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### 27TH JEW SLAIN BY ARABS; SOLDIER KILLED IN BATTLE AT JAIL

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- Believed to have been slain by Arabs, Jacob Razili, 36-year-old Jewish laborer, was found dead today on the road leading to the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus.

He is the twenty-seventh Jew to have died by violence since April 15.

A Government communique announced today that an Arab was shot dead at Gaza this morning during a clash between Arab demonstrators and police.

One British soldier was reported shot dead yesterday when an armed Arab mob attempted a daring delivery of prisoners serving terms at hard labor in the Nur el Shem prison near Tulkarem.

Reinforcements rushed from Hedera routed the attackers, who retired to the hills maintaining their fire. The convicts recently rebelled in sympathy with the anti-Jewish general strike.

Terrorists also attempted to bomb the German steamer, Richard Borchard, flying the Nazi swastika, when it entered the temporary harbor at the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv to unload, passing up the neighboring Arab port of Jaffa. Two bombs were thrown at the ship, believed to be Jewish-owned, from Arab lighters.

Eight bombs were thrown in the vicinity of Tel Aviv. A demonstration in Jaffa yesterday morning was dispersed by police fire.

A Government communique said two Arabs were shot dead and four wounded, one of them seriously, at Nablus last night when Arabs fired on the police from barricades and rooftops. The police, at first compelled to retreat, later returned with reinforcements and restored order.

More than twenty leaders of the Arab strike were arrested throughout Palestine and exiled to isolated villages.

Additional police and military precautions were taken as mounting Arab terrorism brought strong rumors that Arabs were planning to assassinate High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope.

In Nablus, a "blackhand" organization posted a notice warning soldiers not to walk the streets if they valued their lives.

Military forces were augmented at the Transjordan frontier, at the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan and at the Dead Sea following reports that Arabs were planning to invade Palestine from Transjordan. Police and troops in Jerusalem and other cities were ordered to continue wearing steel-helmets.

Special protection was given to Jewish suburbs of Jerusalem, including Beit Hakerem. Special police paid partly by the Government and partly by the residents were placed on guard.

#### To Increase Police Force to 3,500

Police forces will be increased from 3,000 to 3,500 on June 1 under an order issued by the High Commissioner, it was learned.

The municipalities of Hebron and Nablus officially joined the general strike against Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews, now in its sixth week. All British families were evacuated from Nablus, where an Arab was reported killed yesterday by police.

Two Arabs, who were wounded Saturday after opening fire on military forces between Nablus and Tulkarem, died today. A Government communique said three armed Arabs were arrested for obstructing armored cars by placing stones on the Nablus road.

When Daniel Auster, a Jew, who was appointed acting mayor of Jerusalem by the High Commissioner Saturday, began cancelling municipal contracts with striking Arab firms by Wauchope's authorization, the Arab mayor, Hussein Khalidi, returned from a leave for supposed illness and resumed the mayoralty.

French Consul-General Daumale, dean of the diplomatic corps, invited all consuls to a conference on the situation, according to the Hebrew daily, Haboker.

Saturday night more than 1,000 trees were uprooted throughout Palestine in the rising wave of terror. Telephone poles were burned in the Hefer Valley. A bomb was thrown into a crowded open-air cinema in Haifa, but no serious injuries were reported.

## Many Arab Leaders Exiled

After a tense but relatively quiet day, numerous clashes occurred Saturday night, resulting in the arrest of many Arab leaders at Acre, Nablus, Jaffa and Jerusalem. Jerusalem's vice-mayor, Yacoub Farag, was placed under confinement in his home and Fakhry Nahhashibi was brought from Jaffa to Jerusalem for three months' confinement under a new Government ordinance.

A number of Arab leaders have been exiled for a year. Sidky el Dajany was sent to Beit Jibrin, Addou Khan to Yuni, Sami Faraj to Jericho and six others to Nablus and Acre.

The clashes Saturday night started when Arabs in the larger cities gathered in the mosques in defiance of curfew regulations and flouted police orders to return home. A policeman and two Arabs were injured at Tulkarem and one policeman and many Arabs hurt at Acre.

At Nablus, the curfew was lifted after pressure had been brought by the mufti, Moslem religious leader.

Emphasizing that Arabs were benefiting from Jewish upbuilding work, the Jewish National Council issued a proclamation refuting allegations by Arab leaders that Jews were undermining the existence of the Arabs.

"We are certain," the statement said, "that by goodwill and mutual respect it is possible to find a mutual way which would not affect Jewish rights to immigration and upbuilding of Palestine and would not affect Arab interests and free Arab development, but on the contrary would bring blessings to Arabs."

While the council was offering peace, the Arab Supreme Committee formed to direct the anti-Jewish strike issued a proclamation announcing that the strike will continue.

## KING GEORGE OF GREECE GREETED BY CORFU JEWS

SALONICA, May 25. (JTA) -- King George, on a visit to the island of Corfu, today received a delegation of Jewish leaders headed by Chief Rabbi Nehama. Presented with an address expressing loyalty to the throne, King George voiced sympathy with his Jewish subjects.

## HUNGARIAN DEPUTIES URGE OUSTER OF JEWS FROM PUBLIC LIFE

BUDAPEST, May 25. (JTA) -- A "fundamental purge" of Jewish influence from public life was demanded today at a meeting of the Union of the Hungarian Future. Among those giving voice to such a demand were the parliamentary deputies from Debreczin, Dr. Franz Rajniss, Stephen Miltay and Dr. Makkai.

## ROOSEVELT ASSAILS PERSECUTION OF MINORITIES

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt's implied slap at persecution of Jews in Germany and other countries coupled with the promise that the Government of the United States would give "watchful care to the minorities within its borders" was received with approbation today in Jewish circles.

His statement was made through Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes to 700 Jewish and communal leaders at a banquet marking the halfway point in the United Palestine Appeal drive for \$3,500,000, although it marked the raising of one one-third -- \$1,208,145.66 -- of the quota.

At the conclusion of a half-hour address broadcast over an NBC network in which he lauded the "new deal" the Jews were bringing to Palestine, Secretary Ickes said:

"It is my privilege to bring to you tonight a greeting from the President of the United States, expressing his interest in what you are trying to do. He has charged me to say to you who are an integral and valued element in the nation, that he is distressed and disturbed by the reversion in certain parts of the world to days and deeds of an era which all enlightened people had long hoped would never return. It is his conviction that so long as minorities of the nations of the world are deprived of liberty of thought and religion, and the right to lead a normal, civilized life there can be no true and permanent understanding between nations.

"The President expresses through me to you, the representatives of a great and virile race, the hope that calmer and more dispassionate judgments will prevail and asserts the belief that the Government of the United States, in carrying out the will of the people, will ever give watchful care to the minorities within its borders, and will maintain inviolate those vital rights that are guaranteed by the Constitution even to the most humble of our citizens."

Among other speakers were Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the appeal; Morris Rothenberg, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Nathan Straus and Dr. Israel Goldstein. Messages were read from Governor Herbert H. Lehman and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization.

## BRITAIN WARNS ITALY ON PALESTINE PROPAGANDA

LONDON, May 25. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden declared in the House of Commons today that representations were made in Rome recently about the spreading of anti-English propaganda in Palestine from the Italian radio station and wireless sets.

He added that the situation concerning spread of anti-British propaganda among Palestine's inhabitants were being carefully watched.

The statement was made in reply to a query by Oliver Locker-Lampson, Conservative, who said weekly broadcasts were made to Palestine and India in native languages.

ANTI-SEMITIC, ANTI-CATHOLIC "BLACK LEGION" LINKED TO MANY MURDERS

DETROIT, May 25. (JTA) -- The hooded, terrorist "night riders" of the Black Legion, whose members -- said to number 135,000 in Michigan alone -- are pledged to take up arms against Jews, Catholics and Negroes, were linked today to scores of murders in recent years.

Murder warrants charging 25 members with the slaying of a relief worker were issued today, while officials widened their investigation into the organization, which they called the "strong-arm agency of the Ku Klux Klan," and prepared to seek federal aid in crushing it.

Prosecutor Duncan McCrea said prospective members of the organization are asked if they will take up arms against Jews, Communists, Negroes and Catholics. Admissions by members questioned, he said, showed that these groups were special targets of the secret society.

It is not known whether any of those allegedly killed by the Legion members were killed because they belonged to any of the proscribed groups.

"The Black Legion is an outlaw organization," Mr. McCrea said, "and we are going to ask the Government to help us drive it out of existence."

ZIONIST LEADER WARNS OF DANGER IN WORLD CONGRESS

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- Dr. A. J. Rongy, chairman of the National Council of the Zionist Organization of America, made public today a letter to Dr. A. Coralnik, associate editor of The Day, warning that the forthcoming World Jewish Congress "will be productive of more harm than good.

Replying to statements Dr. Coralnik had made at a meeting of the Z.O.A. administrative committee, Dr. Rongy contended the congress might undermine the Jewish position in America, give Hitler an opportunity to capitalize the Jews' "internationalism," and divert the energy of the Jews from Zionism.

Dr. Coralnik's position, as expressed in an article released by the American Jewish Congress, is that the congress is necessary to provide a Jewish representation, create permanency and continuity, and to carry to the League of Nations the Jews' demands for peace, justice and equality.

Dr. Rongy said in his letter that "certainly no uniform method of treatment could be formulated or applied, which would be equally applicable to all sections of Jewry." He declared that different Jewish communities had different problems which necessitated separate treatment.

He declared that a "separatist movement" in America was likely to "become so dangerous that it eventually may undermine the Jewish position here," adding that "the Jews should be the last national group in this country to introduce an ideology which has an element of Fascism."

"A congress," Dr. Rongy continued, "which is organized in a precipitate manner, representing no constructive program, eliminating democratic election by the Jewish masses and leaving some of the most important sections of Jewry unrepresented, pushed forward only by the vociferous 'yammers' in Jewish life, is bound to resound with lamentations and will only establish a new 'wailing wall.'"

Discussing the congress in reference to Palestine, Dr. Rongy claimed it would stimulate and precipitate a pan-Arabic congress, tend to create greater friction between the Jews and Arabs and would divert Zionist energy into other channels."