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TENSION RISES IN GALILEE AS 5 JEWS ARE MURDERED IN NEW ATTACKS

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA) -- Three Jews were slain from ambush early today, making five Jewish fatalities in the Galilee in 24 hours -- the largest toll of lives in any one day since the sanguinary disorders of 1936.

Gedalia Geler, 36-year-old Polish Jew, and Moshe Zalman ben Sassoon, 33, also of Poland, were killed as they left the Jewish settlement of Yavniel in the Upper Galilee for Beit Gan. Later, Yehuda Eliovitz, son of a Yavniel colonist, was killed in the same place.

From the distance Yavniel settlers saw Eliovitz struggling with Arabs, but they escaped, leaving behind a gun. Eliovitz was 28 years old and born in the Galilee.

Earlier, two shepherds, Shlomo Gafni, 28-year-old Polish Jew, and Hanoeh Metz, 21-year-old German Jew, were found dead near Nazareth and their flock of 400 sheep gone. Police, suspecting Arab brigandage, announced a \$5,000 reward for capture of the murderers.

Gafni and Metz, grazing the flock, were missed when another shepherd went to relieve them. An alarm was raised at the nearby Jewish colony of Kfar Hahoresh. Metz's body was later found battered and stabbed, and Gafni's body a kilometer away, bearing knife wounds.

Aaron Moladi, a worker in a Jewish grove at Kfar Saba, was stabbed. Shots were fired at Kiryat Samuel, Tiberias and Mishmar Hayarden.

The new violence raised tension in the Galilee area, especially in the vicinity of the Daganla colony. The murders followed a conference of Arab agitators held near the Palestine-Syria frontier.

High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope will return by airplane from a leave in London on March 19, the Palestine Post reported.

...ing army post at Haifa costing \$2,500,000 were revealed, the Havas News Agency reported. Construction will be started in the Bet Galim sector next April, when work on the enlargement of the port is scheduled to begin, it was stated.

WEIZMANN SEES ROYAL COMMISSION NOT ENDANGERING HOMELAND UPBUILDING

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- "Whatever happens, I think nothing will happen which will prevent us from carrying on our work," is the opinion of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, in regard to the investigation of the Royal Commission.

"I am perfectly sure the commission is entering its appointed task (of drawing up its recommendations) with an open and unprejudiced mind," the Zionist leader said last night in opening a Jewish National Fund bazaar at Whitechapel.

"We had a fair hearing," he declared. "The commission has shown every possible desire to find a solution for all parties. The task was made most difficult because the Palestine quarrel developed into something tantamount to revolution or insurrection.

"At present it is difficult to distinguish between political assassination and ordinary brigandage. This situation has vitiated the outlook of the whole position of Palestine."

Referring to the search of certain Jewish groups for new territories for colonization, Dr. Weizmann warned it would be impossible to build a national home in an empty country since it would lack the driving force of the Jewish national idea, which he held applicable only to Palestine.

"It is most important that we bring in a maximum number of Jewish immigrants to Palestine," he declared, "but the real measure of Palestine's work is the building of a Jewish civilization and a Jewish future which will be unshakeable."

The Federation of Synagogues gave Dr. Weizmann \$25,000 for the Palestine Emergency Fund.

Royal Commission Hears English Statesmen

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- An official communique announced today that the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Palestine situation has heard evidence behind closed doors by Earl Winterton, Sir Herbert Samuel, Winston Churchill and Sir Francis Humphreys.

GERMANY DEFERS SMOLAR'S DEPORTATION UNTIL THURSDAY

BERLIN, March 14. (JTA) -- As a result of intervention by the American Consulate General, the Gestapo yesterday agreed to postpone until Thursday a deportation order served upon Boris Smolar, chief European correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The order had given Smolar until today to leave Germany or be fined and escorted to the border.

Consul-General Douglas Jenkins and Consul Geist will resume negotiations tomorrow to have the deportation order rescinded. The Association of Foreign Correspondents, of which Smolar is a member, will make representations to the Gestapo at the same time.

'Trying to Do Duty,' London Paper Says

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- Newspapers here gave prominent display to the Nazi deportation order served on Boris Smolar.

In an editorial on the Nazi action, the Daily Telegraph declares: "Correspondents trying to do their duty by ascertaining the facts are now liable to charges of espionage or 'endangering the security of the Reich.'"

BRITISH STATESMAN LAUDS LAGUARDIA ON 'STAND AGAINST NAZI TERRORISM'

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, Conservative member of Parliament, wired Mayor LaGuardia of New York his congratulations for the Mayor's "stand against Nazi terrorism," the Havas News Agency reported today.

"Many congratulations, Mr. Mayor," read the telegram, "upon your stand against Nazi terrorism, and still more on your refusal to climb down. Long may you and other transatlantic free men refuse to become slaves to the Swastika."

GERMAN CONFESSIONAL CHURCH STATEMENT PROTESTED ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- A protest against imposition of anti-Semitism as a cardinal doctrine of the church was contained in a statement by the Brotherhood Council of the Confessional Church of Germany, for whose transmission to the foreign press Pastor Weissler, head of the council, was placed in a concentration camp, it was stated here today.

The report was given by Leonard G. Montefiore, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, at a meeting of the association. The Confessional Church's statement was in the form of a letter addressed to Chancellor Hitler. Pastor Weissler was placed in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp last Summer, where he subsequently was stated by the Gestapo to have committed suicide.

At today's meeting, Mr. Montefiore referred to a motion passed by the Board of Deputies of British Jews appointing a committee to investigate the working of the Joint Foreign Committee of the Board and of the Association. While reserving comment until the committee reports, he defended his policy as chairman of the Joint Foreign Committ

Regarding as the principle duty of the committee to see what is happening in Germany, he said it should not be forgotten that the Nazi racial doctrine of glorification of force and ruthlessness must be discussed and condemned now and in the future.

GESTAPO BANS JEWISH YOUTH CONVENTION AT LAST MOMENT

BERLIN, March 14. (JTA) -- The Gestapo, German secret police, at the eleventh hour prohibited a convention of the Federated Hebrew Youth Associations, scheduled to open here last night. A majority of the delegates had already arrived from various parts of the country.

No reason for the action was given, although the convention had been allowed by the authorities. It was to have been the first gathering of its kind since the Nazi regime came to power.

The Federation has a membership of 50,000 youths, comprising religious, cultural, sports, war veterans organizations, Zionists, non-Zionists and many other groups of Jewish young men and women throughout the Reich.

A tea party for the benefit of poor Jewish families was also prohibited by the Gestapo.

54 JEWS READMITTED TO POLISH UNIVERSITY AS BOYCOTT OF CLASSES ENDS

WILNO, March 14. (JTA) -- Fifty-four expelled Jewish students were re-admitted to the Stefan Batori University today after Jewish students had reached a compromise with university authorities whereby they promised to end their boycott of laboratories.

Jewish students had refused to attend laboratories in protest against segregation of Jews carried out unofficially by professors.

HOME OF WARSAW JEWISH LEADER BOMBED

WARSAW, March 14. (JTA) -- An infernal machine exploded today outside the apartment of Boris Parnes, former president of the Warsaw Jewish Community. None was injured. Police were investigating, but no arrests had been made tonight.

TRANSFER OF ZIONIST FUNDS FROM POLAND TO BEGIN MAY 1

WARSAW, March 14. (JTA) -- Transfer of Zionist funds to Palestine under the clearing agreement recently concluded between the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Polish Government will begin May 1, it was learned today.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO AID JEWISH EDUCATION

PRAHA, March 14. (JTA) -- Premier Milan Hodza stated to Deputies Angelo Goldstein and Kugel yesterday the Government would aid Jewish schools and vocational training, and protect Jewish sabbath observance.

Jewish elementary schools will receive State assistance, vocational training for Jewish youth will be subsidized and a forthcoming Sunday-closing bill will respect Jewish rights to observance of Saturday as the Sabbath, the Premier said.

JEWISH EMIGRATION QUESTION RAISED IN CZECH PARLIAMENT

PRAHA, March 14. (JTA) -- The question of emigration of Jews from Czechoslovakia has been raised in Parliament by Deputy Sider, an anti-Semitic leader and head of the Slovak People's Party.

He said between 1922 and 1924, 102,000 Slovaks emigrated from the country while the number of Jews increased in the same period. Before the war, he declared, the Hungarian Government helped Jews settle in Slovakia. At that time they were small tradesmen, he said, while now they controlled the whole country.

TWO RUSSIAN JEWS WIN PRIZES IN PIANO CONTEST

WARSAW, March 14. (JTA) -- Two young Soviet pianists, Jacob Zak and Rosa Tamarkin, were announced today as first and second prize winners in the third international Chopin competition. Other prize winners were Jan Eker, Olga Iliwicka of Poland, and Tatiana Goldfarb, of Russia.

GERMAN CITY REPORTED LISTING "ARYANS" DEALING WITH JEWS

BERLIN, March 14. (JTA) -- The Tageblatt reports newspapers in Coblenz are listing "Aryans" still maintaining relations with Jewish physicians.

GREECE INCREASES ALLOCATION FOR JEWISH SCHOOLS

SALONICA, March 14. (JTA) -- The grant to Salonica Jewish schools will be increased 500,000 drachmas by the Greek Government, Chief Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Koretz was informed today by Finance Minister Rodiadis.

GREEK PRINCE LAUDS PALESTINE PROGRESS

ATHENS, March 14. (JTA) -- Prince Petros returned here today from Palestine and voiced enthusiasm at the country's progress.

J.D.C. ALLOTS \$575,000 FOR EUROPEAN JEWS

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- Appropriations totalling \$575,000 for the first quarter of 1937 for the relief of Jews in Germany, Poland and other European countries were announced today by the Joint Distribution Committee. They were made in advance of collections in the \$4,650,000 campaign, said Joseph G. Hyman, executive director. In the three months ending March 31 the J.D.C. will have spent approximately \$270,000 to aid Jews in Germany and refugee countries, and an equal sum for Eastern Europe, chiefly Poland and Rumania. The German allocation includes \$100,000 to be spent in the Reich and \$75,000 in refugee countries.

GERMANY REFUSES REGRETS FOR PRESS ATTACKS ON UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- Germany has declined either to apologize or express regrets for German press attacks on the United States Government, American institutions and American womanhood, the New York Times reported today from Berlin.

Foreign Minister Konstantin von Neurath gave merely an "explanation" to United States Ambassador William E. Dodd, which a semi-official communique summarized as follows, according to a dispatch by Otto D. Tolischus:

"United States Ambassador Dodd called the attention of the Foreign Office yesterday to the comments of some of the German newspapers on the notorious speech in New York of Mayor LaGuardia. It is assumed in political quarters here that the American diplomat was reminded that the calumny LaGuardia uttered was bound to produce an understandable general resentment in Germany. If the language of some of the German newspapers went, perhaps, beyond desired limits, this was due only to irritation.

"An insult to the American nation was by no means intended. For the rest, the assumption is justified that the American diplomat's attention was called to the continuous malicious and untrue attitude on the part of the American press respecting German problems."

HANFSTAENGL DROPPED FROM NAZI POST

BERLIN, March 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernst "Putzi" Hanfstaengl, onetime boon companion of Chancellor Adolf Hitler, has been dropped as head of the Nazi Party's Foreign Press Division, it was confirmed here, according to the Havas News Agency.

Hanfstaengl is not in Germany, it was admitted, but officials were either unwilling or unable to reveal his present whereabouts.

Partly because he is an expert pianist, the American-born Harvard graduate was long a favorite of the Fuehrer. His press functions have been taken over, at least temporarily, by Otto Dietrich, chief of the Party's Press Bureau.

JEWISH CONSUMPTIVES SOCIETY'S WORK FOR POOR LAUDED

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- The work of the Jewish Consumptive Relief Society of Denver in caring for the poor was stressed today at the thirty-third annual convention of the society at the Hotel Astor. Delegates from 20 cities attended the meeting.

Prominent speakers addressed the opening of the parley last night. They included Grover A. Whalen, Jeremiah T. Mahoney, Senator Edwin Johnson of Colorado, and Rabbi Israel Goldstein, who presided. A \$100-plate dinner tonight closed the convention.