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END OF ARAB STRIKE SEEN TODAY; 1 KILLED, 6 HURT IN NEW DISORDERS

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- While preparations to end the eleven-week old general strike were reported in full swing today, three Jews were wounded, one Arab killed and another three believed wounded in continued disorders against the Government and the Jews.

The Arab chamber of commerce, the Arab Supreme Committee and prominent Arab merchants are understood to be planning to draft at a special meeting tomorrow the text of a statement appealing to the Arabs to halt the strike against the Jews and the Government.

The statement is to embody a new political program setting forth that the Arab nation has passed its test and not retreated when called on to make sacrifices, but that new political tactics have become necessary to gain their ends.

One Arab was killed and three reported wounded when police replied to a band firing on military billets at Hebron.

Three Polish Jews, Dov Schmidt, and the Kuperman brothers, were wounded in a bomb explosion yesterday while walking to work through the Meah Shearim quarter of Jerusalem.

Government forces continued their determined drive against terrorists, arresting twenty Arabs who unsuccessfully attempted to damage the Aulja bridge. Five Arabs were seized at other points, two for complicity in an Arab watchman's murder, one for carrying a revolver and two in connection with a bombing at Bait Vagan.

Attack on Hulda Repulsed

Government forces today beat off the first attack in the current disorders against Hulda, the Jewish colony near Hartov which was destroyed in the anti-Jewish disorders of 1929 after a heroic defense and later rebuilt. Local guards held off the invaders for five hours until machine-gun detachments arrived and repulsed the band.

Arabs attempted for a half hour to uproot trees in groves at Rehoboth under cover of heavy sniping, but were beaten off by special police and reinforcements.

The Jewish settlement of Ramat Rachel near Jerusalem passed its fifth day without water today as a result of damage to pipes from the Bible-famed Solomon's pools.

Two automobiles were destroyed by fire in the Germany colony of Jerusalem.

Four bombings occurred at Haifa and in the vicinity of Nablus with no damage reported.

The Palestine Broadcasting System announced today it would not broadcast the usual daily official news communique until tomorrow.

A quantity of ammunition was found in a search of the Adjami quarter of Jaffa.

Troops Engage Arabs at Frontier

Government forces yesterday engaged a small band of Arabs at the Transjordan frontier, arresting one with a rifle and revolver in his possession.

Two bombs were thrown at the Tel Aviv boundary. Another exploded at Vadi Salim without causing damage. Mounted police patrols near Jenin, Samake and Afuleh exchanged shots with Arabs. No casualties were reported. Ten dunams of eucalyptus trees owned by the PICA were burned down at Hedera. An official communique said the fire was caused by a passing engine.

An Arab charged another Arab with using a revolver to intimidate him. Both were arrested.

A bomb exploded yesterday on a railway track between Tulkarem and Kalkillia. Rail traffic was not interrupted.

Four Arabs of Bethlehen were arrested in connection with shooting in the vicinity of Jerusalem.

Four demonstrators were seized when a crowd of Arabs staged a march on the police station at Beer Sheba, climaxing it with a barrage of stones that broke three windows.

Two Arabs were arrested near Beer Sheba with guns in their possession. Two others were apprehended near Beit Surik, near Jerusalem, one of whom was caught in the act of digging up a rifle he had buried for future use.

Forty-fourth Jew Dies

A Jewish watchman, Shalom Smuelwitz, died at Hadassah Hospital in Haifa of wounds suffered while defending the colony Zichron Jacob from an Arab attack on June 29. He was the forty-fourth Jewish victim of current disorders.

Two attempts to blow up a railway bridge near Gaza were reported. A number of sleeping cars were bombed. Patrols investigating the explosions were fired on but suffered no casualties.

It was learned that the Arab Supreme Committee has received a letter from Riad Solach, prominent member of the Syrian delegation to Paris, calling on it to discontinue the general strike and its accompanying terrorism.

The last hut in the colony of Irgun Menachem, half way between Rehoboth and Beer Tuvia, was destroyed by fire. The hut had served as kitchen and dining room for the colony, which was established only six months ago. All the other huts have been destroyed by fire set by Arab terrorists.

Shlomo Busani was acquitted in a Tel Aviv court of charges that he set fire to an Arab house in Jaffa at the beginning of the disturbances.

End Strike at Concentration Camp

Meanwhile it was learned that Arab leaders held in the Government concentration camp at Sarafand abandoned their hunger strike. The authorities were understood to have agreed not to separate the Arabs into two camps, an intention which is reported to have precipitated the hunger strike.

British troops and police repelled attacks on the colonies of Beer Jacob and Shechunat Moledeth. The latter is near Tel Aviv.

An Arab mob at Hebron attacked a military guard taking an Arab to prison for carrying a rifle and ammunition. It succeeded in freeing the prisoner.

Five horses of an Arab vegetable transport en route to Hedera were shot dead by marauders. The horses were being led by Arab peasants. The attackers evidently exercised care not to shoot the peasants.

An Arab was believed wounded Thursday night when special policemen replied to marauders firing on Jerusalem. The Arabs shot at the water reservoirs at Upper Romema. Gunfire was also reported in the Kerem Abraam and Sanedria quarters.

Judge Copland in Jaffa District Court meted out an eight-year prison sentence to an Arab convicted of burning Jewish crops at Rishpun colony. He emphasized that the severe sentence was imposed to discourage the spread of arson and crime throughout the country.

550 TO QUIT REICH FOR PALESTINE

BERLIN, July 5. (JTA) -- Undaunted by the Palestine disorders, 550 German Jews will emigrate to the Holy Land this month, it was announced here yesterday.

ARAB LEADERS ADDRESS M.P.'S

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- The unofficial Arab delegation, here to create favorable sentiment for the Arab cause in the Holy Land, addressed a

gathering of about 100 members of Parliament held under the auspices of Lord Winterton.

The Times, in an editorial on the Palestine situation, stresses the need for disarming Arabs and attacks the recent assertion by the Moslem Supreme Council that Arab holy places are endangered by the unchecked Jewish immigration.

GENEVA KEHILLAH TO PAY FOR FUNERAL OF "GESTURE" SUICIDE

GENEVA, July 5. (JTA) -- The Geneva Jewish Community will defray expenses of the funeral expected to be held tomorrow for Stephen Lux, 48, Czechoslovakian Jewish journalist, who died of a bullet wound self-inflicted at a meeting of the League of Nations Assembly.

Reports that the motive for his suicide was to call attention to the plight of the Jews in Germany were ascertained today to be not entirely accurate. An examination of letters he left addressed to Captain Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and to the press showed that they do not refer to the Jewish question but warn against the "danger" of Nazi Germany to all civilization.

He will be buried in a local Jewish cemetery, according to wishes he expressed to Rabbi Poliakoff shortly before he died Friday. The rabbi visited him at the hospital, where he had been removed after rising from the photographers' bench in the Assembly hall and shooting himself in the head, saying, "This is the last blow."

The journalist was not known locally, having recently arrived from Paris. Prior to 1933 he was editor of the radical Weltbuehne in Berlin, where he had lived for 25 years before taking refuge in Czechoslovakia with the advent of Hitlerism. By faith, Lux was an agnostic.

SUICIDE'S WIDOW BORROWS FARE TO GENEVA

PRAHA, Czechoslovakia, July 5. (JTA) -- Mrs. Stephen Lux was obliged to borrow funds yesterday for fare to Geneva to attend the funeral of her husband. It was stated here that Mr. Lux lived in retirement with his wife and child on income from newspaper articles.

CHIEF RABBI FEUCHTWANG OF VIENNA DIES AT 71

VIENNA, July 5. (JTA) -- Dr. David Feuchtwang, chief rabbi of Vienna, scholar and author died today of angina pectoris while in his seventy-second year. He was a leader in the fight to protect Jewish rights from the encroachment of anti-Semitism.

Until his death, Rabbi Feuchtwang was an outspoken critic of anti-Jewish tendencies noted in Austrian clerical circles.

His wide interests included Orientalology and Philology, and in these fields he made noteworthy contributions. He was author of several books on Assyriology, Hebrew culture and customs, and Biblical lore. He was a contributor to the periodicals, Monumenta Judaica and Zeitschrift fuer Kunst und Kunstgeschichte.

Born Nov. 27, 1864, in Nikolsburg, Moravia, he studied in Berlin and Vienna and in 1892 succeeded his father as rabbi of his native town. He was appointed rabbi in Vienna in 1903 and in 1933 became chief rabbi.

He also held the positions of inspector of Jewish religious education in the Viennese secondary schools and member of the Vienna Municipal Council. He was honorary citizen of Nikolsburg.

POLAND TO PROBE DANZIG SITUATION AFTER NAZI ANSCHLUSS THREATENED

GENEVA, July 5. (JTA) -- The League of Nations Council yesterday decided to entrust Poland with a diplomatic examination of the Danzig situation after Arthur Greiser, president of the Nazi-controlled Free City Senate, had threatened an anschluss between Danzig and Germany.

Greiser's threat during the Council's debate on the Danzig situation elicited comparatively weak protests from Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and some other members of the Council.

Before leaving the chamber, Greiser gave Captain Eden a Hitler salute, evoking laughter from occupants of the press gallery.

Greiser thereupon turned to the gallery and thumbed his nose at the correspondents, arousing a storm of protest from the newspapermen.

Robert Dell of the Manchester Guardian, president of the International Association of Correspondents Accredited to the League of Nations, arose and protested against "this unbelievable insult" to the press.

Captain Eden said he had not seen Greiser's gesture, however be believed the best reply would be to ignore it. His declaration was greeted by cheers from delegates, correspondents and spectators.

NAZI PUTSCH IN DANZIG FAILS TO MATERIALIZE

FREE CITY OF DANZIG, July 5. (JTA) -- Calm was restored here today after reports of an impending Nazi putsch failed to materialize. Great interest was expressed in yesterday's debate on the Danzig question in the League of Nations Council at Geneva.

Reporting the incident in which Arthur Greiser, head of the Nazi-controlled Danzig Senate gave British Foreign Secretary a Hitler salute and thumbed his nose at the press gallery, the Danziger Vorposten said Jews had provoked him. It stated that the press gallery was filled with Jews and German emigres, who interrupted Greiser's speech with hilarious laughter.

The Association of Polish Citizens issued a statement in the name of the entire Polish population of the Free City demanding continuation of League of Nations supervision over Danzig.

The statement expressed "fullest disagreement" with Albert Foerster, Nazi commissar for the Free City, in his campaign against High Commissioner Sean Lester and the League.

PREMIER BLUM SEES ALGERIAN GOVERNOR ON MOSLEM ATTACKS

PARIS, July 5. (JTA) -- Algeria's Governor, Major Le Beau conferred Friday with Premier Blum and the Minister for Home Affairs on the situation in Algeria.

Moslem attacks on Jews were reported from Gafsa in Tunisia. Shops were sacked by the rioters. Troops were called out to restore order.

Three Algerian Moslem municipal councillors published an appeal warning against inciting propaganda.

Jewish and Moslem leaders in Algier called a meeting in an effort to quiet rising unrest by proclaiming their desire for order and affirming mutual understanding between the two peoples.

HEAD OF BUCHAREST BAR SEEKS TO UNITE ANTI-SEMITES

BUCHAREST, July 5. (JTA) -- Prof. Istrate Micesco, president of the Bucharest Bar Association, announced in a speech today he had resigned from the Government party to devote himself to uniting all anti-Semitic groups into a single body.

He said his sole purpose in life was now to create a bloc which could not fail to impose its will upon Rumania. He joined the anti-Jewish front of right-wing groups recently formed by Prof. Alexander Cuza and Prof. Octavius Goga.

Prof. Micesco declared that Rumania was a nation of masters, that Jews were servants and should be used as such. Until a year ago he was considered a friend of the Jews. Dr. Micesco is rated the highest-paid lawyer in Rumania and as an orator is considered second only to Foreign Minister Nicolae Titulescu.

RUMANIAN LABOR SCORES ANTI-JEWISH TERRORISM

BUCHAREST, July 5. (JTA) -- Strong condemnation of terrorism was voiced Friday at a conference of the National Labor Federation, during which the federation's attitude on minorities was discussed.

Addressing the conference, President Illiepeter Calciu declared:

"Not by beating up citizens, breaking windows or burning newspapers can the standard of living of working people be improved."

Condemning recent terroristic outbreaks against Jews, M. Calciu said:

"As long as national minorities are living among us and do not interfere with the unity of the State, they may be assured of our protection. Our duty is to assimilate them, make them feel like good Rumanians."

His speech was well received in Jewish and democratic circles.

CRACOW ENDEK PARTY BANNED FOR MYSLENICE RAID

WARSAW, July 5. (JTA) -- The authorities today prohibited the anti-Semitic National Democratic Party in the Cracow district as a result of a raid on the town of Myslenice on June 23 led by leaders of the party in which the police were disarmed, communications cut and depredations carried on against Jews. Adam Doboszynski, district leader of the party, is under arrest at Cracow after an unsuccessful attempt to escape across the Czechoslovakian border.

BAIL DENIED TO CONVICTED PRZYTYK JEWS

LUBLIN, Poland, July 5. (JTA) -- The Court of Appeals ordered yesterday that 39 Poles and 11 Jews sentenced to various terms of imprisonment on charges arising from the disorders in Przytyk on March 9 must remain in jail pending appeal. The court rejected pleas of the convicted Jews for bail.

HOUSE OF LORDS REJECTS CURB ON JEWISH SUNDAY TRADE

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- The House of Lords, in a debate on the Sunday Trading Bill, rejected Friday an amendment extending Sunday hours from two to five p.m. for Jews who keep their shops closed on Saturday.

Marquess Dufferin, steering the bill for the Government, warned that the present anti-Jewish feeling would be increased by the requested extension of hours.

DENY BERLIN JEWS TO EXHIBIT SWASTIKA DURING OLYMPICS

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- A report in the Morning Post that Jewish shops in Berlin would be permitted to display the swastika flag for the duration of the Olympics was declared today to be without foundation. The Nuremberg laws forbid Jews to display the German national emblem. The ban will not be suspended even temporarily for the Olympics, informed sources said.

AUSTRIA HONORS JEWISH SPECIALIST

VIENNA, July 5. (JTA) -- President Wilhelm Miklac yesterday conferred upon Prof. Wilhelm Knoepfelmacher, famous children's specialist, the order of the Knight.

LOUIS ROSENBLATT DIES IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, July 5. (JTA) -- Louis Rosenblatt, father of Judge Bernard Rosenblatt, New York Zionist leader, died here today. He had been living in this all-Jewish city a number of years.

MOSES GINSBURG, PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN PARIS

PARIS, July 5. (JTA) -- Moses Ginsburg, noted for his many philanthropies, died yesterday at the age of 85.

ROTHENBERG TO CONCEDE WISE ZOA PRESIDENCY IN RETURN FOR REFORMS

PROVIDENCE, July 5. (JTA) -- In an atmosphere charged with tension arising from a factional struggle for control, the Zionist Organization of America this afternoon opened its thirty-ninth annual convention at the Hotel Biltmore with 325 delegates and more than one thousand guests in attendance.

Sweeping administrative reform of the Zionist Organization, it became clear from preliminary caucuses of the contending factions, was the issue around which the fight would resolve itself.

This formed the basis on which Morris Rothenberg, president, and his followers indicated they would consent to the presidency of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, whose candidacy had been announced prior to his sailing for Europe.

The terms, formulated by a "peace committee" of six prominent Zionist leaders and accepted "in principle" by both a Wise caucus, under the chairmanship of Louis Lipsky, and the Rothenberg caucus were:

- 1- Creation of a new post, that of chairman of the administrative committee, to be occupied by Mr. Rothenberg. At present, the president of the organization acts in the role of that body's chairman. This committee is to be invested with real powers. Its personnel must be agreeable to Mr. Rothenberg. The chairman would also be a member of the executive committee comprising all important officers of the organization.
- 2- Presidential term to be fixed at two years by constitutional limitation, the purpose of the limitation being to bring new blood into organizational control, and, in the words of Mr. Rothenberg, "To end the ugliness that exists in the Z.O.A. -- that after a man has served the movement and given his life blood to it, men then come to besmirch him so that he can't be of any use to the movement again."
- 3- Divorce of the "civil service" of the Z.O.A. from the administration; banning paid staff members of the Z.O.A. or any of its affiliate bodies from membership on any administrative board.
- 4- The organization's secretary to be appointed by and subject to control of the administrative committee, rather than elected by the convention, in order to remove the office from politics.

Although both sides have agreed to accept these reforms "in principle" there was no certainty that the battle for the presidency would not be carried on to the floor.

The Rothenberg adherents, incensed at talk that the convention was "in the bag" for the opposing group, apparently was prepared to carry the issue to the convention at large, where the struggle, which for the moment appeared to be overshadowing the deeper purposes of the convention, ultimately would resolve itself into a question of details.

Heading the list of these is the choice of administrative and executive committee personnel. That an open explosion would occur when the nominations committee presented its report tomorrow afternoon was being freely predicted.

President Roosevelt Sends Message

The following message was read from President Roosevelt:

"My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

"I am glad of the opportunity to extend my greetings and good wishes to the thirty-ninth annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America. It is altogether fitting that the Zionist Organization should have chosen for its meeting place this year the city of Providence, whose history is bound to Roger Williams, one of the earliest and most active exponents of religious freedom in the world.

"I am confident that the inspiration which you will draw from that historical association will give you renewed strength and courage for the work that lies ahead of you. In that spirit I wish you a fruitful meeting and a successful and happy conclusion to your labors."

An appeal cabled from London and signed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, David Ben-Gurion and Dr. Stephen S. Wise was read. It urged a "united Zionist front with a view to winning over the entire American Jewry to Zionism."

A message from the Jerusalem Zionist Executive urged greater cohesion and unity of purpose among all sections of the Zionist movement in view of the momentous economic and political tasks.

In his presidential message today Mr. Rothenberg pledged the support of American Zionists to the Jewish Agency for Palestine in seeking to influence Great Britain to adopt "a more positive policy" in relation to establishment of a Jewish national home.

Declaring it was high time the Mandatory Power realized "the error and futility of a policy to pacify Arab leaders at the expense of Jewish interests," he urged a course "calculated to bring an end to Arab hostility, which is aimed at the Mandatory Power as much as at the Jews." This course would include an increase in Jewish immigration and facilitation of close settlement of Jews on the land.

It would also include furtherance of intensive cultivation, release of unallocated Government lands for Jewish settlement, reclamation of marsh lands and utilization of water resources. Such a course, he held, would be "better aimed to bring about a balanced economic structure in Palestine that will inevitably lead to normal cooperation between Arabs and Jews."

Referring to recent disorders, Mr. Rothenberg said that while the Government appeared to have the situation in hand, the position was still far from reassuring and "measures for public security still appear to be inadequate to the emergency.

Paying tribute to the courage and restraint of the Palestine pioneers, he expressed fears that the disorders might be followed by political concessions to the Arabs. He voiced hope that "there will be no deviation from the expressed intention of the Mandatory Power in no manner to yield to terror and violence."

Economically, Mr. Rothenberg declared, the year preceding the outbreak was marked by steady economic progress. At the end of 1935 conditions were somewhat disturbed as a result of the Italo-Ethiopian conflict, he stated, but since the beginning of this year conditions have shown improvement.

He reported the Palestine Jewish community "deeply disturbed" over the proposed legislative council, contemplated restrictions on land sale and curtailment of admission of Palestinians' relatives.

Turning to the work of the Z.O.A., he urged the Zionist Executive to allot a more substantial number of immigration certificates to the United States "if American chalutzim are not to be discouraged."

Reviewing the Z.O.A.'s activities such as the Palestine Department, publications and fund-raising he reported a membership of 16,432 as of June 13 and a deficit of \$56,000. In reference to fund-raising, he recalled the union of Zionist funds as the United Palestine Appeal and said coordination of the Laborite Gewerkschaften campaign with the U.P.A. was expected.

Youth activity, he said, had experienced a "decided upsurge" during the year.

In connection with the World Jewish Congress, he observed that "considerable difference of opinion exists within Zionist ranks and in the American Jewish community as to the advisability of convening a World Jewish Congress at this time.

The remainder of the session was devoted to a memorial for the late Dr. Nahum Sokolow, World Zionist leader. Among those who eulogized him were Prof. Salo W. Baron of Columbia University, Menahem Ribalow and Abraham Goldberg.

Participate in Jewish Day

This morning the delegates participated in the exercises of the Rhode Island Tercentenary Celebration. Governor Theodore F. Green had proclaimed today as "Jewish Day." The proclamation of the Governor follows:

"It is with a sense of appreciation for their contributions to the history of our state that I designate July 5th, 1936, as Jewish Day. The laudable desire of the Jewish citizenry of Rhode Island to devote this day to a celebration of four centuries of progress is quite understandable merely as an expression of civic pride. It achieves greater brilliance of meaning when one considers the appropriateness of an especial celebration because of the relation between the founding of the State and the history of the Jews here.

"In 1684 within forty-eight years of its settlement, the General Assembly of the colony in a remarkable and notable display of political democracy officially welcomed the settlement of Jews within its borders.

"The decision of the Zionist Organization of America to hold its Annual Convention in Providence in conjunction with the Jewish Day celebration is a distinct tribute to the importance of the undertaking and assures

both ventures of success. To the delegates of this Convention and to the Jewish people, on pilgrimage to our shores, I extend a hearty welcome to this land of ours which was conceived and has been maintained uninterruptedly in religious freedom."

The delegates celebrated Jewish Day by attending in a body a special service at the Judah Touro Synagogue at Newport, R.I., one of the most historic synagogues of America. Professor Louis Finkelstein of the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York spoke on the struggle of Roger Williams for religious liberty. Following the service, the delegates were tendered a luncheon by the Rhode Island Tercentenary Committee.

Likens Zionism to Colonists' Struggle

Last night, Mr. Rothenberg likened "the struggle for the establishment of a haven of freedom for the Jewish people in Palestine" to that of the American struggle for freedom in 1776 in an address.

Terming Zionism "an application of the principles of the Declaration of Independence to the harrassed Jewish people," he declared that out of the Palestine disturbances the Jews would grow stronger -- as the American pioneers emerged stronger from conflicts with royalists and aborigines.

Lauding the Palestine Jews' courage and self-control, he called on the American Zionists to redouble their energies so that Palestine's development might be speeded up. He stressed the need for greater Jewish population in the Holy Land.

"It is only when our numbers shall have reached a parity with the Arab population," he said, "that the instigators of trouble will recognize the futility of their destructive efforts and a stable peace between both elements of the population will be assured. It is the smallness of our numbers that invited the recent occurrences."

Caucuses Delay Council Session

Last night's caucuses were so prolonged that the meeting of the Council of the Z.O.A. did not get under way until midnight. The council finally decided to name a committee of ten to select a praesidium and the members of the committee on committees.

The ten members included three each from the Rothenberg and Wise factions, three from the "peace committee" and Dr. A. J. Rongy, chairman of the council. The other members are Dr. Israel Goldstein, Elihu D. Stone and Abraham Goldberg, for the "peace committee," Samuel Markewich, Abraham Spicehandler and L. Guzick for Mr. Rothenberg, and Rabbi Irving Miller, Charles Ress and Abraham Goldstein for Dr. Wise.

The praesidium includes Mr. Stone, Judge William Lewis of Philadelphia, Mr. Lipsky, Mr. Rothenberg, Mr. Goldberg, Max Schulman of Chicago and Dr. Goldstein. The secretaries for the convention are: English, B.Z. Richards; Hebrew, Menachem Ribalow; Yiddish, B. Shelvin.

MASADA TO ESTABLISH CHALUTZ GROUP

PROVIDENCE, July 5. (JTA) -- Masada, Zionist youth organization, closed its third annual convention today, re-electing Isaac Imber to a third term as president and deciding to establish a chalutz group to operate in cooperation with the Hechalutz organization.

The 150 delegates from 18 states expressed solidarity with the Palestine Jewish community and condemned the role of the Communists in Palestine disturbances, urging the exclusion of all Communist groups from Jewish life.

Another resolution urged organization of junior Jewish youth councils where none now exist to unite the Jewish elements of various communities. The convention left the door open to affiliation with the youth division of the American Jewish Congress.

Masada, prepared to establish a Jewish youth sports organization in the United States under its auspices, in accordance with another resolution. The sports body is to become the American division of the Maccabi World Union. Tryouts for the Masada team will be held at its camp Sept. 7 with Morris Kritzman, formerly of Boston University, as possible head.

The convention decided to redeem 25 acres and to plant a grove in Palestine. Another resolution provided for a book fund campaign for the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Frank Light of Providence, who presided at the opening session, said there was never a more critical time for Zionists. He said current Palestine disorders would cause the Zionist youth to strive harder to see that homeland rebuilding went on uninterrupted.

Isaac Imber, Masada president, said in his annual message increasing numbers of Jewish youths were joining Masada. Israel Berman, executive secretary, reported a 64 per cent membership increase in the past year and formation of Masada regions in the West and Middle West.

Charles A. Cowen, chairman of the Zionist Organization of America's youth committee, delivered the principal address. Other speakers were Morris Rothenberg and Louis Lipsky, president and honorary president, respectively, of the Z.O.A., and Enzo Sereni, a leader of the Hechalutz organization.

LATE PALESTINE BULLETIN

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- The Arab Supreme Committee, which held an urgent meeting to consider abandonment of the eleven-week-old general strike, was tonight keeping its decisions a closely-guarded secret.

It is understood that the Grand Mufti, Haj Amin el Husseini, favored peace while adherents of Ragheb Bey Nashashibi, ex-mayor of Jerusalem and arch-rival of the Mufti, pressed for continuation of the strike.

An unascertained number of Arabs were wounded tonight in a two-hour clash between troops and a gang of mounted rebels near the Wadi Serar railway station. Reinforcements were called from Lydda after the gang had ambushed the patrol from two sides.