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JEWISH ASSEMBLY MEETS TO MAP ACTION AS DISORDERS CONTINUE

JERUSALEM, August 17. (JTA) -- Against a background of continued Arab violence that over the week-end and today claimed the lives of seven Jews and five Arabs, the Jewish National Assembly, representative body for Palestine Jewry, met in extraordinary session today to plan a course of action.

Attending the session were representatives of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Chief Rabbinate, the municipality of Tel Aviv and Jewish colonies.

The session was opened by Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council.

As the conference opened, it was reported from Jaffa that two Jewish nurses were ambushed by Arabs as they left the Government Hospital. One was killed and the other gravely wounded.

Following a eulogy of the fallen Jews and British soldiers, Mr. Ben Zvi listed the measures that have thus far been taken to strengthen the Jewish community's position during the disturbances.

Among them he cited official recognition of the armed Jewish special policemen for colonies, who total now 1,920, and a third of whose expenses are being met by the Government. He also mentioned the beginning of the Tel Aviv port project, undertaken when the general strike made access to the Jaffa harbor impossible, and the road construction undertaken by the Government to make communications safer.

Emphasizing the great danger in suspension of immigration, the speaker urged British and world Jewry to defend the Jewish position in Palestine and to remind Great Britain of her promises and obligations.

He declared the Jews would not retreat and would not be frightened by violence, concluding that the way was still open to an understanding between the Jews and the Arabs.

Moshe Shertok, of the political department of the Jewish Agency, summarized the four months of the disturbances. Also emphasizing the danger to Jewry of a threatened suspension of immigration, Mr. Shertok appealed to the entire Jewish community to combat the measures which are being sought by the Arabs.

He said the Agency had resisted all pressure to agree to voluntary suspension and would continue to resist to the utmost enforced suspension by the Government.

"Our work," he continued, "has always been based on a joint British-Jewish interest, but insofar as Great Britain adopts policies against our most vital interests, those policies will be fought in our way before the Royal Commission. As it is a conflict we cannot avoid, because the Royal Commission was nominated to assist the Government in carrying out a policy established long before the disturbances, our defense in that war is the most serious ever, therefore a strong united front is required."

Meanwhile, disorders continued in widely separated parts of the Holy Land.

One passenger was killed and five others, including a British soldier, were wounded when a Jaffa-Lyddah train passing Tel Aviv was riddled by bullets. Unverified reports in the evening papers said the killing occurred when a bomb intended for Tel Aviv exploded prematurely.

Three Arabs, two of them women, were killed during clashes between Arab bands and British troops. A laborer was killed when he crossed the line of fire during a skirmish near Tiberias. The women were killed when they crossed the line of fire during an attack on a convoy southbound from Jerusalem.

Arabs demonstrated at the funeral of the laborer and burned a Jewish-owned automobile.

A British policeman killed an Arab as he was about to throw a bomb into the Shechunat Brenner quarter of Tel Aviv.

The Jewish community of the old city of Jerusalem protested to High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope against last night's shooting into the Misgav Ladach Hospital. Bullets entered the sickrooms.

Jewish women of Safed, protesting the killing by Arabs of a rabbi and his three children, cabled Queen Mary and Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore, asking defense against the outrages to children.

CONGRESS LEADERS CALL ON BRITISH LEGATION AT BERNE

BERNE, Switzerland, August 17. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the World Jewish Congress today turned over to the British Legation here a declaration by its executive asking the British Cabinet not to halt immigration into Palestine.

The delegation was received by Charge d' Affaires Shone, who promised that the declaration would be turned over to the British Government.

Among the members of the delegation were Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Louis Lipsky, the Rev. M. L. Perlzweig, Berl Locker, A. Reiss, Senator Isaac Rubinstein of Poland, Dr. Meyer Ebner of Rumania and Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

LONDON TIMES SEES HOPES FOR PEACE SHATTERED

LONDON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Further evidence that the situation in Palestine is becoming increasingly serious is found in dispatches to today's London newspapers from Jerusalem.

The Times reports that hopes for cessation of violence have been shattered since, while Arab leaders are holding parleys, the ranks of the extremists are increasing as relatives of victims of Government repressive measures seek revenge according to ancient custom.

The Daily Mail says that an army order was issued in Palestine forbidding officers from writing to their homes in England commenting on or criticizing Government policy and measures.

High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope was greeted with boos and catcalls from prisoners while visiting the Sarafand concentration camp for extremist leaders, the paper reports.

The Daily Herald reports that several hundred additional Jews will be enrolled as special policemen, making a total of 2,500.

JAIL TERMS FOR 20 POLISH JEWS WHO PROTESTED PRZYTYK VERDICT

WARSAW, August 17. (JTA) -- A court in Baronowicz, eastern Poland, today sentenced twenty Jews to jail terms ranging from three months to one year for participating in a general strike on June 30 protesting the verdict by a Radom court in the Przytyk pogrom trial. The Radom court, placing "moral responsibility" for the pogrom on the Jews, had sentenced eleven of fourteen Jews to terms up to eight years while freeing thirty-nine of forty-three Poles and letting the rest off with light terms. Two Jews and a Christian were slain and scores of Jews seriously wounded in the Przytyk excesses of March 9.

The Baranowicz court refused to take into consideration the plea by counsel for the defendants that the strike call had been signed by Jewish inhabitants and Jewish members of parliament.

One of the defendants was given a year; one, eight months; one, six months; six, four months each and eleven, three months each.

COUGHLIN "CHALLENGES" JEWS TO ADOPT "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR" PRECEPT

CLEVELAND, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Father Charles E. Coughlin, dictator of the National Union for Social Justice, yesterday asked American Jews to accept "Christ's principles of brotherhood."

Speaking before the convention of his followers here in the Public Auditorium, Father Coughlin, whose past attacks on "international bankers" have been devoted almost exclusively to those with Jewish names, declared:

"We are a Christian organization in that we believe in the principle of 'love thy neighbor as thyself.' With that principle I challenge every Jew in this nation to tell me that he does or does not believe in it.

"I am not asking the Jews of the United States to accept Christianity and all of its beliefs, but since their system of 'a tooth for a tooth and an eye for an eye' has failed, that they accept Christ's principles of brotherhood."

"Besides Christianity, we also lift aloft the flags of the United States of America and swear our fealty not only to the red, white and blue, but to the Constitution which it represents in its entirety.

"On that point I challenge the Communist who hates the Constitution, the Socialist who would amend it into nothing, and to the Republicans and Democrats who won't admit that Congress has the sole right to issue money--I challenge them to make the statements I make."

This followed Father Coughlin's previous day's oration in which he pleaded with his flock:

"Don't blame the Jews for everything. That's Hitlerism."

LATE PALESTINE NEWS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- A Jewish nurse was killed and another gravely wounded in an ambush while on their way to the Government hospital in Jaffa for night duty tonight. Natia Fink was dead and Nechama Zedek in serious condition.

Earlier reports had said they were ambushed while leaving the hospital. An Arab was found dead of knife wounds on the seashore between Bait Vegan and Jaffa. Curfew was imposed on the city of Tiberias.

Speakers at an extraordinary meeting of the Jewish National Assembly declared that the Jews were losing confidence in the Government as a result of insufficient measures taken in dealing with disturbances. It was charged that the Government was not applying laws promulgated to halt the bloodshed. The speakers represented the views of widely divergent Zionist groups, including the laborite Histadruth, the right-wing Revisionists, the orthodox Mizrachi and the moderately right-wing Jewish State Party.