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ARABS KIDNAP FAMILY OF 6 IN RAID ON LABOR CAMP AT ATHLIT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- AN ARAB REBEL BAND LATE LAST NIGHT RAIDED A LABOR CAMP AT ATHLIT, COASTAL TOWN BETWEEN HAIFA AND TEL AVIV, AND KIDNAPED A JEWISH FAMILY OF SIX, INCLUDING POLICE INSPECTOR DAVID LEISEROWITZ, HIS WIFE, THREE CHILDREN AND MOTHER-IN-LAW. A BRITISH POLICE INSPECTOR WAS WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING.

IT WAS RELIABLY LEARNED, MEANWHILE, THAT FOUR BIG ARAB BANDS TOTALING MORE THAN 1,000 ARE CONVERGING ON HAIFA, NORTHERN SEAPORT CITY WHICH HAS BEEN THE CENTER OF SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S WORST TERRORISM.

ONE BAND OF 200 PALESTINE ARABS IS HEADED BY YUSSEF ABU DURA, CHIEF IN THE "BLOODY TRIANGLE" SECTOR OF NABLUS, JENIN AND TULKAREM. A SECOND IS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF FAKHRI ABDUL HADI, A RELATIVE OF THE EXILED AUNI BEY ABDUL HADI, AND COMPRISES 120 PALESTINE ARABS. PART OF THIS BAND AMBUSHED A JEWISH BUS ON MT. CARMEL MONDAY, KILLING NINE JEWS AND SUFFERING SEVEN KILLED THEMSELVES AT THE HANDS OF BRITISH TROOPS.

A THIRD GROUP COMPRISES 400 SYRIAN ARABS AND IS LED BY ABDULLA EL ASMAT, OF DAMASCUS. THE FOURTH BAND IS COMPOSED OF SEVERAL HUNDRED IRAQIANS AND IS LED BY SHEIKH SALACH ISSA LAOH, A FORMER LIEUTENANT OF FAWZI EL KAUKAJI, SYRIAN ARAB WHO LED THE 1936 REBELLION. THIS GROUP IS REPORTEDLY EQUIPPED WITH MACHINE GUNS.

TROOPS AND POLICE THE COUNTRY OVER HAVE BEEN GIVEN A GENERAL STAND-BY ORDER, WITH EVERY AVAILABLE SOLDIER AND POLICEMAN ON ACTIVE DUTY.

TERRORISTS SHOT AND KILLED HAJ FARID AHMED ABDULLAH, CHIEF OF THE VILLAGE OF ANEBTA, AS HE WALKED IN THE MUNICIPAL GARDEN AT TULKAREM. HAJ FARID WAS A PROMINENT LEADER OF THE ARAB MODERATE FACTION, WHICH HAS OPPOSED HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI, EXILED EX-MUFTI OF JERUSALEM, WHO IS GUIDING THE TERRORIST CAMPAIGN FROM SYRIA.

THE DAYLIGHT POST OFFICE ROBBERY IN NABLUS YESTERDAY NETTED THE BANDITS \$10,000 CONSIGNED TO BARCLAYS BANK IN JERUSALEM.

DIVERGENT VIEWS ON "HAVLAGAH" VOICED AT WARSAW ZIONIST PARLEYS

WARSAW, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- SHARPLY DIVERGENT VIEWS ON HOW PALESTINE JEWRY SHOULD MEET ARAB TERRORISM WERE EXPRESSED HERE LAST NIGHT AT TWO SEPARATE ZIONIST CONFERENCES.

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ADDRESSING THE FIRST CONFERENCE, ISRAEL MEREMINSKI, A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HISTADRUTH, PALESTINE JEWISH LABOR FEDERATION, BITTERLY ASSAILED THE REVISIONISTS FOR THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE POLICY OF "HAVLAGAH" (SELF-RESTRAINT) EXERCISED BY PALESTINE JEWRY DURING THE ARAB REBELLION.

WHILE THE PALESTINE REVISIONISTS DENY TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST PEACEFUL ARABS, MEREMINSKI ASSERTED, THE REVISIONIST PRESS IN POLAND PROUDLY BOAST THAT THEIR PALESTINE COMRADES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TERRORISM AND FOR BREAKING THE "HAVLAGAH" POLICY. HE SAID PALESTINE JEWRY ALONE WAS CAPABLE OF DECIDING THE BEST POLICY TO PURSUE AGAINST TERRORISM.

THE SECOND CONFERENCE WAS ADDRESSED BY VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY, WORLD LEADER OF THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, WHO RESTATED THE REVISIONIST ATTITUDE TOWARD "HAVLAGAH" AND WARNED OF THE DANGER OF CIVIL WAR IN PALESTINE, CALLING UPON JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH PUBLIC OPINION TO COUNTERACT THIS DANGER. MR. JABOTINSKY SAID THE TIME WAS RIPE FOR THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION TO WORK OUT A COMMON LINE OF MORAL INFLUENCE ON THE JEWS OF PALESTINE AND THE REST OF THE WORLD, AS WELL AS ON THE MANDATORY POWER. HE SAID THE ONLY WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THAT WAS THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF A ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE.

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COMMISSION HEARS ROSENBLATT

LONDON, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- THE PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION CONTINUED ITS LONDON HEARINGS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS TODAY. BERNARD A. ROSENBLATT OF HAIFA, FORMERLY A NEW YORK MAGISTRATE, TESTIFIED. HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE OUTLINED FOR THE COMMISSION A PLAN, OF WHICH HE IS THE AUTHOR, FOR A FEDERATION OF PALESTINE STATES, INCLUDING TRANSJORDAN, MODELED AFTER THE UNITED STATES.

SWISS ACT TO CHECK REFUGEE INFLUX; THREATEN TO RETURN NEW EMIGRES TO REICH

BERNE, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- SWISS POLICE AUTHORITIES, CONFRONTED WITH ILLEGAL ENTRY OF MORE THAN 1,000 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM AUSTRIA IN RECENT MONTHS AND ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, WARNED TONIGHT THAT THE INFLUX MUST STOP OR THE EMIGRES WOULD BE SHIPPED BACK TO THE NAZI REICH.

THE PROBLEM HAS GROWN SO SERIOUS THAT A SPECIAL CONFERENCE AMONG CANTONAL POLICE CHIEFS WAS HELD HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS HOW TO COPE WITH IT.

IT WAS DECIDED TO PERMIT THE REFUGEES TO REMAIN TEMPORARILY ON SWISS TERRITORY PROVIDED THEY REFRAINED FROM REMUNERATIVE ACTIVITY, SINCE THE UNION OF SWISS JEWISH COMMUNITIES AND OTHER JEWISH WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PROMISED TO CARE FOR THEM, BUT POLICE WERE DETERMINED TO PUT A STOP TO FURTHER INFILTRATIONS.

IT WAS NOTED AT THE CONFERENCE THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ITS BORDER POLICE TO "LOOK THE OTHER WAY" WHEN GERMAN OR AUSTRIAN JEWS WITHOUT PROPER PAPERS TRY TO MAKE THEIR WAY ILLEGALLY INTO SWITZERLAND.

WHILE THE REFUGEES ARE HERE THEY WILL BE SUBJECTED TO STRICTEST SURVEILLANCE AND EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO FACILITATE THEIR DEPARTURE FOR OTHER COUNTRIES.

FEDERAL AND DEPARTMENTAL POLICE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WERE ADVISED TO REINFORCE EFFORTS TO PREVENT FURTHER ILLEGAL ENTRIES.

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THE CANTON OF ST. GALL, PARTICULARLY THE DIEPOLDSAU REGION NEAR THE AUSTRIAN BORDER, HAS RECEIVED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF AUSTRIAN JEWS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE MADE THEIR WAY ACROSS THE FRONTIER UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS.

CANTONAL AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING A CAMP FOR EMIGRES NEAR DIEPOLDSAU WHERE THE REFUGEES COULD REMAIN UNTIL THEIR ULTIMATE DESTINATION WAS DECIDED.

NAZIS TAKE OVER SYNAGOGUE AS JEWS QUIT AUSTRIAN TOWN; GUESTS DRIVEN FROM SPA

PRAHA, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- IT WAS REPORTED HERE FROM VIENNA TODAY THAT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN MISTELBACH, LOWER AUSTRIA, HAS BEEN DISSOLVED FOLLOWING EMIGRATION OF MOST OF THE TOWN'S JEWS.

IN TOKEN OF THE LIQUIDATION, THE COMMUNITY'S LAST PRESIDENT TURNED OVER THE SYNAGOGUE TO THE MUNICIPALITY FOR TRANSFORMATION INTO THE NAZI WELFARE BOARD'S HEADQUARTERS.

JEWISH WEEK-END GUESTS AT BADEN SPA, RESORT NEAR VIENNA, WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DRIVEN OUT OF HOTELS AND NURSING HOMES BY NAZI STORM TROOPERS. SEASONAL JEWISH GUESTS, IT WAS STATED, ARE STILL ADMITTED TO BADEN. THE NEIGHBORING RESORT OF VOESLAU, FORMERLY OVERWHELMINGLY PATRONIZED BY JEWS, IS NOW VIRTUALLY DESERTED. SEVERAL NON-JEWS AT BOTH RESORTS WERE ARRESTED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BECAUSE THEY PUBLICLY COMPLAINED THAT THE NAZI DRIVE WAS RUINING THEIR BUSINESS.

CHRISTIAN TRADERS IN POLISH TOWN WOULD ABOLISH "GHETTO" MARKET

WARSAW, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- STEPS TO ABOLISH A "GHETTO" MARKET IN THE TOWN OF KALISZ, ESTABLISHED SOME TIME AGO, WERE TAKEN TODAY BY A GROUP OF CHRISTIAN SADDLERS AND CABINET MAKERS. THE CHRISTIANS ASKED THE JEWISH MERCHANTS TO PERMIT THEM TO PUT UP THEIR STALLS ALONGSIDE THE JEWISH STALLS BECAUSE THE "ARYAN" MARKET WAS NOT BEING FREQUENTED BY CUSTOMERS. THE "GHETTO" MARKET HAD BEEN ENFORCED BY ENDEKS (NATIONAL DEMOCRATS) AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

SEVERAL JEWS WERE WOUNDED IN STREET ATTACKS IN THE TOWN OF OTYNIA. AMONG THOSE INJURED WAS ZALMAN BRONSTEIN, 75.

REICH COMPOSER'S JEWISH KIN DUBBED "HONORARY ARYANS"

LONDON, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- THE TITLE OF "HONORARY ARYAN" HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE JEWISH WIFE AND SON OF RICHARD STRAUSS, GERMAN COMPOSER AND PRESIDENT OF THE REICH CHAMBER OF MUSIC, IT IS REPORTED BY THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

LATE PALESTINE NEWS

2 SOLDIERS, JEW KILLED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS AND A JEW WERE KILLED TODAY IN CONTINUING DISORDERS. THE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED WHEN A LAND MINE EXPLODED UNDER A MILITARY CAR BETWEEN NABLUS AND JENIN. TWO OTHER SOLDIERS IN THE CAR WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. ARAB SNIPERS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE SLAIN MORDECHAI SCHWARTZTEIN, WHO WAS FOUND DEAD THIS AFTERNOON NEAR THE SANHEDRIN QUARTER ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF JERUSALEM.

LAST NIGHT'S RAID ON THE ATHLIT LABOR CAMP (REPORTED BRIEFLY ON PAGE ONE OF TODAY'S ISSUE) WAS CARRIED OUT BY A BAND OF 70 ARABS WHO ATTEMPTED TO DELIVER 200 PRISONERS. PART OF THE BAND SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING INTO THE GUARD HOUSE. A BRITISH POLICE INSPECTOR AND AN ARAB WARDEN WERE WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING. VERY LIGHTS BROUGHT AID FROM HAIFA, TROOPS AND POLICE ROUTING THE ARABS, REPORTEDLY INFLECTING SEVERAL CASUALTIES.

CURFEW WAS DECLARED IN NABLUS, SCENE OF A POST OFFICE ROBBERY YESTERDAY, FROM 7:30 P.M. TO FOUR A.M.

CATHOLICS STIRRED BY TRICK PLAYED ON CHURCH BY HUNGARIAN NAZIS

BUDAPEST, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- CATHOLIC CIRCLES WERE INDIGNANT TODAY AT A TRICK PLAYED BY ADHERENTS OF MAJOR FERENC SZALASSY, HUNGARIAN NAZI LEADER, TO USE THE CHURCH FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

A NUMBER OF NAZIS, IT WAS RELATED, CALLED UPON PRIESTS WITH REQUESTS THAT THEY CELEBRATE THE MASS FOR THE DEAD FOR ONE "FERENC LIVING." THE PRIESTS, ASSUMING THAT THE REQUESTS WERE MADE IN GOOD FAITH, AGREED TO CARRY THEM OUT.

SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, THE NAZIS BROADCAST THROUGH THEIR ORGAN THE INFORMATION THAT ON A GIVEN DAY AND AT A SPECIFIED HOUR MASS WOULD BE SAID FOR THE LIBERATION OF THEIR LEADER, NOW APPEALING A RECENT SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AT HARD LABOR.

ON THE DATE GIVEN, DETACHMENTS OF NAZIS, WEARING THE GREEN SHIRTS OF THEIR ORGANIZATION WITH THE PARTY INSIGNIA IN THEIR BUTTONHOLES, FILLED THE PEWS OF THE CHURCH. THE PRIEST PROCEEDED TO CELEBRATE MASS FOR THE FICTITIOUS DECEASED, "FERENC LIVING."

THE PURPOSE OF THE STRATAGEM WAS APPARENTLY DOUBLE-PRONGED--TO SHOW THEIR NAZI COLLEAGUES THAT PRAYERS FOR THE LIBERATION OF THEIR CHIEFTAIN WERE RECITED IN A CATHOLIC CHURCH AND TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE AUTHORITIES THAT THE NAZIS ARE GOOD, CHURCH-GOING CATHOLICS.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS PUBLISHED VIGOROUS PROTESTS AGAINST THE TRICK.

MAJOR SZALASSY APPEARED IN COURT TODAY TO APPEAL HIS SENTENCE, METED OUT TO HIM FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. AFTER A BRIEF SESSION THE HEARING WAS POSTPONED TO NEXT WEDNESDAY. A CORDON OF POLICE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED THE CENTRAL COURTHOUSE AS THE PRISONER WAS CONDUCTED THERE FROM HIS CELL.

JEWS FIRED FROM ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR SERVICE, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WAS REPORTED TODAY TO HAVE DISMISSED ALL JEWS FROM ITS DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICE IN CONFORMITY TO ITALY'S NEWLY-ADOPTED RACE Credo. THE GOVERNMENT WAS SAID ALSO TO HAVE INTIMATED THAT JEWISH UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS SHOULD NOT COUNT ON REAPPOINTMENT.