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### ARAB KILLED, 12 WOUNDED IN BLAST; JEWESS GETS LIFE TERM FOR BOMB ATTEMPT

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- One Arab was killed and 12 others were wounded today when a Public Works Department truck on which they were riding set off a land mine near Tiberias. According to an official announcement, police dogs followed the trail of the mine-layers to the Jewish quarter of Tiberias, where the scent was lost. Subsequently, Arab crowds stoned Jews in Tiberias and snipers shot at a Jewish bus, wounding a girl named Bathia Segal. The authorities imposed curfew.

A military court today sentenced Miss Rachel Habshush, 17-year-old Yemenite Jewish girl, to life imprisonment for attempting to plant a bomb outside Jerusalem Central Prison on Friday. The girl, who goes by the Hebrew name "Ohevet Ami" (Lover of My People), is the first Jewess to be convicted under the two-year-old emergency regulations.

The verdict was reached after five minutes' deliberation by the three military judges, who had heard testimony indicating that the girl had given a fruit-laden basket containing a powerful home-made time bomb to an Arab boy to hold. The sentence is subject to confirmation by Major General Robert H. Haining, General Officer in Command of British forces in Palestine.

During the trial, Zvi Drezner, Jerusalem correspondent of Hamashkif, organ of the extremist Zionist-Revisionists, and 14 other Revisionists were arrested.

The possibility of a death sentence for Miss Habshush was eliminated by the fact that she was shown to be under 18 years of age, after conflicting testimony by two Government experts, both Jews.

Defense counsel Gotein argued the possibility that a criminal had switched baskets on the girl, but offered no witnesses. Miss Habshush herself did not testify. The slight, dark-skinned girl remained stoically silent during most of the trial, but later gave way to weeping.

The principal prosecution witness was an eight-year-old Arab boy who testified that the defendant, dressed as a Moslem, had offered him a piastre to hold a basket, whereupon he called the police. Several British police testified that she had held a basket containing the bomb concealed under fruit.

The Jerusalem Jewish Community protested to the District Commissioner against imposition of curfew in the Mea Shearim quarter for the fatal shooting of an Arab there last Wednesday.

day. A delegation pointed out that thousands of innocent Jews were being punished for a crime which had not been proved committed by a Jew.

Meanwhile, agitation for formation of an all-inclusive Jewish Emergency Committee to fight Britain's Palestine policy continued. Professors David Yellin and Joseph Klausner issued a manifesto demanding formation of such a committee and denouncing Jewish institutions as anesthetizing the Jewish public with "constructive" issues. The Tel Aviv Municipal Council decided to hold a series of closed meetings to work out a policy regarding the committee proposal.

Demands for formation of an emergency committee were rejected by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, addressing a conference of heads of Palestine youth organizations. He said no representative Jewish institution would be established in addition to the Zionist Congress. He added that "we are prepared to include the Revisionist Party, with equal rights and duties."

Replying to demands for replacement of Jerusalem's Arab mayor by a Jew, District Commissioner Edward Keith-Roach informed Jewish members of the Municipal Council that there would be no change at present in the mayoralty, but Jewish claims would be fully considered in connection with the elections expected to be held in the Fall.

#### MacDonald, Chamberlain Confer on Palestine

LONDON, June 12. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald consulted Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain this morning preliminary to flying to Geneva tomorrow to present to the League of Nations Mandates Commission on Wednesday Britain's report for 1938 as mandatory power in Palestine and her new Holy Land policy.

Official circles emphasize that in the Government's view, no authority from the League is required to implement the policy and the Government will not await the Mandates Commission's report to the League Council. The Palestine High Commissioner has already been authorized to issue a new ordinance governing land sales and is now studying the country's absorptive capacity to determine new immigration quotas.

#### SYNAGOGUES PUT TO TORCH ALMOST DAILY IN NAZI PROTECTORATE

LONDON, June 12. (JTA) -- Synagogues are being put to the torch almost every other day throughout the German protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, according to reliable private advices reaching here today from Prague.

The latest case occurred in Zabrek-on-Oder, in Moravia, where Nazi storm troopers broke into the synagogue late in the evening, poured petrol over the benches and the Ark of the Covenant, defiled the Holy Scrolls and threw them into the flames.

A similar procedure is being repeated throughout the protectorate, although official announcements afterward declare the cause of the fire unknown. Fire brigades that arrive well after the blaze is under way are under strict orders not to extinguish it but to confine their efforts to preventing its spread. Reinforced guards have been posted around Prague synagogues, where the services are ended before nightfall, even on Fridays.

The Czech Government, with the approval of Reichs Protector Baron Constantin von Neurath, has pensioned off Jewish army officers, forbidding them to participate in public life.

The Kladno Jewish Community, which has been ordered to pay most of the collective fine levied on the city for the slaying of a German policeman, comprises only 200 Jews, most of whom are poor.

EXPULSION OF POLISH JEWS PUTS NEW FINANCIAL BURDENS ON REICH JEWRY

ZURICH, June 12. (JTA) -- With 20,000 Polish and "stateless" Jews under orders to leave the Reich within a month and fears that every Polish Jew will soon be ordered expelled, harassed German Jewry was found by a special Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent to be struggling with the problem of meeting the financial burden imposed by the forced emigration.

The Berlin Jewish Community, now going through a process of liquidation which is to be completed within three years when Berlin Jewry is expected to be reduced from 125,000 to 20,000, is feeling the strain of the added Polish emigration burden. The community's present religious and social work is being largely financed by the sale of realty.

The Berlin community is exclusively responsible for the maintenance of Jewish hospitals, clinics, orphanages and homes for the aged, which formerly were subsidized by the municipality. The municipality, however, is giving relief to needy Jews. An estimated 80,000 Berlin Jews are dependent upon charity.

The Jewish Community's school system has been gradually reduced because of emigration and unused schools have been converted into homes for the aged. Jewish sports activities have been completely suspended and the municipality has cancelled the community's lease on the athletic field at Grunewald.

The community at present is trying to solve the problem resulting from the order barring Jews from residing in certain districts of the city. Many families are being forced to share their flats with others. In some instances, Jews are being permitted to rent apartments in houses where the majority of the tenants are Jewish.

Skladkowski's Aid Sought on Expulsions

WARSAW, June 12. (JTA) -- Jewish Parliament deputies today interviewed Premier Skladkowski regarding the German order for expulsion of Polish Jews, after conferring with a delegation of the Union of Polish Jews in Germany, which arrived here earlier in the day. The Yiddish daily Haint editorially urged the Polish Government to threaten expulsion of Germans in order to prevent the Nazis from carrying out the deportation of Polish Jews.

HOLLAND, BELGIUM TO TAKE 450 ST. LOUIS EXILES; LINE ASKS \$5,000 FOR EXTRA FUEL

AMSTERDAM, June 12. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Government announced today that it will admit temporarily 200 of the 907 Jewish refugees aboard the German liner St. Louis, which is now en route back to Hamburg after its passengers had been barred by Cuba.

PARIS, June 12. (JTA) -- The Belgian Government will permit 250 of the 907 German Jewish refugees on board the Hamburg-bound St. Louis to disembark at Antwerp, it was disclosed here yesterday. (Published briefly in JTA News, June 12).

Action of the Belgian Government followed negotiations on behalf of the refugees by Morris Troper, European chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution, Dr. Max Gottschalk of the Belgian Jewish Refugee Committee and the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association.

England, meanwhile, has definitely refused to accept any of the refugees. Negotiations for landing about 500 of the exiles in the International Zone of Morocco are continuing, with the support of the French Government.

The HIAS-ICA announced receipt of a radiogram from the Committee of Refugees aboard the St. Louis, calling upon the organization to make a supreme effort to secure the refugees' disembarkation at some port before the steamer reaches Hamburg.

Altogether, it was revealed, 743 of the St. Louis passengers possess either United States affidavits or numbers for American immigration visas. If the negotiations are successful, these will be permitted to stay in Belgium or Tangier until their turn to enter the United States under quota visas is reached. Chances for the remaining passengers, in whose interests Mr. Troper was contacting various countries, appeared slimmer. Mr. Troper emphasized that the Joint Distribution Committee was willing to post guarantees of \$500 for each of the refugees as security that they would not become public charges.

Meanwhile, Mr. Troper radioed the captain of the St. Louis that he was seeking a new haven for his passengers. At the same time, the Hamburg-American Line issued an ultimatum that the vessel would be ordered to proceed at full speed to Hamburg directly if definite advices on the possibility of landing the passengers outside the Reich were not received by noon today. The line also demanded payment of \$5,000 on the grounds that it had spent that sum in extra fuel while trying to land the passengers in Cuba.

#### Luxemburg Seeks Aid For Stateless

LUXEMBURG, June 12. (JTA) -- The Government was today urged by Victor Bodson, vice-president of the Chamber of Deputies, to take the initiative for an international solution of the problem of stateless persons. Welcoming the action, newspapers urged refugee organizations to approach Mr. Bodson and the Luxemburg Government to "seek a way possibly more successful than that initiated by the great powers at Evian."

#### League Body to Air Carpatho-Russian Problem

LONDON, June 12. (JTA) -- The problem of 120,000 Carpatho-Russian Jews has been placed on the agenda of the Liaison Committee of the League High Commission for Refugees, it was announced today by the Agudath Israel, religious organization. The problem will be discussed at the committee's meeting in Paris, which opens tomorrow.

#### RUMANIA PUTS SPECIAL TAX ON JEWS DEPRIVED OF CITIZENSHIP

BUCHAREST, June 12. (JTA) -- A special tax ranging from 2,000 to 10,000 lei annually has been imposed upon denaturalized Jews under a decree, made public today, regulating the status of Jews deprived of their citizenship in the revision of Rumanian citizenship lists. No such tax is levied on foreigners residing in Rumania. While other taxes are payable in installments, the tax authorities have demanded that this special levy be paid in full at the time it falls due.

Dr. William Filderman, Rumanian Jewish leader, cited the discriminatory character of the tax in a memorandum to the Government. He said it was being imposed upon many ex-servicemen who had participated in the Wars of Liberation, while former and possibly future enemies of the nation were exempt. He demanded exemption of those producing certificates of impoverishment and deferred payments for others.

CHRISTIAN GROUPS PRESS FIGHT ON ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Campaigns against anti-Semitism were being pressed today by Catholic and Protestant groups. A Committee of Catholics to Fight Anti-Semitism was formed, including clergymen, writers, labor leaders and others, to fight race hatred by education. A pamphlet by Monsignor John A. Ryan, issued by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, stressed the incompatibility of American democracy and Christianity with anti-Semitism. A report urging churches to cooperate in eradicating anti-Semitism was issued by the Federal Council of (Protestant) Churches of Christ.

In Chicago, John A. Lapp, prominent Catholic layman, declared in a radio address that Father Charles E. Coughlin, as a hero in Nazi Germany and a man who used anti-Semitic speeches by Propaganda Minister Goebbels, "deserves the loss of the moral respect of all right-minded citizens."

BALTIMORE THEOLOGIAN CALLS ON JEWS TO "REPUDIATE ZIONIST TERMITES"

BALTIMORE, June 12. (JTA) -- S. Vernon McCasland, Professor of Religion at Goucher College, declares in the Baltimore Evening Sun that Jews should "repudiate the Zionist termites who, by their romantic dreams about a Jewish nation, are undermining the security which Jews now enjoy." Prof. McCasland had criticized the Zionist movement in an article in the Sun on May 23. A reply by Rabbi Edward L. Israel was published on June 1. Prof. McCasland's present article, offered in rebuttal, appeared on June 9.

ARGENTINE JEWS VOTE TO EXPAND AGRICULTURAL BANK

BUENOS AIRES, June 12. (JTA) -- Expansion of the Jewish Agricultural Bank was voted today at a meeting of delegates representing 60 economic and credit cooperates. Added capitalization of 350,000 pesos was voted. The bank promotes Jewish colonization.

BRITH SHOLOM PARLEY LAUDS ROOSEVELT FOR AID TO MINORITIES

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 12. (JTA) -- The 34th annual convention of the Independent Order Brith Sholom, attended by 600 delegates at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, today adopted resolutions calling for establishment of a committee to investigate the activities of groups spreading race hatred, denouncing Communism, Fascism and Nazism, praising President Roosevelt for his assistance to minorities, urging passage of the Wagner-Rogers refugee children's bill and creating a scholarship at Yeshiva College. Grandmaster Louis Levine last night delivered the annual message at the opening session.

ZIONIST GROUP URGES MORE AGGRESSIVE FIGHT ON WHITE PAPER

LONG BRANCH, N.J., June 12. (JTA) -- The Order Sons of Zion, closing its 30th annual convention at the New Atlantic Hotel tonight, called for a more aggressive attitude in fighting Britain's Palestine policy. It was decided to devote the next "Order Day" to collection of funds for the Jewish National Fund. Yesterday, a symposium on Palestine was held with Dr. Bernard Berger, representative of the Palestine Maritime Lloyd, Joseph Kraemer and Abraham Goldberg as speakers. Mayor Evans formally greeted the convention.