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ARAB DEMONSTRATIONS FEARED TODAY; JEWS WOUNDED SUNDAY DIES

JERUSALEM, June 16, (JTA) -- Government forces took precautions today to preserve order with a crisis in the troubled Palestine situation expected tomorrow when Arabs will observe the anniversary of the hanging of three rioters in the 1929 anti-Jewish riots.

Demonstrations are feared tomorrow when Arabs gather in mosques at the call of the Arab Supreme Council, culminating a three-day fast,

The twenty-ninth Jewish victim of the Arab disorders since April 19 died at Hadassah Hospital here this morning of wounds incurred Sunday. He was Jacob Gerson, 21, wounded by Arabs who ambushed a truck he was driving near Motza.

Arabs uprooted more than 10,000 orange trees in the vicinity of Petach Tikva, bringing to 25,000 the number destroyed in the last three days.

It was announced that 29 Jewish settlements in northern Sharon have been attacked and have suffered property damage since the beginning of the disturbances.

A majority of the Arab papers reappeared today after the ten-day strike they had conducted in sympathy with the Arab general strike against Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews, now in its ninth week.

Telephone wires between Jerusalem and Bethlehem were cut last night. Railroad tracks near Ras-el-Ain and Gaza were slightly damaged. Shots were fired last night in Jerusalem and near the Palestine Broadcasting Company's studios at Ramallah.

Renewed firing was reported in the vicinity of Beit Vegan, Hatikva, Tel Aviv, Nablus and Tiberias, where soldiers were forced to use machine guns in routing snipers.

Two persons have been detained by the authorities in connection with the attempted bombing near the Jaffa Gate yesterday.

Two lorries were burned near Lydda.

A British soldier was slightly wounded in an encounter between troops and Arabs near Tulkarem. The Arabs were believed to have suffered losses.

A waterpipe near Latrun, which supplies Jerusalem, was damaged by an explosion. An electric water pump at the Jewish settlement of Tel Mond was also damaged.

The Palestine rabbinate published an appeal for discontinuance of public danging in the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv in view of the gloominess of the situation.

Chief Rabbi Dushinsky of the extreme orthodox Agudath Israel appealed through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to Jews abroad to proclaim June 18 a day for prayer and fasting for the Palestine Jews.

OLD JAFFA QUARTER TO BE TORN DOWN FOR 2 NEW ROADS TO HARBOR

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA) -- An official communique announced today that a section of old Jaffa will be torn down tomorrow to allow construction of two roads to the harbor under supervision of military engineers.

Dynamite will be used to destroy 98 Arab houses in the section. Evacuation of Arab families was started shortly before noon today, with detachments of troops on hand to guard against possible disorders. Police took advantage of the opportunity to conduct a rigorous search for arms in the condemned houses.

An airplane circled low over Jaffa this morning scattering leaflets warning the inhabitants of the Government's plans.

The police station is being moved to the Jaffa Tel Aviv road.

RIFLES AT \$12.50 EACH BEING SOLD IN ARAB TOWNS

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA) -- Davar, Hebrew labor daily, today reports a brisk sale of arms taking place in Jerusalem, Ramallah and other Arab towns. Prices of rifles are quoted at \$12.50 each.

ARAB DELEGATION EXPECTED IN LONDON TODAY

LONDON, June 16. (JTA) -- Pro-Arab circles today were making arrangements to have members of Parliament meet with the unofficial Arab delegation which is scheduled to arrive here from Palestine tomorrow.

The delegation, comprising both Arab Moslem and Christian leaders, has as its primary purpose creation of a favorable opinion of the Arab cause in official quarters and among the public, to which end it is expected to launch an intensive propaganda drive. Dr. Izzat Tannous, prominent Arab Christian leader, and Jamal Husseini, nephew of the Grand Mufti, are among the delegates.

The Arabs will visit Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle, Glasgow and other large population centers.

Arab circles state definitely that the delegation will not conduct negotiations of any kind with the Government.

REPORT POPE WILL RECEIVE ARAB LEADERS

LONDON, June 16. (JTA) -- The News-Chronicle reports from Rome today that Pope Pius will receive an Arab delegation in the interests of restoring peace in Palestine.

1,400 POLISH JEWS TO EMIGRATE TO PALESTINE THIS MONTH

WARSAW, June 16. (JTA) -- It was announced today that 1,400 Jewish emigrants will go to Palestine this month, the majority of them under the new immigration schedule issued by the Palestine Government.

Official permission to hold a Palestine Week has been granted by the authorities. A conference of representatives of various Jewish communities in connection with the week has been prohibited.

BRITISH FASCISTS STIRRING RACIAL STRIFE, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, June 16. (JTA) -- Fascists are deliberately attempting to create racial strife in England and are using methods calculated to provoke violence and bloodshed, James Hall, Laborite, charged in the House of Commons today.

Geoffrey Lloyd, Under-Secretary of the Home Office, replied that the police commissioner was taking special steps to deal with any attempt to insult or molest Jews.

Fascist anti-Jewish activities in London's East End, thickly populated with Jews, are increasing, George Lansbury, Laborite, declared.

Sir Percy Harris, Liberal, asked Mr. Lloyd whether the Government was aware that violence against the Jews is not confined to the Stepney district, but is going on all over the East End in the most offensive and provocative manner.

Mr. Lloyd promised that Sir John Simon, Home Secretary, would give the question further consideration in the light of the additional information.

NEW EDITOR OF PARISER TAGBLATT STABBED

PARIS, June 16. (JTA) -- Richard Lewinson, new editor of the Pariser Tagblatt, German emigre paper which is alleged to have been taken over by the German Embassy, was beaten up and stabbed by unknown persons late last night as he was leaving the paper's printing plant, it was made known today. Lewinson writes under the pen name of Morus.

The Tagblatt failed to appear today, as a result of a strike by printers in sympathy with the paper's editorial staff which resigned in a body when they learned of the action of the proprietor, Vladimir Poliakov, in selling out to the Nazis.

Poliakov, who denies the charges of his former staff, dismissed Dr. Georg Bernhard, editor and founder of the paper, who is now in the United States on a speaking tour. The emigre journalists have organized a new paper, known as the Pariser Tageszeitung, of which Dr. Bernhard is to take charge on his return.

JEWISH SHOPS WRECKED IN ALGERIAN CITY

SIDI BEL ABBES, June 16. (JTA) -- Jewish shops were demolished today following clashes between police and a Peoples Front procession. Troops intervened and restored order. No serious casualties were reported.

ENDEK LAWYER REBUKED BY RADOM COURT

RADOM, Poland, June 16. (JTA) -- Efforts by Endek lawyers to transform the trial of 43 Poles and 14 Jews in connection with the Przytyk pogrom into an anti-Semitic forum were sharply rebuked today by Presiding Judge Bobkowski.

The court reprimanded Attorney Kowalski, of counsel for the Poles, when he asked a witness whether it was true that Jews were permitted by the Talmud to give false evidence while under oath, an old and thoroughly discredited allegation still used by anti-Semites. Judge Bobkowski informed the lawyer the court does not draw any distinction between Jews and Poles and is not interested in solving the Jewish question or establishing the causes of Poland's economic situation, but only in establishing the truth of the present issue.

The court decided against moving the trial temporarily to Przytyk to enable one of the Jewish defendants, Sholom Lesko, to prove that it was physically impossible for him to have killed Wiesniak, a Christian, as is charged. The prosecutor's contention that police testimony on the technical points involved was adequate was upheld.

Radom officials testified today that numerous Jewish petitions for protection had been received. They denied Endek claims that Jews interfered with non-Jewish traders in Przytyk.

BLUM USED AS BASIS FOR ANTI-SEMITIC DRIVE, FRENCH JEWS WARN

PARIS, June 16. (JTA) -- The Union of Israelite Frenchmen, a patriotic organization, today issued a statement warning against the development of an anti-Semitic movement under the pretext of opposition to Premier Leon Blum. The fact that Premier Blum is a Jew has been made the focus of attacks upon him in the press and the Chamber of Deputies.

The Union's statement also attacks the League for Combatting Anti-Semitism, charging the League is "preparing a social revolution under the pretext of fighting foes of Jews."

The statement couples Hitlerist racism and Soviet materialism as the enemies of Jews.

WISE TO RUN AGAINST ROTHENBERG FOR Z.O.A. PRESIDENCY

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise has accepted a bid to run for president of the Zionist Organization of America at its convention July 4 in Providence, it was learned today. Morris Rothenberg announced last week he would run again.

Dr. Wise's readiness to become president was made known just as he was preparing to sail on the Normandie Wednesday to address a conference in London for the World Jewish Congress and to cooperate with Dr. Chaim Weizmann in negotiations on the Palestine situation.

Dr. Wise's acceptance was understood to have been tendered at a meeting of Zionist leaders in New York Monday night over which Louis Lipsky presided.

SMUTS VOICES OPPOSITION TO BOYCOTT

CAPE TOWN, So. Africa, (JTA) -- General Jan C. Smuts, Minister of Justice, well known as a friend of the Jews, has come out in opposition to the anti-Nazi boycott, indicating that the Government is investigating to see what legislative steps can be taken to end it.

In an address in the Dominion Assembly, reported by the Cape Town Times, General Smuts declared that the movement for boycotting German goods and services harmed both the country and its instigators, adding that two wrongs did not make a right.

Declaring that the Government strongly disapproved of the boycott movement, he stated that he had attempted to reconcile the Greyshirt Fascist movement with the anti-German section to make them both realize the danger of importing European racial feuds into South Africa, but had failed.

Pointing out that Government legal advisers had been considering the problem, he admitted that the boycott was a difficult thing to ban, but assured the assembly that "this extraordinarily difficult" problem would be tackled.

LATEST PALESTINE BULLETIN

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA) -- Two thousand orange trees and grapevines in the Jewish settlement of Kfar Yona were destroyed today, according to an official communique.

Demolition of 98 Arab houses in the Old City of Jaffa, scheduled to begin tomorrow in advance of construction of two military roads, was postponed until Thursday when the discovery that a mosque was situated in the condemned area necessitated realignment of plans.

Jacob Gerson, 21, who died this morning from wounds suffered when a truck he was driving was ambushed on Sunday, was given a quiet burial tonight. The authorities ordered the funeral held after curfew to avoid disorders.