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40TH JEW KILLED IN AMBUSH; HILL REGION UNDER CURFEW

JERUSALEM, June 23. (JTA) -- Arabs today ambushed a bus conveyed by soldiers between Tiberias and Rosh Pina, killing one Jew -- the fortieth since April 15 -- as bombings, sniping and sabotage continued throughout the country.

Troops guarded the hill region after rebels had attempted to damage exposed water-pipes at Latrun and other mains supplying Jerusalem. Strict curfew was imposed in the hill sector covering 27 kilometers to Tel Aviv.

Arabs attacking a train near Hartuv en route to Jerusalem were routed by an army flier who circled over the rebels and raked them with gunfire. Police drove off rebels who fired on linemen repairing damaged telephone wires between Jericho and Jerusalem.

Troops repelled a fierce midnight attack on Jewish-owned groves at Ekron near Rehoboth by Arabs who fired from all sides. Special Jewish police held off the invaders until military reinforcements arrived. A band of thirty to forty Arabs damaged a grove near Afuleh, according to an official communique.

About 2,000 trees were uprooted in groves between Herzlia and the American colony of Raanana during the night.

Two powerful bombs were discovered under a bridge between Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan. Explosion of a bomb on Mount Carmel caused slight damage. Other bombings occurred at Beersheba, Migdal Gad, Jaffa and Petach Tikvah.

Sniping on soldiers were reported in several points.

Crops valued at \$750 were sequestered by the authorities in the Arab village of Sebastia as collective punishment for terroristic acts. Two Arabs were arrested for possession of bullets. Under emergency regulations they face death or life imprisonment.

The municipal council of Tel Aviv sent condolences to the Seaforth Highlanders' regiment on the death of Sergeant Henry Mills in an engagement with Arabs Sunday. Despite previous reports, it was officially established no other soldier was felled in the battle.

Two Arabs captured by troops with a cache of arms and ammunition last night in a cave in the Nablus hills near the scene of Sunday's engagement faced death or life imprisonment under emergency regulations.

ESTIMATE 140,000 TREES, VINES UPROOTED IN PALESTINE DISORDERS

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- Arabs have destroyed 140,000 trees, many of them fruit-bearing, since the disorders began in Palestine, the Jerusalem correspondent of Reuters News Agency estimated today.

About 4,000 acres of grain have also been put to the torch, the same source stated.

The correspondent puts direct damages to Jewish property at \$900,000. Previous estimates by insurance experts, the Palestine newspapers and Arab leaders placed total losses to Jews, Arabs and Government at \$15,000,000, with Jewish losses approximately half of the total. The latter estimates include losses incurred by business and traceable to the falling off of tourist trade.

AGENCY, ZIONIST BODY AIR PALESTINE POLITICAL SITUATION

JERUSALEM, June 23. (JTA) -- A joint meeting of the Palestine Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Palestine members of the Action Committee of the World Zionist Organization yesterday discussed the Palestine political situation. Another session will be held Wednesday to discuss economic problems.

A resolution was adopted which will be published after it has been edited by a special committee.

Menachem M. Ussishkin, president of the Jewish National Fund, who presided, paid tribute to the Jewish victims in Arab disorders and to the British soldiers and police who have fallen in attempting to maintain peace. He eulogized Nahum Sokolow, Zionist leader who died in London recently.

Moshe Shertok of the Jewish Agency reported on the political situation and outlined the tasks facing the Zionist movement. He is understood to have vigorously criticized the Palestine Government for not taking sufficient protective measures in the present situation.

Representatives of various groups participated in the discussion. It was learned that a heated debate was held on the demand for widening the political department.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL PREPARED ANTI-BRITISH DRIVE, LONDON TOLD

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- The News-Chronicle featured a sensational report today charging that the Italian Consul-General in Jerusalem had spent several weeks in Italy preparing an anti-British campaign in Palestine.

STRIKE WILL GO ON, ARABS TELL COLONIAL OFFICE

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- The Daily Herald reported today that an Arab delegation from Palestine which visited Sir John Maffey, permanent Under-secretary for Colonies, declared to him that the general strike now in its tenth week in the Holy Land would continue until Jewish immigration was halted.

The statement was made, according to the Herald, after Sir John had repeated to the delegation the sense of the statement by William Ormsby-Gore, Colonial Secretary, that order would be restored in Palestine even if harsh measures were required.

COURT TOLD PRZYTYK POGROM IS "TRAGEDY OF POLISH CULTURE"

RADOM, Poland, June 23. (JTA) -- Counsel for the 14 Jewish defendants in the trial in District Court of 57 persons on charges arising from the disorders on March 9 in Przytyk in which three persons were killed and scores wounded continued their summations today.

Wacław Szumanski, non-Jewish attorney for Sholem Lesko, who is charged with shooting and killing a Christian during the disorders declared that "the Przytyk affair is the tragedy of Polish culture and humanity. It is an affliction and a shame to Poland."

He asserted that "there were 250 pogrom trials in Czarist Russia, but not one single instance where the Jewish victims were made to take the bench with the defendants."

Ridiculing the contention of the public prosecutor that the Jews provoked the excesses, he said the Jews' action was restricted to self-defense and that it was not the Jews but the peasants who fought the police.

Lesko fired into the air, Szumanski said, and it was impossible for him to have hit the Christian Wiesniak. He will complete his summation tomorrow.

Kazimierz Petruszewicz, non-Jewish dean of the Wilno Bar Association, in his summation for Lazar Foldberg and M. Haberberg, Jewish defendants, denounced the attack of the anti-Semitic lawyer, Kowalski, on the Jewish religion and his demand that the Jews leave Poland.

"The Jews will not leave Poland," he said. "They will remain and the Jewish problem will not be solved in the way of Przytyk and Minsk Mazowiec." (The latter town was also the scene of recent anti-Jewish disorders.)

Leon Bernsohn, Jewish counsel for the defendant Korszensweig, declared that if his client had fired a gun, the shooting was justified. The Jews of Przytyk only defended themselves, he said.

"Should the Jews have allowed themselves to be slaughtered because the police were unable to defend them?" he asked.

DR. FILDERMAN INJURED BY CUZISTS IN BUCHAREST ATTACK

BUCHAREST, June 23. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish disorders arising partly from animosity between liberal and right-wing newspapers spread throughout the country today resulting in injuries to an unascertained number of Jews, including Dr. William Filderman, president of the Union of Rumanian Jews.

Dr. Filderman was slightly hurt when student members of Prof. Alexander Cuza's Nazi organization attacked him and other Jewish lawyers at the Supreme Court Building.

Anti-Semitic bands continued to make bonfires of stacks of liberal newspapers in thoroughfares of Rumanian cities. In several places they attacked Jewish passers-by. A number of Jews were injured at Kishinev and Beltz.

Attacks on Jews in Kishinev -- scene of a pogrom in 1905 that prompted President Theodore Roosevelt to issue an official protest -- resulted in a battle when Jews resisted the assaults. Total casualties were not established, but three persons were in the hospital, including K. Poliakoff and the Cuzist, Anton Zurkin, seriously wounded.

Cuzists attacked and wounded a Kishinev police official who attempted to prevent the burning of liberal papers in the center of the city.

Among the Jews injured in Beltz were Israel Janku, in the hospital with a fractured skull, and Mottil Faisman, who suffered severe chest injuries.

More than sixty anti-Semites, mostly students, were under arrest today in Bucharest alone as incitement by anti-Jewish papers continued. Some papers printed the names of Jews employed by Gentile-owned papers.

Dr. Alexander Vaida-Voived, head of the National Peasants' Party, published an article today advising youth to refrain from violence. He pointed out that legal measures were possible to oust the Jews from Rumania.

"LODGE JUDAISM" ATTACKED AS RABBIS OPEN PARLEY AT CAPE MAY

CAPE MAY, N.J., June 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Felix A. Levy of Chicago tonight attacked the validity of a Judaism originating in Jewish lodges, welfare and philanthropic organizations with no regard for the synagogue. He rendered his presidential message to the opening session of the forty-seventh convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Addressing sharp criticism to Jewish activities that "flout religion and flaunt secularism," he said:

"Lodge Judaism, despite the religious ritual of initiation and the synagogue affiliation of a portion, large or small, of the membership,

is no substitute for Jewish religious life. No fraternal order can speak for Israel and take the privilege that belongs to the synagogue alone.

"Philanthropic Judaism will soon be emptied of all Jewish content if the synagogue does not take control and show leadership. Rabbis must insist that no one not synagogue-minded and interested in religion has a right to any position of responsibility in the Jewish community."

He urged a Jewish content of sermons, saying that "the rabbis' function is not to discuss the latest play, moving picture or best-seller. The rabbinic office does not include the duties of college professor, dramatic critic and radio reader."

Dr. Levy scored humanism, Fascism and Communism, blaming the world's predicament on its having abandoned basic religious principles. Because Jews are fundamentally religious folk, he asserted, general secularization is more fatal to them. He urged the rabbis to lead the way back to a religious approach.

An address of welcome was given by Max Currick of Erie, Pa., vice-president. Memorial resolutions were passed for Jacob I. Meyer of Hazelton, Pa.; Rabbi Isador Isaacson of Hollywood, Calif, and Dr. Salo Stein of New York.

The conference will be in session for a week. It was organized in 1889 by Dr. Isaac M. Wise of Cincinnati. Approximately 200 rabbis from various parts of the country are attending.

LEWISOHN BACKS ROTHENBERG FOR Z.O.A. PRESIDENCY; RABBIS OPPOSE WISE

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- Ludwig Lewisochn, the author, announced in a letter to Morris Rothenberg made public today that he supports him for re-election as president of the Zionist Organization of America. The New England Zionist Region, of which Dr. Lewisochn was elected vice-president at its convention yesterday, adopted a resolution in support of Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

Dr. Lewisochn said in his letter: "I now hear on good authority that you are not unwilling to run again. Under these circumstances there seems no need to add this to Dr. Wise's multifarious and crushing responsibilities and I want to assure you again...of my unqualified endorsement and support."

The Rabbinical Assembly of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America made public a resolution adopted by its executive council at a special meeting declaring that Dr. Wise's election "would be detrimental to the best interests" of the Z.O.A. and urged election of a president "who will lead us in harmony and retain for Zionism the loyalty and friendships which have been built up through a whole generation of indefatigable labor."

LAEMMLE SAILS ON QUEEN MARY TODAY

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- Carl Laemmle, retiring head of Universal Pictures Corp., will sail for Europe on the Queen Mary tomorrow and visit Palestine in February, he announced last night at a United Palestine Appeal dinner in his honor at the Waldorf-Astoria attended by more than 400 leaders in the film industry and public life. Speakers were Judge Julian W. Mack, Major Henry J. Proctor, British member of Parliament; William A. Brady, Nathan Straus, Gene Buck, Louis Nizer, Judge Jonah Goldstein and Harry Hershfield, who presided. President Roosevelt sent a message felicitating Mr. Laemmle.

LATEST PALESTINE BULLETIN

JERUSALEM, June 23. (JTA) -- Arab snipers fired on a military plane near Mitlin today, an official communique reported. The pilots returned the fire, wounding one of the attackers.

Police dispersed a demonstration of fifty Arab youths in front of the Central Post Office in Jerusalem, arresting two of the ring-leaders.

The Jew killed in the ambush between Tiberias and Rosh Pina (reported on page 1) was Abraham Mizrachi. Three others were injured.

An attack on the Jewish settlement of Kfar Etzion this evening was beaten off by settlers aided by military reinforcements. Workers repairing damages at the Dead Sea and their convoy were fired on. The escort replied. No casualties were reported.

A bridge on the Jerusalem-Jericho road was damaged by an explosion.

Mizrachi, 28, was a resident of Safed and father of three children. Burial will be held before dawn by order of the authorities. The ambush occurred at Gib Yosef near Rosh Pina. The convoy routed the attackers after a fifteen-minute battle and escorted the bus to Safed where the injured were given first aid.