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REORGANIZATION OF PALESTINE FORCES COMPLETED

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- Reorganization of the Palestine garrison, comprising eight full battalions exclusive of air forces, armored cars, tanks, artillery, has now been completed, it was officially announced today.

With approximately 8,000 troops, equipped with the most modern weapons of war, strategically placed throughout the country, it is believed the Government feels it can now successfully cope with the disorders which have lasted eight weeks.

The new garrison is about four times the strength of that on hand at the time the disturbances broke out.

Former military zones have been replaced by new divisions. Two brigades cover northern Palestine and two southern Palestine.

High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope is commander-in-chief of the military forces throughout the country.

A military outpost has been established at Zikron Jacob, scene of much vandalism by Arab marauders, where are located the old colonies established by the late Baron Rothschild.

The High Commissioner today flew to the Jezreel Valley to investigate yesterday's attack on the colony Kfar Ezekiel, during which the Jewish driver of a truck was wounded.

Attacks, Bombings Continue

Continued Arab attacks, incendiarism and bombings are reported today in an official communique.

The communique reports an attack on the colony of Ain Harod, during which an Arab was wounded. There were no casualties among the defending police and the settlers.

Parts of railroad tracks at Tulkarem were removed. A bridge was blown up near Hebron. A bomb exploded at the railway station at Khanyanis. Three bombs exploded without injuring anyone at Beit Vegan. Police and troops exchanged shots with Arabs following the explosion.

A Jewish-owned house was burned at Jericho. Troops were fired at in Hebron, Lydda and Ramleh. A post office employe was wounded by shots fired at him while he was repairing telephone wires between Tulkarem and Nablus.

Attempts to wreck a troop train between Rafia and Khanyanis were reported without confirmation.

Engine Derailed Near Hedera

The engine of a railway train and one car were derailed today near Hedera on the way to Haifa. The derailment was preceded by the cutting of the railway telephone wire. No casualties were reported.

The Hebrew daily, Doar Hayom, said that the last car of a train was derailed as it reached the Tel Aviv station. There were no damages.

A unit of seventy-five soldiers was stationed at the Ruttenberg Electric Station to protect it from possible sabotage.

The first case of desecration of Jewish graves since the Arab disorders began occurred today on the Mount of Olives where fifteen graves were desecrated and numerous tombstones were removed or broken.

In the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv, Jews poured kerosene on a car-load of vegetables said to have been bought from Arabs. The incident occurred on Carmel Street, which borders on Jaffa. One person was arrested.

Six dunams of fir trees were set on fire by Arabs in Mishmar ha-Emek.

A railroad bridge near Kalkulliah and Kfar Saba, in the Sharon Plain, was burned following a skirmish between police and Arabs.

ARAB PAPER REPORTS JEWS OFFERING 10-YEAR PEACE PACT

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that neither the Jewish Agency for Palestine nor the Arabs have accepted it, Falastin, Arab Christian daily, reports today that certain Jewish circles have allegedly offered a ten-year peace pact to the Arabs.

The compact, according to Falastin, consists of the following provisions:

- 1) Jews would be permitted to bring 400,000 more of their co-religionists into Palestine within a decade, bringing the total Jewish population to 800,000, as compared to an Arab total by that time of 1,200,000.

- 2). Arab landowners not to be permitted to sell to Jews more than three-fourths of their land, the remainder to be cultivated by Jews in the modern way at the expense of the Arabs, the cost to be met in instalments.
- 3). Jews would be obliged to employ a number of Arabs and vice versa.
- 4). Jewish enterprises would be obliged to take into them a proportion of Arab capital and vice versa.

DISSENSION REPORTED IN ARAB RANKS

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- Dissension was reported in Arab ranks today following a stormy meeting of leaders in the Moslem Club at Jaffa.

Adherents of former mayor of Jerusalem, Ragheb Bey Nashashibi, bitterly criticized the Grand Mufti, Haj Amin el Hussein, reportedly charging him with sitting idly in Jerusalem while Arab leaders languished in concentration camps. Similar criticism is understood to have been voiced by leaders of the Istiqlal Party.

Falastin, Arab Christian paper, today resumed publication.

Under emergency regulations, the Government withdrew permits of all publications which are not appearing regularly, in order to prevent substitute papers being issued for those that have been suspended.

The Palestine Telegraphic Agency, which is affiliated with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was notified that its permit to issue bulletins has been suspended.

NEW ARAB DELEGATION PLANS PROPAGANDA TRIP TO LONDON

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- An Arab delegation is planning to leave for London to start a campaign of pro-Arab propaganda, it was learned today. Among those included in the delegation are Izzat Tanous, Arab Christian leader, and Jamal Hussein, president of the Palestine Arab Party and a nephew of Jerusalem's Grand Mufti, Haj Amin el Hussein.

Another delegation of Arab leaders, supposed to have left for London some days ago, has been delayed. Dr. Hussein Khalidi, mayor of Jerusalem, who was to have headed it, is reported to have withdrawn.

JEWISH SPECIAL POLICEMEN URGED TO PROTECT COLONISTS

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- Central Jewish institutions today submitted a memorandum to the Palestine Government urging establishment of a unit of Jewish special policemen large enough to maintain security for all Jewish settlements.

USSISHKIN, DIZENGOFF HEAD EMERGENCY FUND DRIVE

TEL AVIV, Palestine, June 11. (JTA) -- An emergency fund for Jewish victims of the Arab disturbances will be raised by a committee headed by M.M. Ussishkin, president of the Jewish National Fund, and Mayor Meier Dizengoff, it was announced today. The fund-raising campaign will open next week throughout Palestine, proceeds of which will go to the building of homes for refugees and restoration of business damaged in the disorders.

PALESTINE MANUFACTURERS ASK REPARATIONS FOR RIOT DAMAGES

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- The Jewish Manufacturers' Association at a meeting today decided to demand reparations from the Government for damages suffered by factories during the current disorders.

Other demands that will be made of the Government are for sufficient protection of factories in unsafe sections of the country; solution of the problem of shipping merchandise intended for export, and construction of a harbor at Tel Aviv, where a temporary port is now in use.

ACTION BODY PARLEY IN PALESTINE DEFERRED

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- The conference of Palestine members of the Action Committee of the World Zionist Organization, scheduled for June 15, has been postponed, it was learned today.

REPORT WEIZMANN WILL NOT ATTEND WORLD CONGRESS

LONDON, June 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, today refused to deny or confirm reports circulated abroad that he would not attend the World Jewish Congress to open in Geneva August 8.

STAFF CHARGES PARISER TAGEBLATT OWNER SOLD OUT TO NAZIS.

PARIS, June 11. (JTA) -- A sensation was created in emigre circles here today by the charge of the Pariser Tageblatt's editorial staff that its proprietor, Vladimir Poliakov, had agreed with the Nazi propaganda office to change the spirit of the paper and has consequently dismissed Dr. Georg Bernhard, who is now in the United States, as its editor.

The charge was made in a page one announcement printed in the Pariser Tageblatt itself. Signed by the staff, the announcement said that "this is the last number of the free, anti-Nazi Pariser Tageblatt."

The entire editorial staff of the paper, which has a wide circulation among German refugees, refused to agree to the changes ordered by M. Poliakov and announced it was starting a new emigre paper, to be known as the Pariser Tageszeitung.

Acting editor Caro confirmed the charges contained in his staff's statement, asserting that M. Poliakov told him a new editor was being brought in from Berlin.

M. Poliakov categorically denies the charges and asserts that he has not dismissed Dr. Bernhard, averring that he has cabled him in New York, confirming his editorship.

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Dr. Bernhard Confirms Dismissal

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Georg Bernhard today confirmed his dismissal as editor-in-chief of the Pariser Tageblatt, German emigre paper in Paris, and characterized the action as "an extension of Hitler's propaganda front into France."

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he said that Vladimir Poliakov, publisher of the paper, had dismissed him during his absence after negotiations with "persons close to the Nazi regime." He added that a new anti-Nazi German-language paper, the Pariser Tageszeitung, would appear tomorrow under his editorship.

Dr. Bernhard founded the Tageblatt and was editor since 1933. He came to Paris an exile from Germany, where he had been for seventeen years editor of the Vossische Zeitung. He is at present on a speaking tour of the United States at the invitation of the American Jewish Congress in behalf of the forthcoming World Jewish Congress in Geneva.

His statement follows in part:

"On June 5, I was surprised by cables from my associates on the Pariser Tageblatt that the publisher, Vladimir Poliakov, had utilized my absence to negotiate with Nazi servants and that he had signed my dismissal as editor-in-chief.

"The publisher has many debts in connection with other enterprises and has needed capital. About a month ago, some friends of mine who had emigrated from Germany approached Mr. Poliakov and offered him several hundred thousand francs to relieve his financial difficulties on condition that I not be discharged and that in the event I voluntarily leave my position, this group direct who would become the new editor and have a voice in deciding the political policy of the paper. The purpose of the offer was to preserve the paper's anti-Nazi attitude. Mr. Poliakov refused this offer although he was badly in need of funds.

"This was the state of affairs when I left for the United States May 27 to fill a series of speaking engagements at the invitation of the American Jewish Congress in connection with the forthcoming World Jewish Congress. In the midst of these engagements I received the cable that Poliakov had sent the dismissal notice to my home and was now negotiating with persons suspiciously close to the Nazi regime. I regard this as an extension of Hitler's propaganda front into France.

"Reports that Poliakov has cabled me confirming my tenure as editor are untrue. I did receive a cable from him today asking my aid against the stoppage of my associates. It did not mention any restoration of my position. I wish to express my solidarity with my colleagues. I will stand with them in this situation as I know they will stand with me. Of course, I cannot completely judge the situation from here, but I cannot think that my associates would betray me or the fight against Hitlerism.

"My colleagues have cabled me that beginning tomorrow morning there will appear our new paper, the Pariser Tageszeitung, under my editorship. Friends of our struggle for human rights and for the liberation of the German people from the Nazi terror have given the capital for starting the new paper, and we hope that this undertaking will receive the support of American friends of human liberty."

EDMONDSON INDICTED FOR CRIMINALLY LIBELING JEWS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Robert E. Edmondson, anti-Semitic propagandist, was indicted for criminal libel today by the New York County Grand Jury following his failure to appear in Tombs Court to answer a summons issued by Mayor LaGuardia.

He was arrested at his office and arraigned in General Sessions before Judges James G. Wallace, who paroled him in custody of John S. Wise, Jr., his attorney, pending posting of \$2,500 bail tomorrow.

The libels, according to Assistant District Attorney Edwin B. McGuire, who preferred the charges, were against Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and against the Jewish religion.

Meanwhile, Marian L. Edmondson, the defendant's wife, and Mr. Wise sent out a call for open or anonymous contributions to a defense fund for Edmondson. Mrs. Edmondson as treasurer said, "I hereby pledge a faithful patriotic administration of all such trust funds, which will be used to carry this gigantic subversion to the Supreme Court if necessary."

WOMAN, OTHER NARA LEADERS ARRESTED IN MINSK DISORDERS

WARSAW, June 11. (JTA) -- A woman was under arrest today charged with having instigated last week's attacks on Jews in the nearby town of Minsk-Nazowieck, during which more than forty were wounded.

Police announced the arrest of several other leaders of the disorders, stating all of them, including the women, Helen Atomaszowska, are members of the outlawed National Radical Party or Naras as they are popularly known.

Inciting leaflets were distributed among peasants visiting today's market day at Minsk-Nazowieck.

A detachment of police has been sent to Otwock from Warsaw to prevent disorders on Green Thursday, Catholic holiday, following spread of handbills urging the celebrants to act against the Jews.

MANDATES BODY TO END PALESTINE HEARING TODAY

GENEVA, June 11. (JTA) -- The Mandates Commission is expected tomorrow to conclude its hearing on the British Government's stewardship over Palestine in 1935.