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4 BOMBS EXPLODE IN JAFFA; JEWISH STORE WRECKED

JERUSALEM, April 29. (JTA) -- A Jewish automobile store was demolished and a number of houses damaged today when four bombs thrown by Arabs exploded in different sections of Jaffa. No casualties were reported. One of the bombs exploded near the Government offices.

Another bomb, believed to have been made in Germany, was thrown at passing British police and exploded opposite the Maccabi Sports Stadium, near the Tel Aviv border. The automobile store was the largest distributor of the British Bedford cars.

Three Arabs were arrested in Jerusalem for hurling stench bombs into Jewish stores. In Nazareth, all local leaders of the Arab strike were arrested, charged with responsibility for yesterday's demonstrations in which twenty-eight Arabs, four constables and one British officer were wounded.

As tension was heightened again in various parts of the country, the last group of Jews moved to Jerusalem today from Musrarah in fear of riots.

The Jewish National Council lodged a protest with High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope in the name of the Jewish community against recent statements by J.H. Thomas. British Colonial Secretary, in the House of Commons in connection with recent disorders.

The protest said that Mr. Thomas had misrepresented the actual facts and created an altogether false, unfavorable and anti-Jewish impression. The council demanded transmission of the protest to the British Government and immediate correction of the statement.

Arab Merchants Ask Moratorium

A movement to demand a moratorium on obligations because of financial difficulties resulting from the Arab general strike was started by Arab merchants.

As the strike continued to tie up the Jaffa harbor, the railway station at the neighboring all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv was proclaimed a temporary customs house for Jewish firms, which cannot reach the Jaffa customs house.

Although the Levant Fair is definitely scheduled to open tomorrow, much merchandise for the fair, which was unloaded at Jaffa harbor, cannot reach the fair grounds in Tel Aviv because of the strike.

An order issued today provides that all incoming boats discharge immigrants and cargo only at Haifa.

The Arab National Strike Committee cabled the Belgian King demanding that he recall Meier Dizengoff, mayor of Tel Aviv, as consul here because of certain statements about the Arabs attributed to him.

4 Jews Wounded by Arabs at Migdal

An official communique last night told of an attack by Arabs on Jews at Migdal near Tiberias. Four Jews were reported wounded and several British policemen were injured in the disorders.

The communique ascribed the attack to a misunderstanding that arose over the disappearance of two Arab children who subsequently were found.

Another Jew was stabbed in Jerusalem last night, his assailant escaping. The wounded man, Shimon Bordenoff, was taken to a hospital.

Several Jewish houses were set on fire in the Keren Hatemanim and Manshieh sections of Jaffa, where curfew is still imposed.

The Hebrew newspapers publish sharp attacks on the Government for failing to prevent the continued incendiaryism, demanding to know why no Arabs have been arrested on charges of arson.

At a conference with Jewish merchants of the Old City of Jerusalem, District Commissioner James Campbell said they could reopen their shops, assuring them of sufficient protection.

A number of Jewish merchants reopened their stores midway between Jaffa and Tel Aviv. Police advised Jewish shop owners in Jaffa not to reopen in view of the continuing tension in that city.

It was reported that several Jewish factories in Tel Aviv may be forced to shut down because of inability to obtain raw materials that are tied up in the port of Jaffa.

TEL AVIV FIXES PRICES OF MANY FOOD PRODUCTS

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- Prices of many food products were fixed by proclamation yesterday in an effort to prevent profiteering due to the presence in the city of some 9,500 refugees.

The proclamation declared there was no fear of a food shortage and no reason existed for raising prices.

A conference on the situation was attended by city officials and District Commissioner Robert E. F. Crosbie.

THOMAS REJECTS PLAN FOR ROUND TABLE PARLEY OF ARABS, JEWS

LONDON, April 29. (JTA) -- J. H. Thomas, Colonial Secretary, turned a cold shoulder today to a suggestion in the House of Commons that the expected arrival of a Palestinian Arab delegation here could be utilized for the holding of an Arab-Jewish round-table conference.

He said that the departure of the delegation from Jerusalem to discuss the proposed legislative council was being delayed by unfortunate difficulties in Palestine. He told Alfred Denville, Conservative, that he saw no reason to withdraw the invitation because of the hostility of Haj Amin el Husseini, Mufti of Jerusalem, to the council project.

Mr. Thomas said in reply to questions by G. Ralph Hall Caine and Marcus Samuel, Conservatives, that he could make no further statement before considering the Arab representations.

DENY PALESTINE OUTBREAKS TRACEABLE TO ITALY

LONDON, April 29. (JTA) -- Great Britain and the Near East, semi-official publication of the Colonial Office, will deny in tomorrow's issue that recent outbreaks in Palestine are due to Italian intrigues, as has been alleged in some quarters.

The magazine will point out that Palestine's "waters were always potentially muddy," making superfluous the suggestion that the disorders resulted from extraneous causes.

PHOENIX PAYMENT TO J.N.F. WAS AGENT'S COMMISSION

VIENNA, April 29. (JTA) -- Inclusion of the Jewish National Fund in a list of allegedly "irregular" recipients of sums from the Phoenix Life Insurance Company stirred resentment in Jewish circles today.

It was authoritatively pointed out that the 500,000 schillings mentioned as having gone to the Jewish National Fund was a legitimate disbursement, representing an agent's commission on policies written through that organization's cooperation.

Since 1923, the Jewish National Fund, agency which purchases land in Palestine as the inalienable property of Jews to be used for settlement, has acted in the role of agent for Phoenix in Austria, Czechoslovakia and Palestine. This connection in later years was expanded to include Germany, Rumania, France (and its North African colonies), Hungary, East and West Galicia in Poland, Latvia, Belgium, Egypt, Holland, Estonia, Greece, Bulgaria, and Italy.

To carry on its insurance activities, the J.N.F. established an office in Jerusalem, under the supervision of Dr. Egon M. Zweig.

According to a recent statement by the J.N.F., its total income from Phoenix commissions, to the end of 1935, was approximately £68,000 (about \$330,000). Total number of policies written by Phoenix through cooperation of the J.N.F., to the end of June, 1935, was 101,521, with a face value of £20,238,249 (about \$100,000,000). In Austria, the J.N.F. was responsible for the writing of 11,458 Phoenix policies, with a face value of £1,662,080 (about \$8,000,000).

Just how the Phoenix activities in Palestine will be affected by the collapse of the Austrian company has not yet been made clear. Meanwhile, the financial and legal aspects of the situation are being studied.

In Czechoslovakia, the Phoenix company was announced as having a 350,000,000 crown deficit. The Government is taking measures to protect the interests of policy holders.

The position of the Phoenix interests in other European countries is being studied by the various Governments.

JEW'S ATTACKED BY SPEAKERS AT VIENNA RALLY

VIENNA, April 29. (JTA) -- Concern was expressed in Jewish quarters today over last night's conference of Christian Socialist Union delegates, during which sharp attacks were voiced against Jews with the implication that they were responsible for the collapse of the Phoenix Life Insurance Company.

Referring to the Phoenix affair, Mayor Schmitz told the delegates that those responsible for the company's difficulties had nothing to do with Christian Socialists in Austria.

Emmerich Czermak, former Minister of Education, demanded limitation of Jewish rights in a lengthy discussion of the Jewish question. He

defended State Councillor Leopold Kunschak and Rev. George Eichmaier, a leading Jesuit priest, who have publicly demanded restrictions on Jews. Czermak assailed Chief Rabbi Feuchtwang, who has defended the Jews against attacks by Christian-Socialist leaders.

The semi-official Neugigkeitsweltblatt makes the following comment today on yesterday's disclosures of "irregular" disbursements by the Phoenix Life Insurance Company:

"This evil could not have arisen from the true Austrian spirit. Anyone acting contrary to Austrian traditions should be banished."

GESTAPO CHIEF CALLS JEWS "FIRST AMONG STATE'S ENEMIES"

BERLIN, April 29. (JTA) -- The head of the Berlin Secret State Police, Herr Heydrich, declared today in an article published in Reichsfuehrer Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter that the Jews were the first among the State's enemies.

He warned that although the Nuremberg marriage and citizenship laws had stopped the influx of Jewish blood, the Jewish influence in economics and foreign affairs had not been touched.

MACEK, ^{Croatian} AUSTRIAN LEADER, DISAVOWS ANTI-SEMITIC DRIVE

BELGRADE, April 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Vlatko Macek, Croatian leader, today voiced opposition to attempts to introduce anti-Semitism into the Croatian National movement, in a statement published by the Zagreb newspaper, Obzor.

Calling attention to anti-Semitic leaflets which had been distributed in the name of the Croatian Peasant Party, he declared that the party did not judge people by religion or descent but by humaneness and honor.

"We judge Jews and Christians alike," he added.

CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES TO PRAY SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR OPPRESSED

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- For what is said to be the first time in history, synagogues and churches in the metropolitan area will offer a common prayer for the oppressed of the earth this Saturday and Sunday. The prayer will be repeated Sunday night at a mass meeting in the Madison Square Garden.

The prayer has been requested jointly by the American Christian Committee for German Refugees, headed by Dr. S. Parkes Cadman; the Committee for the Relief and Liberation of Victims of Persecution in Europe, headed by Matthew Woll, and the New York Board of Jewish Ministers, of which Rabbi Samuel J. Levinson is president.