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50,000 IN TEL AVIV FUNERAL FOR SLAIN NURSES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Fifty thousand Jewish residents of Tel Aviv formed a funeral cortege today for the two Jewish nurses killed by Arab rebels yesterday as they were reporting for duty at the Government hospital in the Arab city of Jaffa.

High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope expressed his "deepest sorrow and abhorrence of the recent brutal murders and attacks on perfectly innocent people."

Referring to the two slain nurses, Nechama Zedek and Natia Fink, who had ministered in a hospital almost totally given over to Arabs, the statement continued:

"I am confident that the whole public, except a few murderers and individuals, share my detestation of these horrible crimes culminating in the murder of two nurses who devotedly healed the sick regardless of faith and race."

The authorities clamped a curfew on Jaffa that practically confines the entire population to its home for all but three hours of the day.

The curfew, to be in effect until further notice, extends from eight in the morning until five the next morning. All persons found on the streets during the 21-hour intervening period are subject to imprisonment on sight.

Train service between the neighboring cities of Jaffa and Tel Aviv has been suspended.

Both measures climaxed forty-eight hours of renewed violence during which a third Jewish woman, Chaya Freund, 23, was slain in an Arab attack on Ramat Kovesha.

The Jewish death toll in the four month-old disorders now stands at 72. Arab deaths are estimated at about 300.

An attack on the Kiriat Anavim settlement, in which three Jews were wounded, was beaten off with the assistance of troops. The Jewish Red Cross was despatched to the scene to give medical aid. The wounded, who were removed to Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem, are Isaac Landberg, Nahum Gershonowitz and Gershon Masheyov.

Four Jews were critically injured by Arabs' stones in Tiberias, where recent disturbances yesterday led the Government to impose curfew.

Indignation at the murder of the nurses was expressed at the closing session of an extraordinary meeting of the Jewish National Assembly. In a unanimous resolution, the assembly sent "a most bitter outcry" to Jews abroad to "help raise the voice of all people" for stoppage of bloodshed and against suspension of Jewish immigration into Palestine.

The Assembly called for strengthening of the Zionist movement and decided to send a delegation representing the Jewish community to the High Commissioner as the first move in a fight against Government officials' alleged antagonism to the Zionist experiment.

Speakers declared the Jews were losing confidence in the Government as a result of inadequate measures taken to end disturbances. It was charged the authorities were not applying laws promulgated to halt bloodshed.

4 ZIONISTS NAMED TO REICHSVERTRETUNG BOARD

BERLIN, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The Reichsvertretung, representative Jewish body in Germany, today announced that it had broadened the basis of representation by appointing four Zionists and one orthodox Jew to its executive.

Franz Meyer, president of the Zionist Federation, was coopted to the administrative committee jointly to administer the affairs of the Reichsvertretung with Dr. Otto Hirsch.

SWISS FIRE BASLE PROFESSOR FOR PRO-NAZI ACTIVITIES

BASLE, Switzerland, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Cantonal authorities here today announced the dismissal of Dr. Gerlach, anatomy professor at Basle University, following disclosures that he was actively engaging in the pro-German Nazi movement in Switzerland. Dr. Gerlach is a German citizen.

PRO-ARAB REDS IN U.S. FOUGHT SUCCESSFULLY, POALE ZIONISTS TOLD

GENEVA, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The American delegation to the Poale-Zion Hitachduth world conference of Zionist laborites, meeting behind closed doors here, reported to the 50 delegates present that it had

successfully combatted Jewish Communists in the United States who justify the Arab terror in Palestine.

Louis Segal and David Wertheim of New York told the audience that Zionist laborites plus affiliated organizations number 20,000 members. Berl Locker of Palestine is presiding at the session which will conclude Friday.

"ARYAN" BALLET DANCER BALKS AT BERLIN TRIP

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The London Daily Star today reported that Nina Verchinina, member of the De Basil ballet, had refused to accompany the troupe on a trip to Berlin, where it is scheduled to perform.

Miss Verchinina, who is of "Aryan" descent, is quoted by the Star as protesting strongly against the treatment accorded Jewish artists by Nazi authorities. She will rejoin the troupe in New York.

GRUENBAUM IN WARSAW TO PUSH PALESTINE TRANSFER PACT

WARSAW, August 18. (JTA) -- Isaac Gruenbaum, head of the organization department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, arrived here today to continue negotiations with the Polish Government looking toward a \$10,000,000 Poland-Palestine transfer agreement that would permit Jews to migrate to the Holy Land with capital in the form of goods since export of currency is barred.

5 JEWISH REDS SEIZED IN TEL AVIV

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The Times reported today from Jerusalem that five Jewish Communists were arrested in Tel Aviv for attempting to stage a demonstration at the funeral of a Jewish lineman killed in an Arab ambush Sunday.

The despatch added that another Communist was arrested for reporting in a pamphlet that Emir Abdullah, Arab ruler of Transjordan, had written to High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope guaranteeing immediate cessation of violence on condition of an amnesty to Arab leader held in the concentration camp at Sarafand, the staying of actions against prisoners other than murderers and stoppage of Jewish immigration.

PREMIER HONORS 2 PRZYTYK TEACHERS WHO TESTIFIED FOR POGROMISTS

WARSAW, August 18. (JTA) -- Premier Skladkowski today conferred the Silver Cross Medal on two elementary school teachers of Przytyk, scene of the March 9 pogrom in which two Jews and a Christian were slain. The awards were for "social and cultural services."

The recipients, Edmund Wlosek and Kazimierz Zabicki, both testified on behalf of the 43 Poles accused of participation in the pogrom during the trial at Radom in June, when 39 were acquitted and four given light sentences while 11 of 14 Jews were given jail terms up to eight years.

COUPLE MURDERED, CREMATED BY ANTI-SEMITES IN POLAND

WARSAW, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The village of Tulski in the Lemberg district of Poland was shocked today by the ghastly murder of a Jewish couple, Jonah and Channah Diamand. The assassins, reported to be Ukrainian anti-Semite terrorists, broke into the home of the victims last night, shot them, soaked the corpses in gasoline and set them ablaze.

WASHINGTON POLICE CLEAR TRUE OF POGROM PLOT

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 18. (JTA) -- District of Columbia police today exonerated the anti-Semitic leader, James True, of charges by the radical magazine New Masses that he was plotting a pogrom next month against American Jews.

Major Ernest W. Brown, superintendent of police, who conducted an investigation into the magazine's charges against True, said no action would be taken against him as the investigation had disclosed the charges were unfounded.

True, who heads the anti-Semitic organization known as James True Associates and America First, Inc., denied ever having given an interview to a representative of the New Masses.

Branding the interview a "fake," True said:

"Nothing has ever been given out in this office favorable to or encouraging Fascism, Nazism or pogroms."

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New Masses Insists Interview Was Genuine

In the article in last week's New Masses, True is quoted by the magazine's reporter, Porter Niles, as having made the following statement:

"We're getting set! We're preparing for September. When we have the pogrom, not even our 'pet' Jews will stay alive."

A World-Telegram reporter, following publication of the New Masses article, interviewed True and quoted him as denying having given the interview to the New Masses, but admitting that he was interested in "getting rid of political Jews."

Joseph Freeman, editor of the New Masses, when informed of the exoneration, said he was not surprised, having predicted it. He declared the interview had been given Niles as an individual rather than as a representative of the New Masses, so that technically True was correct in his denial.

Freeman said exactly the same interview had been given two other reporters, sent by the magazine several days later to corroborate the first. The reporters also spoke to True as private citizens rather than as newspaper men.

LEADERS OF ALL FAITH, NEWSPAPERS SCORE COUGHLIN'S "CHALLENGE" TO JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Catholic Protestant and Jewish leaders and metropolitan newspapers joined today in criticizing Father Charles E. Coughlin's "challenge" to the Jews voiced at the convention of the Union for Social Justice in which he asked the Jews to abandon what he called the Jewish doctrine of "an eye for an eye" and replace it with the Christian doctrine of Brotherhood.

Among those who condemned the "challenge" were Dr. Frank Gavin, professor of Church History at the General Theological Seminary, New York; Monsignor John A. Ryan of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.; Rev. R. A. McGowan, of Washington, assistant director of the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; Prof. Louis Finkelstein, assistant to the president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Rabbi Louis I. Newman of New York.

The New York Post, in a leading editorial, asks about Father Coughlin's "challenge":

"Was it not a sly way to inject discord instead of brotherhood, ill-feeling instead of Christian charity into a campaign bitter enough already?"

The Jewish Day charged that the radio priest "falsifies the Bible and creates a prejudice against the Jews in the minds and thoughts of thousands of Americans who heard him and in millions who heard his speech." The Jewish Morning Journal also condemned the address.

Benjamin Gassman, a lawyer of 1 East 42nd Street, said he was calling a mass meeting in protest against Father Coughlin's "malicious libel on the Jewish race."

The storm of criticism resulted from the following statement the Detroit priest made at the Cleveland convention Sunday:

"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 principle of brotherhood."

Prof. Gavin said in part:

"No good purpose can be served by raising a 'bogey man,' namely, the Jew, and then charging him impliedly and almost explicitly with being responsible for the Augean stables in present-day world affairs. It reminds one of the doctrine 'neutrality in principle' while shipping instruments of slaughter to both sides. We need no 'Inquisition' to challenge Jews to accept a principle which they first taught the world

and which is taught in every Jewish synagogue in the world. I feel certain that the highly respected and enlightened church to which Father Coughlin belongs would not approve such a misleading and sorrow-laden statement as he has made."

Monsignor Ryan tersely said: "Father Coughlin's reference to 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' is bad exegesis, bad history and bad argument. It is unjust to Jews and unfortunate in the political campaign."

Father McGowan asserted:

"Father Coughlin forgets the remarkable work for economic justice done by the Central Conference of American Rabbis during the past fifteen years that I know of. The Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has joined with them on at least a dozen occasions during that period in pleas for social justice."

Professor Finkelstein said that there is no need for challenging the Jew either on his love for his followmen or on his loyalty to the American flag. Two thousand years have not embittered the Jew, he declared, against those who have maligned him. The loyalty of the Jew to the American flag is beyond doubt, he added, emphasizing that others may love America merely as the country of their birth, but the Jew not only loves America but reveres her as the sacred embodiment of the fundamental principle announced by his ancestors, the prophets, to the world that "All men are made in God's image."