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### 3 JEWS, INCLUDING HEBREW U. TEACHER, SLAIN BY ARABS

JERUSALEM, August 21. (JTA) -- Three Jews, including an instructor at the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus, were killed by Arab terrorists today as the Arab rebellion entered its fifth month.

Today's slayings brings the total Jewish dead to 73.

Arabs ambushed an automobile this afternoon carrying six Jewish laborers home from work. Two of the passengers Meir Belkind and Baruch Gurevitz were killed instantly. The other four, including a woman, were wounded. The attack occurred near Kfar Saba.

Belkind, was born in Rishon le Zion thirty years ago. He was a member of one of the most prominent Palestinian families and managed the Meshek Heetzar near Kfar Saba. Gurevitz, was a colony official.

Condition of one of the four wounded in the ambush, Shoshana Glaznitzky, 17-year-old girl, was reported as grave while Reuben Strauss, 23, is in a serious condition.

An Arab terrorist late last night shot to death Levi Billig, first docent of oriental sciences in the Arab section of the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus.

Prof. Billig was killed as he sat working at his desk on an Arab book, "Hashia," his lifework.

The murderer fired through a window of the docent's study. A dum-dum bullet tore an ugly wound in the victim's head.

The University closed down for the day in mourning.

Prof. Billig was 39 years old. He was born in London and graduated from Cambridge University.

Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the university, delivered the eulogy at his funeral today.

An official communique said today that Arabs suffered 32 casualties in an all-day battle with British troops and planes near Karkur yesterday.

Earlier reports said 25 Arabs had been killed.

Heavy Arab losses are reported in a clash between a rebel band and troops in the vicinity of Tubas, near the Jordan River.

Arabs this morning derailed a train near Lydda.

A waterpipe supplying Jerusalem was damaged.

Local Jewish policemen and watchmen repulsed an attack on the Jewish settlement of Kfar Brandeis, named for Louis D. Brandeis, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. No casualties were reported.

Curfew from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. was imposed in the Tulkarem municipal area.

After vigorous protests by Jews, the 21-hour curfew was lifted from the Florentine and Shapiro quarters of Jaffa. The city-wide curfew had been lifted from Arab sections earlier.

The authorities discovered a huge cache of bombs at Wadi Chamma, near Gedera.

Military lorries have already transported 100 of the bombs to police stations. Additional lorries have been dispatched to pick up the rest of the store, the largest yet found in the current disorders.

The Government distributed 190 military rifles to Jewish special police men in the Jaffa district, where violence in the last few days has reached a new high for the disorders.

Ninety more Jewish special policemen were recruited for southern Judea.

#### MAYOR DIZENGOFF BLAMES PALESTINE GOVERNMENT FOR "ANARCHY"

JERUSALEM, August 21. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government was today bluntly blamed for the "anarchy and lawlessness" obtaining in the Holy Land in an embittered open letter by 75-year-old Mayor Meier Dizengoff of the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv.

Mayor Dizengoff declared the Government, by its conduct since the disturbances, has "demoralized the country, caused anarchy and lawlessness and has destroyed every authority of law, of administration, of civil and public life."

The aged Mayor charged the Government had handed over its harbor at Jaffa to the dock workers who blocked it even to steamers of foreign governments.

Government railways, he said, became a "bastion for terrorists to set fire to Jewish fields and bomb peaceful towns."

Continuing his indictment of the Government, Mayor Dizengoff declared the emergency regulations it had issued were not enforced, collective fines had been rescinded because forces within officialdom were submerging the central policy.

As a result, he said, the country was not led by the High Commissioner but by the Arab Supreme Committee, by youngsters, and a mob of brigands who had established a "state of lawlessness and of judgmentlessness."

The Mayor then enumerated the many atrocities that have been perpetrated since the beginning of the disorders which since April 19 have taken an officially estimated toll of 232 lives, seventy-three of them Jewish.

"The whole country has become a Sodom and Gomorrah," he said. "You have converted the entire country into an inferno. None knows how we stand in this life which has become a hell."

Continuing scathingly, Mayor Dizengoff asked:

"Why are you ashamed to stop immigration if the Government powers are so weak that they are unable to make leaders, developed by the Government, comply with law and order, unable to protect the lives and property of Jews entering the country on Britain's invitation and promises?"

"You had better admit frankly," he said, "that your promises and obligations are worthless. You had better surrender to the will of the Arab Supreme Committee and stop immigration."

The Mayor went on to accuse the Government of solemnly pledging adherence to its promises "while virtually turning over to the criminal mob the blood of trusting Jews."

He assailed the handing over of the Mandatory's obligations to officials who oppose the idea for which it was established, labeling these officials as "competent only to handle natives."

Denouncing as cowardly the expected stoppage of immigration under "the camouflage of the Royal Commission," the Mayor emphasizes the letter is his own "private plea" which he, by reason of his long services to Palestine, should be entitled to make, particularly since every Government and municipal official is permitted to criticize official policy.

Concluding, he declared:

"You had better stop immigration and post notices on the gates of Palestine: 'Abandon hope, thou Jew wishing to build a national home in Palestine for your people. Do not enter the country. Disaster is facing you.'"

#### WAUCHOPE CALLS PARLEY OF MOSLEM DIPLOMATS

JERUSALEM, August 21. (JTA) -- The High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, today called diplomats of Iraq and Transjordan to a conference with Palestine military and Government officials in what is believed a final effort to obtain a peaceful solution of the troublesome situation in the Holy Land.

Sir Arthur, it was made known, has invited to the conference Iraq's Foreign Minister, Nuri Pasha as Said, and the Transjordan's Prime Minister, Ibrahim Pasha Hashem.

Others who will attend the important meeting are Commander Pierce of the Royal Air Force, Chief Secretary John Hathorn-Hall, Attorney General Harry Herbert Trusted, Richard Abdul Hadi of the Secretariat and Press Officer Tweedy.

In informed quarters the meeting is regarded as an effort to obtain mediation of both Iraq and Transjordan to restore order. Previous mediation efforts by Emir Abdullah, ruler of Transjordan, British mandated territory bordering Palestine, had failed.

#### LEAGUE HITS BRITAIN FOR REFUSING DATA ON PALESTINE

GENEVA, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Great Britain's refusal to supply information regarding the causes and the significance of the Palestine disorders yesterday met the criticism of the League of Nations mandates commission.

In a memorandum on the Palestine situation, the commission expressed the hope that the Mandatory Power would submit this information at the autumn session of the commission even though Britain "should not yet be in a position by that date to define its policy in the light of the proceedings of the Royal commission" appointed last month by the Baldwin Cabinet.

Britain based its declination upon the ground that governing regulations require her to report solely upon events of the preceding year.



The published minutes of the commission include the statement by Marquis Alberto Theodoli, its Italian chairman, referring to the strong stand taken by the League body during the 1929 Palestine riots which pressure caused Britain to present a report more swiftly.

Portuguese and Belgian members supported the Marquis in his statement. Pierre Ortis, the Belgian representative, implied that England's appointment of a Royal commission meant "stalling for time."

"Perhaps, the Mandatory Power," he said, "has been right in its decision, "but that power was not the only body concerned and the League could hardly agree that the appointment of a royal commission should be put forward as a reason for refusing to give information.

"The commission has already received numerous petitions as a result of the present disorders. Many more probably will come in. What would be left of the right of petition if, in urgent and serious circumstances petitions were only examined more than a year after the events to which they referred? Would the apparent indifference on the part of the League be likely to calm the situation in Palestine or increase the League's authority elsewhere?"

#### JEWISH RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION BARRED IN BAVARIAN SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The Associated Press today reports from Munich, Germany, that the Bavarian Ministry of Education has issued a decree banning Jewish religious instruction in public schools. Parents wishing their children to receive such instruction must arrange for it in private classes, the edict states.