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11 JEWS JAILED IN PRZYTOK DISORDERS; POLES GET SHORT TERMS

RADOM, Poland, June 26. (JTA) -- The District Court today sentenced eleven Jews to jail terms ranging from six months to eight years for their roles in the Przytyk pogrom of March 9 during which two Jews and one Christian were killed and scores of Jews wounded.

Four of 43 Poles charged with the murder of the Jews, Joseph and Chaia Minkowsky, were acquitted, three were given sentences of one year and the remainder six months each. Three of the 14 Jews who stood trial were acquitted.

The longest term was meted out to Sholom Lesko, 19, for the slaying of Stanislaw Wiesniak, Polish peasant. The court rejected his plea that he had shot into the air and couldn't have killed Wiesniak. It had refused his attorney's request that the incident in the pogrom be reenacted at the scene, in order to prove it was impossible for him to have committed the crime he was accused of.

The other sentences:

Eliozzer Kirszenzweig, 19, six years; Isaak Frydman, 27, five years; Izaak Banda, 30, Leib Lenga, 27, eight months each; Saul Krengel, 41, Moss Ferszt, 37, Raphael Honig, 20, Leib Zeids, 36, six months each; Abraham Haberberg, 46, and Eliozzer Feldberg, 65, ten months each.

The convicted defendants are appealing the verdict.

The defendants took the verdict without showing any emotion, but Lesko's father fainted.

The Przytyk pogrom was one of the worst in recent Polish history. A Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent who visited the scene of the rioting shortly after it broke out reported the town resembled a besieged city in war time.

The pogrom was the climax of an intensive anti-Jewish boycott enforced by agitators by terroristic methods.

The trial, which opened June 2, was used by anti-Semitic attorneys for the Christian defendants as a forum to air their anti-Jewish views.

The prosecutor as well as the Endeck lawyers charged that the Jews had provoked the pogrom by shooting and beating peasants.

2 KILLED, 2 INJURED AS ARABS WRECK RAILWAY TRAIN

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- A British soldier and a railway engineer were killed this morning when Arab sabotage of a railway bridge three miles beyond Lydda caused the derailment of a locomotive and two cars of a Haifa-bound train.

Another soldier and the assistant engineer were seriously injured in the wreck, one of the worst since the Arab disorders started more than ten weeks ago.

Arab snipers hidden in the hills through which the tracks run poured rifle fire into the train as soon as it had crashed. Whether any of the passengers were wounded had not been ascertained late this afternoon.

The train's military convoy returned the snipers' fire, wounding one of them seriously.

The passengers were taken to Haifa in a special train while workers set about clearing the wreckage.

The railway bridge, which spanned a culvert, had been almost completely removed by the Arab rebels.

Soldiers Wounded in Arab Ambush

Three Arabs were believed killed and two Scottish troopers were wounded in clashes early today near Ain Sinya and Ain Haramya on the Nablus road.

Troops pursuing rebels who ambushed the troops at Ain Sinya gave up the search after they could find no trace of the Arabs, ammunition or even bodies of Arabs believed shot in the encounter. The troops narrowly escaped injury when they discovered the road had been mined with a Mills bomb.

A band of Arabs, estimated at between 40 and 50 rifles, ambushed a military patrol at the former place. Airplanes flew from Ramallah, in response to a call for reinforcements and helped to rout the band. Troops and planes pursued it into the hills.

An armored car was fired on near Lubban. One of the snipers was wounded, but escaped.

Sniping was reported in Tiberias. Two bombs exploded near Samakh.

A British corporal was wounded when a military railway trolley was ambushed near Kufa Ginniss.

During the night, troops were fired on along the Jerusalem-Jaffa road.

The Government printing offices and King David Hotel in Jerusalem were the target of snipers.

British Corporal Dies in Clash

An official communique on yesterday's engagement between British troops and Arabs in the Nablus hills said the British corporal killed was James Hunter. The five-hour battle took a toll of ten Arabs killed and seven wounded.

Coordination between air forces and armored car detachments was credited with the routing of Arabs by troops in the Nablus hills.

After a detachment of the Seaforth Highlanders regiment had been battling the rebels for five hours, killing four and wounding three, airplanes and four armored cars arrived on the scene. At a signal from the armored cars, the planes swooped down and raked the rebels with machine-gun fire, killing six and wounding four of them.

Police with machine-guns routed Arabs attacking the Kiriat Anavim settlement last night. No casualties were reported.

Five Communists were arrested at Haifa.

Using bloodhounds, Government forces tracked Arabs who attacked Ataroth Wednesday night, killing one Jew. They seized one Arab at the Beth Hanina village with 75 rounds of ammunition in his possession as well as detonators and fuses.

Police and military forces surrounded the Arab village of Kolonia near Motza and searched houses for arms. They found many rifles and a large supply of ammunition. Several Arabs were arrested.

GOVERNMENT TO USE SUMMARY TRIAL

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- The official gazette contained an ordinance today providing for summary trial for certain offences in the present emergency.

The authorities searched the offices of Adifaa, Arab paper, arresting one editor and seizing many documents.

REPORT STOPPAGE OF IMMIGRATION BEING CONSIDERED OFFICIALLY

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- Doar Hayom, Hebrew daily, reports today that temporary stoppage of immigration and creation of an "autonomous legislature" are among four proposals being considered in official circles to pacify the troubled Holy Land.

The number of Jews and Arabs in the country at the present time, the paper states, is to be taken as a basis for future negotiations. (there are more than 375,000 Jews and about 800,000 Arabs in Palestine.)

Constant control of Jewish immigration by an elected committee of Jews and Arabs is the fourth proposal, according to the paper. The committee will decide on immigration schedules on the basis of Government statistics.

JEWS ASKED TO FAST JULY 7 FOR PALESTINE DEAD

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- Jews of the world were asked today by the chief rabbinate of Tel Aviv and Jaffa to observe July 7 as a day of fast in protest against the murder of Jews and destruction of Jewish property in Palestine.

The rabbinate urges Jews on that day to gather in synagogues and say prayers of atonement and to stress Jewry's demands for establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine.

July 7 is the first day of the traditional three-weeks of mourning for the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem.

MOSLEM COUNCIL DECLARES CONFLICT CHIEFLY RELIGIOUS

JERUSALEM, June 26. (JTA) -- The Moslem Supreme Council replied today to Great Britain's expressed determination to end the Arab general strike, declaring it regarded the strike as a legal means of demonstrating the Arabs' resentment against the influx of Jews.

In a statement made public by Haj Amin el Husseini, the Grand Mufti, the council characterized the present situation as primarily a religious conflict and said the Arabs feared their holy places were endangered.

The statement was given to High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope to be sent by airmail to London. Davar, Hebrew daily, said the Arab Supreme Committee had rejected the declaration.

The statement said:

"The Moslem Supreme Council has repeatedly declared to the Palestine Government that the Arab people will never consent to the establishment of a Jewish national home in a holy Moslem country, and similarly that it will not consent to Jewish immigration and transfer of Arab lands to Jews, which impair the Arabs' existence.

"The Council demands the establishment of a parliamentary government and the fulfillment of the promises made in 1916 and 1918 to the Arabs.

"At the same time, the Council regards the present policy as most dangerous to the holy places, including the Elaksa. The Council believes the roots of the Jewish movement for a national home only in Palestine to be religious. Therefore, the Zionist problem is chiefly religious, since the Jews rejected establishment of a national home in other larger countries offered them because they aim at re-establishment of the Holy Temple. This has already been proved to the Shaw Commission.

"The Council finds no reason for the Government to continue this policy which has been proven a failure and a hindrance to the Government. Therefore, the Council regards the general strike as the one legal means to demonstrate that an aggressive policy toward the Arabs will only enrage the people."

JEWS AVOID BUCHAREST STREETS AS GUZISTS ROAM CITY

BUCHAREST, June 26. (JTA) -- Jews stayed off Bucharest streets today, remaining at home in fear of Guzist bands that roved through the city eager for trouble.

Jewish merchants were considering the advisability of calling a one-day strike as a protest against alleged Government laxity in affording them protection.

Meanwhile, Bucharest papers openly charged Nazis with fomenting the current disorders. They accuse Baron Witzleben, director of the local branch of the German Dresdner Bank of being the agent through whom money passes from the Nazi propaganda office to the Rumanian anti-Semitic leaders.

The conservative organ, Epoca, demanded that the Government investigate the source of funds used to finance the disorders. It charges that many of the hooligans now terrorizing the city and environs have been hired for the purpose and given cash, food and shelter for their services.

The entire press, with the exception of the anti-Semitic papers, severely criticized Minister of the Interior Ion Inculeț for failing to check the incitement against Jews.

Reports were spread throughout the city that the Guzists were preparing to make Sunday, the day they are scheduled to hold an outlawed convention, a day of disaster for the Jews.

Former Premier Maniu will address a convention of the National Peasants Party at Vințu, Transylvania, Sunday. He is expected to make sensational charges against the Nazis in connection with the current disorders. (The National Peasants Party, of which Premier Maniu is the head, recently expelled Dr. Alexander Vaida-Voevod, one of its leaders, because he tried to force it to adopt an anti-Semitic platform.)

Thousands of Bessarabian Jews have been badly hit by an order, recently promulgated, which classifies them as foreigners. Most of those affected by the order have been residing in Bessarabia since the transfer of the territory from Russia, had never been granted Rumanian citizenship and were considered "stateless." Now, as foreigners, they must obtain residence and labor permits.

DAMASCUS JEW BEATEN FOR REFUSING STRIKE DONATION

DAMASCUS, Syria, June 26. (JTA) -- Arab merchants today rescued David Toach, prominent Jewish banker, from a band of Arab Nationalists who were cruelly beating him for refusing to contribute \$250 to the Arab general strike in Palestine.

In the ensuing fight between the attackers and the Jewish banker's rescuers, one Arab was stabbed to death and three injured.

REPORT 60,000 BEDOUINS THREATENING MARCH ON PALESTINE

LONDON, June 26. (JTA) -- The News-Chronicle reports from Amman today that a conference of 200 sheikhs issued an ultimatum to the Palestine Government to yield within ten days to Arab demands for stoppage of Jewish immigration or 60,000 Bedouins would cross the Jordan to help their Palestine coreligionists. The report quotes Emir Abdullah, ruler of the Transjordan, as saying it is becoming increasingly difficult to restrain his people.

COLONIAL SECRETARY REPLIES TO AGUDAH MEMORANDUM

LONDON, June 26. (JTA) -- Replying to a memorandum on the Palestine situation by the Agudath Israel, world orthodox Jewish organization, Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore today said the Government was taking all measures quickly to stop the disorders. He voiced his regrets at the loss of lives and property.

JEWS, RABBI ATTACKED IN POLISH TOWNS

WARSAW, June 26. (JTA) -- Many persons were beaten and fifty windows broken in anti-Semitic disorders yesterday at Bodzentyn near Kielce.

Nationalists attacked a rabbi of Kopitschnitz visiting Hassidic Jews at Tarnopol, but were driven off.

Police searching homes of Nationalists at Otwock discovered two bombs and explosives which, they said, were to be used in blowing up the Karozew synagogue. Five were arrested.

The Jewish community of Warsaw and the local rabbinate decided to send a delegation to the Government to protest attacks on the Jewish religion made by attorneys in the trial in Radom District Court which arose from disorders in Przytyk.