Jews.

The list of Jewish dead, as far as identified, follows:

Eliezer Bishnitzky
Chaim Chatzkewitz
Chaim Cornfield (United Press report)
Isak Frankel
Schmarya Kramer
Mr. Levinsohn
Chaim Sczegeda
David Shavdalon (United Press report)

Mordecai Friedman, of Canada, was erroneously reported dead.

As added details of yesterday's rioting were revealed, it became known today that one Jew, Levinsohn, met death at the hands of Arabs who fired on him and his family from ambush as they were returning to the Tikvah quarter of Jaffa after a shopping trip. His son and three members of his family were wounded.

It was disclosed that the two Arabs killed were shot by Captain Riggs of the C.I.D. (Scotland Yard) in repelling an Arab attack on his automobile while he was transporting a wounded Jew to the Hadassah hospital.

The official version of yesterdays rioting said the disorders started at Jaffa yesterday morning when Hauranis attacked passing Jews and burned three Jewish buses. At that time they killed two Jews and wounded forty persons. Inadequate police forces were present at the time, it was shown today, and reinforcements did not arrive until noon.

Swedish Vice-Consul Among Wounded

Seven Jewish bus passengers were wounded yesterday near Mikveh Israel and Arabs attacked the International Tobacco Co. Swedish Vice-Consul Larson at Jaffa was seriously injured during the disorders and an official named Mood was slightly injured.

During the rioting officials of the Tel Aviv municipality remained in touch with the Government and issued a statement appealing to the public to remain calm. Moshe Shertok, of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, conferred with High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope and with Chief Government Secretary Sir John Hathorn-Hall.

After the first outbreaks, Arab and Jewish crowds camped on both sides of the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border with police stationed between to prevent disorders. Jewish shops in Jaffa were closed. Most of the Jewish injured bore knife wounds.

The rioting resulted from Arab demonstrations which were an outgrowth of resentment over the slaying of two Arab laborers in Neged, near Petach Tikvah, following a hold-up by Arab brigands in which a Jew was killed and two Jews were wounded.

Police meanwhile pressed a hunt for the bandits, who were reported to be part of an organization numbering more than 600 Arabs, supplied with money and arms and said to be operating in Syria and Transjordan as well as Palestine. Police offered a reward of \$1,500 for apprehension of the brigands and \$1,000 for the slayers of the two Arab laborers.

In Tel Aviv, scene of a Jewish demonstration Friday against alleged Government laxity in dealing with Arab banditry, police guarded approaches to the Hadassah Hospital, where three wounded demonstrators were confined under guard without bail. Only the Red Mogen David (Jewish Red Cross), bringing wounded persons, were permitted through police lines to the hospital.

An operation for removal of a bullet was performed on Sholom Ol-acho, one of the thirty Jews wounded in Friday's demonstration when police used guns and truncheons to disperse the crowd.

It was disclosed that a policeman named Kramer will be indicted by the police for unnecessary shooting. Newspapers said today that he had fired into the crowd as well as into the air.

One of the ten arrested in Friday's disorders will be indicted for incitement to rebellion. It was revealed that several British policemen were hurt in the outbreak.

Meanwhile, the Government issued communiques to Arab and Jewish editors warning against publication of material endangering peace, advising them not to permit sharp criticism and asking them not to print falsified news reports.

"Gangs are the only way to scare off Jewish immigration," it was declared by Akram Zuleter, leader of the Arab Nationalist Bloc, in addressing rallies at Nablus and Tul Karem.

Saturday night Arabs in Jaffa stoned Jewish buses, smashing windows, and attacked workers of the Ruttenberg Electric Works. A group of Arabs returning from a demonstration at Nebi Salah shouted anti-government and anti-Jewish slogans. Police did not interfere.

NAZIS RENEW ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT

BERLIN, April 20. (JTA) -- Germany today celebrated Fuehrer Hitler's forty-seventh birthday by renewing the anti-Jewish boycott campaign under the slogan, "German money for German traders."

The new drive is being particularly directed against thousands of Jewish retailers in the provinces. Berlin is being avoided by the boycott leaders, due to the presence of tourists from foreign lands.

Central Jewish organizations are planning an appeal to the Ministry of Commerce, to be based on the fact that the Nuremberg laws do not stipulate discriminations against Jews in commerce.

WORLD ANTI-NAZI COUNCIL ASKS INTENSIFIED BOYCOTT

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- A resolution appealing to the world to intensify the boycott of German goods and services was adopted yesterday at the annual general meeting of the World Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi Council.

The resolution, introduced by Walter Citrine, general secretary of the British Trade Union Congress, condemned increasing persecution of minorities in Germany and charged the Reich with ceasing to respect treaties. It added that the Nazis were creating a gigantic war machine.

Mr. Citrine said that a large section of the British public was being misled by Reichsfuehrer Hitler's peace proposals, declaring that his protestations of a desire for peace should be examined in the light of his "cruel acts of oppression, injustice and lawless tyranny."

Nazi persecutions were also scored by Sir Norman Angell, holder of the Nobel Peace Prize, and Wickham Steed, former editor of The Times of London.

Messages were read from Samuel Untermyer, of New York, president of the League, and Sir Robert Mond, honorary president of the World Jewish Economic Federation.

A report by Philip Guedalla of the American Anti-Nazi League said United States imports from Germany declined 111,680,000 reichsmarks in the three years of Hitler's rule.

"That the boycott is growing stronger," the report stated, "is shown by the fact that the quantity of our purchases from Germany is becoming a smaller and smaller part of our total imports. In

spite of the slight jump in German imports between 1934 and 1935, the total percentage fell from 4.2 to 3.8 per cent in that interval. While those from Germany rose 13 per cent since 1934, our total imports rose 23 per cent."

PALESTINE-LITHUANIA PACT PERMITTING EXPORT OF CURRENCY, SIGNED

KAUNAS, April 20. (JTA) -- The transfer agreement between Lithuania and Palestine, permitting export of currency, was signed today by Dr. Werner, representative of the Anglo-Palestine Bank.

Under terms of the agreement, the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund will be permitted to send to Palestine from Lithuania a total of £6,500 annually. In addition, Lithuanian emigrants to Palestine will be allowed to take with them £7,500 annually to be covered by exports from Lithuania.

REICH SOLDIERS FORBIDDEN TO WED "NON-ARYANS"

BERLIN, April 21. (JTA) -- General Werner von Blomberg, commander of the Reichswehr, today issued an order prohibiting soldiers and officers from marrying anyone who has even one Jewish grandparent.

ANTI-JEWISH CANDIDATE IN FRANCE SNUBBED BY OWN MEETING

PARIS, April 20. (JTA) -- Michael Pares, a candidate for Parliament in the Fourth Arrondissement on an anti-Jewish platform, was started today when an election meeting he had called adopted a resolution opposing him by a vote of 3,000 to 12.

BRITISH JEWS PROTEST POLISH EXCESSES

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting attacks on Jews in Poland was adopted yesterday by a mass meeting at which Nahum Sokolow, honorary president of the World Zionist Organization, presided.

The resolution voiced conviction that the Polish Government would be able to suppress the excesses and called on the Government to halt economic discrimination against the Jews.

The Jews of the British Empire were urged in another resolution not to "abandon their Polish brethren" and to contribute to the fund-raising drive of the Federation of Polish Jews.

70 BEATEN IN DISORDERS AT POLISH VACATION RESORT

WARSAW, April 20. (JTA) -- Seventy persons were beaten unconscious yesterday in anti-Jewish attacks at Zakopane, well-known summer resort. Windows of two synagogues were smashed. Among the injured

was Rabbi Weiszohn of Tenczyn. Peasants refused to sell food to Jews after they had been terrorized by anti-Semites.

SISTER OF LATE PHOENIX DIRECTOR, 71, COMMITS SUICIDE

VIENNA, April 20. (JTA) -- Fearing she would lose her 400-schilling monthly pension from the Phoenix Insurance Co., which is now in financial straits, Johanna Litwin, sister of the late Wilhelm Berliner, director of the company, committed suicide today by taking gas. She was 71 years old.

ARAB LEADERS SPLIT ON SELECTION OF LONDON DELEGATION

JERUSALEM, April 20. (JTA) -- A new split developed yesterday among Arab leaders on the method of selecting a delegation which J. H. Thomas, British Colonial Secretary, has invited to London for conferences in May on the proposed legislative council.

Jemal el Husseini, head of the Palestine Arab Party, demanded that a delegation be named similar to one sent in 1930, while other leaders maintained that the heads of the present Arab parties constitute themselves as the delegation. Both sides decided to submit memorandums to High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope seeking his decision in the matter.

POLICE PROBE FIRE IN OTWOCK STARTED BY BOMB

WARSAW, April 20. (JTA) -- Police in Otwock were investigating today a fire started by an incendiary bomb thrown by anti-Semitic Nationalists which Saturday night destroyed a number of Jewish buildings, including three shops.

Those who threw the bomb hampered firemen and rescuers by short-circuiting electric wires and plunging the town into darkness.

JEWS TO SETTLE THOUSAND IN PALESTINE FOR EVERY JEW KILLED IN JAFFA

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish people will assist one thousand Jewish immigrants to settle in Palestine for every Jew killed in Jaffa during the past few days, it was declared tonight by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, speaking over Station WJZ and a national hookup on a "Public Forum on Palestine" with Nathan Straus and Arthur M. Lamport.

Declaring that what had happened in Palestine is "a challenge to the Jews of the world" which will spur them to renewed activity on behalf of the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home, Dr. Wise emphasized that Jews reaffirm their desire to live in peace with the Arab population.

He characterized the events in Jaffa "as nothing more than passing disorders that take place between neighboring populations during a period of mutual adjustment."

Rabbi Wise said in part:

"I am not disheartened by what has taken place in the last few days in Jaffa. After all, these are nothing more than the passing disorders that take place between neighboring populations during a period of mutual adjustment.

"Of this I can assure you. The Jews in Palestine are doing everything they can to bring about the best kind of peaceable relationship between Arabs and Jews. There is abundant room for a growing number of Jews.

"In any event, this constitutes a challenge to the Jews of the world. I must say, without bitterness or rancor, that for every Jew killed in Palestine we shall assist a thousand more Jewish immigrants to find homes in Palestine. A great people engaged in a great task cannot permit itself to be discouraged by minor incidents, even though these involve some injuries and some deaths.

"It is for us to take the long view, and the long view includes the vision of hundreds and hundreds of thousands of additional Jewish settlers in Palestine, who will live in peace with the Arabs but will be prepared to defend and to safeguard the Jewish homeland, which has grown out of centuries of dreaming and of decades of incredible and miraculous work in self-redemption.

"These incidents are nothing more than the clashes of heated individuals. We must reaffirm the resolution of American Jewry to make the largest possible contribution of strength in every way to the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland. The answer to the riots of '29 was the growth by 300 per cent. of the Jewish population. A similar answer would, within the next eight or twelve years, give us a million added Jews in Palestine. As in the past, the increase of Jewish population is certain to bring to the Arabs great good in every possible respect. And as the years go on, there is bound to be greater mutual understanding between the two peoples. We must resolve to give a generous outpouring of our means to the United Palestine Appeal so that our program for the rebuilding of Jewish life in Palestine may continue with ever greater strength."

ZOA TO SUPPORT WORLD CONGRESS; PROVIDENCE NEXT PARLEY SITE

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- The administrative committee of the Zionist Organization of America decided at a meeting yesterday to participate in election of delegates to the World Jewish Congress at an electoral convention in Washington next June.

Louis Lipsky and Dr. Stephen S. Wise urged support of next August's congress, while Dr. A. J. Rongy opposed it. The committee voted 27 to 3 for participation. Providence, R. I., was chosen for the thirty-ninth annual convention of the Z.O.A., the date for which was not set although the committee favored July 5 to 7.

HEADS OF THIRTEEN COLLEGES SCORE BARRING OF JEWS FROM REICH SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, April 20, (JTA) -- Presidents and chancellors of thirteen colleges and universities deplored the exclusion of Jewish children from the public schools of Germany under a recent decree, in telegrams made public today by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, co-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee's campaign for \$3,500,000.

Rabbi Wise said the J.D.C. is the only major American organization helping provide educational facilities for the estimated 60,000 Jewish children excluded from Reich schools. The following sent messages:

James R. Angell, Yale; Ray Lyman Wilbur, Stanford; Henry N. MacCracken, Vassar; Robert Gordon Sproul, University of California; Frank Aydelotte, Swarthmore; William Allan Neilson, Smith College; Francis P. Gaines, Washington and Lee University; Virginia C. Gildersleeve, Barnard; Mary E. Woolley, Mount Holyoke; Daniel L. Marsh, Boston University; Frederick B. Robinson, College of the City of New York; Murray Bartlett, Hobart College, and John Stewart Bryan, William and Mary College.

GOVERNOR CURLEY SEEKS TO OUST "SENTINELS" HEAD FROM TAX BOARD

BOSTON, April 20, (JTA) -- Governor James M. Curley pressed today a campaign for the ousting from the State Tax Appeals Board of Alexander Lincoln, president of the Sentinels of the Republic, who has expressed himself as anti-Semitic in letters read into the record of the U.S. Senate Lobby Committee.

In a sharply-worded nation-wide radio address from the convention of the Massachusetts department of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Governor Curley declared:

"It must be apparent in the light of the Lincoln correspondence that the Sentinels of America, whose real name should be the "Vultures of America," were organized for even more insidious and sinister purposes than the defeat of Roosevelt. They were organized to destroy the standing of the Jews in America, which standing has been built up through faithful, devoted and patriotic service since the foundation of the Republic."

The convention adopted a resolution demanding "the summary removal of Lincoln from public office as an unworthy and unfit public official." Lincoln, who is chairman of the appeals board, is now up before the Governors' Council for ouster proceedings."

Lincoln admitted to a J.T.A. representative that he "and others" feared one group was "seeking to secure world dominion." He would not comment on the letter quoting him as stating, "The Jewish threat is a real one," until the correspondence was returned to him.

POLISH GOVERNMENT ASKED TO CURB ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on the Polish Government to check anti-Semitic excesses and halt discrimination against Jews was adopted yesterday at a rally of the Federation of Polish Jews in the Hotel Pennsylvania. Similar meetings were held in Boston, Detroit, Chicago and Buffalo.

Jeremiah T. Mahoney, the principal speaker, asked the Government to "assure to its Jewish citizens the full protection guaranteed them by the fundamental law of the Republic and by international treaty."

He asserted: "There cannot be any doubt that Nazi Germany is making a strenuous effort to transplant into the Polish Republic its unspeakable anti-Semitism."

Other speakers were Benjamin Winter, president of the federation; Abraham Goldberg, Zionist leader; Rabbi Louis Seltzer, secretary of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, and Z. Tygel, director of the federation.

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Protest Rallies Over Polish Attacks Held in Argentine

BUENOS AIRES, April 20. (JTA) -- Mass Meetings in protest against anti-Jewish excesses in Poland were held last night in this and many other Argentine cities. Fifty Jewish organizations participated in the rally here.

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Palestine Jews Protest Polish Excesses

TEL AVIV, April 20. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting persecution of Jews in Poland was adopted at a mass meeting here. Among the speakers were Isaac Gruenbaum and F. Rottenstreich, of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, both formerly of Poland.

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