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43 ARABS, 2 BRITISH SOLDIERS KILLED IN CLASHES; JEW SLAIN IN TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Two BRITISH SOLDIERS AND A JEW WERE ADDED TODAY TO A DEATH TOLL OF 43 ARABS WHILE GOVERNMENT FORCES CONTINUED OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORISTS IN NORTHERN PALESTINE FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY ENGAGEMENTS WITH ARAB BANDS.

SECOND LIEUTENANT K.J. MOUNTAIN, 21 YEARS OLD, OF THE BORDERERS REGIMENT, ONE OF THREE SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN A CLASH WITH A STRONG BAND AT YACOB VILLAGE NEAR NAZARETH YESTERDAY, DIED IN THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL AT SAFED. PRIVATE J.F. CREASEY OF THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRES DIED IN THE SCOTTISH HOSPITAL AT TIBERIAS.

TEN ARABS WERE KILLED IN THE YACOB CLASH ADDING TO A TOTAL OF 33 SLAIN IN ENGAGEMENTS SINCE THURSDAY. TROOPS AND ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES CONTINUED ACTION IN THE NORTH. A PLANE WAS BROUGHT DOWN IN ACTION AT HAIFA YESTERDAY, IT WAS LEARNED. TROOPS ENCOUNTERED NO BANDS IN DAY-LONG SEARCHES TODAY. COMBINED LEBANESE AND PALESTINIAN FORCES VIGILANTLY WATCHED THE BORDER, FEARING AN INVASION OF NEW LARGE GANGS INTO PALESTINE.

MRS. HAVA LEWIS, 70 YEARS OLD, WAS KILLED AND HER HUSBAND, SAMUEL LEWIS, 78, WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED WITH BLUNT INSTRUMENTS IN THEIR HOME IN THE HEART OF TEL AVIV. BOTH WERE FROM NEW ZEALAND AND HAD BEEN HERE ELEVEN YEARS. AFTER THE MAID DISCOVERED THE CRIME, AN ARAB AND NINE OTHER PERSONS WERE ARRESTED. POLICE ANNOUNCED BLOOD STAINS ON THE ARAB'S CLOTHING MATCHED LEWIS'S BLOOD. THEY SAID ROBBERY WAS THE MOTIVE FOR THE ASSAULT.

A BUS DRIVER, LUPU GROSSMAN, 34 YEARS OLD, AND A PASSENGER, RAPHAEL YAVNE, 26, WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED WHEN AN EGGED COMPANY (JEWISH) BUS EN ROUTE FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM WAS FIRED UPON NEAR THE POLICE STATION AT ABUGHOSH. TROOPS GUARDED THE JAFFA-JERUSALEM ROAD, SEARCHING AUTOMOBILES FOR ARMS.

A BOMB WAS THROWN INTO A CAFE IN HAIFA CROWDED WITH SOLDIERS CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS. ONE OF THE SOLDIERS CAUGHT THE BOMB WHILE THE FUSE WAS STILL BURNING AND THREW IT OUT INTO THE STREET, WHERE IT EXPLODED. THE SOLDIERS PURSUED TWO ESCAPING ARABS AND FIRED AT THEM.

WHILE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WERE HELD IN BETHLEHEM FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER HEAVY GUARD, BRITISH TROOPS AND PLANES ENGAGED A BAND OF 300 ARABS IN THE BLOODIEST BATTLE THE HOLY LAND HAS WITNESSED SINCE THE WORLD WAR.

FRIDAY'S ENGAGEMENT BEGAN WHEN A DETACHMENT OF TROOPS, SCOURING THE VICINITY OF TIBERIAS FOR TERRORISTS, ENCOUNTERED A BAND OF 40 ARMED ARABS. THE ARABS SIGNALLED FOR HELP AND 300 ARMED ARABS RUSHED INTO THE BATTLE FROM NEARBY VILLAGES. TRAPPED BY THE REINFORCEMENTS, THE TROOPS WIRELESSED FOR AID. IN RESPONSE MORE TROOPS AND ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES WERE RUSHED TO THE SCENE OF HOSTILITIES. FIFTEEN ARABS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE FALLEN IN THE ENSUING BATTLE. BETWEEN 11 AND 18 ARABS WERE KILLED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ENGAGEMENT THURSDAY. THE ONLY REPORTED BRITISH CASUALTIES WERE THE PILOT OF A BOMBING PLANE, WHO WAS SHOT DOWN AND SLIGHTLY WOUNDED, AND A MEMBER OF THE TRANSJORDAN FRONTIER FORCE.

BY NOON FRIDAY THE BATTLE HAD REACHED SUCH PROPORTIONS THAT THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES CLOSED ALL ROADS IN NORTHERN PALESTINE TO PRIVATE TRAFFIC AND ORDERED ALL VILLAGES NEAR THE FRONTIER TO KEEP HOMES DARKENED AND NOT TO PERMIT RESIDENTS TO LEAVE THE HOUSE AT NIGHT. THE ORDERS RESULTED IN EVACUATION OF MANY VILLAGES, THE INHABITANTS TAKING REFUGE IN MOSQUES AT ACRE, ON THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST.

MEANWHILE, DISORDERS CONTINUED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, RESULTING IN DEATH OF AN ARAB NOTABLE AND WOUNDS TO TWO JEWS.

VATICAN ORGAN DEPLORES PALESTINE CONFLICT, PERSECUTION OF JEWS

ROME, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- THE CONFLICT IN PALESTINE IS DEPLORED AND PERSECUTION OF JEWS DENOUNCED IN AN EDITORIAL IN THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE OF OSSERVATORE ROMANO, OFFICIAL VATICAN ORGAN. THE EDITORIAL DECLARES THAT FOR CHRISTIANS THE JEWISH PROBLEM IS A RELIGIOUS ONE AND CONTINUES:

"ANTI-SEMITISM OF THE PRESENT ERA IS NOT ONLY A FIGHT AGAINST THE NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, BUT IS ALSO AN ASPECT OF THE FIGHT PROVOKED BY THE NEW PAGANISM IN LARGE SECTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL LIFE." THE EDITORIAL ATTRIBUTES THE PALESTINE CONFLICT TO IMMIGRATION FROM EUROPE AS A RESULT OF POLITICAL PERSECUTION OF JEWS THERE.

UNITY OF PALESTINE ARABS SEEN UNSTABLE

LONDON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT HAS UNITED THE PALESTINE ARABS, BUT THIS HARMONY IS "AS UNCOMFORTABLE AS IT IS UNNATURAL AND A SLIGHT TURN OF THE POLITICAL WHEEL WOULD SOON CRACK THE SOLID FRONT AND REVEAL OLD DIVISIONS," DECLARES ARCHER CUST, FORMERLY OF THE PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION, IN AN ARTICLE ON "THE MUFTI AND HIS FRIENDS" IN THE SUNDAY OBSERVER. CUST REGARDS JAMAL EL HUSSEINI, FUGITIVE PRESIDENT OF THE PALESTINE ARAB PARTY, AS THE REAL BRAINS BEHIND THE ARAB MOVEMENT.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL PROMISES TO HALT PICKETING OF JEWISH SHOPS IN WARSAW

WARSAW, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSAR FOR WARSAW DECLARED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE NEWSPAPER NOWY GLOS THAT HE WOULD NOT ALLOW PICKETING OF JEWISH SHOPS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-JEWISH LEAFLETS.

TUNIS WOMEN AID PALESTINE ARABS

CAIRO, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- WOMEN OF TUNIS HAVE SUBSCRIBED 50,000 FRANCS FOR THE PALESTINE ARABS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT A MEETING OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE ARABIC LANGUAGE.

MANY MEXICAN JEWS FACE OUSTING FOR DROPPING PURSUITS SPECIFIED ON ENTRY CARDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- A Mexico City dispatch to the New York Times on Friday declared the Mexican Government had taken steps to expel many Jews from the country under existing immigration laws.

According to the report, the Department of Interior has instructed other administrative agencies to cooperate in enforcement of regulations which make it obligatory for immigrants to pursue occupations specified on their entry permits. A bill, offered by Deputy Ismael Falcon, which extends the laws referred to, is now nearing enactment by Parliament.

The Times correspondent said the instructions "make several thousand persons, chiefly Polish and Sephardic Jews in Mexico City, liable to immediate expulsion." He continued:

"Mexican laws require that persons coming to Mexico as immigrants work at the profession or in the occupation listed on their immigration cards. Many of the approximately 18,000 Jews who came to Mexico in the nineteen twenties, during the regime of General Plutarco Elias Calles, declared formally they would become agriculturists. Arriving in Mexico they found difficulties in obtaining lands and also discovered that farming conditions were not those they had expected, so they settled in Mexico City and entered business.

"Those affected are almost exclusively of the poorer class. The Israelite Chamber of Commerce recently stated that it had aided Mexico by developing local Mexican industries, employing about 30,000 Mexicans in the capital alone.

"Much agitation against them developed recently because of Nazi propaganda in the press and because Mexican small manufacturers and merchants expect to obtain enormous profits while these competitors were willing to get more reasonable returns. The Mexican Chamber of Small Commerce, therefore, also sponsored the agitation."

The Interior Department's circular declares:

"The Secretary of Finance will order his inspectors to make visits to establishments where foreigners work and demand the exhibition of immigration cards in order to ascertain whether these foreigners are dedicating themselves to the activities mentioned in these cards. In case they are not dedicating themselves to such work the Finance Department will report immediately to the Interior Department in order that proper steps may be taken.

"The Department of National Economy will see that technical experts permitted into the country are dedicating themselves to their proper work and that their places cannot yet be taken by Mexican experts.

"The Department of the Federal District will see that no licenses are given for the opening of businesses by foreigners who are not entitled to carry on trade and at the petition of the Federal District Department licenses already granted to persons not entitled to carry on commerce or manufacturing will be canceled.

"Furthermore, the Departments of Public Health and Work will also cooperate by examining immigration cards with the same objective in view."

The order further does away with the Interior Department section "for the aid of foreigners" and establishes in its place a "section to examine foreigners' credentials."

REFUGEES HAVE DUTY NOT TO HARM REICH INTERESTS, GERMAN PAPER HOLDS

PRAHA, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- THE ZEITSCHRIFT FUER AKADEMIE DEUTSCHES RECHT OF BERLIN ASSERTS THAT "NON-ARYAN" EMIGRANTS FROM GERMANY STILL HAVE DUTIES TO THE REICH AND MUST DO NOTHING TO HARM GERMAN INTERESTS.

THE DECLARATION IS MADE IN COMMENTING ON THE GERMAN FINANCE MINISTRY'S REFUSAL TO EXEMPT A GERMAN JEWISH PHYSICIAN FROM PAYMENT OF THE "FLIGHT TAX." THE PHYSICIAN HAD ARGUED THAT HIS EMIGRATION BENEFITED GERMANY SINCE A GERMAN WAS TAKING OVER HIS PRACTICE, BESIDES BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH NAZI POLICY.

"WHEN A PERSON LEAVES GERMANY TO SETTLE ABROAD," THE PAPER SAYS, "THIS IS IN THE INTERESTS OF GERMANY ONLY IF THAT PERSON CARRIES ON NAZI PROPAGANDA, BUT EVEN A NON-ARYAN EMIGRANT MUST REMEMBER HIS DUTIES TO GERMANY AND DO NOTHING TO HARM GERMAN INTERESTS. THE DOCTOR WHO EMIGRATES AND BELIEVES HE IS THEREBY CREATING VACANCIES FOR ARYAN DOCTORS, AS WELL AS SAVING THE INSURANCE SOCIETY THE PAYMENT OF HIS PENSION, DOES NOT EMIGRATE IN THE INTERESTS OF GERMANY BECAUSE GERMAN INTERESTS ABROAD DO NOT BENEFIT THEREBY."

JEWISH PARTY GOT 46,000 VOTES IN RUMANIAN ELECTIONS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- THE JEWISH PARTY OBTAINED APPROXIMATELY 46,000 VOTES, OR 1.4 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL BALLOTS CAST IN LAST WEEK'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, DR. SAMUEL SINGER, PARTY LEADER, ANNOUNCED TODAY. HE SAID IT HAD NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED WHETHER THE LAW ALLOWING REPRESENTATION ONLY WHEN TWO PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES WAS OBTAINED WOULD BE APPLIED, SINCE NO PARTY SUCCEEDED IN GETTING AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY. IF THE LAW IS NOT TO BE APPLIED, THE JEWISH PARTY WILL PROBABLY HAVE FOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN PARLIAMENT, DR. THEODOR FISCHER, JULIUS FISCHER, RABBI ZERELSON AND DR. MEYER EBNER.

GEORGE BACKER NAMED CHEVALIER OF FRENCH LEGION

PARIS, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- GEORGE BACKER OF NEW YORK, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, WAS TODAY APPOINTED A CHEVALIER IN THE LEGION OF HONOR FOR SERVICES TO FRANCE.

50 INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES STARTED IN POLAND BY J.D.C. TO AID JEWISH TRADERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- ESTABLISHMENT OF ABOUT 50 NEW INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND WORKSHOPS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF POLAND TO HELP JEWISH TRADERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD BY REASON OF THE ANTI-SEMITIC BOYCOTT, WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE. A REPORT FROM THE PARIS OFFICE OF THE J.D.C. STATES THAT THE NEW ENTERPRISES INCLUDE TEXTILE WORKSHOPS, WOODWORK FACTORIES, BLACKSMITH SHOPS, WORKSHOPS FOR FARM IMPLEMENTS, TANNERIES, AND KNITTING FACTORIES.

FURTHER B'NAI B'RITH CONFISCATION IN REICH LISTED

PRAHA, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- FURTHER PROPERTY CONFISCATED FROM THE ORDER B'NAI B'RITH IN GERMANY LAST SPRING IS ENUMERATED IN AN ORDER BY THE GESTAPO (STATE SECRET POLICE) PUBLISHED IN THE DEUTSCHE REICHSANZEIGER UND PREUSSISCHE STAATSANZEIGER OF DEC. 20. THE LIST INCLUDES BANK DEPOSITS OF GREAT LODGE OF GERMANY NO. 8, A NUMBER OF MORTGAGES, STOCKS AND PROPERTY OF THE UNION OF BERLIN LODGES AND ITS SISTER UNION, OF THE BERTHOLD TIMENDORFER LODGE, THE BERTHOLD AUERBACH LODGE, THE JULIUS FENCHEL LODGE, THE GERMAN STATE LODGE, THE MONTEFIORE LODGE, THE LINA SCHACHOLIN LODGE, AND ALSO PROPERTY OF THE JEWISH TOYNBEE HALL FOR EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT.