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RAILWAYS UNDER CURFEW; CHRISTIANS JOIN JEWS IN FLEEING OLD JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- Railways all over Palestine were placed under stringent curfew regulations today as tension continued unabated following five weeks of Arab disorders which have claimed 26 Jewish lives.

The curfew applies to fifteen metres on each side of all tracks and is intended to put an end to the frequent bombings and stonings of passenger trains that have made travel in Palestine in recent weeks dangerous.

Meanwhile, Christians joined Jews in evacuating the Old City of Jerusalem where tension is at its highest as the result of several murders by Arabs in the past few days. Only 200 Jewish families of a former Jewish population of 5,000 remained in the Old City. The Musarrarh quarter and other mixed sections are completely bare of Jews.

Buses under police convoy were running every two hours to the Old City, bringing food to the 200 Jewish families still left there.

Arab Murder Suspects in Police Line-Up

With all the assassins responsible for the deaths of 26 Jews since April 19 still unapprehended, two Arabs arrested in an automobile in the Nashashibi quarter of the city appeared in the police line-up today on suspicion of complicity in the murder of three Polish Jews in front of the Edison Cinema Saturday night. Police said they found a pistol and nine rounds of ammunition on the driver.

The car alleged to have been used by the Arab gunman in the Edison murders was driven, together with six other cars, slowly before seven eyewitnesses of the slayings and unhesitatingly identified by five of them.

Defense of the two suspects was undertaken by Hassan Sidky el Dajany, prominent Moslem lawyer and leader of the Arab Defense Party who was recently fined \$125 for having signed a manifesto urging Arabs not to pay taxes as part of a civil disobedience campaign sponsored by the Arab Supreme Council.

Incidents of violence continued meanwhile to be reported in Jerusalem and several sections of the country.

An Arab set fire to a privately owned automobile that was parked in front of the Jerusalem Post Office, which is heavily guarded by a special detail of soldiers.

Jaffa Police Station Bombed

An official communique announced that a Jaffa police station had been bombed during the day and shots were fired in Acre, Dajan, Jenin and other towns. Windows of the police station were smashed by the bomb explosion but no casualties were reported.

In Petach Tikva, Arabs set fire to 120 dunams of crops and escaped on horseback, firing at pursuing police.

Two Arabs were arrested at Herzlia when discovered carrying arms.

Two police inspectors were wounded by Arabs who stoned their car as it was passing through Safed.

An official communique last night said 814 Arabs and 53 Jews have been arrested in connection with the disorders since April 19. Those figures, it was stated, do not include violators of curfew regulations.

The communique reported a number of bombs thrown at Jaffa and one near the colony of Mikveh Israel. An exchange of shots took place between police and Arabs at Hedera and Beth Alpha.

ARAB STRIKERS WARN WAUCHOPE ON NEW TEL AVIV HARBOR

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- A meeting of striking Arab dock workers at Jaffa today warned High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope to halt the unloading of steamers at the neighboring all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv or they would not be responsible for the results.

Meanwhile, unloading of cargoes at Tel Aviv continued without interruption following inauguration of the new port yesterday. Dredging for a permanent harbor, to make Tel Aviv independent of Jaffa, was authorized when Jewish importers, hampered by the strike in the Arab city, demanded a new harbor be constructed for the city.

Accompanied by doctors, 75-year-old Mayor Dizengoff, who left his sick-bed at the Hadassah Hospital for the opening ceremonies yesterday, again visited the waterfront to watch the unloading activities and was greeted by storms of cheers.

Earlier in the day, fighting broke out among Arab dockworkers in Jaffa harbor when, in defiance of the Arab Supreme Council's orders, they invaded the dock area and insisted on returning to work. Strike leaders rushed to the scene and pacified the demonstrators.

Great excitement marked the unloading yesterday of the first steamer to use Tel Aviv as a harbor in place of nearby Jaffa.

With thousands watching and cheering, a freighter from Yugoslavia discharged its cargo of 3,200 tons of cement. The first bag of cement to be taken off the steamer onto lighters was presented to the Tel Aviv museum.

Mayor Dizengoff, who earlier had been reported given a transfusion at the Hadassah Hospital, was the center of a tremendous ovation. He had disobeyed the stern warnings of his doctors and had left the hospital to attend the unloading ceremonies.

Mayor Dizengoff's dramatic entrance on the scene was greeted with wild cheers and shouts of "Long Live Dizengoff Harbor!"

Addressing the crowd, the mayor declared: "We shall have a large harbor here."

After unloading the steamer, the stevedores were taken in lorries through the streets of the city and given stormy ovations.

JAFFA GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO BE SHIFTED TO TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- District Commissioner Robert Crosbie visited the municipal council of Tel Aviv today to inform it officially of the High Commissioner's approval of transfer of Government offices from Jaffa to Tel Aviv. The transfer was demanded by Tel Aviv as a result of the Arab anti-Jewish disorders in Jaffa.

ARAB LEADERS OPPOSE ROYAL COMMISSION

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- The Arab Supreme Council this morning issued a proclamation rejecting the proposal of J.H. Thomas, Colonial Secretary, for sending a Royal Commission here to inquire into the reasons for the recent disorders and hear the grievances of Arabs and Jews. The proclamation also announced continuation of the strike against Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews, now in its fifth week.

NAHUM SOKOLOW BURIED; WEIZMANN SAYS KADDISH

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- His coffin draped in the blue-white Zionist flag, emblem of the movement which he did so much to advance and of which he was one of the founders, Dr. Nahum Sokolow was laid to rest in the Willesden Cemetery at noon today following a moving ceremony attended by a host of notables.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, said kaddish (traditional prayer for the dead) at the graveside in the name of the world Zionist movement. The eulogy was delivered by Dr. J. H. Hertz, chief rabbi of the British Empire, in the cemetery's chapel.

The coffin of the famous Zionist, who died Sunday in his seventy-sixth year, was covered with earth taken from the Holy Land, Rabbi Hertz throwing the first shovel full of the soil into the grave.

Among the thousands who attended the services were Lady Reading, Vladimir Jabotinsky, head of the New Zionist Organization, Nahum Goldmann, Geneva representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Rev. Goldbloom, of the English Zionist Federation.

In his eulogy, Rabbi Hertz emphasized that while two western Jews, Dr. Theodor Herzl and Dr. Max Nordau, launched the Zionist movement, two eastern Jews, Dr. Weizmann and Dr. Sokolow brought it into port.

"The life work of the departed," he said, "formed a distinct factor of that triumph of Jewish idealism. In youth and throughout life he retained the alert mind of a Talmudic scholar. During the post-war period, he proved himself a statesman and an ideal ambassador. His brain was a 'sambatyon' (in Jewish lore, a legendary turbulent river which ceased to be turbulent only on the Sabbath) except that it did not rest even on the Sabbath. He died in harness and becomes a sharer in the eternity of Israel. He joins in the company of those whose life achievements are an inspiration for the generations of Israel."

N.Z.O. ASSAILS ROYAL COMMISSION PROPOSAL

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- Criticism of the proposed Royal Commission to inquire into the Palestine disorders as a surrender to violence by the Colonial Office and the Palestine administration is voiced today in a statement by the New Zionist Organization.

The Times correspondent in Jerusalem, asserting that unless a truce is reached martial law will become necessary to restore order, says that the suggestion for a Royal Commission has come too late to do any good.

Stating that incidents in Palestine are too numerous to record, The Times despatch declares that emergency regulations are becoming more stringent and the situation is steadily growing worse. It compares the situation to the Irish struggle.

The News-Chronicle says today in an editorial that the Government could not stop Jewish immigration into Palestine without breaking its pledge to the Jews.

The New Zionist Organization statement says the commission of inquiry may not materialize, but that if it does it would be natural to expect that discussions about the proposed legislative council for Palestine be dropped. It insists that London, not Palestine, should be the seat of the commission although a long visit to Palestine would be necessary.

The investigations must concentrate on the worldwide Jewish problem and the worldwide aspects of British imperial policy, not only on local Palestine issues, says the statement, otherwise the commission will be a danger to Zionism. The statement holds the commission proposal a defeat for the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

RABBI FEINGOLD, KIN OF ROGACHEVER GAON, DIES IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, May 20. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abraham Feingold, scholar and son-in-law of the late noted Jewish sage of Rogachev, died here today at the age of 62.

MALCOLM VISITS BENES WITH BID TO REFUGEE PARLEY

PRAHA, Czechoslovakia, May 20. (JTA) -- Sir Neill Malcolm, League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, was received today by President Edouard Benes and Foreign Secretary Emil Krofta. He delivered an invitation to the conference on aid for German refugees, which will be held June 2.

GRAND MUFTI'S STRIKE ROLE ISSUE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- The Palestine situation was again the subject of discussion in the House of Commons today, with Colonial Secretary J.H. Thomas facing new questions on certain aspects of it.

R. H. Morgan, Conservative, voiced criticism of the fact that a salaried Government employe, Grand Mufti Haj Amin el Hussein, was permitted to act on the Arab strike committee which is actively organizing the strike in ports, railways and Government services in Palestine.

Mr. Thomas, replying to Mr. Morgan's question on what the Government proposed to do under such circumstances, said he was confident that the High Commissioner for Palestine would advise the Colonial Office if he thought the political actions of any individuals required special action. He said he was aware of the fact that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem was on the payroll of the Government as president of the Supreme Moslem Council.

425 POLISH JEWS DEPART FOR PALESTINE

WARSAW, May 20. (JTA) -- Despite continuing tension in Palestine, another 425 Jews left today to take up permanent residence in the Holy Land. This makes a total of about 1,300 Jews who left for Palestine since recent disorders broke out.

GESTAPO ACTIVITIES AGAIN AIRED IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- The question of the Nazi agent Hans Wese-mann's alleged consultations with the late German Ambassador, Prince Bismarck, on German emigres in England was again brought up in the House of Commons today by Arthur Henderson, Conservative.

Wesemann, who admitted having been in the employ of the Gestapo at the time he abducted Berthold Jakob, German Jewish refugee, from Switzerland into Germany, implicated the German Embassy in his plot-tings against other refugees at the recent Basle trial for the Jak-ob kidnapping.

Asked by Mr. Henderson whether some action shouldn't be taken in view of the Wesemann admissions, Mr. Eden replied as follows:

"I have been assured by the German Embassy that Dr. Wesemann on his own initiative offered to supply them with information regarding the activities of certain groups of German emigres and was referred in the manner proscribed by official usage to the competent department of the German Government."

A query on the same subject by Mr. Henderson Monday was dodged by Mr. Eden as "too delicate" to be answered.

LEHMAN NOT TO RUN FOR REELECTION

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Governor Herbert H. Lehman announced in Albany today that he will not be a candidate for reelection. He said he had informed President Roosevelt of his decision at a conference with him last February, at which time it is understood the President urgently pleaded that Mr. Lehman be the party's standard bearer next November.

In making the announcement, Mr. Lehman explained he felt "the time has come when I may ask release from the cares and responsibilities of the governorship."

Asked if the death Saturday of his brother, Arthur, had influenced his decision, the Governor said: "My brother's death affected me very deeply. We were the closest of companions since babyhood."