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2 MORE JEWS DIE OF RIOT WOUNDS; 10 WOUNDED IN NEW JAFFA ATTACKS

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA -- By Telephone to London) -- Two more Jews died today of wounds received in yesterday's Jaffa-Tel Aviv border clashes between Arabs and Jews, bringing the total Jewish dead since the rioting began Sunday to seventeen.

The most reliable estimate of Jewish wounded places the number at seventy. Total Arab dead is reported at four, with about fifty wounded.

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LIST OF IDENTIFIED DEAD

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Nachum Abat ( died today)  
Eliezer Bishnitzky  
Chaim Chatzkewitz  
Chaim Cornfield  
Isak Frankel  
Chaim Kishler  
Schmarya Kramer  
Zelig Levensohn  
Schlomo Marson  
Chaim Sczegoda  
David Shavdalon  
Yehuda Simantov  
Itzhak Zeitlin ( died today)

Ten Jews and two policemen were wounded today in new attacks by Arabs in the Jaffa area.

High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope announced in a proclamation his determination to maintain law and order. He declared he would suppress all outbreaks and called on the public to assist him. He warned that individuals joining crowds were endangering their own lives.

### Stabbed by Arabs Within Sight of Police

A Yemenite Jew named Shlomo Garbi was stabbed by five Arabs less than twenty meters from a police guard. He had been approaching his shop in the Nevei Shalom quarter of Jaffa.

Israel Schnitzer, 16 years old, was wounded by British policemen in a clash between Arabs and Jews. A Jew named Hadad was gravely wounded.

Hadassah hospital reported seven others seriously injured.

Meanwhile, Zvi Tannenber, one of the two Jews wounded in a hold-up by Arab brigands at Tul Karem last Wednesday, died today. The hold-up indirectly led to this week's disorders since the rioting arose from the Arab assumption that the slaying of two Arab leaders Friday night had been a reprisal for the hold-up, in which another Jew, Israel Chazan, was killed.

### Tension High; 50 Jerusalem Jews Arrested

Meanwhile tension throughout the country increased today when it was learned that at midnight tonight Arab leaders will formally proclaim a nationwide general strike. Rumors that disturbances in Jerusalem are being planned for Friday, the Moslem Sabbath, added to the general unrest.

Fifty Jews were arrested here allegedly for preparing to defend themselves in the event rioting breaks out. Three Arabs arrested on similar charges were later released;

The police were registering British volunteers for emergency service.

With a detachment of Cameron Highlanders patrolling Jaffa, an Arab demonstration planned for this afternoon failed to materialize. Anticipating the call to a general strike, Arabs in Nablus, Tul-karem, Jenin, Safed and Beisan stopped all activities today. The port city of Haifa was only slightly affected, activities continuing nearly normal.

Fires continued to throw a garish light over the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border, at least two Jewish houses in the Shapiro quarter of Jaffa, just a few blocks from the city line, still burning at this report. The fires were set by Arabs.

Haboker, influential Tel Aviv daily published by Vice-Mayor Rokach, publishes an extra today in which it reports that Arab firemen in Jaffa are aiding the rioters by setting fire to Jewish homes.

The same paper gives eyewitness reports that Arab policemen in Jaffa are failing to protect Jews, on the contrary arresting several for alleged attacks against Arabs. Those arrested are now being held in the Jaffa jail.

#### 6 Arabs Arrested in Jaffa for Incitement

At the same time, it was reported from Jaffa that six Arab agitators were arrested in that predominantly Arab city for urging Arab crowds to march on the bordering all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv.

Police halted the skelton Jewish bus service between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Only a few Arab buses covered the route.

District Commissioner James E. Campbell assured a Jewish delegation today that adequate police forces were on hand to meet all contingencies, adding that all was quiet. He promised, however, to increase police patrols in commercial sections and remote quarters of Jaffa and Tel Aviv.

He denied that Hebron Jews had evacuated after declaration of the Arab strike and advised the Jews not to close their shops.

#### TEL AVIV THROGGED BY 6,000 REFUGEES

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA-By Telephone to London). -- Jewish refugees numbering 3,500 streamed into this all-Jewish city today from Jaffa and Tel Aviv suburbs. Another 2,500 refugees are already quartered in private homes.

A first check-up showed that incendiary blazes set by rioting Arabs in Jewish homes in Tel Aviv near the Jaffa border had caused great damage during the night. The flames were extinguished by this morning, with the exception of two houses in the Shapiro quarter of Jaffa that were still burning.

Arabs in Hebron joined Moslems in Nablus, Tulkarem, Jenin, Safed and Beisan in declaring a general strike against Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews, as agitation against the Jews continued today in many parts of the country.

It was definitely established that five Jews were killed in yesterday's rioting on the Jaffa - Tel Aviv border. Funeral services were held for them today with Acting Mayor Israel Rokach participating and Rabbi Uziel and Isaac Gruenbaum of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The Great Synagogue here was filled to overflowing with refugees from districts where rioting had been carried on. A black-bordered flag flew at half-staff from the Jewish Agency building.

TEL AVIV THREATENED BY SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA - By Telephone to London) -- Indication that this all-Jewish city is threatened with a food shortage as a result of the disorders is contained in a memorandum submitted to District Commissioner Robert E. H. Crosbie today by the municipal council.

The memorandum demands that the Government act to pacify the Jaffa harbor area in order to permit replenishing of Tel Aviv's failing supplies. The situation is aggravated by the influx of some 6,000 Jewish refugees from districts affected by the disorders, 3,500 of whom are being cared for by the city, the remainder being quartered in private homes.

Other demands by the council are for assurances of protection, restoration of communications between Tel Aviv and the rest of the country, and assistance for the refugees.

Replying to the memorandum, Mr. Crosbie stated that the situation had improved since yesterday, although it still was not normal. He added that the Government speaks through acts and not proclamations and that it was giving every consideration to the problems with which it was faced and hoped to solve them as the situation clarifies.

Earlier Commissioner Crosbie was reported to have warned Arab leaders to halt provocative attacks on Jews or arms would be given to the Jews. The Arabs are understood to have replied that they were not responsible for the action of gangs.

RIGID CENSORSHIP DELETES, SUPPRESSES J.T.A. RIOT CABLES

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA - By Telephone to London) -- A rigid censorship has been clamped on Jewish Telegraphic Agency cables since the Arab-Jewish disorders started, resulting in merciless cutting and suppression of its news of the rioting which in three days has claimed seventeen Jewish and four Arab victims, with upwards of 120 wounded.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency's correspondent has been forced to resort to the transoceanic telephone to get undeleted news out of the country.

To obviate a censorship fight with the press department of the Palestine Government, the correspondent was forced to agree to the department chief's suggestion that he submit every cable to him before filing it.

Twelve hours later, when he learned that important deletions had been made in his cables and that whole stories had been suppressed, the correspondent sought the aid of the American consulate which immediately took the matter up with the Government.

Explanation by the Postmaster of Palestine that congestion had caused a delay of seven to twelve hours in the J.T.A. cables was not justified, it was ascertained, since only seventy-six cables have been filed by all Palestine correspondents together since the disorders began.

#### WAUCHOPE WARNS ARAB LEADERS POLICE WILL QUELL DISORDERS

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, British High Commissioner for Palestine, today issued the following statement to a delegation of Arab leaders that had called on him in connection with the Arab-Jewish rioting, which thus far has claimed a toll of seventeen Jewish and four Arab dead with upwards of 120 wounded.

"I am sure that we all deplore the disorders which recently have taken place, leading to a deeply regrettable loss of life. Such disorders can achieve no good and are the direct cause of much bitterness. Therefore, I shall count on you gentlemen to check all forms of disorders, prevent all lawless acts and contradict any false rumors that are likely to disturb the public.

"I consider the security of persons and property essential to the welfare of all the people in every country. Disturbances of the peace do nothing but harm to people without distinction of race and creed. I ask you to explain to those over whom you have influence that the police will not hesitate to quell any disorders so I hope that no further disorders will occur. I also greatly regret that many schoolboys, even young children, are being kept from school. I ask, gentlemen, that you use your influence to cause them to continue their studies."

Included in the delegation, which was headed by Jamal Husseini, leader of the Palestine Arab Party, were the following: Rhageb Bey Nashashibi, former Mayor of Jerusalem; Abdul Atif Selah and Jacoub Husseini.

The delegation had protested to Sir Arthur against alleged Jewish attacks on Arabs and behavior of the police toward the Arabs.

Husseini, also informed Sir Arthur that the Arabs would refuse to send a delegation to London for a conference there with

Colonial Secretary J. H. Thomas on the proposed legislative council.

The High Commissioner suggested that the Arabs defer their formal reply to Mr. Thomas's invitation for some weeks.

BAR GROUP ASKS TRANSFER OF JAFFA COURTS TO TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish Bar Association of this city today decided to demand that the Palestine Government, in view of the rioting in Jaffa, transfer all juridical institutions from that city to Tel Aviv.

It was also decided that members of the association would not appear before a Jaffa magistrate for a period of two months because of the dangers involved.

Merchants presented a memorandum to the District Commissioner requesting him to advise Jewish stevedores to unload the cargoes of newly arrived ships and to transfer all goods from the harbor to Tel Aviv. If Arab workers, as a result of the strike, refuse to participate in this work, the memorandum stated, the Jewish merchants are prepared to send their own workers and lighters to aid in the unloading.

TEL AVIV PAPER PUTS RIOT BLAME ON GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- Davar, labor daily, in a lengthy editorial today places blame for the Arab-Jewish disorders on the Government, charging that it failed to take adequate measures to prevent them.

The paper demands that the Government take action to prevent the spreading of rumors by politicians who are trying to "make capital out of the shedding of Jewish blood."

Trial of the Arab pogromists, the paper suggests, should give a demonstration of force which would prevent the necessity of using force later.

AGENCY EXECUTIVE CONFERS WITH VAAD LEUMI ON DISORDERS

TEL AVIV, April 21. (JTA) -- A joint meeting of the Jewish National Council (Vaad Leumi) and members of the executive of the Jewish Agency was held here today to plan action in connection with the Arab-Jewish disorders. Present at the meeting were Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Agency, Moshe Shertok and David Ben Gurion. Following the session, Dr. Weizmann left for Jerusalem to confer with High Commissioner Wauchope.

400 POLISH JEWS DEPART FOR PALESTINE, UNDETERRED BY DISORDERS

WARSAW, April 21. (JTA) -- Despite continued racial rioting in Palestine, 400 Jews left here for the Holy Land today to make their homes there. The Palestine Office said not one of the previously registered emigrants had hesitated about leaving because of the disorders.

The consensus of Jewish newspapers on the rioting is that the Jewish people would support their "advance guard in Palestine," undeterred by recent events. The slaying of Jews will stir the Jewish people to renewed activity, they said in editorials.

PHONE, WIRE QUERIES ON PALESTINE FLOOD J.T.A. OFFICES

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- The concern of the Jews about rioting in Palestine has been manifested in a flood of telephoned, telegraphed and cabled inquiries received by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here and by its bureaus in New York, Warsaw, Paris, Berlin and other countries.

FRENCH PAPER LAYS DISORDERS TO AFRICAN WAR

PARIS, April 21. (JTA) -- The disorders in Palestine are traced to the Italo-Ethiopian war and the general weakening of Europe's authority in the Orient in an editorial in today's Le Journal.

The paper lauds Jewish achievements in Palestine and held that the Arabs are jealous of them.

TIMES EDITORIAL SEES ARAB-JEWISH COOPERATION AS ONLY SOLUTION

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- The New York Times declares in commenting editorially today on disorders in Palestine that since neither the Jews nor the Arabs, "no matter what the pretensions of extremist leaders, can reasonably look forward to sole control over Palestine," the only solution is Arab-Jewish cooperation.

The New York Post states in an editorial that all authorities agree that Palestine has been aided by Jewish immigration and that Jewish development "has freed the Arab peasant from dependence on the great Arab landlords and raised his wages. The editorial adds that "here, and in the levers offered by fanaticism, is the root of the anti-Jewish agitation."

The Times editorial traces the disorders to religious, cultural and national differences and Moslem fanaticism aggravated by the clash between "the inertia and conservatism of an economically backward people" and the "thrust of expanding, energetic newcomers."

Awakening nationalism throughout Asia has helped to make the Arabs more receptive to the portrayal of Jews by their loaders as a menace, the editorial declares.

The Arab strike against Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews, the Times states, "is a direct challenge to the Zionist program of enlarged immigration; it is no less a challenge to the Mandatory Power."

Pointing out that Jewish development of agriculture, industry and natural resources in Palestine has aided the Arabs, the editorial holds that "this record gives basis for hope that with leadership on both sides which stresses the need for working together in practical ways, the so-called imponderables would become less important than they appear today."

#### CANADA'S GOVERNOR GENERAL STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF PALESTINE

MONTREAL, Que., April 21. (JTA) -- The importance of Palestine as a place of refuge for persecuted Jews and as a key to the British position in the Near East was stressed last night by Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada, in an address at a dinner of the National Council of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

"Palestine holds the key to the strategical position on the great route between the East and West," he declared. "The war in Abyssinia has caused most of us to reflect upon the safeguarding of that highroad. To have a strong and contented Palestine will be, in the future, of incalculable value to the British Empire."

Describing the Jew as the "natural bridge between the East and the West," Lord Tweedsmuir said that Zionism has never been more important than at this moment, and its success is no less important to Britain. He added that some countries were restricting immigration and Palestine "is the one city of refuge left to the persecuted."

The Zionist cause, he asserted, is not a party policy. Pointing out that a Governor General is "strictly forbidden to talk politics," he declared that Zionism was a solemn obligation of the British people, accepted by every party. The Balfour Declaration and the Palestine mandate were built on it, he stated.

Tracing his personal interest in Zionism from the time he was chairman of the Palestine committee of the British House of Commons, Lord Tweedsmuir declared it was desirable not only in the interests of the Jews but of civilization to provide for a Jewish national home. He said he hoped the Holy Land would remain an integral part of the British Empire.

Calling the wave of anti-Semitism in Northern Europe as "one of the greatest tragedies in history," he described the return of the Jews to Palestine and held that as a consequence "Palestine today is almost the most prosperous community on earth. I think, too, that prosperity will continue."

Lord Tweedsmuir expressed the belief that Haifa's harbor and airport would make it the key to trade of the whole Middle East.

"Prophecy," he said, "is a dangerous business, but with the capital and brains which the Jewish immigrants are bringing to the business, one can say, at any rate, that a land which for many years has been a mere geographical expression, a barren country between north and south will become in the fullest sense a self-supporting and confident unit of civilization."

#### OFFICIAL VERSION OF DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- An official communique issued tonight confirms in most respects privately gathered information on today's developments in the Arab-Jewish disorders.

According to the communique, two more Jews of those seriously wounded in yesterday's attacks by Arabs died today. Fifteen Arabs and five Jews were injured in the course of isolated attacks. (Private sources earlier stated ten Jews and 2 policemen were injured.)

Curfew regulations, which clear the streets at seven o'clock, were continued in force in Jaffa and Tel Aviv, the communique stated.

The official version of the day's events reported that crowds gathered in the streets of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarem (where an Arab strike is in progress).

Further outbreaks of fire along the Jaffa-Tel Aviv boundary were reported in the communique.

Shortly after three P.M., it declared, an attempt was made by a crowd of Arabs to attack the settlement of Hatikwa. Police met resistance, but with the aid of reinforcements dispersed the crowd. Subsequently one Arab was arrested for possession of firearms.

The communique said that no other incidents of importance had been reported in Jaffa and elsewhere. It warned against spreading of unsubstantiated reports which, it said, are likely to create uneasiness in the minds of the people. Under emergency regulations, the High Commissioner ordered possessors of firearms, ammunition and explosives to keep them secure in places of which the police have been informed.