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JERUSALEM QUIET, BUT REST OF PALESTINE REMAINS TURBULENT

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- While Arabs in the Holy City gave every indication of desiring to resume peaceful relations with their Jewish neighbors, their coreligionists in other parts of the country did not appear today to share their desires.

With unrest in Palestine already in its ninth week and the fatalities soaring close to 100, new disturbances were reported in Jaffa, Haifa, Acre and several Jewish colonies.

Government forces battled Arab rebels with machine guns on a half-mile front at Kfar Saba today, finally forcing the invaders to retreat after a half-hour skirmish.

Police and troops at Nablus and Tulkarem were ordered to continue wearing steel-helmets on duty. Soldiers numbering 800 were stationed at Nablus to reinforce British police. Jewish police on Tel Aviv boundaries were unexpectedly replaced by British guards.

In the Arab city of Jaffa, where the anti-Jewish and anti-Government warfare had its inception on April 19, there occurred today, for what is believed to be the first time, a serious clash between Arab Moslems and Arab Christians. Two persons were wounded, one of them seriously.

A communique reports that a bomb thrown near the Jaffa Gate in the Old City this morning was intended for a Jewish gathering. No arrests were made. The bomb failed to explode.

Police and soldiers continued to be the targets for Arab snipers. Bombs were thrown at a Jewish hotel in Haifa. Two Arabs were arrested, one of whom was caught redhanded with a bomb.

Police used Lewis machine guns to rout Arab snipers who fired on the police station at Acre. Shooting was also reported at Kfar Saba, Beit Vagan and at the Jewish sanatorium in Beth Kerem, a suburb of Jerusalem.

Two Jewish drivers were slightly wounded when their truck was fired on along the Haifa-Jenin road.

A lorry operated by the Palestine Electric Corporation was ambushed between Jaffa and Ramleh, a police convoy routing the attackers. There were no casualties.

A Jewish bus between Jaffa and Jerusalem was similarly attacked. One hundred dunams of a Jewish grove near Nathania were destroyed, the Arab watchman and his brother having been tied, beaten and their hut burned.

While these incidents of further violence were being reported, Jewish streets of Jerusalem for the first time since the disturbances broke out were being used by many Arabs dressed in their colorful native garb, engaged in peaceful negotiations with Jews.

Haboker, Hebrew daily, reported that the Arab general strike would be concluded after expected demonstrations Wednesday to mark the hanging of three Arabs during the 1929 anti-Jewish disorders.

Representatives of the Jewish press were invited to a conference with the Government and praised for their attitude. They were asked to prevent inaccuracies.

Curfew passes in Jaffa were withdrawn today and will be replaced by new permits to be given out only to a few dozen persons.

#### HAIFA STORES ORDERED TO REOPEN

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- The authorities in Haifa began issuing orders today to striking Arab shopkeepers to open their stores under newly-promulgated regulations authorizing District Commissioners to enforce the opening of shops. Six months in prison is the penalty set for failure to comply with the order.

#### WAUCHOPE VISITS JEWISH WOUNDED

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- Hope that the Palestine situation would soon be improved was expressed this morning by High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope during a visit to wounded Jews at the Hadassah Hospital here. Sir Arthur voiced regret at the disturbances.

Jacob Gerson, Moshe Kraus and Jacob ben Yehuda, all wounded in attacks over the weekend, are still in a serious condition, it was reported at the hospital.

### TRANSJORDAN EXILES AGITATORS

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- The Transjordan Government began today to exile agitators to Akaba, as a measure to check their incitement among Bedouins whom they have been urging to act against the Government in sympathy with Palestine Arabs.

### SYRIAN ARABS PLANNING GENERAL STRIKE

DAMASCUS, Syria, June 15. (JTA) -- It was reliably reported today that Arab Nationalists are planning to launch a general strike Wednesday in support of the Palestine Arabs.

### ORMSBY-GORE PARRIES QUESTIONS ON DISORDERS

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- William Ormsby-Gore, Colonial Secretary, today parried a series of questions in the House of Commons on the causes of Palestine disorders with the statement that it would be improper for him to anticipate the inquiry of the projected Royal Commission.

His evasion was taken as indication that next Friday's debate in Commons in the Palestine situation would not be conclusive and would not touch on fundamentals.

### LORD MELCHETT URGES SELF DEFENSE YOUTH UNITS

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- A plea that Jewish youth be permitted to form special defense corps to protect Jews of Palestine against Arab attackers is voiced by Lord Melchett, noted industrialist and Jewish leader, in a letter published today in the Daily Telegraph.

The Telegraph's Jerusalem correspondent, reviewing the situation of the Palestine colonies, declares their pleas for arms are justified. He contends that colonists can no longer be exposed to the violence of Arab bands without means of self defense.

### KARL KRAUS, VIENNA WRITER, DIES AT 62

VIENNA, June 15. (JTA) -- Karl Kraus, noted literary critic, playwright, essayist and wit, died today at the age of 62. Since 1898, he has been publisher, and for long periods the only contributor, of "The Torch," Vienna periodical.

Kraus, a Bohemian by birth, gained his widest reputation as a satirist. His best known work is "The Last Days of Humanity," a penetrating analysis of the war psychosis, in which he mercilessly caricatures the typical jingoistic patriot. Among his other works are a volume on Heinrich Heine, a book of lyrics, a volume of aphorisms called "Dictions and Contradictions," an essay on the Great Wall of China, and a study of "Literature and Lies."

All of Kraus' works have been acclaimed for the original and forceful style, which is said to be distinguished by Jewish prophetic characteristics. Kraus, a Catholic by adoption, never denied his Jewish origin, although he was frequently critical of Jews generally.

One of Kraus' pet beliefs was that journalism constitutes the gravest menace to real culture of the heart and spirit. He held it responsible for the superficiality and dulling of modern humanity and the arts.

#### PUBLISHERS TO MEET IN GERMANY

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- The International Publishers' Congress adopted yesterday by a large majority the invitation of the German delegation to meet in Leipzig next year despite the proposal of Henry Huebsch, of New York, to refer the matter to an international commission.

#### WASHINGTON CONFERENCE NAMES 52 DELEGATES TO GENEVA PARLEY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 15. (JTA) -- The national electoral conference for the World Jewish Congress last night endorsed unanimously the movement to create a permanent, central and democratic representation for the Jewish people and named fifty-two delegates who, together with twenty named by organizations affiliated with the American Jewish Congress and five delegates at large, will represent American Jewry at the first session of the world congress in Geneva August 8.

The delegates at large are: Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Judge Julian W. Mack, Louis Lipsky, Rabbi I.M. Ashinsky and Joseph Schlossberg.

The conference formulated a plan of action for the congress, instructing the delegates to submit the following proposals:

- 1) Establishment of a commission on civil and political relations "to cooperate on call with particular Jewish communities in making representations before the League of Nations and specific Governments.
- 2) Establishment of a bureau of research and information "to establish through impartial science the sources, means and uses of anti-Semitic propaganda and to present the truth about the Jews before the enlightened public opinion of the world."
- 3) Formation of an institute of economic research to coordinate existing agencies "for the study and amelioration in view of the rapid changes in the economic condition of Jews everywhere, especially in Central Europe."



The conference urged appointment of a special commission to democratize relief. It recognized the Jewish Agency for Palestine as the authoritative agency for the rebuilding of the Jewish homeland and called on the world congress to cooperate with it.

In addition, the conference proposed creation of a migrations commission to cooperate with existing agencies through a central office and the creation of an executive council to carry out the world congress decisions between sessions.

To carry out a rehabilitation program, creation of a central cooperative bank was urged in a unanimous resolution. A \$200,000 trust fund was proposed to finance the various commissions. Convening of the next world congress would be by direct ballot under a resolution introduced by Magistrate Nathan D. Perlman of New York.

Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, speaking last night at a farewell dinner for Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who will leave for Europe Tuesday, assailed intolerance as an enemy of the American constitution. He said:

"The attempt to array American against American because of difference of race or creed or color, thus creating misunderstanding and hatred resulting in persecution, is subversive of that great document."

#### 71 JEWISH LEADERS SIGN STATEMENT OPPOSING WORLD CONGRESS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- A statement expressing opposition to convocation of the World Jewish Congress, signed by seventy-one leaders, issued today from the office of James N. Rosenberg, attorney. It says:

"On June 13 a meeting was held in Washington, D.C., of a group of Jews who seek to bring about a so-called 'World Jewish Congress', to convene this Summer.

"In view of the persecutions to which Jews at present are being subjected, it is only natural that earnest efforts should be made in their behalf. Such efforts we have been making and will continue to make.

"We believe that the 'World Jewish Congress' project, far from aiding, will impede these endeavors. The project is opposed by many important Jewish organizations and by many thousands of Jews throughout the country. The proposed 'World Jewish Congress' cannot therefore be regarded as representing them or as having any authority to speak in their or our names."

Among those signing the statement are: George Backer, Prof. Morris R. Cohen, Dr. J.J. Golub, Joseph G. Hyman, Dr. Maurice J. Karpf, James Marshall, Harold Riegelman, Roger Straus, Michael Schaap, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, Alfred M. Cohen and Rabbi Joseph Konvitz of Newark.

POLISH OFFICIALS BACK CHARGE PRZYTYK POGROM WAS PLANNED

RADOM, Poland, June 15. (JTA) -- Two Polish administrative officials today supported the claim of Jews that disorders in Przytyk last March 9 in which three persons were killed and scores injured were planned in advance by the anti-Semitic Nationalists (Endeks.)

Testifying in District Court, where 43 Poles and 14 Jews are being tried on charges arising from the disturbances, M. Licke, chief of the Department of Security for the Radom District, said the Endeks had conducted a bitter anti-Semitic campaign before the outbreak.

He pointed out that disorders in Ordzwol in which peasants had been killed by the police had been used by the Nationalists to incite the peasants. Licke denied assertions of witnesses for the Christian defendants that the Jews had a self-defence unit. His testimony was supported by a Przytyk police official.

The court admitted in evidence the appeals of the Przytyk Jewish Community to the authorities in Radom and Kielce before the disturbances on March 9. Records of telephoned and telegraphed pleas before and during the rioting were introduced. Thirty-five witnesses were examined today.

FALED REICH PUBLISHING FIRM IN "ARYAN" HANDS

BERLIN (JTA) -- Control of the famous German publishing house, S. Fischer Verlag, has now passed into "Aryan" hands, according to an announcement by the Reich Chamber of Booksellers.

Dr. Bormann, the last Jewish member of the board of directors, has resigned and the management of the house is now in the hands of Herr Sarro, chairman of the board, and Herr Suhrkamp, managing director.

The company is now considered "Aryan" although the majority of its shares are still held by Jews.

The concern was founded by Samuel Fischer in 1886. It first published Tolstoi, Dostoevski, Zola and Jokai in German, and brought out works by Ibsen, G.B. Shaw, Gerhard Hauptmann, Richard Dehmel, Thomas Mann, Jakob Wasserman and Arthur Schnitzler.

LOSSES IN PALESTINE DISORDERS ESTIMATED AT \$15,000,000

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- The Government, the Jews and the Arabs have suffered losses totaling \$15,000,000 in the past eight weeks of disorders. The Palestine Post and the Hebrew daily, Haaretz, reported that the Government had lost \$2,500,000. Jewish damages were estimated by insurance experts at \$7,500,000. Arab leaders said in a press statement that their general strike had cost \$5,000,000. The Jewish damages estimate was erroneously reported as \$2,500,000 yesterday.