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5 JEWS WOUNDED AS ARAB DISORDERS BEGIN NINTH WEEK

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- Five Jews were wounded today from ambush by Arabs who disregarded newly-proclaimed penalties of death and life imprisonment for terrorism as disorders against the Jews and the Government entered their ninth week.

Losses sustained by the Government in eight weeks of disturbances were estimated today at \$2,500,000, resulting from Arabs' non-payment of taxes, increased military expenditures, decreased income from customs and sabotage.

Jewish damages were placed at \$1,500,000 from incendiarism in fields and groves, destruction of other property, paralyzed trade and communications, loss of livelihood by Jews in predominantly-Arab Jaffa and loss of business by Jewish owners of cafes, theatres and stores in Jerusalem as a result of curfew regulations.

The cost to the Arabs of conducting the general strike against the Jews was estimated at \$5,000,000.

Jacob Gerson, 30, was gravely wounded and Moshe Gerat, 35, slightly injured when a truck they were driving from Tel Aviv was ambushed this morning near Motza. Both were removed to Hadassah Hospital, where Gerson underwent an operation for removal of a bullet from his liver.

Moshe Kraus, 32; Schmucl Yanovsky, 20; and M. Stein, 25, all laborers, were wounded in an ambush nineteen kilometers from Jerusalem on the way to Jericho to work at the Dead Sea. They were removed to Hadassah Hospital.

38,000 Trees Destroyed to Date

The Jewish National Fund said in a statement that 38,000 trees have been destroyed to date in the Mishmar Haemek and Balfour forests, and appealed to the Jews of the world to reply to this sabotage by raising a fund to plant 100,000 new trees. July 10 and 11 were designat-

ed as the days of the appeal, coinciding with anniversaries of the deaths, respectively, of Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, and Chaim Nachman Bialik, Hebrew poet laureate.

The latest destruction of trees occurred at Mughrabi near Ramleh last night where 4,500 trees valued at \$32,500 and covering a sixty-dunam grove were uprooted.

Replying to the Jewish community's demand for mobilization of 2,500 special Jewish policemen, the Government agreed today to mobilize an additional 400, making a total of 800 special Jewish police, who are armed with rifles.

The Great Religious Tribunal of Palestine cabled a call for worldwide prayers next Thursday in behalf of the Palestine Jews. "The Jewish community is in danger. Join in prayers on Thursday," said the message, which was addressed to rabbinical associations in the United States, England, Poland and Lithuania.

To Mark Hanging of Arabs

The Arabs proclaimed a three-day fast commencing Monday. Unsigned leaflets were issued in Jaffa calling on Arabs to observe June 17 as the anniversary of the hanging of three Arabs during the 1929 anti-Jewish riots. The Arab Supreme Council urged Arabs to gather at mosques for special prayers on that day. The police prepared for possible disorders.

The Arab Supreme Council gave permission to striking dock-workers at Jaffa to unload German merchandise. Granting of permission culminated rumors of a Nazi link to the Arab disorders.

Stovedores at Jaffa were reported to have been ordered by the authorities to resume work within three days or lose their licenses. Haboker, Hebrew daily, said instructions would be issued shortly to District Commissioners to order the opening of striking Arab stores. Davar, Laborite Hebrew daily asked in an editorial whether the Government actually intended to apply the drastic measures announced yesterday.

A touching scene was enacted when a train on the Jerusalem-Lydda line reached the Bitar station, three miles from Jerusalem, after running a gauntlet of Arab gunfire. Arab passengers surrounded the Jewish engineer, Jacob Penini, and kissed his hand for bringing the train through without damages or casualties.

The eighteen persons wounded in an explosion in a railway car Friday at Kalkillia were improving tonight, except Mrs. Miriam Feinstein, whose condition remained grave. The authorities closed the Kalkillia station.

Troops Fire on Marauders

An official communique reported that troops exchanged fire with Arabs at several places in the Galilee area and at Jonin, with casualty totals so far unascertained. Two Arabs were wounded at Jaffa when a mob refused to obey a curfew order. The body of an

Arab was found and another discovered wounded near Burka. Both were believed to be casualties of a battle between Arabs and troops yesterday.

Sniping was reported in the Jerusalem suburbs of Neve Jacob, Mekor Haim and Ramat Rachel. Shooting also occurred at Tel Litwinsky and Beit Wegan near Tel Aviv. Shots were fired at troops near Hebron. Two hundred dumans of wheat were destroyed at Hulda and three dunams at Balfouria.

Telephone wires were cut at Acre, Nablus and Nazareth. A fire broke out in Government forests near Majdal, at Athlit and in northern Palestine. Bomb explosions occurred at Jaffa, Ben Shemen, Gaza and Beersheba. Crops were uprooted at the Yachin grove. A railway bridge was damaged by explosives near Gaza.

A Jewish truck-driver, Mendel Cohen, and his assistant were slightly injured tonight when their truck was stoned by Arabs while passing Ramleh.

Military escorts today replaced police convoys for Jewish buses plying between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The Grand Mufti, Haj Amin el Husseini, had cabled King Edward in London complaining that the police were mistreating Arabs and asking his intervention "for justice."

New Measures Announced

Drastic new measures to restore order without recourse to martial law were announced yesterday in the official gazette, fixing a sentence of death or life imprisonment for persons firing on troops or police, damaging telephone and telegraph wires, railways, aircraft and ships and for obstructing the work of the same.

Other new measures include:

- 1- Any policeman or soldier may order all or any of the inhabitants of a town or village to remove from the road barricades, glass or nails.
- 2- All Palestine newspapers must obtain new permits which the District Commissioner is entitled to refuse without giving reason or to revoke at any time after issued.
- 3- The District Commissioner is entitled to demolish houses from which firearms are discharged.

An Arab was wounded and captured last night after a band of thirty Arabs had fired on a patrol near Nablus, precipitating a battle with military forces.

A watchman was wounded near Hedera when he refused to halt at the order of a police patrol. An Arab, wounded in the morning in Bethlehem when three Palestinian constables attacked by an Arab opened fire, died in the hospital.

A bridge between Hebron and Beersheba was blown up. Another near Hebron was damaged by a blast.

Eighty dunams of melons at Kfar Jonah were destroyed.

Special Camp for Communists

All Communists already arrested and those arrested in the future will be transferred Monday to a special concentration camp at Sarafend. This action results from the refusal of colonies to accept them as exiles.

Troops were fired upon many times between Jerusalem and Nablus and opened fire with machine guns. Renewed shooting was reported at the Jewish settlements of Kfar Ezekial, Tel Yosef and Hugin. Arabs also sniped at Jewish settlements at Kfar Azar, Pardess Hana and Motza.

Jewish homes in Tiberias were bombed, but none was injured. An Arab was caught with a bomb near the home of the Southern District Commissioner.

Railway sleeping cars were burned near Lydda. A fire set at the Jaffa station damaged goods. A patrol trolley-car was derailed near Artuff by the removing of a section of the rail. No casualties occurred.

Soldiers searched in vain for Arabs who fired on Meshok Hapoaloth in the Ramath Rachel section, near the home of High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope. No casualties were reported.

Police circles confirmed that the Government had offered rewards of \$2,500 each for the capture of the murderers of 25 Jews, three Arabs and a British constable since April 19.

The right-wing Zionist daily, Hayarden, was suspended for one month.

Arabs Ambush Dairy Truck

Two Jews were reported wounded when Arabs ambushed a dairy truck en route to Ataroth from Jerusalem. One of the wounded, Abraham Ben Yehuda, was believed dying.

A communique reported a Jewish bus fired on as it traveled the Ramleh road, two of its passengers being wounded. Another Jewish bus was ambushed near Tel Aviv, the passengers escaping unscathed. One Arab was arrested by police as a suspect in the shooting.

The Nablus post office was bombed, but escaped damage. Arabs and police exchanged shots in the vicinity of Nablus.

ANNOUNCE LOCATION OF PALESTINE TROOPS

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- The location of the eight battalions of troops garrisoning Palestine was announced last night as follows:

The Loyal Regiment at Haifa, Nazareth, Athlit, Zichron Jacob and Hedera.

The York-Lancaster regiment at Nazareth, Safed, Rosh Pina and Afules.

The Seaforth Highlanders regiment at Nablus, Tulkarem and Jenin.

The Bedsherts regiment at Jerusalem.

The Dorsetshire regiment at Jerusalem.

The Cameron Highlanders at Jerusalem, Hebron and Ramallah.

The Royal Scot Fusiliers at Sarafend, Jaffa, Ramleh and Gaza.

The Cheshire regiment at Sarafend and Haifa.

ZIONISTS PLAN WIDE POLITICAL GROUP

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- Spurred by the Arab threat to the Jewish homeland, representatives of Zionist groups considered today establishment of a widened political committee with headquarters in Jerusalem and London to embrace all Zionist bodies and include for the first time the non-Zionist Agudath Israel, extreme orthodox organization.

The joint meeting of the General Zionist Federation and the World Mizrahi, orthodox Zionist group, with the Zionist Executive participating, cabled a message of encouragement to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who is in London.

ARLOSOROFF MEETING CANCELLED

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting scheduled yesterday for Dr. Chaim Arlosoroff, labor Zionist leader assassinated June 16, 1933, was cancelled. Moshe Shertok, of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, was to have been the principal speaker.

COMMONS TO DEBATE PALESTINE SITUATION

LONDON, June 14. (JTA) -- A debate on the Palestine situation was announced today for next Friday in the House of Commons. Major Clement Attlee, Labor whip, is expected to open the interrogation and William Ormsby-Gore, Colonial Secretary, will reply for the Government.

SHIPPING INSURANCE RATES TO PALESTINE RAISED

LONDON, June 14. (JTA) -- The increased risk in shipping goods to disorder-torn Palestine yesterday prompted a joint committee of insurance company underwriters, including Lloyds, to recommend an increase in cargo insurance rates to the Holy Land.

The rates are to be raised from two shillings per cargo to five shillings when the risk after discharge continues for fifteen days and ten shillings when the risk continues for thirty days.

DR. WISE CHARGES WORLD CONGRESS OPPONENTS WITH INTIMIDATION

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 14. (JTA) -- In a speech alive with invective and sensational charges, Dr. Stephen S. Wise today voiced the determination of the 1,100 delegates at the national electoral conference for the World Jewish Congress to go ahead with plans for the Geneva congress and assured its opponents he was willing to accept whatever consequences arose from the holding of it.

Following his address, which was punctuated by stormy applause at frequent intervals, the conference selected seventy delegates to represent the United States at the congress. It also adopted resolutions instructing them and outlining a proposed course of action for the world parley.

The delegates, coming from 99 cities and said to represent two million Jews, met under the auspices of the American Jewish Congress in a two-day session at the Hotel Willard.

Dr. Wise's address, which created a sensation, was delivered at this morning's business session. He charged that his opponents had resorted to "coercion and intimidation" to gain their ends. Without naming the source, he said he had received a letter from a Jewish leader of "a middle western city" threatening that there would "probably be no money for Palestine next year" if Dr. Wise and his associates continued with their plans for the congress.

To this Dr. Wise replied: "If you dare to threaten or dare to punish Palestine, we will go to the Jews and to the whole American people in protest against these tactics of coercion and intimidation."

Referring to opponents of the congress as "cowardly Jews" and a "little group of nice Jewish gentlemen" who "have no respect for the Jewish masses," he countered the contention that convocation of the congress would do irreparable harm to world Jewry with the question: "What wrong against the Jews have they averted by not having a world Jewish congress?"

Dr. Wise denounced an editorial attack on the congress in the current issue of The Nation, which characterized it as a potential "wailing wall." He charged that the article was inspired by "the Park Avenue Jews" of the American Jewish Committee.

A flurry was created in the lobby of the hotel when representatives of radical labor organizations, who were barred from the conference, distributed leaflets announcing their determination to send a delegation to Geneva, for which purpose they will hold a conference in New York City July 12.

The conference concluded tonight with a farewell banquet to Dr. Wise, who will leave Tuesday for Europe to complete preparations for the Geneva congress. The Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress tendered a luncheon to Mrs. Wise at which Max Brauer, exiled former mayor of Altona, Germany, was the principal speaker.

Other speakers at today's session included Dr. S. Margoshes, editor of The Day; Joseph Schlossberg, secretary of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America; Rabbi I. M. Ashinsky, vice-president of Mizrachi, and Charles Edward Russell, writer.

The conference at its opening session last night went on record in favor of immediate collective action to protect the Jews from progressive deterioration of their rights.

Dr. Georg Bernhard, guest of honor and principal speaker, warned the Jews of the United States to avoid the mistake of German Jewry, whom he charged with refusing to face the facts and with preventing adequate steps from being taken before it was too late.

He attacked the leadership of the rich and while not denying that they have made a contribution to Jewish relief efforts, emphasized that this did not qualify them for leadership.

Warning that the Jews must create a united defense before it is too late, he presented a program of action for the agenda of the world congress including:

(1) Establishment of a permanent committee as the standing representative of the Jews of the world, (2) An economic commission and an economic institute "to study the great revolution which has taken place in all aspects of economic life in order to enable the Jews to adapt themselves to the new world conditions" (3) A Jewish credit association to create credit facilities for displaced Jews in various lands.

Louis Lipsky, who presided, read messages in favor of the congress from European statesmen and eight governors in the United States. Conspicuously unrepresented at the conference were the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Labor Committee, B'nai B'rith and other important groups.

POLES CHARGE JEWS WITH INSTIGATING PRZYTYK DISORDERS

RADOM, Poland, June 14. (JTA) -- Christian witnesses testified in District Court yesterday that the Jews instigated disorders in the town of Przytyk on March 9 in which three persons were killed and scores injured. Fourteen Jews and 43 Poles are being tried on charges arising from the disturbances.

Witnesses for the Polish defendants stated that before March 9 Jews of Przytyk had said, "We will end your boycott on March 9."

The presiding justice ruled out of order a question by a Nationalist attorney whether the peasants had enough food. The lawyer said he wished to bring out that what had happened in Przytyk was not a pogrom but an economic struggle for the Polonization of trade.

10,000 MARCH SILENTLY PAST HERZL'S GRAVE

VIENNA, June 14. (JTA) -- Jewish communal leaders headed a silent procession of 10,000 Zionists, Jewish youths and representatives of foreign Jewish organizations today past the grave of Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism, who died July, 1904. The procession was not disturbed.

NAZIS THROW STENCH-BOMBS IN VIENNA THEATRE

VIENNA, June 14. (JTA) -- Audiences at the Burg Theatre and the State Opera was thrown into panic last night when Nazis interrupted performances by throwing stenchbombs. Bruno Walter, Jewish conductor in exile from Germany, was leading the orchestra at the opera.

AUSTRIAN COURT REFUSES DOWRY TO JEWESS WHO WED GENTILE

VIENNA, June 14. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court yesterday upheld an orthodox Jewish father in his refusal to grant his daughter a dowry because she had married a Christian. The girl had sued to obtain the dowry.

In handing down the verdict, the court ruled that "the father, being an orthodox Jew, naturally wished his daughter to marry a Jew." It added that the father's viewpoint should be respected.

NAZIS SENTENCE JEW FOR HIRING 'ARYAN' MAID

BERLIN, June 14. (JTA) -- A 71-year-old Jewish merchant of Hamm was sentenced yesterday to six weeks' imprisonment for employing a German maid under the 45-year-old age limit set by the Nuremberg laws. The aged merchant was also fined 100 marks.

Paul Heyse Street in Frankfort-am-Main, named after the poet who won the Nobel Prize in 1910, has been renamed Chamisso-gasse because Heyse's mother was a Jewess.

Eduard Roessner, a converted Jew, was sentenced by a Landau court to one year in jail for rassenschande (racial defilement).

LATE PALESTINE BULLETIN

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- A British army officer tonight arrested an Arab after the bombing of an apartment house in Haifa in which many British subjects live. The suspect is believed to be the first to face the death penalty or life imprisonment under a new edict issued by the Government yesterday providing drastic punishment for terroristic acts.