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TROOPS OCCUPY ARAB VILLAGE NEAR PETACH TIKVAH

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- Troops occupied the village of Rantieh near Petach Tikvah tonight after two Arabs were reported killed and five wounded in an engagement with British military forces.

Inhabitants of the village have been responsible for uprooting of hundreds of acres of crops at Jewish settlements and for attacks on Jewish settlements and troops.

The authorities closed down two Government schools in Bethlehem because of the continued Arab strike. The Government Department of Education ordered school teachers not to leave the country for mid-summer vacations without special permission.

A fire at a civil airport at Lydda last night caused considerable damage. Arab workers, terrorized by raiders, feared to continue working.

Two privately owned automobiles, one of them the property of Jacob Simon, United Press correspondent here, were destroyed by fire this morning in front of the United States Consulate.

Twenty tombstones in a famous Jewish cemetery in Safed were destroyed last night. The rabbinate and the Jewish community protested against the desecration, demanding that the grounds be protected.

The authorities imposed one year's "home arrest" on Abu Deaf, head of the Arab Boy Scout organization.

A joint appeal was issued by the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Jewish National Council and the Tel Aviv municipality on behalf of sufferers from the disturbances. The appeal calls on the Jewish community to contribute to the relief drive, at the same time emphasizing that relief should be the duty of the Government.

DR. JULIUS BRODNITZ, REICH JEWISH LEADER, DIES AT 70

BERLIN, June 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Julius Brodnitz, prominent attorney and president of the Central Union of Jews in Germany, died here today at the age of 70. His death was the result of a concussion of the brain suffered in an automobile accident last week.

Dr. Brodnitz is survived by his widow and three sons, Dr. Friedrich Brodnitz, head of the Federation of Jewish Youth Organizations in Germany; Otto Brodnitz, who resides in New York City, where he is employed by L.F. Rothschild, and Heinz Brodnitz, an engineer living in Tel Aviv, Palestine.

Born in Posen in 1866, Dr. Brodnitz came to Berlin in 1894 to take up the practice of law and soon became one of the most highly respected members of the Berlin bar.

Shortly after his arrival in Berlin he became identified with the Central Union, at that time a comparatively unimportant organization dedicated to the safeguarding of German Jewry's rights. In 1920 he succeeded Maximilian Horwitz, founder and organizer of the Union, as its president.

During Dr. Brodnitz' incumbency of that office the Union grew tremendously in influence and scope.

Soon after the Nazis came to power, Dr. Brodnitz, in an editorial in the C.-V. Zeitung, the Union's official organ, outlined the role his organization was prepared to play in the adaptation of Germany Jewry to the new conditions:

"The Central Union which was founded for safeguarding the rights of German Jewry," he said, "places itself unreservedly at the disposal of the new requirements. It is prepared to throw the weight of its organization and those who direct it into the scale, when it concerns the future of the whole of German Jewry. It is prepared to do this, and it demands the same thing from all the other groups, that they place themselves at the disposal of the leadership of German Jewry, without any regard for their individual prestige."

While cognizant of the need for emigration, he believed it only a partial solution of the pressing German Jewish problem precipitated by the advent of the Nazi regime. In a speech not long ago, Dr. Brodnitz expressed the view that it was of the first importance that the 400,000 Jews remaining in Germany "are enabled to be spiritually sound, and are left with room to live, or are provided with some to live."

Dr. Brodnitz converted his monthly magazine, "Im Deutschen Reich," into the Union's weekly organ, the C.-V. Zeitung, which is today one of the most widely circulated publications among German Jews.

Due to his efforts, the Union started its own publishing house, the Philo-Verlag, which publishes scientific works on Jewish questions and a literary periodical, Der Morgen.

In addition to his activities in the Union, Dr. Brodnitz was energetic in efforts to improve the situation of the East-European Jews, striving to convert them from tradesmen into farmers and manual workers. Since 1926 he was on the executive board of the ORT, organization which sponsors the retraining of Jews in Central and Eastern Europe for artisanship.

LONDON DAILY SEES PALESTINE EXPERIMENT "DOOMED TO DISASTER"

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express, the largest newspaper in England, today published a sharp attack on Zionism in connection with the present Arab disorders in Palestine, charging it, with "trying to prop up a Jewish national state in Palestine on British bayonets."

Referring to Lord Beaverbrook's opposition to Zionism seventeen years ago, when the paper declared the Palestine experiment was "doomed to disaster," the Express declares in an editorial that this prediction is now working out.

Characterizing anti-Semitism as an "ignorant and fantastic prejudice," the paper describes anti-Zionism as opposition to a Jewish national state dependent on British arms, which is "far-sighted political realism."

VERDICT NEARS IN PRZYTYK POGROM TRIAL

RADOM, Poland, June 17. (JTA) -- After hearing scores of Jewish and Christian witnesses the District Court concluded today the taking of testimony in the trial of 43 Gentiles and fourteen Jews on charges arising from disorders in Przytyk on March 9 in which three persons were killed and many wounded.

Summations will be rendered tomorrow, the sixteenth day of the trial, and a verdict is expected next week.

Counsel for the non-Jewish defendants sought to have testimony of the Jewish witnesses thrown out on the alleged ground that the Talmud permitted Jews to give false evidence. The motion was denied by the court after the public prosecutor had vigorously opposed it.

M. Kowalski, of the anti-Semitic attorneys, asked permission to call the priest, Trzeciak, to prove that Jews were allowed by their religion to give false testimony, describing the priest as "the great authority on the Talmud and the Shulchan Aruch whose opinion even Parliament considered."

Jewish lawyers bitterly attacked what they called an attempt to make the court a forum for a medieval religious argument and demanded that if Father Trzeciak be called, then they be permitted to call Prof. Zadarowski, who had previously denounced the priest's "expert testimony" as "lying slanders."

The public prosecutor declared that Polish courts recognize the validity of Jewish testimony, pointing out that Christianity received from Judaism the commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness."

Several non-Jewish defendants testified, revealing contradictions in previous statements to the police. The remainder of the Christian defendants thereupon refused to take the stand.

Jewish counsel sought again to have the trial moved to Przytyk for reenactment of the disorders, but failed.

SEJM WARNED POLISH JEWS ARE BEING DRIVEN TO COMMUNISM

WARSAW, June 17. (JTA) -- Warning Parliament that the campaign of economic extermination being waged against the 3,500,000 Polish Jews was driving them to Communism, Deputy Emil Sommerstein today appealed to the Government to act against injustice to the Jews.

He announced that the Jewish deputies would oppose a bill granting the Government special powers.

Recalling the statement of former Prime Minister Kazimierz Bartel opposing economic anti-Semitism, he contrasted it with the speech of the present Prime Minister, Felicjan Skladkowski, who said in Parliament he could not interfere with the economic campaign against the Jews.

ORMSBY-GORE HOLDS ARAB PEASANTS LOT IMPROVED

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore refuted in the House of Commons today allegations by Stephen Davies, Laborite member, that the position of the fellahs (Arab peasants) in Palestine had grown worse since 1930, when 29.4 per cent of rural Arab families were landless.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore pointed out that many of these families never had land and lived by labor rather than cultivation. He said that the position of the fellahs has been considerably improved by measures such as provide protection of tenants, reduction of indebtedness, reform of land taxation.

W. Gallacher, Communist member, declared that the Arab strike was partly based on the fact that they are being driven off the land.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied "I cannot accept that suggestion for one moment."

VETERANS OFFER TO ENLIST IN BRITISH ARMY FOR PALESTINE SERVICE

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- The Brith Hachayal, a Jewish war veterans' organization which is affiliated with the New Zionist Organization, today made public an offer to the War Office to enlist in the British Army for service in Palestine.

The veterans also offered, on behalf of its members in England and other countries, to reorganize the Jewish Legion which played an important role in the conquest of Palestine by the late Lord Allenby during the World War.

HITLER ORGAN "NOT ASTONISHED" BY RISE OF BLACK LEGION HERE

BERLIN, June 17. (JTA) -- Development of the "Black Legion" in the United States is "not astonishing," declares the Voelkischer Beobachter today.

The chief organ of the Nazi Party, and the personal property of Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, attributes rise of the hooded terrorist band to the "troublesome social condition, insufficient socio-political legislation, feverish Communist activities and particularly the growth of the Jewish influence in eastern United States and Washington."

The Beobachter attacks Congressman Samuel Dickstein, co-author of a joint resolution calling for a Congressional investigation of the Black Legion, calling him "the well-known Jewish hate monger."

HOOGLIGANS DYNAMITE SYNAGOGUE IN POMERANIA

WARSAW, June 17. (JTA) -- Dynamite was used by hooligans today to destroy a synagogue in Wiecbork, Pomerania. They are believed to be members of the same gang who had previously smashed windows of the house of worship.

TO URGE SMALLER FRENCH GRANT FOR OLYMPICS

PARIS, June 17. (JTA) -- Minister of Sport La Grange will urge the Cabinet to halve the Government appropriation for the French Olympics team, it was learned today, in order to grant larger credits to a team that is being sent to the Labor olympiade at Barcelona.

\$10,000 CABLED FOR POLISH JEWS

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The American Committee Appeal for the Relief of Jews in Poland announced today it had cabled \$10,000 to a Polish committee headed by Senator Moses Schorr for the aid of victims of the recent anti-Semitic wave, it was the second allotment the committee has sent.

LATEST PALESTINE BULLETIN

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- A document in which Emir Abdullah, Arab ruler of Transjordan, invites Jewish immigration into that British-mandated territory will be published within a few days, it was learned today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The document, which was shown to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, was personally written by the Emir at the end of 1922. It invites Jews to enter the Transjordan, which adjoins Palestine, but provides that they receive no special national rights.

The Agudath Israel, extreme orthodox organization, is now in possession of the document. It had been addressed and given to Dr. De Haan, leader of the Agudath Israel, who was later assassinated.

Transjordan is a separate territory under the Palestine mandate. Settlement of Jews has heretofore been forbidden.

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JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- Twenty-seven Arabs were arrested today in connection with the uprooting of trees at the Jewish settlement of Kfar Jonah.

Two lorries from Afuleh were fired on at Salat Dear. Its convoy returned the gunfire. No casualties were reported.