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*Monday*EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TAKEN FOR ARAB STRIKE CELEBRATION; ATTACKS RENEWED

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- The Government is taking strong precautionary measures to guard against what is regarded in informed circles as a possible last Arab outburst next ~~Thursday~~ when Arabs observe the hundredth day of the general strike against Jewish immigration.

Action was spurred by widely circulated rumors that Arabs were planning to make the day one of revenge against the Government and Jews for the large number of Arabs slain by troops since the disorders started April 19.

One Arab was killed and two others wounded by an Arab constable today. The constable was searching a group of Arabs when one of them opened fire at close range, wounding him.

Strong attacks against Jewish colonies, notably Gedera, Givat Ada and Gesher, were renewed. Large Arab bands that surrounded these colonies were routed after brisk battles. Those attacking Gesher fled toward the Transjordan, whence they had reportedly come.

Meier Dizengoff, mayor of Tel Aviv, today sent the following message broadcast throughout the world in connection with the bombing of a Jewish religious school in the all-Jewish city yesterday in which seven children were injured.

"Shaken to the depths of my soul, I appeal to enlightened public opinion the world over to express its abhorrence and reprobation at these foul crimes, and to call upon those responsible for the present violence in Palestine and their sympathizers abroad to put an end to the unparalleled murderous assaults on children, which are revolting to the feelings of civilized mankind and call for the condemnation of all decent men and women."

The Jewish Teachers' Association sent a letter to High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope declaring the outrage would not deter them from their task of constructive Palestine upbuilding. The association said it spoke in behalf of tens of thousands of school children.

Cables expressing the association's indignation at the incident were sent yesterday to the Colonial Office in London and to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. They described the act as the "inhuman bombing of innocent schoolchildren."

The Appeals Court in Jerusalem reserved judgment in the case of the Arab village of Gaza against the Government. Gaza recently won an injunction restraining the Government from collecting a \$5,000 collective fine imposed on it in connection with the disorders.

MEDIATION EFFORT BY QUAKER LEADER FAILS

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- An unsuccessful attempt to mediate between Arabs and Jews, made by Dr. Daniel Oliver, principal of the Friends' School at Lebanon, is reported today by the Jerusalem correspondent of The Times.

After reportedly contacting Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, through the Quakers in England, Dr. Oliver asked the Arab Supreme Committee what guarantees it could offer for peace supposing the Zionists were to renounce the October labor immigration schedule.

The committee, it is understood, rejected the proposal on the ground that the labor schedule represents a small portion of the Jewish immigration and indicated that only complete suspension pending the Royal Commission's findings would satisfy it.

According to the Times, Emir Abdullah, ruler of the Transjordan, has again invited the Arab Supreme Committee to visit him at Amman for the purpose, it is believed, of trying to effect a conciliation. The committee is expected to accept the invitation and may proceed to Amman early next week.

Meanwhile, the Emir is reported touring the country in an effort to persuade his subjects to keep the peace. (Bedouin chiefs were recently reported threatening a march on Jerusalem unless the Palestine Government gave in to Arab demands to halt Jewish immigration.)

The Daily Mail reports from Jerusalem an official denial of a Palestine Post story that members of the French Foreign Legion are deserting to join the Arab gangsters in their campaign of guerilla warfare against Jews and Government.

CONGRESS OPENING NOT TO BE DEFERRED, WISE SAYS IN LONDON

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- Rabbi Stephen S. Wise today denied reports from Warsaw that the opening of the World Jewish Congress in Geneva might be delayed from August 8 to August 26 to permit election of Polish delegates.

Expressing surprise at such reports, Rabbi Wise declared:

"My visit in London and Poland convinces me more than ever that the Congress is imperative and cannot be delayed. It will definitely open in Geneva on August 8."

He said a meeting of the executive would be held August 5.

The Warsaw report had said that the executive at Geneva, in answer to a request for postponement by the Polish congress committee necessitated by a delay in the election of delegates, had agreed "in principle" to defer the opening session provided technical arrangements permitted.

Rabbi Wise returned from Warsaw today and plans to leave Sunday for Geneva.

MISGIVINGS FELT OVER ORMSBY-GORE STATEMENT

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- Renewed misgivings were felt today in Jewish circles that the statement of William Ormsby-Gore, Colonial Secretary, in the House of Commons did not totally eliminate the possibility of temporary suspension of Jewish immigration into Palestine.

He indicated in his statement that while the Government would not yield to Arab violence and intimidation, it would proceed "on the merits of the case."

DR. WEIZMANN TO TAKE 3-WEEK REST AT CARLSBAD

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- Worn out from weeks of negotiation to forestall suspension of Jewish immigration, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, will leave for Carlsbad on Sunday for a three-week cure.

The opinion was expressed in Jewish circles that he has done everything humanly possible to mobilize all political and diplomatic influence in connection with the situation in the Holy Land.

AMERICAN SOUGHT IN TRANSJORDAN DESERT BY BRITISH PLANES

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- The Daily Herald reported today from Jerusalem that Royal Air Force planes were searching the Transjordan desert for Carl Raswan, an American, who, the report said, was believed carrying out "extensive mysterious visits among Bedouin tribes."

PROF. MOSES MARCUS, TALMUDIC SCHOLAR, DIES IN CALIFORNIA

SANTA MONICA, Calif., July 24. (JTA) -- Moses T. Marcus, 75, honorary professor in Talmud at the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, died Wednesday, apparently from heart disease, while touring California with his daughter.

In 1931 he was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship for study in Palestine. He is survived by his daughter, Evelyn, who was with him, and by a son, Ralph, professor of Hebrew language and Bible at the institute.

PALESTINE DISORDERS HIT TRADE, OFFICIAL FIGURES SHOW

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- First official figures on trade since current Arab disorders broke out last April 19 show that the economic life of Palestine has been severely hit by the disturbances.

Imports of merchandise in April amounted to about \$5,300,000 as compared with \$7,100,000 the same month last year and \$6,350,000 in April of 1934. The decrease was about 25 per cent under 1935 and about 16 per cent under 1934.

April exports totalled \$600,000, a drop of approximately 80 per cent from the \$3,000,000 export figure for the same month last year, and about 75 per cent under the \$2,300,000 exports of April, 1934.

The figures cover imports and exports for the first four months of the year. In virtually every category, trade for the four months was below last year's figures, largely as a result of partial paralysis of commerce brought on by the disorders.

HIGHTSTOWN FACTORY FLOODED WITH ORDERS AS OPENING DATE BEARS

HIGHTSTOWN, N.J., July 24. (JTA) -- Overwhelmed with a sudden flood of orders for cloaks, the agro-industrial project for 200 New York garment workers' families built by the Government today approached its opening date, August 2, with a serious housing problem on its hands.

Original plans for manning the Jersey Homesteads community with 35 workers had to be scrapped when department stores in New York, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia sent in orders for women's sports and dress coats to be manufactured in the cooperatively-run factory.

With eight houses completed, 27 needing finishing touches and 105 in various stages of construction, it was decided to house the workers as best as possible in finished and unfinished houses and some in nearby private homes.

One reason for the rush of orders given was that many buying establishments had Jewish executives who were greatly interested in this project for freeing needle trade workers from city slums and placing them in a communal village where they can combine agricultural with industrial work.

It was confidently predicted that the unexpected orders would make possible amortization of Government loans in far less than the scheduled thirty years. The homesteaders' farm is flourishing, with apples being packed, tomatoes being harvested, 1,000 bushels of wheat already sold and a promising potato crop in the ground.

The opening will be celebrated with a lemonade party. Then, the belts and wheels of the factory will begin to roll, with 92 workers operating sewing and pressing machines.