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#### **HEAVY LOSSES SEEN MOVING ARABS TO CALL OFF STRIKE TODAY**

**JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) --** The feeling was prevalent in informed circles here today that the Arab general strike against Jewish immigration, which has been attended by unexampled violence for the 104 days of its duration, will be called off tomorrow at a special session of the Arab Supreme Committee.

The heavy losses suffered by Arab rebels in battles with troops in the last few days, coupled with the evident determination of the British Government not to yield to violence as indicated by the refusal to dispatch the Royal Commission until order has been fully restored, may prove the decisive factors influencing such a decision.

Reports from various parts of the country indicated disorders of a sporadic nature are continuing.

Serious attacks occurred in the vicinity of Sejera, but were repelled without casualties by the military and police.

Police and soldiers last night started dynamiting caves in the vicinity of Bab el-Wad on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road. The caves are used as hiding places by Arab bands which have been imperilling travelers using the road between the two biggest cities in the Holy Land.

Fifteen Jews and six Arabs were to go on trial in Tiberias today in connection with the three-day wave of disorders in the ancient capital of Lower Galilee. The Jews were seized by Arab police for allegedly shooting from houses in which Arabs are also known to be living.

Police last night launched a search in an Arab village for the owner of a house in which a bomb factory was discovered earlier in the day.

High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, who flew to Amman to dine with Emir Abdullah, Arab ruler of Transjordan, reached an agreement with him whereby pipelines of the Iraq Petroleum Co. passing through Transjordan will be protected. Lt. Col. G.H.F. Cox, British Resident in Amman, was present when the agreement was reached.

HIGH PALESTINE COURT INVALIDATES COLLECTIVE FINE ON ARAB CITY

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- In a decision that may have far-reaching effects in the current turbulent state of the Holy Land, the Supreme Court today ordered the Palestine Government to remit to the Arab city of Gaza a fine of \$5,000 imposed on the grounds that railway telephones near the city had been cut.

The decision is interpreted as personal reproof to the High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, and a distinct blow to the system of collective punishment instituted early in the disorders.

In handing down his verdict, Chief Justice Sir Michael Francis Joseph McDonnell, emphasized that the High Commissioner had exceeded his authority in enacting the collective punishment measure.

Significance of the decision lies in the fact that it may encourage Arab communities similarly fined to take court action and thus indirectly inspire further acts of violence.

The verdict indicates a further widening in the rift between the judiciary and administrative branches of the Palestine Government. Complaints have been frequently heard in official circles that the bench was not fully cooperating with the administration in enforcing emergency measures to stem the Arab campaign of guerilla warfare against Jews and Government.

LONG JAIL TERMS GIVEN 2 JEWS SEIZED WITH BOMB, ARMS

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- Sentences as severe as any yet imposed on convicted Arab terrorists were meted out to two Jews today.

The Jews are private watchmen arrested a fortnight ago on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

A court sentenced one of them to seven years for carrying a bomb and the other to six years for possession of arms.

The sentences carry out emergency measures enacted last month to help stamp out the Arab disorders.

"JEWS APPREHENSIVE, ARABS DEPRESSED" BY CRMSEY-GORE'S ACTION

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) -- The Times reports from Jerusalem today that announcement of the Royal Commission "leaves the Jews apprehensive and the Arabs depressed."

According to the correspondent, the Jews "fear additional sacrifices will be asked of them, beginning with stoppage of immigration."

Arab leaders, he writes, are not venturing official opinions before tomorrow's meeting of the Arab Supreme Committee, called to discuss the commission's terms of reference.

The correspondent voices the belief that it is unlikely the strike will be ended by the mere announcement of the commission, without suspension of immigration.

#### SIROVICH'S CUBAN PROJECT TERMED 'FANTASTIC'

PRAHA, Czechoslovakia, July 31. (JTA) -- Congressman William Sirovich's proposal to settle 100,000 German Jewish refugees in Cuba was today termed "fantastic" by Luis Machado Ortega, Cuban Secretary of State, here on a tour of the world.

Declaring he was astonished at the report, Senor Ortega said:

"Such a plan is fantastic, according to my view."

He voiced the opinion that it would be impossible to settle 100,000 Europeans in Cuba and expect them to make a living. Even a thousand Europeans, he said, could not find employment there.

Colonization possibilities in Cuba are non-existent, he declared, since there is no available land left except the sugar and pineapple plantations, where Negroes and Chinese are employed.

#### RUMANIAN PEASANT PARTY PLEDGES FIGHT FOR MINORITIES

BUCHAREST, July 31. (JTA) -- A pledge to fight for equal rights for national minorities was taken by the National Peasant Party today as it concluded its annual congress at Czernowitz.

Prominent speakers at the closing session charged that the leaders of the anti-Semitic parties are paid Hitlerite agents. The speakers said the Peasant Party was glad to invite Jewish membership and would continue to fight pro-Hitlerite propaganda in Rumania.

#### REPORT "THE DYBBUK" BEING FILMED IN BERLIN

VIENNA, July 31. (JTA) -- S. Ansky's world-famous play of cabbalistic folk legend, "The Dybbuk," is being filmed in Berlin under the direction of Jewish organizations, it was learned here today. The play was recently made into an opera and performed in the United States and Italy. In its original form it has been given in Hebrew, Yiddish, English and many other languages.

NAZISM NOT AUSTRIAN, SCHUSCHNIGG TELLS PAX ROMANA PARLEY

VIENNA, July 31. (JTA) -- Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg said today there could be "no compromise" between Austria and National Socialism because Nazism was not Austrian. He spoke from Vienna to the Pax Romana congress in Klagenfurt.

"BRITAIN NOT COERCED," NEW YORK TIMES SAYS IN EDITORIAL ON COMMISSION

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- Announcement of the Royal Commission to investigate and eradicate the causes of the current Palestine disorders is evidence that Great Britain "refuses to be coerced by violence and assassinations", an editorial in the New York Times states today.

Declaring the impartiality of the commission's personnel is beyond question, the Times commends Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore's refusal to start the inquiry until order has been fully restored.

The editorial finds praiseworthy, the refusal to consider Arab terms before the commission's inquiry has been completed and concludes that adoption of a less firm policy "would have seemed, at least at this distance, to penalize the Jewish population of Palestine for their attitude of extraordinary restraint in the face of provocation and grave danger, and to reward the Arabs for their campaign of coercion."

REPORT BLACK LEGION PLOTTED TO KILL DETROIT JEWS WITH TYPHOID GERMS

DETROIT, July 31. (JTA) -- Sensational evidence that the Black Legion, hooded terrorist society, once plotted to kill many Detroit Jews by use of typhoid germs in milk and cottage cheese was disclosed here today by Prosecutor Duncan C. McRea.

Mr. McRea declared that his investigators obtained a statement from William Guthrie, Black Legion printer, involving a high legion official and a man described as a "chemist and bacteriologist."

Guthrie is quoted as stating the plot failed because he threatened to notify the police. He said he refused to permit the plotters to breed germs in the basement of his home and warned them the idea might prove to be a "Frankenstein", wiping out the entire city.

According to Mr. McRea, Guthrie said the plan was to breed the germs and put them into deliveries of milk and cottage cheese destined for Jewish homes. He said the men talked of sending the contaminated milk and cheese into the district "most thickly populated with their enemies, the Jews."

The Black Legion is a terrorist society that originated in Michigan and is believed to have spread to other states. Its avowed aims are anti-Semitic, anti-Communist, anti-Catholic and anti-Negro. Several of its members are on trial here on charges of murder. So far as is known, none of the society's victims was a Jew.