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14 JEWS, INCLUDING 7 WOMEN, WOUNDED IN TRAIN BOMBING

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- Exploding of a bomb in a railway train near Tel Aviv injuring fourteen persons, the wounding of a high police official in Jerusalem and scattered incidents of guerilla warfare throughout the country today marked the eighth Moslem Sabbath since recent disorders against the Government and the Jews broke out.

The bomb -- a crudely made affair consisting of a can loaded with dynamite -- went off as the train pulled into Kalkillia station. British soldiers on duty at the depot opened fire on a group of Arabs who had jumped the train just before the explosion. They had been passengers in the car wrecked by the detonation.

While the undamaged section of the train proceeded on its way carrying with it an unascertained number of slightly injured passengers, Jewish Red Cross ambulances sped to the scene from Tel Aviv, giving emergency treatment to the more seriously wounded before removing them to Hadassah Hospital in Tel Aviv.

Seven of the fourteen injured are women. Four of the five in serious condition are women, including Miriam Feirstein, 32, who was in a critical state. The other injured are the six-year-old child of Mrs. Feirstein, Abraham Sobel, 28; Chava Mandelbaum, 35; Lydia Tishler, 22; Rachel Braver, 60; Salamon Schwartz, 21; Judith Levin, 23; Chava Rechtshafer, 57; Shimshon Dweidler, 52; Abraham Mizraichi, 25; Bertha Klein, 52; Jacob Klein, 55, and David Ben Rachel, 52.

Police Official Shot by Arabs

Alan Sigrist, assistant police superintendent, was in the hospital in grave condition as a result of chest and shoulder wounds suffered when two Arabs opened fire on him near the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem. An official communique said an Arab teacher, Ibrahim Ansari, was arrested as one of the assailants. The other escaped. Ansari was gravely wounded by a constable accompanying Sigrist.

Airplanes this afternoon flew low over the hills in the Nablus region, searching for Arab bands that continued to wage disastrous guerilla warfare against Government forces and the Jews.

A water-pumping station was burned down today at Petach Tikvah. Haaretz, Hebrew daily, said 500 dunams of crops were destroyed by fire at Sajera. Fifty dunams of trees were burned in the Government forest preserve on Mount Carmel near Haifa.

Palestinian newspapers reported that the authorities were considering application of newly-promulgated regulations permitting district commissioners to order the reopening of striking Arab stores. Stationing of military patrols on Central Street, Jerusalem, where many Arab stores are located was taken as indication the authorities would protect Arab shops that reopened.

Jerusalem Jews faced a meatless Sabbath tomorrow as a result of refusal of inhabitants of the Mea Shearim quarter to permit construction of a temporary abattoir authorized by the Government after sniping at the Municipal Abattoir had rendered it unsafe. Jews have gone for four days without meat slaughtered under sanitary conditions.

Arabs of the Catholic faith today asked their Patriarch to appeal to Pope Pius in Rome to intervene in behalf of the Palestine Arabs in their struggle with the Government to halt Jewish immigration.

4 Wounded in Battles

Three Jews and one Arab were wounded yesterday when Arabs attacked soldiers at one place and Jewish workers at another, according to an official communique.

After Arabs had stoned a Jewish bus at Pazur and seriously injured one Jew, a battle broke out between Jewish and Arab workers of the Nesher factory. Two Jews and an Arab were injured.

The Arab clash with the military occurred on the Nablus-Tulkarem road. No casualties were reported.

A Jewish-owned bus was bombed between Jaffa and Jerusalem, injuring a Jewish woman slightly. Crops were burned at Sejera. Three Jewish huts were burned down near Ramleh.

Arabs are believed to have suffered several casualties last night when soldiers beat off a band attacking a caravan of Jewish buses after a five-hour engagement near Nur el Shem.

The buses, owned by the Egged Co. were proceeding to Tel Aviv from Haifa under military convoy when they found the road barricaded near Nur el Shem. Arab snipers opened fire from the hills and the convoy replied with a barrage from a Lewis gun.

At the risk of his life, the Jewish bus-driver, Franz Pollak, ran under fire to Nur el Shem and brought military reinforcements, which drove off the attackers. The number of Arab casualties could not be established.

British Soldiers Urged to Mutiny

Leaflets addressed to British soldiers and signed, "Your Arab friend," were distributed in Jerusalem last night, urging the troops to halt their fight against the Arabs.

"Why get killed in a war which is not good for England or for the British Empire?" the leaflets said. "You are endangering your life just for the Jews."

The Hebrew daily, Davar, reports that only 38 parties, including consulates, are permitted to make calls on international trunk telephone lines, which are now under control of army engineers.

Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, British High Commissioner, inspected military forces at Haifa after returning from a visit to Jewish settlements in the Jezreel Valley.

Haj Amin el Hussein, the Grand Mufti, cabled an appeal to the Moslems in India, urging them to rush financial assistance to the Palestine Arabs.

"SPECTATOR" ADVOCATES TEMPORARY CURB ON IMMIGRATION

LONDON, June 12. (JTA) -- Spectator, influential political and literary review, in an editorial today suggests as a possible solution to the Palestine difficulties temporary suspension of immigration pending the findings of a Royal Commission.

The magazine proposes immigration be halted after the present schedule is exhausted, but emphasizes that peace must be secured before such action is discussed.

The Daily Telegraph reports from Palestine that a "Black Legion" similar to the hooded band now under investigation in Detroit is threatening British residents.

WEIZMANN REVEALS TERMS OF ARAB-JEWISH PACT OF 1919

LONDON, June 12. (JTA) -- Late King Feisal of Iraq and Colonel Lawrence of Arabia approved Zionist plans and signed a treaty for harmonious relationships between an Arab state and Palestine, it is stated by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, in the London Times.

He says that a treaty signed in 1919 with Dr. Weizmann as representative of the World Zionist Organization provided for definition of boundaries between the Arab state and Palestine, encouragement of Jewish immigration and assistance for the Arab state by Zionist experts.

It also provided, Dr. Weizmann says, for mutual action before the Peace Conference and arbitration of disputes by the British Government. He points out that Feisal's address to the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference especially referred to Palestine as an exception to the demand for independence of Arab areas. He recalls a letter that King Feisal wrote expressing sympathy with the Zionist movement.

PRZYTYK JEWS BEAT UP PEASANTS, RADOM COURT IS TOLD

RADOM, Poland, June 12. (JTA) -- Christian witnesses said today in District Court that "Jews beat up Poles" but the peasants "did not touch Jews" during the disorders in Przytyk on March 9 in which two Jews and a Christian were killed and scores of Jews injured. Fourteen Jews and 43 Poles are being tried on charges arising from the disturbances.

The court, in examining witnesses in behalf of Gentile defendants, brought out several contradictions in their testimony. One witness, in attempting to establish an alibi for M. Tzubak, one of the defendants, said Tzubak was drinking with him at the time of the disorders. Mrs. Tzubak testified that he was attending a funeral at the time.

Witnesses admitted to the court that anti-Semitic Nationalists (Endeks) had been conducting an anti-Jewish boycott campaign for some time, terrorizing peasants who made purchases from Jews and destroying the goods bought.

6 POLISH SOLDIERS ARRESTED FOR ATTACK ON JEW

WARSAW, June 12. (JTA) -- Six soldiers were under arrest today in Minsk Mazowieck after demolishing a Jewish shop and seriously injuring Hersz Matuszewski.

BROADER JEWISH AGENCY URGED BY JABOTINSKY

WARSAW, June 12. (JTA) -- Reorganization and widening of the Jewish Agency for Palestine is essential for peace between the New Zionist Organization and the World Zionist Organization, it was stated today by Vladimir Jabotinsky, head of the N.Z.O., in an address.

ROTHENBERG TO STAND FOR RE-ELECTION AS Z.O.A. PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Morris Rothenberg, president of the Zionist Organization of America, announced today that "in view of the present emergency in Palestine and in Jewish life generally" he would stand for re-election at the Z.O.A.'s convention in Providence next month.

His statement was made at a luncheon tendered to him by a delegation of Zionist leaders representing Zionist groups numbering 7,000 members at the Fifth Avenue Restaurant. The delegation presented a resolution urging Mr. Rothenberg to run again.

Among those present were I.D. Morrison, first secretary of the Z.O.A.; Louis P. Rocker, head of the Z.O.A. finance committee; Leon R. Levinson, president of the Bronx Zionist Region; Heinrich Abramowitz, secretary of the Order Sons of Zion; Abraham Spicandler, secretary of the Histadruth Ivrit; Leo Wilson, Elias Preiss, Louis Rimsky, Judge Hyman J. Reit and Samuel Kanarvogel.

Mr. Rothenberg's statement follows:

"I deeply appreciate the sentiments and the confidence in me that are expressed in the resolution presented to me by those assembled here today and the Zionists whom this committee represents.

"Ever since it became known that I was disinclined again to assume the office of president of the Zionist Organization of America, I have been urged by Zionists from every part of the country not to lay down the office in the present critical juncture in Zionist affairs.

"In deference to their demands and my own concern over the present situation, I had been giving the matter serious consideration. I had not until now come to any definite conclusion on the subject.

"Information that was circulated by a Jewish news agency that I would not be a candidate again was unauthorized, and no inquiry on the subject was made of me by such news agency before it disseminated such information.

"Having actively served the Zionist cause for twenty years, three of which as president of the Zionist Organization of America, and having, as I believe, made a substantial contribution toward advancing the Zionist organization over the condition it was in when the present administration took office, it was my desire to give more thought to my personal interests, which were urgently in need of attention.

"However, after careful deliberation, I have decided that in view of the present emergency in Palestine and in Jewish life generally, I must not decline to continue to serve as president of the Zionist organization if it be the will of my fellow-Zionists in this country as expressed through the convention that I do so."

The delegation held the luncheon after a recent meeting at the home of Mr. Preiss at which there were represented about twenty Zionist districts in the New York area together with other Zionist bodies. The resolution was endorsed by Zionist leaders outside of New York, including Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland. The meeting adopted the resolution calling on Mr. Rothenberg to continue to serve as president.

JESUIT LEADER DENIES REICH UNIT BARS JEWISH CONVERTS

ROME, June 12. (JTA) -- Reports that the Jesuit Society in Germany no longer admits persons of Jewish descent as members were donied today in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Rev. W. Ledochowski, Superior General of the society.

He said in reply to an inquiry that "regulations governing the admittance of candidates into the Society of Jesus are exactly the same throughout the world, and that no restrictions of a special nature have been introduced either in Germany or elsewhere."

Asked for a statement on anti-Semitic agitation in Vienna by a Jesuit father, the Superior General said:

"The Society's attitude toward the Jewish race is identical with that of the Catholic church which inculcates charity toward all men without exception. In such a large body of men, it may happen from time to time that an individual member speaks or acts in a manner that is not in accordance with this true Christian spirit, but in such cases correction is promptly administer by Superiors."

PAMPHLET ISSUED IN OPPOSITION TO WORLD CONGRESS

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- A pamphlet signed by James N. Rosenberg, Dr. A.J. Rongy and Edmund I. Kaufmann was issued today "in order to inform those who favor the so-called World Jewish Congress project of the widespread opposition thereto from all quarters of the United States."

In its conclusion, the pamphlet appeals specifically to the delegates to the national electoral conference for the congress at Washington urging them to postpone the congress for the time being "and we will cooperate with you in a sincere effort to find a way of accomplishing unity of method among us."

The pamphlet lists names of persons and organizations who have expressed opposition to the immediate holding of a congress.