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IMMIGRATION HALT DURING PROBE STILL OPEN QUESTION, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- The question of whether Jewish immigration into Palestine is to be temporarily halted during sittings of the newly-appointed Royal Commission to investigate the disorders is still open, the House of Commons was told today.

Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore made the statement in reply to a question by Sir Nicholas Grattan-Doyle, Conservative, on whether the Government could assure an unrestricted flow of immigration to Palestine.

"I am unable to reply definitely whether immigration will be stopped during the inquiry," the Colonial Secretary said, "because the matter has not yet been decided."

During a debate following his announcement of the commission, Mr. Ormsby-Gore yesterday declared that there was no question of stopping immigration as long as the disorders persisted, but the question of suspension during the inquiry would receive consideration, a decision being made on "the merits of the case and not influenced by violence."

Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, Laborite and noted pro-Zionist, demanded today that the loyal elements now held in Palestine prisons as illegal immigrants be released.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore promised to inquire of High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope on the advisability of such release.

ORMSBY-GORE STATEMENT HELD "FAR FROM REASSURING"

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- While welcoming the officially voiced determination of the Government not to send the Royal Commission to Palestine before order has been completely restored, a Zionist official

today described as "far from reassuring" Colonial Secretary Ormsby-Gore's remarks on the question of possible suspension of immigration pending the Commission's findings.

The Rev. M. L. Perlzweig, honorary secretary of the British Zionist Federation and a member of the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, voiced the Zionist view on the Commission.

"It is premature," he said, "to venture an opinion before the Agency's careful consideration of the Commission's defined functions. Zionists welcome warmly Mr. Ormsby-Gore's refusal to dispatch the Commission before restoration of order, nevertheless, his answer to the crucial question of immigration is far from reassuring. Suspending immigration during the inquiry would mean to pronounce sentence first and to invite the jury afterward. According to the Zionist view, the most elementary justice demands that the Commission shall examine the situation while immigration is flowing normally."

20 M.P.'S PLEDGE FIGHT TO CARRY OUT PRO-ARAB DECISION OF PROBERS

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- Twenty members of Parliament were on record today with a pledge to fight to carry out any pro-Arab recommendations made by the Royal Commission just appointed to investigate the causes of the Arab disorders in Palestine.

In a letter to the Times of London, the parliamentarians, under the leadership of Lord Winterton, state the purpose of the pledge is to "allay Arab fears that recommendations in their favor might not be carried out owing to Zionist influence in Parliament and press."

All leading newspapers here devote considerable space to editorial comment on the newly-announced Royal Commission.

The Times finds composition of the body strong and well-balanced. It expresses the belief that the exhaustive terms of the commission should calm Arabs "not yet blinded by prejudice and propaganda," declaring that the body is empowered to delve under the soil of Arab agitation where "interesting discoveries" may be made.

Likewise praising the terms of reference, the Daily Telegraph states that nothing short of that would satisfy Jews the world over who are watching "the deplorable disorders threatening disaster to colonization."

The Manchester Guardian warns the British Government against suspension of Jewish immigration, holding it would be prejudicial to the conclusions of the Royal Commission named to investigate current disorders in Palestine.

Suspension of immigration would convey to the Arabs the impression that Great Britain could be coerced into granting their demands, an editorial says, adding that reconciliation with the Arabs is not beyond British and Jewish statesmanship.

ARABS DISAPPOINTED, JEWS SILENT ON COMMISSION

JERUSALEM, July 30. (JTA) -- Arabs expressed disappointment today at the statement of William Ormsby-Gore, British Colonial Secretary, in the House of Commons today, in which he indicated that there would be no immediate suspension of Jewish immigration into Palestine.

Jewish circles hesitated to express an opinion on the statement until the Colonial Secretary made a definite decision on whether he would suspend immigration.

The Grand Mufti, Haj Amin el Husseini, cabled Shibly Jamal, one of his supporters serving as a member of an unofficial Arab delegation in London, not to leave England until the Royal Commission appointed today to investigate the disorders departs for Palestine.

4,567 POLICE IN PALESTINE, ORMSBY-GORE REVEALS

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore revealed in the House of Commons today that there are 4,567 armed policemen in Palestine helping the authorities to cope with the Arab disorders.

Of this number, 2,567 comprise the regular police force, the remaining 2,000 being Jewish supernumeraries enrolled specially for the defense of Jewish colonies and paid by the communities themselves.

In the regular force, Arabs predominate, with 1,456 of their number in uniform. There are 746 Britons and 365 Jews in the department.

The police force brings to nearly 20,000 the available man power arrayed against the Arab terrorists in the Holy Land. Approximately 15,000 British troops are now garrisoned there, comprising the greatest concentration of military force in Palestine since the World War.

JEWISH DEATH TOLL IN DISORDERS RISES TO 50; 37 ARABS SLAIN IN 2 DAYS

JERUSALEM, July 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish toll of dead in the Arab disorders rose to fifty today with the death early this morning of Yehiel Haimowitz, watchman who was shot last night during an Arab attack on Kfar Saba.

After 102 days of guerilla warfare, unofficial estimates put the total dead at 225, of which number at least 165 are Arabs killed in clashes with British troops and police. Of the remaining dead, nine are British soldiers and constables.

Fifteen Arabs were killed by troops in an engagement last night near Jenin, bringing to 37 the number of Arab fatalities in two days of skirmishes, the sharpest since the disorders started on April 19.

The authorities appeared to have the situation in Tiberias under control following three days of continuous anti-Jewish disorders.

Almost all Jewish shops in the ancient capital of Lower Galilee were reopened and refugees, who had left the old city section in hundreds, began to return to their homes.

About 500 citrus bearing trees were cut down during the night by Arab marauders near Benjamina, Jewish colony founded in 1922 by the Palestine Colonization Association and named in honor of Baron Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild, father of the colonization movement in the Holy Land.

A plain-clothes Arab constable was shot and killed in Safed. His assailant escaped.

A water station of the Palestine Potash Co. on the Dead Sea was burned down and an Arab watchman stabbed.

Eighteen Arabs were arrested after police tracked rebels responsible for the attack last night which took the life of Haimovitz. The District Commissioner visited the village in which the rebels lived and imposed a collective fine on the inhabitants, which was collected in grain.

High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope flew to Amman and dined with Emir Abdullah, Arab ruler of Transjordan, who has been making efforts toward cessation of Arab terrorism.

For the fifth time, pipes of the Iraq Petroleum Company were damaged near Birkeh. Several attempts to attack Jewish cars and shops at Samakh were beaten off by police from Transjordan.

The Christian Arab daily, Falastin, was suspended for ten days. Davar, Hebrew laborite daily, was suspended for a week.

FASCIST ATTACKS ON JEWS INCREASE IN LONDON'S EAST END

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- Black-shirted Fascists are growing bolder in their intimidation of Jews and Jewish shops in London's East End, the House of Commons was told today.

James Hall, Laborite, declared anti-Jewish violence in that section of the city had increased sharply since the last parliamentary discussion of the situation.

Fascists openly intimidate purchasers entering Jewish stores, he declared, pull the beards of aged Jews and assault Jewish passersby in the streets.

Sir Percy Harris complained that Fascists are broadcasting circulars urging a boycott of Jewish shops.

Sir John Simon, Home Secretary, said police are paying special attention to the situation. He failed to reply to a query by Vyvyan Adams, who asked whether the Government intends to ban the Blackshirt uniforms. On a previous occasion, Sir John had stated that attention was being given the suggestion that the uniforms be banned, but that a special law would be needed.

TO START COURT ACTION AGAINST BRITISH FASCIST ORGAN

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- Sir Donald Somervell, Attorney-General, announced in the House of Commons today that he had given instructions to institute proceedings against The Fascist, organ of the Imperial Fascist League, for publishing ritual murder charges against the Jews.

The offending article was published in the July 4 issue of the periodical. The Fascist lists Arnold S. Leese as its editor and director.

3,000 LOSE AMNESTY OVER VIENNA NAZI DEMONSTRATION

VIENNA, July 30. (JTA) -- As a result of yesterday's Nazi demonstration on the occasion of arrival of the Olympic torch en route to Berlin, the Government today suspended administrative amnesty for political prisoners, postponing the release of 3,000 jailed Nazis.

The demonstrators smashed windows of a cafe in the Jewish quarter as they marched through Leopoldstadt shouting, "Perish the Jew!", "One People, One Reich," and singing the Nazi Horst Wessel anthem. Numerous arrests were made. The demonstration was staged by the Hackenkreuzler organization.

3RD HAKOAH SWIMMER SET DOWN FOR BALKING AT OLYMPICS

VIENNA, July 30. (JTA) -- The sports authorities today disqualified a third Jewish swimming star, Lucie Goldner of the Hakoah Sports Club, for refusing to go to Berlin with the Austrian team to participate in the Olympic Games which open Saturday.

Previously disqualified were Ruth Langer, 15-year-old aquatic champion, and Judith Deutsch, 17. Miss Deutsch is carrying to a Federal Court her fight against disqualification.

The swimmers' refusal to participate in the Berlin games is in accordance with a decision of the Maccabi Union, parent Jewish sports organization, to boycott them.

POLAND'S ECONOMIC CONDITION HELD IMPROVING

WARSAW, July 30. (JTA) -- A series of statistics prepared by government and private institutions indicate that Poland's economic situation is slowly but steadily improving, the Polish Telegraphic Agency said today.

While no claim is made that prosperity has arrived, conditions are held definitely improved as shown by increase in industrial production, commercial turnover, taxes and other revenues, urban and rural consumption, agricultural prices, railway traffic and building construction.