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25 WOUNDED IN JERUSALEM BOMBING; 5 JEWS HELD AS SUSPECTS

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- Wounded Arabs at the Government Hospital failed this afternoon to identify two Jews who were held by the authorities on suspicion of having thrown a bomb early today near Jaffa Gate which injured 25 persons, nine of them seriously.

The suspects are Shabetai Mordechai and Jakob Isaac Levy, both Sephardic laborers.

Five Jews were detained by police after the incident, the Hebrew newspapers Davar and Haaretz report. The papers state they were held after Arabs had accused them of throwing the bomb.

Davar reports the bomb was thrown from an Arab club and was intended for passing Jews.

A Jewish boy was the first to report the bombing to the police. He said he saw an Arab wearing a fez throw the missile.

High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, dressed in the uniform of a general, visited the Government hospital and heard accounts of the incident from the lips of some of the wounded Arabs.

Arab Snipers Routed After All-Night Battle

Government forces finally routed Arab snipers after an all-night pitched battle at Lifta. The Arabs occupied trenches built by the Turks during the World War.

Three Arab policemen and a British soldier were wounded in the engagement. The rebels retreated to Lifta after ambushing five Jewish busses near Motza. Three of them were reported killed.

Giza Meizel, 25, a Palestinian salesgirl was seriously wounded in the attack on the busses. Four busses of the caravan escaped after the machine gun of its convoy jammed, but the fifth turned over in swerving sharply and became a target for Arabs who shot from both sides of the road.

\$25,000 Fire in Jerusalem

A large fire in the Jewish commercial center of Jerusalem tonight caused damages estimated at \$25,000. A lumber yard owned by Aron Nataniel, member of the executive of the World Maccabi Union, burned down completely. The blaze followed threatening letters sent by Arabs.

False rumors that Jewish immigration had been stopped spread in Jaffa. As a result crowds of Arabs organized street celebrations.

Nazi leaflets printed in Arabic were distributed at Acre charging the Palestine Government with being pro-Jewish.

Schmuel Hirschberg and Moshe Mizrahi, Jewish watchmen shot by Government forces in separate incidents, were in serious condition tonight, it was stated at Hadassah hospital in Tel Aviv. Israel Ben Yehuda, shot with Hirschberg, died Saturday.

Many bombings and considerable shooting during the night were reported by an official communique, which confirms the wounding of a British soldier during last night's skirmish between soldiers and Arab snipers at Lifta. The rebels shot at the military from both sides of the road, the communique states.

Military and police patrols were fired on by snipers in various parts of the country, the official report said, including Hebron, Nablus and Jerusalem.

Demonstrations at Jaffa and Acre were dispersed with minor injuries and arrest of some of the demonstrators.

At Acre about 200 Moslems remained in the mosque all night, leaving when curfew was over at five in the morning.

About 800 trees were uprooted in a Jewish grove near Sarafend.

Seventeen Arabs were arrested and brought to Jerusalem following a search for arms in Lifta and Ein Karem. A large store of ammunition was found in the latter village.

MARTIAL LAW AWAITS ARRIVAL OF SUFFICIENT TROOPS

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- Palestine will be placed under martial law as soon as sufficient British troops have been concentrated to make it effective, it was stated in informed quarters today.

With more than 5,000 soldiers already stationed in various parts of the country, reinforced by upwards of 3,000 police, additional military units continued to pour into the Holy Land today, Palestine newspapers reported.

How many troops are considered necessary for the proper administration of martial law could not be ascertained from Government sources.

Indications yesterday were that, at the rate troops were being poured into the country from Egypt, Palestine would be placed under military rule by tonight.

The fact that over the week-end the Government had asked for and obtained the approval of the Jewish Agency for Palestine for declaration of martial law, although "in principle" the Agency had stated it was opposed to it, added weight to the belief that civil law would be displaced by tonight.

Meanwhile, the gloomy atmosphere prevailing throughout the country which is in the eighth week of disorders that up to today have claimed close to eighty lives, prompted the rabbinate to proclaim a day of prayer for Wednesday, to be featured by the blowing of the ram's horn in all synagogues, which is done only on the most solemn of religious holidays.

CABINET TO AIR PALESTINE SITUATION AT MEETING WEDNESDAY

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- The belief was voiced in Government circles today that when the Cabinet meets Wednesday for the first time since the Whitsun holiday, it will devote considerable time to the Palestine situation.

BRITISH COMMUNISTS BACK ARAB DEMANDS

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain made public today its opinion that the Arab demands for stoppage of Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews are "fully justified and should be supported."

The Communists blamed British imperialists for the bloodshed in Palestine and declared it was necessary to insist on renunciation of the mandate by Great Britain and withdrawal of her troops.

ALL ARAB NATIONS BACK PALESTINE ARAB DEMANDS, ABDULLAH STATES

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- The Daily Telegraph publishes today an authorized statement by Emir Abdullah, ruler of the Transjordan, that the Palestine Arabs have the support of all Arab nations.

Abdullah is quoted as expressing the belief that the Palestine Arabs would immediately call off the general strike if Jewish immigration were stopped.

He declared, according to the Telegraph, that they have no objections to the present Jewish population remaining in Palestine but that the only possible solution of the problem is stoppage of immigration which is considered by them excessive.

The Daily Herald reports that Italians have contributed £28,000 pounds (about \$140,000) to support of the Arab strike.

WIDESPREAD ATTACKS ON JEWS REPORTED IN POLAND

WARSAW, June 8. (JTA) -- Widespread attacks on Jews in provincial cities were reported by local newspapers today. In Wilno, large industrial city with a big Jewish population, a policeman fired into a crowd attacking Jews, wounding one person.

ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES HELD CRIPPLING POLAND'S ECONOMIC LIFE

WARSAW, June 8. (JTA) -- A meeting of the Jewish Economic Council, held under the auspices of the Jewish Merchants' Union, declared today that the attacks on Jews in Poland were paralyzing the country's economic life.

The council voiced concern at Premier Skladowski's speech before the Sejm on June 4 in which he said attacks on Jews would not be permitted but that the economic strife against them could not be interfered with.

Vladimir Jabotinsky, addressing a meeting of the Brith Trumpeldor, militant Zionist Revisionist organization, urged upon it the necessity to convince the world that Jews are capable of fighting. He said they should not permit the Jewish national home in Palestine to become a burden upon England.

SWISS PRESS ASSAILS NAZI PAMPHLET ON GUSTLOFF CASE

GENEVA, June 8. (JTA) -- The entire Swiss press launched an attack today upon the recently published Nazi pamphlet by Wolfgang Dierwege on "The Gustloff Case," which has been widely advertised as "indispensable when the trial opens against the Jew Frankfurter, because dark powers are attempting to help with all their forces a murderer."

The Basler National Zeitung stigmatizes the pamphlet as a "dastardly attack against Switzerland" and an attempt to interfere with a Swiss court case. The paper charges the pamphlet is full of undisguised threats and accuses the Swiss Government of being in the pay of German refugees.

OLYMPICS IDEAL BODY TO PRESS NAZI FIGHT AFTER BERLIN GAMES

PARIS, June 8. (JTA) -- The fight against Nazi sports ideals will be continued after the Olympics are held in Berlin this Summer, it was decided yesterday by "fair play" conference convened by the International Committee for Preserving the Olympic Ideal.

Other decisions adopted by the conference were to propagate knowledge of the true aspects of Nazi sports, to send a committee of inquiry to Germany to study sports conditions there and to support the forthcoming Peoples Olympiade at Barcelona.

MANDATES BODY AVOIDS POLITICAL ISSUES IN PALESTINE PROBE

GENEVA, June 8. (JTA) -- The League of Nations Mandates Commission today examined various sections of the 1935 report on Palestine, not touching on political questions in order not to prejudice the findings of the Royal Commission of inquiry which Great Britain intends sending to the Holy Land.

Harry H. Trusted, Attorney-General of Palestine, answered questions on a variety of subjects, including land, immigration, the judiciary and customs.

ESTHONIAN JEWS MARK 10TH YEAR OF CULTURAL AUTONOMY

TALLINN, June 8. (JTA) -- Government officials and representatives of all Jewish societies and political parties participated in a celebration of the tenth anniversary of Jewish cultural autonomy in Esthonia.

Speaking for President Paets, Colonel Alexander Jaakson, Minister of Education, paid tribute to Jewish autonomy as an equitable solution of the Jewish question.

FALSELY ACCUSED JEWESS, "ARYAN" GETS 6 MONTHS' JAIL TERM

BERLIN, June 8. (JTA) -- A magistrate in Oldenburg today sentenced an "Aryan" to six months' imprisonment for falsely accusing the wife of a Jewish physician of insulting Fuehrer Hitler after a quarrel with her.

The defendant had retracted his accusation, admitting that he wished the Jewess confined in a concentration camp for revenge, but later withdrew his retraction when he realized the false accusation made him liable to punishment.

WISE OFFERS TO PUT WORLD CONGRESS TO REFERENDUM; OPPOSITION RESTATED

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress today challenged the American Jewish Committee to submit the World Jewish Congress question to a national referendum of Jewish adults in a statement that charged the Committee and the Joint Distribution Committee with opposing the world congress because they "are fearful of the disintegration of their authority and standing in Jewish life through the organization of democratic forces of the Jewish people."

Opposition to the world parley was expressed by the American Jewish Committee in a statement signed by Dr. Cyrus Adler, president, and Sol M. Strock, chairman of the executive committee, which held that the congress "would have no power to enforce its decisions," that it could not speak for responsible bodies opposing it and that it would "endanger the status of the Jews in the countries of which they are citizens."

Dr. Adler and Mr. Stroock held the congress proposal "in effect a plan to supplant tried agencies which have done notable service for the Jews of the world...and replace them by an organization which would be without the means or power to carry into effect the plans which have been and are continuing to be set up, and which have been of great benefit to the Jews in those countries in which such benefits are so urgently required."

In the presence of 1,000 delegates at the Manhattan electoral conference for the congress at the Hotel New Yorker yesterday, Dr. Wise tore up a copy of a circular letter opposing the congress which had been issued by the American Jewish Committee, calling it "libelous" and "un-Jewish" and adding: "We have to fight Hitler with one hand and the American Jewish Committee with the other."

The conference, after hearing Georg Bernhard, German-Jewish refugee journalist, who argued that the congress was necessary, and other speakers, elected eighty delegates to the national conference in Washington June 13 and 14 which will elect and instruct the American representatives to the World Jewish Congress in Geneva August 8.

Reading from a fifteen-page official reply of the American Jewish Congress to the arguments of the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Wise charged the committee with "an elaborate avoidance of clarity; an interest in confusing and misrepresenting the actual purpose of the World Jewish Congress and a studied effort to create alarm, suggesting dangers without pausing to specify what these dangers are."

Dr. Wise accused the committee of being "obsessed by ghetto fears" and of conducting its campaign like a "low-grade political fight." He said that the committee and the J.D.C. saw in the ideas and tendencies of the world congress "a menace to the undisturbed control and management which is exercised by the combination..." He added that "the issue confronting Jewish life today is that of democracy as against private control and management of Jewish affairs."

CONGRESS ASKED TO INVESTIGATE BLACK LEGION

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 8. (JTA) -- A Congressional investigation into the Black Legion and other organizations "spreading similar un-American propaganda of religious, racial or subversive political prejudices" with a view to enactment of "necessary remedial Federal legislation" is called for in a resolution introduced concurrently today in the Senate and House.

The resolution introduced by Representative Dickstein of New York and Senator Benson of Minnesota authorizes a committee of four senators and four representatives to hold hearings anywhere in the United States. The committee would be empowered to subpoena witnesses and take testimony and would have a sum not exceeding \$100,000 at its disposal.