

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Latest Cable Dispatches

347 MADISON AVE., N. Y. C.

Phone: MUrray Hill 2-3967

NEW YORK, N. Y.

VOL. II, No. 10.

Wednesday, August 12, 1936.

10 DEAD, MANY WOUNDED IN PALESTINE NIGHT OF TERROR

JERUSALEM, August 11. (JTA) -- Ten persons were dead today and many wounded following one of the worst nights of terrorism the Holy Land has experienced since the Arab disorders broke out more than four months ago.

Among the dead are a British officer, a Jew, five Arab rebels, an Arab police sergeant and two railway employes. The wounded include seven British soldiers and four young Jewish laborers, two of them women.

The night was marked by a train wreck in which a guard and a fireman lost their lives. Arabs derailed the train as it approached the station at Ras-el-Ein, wrecking fourteen coaches.

British troops engaged Arab bands looting and completing the work of wreckage, killing four Arabs, capturing three and seizing large supplies of ammunition.

One Arab was killed and seven others wounded in a clash with troops near Nablus early today.

Returning from the engagement, Lieutenant R. M. Festing was killed and four others of a military detachment seriously injured in an automobile crash following explosion of a mine near Nablus. It was the first time Arab rebels had resorted to mining a road.

Arabs this morning threw a bomb into a group of settlers in a German-Jewish colony near Tiberias, killing Gad Peleg-Avigdori, thirty years a Palestine resident and ranked as a "mukhtar" or colony chieftain.

2 Women Wounded by Bomb

Three Jewish workers, two of them women, were seriously wounded when Arabs threw a bomb into a bus in which they were riding to work at the Hadarom settlement near Tel Aviv. The wounded are: Shifra Shapiro, 20, Rachel Dingol, 24, and Nathan April, 23.

Another Jew, Yehuda Rokach, 26, was seriously wounded by a sniper firing from ambush at a bus on the way to Safed.

An Arab police sergeant was killed when shot from ambush in the Old City of Jerusalem early today.

Shooting went on during the night into the heart of Tel Aviv, from nearby Arab groves. Police reinforcements were rushed to the source of the shooting.

Heavy rifle fire was poured into the outskirts of Jerusalem from various directions.

Arabs set fire during the night to a timbershed near the Yabne railway station, causing damage estimated at \$20,000.

An Arab labor camp at Ras-el-Ain was also set on fire.

Haifa Tense

A band of Arabs, who last night kidnaped all the Arab laborers at the Ras-el-Ain railway station, freed them after exacting from them a promise to join the strike.

Egyptians replaced striking Arab laborers in Jaffa telegraph and telephone offices.

A naval and military patrol narrowly escaped annihilation when a terrific explosion rocked Nazareth Street in Haifa a moment after they had passed through.

Haifa continued tense as Arabs redoubled efforts to force Arab laborers to join the country-wide general strike against Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews. Ten more Arabs were arrested on charges of intimidation and four others for possession of arms.

Although the situation is reported grave in the important Mediterranean seaport, public services are being maintained and the harbor is functioning normally despite violence attending efforts by Arab strikers to prevent their replacement by Jews.

PALESTINE COURT APPROVES CURFEW, CONCENTRATION CAMP

JERUSALEM, August 11, (JTA) -- The Supreme Court today ruled that the Government was within its rights in imposing curfew on sections of the Holy Land to cope with the disorders.

The court also ruled for the Government in the habeas corpus proceeding brought by counsel for Hassan Sidky Da Jany, Arab leader, deciding it had not exceeded its authority in placing him as well as other Arab leaders in the concentration camp at Sarafend.

The authorities yesterday ordered Ibrahaim Darwich, a municipal councillor of Jerusalem, taken to the concentration camp at Sarafend.

WORLD CONGRESS URGED TO WIN OVER NON-PARTICIPATING GROUPS

GENEVA, August 11. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress was urged today to make a definite effort to win over non-participating organizations such as the American Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith, the British Board of Jewish Deputies and others.

Declaring that the Congress could not represent all Jews as long as numerous American and other Jewish organizations refrained from participating, Abraham Goldberg, American Zionist leader, recommended the appointment of a special committee to negotiate with such groups to induce them to join the Congress.

Mr. Goldberg also urged the Congress to find allies among non-Jewish organizations to aid in the fight on anti-Semitism.

This morning's session was largely devoted to a debate and committee meetings in which American Jewish leaders played prominent roles.

The following committee chairmen have been named:

Prof. Horace M. Kallen of the American Jewish Congress, committee for fighting anti-Semitism; Mr. Goldberg, political committee; Dr. Joseph Tennenbaum of the American Jewish Congress, economic defense and boycott, and Nathan Isaacs, credentials committee.

Ask Change in British Policy

Complete change in the British administration of Palestine was demanded tonight in a declaration read before the congress by Nathan Barou on behalf of organized Jewish labor in Great Britain.

Speaking at a session devoted to discussion of the troubled Palestine situation, Mr. Barou asked unrestricted immigration into the Holy Land and asserted that British labor supported such a demand.

A message was read from David Ben-Gurion, Palestine labor leader, declaring that it was more urgent than ever to mobilize defense forces.

"There is danger that the doors to our home land may be closed," the message stated.

Criticizes J.D.C. Relief Work in Poland

Delegates from Poland, dominating the general debate at today's session of the World Jewish Congress, expressed the hope that the congress would work with liberal elements in each country to combat anti-Semitism.

A. Reiss, Jewish laborite from Poland, criticized the relief methods of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Poland, declaring the Polish Jews wish a voice in determining how funds are to be distributed.

Speaking in behalf of Polish Jewish labor delegates, he said the parley was not a "world Jewish congress" but a "congress of Jewish groups and organizations" because, "not being the result of democratic election, the congress is not the expression of the Jewish masses."

Blames Polish Policy for Pogroms

Last night, the Polish Government was accused in a report of depriving the Jews of elementary rights and not countering anti-Semitic agitation.

Speaking for the 60 Polish delegates, Mr. Reiss appealed to the Jews of the world to aid their co-religionists in Poland and declared that "3,500,000 Jews, terrorized by violence, do not despair despite the indescribable poverty and suffering they have undergone."

He asserted that the Polish Government's policy led to pogroms with loss of life and property. Jews had been branded as strangers and would be driven from Poland, he said, asking Jews of the world to show solidarity with their brethren in Poland by rendering constructive assistance.

Speaking on Nazism in America, Louis Segal, of New York, secretary of the Jewish National Workers Alliance, said that United States Jews were not afraid of anti-Semitism and trusted to the American spirit of liberty. However, he added, it was necessary to counteract Nazi propaganda.

Canadian Jews Holding Off Foes

Jews in Canada are successfully fighting anti-Semitism, it was declared by H. Kaiserman of the Canadian Jewish Congress in a report for his delegation.

Sir Neill Malcolm, League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said in greeting the congress that while the situation of the Jews in Germany was serious, it should be remembered that there were those with similar problems who were not Jewish.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, replied that the Jews of the world would not only help care for Jewish refugees, but would bear their full share in helping to care for non-Jewish refugees.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency representative at the League of Nations, in paying tribute to Jewish leaders who have died recently, included among them Stephen Lux, the Czech Jewish journalist who shot and killed himself at a meeting of the League Assembly in what was said to be a protest against Nazi persecution.

OPENING CONCERT OF PALESTINE ORCHESTRA SET FOR DEC. 26

VIENNA, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The first performance of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, comprising refugee German musicians, will be given in Tel Aviv on Dec. 26 under the baton of Arturo Toscanini, world-famed conductor, it was announced today.

The orchestra was organized by Bronislaw Huberman, Jewish violinist, who is at present in Vienna. It was Mr. Huberman who obtained Mr. Toscanini's consent in New York to conduct the first four concerts of the orchestra.

Mr. Toscanini, who is receiving ovations at the Salzburg music festival, has said in explaining why he accepted the offer, that "each of us must do whatever is in his power to fight against barbarism. I shall be proud to come to Palestine to lead the orchestra."

It is expected that the first performance will be broadcast to America. After conducting the orchestra in principal cities of Palestine, Mr. Toscanini may take the group for a concert tour of Egypt. Conductors of the orchestra who will follow him will be Hans W. Steinberg, Issay Dobrowen and Michel Taube.

DUTCH JEWISH COMMITTEE BACKS PETITION TO LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The Committee on Jewish Relations of the Netherlands has joined other Jewish and non-Jewish organizations in various countries in sponsoring a petition to the League of Nations asking intercession for minorities in Germany, the American Jewish Committee announced today.