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### TROOPS CAPTURE BANDITS IN GOVERNMENT OFFENSIVE AGAINST ARAB TERRORISTS

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- The Government took the offensive against terrorists today as Arab disorders began their tenth week with bombings, arson, sabotage, attacks and sniping continuing throughout the country.

A detachment of Seaforth Highlanders carried out successful operations at Mount Ebal near Nablus, surrounding an Arab hideout and capturing armed bandits. Four Arabs were arrested and one seriously wounded. Three rifles were seized. No casualties were reported among the troops.

Two British soldiers were severely wounded and another slightly injured when Arabs ambushed a convoy at Nur Shemesh en route to Haifa from Tel Aviv. Military authorities launched an investigation into the attack.

A determined attack on the Jewish settlement of Kfar Baruch near Nahalal last night was reported today. Arabs stormed the colony from three sides. They were repulsed by police guards.

The Arab Supreme Council telegraphed High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope protesting against new regulations extending the death penalty and life imprisonment to persons convicted of carrying firearms, bombs and incendiary materials, with five years' imprisonment set where intention to use them is not proven.

Sir John Hathorn-Hall, chief Government secretary, replied for Sir Arthur that the Government has decided to take even further measures if they are necessary to end terrorism.

### Arab Shops Open in Jaffa

Many shops on strike in the Adjami quarter of Jaffa opened today. Merchants in the Manshieh quarter were waiting for each other to make the first move to break the nine-week old strike against the Jews and Government.

A joint meeting of the Arab Council and local strike committees was summoned for Tuesday to discuss continuation or abandonment of the strike, newspapers reported today.

A military patrol was fired on near Jenin, an official communique said, and the patrol replied. No casualties were reported. Snipers fired on patrols on the Hebron road and near Bitar, drawing police fire.

Buses were fired at near Beth Hakerem and at Motza. Some shooting was reported in the Tel Aviv suburbs of Tel Litwinsky, Beit Vegan and Montefiore.

A Jewish bus was set afire near Haifa and slightly damaged, the communique stated. A fire slightly damaged a bridge between Semakh and Naharaim, but traffic was not interrupted. Fire destroyed a Jewish hut and workshop near Haifa. Nursery trees were set afire near Migdal, but police extinguished the blaze.

Cutting of telephone wires and shooting were reported at Haifa Bay and Beisan. A marble workshop was set afire near Beit Vegan and slightly damaged. Telephone wires were cut near Jerusalem, Khan Luban and at Hebron.

Two bombs were thrown at a railway line near Kalkillia, one at Tulkarem, one at Khanyunis, two at Gaza and two at Beersheba.

### Probe Slaying of 39th Jew

Police were investigating today the circumstances surrounding the slaying of Eliezer Liser, a German emigrant, in an orange grove near Kfar Saba by Arabs yesterday. He was the thirty-ninth Jew to be killed since April 19. It was at first believed he had been accidentally shot, but police investigation revealed Arab responsibility.

The statement of William Ormsby-Gore, British Colonial Secretary, in the House of Commons that Arab terrorism would be suppressed, evoked from Arab circles the defiant declaration that the fight against the Government was only beginning.

Persons close to the Grand Mufti, Haj Amin el Husseini, the principal Arab leader, told the Hebrew daily, Haboker, that events until now were only a joke in comparison to what would follow.

The authorities were asked today in appeals signed jointly by the Palestine Manufacturers Association and the Histadruth, Jewish general federation of labor, to prevent further slayings and sabotage by invoking the newly-proclaimed regulations fixing penalties of death and life imprisonment for terroristic acts in all places where crimes had been committed or where criminals were hiding.

The appeals, which were addressed to High Commissioner Wauchope, Colonial Secretary Ormsby-Gore and important Government officials, protested the slaying of a Jew and wounding of six others in a bus bombing last Friday near Yazur, the scene of several previous terroristic acts.

The appeals also asked promulgation of all measures necessary to suppress terrorist bands by enlisting Jews into police and army units and changing the present defensive policy into one of aggressive action. In addition, they requested stationing of adequate guards at danger points to provide public conveyances with sufficient armed British and Jewish police.

"We will continue our work despite all destructive forces," the appeal said, "and we hope Your Excellency will fulfill the promise to facilitate the work of law-abiding citizens of the country." It was signed by M. Shenkar of the manufacturers group and David Remez of the Histadruth.

Earlier, an official communique announced the town of Yazur was fined \$1,000 as collective punishment for the bus bombing. Troops and police searched the town and took livestock and grain with them to Jaffa as security for the fine.

#### Bloodhounds Track Water-Main Bombers

Arabs fired 100 shots yesterday at a home for convalescents at Motza. They were routed by police fire. A home for babies in the Upper Bakaa section of Jerusalem was set afire by Arabs and extinguished by troops.

Rifles of two special Jewish policemen were stolen at Ness Ziona. Police searching for the thieves found an Arab with an automatic revolver in his possession.

Police were investigating today the shooting of a Jew of Migdal near Tiberias yesterday. He was suffering from a leg wound. A bridge between Jerusalem and Jericho was damaged by explosives.

Using bloodhounds, Government forces tracked Arabs responsible for damaging waterpipes at Ras-el-Ain supplying Jerusalem, to the village of Saris, where they found a sack containing an instrument used for the bombing. Inhabitants of twenty Arab villages were forced to repair the damages.

The new secretary of the Arab Supreme Council, Izzat Deruza, was confined in a concentration camp at Sarafend, as were Samis Aradj, one of the reputed chief instigators of Arab disorders, and Dr. Chlil Budeyry, a leader of the party of Mayor Hussein el Khalidi of Jerusalem.

#### Military Patrols Ambushed

Military patrols were ambushed twice yesterday on the road to Nablus, one soldier suffering bullet wounds, and two others injuries when the lorry they were riding in accidentally overturned. Soldiers extinguished a fire in the residential section of Jerusalem. Fire destroyed a group of Jewish-owned cabins in Ruchama.

Telephone and telegraph wires were cut at Afulah, Beisan, Jenin, Atlith, Madjal, Yabneh and Lydda. Obstructions on the railroad tracks between Kalkillia and Kakun were being removed by soldiers when they were fired on by snipers. There were no casualties.

A train between Jerusalem and Lydda was fired on, but no injuries were reported. A bridge between Ramallah and Batrun was slightly damaged by explosives. A military trolley was damaged when a bomb exploded between Gaza and Khanyunis. Police stations at Hedera, Gaza, Beit Vegan, Beisan, Karkur, Beth Alpha, Sedjera and Safed were attacked by snipers, police replying without effect. A customs guard was stoned at El Nekura.

#### ZIONIST GROUPS MEET TODAY

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- A joint meeting of the Palestine Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Palestinian members of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization was summoned today for tomorrow.

#### POLISH ZIONISTS TO RAISE SPECIAL FUND

WARSAW, June 21. (JTA) -- A conference of central committees of all Polish Zionist parties adopted a unanimous resolution today declaring support of the World Zionist Executive in the present Palestine crisis and proclaiming a special appeal for funds to strengthen the Palestine Jewish community.

The action was taken after Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Palestine Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, had warned that the Arabs were attempting to starve out the Palestine Jews and had stressed the suffering resulting to Jewish agricultural colonies as a result of Arab unrest.

#### POLISH SENATE PASSES BILL GRANTING GOVERNMENT WIDE POWERS

WARSAW, June 21. (JTA) -- A bill granting the Government special powers awaited the signature of President Moscicki today after it had been passed by the Senate with only the Jewish senator, Chief Rabbi Moses Schorr, offering opposition.

During the debate in the Senate yesterday, Rabbi Schorr reiterated demands voiced by Jewish members of the Sejm that the Government give assurances it would protect the Jews. He declared the situation of the Polish Jews was never as bad as today and charged that anti-Semitic incitement was permitted to continue unchecked and unpunished throughout the country.

The Sejm passed the bill last week with only Jewish deputies voting against it.

#### ENDEK LAWYER BLAMES J.T.A. AND WORLD JEWS FOR PRZYTYK DISORDERS

RADOM, June 21 (JTA) -- A crowded court room was amazed and amused yesterday when it heard the Endek attorney Kowalski charge that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and world Jewry were responsible for the Przytyk pogrom of March 9, in connection with which 43 Gentiles and 14 Jews are on trial.

Kowalski cited an appeal made last January by the Jews of Przytyk through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in support of his charge. The appeal asked for aid against the anti-Jewish boycott that was being enforced on peasants by agitators using terroristic methods and voiced fear of the consequences.



This appeal, Kowalski told the court, resulted in world Jewry's ordering the Przytyk Jews to "help yourselves."

"It is now clear," the Endek lawyer, one of counsel for the 43 Gentile defendants, said, "how they helped themselves."

Kowalski also attacked Sholom Asch, noted American Jewish novelist, for allegedly defaming Polish soldiers.

The court sentenced one of the Jewish defendants, Kerszenzweig, to three days' solitary confinement for having ironically shouted during Kowalski's speech that the Endek lawyer had forgotten to mention the ritual blood libel.

#### KING OF GREECE SEES CHIEF RABBI

SALONICA, June 21. (JTA) -- King George received Chief Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Koretz today and expressed sympathy with the Zionist experiment in Palestine. He asked many questions about the Greek Jews engaged in agriculture in Palestine.

Premier Metaxas received a Jewish delegation and discussed several questions concerning the Jewish community.

#### GREEK CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION MOVES TO BAN CONVERSION OF MINORS

ATHENS, June 21. (JTA) -- The Parliamentary Commission for Constitutional Reform yesterday decided unanimously to include in the new Greek Constitution a clause prohibiting conversion of persons under 21 years of age.

The clause provides also that persons over that age must present written permission from their religious authorities before conversion to another faith is allowed. This provision was included to enable the religious authorities concerned to make a final effort to prevent the apostasy.

The step was widely hailed in Jewish communities throughout Greece, which have been alarmed by numerous conversions of Jewish boys and girls to the Catholic and Protestant faiths.

The commission also decided to proclaim the inviolability of religious buildings and cemeteries.

#### PROF. VENTURA NAMED CHIEF RABBI OF TURKEY

ISTANBUL, June 21. (JTA) -- Michon Ventura, professor of Roman law at the University of Istanbul, was appointed chief rabbi of Turkey yesterday. He succeeds the late Haim Effendi Bedjarano in that post.

Prof. Ventura, a native of this city, was formerly a judge in Macedonia, held a legislative post in the Turkish Government, and has been active in improving the relations between Turks and Jews. He was a member of the commission that revised Turkish law. He is 53 years old.

### GERMAN EMIGRES MEET IN PARIS

PARIS, June 21. (JTA) -- The first international conference of German emigres was opened yesterday with Rudolph Breischeld, former Socialist leader of the Reichstag, presiding.

### FRENCH JEWS ASK WORLD CONGRESS BE CALLED "CONFERENCE"

PARIS, June 21. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Societies announced its decision yesterday to participate in the forthcoming World Jewish Congress at Geneva, but proposed that its name be changed to the World Jewish Conference because of its unrepresentative nature.

### REICH CITIES RENAME STREETS FOR "ARYANS"

BERLIN, June 21. (JTA) -- Hanover and Ruestingen yesterday followed the lead of other German cities which have been changing the names of streets that have for years borne the names of famous Jews.

In Hanover, the street named in honor of the philosopher Benedict Spinoza became Nietzschestrasse, while in Ruestingen Heinostrasse, named after the poet Heinrich Heine, became Ruselerstrasse.

### POLISH PLANE LEAVES TEL AVIV FOR HOME

TEL AVIV, June 21. (JTA) -- The first Polish airplane to land here took off today for home after a four-day visit with a case of Palestinian oranges part of its cargo. Mayor Meior Dizengoff headed the thousands of citizens of this all-Jewish city who greeted the plane on its arrival. M. Dzielowski, the pilot, said he hoped a permanent air route would be established between Poland and Palestine.

### LATEST PALESTINE BULLETIN

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- One British soldier and ten Arabs were killed tonight in a long drawn out engagement near Nur Shemesh, according to reports reaching here. The battle followed the ambushing of a convoy (reported on page 1) en route to Haifa from Tel Aviv.