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DEATH TOLL IN PALESTINE RISES TO 70

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- One Jew was killed and two injured today in two attacks on busses between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv that brought the total of Jewish dead to twenty-nine in more than six weeks of Arab disorders against the Government and the Jews. Another Jew and four Arabs were killed yesterday. Total death toll is now estimated at close to 70.

Rachman Kolontarev, 29, a student of the Hebrew University, was shot dead. Meier Schuchman, driver of a bus owned by the Eged Co., was seriously wounded. Chaim Yalovsky was slightly injured. Both were removed to Hadassah Hospital.

The first attack occurred early this evening eleven kilometers from Jerusalem and the second near the Arab village of Lifta. The two busses were riddled with more than 100 shots fired from the hills. Police scoured the hills in search of the snipers.

Two Arabs were under arrest today for the ambushing and murder yesterday of Franz Borchardt, 59, a German Jew in the Givat Shaul suburb while walking to Jerusalem. He had arrived here in 1935.

2 Arab Women Killed

Two Arab women and one man were shot dead Sunday by soldiers in Jaffa who fired a volley into a house from which bombs were being hurled at passing troops.

Another Arab was shot dead near Tulkarem when villagers, refusing to give up their arms, exchanged fire with Government forces.

Tear gas bombs were used by Government forces for the first time last night at Nablus Hill to rout Arab rebels. Shots were fired at the Government house in Jerusalem for the third time.

Foreign telephone service, including wires to Cairo, cut off by Arab sabotage, was restored this morning.

The authorities instituted flying secret patrols to search passengers on trains for arms.

Explosions and shootings occurred during the entire night on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border. A Jew, Abraham Fish, was stoned and injured on the seashore last night by an Arab youth who, Fish said, mistook him for Meier Dizengoff, mayor of the all-Jewish city.

Four Jewish huts burned in the Hatikva quarter of Jaffa and bombs thrown in Manshia, Hadar Carmel and Tiberias.

Earlier in the day, a Jewish delegation led by Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, appeared before District Commissioner Crosbie and complained that there was insufficient safety on the roads.

Military Leaders Confer

Military leaders of the British forces in Palestine met yesterday to discuss steps to halt the Arab revolutionary disorders. The conference, under the chairmanship of Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean fleet, was believed to be a prelude to the declaration of martial law. Present at the conference were the commanders of the Palestine garrison, the air force and the police.

At Nablus, hotbed of the Arab nationalist movement, a meeting of the Arab Supreme Council issued a manifesto voicing regret at the current lawlessness, condemning attacks on police and cutting of telephone wires.

8 ARAB MAYORS SET TO CALL STRIKE TODAY

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- Preparations were in full swing today to discontinue tomorrow municipal services, including water and electricity, in eight Arab municipalities, according to a statement by the mayors of Jaffa, Hebron and Ramleh to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The Arab mayors delayed the opening of the strike until tomorrow because of a conference today on its details.

Strikes are scheduled in Acre, Jaffa, Nablus, Tulkarem, Hebron, Ramleh, Bethlehem and Lydda. Ten more mayors, including Hussein el Khalidi of Jerusalem, threatened to strike if the Government did not yield to demands for restrictions on Jews within ten days.

A meeting of Arab policemen in Jerusalem decided to join the strike if the Government did not grant them equal privileges with British soldiers and if it sent them into Jewish quarters or Jewish policemen into Arab quarters.

Leaflets were issued in Hebrew urging Jewish workers to support the Arab strike "against imperialism and Zionism."

The Hebrew daily, *Doar Hayom*, reported that Arab strikers received \$2,000 (about \$60,000) from Egypt which had been collected originally for Ethiopia and was transferred to Palestine last week since relief is no longer needed in Ethiopia.

Where Arab funds to keep the general strike and other anti-Jewish as well as anti-Government activities going are emanating is still puzzling the authorities.

Figures reported today for the first time reveal that 10,000 Arabs are being supported with cash and food from the strike fund in Jaffa, while 8,000 are being maintained in Jerusalem and other places.

It is estimated that \$1,000 is being spent daily in Jerusalem alone to support the strikers.

29 REDS EXILED FOR URGING MUTINY OF BRITISH TROOPS

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- Twenty-nine Communists, arrested in connection with distribution of literature urging troops to mutiny, were released today from jails in Jerusalem and Bethlehem and exiled to Hedera and Rehoboth where they will be kept under protective custody in their homes. Others will be exiled tomorrow to Tel Aviv and Petach Tikvah.

Two Jewish Communists were arrested in Jerusalem and literature they had on their persons confiscated.

Pamphlets signed by the Central Committee of the Palestine Communist Party urging revolt were distributed yesterday among British troops.

FRENCH TROOPS GUARD PALESTINE BORDERS TO HALT ARMS SMUGGLERS

DAMASCUS, Syria, June 1. (JTA) -- French authorities stationed troops today on the Palestine frontiers of Syria and Lebanon to prevent smuggling of arms to rebels in the Holy Land and to forestall invasions by armed bands.

Three automobiles containing 1,000 rifles were detained at the Syrian border when they tried to enter Palestine yesterday.

Arabs continued to prevent sending of food to Palestine. Five trucks laden with vegetables and eggs en route to Tel Aviv were destroyed at Sidon. All produce trucks on the way to Palestine were being searched at Beirut, Damascus and Sidon.

Dock workers at Beirut refused to load food and a cargo aboard the Jewish steamer Richard Borchardt of the Atid line. The steamer left for Palestine without a cargo.

ARAB MERCHANTS IN JAFFA URGE STRIKE BE DROPPED

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- Tired of six weeks of striking against Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews, the Arab Merchants Association of Jaffa has issued an appeal to the strike leaders to call it off.

"Stop your dangerous game," the appeal said. "We do not wish to strike."

GOVERNMENT TO DROP RELIEF FOR 6,500 REFUGEES IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, June 1. (JTA) -- It was announced today that the Government would discontinue June 17 providing food and money for 6,500 refugees from disorders in neighboring Arab Jaffa. The announcement urged the Jews to organize private relief.

ACT TO STOP SPREAD OF REVOLT TO TRANSJORDAN

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- The Government was reported today taking the strictest measures to prevent the Palestine revolt from spreading into the Transjordan.

The city of Amman has been surrounded by British troops to prevent contact with Palestine rebels.

CENSORSHIP OF PALESTINE NEWS FOUND "INCOMPREHENSIBLE"

WARSAW, June 1. (JTA) -- The attempt of the Zionist Executive to censor news of the Palestine disorders is found "absolutely incomprehensible" by the Yiddische Tageblatt in an editorial on the current situation in the Holy Land.

The editorial is the paper's answer to a circular letter to newspaper editors from the Executive, urging them to use only reports on the Palestine situation that emanate from its press department.

For such a censorship the newspaper, daily organ of the Agudath Israel, says it "could not find the minutest justification."

"Quite a controversy," the editorial begins, "has developed in the Jewish press over whether it is wise to conceal the truth about the latest events in Palestine.

"We have already touched upon this question but only from the informative point of view. Politically such procedure seemed to us consistent. On the other hand, the wish to absolutely conceal the real progression of events was absolutely incomprehensible to us.

"Not having gone into an entire evaluation of the political situation created in Palestine, which was perhaps still premature, we nevertheless could not find the minutest justification for the 'censorship' which the Zionist Executive wanted to place on reports from Palestine. Denial of factual events gives food for thought. And why deny them: the attempt to smother reality naturally arouses suspicion that, also from the political point of view, there are serious dangers which are being veiled.

"Such is the case even with strong governments and powerful censors: no sooner does public opinion become convinced that there is something left out than confidence is lost in the stability of the political power.

"The Zionist Executive attempted to imitate the tone of certain great powers. The head of the executive warned the world not to believe anyone but his official statements. Such things arouse great vexation as well as definite political disquiet."

ENGLISH ZIONISTS OPPOSE ROYAL COMMISSION

LONDON, June 1, (JTA) -- A resolution voicing opposition to the projected Royal Commission to investigate the Palestine disorders was adopted today at the 36th annual convention of the English Zionist Federation. The commission, it was stated, would not serve any useful purpose.

Other resolutions were adopted as follows:

- 1) Denouncing the proposed Legislative Council for Palestine.
- 2) Welcoming Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin's statement to the House of Commons on May 21 that the Government would fully discharge its responsibilities toward Palestine.
- 3) Urging the British Government to act to enable accelerated immigration into Palestine and demanding that the colonization area be extended to include the Transjordan.
- 4) Utilization of a portion of the Palestine treasury surplus to remedy public service deficiencies.
- 5) Expressing deep sorrow at the murderous assaults by Arabs and paying tribute to the restraint of Palestine's Jews in the situation.
- 6) Deploring that resolute action against the Arab terrorists was delayed.
- 7) Calling attention of the British Government and High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchop to the seriousness of the situation in Palestine.
- 8) Supporting the campaign to redeem Palestine land.

- 9) Voting confidence in Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The Arab terror is primarily for the purpose of intimidating the British Government, David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Palestine executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, told the convention today.

Asserting that if stronger measures had been used in suppressing the 1929 riots, the present events would not have occurred, he urged the Government to carry out to the full the terms of the mandate so that the work of establishing a Jewish national home might not be stopped but continued more vigorously than ever before.

Weizmann Terms Disorders "Murder in Cold Blood"

Dr. Weizmann declared last night that the present disorders in Palestine were not clashes but "the murder in cold blood of a peaceful people."

He denied that the disorders were on economic grounds, citing the benefits to Arabs which he said Jewish progress had brought.

"We have no quarrel with the Arab people," Dr. Weizmann declared. "We have not come to Palestine as conquerors or exploiters, but as common workers who through the labor of our hands are creating a home and a livelihood for a people who wish to live in peace."

He said that the Jews had not contributed anything toward the disturbances despite the great provocation.

Dr. Weizmann voiced fear that a Royal Commission to investigate the Palestine disorders would "create tension and endless discussions, suspend a good many activities and hold back development of the country."

The Jews, he said, were now standing at the crossroads in regard to the Palestine situation. Either immigration would be continued or the Jews in Palestine would be caught "like mice in traps."

The hope that the Jewish Colonization Association would contribute \$1,250,000 toward the project of expatriating 100,000 Jews from Germany in four years was expressed in a message from Simon Marks, vice-president of the federation.

MANDATES BODY HEARS TRUSTED'S REPORT ON PALESTINE

GENEVA, June 1. (JTA) -- The Mandates Commission of the League of Nations today opened behind closed doors its hearing on the 1935 report on Palestine and Transjordan, British mandated territories.

An official statement on the session said that Attorney General Harry Herbert Trusted, representing Palestine, delivered a report.

Referring to the events in Palestine, Mr. Trusted voiced regret that the unrest there had not yet subsided and declared that establishment of order was considered by the Government of the first importance.

The British Government, he was reported saying, would not be deflected from its policy by riots or threats of any kind.

He said the British and Palestinian sections of the Palestine police have been strengthened and the military garrison substantially increased to deal with the present situation.

Certain restrictive measures against agitators and strike leaders, he reported, have also been taken.

Mr. Trusted concluded his report with a reference to the announcement May 18 in the House of Commons by former Colonial Secretary J. H. Thomas that a Royal Commission to investigate the Palestine disorders had been decided upon but would not be sent until the disturbances had been completely stopped.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned that a few members of the commission asked a number of questions relating to the present unrest, but Mr. Trusted replied that he was unable to say anything more.

It was generally assumed that the commission during the present session would not be able to review thoroughly the present situation.

URGE POSTPONEMENT OF ACTION COMMITTEE PARLEY

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- It was learned today that the Palestine executive of the World Zionist Organization has cabled the London executive urging postponement of the Action Committee session scheduled to be held here June 23.

OPPONENTS OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TARGET OF ATTACK

NEW YORK, June 1. (JTA) -- The controversy over the holding of a World Jewish Congress was featured today by a sharp attack made by the American Jewish Congress on the view that the world parley might lead to a pan-Arabic congress and disclosure that 28 Zionist and non-Zionist leaders have signed a petition urging proponents of the congress to reconsider their decision.

The American Jewish Congress also made public a statement from Lion Feuchtwanger, the author, endorsing the congress on the ground that "if the Jewish people do not wish to be hopelessly atomized, they must create a legitimate representative body which shall be recognized by the world."

A release from the American Jewish Congress quoted its weekly Bulletin as challenging a letter from Dr. Cyrus Adler, to American rabbis marked "private and not for publication." The Bulletin contended that convocation of an Arab congress depends not on any Jewish action but on internal Arab affairs.

The Arabs "are unable to agree as to their leadership," the Bulletin states. "There are interests that cannot be reconciled -- religious and national and financial. They have not the funds necessary to organize such a pan-Arabic congress. They are waiting to be subvented by some interested foreign nation... But the World Jewish Congress is as unrelated to the pan-Arabic congress as the snows of yesteryear."

The editorial also takes exception to the form of the letter. In addition, the release says that at a luncheon meeting of 27 rabbis of the metropolitan area opposition was expressed to Dr. Adler's view and a resolution of adherence to the world congress was passed.

The American Jewish Congress announced receipt of a statement from Dr. Heinrich Rosmarin, president of the Polish Jewish Deputies' Club, who said that there was a united front in favor of the congress among the Polish Jews.

The petition urging reconsideration of the congress said that it would "create confusion and thus impede the important work of many existing organizations here and abroad," adding that it would be "productive of more harm than good." The following have signed it to date:

Carl J. Austrian, Paul Baerwald, David M. Bressler, Louis Fabricant, Leon Falk Jr., William K. Frank, Blanche B. Goldman, Dr. J. J. Golub, David M. Heyman, Joseph C. Hyman, E.I. Kaufman, Edward Lazansky, Morris S. Lazaron, Leo Lehman, Solomon Lowenstein, I.D. Morrison, George W. Naumburg, Clarence Y. Palitz, Harold Riegelman, Dr. A.J. Rongy, James N. Rosenberg, Eustace Seligman, Roger W. Straus, David H. Sulzberger, Felix Vorenberg, A. Leo Weil and Jonah B. Wise.

JEWISH WORKERS ALLIANCE HOLDS 14TH CONVENTION

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 1. (JTA) -- The fourteenth convention of the Jewish National Workers Alliance of America opened yesterday at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel with 275 delegates representing 110 localities and about 2,000 guests attending.

The convention expressed determination to aid in the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Speaking in behalf of the Histadruth, Palestine Jewish labor federation, Goldie Meyerson said the disturbances made work difficult but could not halt the chalutzim.

"Throughout the world," she said, "dark forces are staging their last stand against progress. Jews, too, are involved, but thanks to Palestine we are no longer helpless victims."

David Pinski, president of the Alliance, who presided, emphasized the need for a world Jewish congress and assailed the American Jewish Committee for its opposition to the congress.

"RANK AND FILE" MOVE IN SOCIAL WORK AIRED AT CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 1. (JTA) -- Criticism of the "rank and file" movement in social work -- the movement of social workers as distinct from executives -- was made and answered today at the thirty-seventh annual meeting of National Conference of Jewish Social Service in the Chelsea Hotel.

After four days of déliberation on the problems of Jews from the social aspect and broad social questions the conference will close on Wednesday. A discussion was scheduled tonight on Jewish youth in America.

A paper by Dr. Maurice Taylor of Pittsburgh read at this morning's session said that opinion of executives on certain trade union tactics by employes of social service agencies varied from outright endorsement to utter condemnation.

Some executives, he said, feel collective bargaining inapplicable to social work because it operates on a non-profit basis and its employe problems differ from industry in general. Some executives even charge employe groups with revolutionary intentions, he declared.

Miss Mollie Pearl of Brooklyn, former chairman of one of the "rank and file" organizations discussed the criticism in the afternoon when the Association of Practitioners in Jewish Social agencies -- an associate section of the conference -- presented a paper on "Labor's approach to the Jewish Problem in America and Their Implication for the Fractitioner," at its own session.

The practitioners declared themselves "an integral part of the labor movement in America." They endorsed the Franzier-Lundeen social insurance bill, a Farmer-Labor Party based on trade unions and other groups, and the American Youth Act.

Virulent anti-Semitism is facing America, the delegates were warned yesterday at the opening session of the conference. Dr. Maurice Karpf of New York, Dr. Lee J. Lovinger of Columbus, O., Dr. Alfons Goldschmidt of New York, and Sidney Wallach of New York discussed the subject.

Dr. Lovinger and Dr. Goldschmidt advocated a union of Jewish forces with other progressive elements, particularly those of national minorities, in an effort to stem anti-Semitism by fighting reaction in general.

Dr. Karpf placed reliance upon education of children all over the world -- teaching them to love rather than to hate. He added that "there is no single solution possible, since the causes are many, social as well as economic, racial, political and religious."

Mrs. Sydney G. Borg of New York said laymen have aided social work by advocating legislative measures and by helping to innovate psychological and psychiatric practices in the treatment of problems of maladjustment.

TRIAL OF 56, INCLUDING 14 JEWS, OPENS IN RADOM TODAY

RADOM, Poland, June 1. (JTA) -- Fifty-six persons will be tried in District Court tomorrow on charges growing out of riots in the town of Przytyk on March 9 in which two Jews and a Gentile were killed and scores of Jews injured.

A committee of five prominent attorneys has been named to defend the twelve Jewish defendants. It includes Kazimier Petruszewicz, dean of the Wilno Bar Association, and Wacław Szumanski, non-Jews; and M. Ettinger, Leon Bernsohn and A. Margolis, Jews.

Twelve anti-Semitic Nationalist (Endek) attorneys have been retained to defend the Gentile defendants. More than 100 witnesses are expected to be called to testify.

The official indictment, which describes the disorders and the events leading up to them, says Przytyk is a town of 3,000 inhabitants of whom 90 per cent are Jews. Market days had for a long time been used for anti-Jewish demonstrations. Tension was particularly high March 9 as a result of the slaying of several peasants by the police nearby and an intensification of anti-Jewish propaganda.

Police patrolled the market area and the morning marketing passed relatively quietly. An attempt in the afternoon to arrest an anti-Semite preventing shoppers from entering a Jewish bakery caused a crowd to collect. The crowd had begun to disperse when one Felix Bugaitchik gave a signal to a group of farm-laborers, who thereupon began attacking Jewish stores.

The indictment says that in the ensuing excitement Jews and peasants clashed. Firing began and three Christians were wounded. The police were surrounded by the mob and would not intervene. Reports that Jews were shooting Christians, the indictment says, prompted peasants to arm themselves and join in the affray.

The police cleared the market place, pushing the mob into Warsaw Street. The indictment alleged that a policeman saw a Jew fire a revolver from a window and that the Jew, identified as Sholem Lesko, later admitted to examining judges that he fired into the air to scare off the mob attacking his father's shop. One Christian died of wounds from a bullet which police said came from Lesko's revolver.

The mob then attacked Jewish establishments, demolishing Jewish homes and stores and plundering some of them. Wherever occupants were found they were beaten. The indictment relates several cases where Jews were seriously injured. In one house, while three children were hiding under a bed, the attackers killed Joseph Minkowski and fatally wounded his wife. A six-year-old boy was dragged from under the bed and beaten with clubs.

After the Minkowski murder, police reinforcements arrived from Radom and the mob was dispersed. The indictment divides the defendants into three groups according to the charges against them. The three defendants charged specifically with the Minkowski attacks are Wladislaw Gospodarczyk, Konstanty Kozlowzki and Josef Tkatchik.

POLISH JEWISH ARTISANS HELD IN GRAVE POSITION

WARSAW, June 1. (JTA) -- Speakers at the fifth annual congress of Jewish artisans today stressed the serious position of Jewish artisans in Poland resulting from both the economic crisis and the anti-Jewish boycott. They called attention to the decision of the Polish artisans' organization authorizing members to mark their wares with the legend, "This is a Christian product."

3,193 JEWS ENTERED PALESTINE IN APRIL

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- April, the month in which the Arab disorders started which have caused more than fifty deaths, saw Jewish immigration continue unchecked, with 3,193 immigrants entering the Holy Land. Included in this number, the Official Gazette reports, were 394 in the capitalist category, bringing with them the required minimum of \$5,000.

MEMORIAL RITES FOR SOKOLOW HELD AT LEVANT FAIR GROUNDS

TEL AVIV, June 1. (JTA) -- A memorial service for Dr. Nahum Sokolow, Zionist leader who died in London May 17, was held last night on the Levant Fair grounds under the auspices of the Municipal Council, the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund.

ARABS SHOW SUDDEN PREFERENCE FOR JEWISH BANKS

JERUSALEM, June 1. (JTA) -- Depositors to Arab banks were notified that beginning today they would be requested to contribute ten per cent of their savings to the Arab strike fund. Many hurriedly withdrew their funds and redeposited them in Jewish banks to avoid payment of the "voluntary" tax.

LITHUANIAN GROUP ASKS BAR ON JEWISH FLAX TRADERS

KAUNAS, June 1. (JTA) -- A congress of State cooperatives today adopted a resolution demanding that the Government introduce a full monopoly in the flax industry and exclude private Jewish traders.

REPORT SHECHITA RESTRICTIONS IN POLAND WILL BE DEFERRED

WARSAW, June 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish newspaper, Haint, reports that execution of the recently-enacted law restricting kosher slaughtering would be postponed indefinitely because of objections raised by Christian meat dealers who feared an increase in the price of non-kosher meat. The report could not be confirmed from any other source.