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MT. CARMEL AMBUSH TOLL RISES TO 9; BRITISH OFFICER KILLED IN BLAST

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16 (JTA) -- JEWS BURIED NINE DEAD TODAY, THE VICTIMS OF LAST NIGHT'S ARAB AMBUSH OF A BUS ATOP MT. CARMEL, NEAR HAIFA.

THE AMBUSCADE, IN WHICH EIGHT JEWISH SPECIAL POLICEMEN WERE KILLED AND A YOUNG WOMAN FATALLY WOUNDED, BROUGHT TO 92 THE JULY-AUGUST TOLL OF JEWISH DEAD. SEVEN ARABS WERE SHOT DOWN BY BRITISH TROOPS WHICH ENGAGED THE REBEL BAND, BRINGING THE ARAB DEATH TOLL IN THE SAME PERIOD TO AN ESTIMATED 200.

THE JEWISH DEAD WERE: MISS JUDITH MERMELSTEIN, WHO DIED OF HER WOUNDS THIS MORNING; DOV HOY SHRECK, MOSHE BLATT, ASCHER CAHANE, MENDEL GLICKBERG, IZHAK BUCHSINDER, SIEGFRIED COHEN, LEON OSTERMAN AND ABRAHAM WOLHAENDLER. ALL WERE BETWEEN 20 AND 30 YEARS OLD AND WERE NATIVES OF GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY. OSTERMAN'S WIFE, AHUVA, WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. HANS BERGER SUSTAINED SLIGHT WOUNDS.

A BRITISH OFFICER WAS KILLED AND TWO PRIVATES WOUNDED THIS MORNING WHEN AN ARMY CAR WAS BLOWN UP BY A LAND MINE BETWEEN ACRE AND SAKHNIM, IN NORTHERN PALESTINE.

SCHWARTZ DIES ON GALLOWS AFTER PENNING CONFESSION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16 (JTA) -- AFTER CONFESSING IN WRITING TO THE MURDER OF AN ARAB POLICEMAN LAST SEPTEMBER, CRIME FOR WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED, CONSTABLE MORDECHAI SCHWARTZ WAS HANGED AT EIGHT O'CLOCK THIS MORNING AT ACRE PRISON. LAST RITES WERE ADMINISTERED BY RABBI JOSHUA KANIEL OF HAIFA.

IN HIS CONFESSION, SCHWARTZ SAID HE HAD COMMITTED THE CRIME WHILE "TEMPORARILY INSANE." BEFORE GOING TO HIS DEATH, SCHWARTZ HAD TOLD FRIENDS AND NEWSPAPERMEN THAT HE WAS DYING FOR A "PRIVATE MISTAKE" AND ASKED THAT NO EFFORT BE MADE TO MAKE OF HIM A MARTYR.

SCHWARTZ IS THE SECOND JEW TO BE HANGED DURING THE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION OF PALESTINE, AND THE FIRST TO DIE AFTER CONVICTION BY A CIVIL RATHER THAN A MILITARY COURT. SHLOMO BEN YOSSEF, REVISIONIST YOUTH WHO WAS CONVICTED OF SHOOTING AT AN ARAB BUS LAST APRIL, WAS TRIED BY A MILITARY COURT UNDER THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS. HE WAS EXECUTED JUNE 29.

SCHWARTZ WAS A NATIVE OF KROMNO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHERE HIS PARENTS ARE FARMERS. HE IS SURVIVED ALSO BY 13 BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

"BIG FOUR" FORMS "GENERAL COUNCIL FOR JEWISH RIGHTS"

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 (JTA) -- The formation of a "General Council for Jewish Rights, of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee," to coordinate the activities of these organizations "that bear specifically on the safeguarding of the equal rights of Jews" was announced last night by Edgar J. Kaufmann, its temporary chairman, following an all day meeting at the Hotel St. Regis attended by representatives of the four bodies.

Formation of the Council is in accordance with a decision reached at Pittsburgh June 13 at a conference of the representatives of the four organizations. Yesterday's meeting adopted a constitution for the new organization, governing its scope and structure.

Under the terms of the constitution, "The Council shall consider and act upon proposals and plans for the safeguarding of equal rights of Jews here and abroad." A two-thirds affirmative vote of the total membership of the Council makes its decisions "binding upon the organizations and groups included within its membership." It is, however, precluded from making decisions on matters "that involve an encroachment upon the racial, national, religious or economic philosophies of the constituent organizations."

The Council, for the present, is to comprise five representatives named for a term of one year "by and from each of the constituent organizations." Provision is made in the constitution for admission of additional groups upon "an affirmative vote of not less than five sixths of the total membership of the Council."

The Council is required to meet at least once every three months, but may be summoned into special session either at the call of the chairman, or at the written request of seven representatives. In view of the national character of the body, it was decided that no more than two regular meetings during any twelve month period may be held in New York City.

Although the Council comprises four groups, voting on any question is to be by individual ballot with each representative entitled to one vote.

The constitution as adopted yesterday represents recommendations of a committee of eight, named for this purpose by the four organizations. The members of this committee included: Morris D. Waldman and Sidney Wallach, for the American Jewish Committee; Louis Lipsky and Carl Sherman, for the American Jewish Congress; Louis Fabricant and Leonard V. Finder, for the B'nai B'rith, and J. Baskin and I. Minkoff, of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Recommendations for the program of action to be undertaken by the Council will be submitted to its next meeting, scheduled for September 19 in New York City. A sub-committee of four, including one representative from each of the constituent organizations and headed by B. C. Vladeck, was named to make a survey of the activities to be undertaken by the Council and to submit its recommendations to the next meeting. This sub-committee

WILL HAVE BEFORE IT, AS A BASIS FOR ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, A STUDY OF THE WORK ALREADY ENGAGED UPON BY THE FOUR ORGANIZATIONS. THE MEMBERS OF THIS SUB-COMMITTEE INCLUDE LOUIS FABRICANT, FOR B'NAI B'RITH; LOUIS LIPSKY, FOR THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, AND SOL M. STROOCK, FOR THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE.

THIS SUB-COMMITTEE WILL ALSO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE RELATIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED WITH JEWISH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES WITH A VIEW TO SECURING THEIR COOPERATION IN THE PROGRAM OF THE COUNCIL.

AT THE SEPTEMBER SESSION IT IS PROPOSED TO ELECT THE PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. THESE WILL COMPRISE A CHAIRMAN, A VICE CHAIRMAN, A TREASURER AND A SECRETARY. A SPECIAL COMMITTEE WAS NAMED TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND NOMINATIONS FOR THESE POSTS.

THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING YESTERDAY INCLUDED: FOR THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE--MORRIS D. WALDMAN, RICHARD ROTHSCHILD AND SOL STROOCK; FOR THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS--GEDALIAH BUBLICK, RABBI J. X. COHEN, LOUIS SEGAL AND LOUIS LIPSKY; FOR B'NAI B'RITH--MAURICE BISGYER, LOUIS FABRICANT, LEONARD V. FINDER, SIGMUND W. LIVINGSTON, HENRY MONSKY AND BENJAMIN SAMUELS; FOR THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE--JOSEPH BASKIN, I. H. GOLDBERG, LOUIS HOLLANDER, I. MINKOFF, I. NAGLER AND B. C. VLADECK; ALSO EDGAR J. KAUFMANN, PRESIDING, ARTHUR S. MEYER, DR. HUGO BREITNER, AND I. D. WOLF.

1,559 REFUGEES LISTED BY MILAN POLICE; NEWS PROVOKES NEW DRIVE ON JEWS

ROME, Aug. 16 (JTA) -- AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE REVEALING THAT 1,559 JEWS FROM GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND POLAND HAD REGISTERED WITH MILAN POLICE AUTHORITIES DURING THE 20-WEEK PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ANSCHLUSS FURNISHED FUEL TONIGHT FOR AN ANTI-SEMITIC OUTBURST THROUGHOUT THE ITALIAN PRESS.

AT THE SAME TIME, JEWS HAD THE WORD OF AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY NATIONAL EDUCATION MINISTER GIUSEPPE BOTTAI'S NEWSPAPER CRITICA FASCISTA THAT ITALIAN FASCISM, WHILE IT MUST MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN SEMITES AND "PURE ITALIANS," HAS NO INTENTION OF WAGING A CAMPAIGN OF RACIAL PERSECUTION.

THIS GAVE ITALY'S RELATIVELY SMALL JEWISH POPULATION (44,000) LITTLE CAUSE FOR COMFORT, HOWEVER, SINCE OFFICIAL SENTIMENT AS REVEALED IN THE PRESS SHOWED A RISING TIDE OF ANTI-SEMITIC FEELING.

"THE JEWISH DESCENT ON MILAN," AND "A DANGER, OR THE JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO MILAN" WERE THE HEADLINES UNDER WHICH NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THE OFFICIAL STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN JEWS WHO HAVE RECENTLY SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE NORTHERN CITY.

ITALIAN PROTESTANTS DREW THE IRE OF THE NEWSPAPER REGIME FASCISTA IN RENEWED ATTACKS ON FACTIONS DISAPPROVING THE NEW RACIST AND "ARYAN" POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

TAKING AS ITS TARGET THOSE PROTESTANTS WHO APPROVED POPE PIUS XI'S SPEECH CONDEMNING THE NEW DOCTRINE, THE MOUTHPIECE OF ROBERTO FARINACCI, LEADING FASCIST ANTI-SEMITIC, DECLARED:

"LA LUCE, EVANGELIST ORGAN, UP TILL NOW HAS SHED WARM TEARS FOR THE SONS OF

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ISRAEL, TO WHOM, IT MAINTAINS, HUMANITY OWES EVERYTHING. THE SPEECH OF THE POPE ALSO AFFECTED ITALIAN PROTESTANTS, WHO PROMPTLY DECLARED THEY WERE OPPOSED TO THE RACIST THEORY."

THE PROTESTANTS' CLARIFICATION OF THEIR ATTITUDE IN THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE "WILL PERMIT US TO FOLLOW THEIR ACTIONS A LITTLE MORE CLOSELY," REGIME FASCISTA WARNED.

DECLARING THAT THE PROTESTANTS' RIGHT TO WORSHIP WAS RECOGNIZED IN THE CHURCH-STATE CONCORDAT THANKS TO THE FASCISTS, REGIME FASCISTA ADDED:

"PERHAPS THESE GENTLEMEN OF LA LUCE HOPE TO OBTAIN TACIT CONSENT FOR THEIR PROSELYTING WORK. WE BELIEVE THEY ARE IN ERROR, EVEN IF, AFTER VARIOUS SPEECHES, THE IMPOSSIBLE SEEMS POSSIBLE. IN ANY CASE, WE MUST CONGRATULATE MGR. PIZZARDO (GIUSEPPE CARDINAL PIZZARDO, PAPAL UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE), LEADER OF THE CATHOLIC ACTION, WHO INSPIRED THE FAMOUS SPEECH AND SUCCEEDED IN CONFRONTING FASCIST CATHOLICS WITH A UNITED FRONT GROUPING ATHEISTS, COMMUNISTS, MASONS, JEWS AND PROTESTANTS."

LONDON PAPER SEES PALESTINE PARTITION SCHEME DEAD

LONDON, Aug. 16 (JTA) -- THE PALESTINE PARTITION SCHEME IS DEAD, IT WAS ASSERTED TONIGHT BY THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE EVENING STANDARD, WHO DECLARED THE GOVERNMENT WAS OFFICIALLY STILL STANDING BY IT BUT IN REALITY HAD ADMITTED ITS IMPRACTICABILITY.

ACCORDING TO THE CORRESPONDENT, THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES ON THE SPOT AND THE MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION ARE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT ARAB STATE EMBRACING TWO-THIRDS OF PALESTINE.

THE PARTITION PLAN, HE WRITES, HAS BEEN REPLACED BY A PROPOSAL FOR A JEWISH AUTONOMOUS AREA COVERING THE SHARON PLAIN, EXTENDING FROM TEL AVIV TO ATHLIT AND COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 400 SQUARE MILES WITH A POPULATION 95 PER CENT JEWISH, WITH THE WHOLE OF PALESTINE REMAINING UNDER AN AMENDED MANDATE.

THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY WAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT WHILE THE PARTITION COMMISSION HAD POSSIBLY CONSIDERED SUCH A PLAN AMONG OTHERS, NO DECISION OF ANY KIND HAS BEEN TAKEN, THEREFORE THE PLAN COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

RUBLEE CONFERS WITH REFUGEE BUREAU STAFF; NO DATE SET FOR BERLIN TRIP

LONDON, Aug. 16 (JTA) -- DIRECTOR GEORGE RUBLEE OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE BUREAU CONFERRED EXTENSIVELY TODAY WITH MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF, REVIEWING THE ENTIRE SITUATION TO DATE.

NO DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED FOR MR. RUBLEE'S DEPARTURE TO BERLIN TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS THERE ON THE QUESTION OF PERMITTING EMIGRANTS TO TAKE WITH THEM A PORTION OF THEIR CAPITAL. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WILL BE NO MEETING OF THE FULL REFUGEE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO MR. RUBLEE'S DEPARTURE, ALTHOUGH HE WILL CONFER INFORMALLY WITH OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU. MR. RUBLEE HAS NOT YET MET LORD WINTERTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, BUT THE TWO WILL PROBABLY CONFER LATER THIS WEEK.