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ARABS KILL 4 JEWS IN SAFED BOMBING; U.S. CITIZENS ASK PROTECTION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Safed, where four Jews, three of them children, were killed last night by Arab terrorists, today was a city of mourning as shops and public institutions were shuttered during the funeral of the victims. Arabs stoned the closed shops.

The Arabs hurled a bomb into the home of Rabbi Unger, killing the rabbi and two of his children, a girl of eight and a boy of five and seriously wounding another, a six-year old girl, who died early today.

Although wounded by a rifle barrage which preceded the bombing, the rabbi's mother and grandmother, heavily veiled, were at the graveside this morning.

Ninety-two American citizens in Safed, today wired the United States Consul here demanding protection.

High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope issued a communique deploring the "horrible outrage" in Safed.

In Jaffa, thirty Jewish workers escaped death when a bomb thrown into their factory-yard exploded.

Tension was heightened in all of upper Galilee by the assassination Mayor Nasr el Din of Hebron, reportedly for supporting the mediation efforts of Emir Abdullah, ruler of Trans-Jordania.

The Jewish death toll since the disorders started April 19 rose to sixty when early this morning Arabs killed Tuvia Rabinowitz, a watchman at the Zofiah settlement near Ramat Kovesh. Total deaths, including some 230 Arabs and twelve Christians, are estimated at 325.

Arab outbreaks against Jews were also reported in Betsera, Mismar Haemek and Sharon.

Armed Arab bands raided the settlement of Meartez and damaged the water pumps. Four hundred orange trees were uprooted at Migdal.

Three Druses, members of the warlike, Mohammedan tribe which dwells in the Lebanon mountains of Syria, were arrested today as they were crossing the frontier into Palestine carrying 4200 revolver bullets.

FASCIST EDITOR, PRINTER HELD FOR RACE LIBEL TRIAL IN LONDON

LONDON, August 14. (JTA) -- The way was cleared today for the first race libel trial in English history when a magistrate's court committed a Fascist publisher and his printer for trial on charges of seditious libel against the Jews of England.

The defendants, Arnold S. Leese, publisher, and Walter Whitehead, printer, of The Fascist, organ of the Imperial Fascist League, were arraigned in Bow Street Court on a summons charging seditious libel and creation of public mischief in connection with publication of a ritual murder libel against the Jews. Both pleaded not guilty and were freed on bail of fifty dollars each.

Submitting a copy of the publication in which the ritual murder accusations are made, Public Prosecutor Eustace Fulton told Magistrate Dummett that "the document plainly intended to incite ill will and hostility between the Jewish subjects of His Majesty and others."

Mr. Fulton read excerpts describing the Jews as "an Asiatic race," and a "contaminating influence" and stating that the Jews practice ritual murder of Christians and enjoy torturing them.

In committing the defendants for trial, the Magistrate declared the document constituted seditious libel and was a prima facie case for the jury. He continued:

"You're both charged together with unlawfully creating ill will between His Majesty's subjects of the Jewish faith and non-Jewish faith by printing divers scandalous and libelous statements regarding His Majesty's Jewish subjects, which would have a tendency to promote ill will and hostility between two different classes of His Majesty's subjects to create public mischief."

Whitehead pleaded guilty to the printing, but not guilty of the charge, pointing out that The Fascist was a profit-making job, therefore he could not turn it down because it expresses certain views.

The printer explained that he knew The Fascist expressed severe criticism of the Jews but said that "this was no new thing." He said King Edward I, Chaucer, Shakespeare and "thousands of other people" had done the same and that "it's happened throughout history."

Regarding the ritual murder statement, the printer claimed the encyclopedia mentions it and that saints have been created who were said to have been murdered that way. He confessed he had no decided views on the subject one way or another.

Leese on the other hand demanded the charge be withdrawn on the ground that the Jewish people were an "indefinite entity" and that ninety per cent of the Jewish people were not His Majesty's subjects but belong to every nationality. He launched a long tirade against the Jews, declaring the Bible supported his charges that Jews are murderers.

Contending he had broken "the conspiracy of silence" and that this was "very different from causing discontent," Leese pleaded not guilty to the charges.

SECOND CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN 1938; DEMANDS MADE ON RUSSIA

GENEVA, August 14. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress adjourned for the Sabbath this afternoon after voting to hold its second session in 1938. It will reconvene tomorrow evening for election of permanent officers.

A plenary session this morning rejected a constitutional clause claiming the congress to be representative of entire world Jewry, referring it by a vote of 87 to 46 to the executive committee for re-editing.

Louis Gribetz, on behalf of the American delegates and a minority of the constitution committee, led the fight against the clause, supported by Nathan Isaacs and the Rev. M. L. Perlzweig for the British, Swiss and Italian delegations; Dr. I. Hellman of Warsaw defended the clause.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, proposed an alternative definition of the congress, stating its object was "to form a voluntary, cooperative union of Jewish communities and organizations of the world to act in behalf of world Jewry in relation to common problems."

This also was referred to the executive committee.

Resolutions committing the Congress to assistance in readjustment of Jews to new vocations, cooperation with the Agro-Joint, the ORT and the OZEF were adopted.

Groups active in aiding the project to settle Jews in Biro-Bidjan, autonomous Jewish territory in Soviet Siberia, also were pledged aid.

The congress decided to establish a department for economic defense.

Discussion of the Reich-Palestine agreement by which Jews of Germany are enabled to take part of their capital to Palestine in the form of goods, was barred when the question was raised by several delegates.

Demand Soviet Return Seized Synagogues

The Congress decided last night to negotiate with the Soviet Government for return of confiscated synagogues and release of all Jews arrested for teaching religion.

Invoking Article 124 of the Soviet constitution, the congress will also present demands calling for liberalization of Russia's attitude toward the Jewish religion, the Hebrew language and Zionism,

Another resolution was adopted appealing to Great Britain and the League of Nations against suspension of Jewish immigration into Palestine or any limitation based on political grounds.

It declared that suspension, "however temporary it would be, would act as an injustice and a cruelty directed against the most vital interests of the Jewish masses throughout the world." The resolution affirmed the Jews' desire to live in peaceful cooperation with the Arabs.

The resolution on Russia is based on a report submitted by the political committee. Among the other demands which will be the subject of negotiation are:

- 1) That the Soviet permit emigration of Jews wishing to leave Russia.
- 2) That teaching of Hebrew and importation of Hebrew literature be permitted.
- 3) That "persecution" of Zionists be halted and arrested Zionists released.
- 4) That the Government permit organization of Jewish religious communities with legal rights and permission to maintain kosher abbatirs, matzoh bakeries and other religious institutions.

The congress, in another resolution, appealed to various nations to fulfill their obligations under minority treaties.

The delegates approved a declaration by Abraham Goldberg, of New York, asserting that minority rights of Jews in Eastern and Central Europe were being violated with the League of Nations taking no effective action to safeguard them.

The declaration calls on the League not to disregard the Jewish question, which, it says, requires the cooperation of all nations for solution.

JEWISH YOUTH AT GENEVA VOTE TO FORM WORLD UNION

GENEVA, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Delegates from eighteen countries attending the first World Congress of Jewish Youth Organizations voted today to establish a World Union of Jewish Youth with temporary headquarters in New York.

LITHUANIAN JEWISH CHESS PLAYERS NOT TO MEET NAZIS IN OLYMPICS

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Three Jews, members of the Lithuanian Olympic chess team, today departed for Munich after having been assured that they would not be obliged to play against Germany.

KEMMERER DISAVOWS ANTI-SEMITIC INTENTION IN BACKING ASHEVILLE PARLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Professor Edward W. Kemmerer of Princeton University, one of the endorsers of the National Conference of Christian Ministers and Laymen now being held at Asheville, N.C., from his Summer home in Maine issued a statement today disavowing anti-Semitic intent in endorsing the meeting.

The conference is being backed by the notorious anti-Semitic leaders Harry A. Jung, Colonel E. M. Sanctuary, Robert Edmund Edmondson and others and has as its slogan "Christian Americanism against Atheistic Communism." Dr. Robert A. Gault, professor of psychology at Northwestern University is also among the listed backers.

"When I was approached by the sponsors for the National Conference," Professor Kemmerer's statement declared, "I accepted their objective in good faith. This statement was to the effect that they purposed to organize Christians throughout the country to combat Communism. I am definitely opposed to Communism. I have since been told that certain leaders of movements directed against Jews and Catholics as well as against certain other Americans on the basis of racial origin are closely connected with the management of this conference and that it is believed by many people that under the cloak of anti-Communism some of these are endeavoring to inculcate anti-American doctrines.

"I am opposed to anti-Semitism and to all other movements which differentiate between American citizens on the basis of creed or race."