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ARAB GUERRILLA WARFARE CONTINUES, CLAIMING 2 MORE JEWISH VICTIMS

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- Two Jews died and six others were injured today as Arab guerilla warfare against the Government and the Jews continued in its ninth week, accompanied by bombings, attacks on Government forces, sabotage and attacks on Jewish settlements.

Arabs late this afternoon bombed a bus passing near Yazar on the way to Tel Aviv from Rishon-le-Zion. Josef Shefter, 28, of Vienna, manager of the Leviathan Tannery at Rishon-le-Zion, was killed and six others, including Shimon Blad, 36, a Polish Jew, were less seriously injured. Shefter's death brought the Jewish fatalities since April 19th to 31.

Abraham Ben Yehuda, 42, of Sosnowitz, Poland, died this morning of wounds received when a dairy truck he was driving was ambushed last Friday en route from Jerusalem to Ataroth.

The head of the British military forces in Egypt, Lieutenant General Sir George Wier, arrived here today by airplane for a short visit.

Using bloodhounds, police tracked a party of Arabs from Dannaba near Tulkarem and arrested ten in connection with the destruction of fruit trees at Kfar Jonah.

Three Arabs were wounded when they attempted to blow up a railway bridge near Nablus. They were taken to the hospital.

Troops exchanged fire with unknown attackers near Seirat el Adir. No casualties were reported. Police opened fire on Arabs attacking Jewish settlements at Menachemia, Sedgera and Har Canaan. None was injured.

A passenger train was fired on between Deselsheikh and Bittar. The train's convoy returned the fire. No casualties were reported. An exchange of fire also occurred near Hartuv, where railroad workers were sniped at. None was hit.

Arabs fired on a police station at Bethlehem and were driven off by a return volley. Shooting also occurred at Mekor Haim on the outskirts of Jerusalem, at Tel Litwinsky, Kalmania and Kfar Azar. No casualties were reported.

Three huts near Lydda were burned down. A fire set to crops near Kfar Tabor was extinguished by police before it had made much headway. Telephone wires between Jerusalem and Jericho were cut, as was the line between Seira tel Dir and Khan Luban.

An official communique confirmed that two bombs were exploded in front of City Hall in Haifa, wrecking a fence around it, shattering windows and injuring an Arab municipal employee. A small, primitive bomb went off near the Fast Hotel on the Jaffa road.

2 Jews To Be Tried For Jaffa Gate Bombing

The trial of two Jews in connection with a bombing at Jaffa Gate, Jerusalem, on June 8 which resulted in death to one Arab and injuries to twenty-four other Arabs and Armenians, was postponed today until next week.

The defendants, Abraham Mizrachi and Mordecai Nahum Mizrachi, were to have been tried under new emergency regulations fixing penalties of death or life imprisonment for terroristic acts, but the police asked that the charge be changed to simple attempted murder.

Mordecai Eliash, who represented the Jews before the Shaw Commission which investigated the anti-Jewish riots of 1929, is counsel for the two Jews. Jews claim the bombing was the work of an Arab who aimed at passing Jews but missed, hitting the Arabs and Armenians.

Numerous striking Arab shopkeepers in Haifa opened their stores today under the threat of six months' imprisonment voiced in a Government ultimatum. Owners of shops that remained closed were being registered for trial by the police.

A train was fired on during the night between Lydda and Jerusalem. The military convoy returned the fire. No casualties were reported. Armored railway cars equipped with machine guns have been introduced on railroads to prevent attacks and guard against damage to railroad property.

Demolition of a condemned quarter of Jaffa for construction of two roads to the harbor got under way today. Thirty buildings of ninety-eight marked for destruction were dynamited while half a battalion of troops and wartanks stood ready to avert disturbances. Army engineers are constructing the roads.

Twenty-seven peasants were arrested at the village of Danba for uprooting trees in Jewish graves. Ten went on trial at Tulkarem.

Davar, Hebrew daily, declared in an editorial that the Government's severe regulations had proved unavailing in freeing the country of Arab terrorism. It urged mobilization of Jewish youths.

BRITAIN MUST RETAIN MANDATE, LONDON TIMES HOLDS

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- The Times in a leading editorial on the Palestine situation today declares that the British mandate over Palestine must remain until Arabs and Jews learn to live and work together.

Arab fears, the editorial points out, are for the most part groundless. On the other hand Zionist leaders have forced too hard a pace in the development of the Jewish national home, the editorial suggests.

The Times advocates strengthening of local government and urges that the proposed legislative council be dropped. It sees the question of land tenure as requiring study, with a possible solution in cantonization, not for administrative purposes, but for land reserves.

Overhauling of the administration is seen as necessary by the editorial, postulating however that construction must proceed from peace.

WAUCHOPE PLEDGES GOVERNMENT WILL RESTORE PEACE

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- The forestry office of the Jewish National Fund today made public a letter from High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope pledging that the Palestine Government "will do everything possible to prevent further acts of wanton destruction and restore peace and order."

Written in reply to a letter from Mr. Weitz of the forestry office, in which attention was called to the destruction of the Jewish National Fund's forest at Mishmar ha-Emek, the letter voices the hope that "it may not be long before destruction ceases, planting starts again and the sap may rise in the goodwill tree."

AGED BEADLE REFUSES TO QUIT CONDEMNED JAFFA SYNAGOGUE

JAFFA, June 17. (JTA) -- Army engineers preparing to demolish a condemned quarter of Jaffa for construction of two roads to the harbor were faced with an obstacle in the person of a 90-year-old synagogue beadle.

Ordered to evacuate his synagogue, the aged "shamos" refused to budge, declaring he was prepared to die in sanctity under the ruins of the house of worship he was duty-bound to care for.

NEW HAIFA COUNCIL INCLUDES 4 JEWS, 3 BRITONS

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- It was announced today in the Government gazette that four Jews, three Britons and two Arabs have been nominated to the Haifa municipal council, in addition to the Arab mayor, Hassan Shukri. One of the Jews is to be vice-mayor.

ANTI-JEWISH VIOLENCE, ARSON FLARE IN EAST GALICIA

WARSAW, June 18. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish violence accompanied by arson flared in villages of Eastern Galicia today.

One Jew, Wolf Woolstein, 60, was seriously wounded in the town of Monastyrzysko, and nine Jewish-owned houses and a grain depository were destroyed by fire in other villages.

RADOM COURT SENTENCES 4 JEWS TO JAIL TERMS

RADOM, Poland, June 18. (JTA) -- Four Jews were given jail sentences today ranging from one to two years for having interfered with police during the strike staged by Jews throughout Poland on March 17 in protest against the Government's failure to check the anti-Semitic reign of terror.

12 BUKHARIAN JEWS SEIZED AT PALESTINE-SYRIA BORDER

BEIRUT, Syria, June 18. (JTA) -- Twelve Bukharian Jews who tried to enter Palestine without visas today were arrested by the French authorities.

One of the arrested men is reported to have said that two other Jews were killed by the Russian frontier forces while escaping from Bukhara.

ANTI-JEWISH BILL IN PARIS COUNCIL LEADS TO BLOWS

PARIS, June 18. (JTA) -- The floor of the Seine Council General today was the scene of a fist fight between a Jewish councillor, M. Hirsh, and the outspoken anti-Semite Darquier de Pellepoix over an anti-Semitic bill introduced by the latter which would limit voting rights of Jews and their eligibility for public offices.

\$2,139,998 RAISED IN J.D.C. DRIVE TO DATE

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- A report that \$2,139,998 has been pledged in the \$3,500,000 campaign of the Joint Distribution Committee -- nearly three times the sum pledged at the same time last year -- was presented to the mid-year meeting of the J.D.C.'s plan and scope committee at the Hotel Commodore today by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, co-chairman of the campaign.

Joseph C. Hyman, secretary and executive director, reported that more than \$700,000 has been spent by J.D.C. this year to aid Jews in Germany, refugee lands, Poland and Eastern Europe. He added that from \$750,000 to \$800,000 has been allocated overseas for the remainder of the year.

For the Greater New York campaign for \$1,500,000, Carl J. Austrian, chairman, reported that more than one half of the quota, or \$850,000, had already been raised. Mr. Austrian stated that contributions in the larger brackets this year represented a substantial increase over the amounts given last year.