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ARABS PUT TORCH TO FAMED TIBERIAS YESHIVAH, WRECK ANCIENT SHRINE

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- Arab terrorists early today set fire to the famous ancient Ortora Yeshiva at Tiberias and wrecked the nearby sacred sepulchre of Rabbi Meir Baal Haness, revered miracle worker of the second century. The Torahs were rescued from the flames but a collection of priceless, unique holy books sought by leading libraries throughout the world was destroyed.

A survey of the damage this morning revealed also that the ancient Ashkenazic Synagogue attacked to the Yeshiva was completely destroyed in the fire, while the Sephardic Synagogue was partly gutted. The blaze was finally extinguished by policemen and Jewish supernumeraries. A Government communique failed to mention Arabs, blaming "unknown incendiaries" for the outrage. No janitors had been kept at the Yeshiva or tomb because of the danger of Arab terrorists.

Arab terrorists also raided and put to the torch the farmstead of Samuel Broza, founder of the Motza settlement near Jerusalem and a pioneer of Jewish cultivation in the Judean hills. The wine press and the cowshed were destroyed.

Hugh Bingham, an Englishman who was wounded February 3, died here today. A group of Britons in plain clothes were accused of attacking and beating Elias Gilady, 36, a Jewish colonist, in the center of Jerusalem last night. Gilady, a leading member of the Ramat Rachel colony on the outskirts of Jerusalem, had been seriously wounded in an Arab ambush last year. Elias Mezuman, a Jewish blacksmith in Tiberias, was arrested following a police raid on his smithy, it was officially announced.

The anniversary of the execution of Shlomo Ben Josef, Revisionist youth who died on the gallows last June after conviction by a military court of firing upon an Arab bus, was observed throughout Palestine today by Revisionists. Meetings in all parts of the Holy Land were marked by three-minute silences.

Meanwhile, Major General Robert Haining, General Officer Commanding British forces in Palestine, confirmed the life sentence imposed by a military court last Monday on Rachel Habshush, 17-year-old Jewess, for trying to plant a time-bomb in front of the Central Prison here.

Confidence that the "imperative unification" of Palestine Jewry will soon be realized was voiced today by Pinchas Ruttenberg, head of the Palestine Electric Corporation, as he laid the cornerstone of a new Haifa Bayside quarter for his employees to be known as Kiriath

Hashoal. Warning against inter-party feuds, Mr. Ruttenberg declared that the race war forced upon the Jews had left no room for class conflict. He said his efforts to eliminate inter-party conflicts had thus far failed.

The world center of the Mizrahi Organization, religious Zionists, issued a statement calling for implementation of the program for full non-cooperation with the Palestine Government in the fight against the White Paper, even in spheres not directly related to the terms of the document. The statement criticized activities thus far directed against the new Palestine policy as ineffective and indecisive. It urges creation of an emergency committee including representatives of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council and coopting of outstanding persons including representatives of national and religious Jewry.

Distribution of Immigration Certificates Listed

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- After consultation with the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Commissioner of Immigration today made public the distribution of certificates under the April-September immigration schedule announced last week.

In category A-1 (capitalists with \$5,000) a total of 1,500 immigrants will be admitted, of whom 950 will be "ordinary" immigrants and 550 classed as refugees. Out of the total, 320 certificates will be set aside for persons now traveling in Palestine, 570 for immigrants coming in under the Haavara transfer arrangement and similar transfer undertakings, and 610 for distribution by British passport officers abroad.

Category A-4 (persons living on pensions) will include 70 immigrants, of which 35 will be earmarked for "ordinary" and 35 for refugee immigrants. Thirty-five refugees will be admitted in category A-5 (agricultural settlers possessing not less than \$2,500 each). Another 35 refugees will be admitted in category B-2, or persons of religious occupation.

A total of 2,660 persons will be admitted under category B-3 (students). In this group there will be 1,060 "ordinary" and 1,600 refugee immigrants. The Hebrew University in Jerusalem and other educational institutions will distribute 1,260 certificates in this category, while 900 certificates will go to the Youth Aliyah movement and 500 to the Jewish National Council for distribution among children of 13 to 15 who have close relatives in Palestine.

Category B (dependents) has been allotted a total of 2,950 certificates, of which 2,420 are earmarked for wives and children of Palestine residents and 530 for elderly dependents.

MACDONALD TO MAKE SPECIAL BROADCAST TO UNITED STATES ON WHITE PAPER

GENEVA, June 18. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, who has been defending the new British policy on Palestine before the Permanent Mandates Commission, indicated today that he may make a special broadcast on the subject to the United States through the facilities of the National Broadcasting Company.

(The international division of the N.B.C. confirmed the broadcast arrangements, announcing that Mr. MacDonald will speak Tuesday evening between 5.30 and 5.45 EDST. The broadcast will be carried over the company's blue network.)

Mr. MacDonald told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he was flying to Paris tomorrow for a luncheon engagement with French Colonial Secretary Georges Mandel. He said he would return to Geneva on Tuesday if the Mandates Commission required his presence.

It was learned, meanwhile, that the Commission has completed its questioning of Mr. MacDonald. The British spokesman was again closely questioned on the White Paper during sessions yesterday morning and afternoon. The Commission's conclusions, it was learned, will not be published before September, although they will be formulated before the end of the month.

JEWISH CAFE IN PRAGUE BOMBED; 39 WOUNDED, 7 CRITICALLY

PRAGUE, June 18. (Havas) -- Thirty-nine persons, most of them Jews, were injured today when a bomb went off in a Jewish cafe. Seven of them were said to be in a critical condition.

Meanwhile, unidentified Czechs in the Mnichovo Hradister district destroyed the German-language road signposts put up after the occupation of Bohemia and Moravia. As a result the district chief for the Mnichovo Hradister area ordered complete stoppage of all road traffic between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. and clamped a strict curfew on the region.

The Nazi district leader warned that any violation of the ban would be met with prison terms and fines ranging up to 10,000 crowns, adding that even more stringent "disciplinary" measures would be taken to insure order in the event of further destruction of German signposts.

Slovakian Jews' Property Listed For "Revision"

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- The Slovak Cabinet, after hearing a report by Propaganda Minister Sano Mach, has approved a list of persons, mainly Jews, whose property will undergo "revision," it was reported today from Bratislava.

The revision will be carried out by a special commission under the chairmanship of Mr. Mach which is also authorized to decide measures against the owners of the property after completion of the "revision." It is understood the measure is designed to legalize expropriation of Jewish property, which hitherto has been carried out by administrative methods.

The same Cabinet meeting decided to introduce a numerus clausus on Jews in secondary schools.

Police in Bratislava sanctioned issuance of a Jewish weekly, Wochenblatt des Juden-tums.

Meanwhile, Prague dispatches quoted the newspaper Narodni Politika as reporting that a list of many thousands who lost their citizenship in accordance with the decree of Jan. 27 would be compiled after which all "stateless" persons would be requested to leave the protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia.

Reports from Hust said that all former representatives of Carpatho-Russia in the Czecho-Slovakian Parliament had been invited by the Hungarian Government to come to Budapest to sit in the Hungarian Parliament, except for representatives of the Jewish Party and the Czech Agrarians. The Government decree specifically mentioned that Dr. Chaim Kugel, former leader of the Jewish deputies, would not be admitted into the Hungarian Parliament.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REPEATS OFFER TO ADMIT 100,000 REFUGEES

GENEVA, June 17. (JTA) -- The Dominican Government's offer to admit 100,000 refugees was repeated today at the International Labor Conference by D. Hartoy, representative of the West Indian republic. (An experts' commission sponsored by President Roosevelt's Advisory

Committee on Refugees recently completed a survey of colonization possibilities in the Dominican Republic but has not yet published its report.)

The Argentine representative told the conference that his country was interested in industrial immigration. "Argentine factories do not want to know either the nationality or religion or race of the workers seeking employment," he said.

Both declarations were made in reply to the recommendation of John G. Winant, director of the International Labor Office, that countries of immigration admit refugees for industrial and commercial as well as agricultural employment.

Dominican Report Held Promising

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- The report of the experts' commission which investigated the Dominican Republic's refugee settlement offer is described here as very promising and indicating good colonization possibilities. The report will be published in New York soon.

St. Louis Refugees Landed at Antwerp

ANTWERP, June 18. (JTA) -- While overcast skies symbolically gave way to bright sunshine, the German liner St. Louis yesterday entered the River Schelde and slowly proceeded into Antwerp port, completing the five-week odyssey of 907 refugees who had been barred from Cuba. The liner was boarded at Flushing by Morris C. Troper, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee; Dr. James L. Bernstein, director of the HIAS-ICA Emigration Association, representatives of the Brussels and Antwerp refugee committees and police officials.

For the last mile of the voyage the ship was accompanied by a tugboat bearing journalists. Under a huge swastika fluttering from the liner's mast, the refugees lined the rails, laughing, crying, gesticulating, pointing out landmarks and shouting replies to salutations from the press boat. The crew ignored the greetings, except for one member who persistently gave the "Heil Hitler" salute.

(In Brussels, the Rexist organ, Le Pays Reel, opened a violent campaign against refugees, demanding a Government anti-Semitic program and accusing Finance Minister Gutt, who was declared to be of Jewish origin, of being overly generous in treatment of refugees.)

Before the landing of the passengers, officials had been busy on board with the dividing of the passengers into four contingents. A special train waited to take Belgium's quota of 250 to Brussels. The contingent bound for the Netherlands is sailing for Rotterdam today on a Dutch vessel, while the Hamburg-American boat Rakotis will take the French and British contingents to Boulogne and Southampton.

PARIS COUNCILLOR SEIZED FOR VIOLATING ANTI-PROPAGANDA DECREE

PARIS, June 18. (JTA) -- Darquier de Pellepoix, anti-Semitic member of the Paris Municipal Council, was under arrest today on charges of conducting propaganda financed from abroad, in violation of a decree issued April 25. The charges were preferred following a police raid on his home and the editorial offices of his newspaper, "France Enchaînée," during which incriminating documents were confiscated. Under the decree outlawing racial propaganda, de Pellepoix faces a prison term of five days to six months plus a fine of up to 10,000 francs.

POLISH JEWS' PARLEY HITS AT REICH EXPULSIONS, ASSAILS WHITE PAPER

BRADLEY BEACH, N.J. June 18. (JTA) -- Resolutions condemning threatened expulsion of Polish Jews from Germany, pledging support to Poland in the struggle against Nazi aggression and denouncing the new British policy on Palestine were adopted today at the 31st annual convention of the Federation of Polish Jews in America.

The convention, before adjourning to the New York World's Fair for its final sessions tomorrow, reelected Benjamin Winter president and adopted a reorganization plan to conduct the federation's campaign for \$1,000,000 for the relief of coreligionists in Poland. The plan sets up an advisory board to direct the campaign, with Rabbi Joshua L. Goldberg elected as chairman. Herman B. Oberman was elected to the new post of executive vice-president and Zelig Hygel was reelected executive director.

Other resolutions condemned Poland's treatment of refugees at Zbonszyn and other border points; pledged support to Poland in the struggle to preserve her independence; called upon American Jewry to give the fullest support to the federation's \$1,000,000 campaign in the coming year; endorsed efforts to further Poland's exports to America; expressed disappointment on the failure of the four leading Jewish organizations to realize the Pittsburgh unity plan and pledged support to the American Jewish Congress in furthering efforts to create a united front of American Jewry.

Speakers at the opening session last night included Mr. Winter, Mayor Borden of Bradley Beach, Chief Rabbi M.J. Golonkin of Danzig, and Dr. Henry Shoshkes, authority on cooperative banks in Poland.

SLAWSON NAMED PRESIDENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE WORKERS' GROUP

BUFFALO, June 18. (JTA) -- The 31st annual convention of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare concluded today with the election of Dr. John Slawson of New York as president. Dr. Slawson, executive director of the Jewish Board of Guardians, succeeds in the presidency Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, director of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Philanthropic Societies.

RABBIS TERM COUGHLIN PROPAGANDA THREAT TO DEMOCRACY; ASSAIL 'ISMS'

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis was on record today in condemnation of Father Charles E. Coughlin's propaganda as a threat to democracy and in support of various social legislation now before Congress.

The report of the Commission on Social Justice, headed by Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner of Cleveland, was adopted Friday by some 200 rabbis attending the conference's 50th anniversary convention at the Hotel Mayflower. The report also condemned Nazism, Fascism and Communism, urged formation of an economic council with the participation of Government, industry and labor and endorsed a further \$100,000 appropriation for the Senate Civil Liberties Committee, the Fish bill prohibiting military drill by private groups and the Wages and Hour Law.

POLISH RABBIS TO BUY AMBULANCE PLANE FOR ARMY

WARSAW, June 18. (JTA) -- A conference of Polish rabbis decided today to raise 75,000 zlotys for the purchase of an ambulance airplane for the Polish Army.