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2 ARABS KILLED, 39 WOUNDED IN CLASHES WITH PALESTINE POLICE

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- Two Arabs were killed today and at least thirty-nine reported wounded in clashes with police arising from demonstrations in Jaffa, Hebron, Safed, Nablus, Beisan and Acre as an anti-Jewish campaign of civil disobedience went into effect throughout the country.

Two Arabs were killed at Jaffa and twenty-five wounded when police opened fire on 10,000 Arabs demonstrating after they left Moslem Sabbath services in mosques. A bomb thrown at the police station was caught by a Jewish policeman named Arkin while the fuse was still burning and prevented from exploding.

Six bombs were thrown in a demonstration at Acre. Two of them were hurled at the Kadoorie school and two at the police station. No damage was reported.

Fourteen persons were reported wounded in a demonstration at Acre.

No disorders were reported in Jerusalem.

Shots fired by Arabs at the American Jewish colony of Raanana, north of Tel Aviv, wounded one of the colonists, Aron Davidson. Arab demonstrators attempting to invade the Jewish quarter of Safed were dispersed.

A Jewish home for the aged, in the Romema quarter of Jerusalem, was bombed. No casualties were reported.

Arabs in Haifa set fire to fifteen carloads of property belonging to newly-arrived German Jewish families. The property was completely destroyed. The authorities rejected an offer by the Histadruth, Palestine labor federation, to supply 100 men as voluntary watchmen.

Food Shortage Feared in Old City

Meanwhile, about 3,800 Jews still left in the Old City of Jerusalem from which about 1200 have already been evacuated, were reported facing a food shortage. (About 900 Jews were evacuated from the quarter this morning.)

The Agudath Israel, extreme orthodox organization, opened a drive to supply them with food, sending three lorries into the Old City, which is in a stage of practical siege. The lorries were dispatched despite the refusal of the police to supply an escort, Rabbi Moshe Blau, a leader of the Aguda, himself accompanying them.

A group of Jerusalem Arab merchants sent a written request to the authorities, pleading with them to order reopening of stores which have been kept closed by terrorists since the general strike against Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews began a month ago.

Heavily-Armed Patrols Guard Trouble Centers

Heavily-armed police and military forces patrolled Palestine's trouble centers today as an Arab campaign of civil disobedience, including non-payment of taxes and a boycott of everything Jewish, went into effect throughout the country.

New reinforcements arrived from Egypt and 2,400 British soldiers, completely mobilized, waited on the Transjordan side of the Allenby bridge for the order to enter Palestine. They were accompanied by armored cars.

Arabs cut telephone wires between Transjordan and Palestine and bombed one of the main bridges in an evident attempt to hinder military operations, but the damages were quickly repaired.

Strong forces guarded the Old City of Jerusalem, where three persons have been killed in the last two days, making impossible demonstrations by Arabs as they left the mosques after Sabbath devotions. The mosques were not crowded because village peasants had been prevented from entering the city.

Jaffa an Armed Camp

Predominantly-Arab Jaffa resembled an armed camp with army tanks lumbering through the streets and machine-gun nests set up at strategic points. Barbed-wire barricades were erected and the streets were full of soldiers carrying arms and ammunition. Police wore steel helmets.

Arab and Jewish Government employes in Jaffa had been ordered not to report for work today.

Military forces were less conspicuous but on hand in Jerusalem. Twelve army tanks toured the Jewish colonies between Haifa and Zichron Jacob.

Trains were stoned at several railway stations and windows were smashed. Two passengers were slightly injured.

It was established that a fire at Mishmar ha-Emek forest yesterday burned 4,600 trees.

Jerusalem was deprived of mail and telegraph facilities at night under an extended curfew covering postal and wire offices.

A bomb exploded last night at the Jerusalem depot. A Jewish driver, Aaron Gardi, who happened to be passing was arrested.

Civil Disobedience Campaign Launched

The disobedience campaign was proclaimed when the seven-day period given to the Government in an Arab ultimatum to halt Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews expired last night with the demands unmet.

The Arab Supreme Council formed to press the strike for restrictions on Jews and establishment of a national government was reported to have been offered concessions by High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope to end the strike.

Sir Arthur was reliably reported to have offered the following:

- 1- Not to issue a new schedule of Jewish immigration before an Arab delegation negotiated in London with the Colonial Office.
- 2- If the delegation did not proceed to London, a British Parliamentary committee to come to Palestine to hear the Arabs' grievances.
- 3- Establishment of a mixed Arab-British-Jewish committee to determine the capacity of Palestine to absorb immigrants.

The Arab council was said to have replied with an emphatic no to the first alternative, insisting on complete and unconditional stoppage of Jewish immigration. It was expected to reply to the remaining offers shortly.

CONSUL DENIES ITALIAN AGENTS ARE BACKING DISORDERS

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- The Italian consul denied today in a statement to the press that Italian agents are responsible for disorders in Palestine.

London newspapers had charged Italian agents with fomenting the outbreak in an attempt to embarrass Great Britain in the Italo-Ethiopian situation.

REPORT PALESTINE APPROVES TEL AVIV BREAKWATER

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- An unconfirmed report said today that the Government had given permission for the erection of a breakwater at the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv as the nucleus for a harbor independent of the neighboring port of Jaffa.

As a result of the strike at predominantly-Arab Jaffa, shipping has been tied up and Jewish importers have decided not to use the Jaffa harbor, but to route their goods via Haifa until a Tel Aviv port is built.

DISORDERS ASCRIBED TO UNREST, REKINDLED BY DEBATES ON LEGISLATIVE

LONDON (JTA) -- Arab distrust and despair rekindled by the recent parliamentary debates on the Legislative Council is the basic fact of the present Arab disorders in Palestine, Great Britain and the East, semi-official organ of the Colonial Office, declares in its current issue.

"None can have been surprised by the disorders in Palestine, brutal though some of them have been, except those who believed the story that superficial prosperity meant popular content," the journal declares.

"Two things in particular have been affected by the outbreaks of violence: the plan for an Arab delegation to come to London to discuss with the Colonial Secretary the projected Legislative Council, and the Levant Fair. Yet no special cause need be sought for all these strikes and demonstrations and clashes with the police.

"If a Commission were appointed to investigate this most recent manifestation of Arab discontent with the position in Palestine," the periodical continues, "it could not probe deeper, nor find other causes, than did the Shaw Commission of Inquiry after the riots in 1929. That Commission, together with the examinations of Sir John Hope Simpson, went down to realities, and those realities, remain.

"Sympathize how you will -- and most people will deeply sympathize -- with the defenceless Jew when he is attacked by a primitive Arab," the magazine writes, "you cannot get away from the over-riding fact that not all the efforts of the Palestine Government, nor all the wealth of the Zionists, have even begun to procure the reconciliation of the Arabs to their present lot that alone would banish the possibility of recurrent trouble.

"If the present disorders have been comparatively restricted, it is due to the unceasing vigilance of the Palestine Administration. Quite certainly these outbreaks did not catch the Government un-awares. There has been much criticism, in certain Jewish quarters, of the supineness of the Mandatory Power in face of brutal on-slaught, but, happily, better informed Zionist officials have acknowledged the speed and efficiency of official efforts to circumscribe the troubles. The Jenin disorders last year were the symptom of an ugly spirit abroad, and only the sincere endeavours of the High Commissioner to find a political via media temporarily allayed the situation. Unfortunately, the parliamentary debates on the Legislative Council swung back the pendulum to the former attitude of distrust and despair.

"Fail to recognize this basic fact," the journal concludes, "and you fail to understand the hodiernal position of Palostine."

11,000 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ENTER PALESTINE SINCE JANUARY

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Jewish immigration for April, it is announced here, amounted to more than 3,200 new arrivals. Since the beginning of the year more than 11,000 Jewish immigrants have arrived in the country.