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PEACE SEEN NEAR IN PALESTINE; ARABS, BANKERS SLATED TO MEET

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- Although scattered Arab disorders continued, peace today appeared to be looming on the troubled Holy Land's horizon after almost three months of unprecedented Arab violence that has cost the lives of more than 140 Jews, Arabs and Christians.

Basis for this optimistic view was seen in the report that a crucial meeting has been scheduled for an early date between some members of the Arab Supreme Committee, prominent Arab merchants and leading bank directors, including S. Hoofien of the Anglo-Palestine Bank.

The meeting, which is to take place on the premises of one of the banks, will reportedly consider the question of a moratorium for Arab merchants. Chief point to be discussed, it is understood, will be a method of avoiding bankruptcies and protests of bills by Arab merchants after they have in the near future reopened stores which have been closed for eleven weeks in the general strike against Jewish immigration.

Veteran observers see in this development, if the reports are accurate, the complete breakdown of the strike which has paralyzed Palestine commerce and has been accompanied by the most disastrous wave of violence in recent Holy Land history.

In their opinion, the Arabs have reached the end of their financial rope. Leaders of the strike, pressed by the rank and file of Arab merchants and laborers who have been suffering economic hardship as a result of the protracted struggle, are believed, with the exception of a few die-hard youths, ready to capitulate.

Today's reports on this score bolster yesterday's to the effect that Jaffa merchants had begun to take matters into their own hands by inviting Jews to return to the city from which they had fled after the first violent outbreak against them on April 19. The merchants

are reportedly pledging to rent Jewish homes and shops and afford them protection against attacks.

Jewish Shops Reopen in Jaffa

Added evidence to support the optimistic view that peace is just around the corner in the Holy Land was afforded today by the spectacle of many Jewish shops in the neighborhood of the Anglo-Palestine Bank's branch in Jaffa reopening after having been closed for almost three months as a result of the disorders.

While these developments inspired a spirit of optimism in some quarters, reports of scattered violence continued to come into Jerusalem.

Most disturbing of these reports was one from Safed disclosing a hitherto unreported Arab attack on Jews, in which a Jewish shoemaker named Mizrach was killed and three others wounded.

As a result of this attack, the reports stated, the Jewish population of the predominantly Arab town and the hospital are suffering from an acute shortage of food that followed virtual stoppage of all communications with other places.

Arab Youth Leader Killed Making Bomb

Farid ibn Sheikh, president of the Moslem Students' Corporation and one of the most active youth leaders in the Arab revolt, died today of injuries suffered when a bomb he was manufacturing in his home at Emek Yoshafat exploded prematurely last night.

Government authorities meanwhile continued to distribute rifles among Jewish colonists, allotting 250 to village leaders in the vicinity of Rehoboth. It was announced yesterday that 170 rifles would be distributed during the week to Jewish colonies in the Sharon Plain for self-defense.

Marauders again damaged water pipes supplying Jerusalem, this time near Castelmount. There is no danger of a water shortage, however, official sources pointing out the reservoirs are full and repairs will not take long.

Hebron Fined \$10,000 For Attack on Soldiers

The authorities imposed a collective fine of \$10,000 on the city of Hebron, south of Jerusalem, as punishment for the wounding by Arabs of Captain Sorel and Lance Corporal Fraser of the Cameron Highlanders. The British officers sustained slight leg wounds when a patrol they were leading was fired on as it returned to camp from a tour of inspection.

A Jew named Kotin was seriously wounded when stones thrown by Arabs struck him in the head as he was riding a donkey to Tiberias.

A Jewish shop was burned down at Beisan. Police were fired on near Daharia, in the vicinity of Ramleh, but suffered no casualties. A bomb exploded in a house occupied by an Arab notable in Ein Dor.

Shots were fired during the night at Motza, Artuv, Afuleh, Ramat Hakovesh and Tulkarem.

The Arab Strike Committee claimed today to have spent approximately \$540,000 to date in carrying out the general strike against Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews.

The committee stated that about \$1,500 of this sum was contributed by Arabs in neighboring countries, including \$150 from India, \$500 from Syria, \$200 from Lebanon and \$575 from Iraq.

To prevent damage to its radio transmitting system, the Government proclaimed curfew over an area of 500 meters around the Palestine Broadcasting Company's premises at Ramallah.

3 ARAB DAILIES SUSPENDED

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- The Arabic-reading public was left without a daily newspaper today when the authorities suspended Al Liwaa, Adifaa and Falastin, Christian Arab daily, for a week.

ADVISORY BODY SET FOR AGENCY'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- It was learned today that the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, recognized by the League of Nations as representative of the Jewish people in Palestine dealings, has agreed to the establishment of an advisory committee to its political department.

The committee, it is understood, will comprise representatives of all Zionist parties and will hold fortnightly meetings.

AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS GREET JEWISH WAR VETERANS

VIENNA, July 2. (JTA) -- Vice-Chancellor Baar Barenfels today received a delegation from the Jewish war veterans congress which is being held here.

During the reception, State Secretary General Zehner paid tribute to the courage of Jewish soldiers in the World War. Reply was made by Abraham Kraditor of New York, commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. Major Karo of England also spoke.

JEWS TO BE COOPTED FOR LITHUANIAN PARLIAMENT

KAUNAS, Lithuania, July 2. (JTA) -- Julius Caplikas, Minister of Interior, said today in a statement that the Government would introduce a special bill into Parliament to assure Jewish representation by co-opting Jewish members.

The statement came while Jewish circles were expressing resentment that names of Jewish nominees were recently stricken off Parliament election lists despite the promise made by Minister Caplikas that the Jews would have at least two members in Parliament.

ANTI-JEWISH RIOTING REPORTED IN POLISH TOWN

WARSAW, July 2. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish excesses were reported at the town of Plonsk. No details were available.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA NOT TO FORCE JEWS TO COMPETE IN OLYMPICS

PRAHA, Czechoslovakia, July 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish boycott of the Olympic games in Berlin will force Czechoslovakia to send a team hampered by loss of its best swimmers, it was learned today.

Foreign Minister Emil Krofta in a letter has advised Angelo Goldstein, Parliament deputy, that the Foreign Office did not consider it necessary for the Jewish sports organization, Maccabi Hagibor, to participate in the games.

The action came while the Czechoslovakian Sports Union was considering threatening the Hagibor club with disqualification if it continued to refuse to send its members -- the swimming champions of Czechoslovakia -- to Berlin.

Fearing loss of the Jewish swimmers and water polo players, the union had issued a statement declaring it could not forego the participation of the Hagibor members and warning that organizations refusing to participate in the Olympics would be disciplined.

Criticizing this statement, the Prager Mittag declared that "one has to understand the position of the Jewish sportsmen, who naturally refuse to go to a country where they are regarded as the scum of humanity, as sub-humans responsible for the misfortunes of the world."

The newspaper stated, "The case of the Jewish swimmers, who are, as is well known, the best in the Republic and who have won the championship for their club, Hagibor, cannot be solved in this way.

"The Olympic committee promised the Jewish sportsmen that they would not be compelled to go to Germany. It would, therefore, be desirable that the Czechoslovakian sports authorities make clear that they would not counsel the Jewish swimmers of the Republic to go to Germany against their wishes."

HOW NAZIS FORCE BALKAN LANDS TO BUY ARMS TOLD BY WRITER

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- Nazi methods of economic and political penetration into Balkan countries by virtually forcing them to buy her arms was explained today by George Weller, correspondent in Greece for the New York Times.

The procedure followed in the case of Greece was for Reichminister of Economics Schacht to encourage German importers to buy Greek products to be paid for in blocked marks. Then, Greece, with \$13,500,000 blocked to her credit, was offered attractively moderate prices on arms while prices on peacetime goods went up.

As a result, Greece recently announced officially that the entire \$13,500,000 would be used to buy an order of German arms. The advantage to Germany of selling arms is that the buying country becomes dependent on her for shells for cannon, spare parts for airplanes and experts for cruisers.

3. NAMED TO PRAESIDIUM OF ORTHODOX RABBINICAL BODY

BELMAR, N.J., July 2. (JTA) -- A three-member praesidium was named yesterday at the closing session of the second annual convention of the Rabbinical Conference of America, an orthodox group. It includes Rabbis Herbert S. Goldstein and B.Z. Rosenbloom of New York and Simcha Levy of Perth Amboy.

Other officers elected are: Rabbis Alexander Rosenberg, Yonkers, N.Y., N. Drazin, Baltimore, and J.A. Liebowitz, Worcester, Mass., vice presidents; Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, New York, and A. Irom, Brooklyn, secretaries; and Rabbi Mordecai A. Stern, Richmond Hill, N.Y., treasurer.

AARON NORMAN, 77, DIES; LONG A PHILANTHROPIST

ELBERON, N.J., July 2. (JTA) -- Aaron E. Norman of New York, merchant and philanthropist, died yesterday at his Summer home at the age of 77. His widow, a son -- Edward A. Norman -- a daughter and five sisters survive. He was formerly vice-president of Sears, Roebuck & Co.

In the last twenty years he had been active in Jewish philanthropies. He was president of the Home for Hebrew Infants in the Bronx, a member of the board of trustees of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies and a contributor to numerous charities.

54 ARRESTED IN RUMANIAN DISORDERS TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

BUCHAREST, July 2. (JTA) -- A military court today held 57 of 95 persons arrested in anti-Jewish disorders last week for court-martial. Most of the arrested are members of anti-Semitic groups.

Ion Inuletz, Minister of Interior, returned abruptly from a vacation to supervise issuance of new measures to guard against further disorders.

The new measures are believed to be planned as a result of the bad impression created in French official circles by last week's disturbances.