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TEACHER SLAIN IN PALESTINE; POLICE OFFICER CONVICTED IN SMUGGLING PLOT

JERUSALEM, June 22. (JTA) -- An official communique today blamed "unknown Jewish assassins" for the fatal shooting of Valentine Bach, Haifa English teacher and army translator, whose bullet-riddled body was found this morning near his home in the Haifa Bayside district.

The communique said Bach, who was believed to have been an immigrant from the United States, was slain in connection with the arrest and sentencing of Abraham Kotik last October on charges of carrying a satchel loaded with dynamite and ammunition. Bach had participated in the arrest but had testified for the defense. Kotik was sentenced by a military court to death, but the sentence later was commuted to life imprisonment. Bach was 30 years old. He leaves a widow and one child.

British Police Inspector Harry Goddard was found guilty today of charges that he had helped smuggle Jews into Palestine and was sentenced to probation of two years on a bond of £200. In sentencing him, District Judge Bernard V. Shaw explained that he had taken into account his previous good record and the police methods used in uncovering the smuggling conspiracy.

Near Ramleh, 22 miles from Jerusalem, a Jewish automobile was assailed with a volley of stones. Two occupants were injured, including the violinist Andreas Weissgerber.

Vice-Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean fleet, landed at Haifa this morning from the battleship Warspite and immediately left by plane for Jerusalem.

Britain Bars Jew as Mayor of Jerusalem

LONDON, June 22. (JTA) -- Appointment of a Jewish mayor in Jerusalem, demanded on the grounds that Jews comprise two-thirds of the city's population and contribute three-fourths of the municipal revenue, has been refused, it was declared today by Dominions Secretary Sir Thomas Inskip in a written statement on behalf of Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald. Sir Thomas declared that it was "in the public interest" that the present Moslem Mayor of Jerusalem continue in office until expiration of the Municipal Council term in January, 1940.

Replying to a query by Col. Josiah Wedgwood, Labor M.P., on attacks upon Jews by Britons in civilian dress, Sir Thomas declared a thorough investigation by the High Commissioner had shown that British troops and police were not concerned in nine cases of alleged unprovoked assault that had been reported.

Leading British, Arab and Jewish Laborites, Socialists and intellectuals joined today in formation of a committee to promote better Arab-Jewish relations in Palestine. The committee, to be known as the "Socialist Committee for Jewish-Arab Solidarity and Workers' Unity in Palestine," is headed by James Maxton, Independent Labor M.P., as chairman. Formation of the group followed an appeal issued last May 25 by George Bernard Shaw, Augustus John, Sir Peter Chalmers and others. A conference is planned for Palestine later in the year to extend common Jewish-Arab and Socialist action.

Turkey Seen Urging Transfer of Palestine, Syrian Mandates

LONDON, June 22. (JTA) -- An Istanbul dispatch to the Daily Herald said today that a Turkish proposal to France and England under which Turkey would take over the mandate for Syria and Egypt the Palestine mandate was discussed at Angora yesterday by the Foreign Ministers of Turkey and Egypt. The Istanbul newspaper Tan is quoted as declaring that the transfer is a necessity for Mediterranean security and would counter Chancellor Adolf Hitler's flirtation with Saudi Arabia.

Laborites Here Raise \$600,000 for Palestine Projects

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Resolutions denouncing the British White Paper on Palestine as a "shameless attempt to disarm a people surrounded by brutal and vengeful enemies," praising the decision of Palestine Jewry to support immigration and colonization under all circumstances, and thanking the American and British labor movements for supporting the protest against the new British policy were adopted last night at a meeting of the National Labor Committee for Palestine.

Isaac Hamlin, national secretary, reported that the committee's Gewerkshafte campaign had raised \$400,000 this year for support of Jewish workers in Palestine, an increase of \$125,000 over last year. In addition, the sum of \$200,000 was raised for the Palestine Labor Bank.

REICH DECREES REGISTRATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY IN PROTECTORATE; 'ARYANIZATION' PRESSED

LONDON, June 22. (JTA) -- A 12-point decree was issued by Reich Protector Konstantin von Neurath in Prague last night providing for registration of Jewish property in Bohemia-Moravia, defining a Jew according to the German Nuremberg Laws and vesting in himself final authority on the Jewish question in the protectorate.

In issuing the decree, Baron von Neurath took the matter out of the hands of the Czech Government. A National Unity Party committee had formulated a comprehensive law for gradual reduction of Jewish influence of the Jews' share in economic life until it reached the ratio of the Jews in the population, but this measure was discarded.

Registration of Jews' property, both business and personal, must be made with German commissars before July 31, pending which transfer of Jewish property without special permission of the German authorities is prohibited. Valuables must be registered with the Czech National Bank.

Moving further toward "Aryanization" of trade and industry, the decree authorized the Protector to appoint trustees for business firms and ordered all Jews to obtain written consent by July 31 to carry on business. New acquisitions of real estate, stocks and bonds or entry into new business enterprises by Jews is forbidden.

Jews to Be Purged from Slovak Army

BRATISLAVA, June 22. (Havas) -- Jews and "recalcitrant" elements will be purged from the Slovak army, Slovak Propaganda Chief Sano Mach announced tonight. He declared the new Slovak constitution to be submitted to national plebiscite next Monday will grant freedom of worship to cults not contrary to the Christian religion.

ST. LOUIS REFUGEES EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR HAVENS AND J.D.C. AID

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- James N. Rosenberg, chairman of the national council of the Joint Distribution Committee, today made public the following radiogram from the former passengers of the German liner St. Louis, all of whom have now found havens: "Please accept for American Joint Distribution Committee and for Governments of Belgium, Holland, France and England the deepest and eternal thanks of men, women and children united by common fate aboard St. Louis. Committee of Passengers."

London Paper Sees Jews in Britain Better Treated than Anywhere Else

LONDON, June 22. (JTA) -- Commenting on the arrival of 257 refugees from the St. Louis, the Daily Express said editorially today that Jews in Great Britain were treated with more consideration than anywhere in the world. The editorial urged that British Jewry issue the following message to world Jewry: "Their last hope, refuge and strength lies in Britain. Let them encourage, support and sustain Britain in every case and every circumstance."

Central Refugee Camp Planned in Netherlands

AMSTERDAM, June 22. (JTA) -- The Senate voted today, 26 to 14, to establish a central camp for refugees.

GEORGE BACKER BECOMES PUBLISHER OF NEW YORK POST

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- George Backer, American Labor Party member of the City Council, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and a leader in Jewish communal and philanthropic activities today became president and publisher of the New York Post, succeeding J. David Stern. Mr. Stern sold the controlling interest in the paper to Mr. Backer, but will continue to be a member of the board of directors. Mr. Backer is president of the American ORT Federation, vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee and a director of the Palestine Economic Corporation and the Refugee Economic Corporation.

CHURCH GROUPS URGE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Resistance to anti-Semitism as a movement threatening American democracy and organized religion has been urged by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and by the Church Peace Union.

The Federal Council's weekly Information Service, in an issue devoted to "Current Manifestations of Organized Anti-Semitism," warns that "we have here and now among us a group

of skillful propagandists and fanatics who are a potential threat to democracy and to religion." A four-point program is urged, including (1) revealing the relation of anti-Semitic propaganda to Nazi methods, (2) "careful, positive education," (3) promotion of economic justice and (4) action by Christian churches to influence the attitudes of their members against anti-Semitism.

The Peace Union, in its June News Letter, publishes a resolution adopted earlier in the month in Atlantic City opposing anti-Semitism as "contrary to our American institutions" and threatening "the basic ideals of all religions." It urges "all religious leaders and the people of their respective congregations to take active steps toward the development of that understanding, cooperation and goodwill which will unite them more deeply in overcoming this evil with good."

CHURCHILL SEES GOEBBELS BEST PROPAGANDIST FOR NON-NAZIS; URGES RETAINER BY JEWS

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Terming Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels of Germany the "supreme propagandist for the non-Nazi forces throughout the world," Winston Churchill, noted British statesman and author, has ironically suggested that he be paid "a very large retaining fee by world Jewry to keep at it."

In an article published by the New York Herald-Tribune yesterday, Mr. Churchill declared that "so far as the British-speaking people are concerned, there could be no better propaganda than that served out by Goebbels." He added: "Every opportunity should be given to the wage-earning masses in Great Britain, the United States, France, Poland and the smaller countries to hear every word he says. He ought to be paid a very large retaining fee by the world Jewry to keep at it. If he finds the personal strain too great, we could offer special opportunities to Nazi speakers from his department to come and lecture in Great Britain. I have no doubt that the United States would give full police protection to such missionaries in the discharge of their task. If anything happened to Goebbels we should all regard it as a disaster. His is a precious life, and his voice belongs to mankind."

NAZIS GET REPRESENTATION IN AMSTERDAM CITY COUNCIL FOR FIRST TIME

AMSTERDAM, June 22. (JTA) -- Nazis have secured three of the 45 seats in the Amsterdam Town Council, final election returns showed today. This is the first time that Nazis will be represented in the Council.

MAUROIS INDUCTED INTO FRENCH ACADEMY

PARIS, June 22. (JTA) -- Andre Maurois, celebrated French Jewish writer, was today received into the French Academy, to which he was elected a year ago. Mr. Maurois, whose real name is Andre Herzog, devoted his address to a eulogy of his predecessor, Rene Doumic.

I.L.O. TO AID REFUGEES, WINANT STATES AS GENEVA SESSION ENDS

GENEVA, June 22. (JTA) -- Winding up the general debate in the International Labor Conference, John G. Winant, director of the International Labor Office, declared today the office would do everything possible to aid refugees.

210,000 IN BRITAIN SIGN PETITION URGING HIGHER PALESTINE ENTRY RATE

LONDON, June 22. (JTA) -- A petition signed by 210,000 British subjects asking the Government to admit more Jews to Palestine was submitted to Commons today by Adrian C. Moreing, Conservative. At the same time the executive committee of the British League of Nations Union urged the Government to postpone implementation of its new Palestine policy pending a decision in Geneva on its compatibility with the mandate.

The petition asked that "His Majesty's Government, in the name of humanity and justice, will increase the facilities for immigration into Palestine to the highest extent that its absorptive capacity will allow so that they (the Jews) may, in accordance with the terms incorporated in the mandate, find a home of refuge from persecution and there cooperate with their Arab neighbors for the mutual benefit of both peoples."

The League Union's resolution declared that in view of the widely expressed opinion that the policy did not conform with the British obligations under the mandate, the Government should not implement the policy before the Mandates Commission and the League Council reach its conclusions on the White Paper's compatibility with the mandate. It also asks that the Mandates Commission report be published before July in order that Parliament before adjourning have full information about a matter vitally affecting the honor of the country.

LATE PALESTINE NEWS

JERUSALEM, June 22. (JTA) -- The man found dead of bullet wounds in the Haifa bayside district early today was identified tonight as Valentine Bak (not Bach), 30, a teacher of English and Army translator, who acted as a police informer. He testified for the prosecution (not defense) last October in the Kotik trial. The victim was a brother of Dr. Avigdor Bak, cancer researcher of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Arab members of Jerusalem's Municipal Council today submitted a memorandum to High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael protesting that the Jews' campaign for a Jewish mayor was provoking the Arabs. The members threatened to resign if "the natural Arab right" to the mayoralty was endangered, regardless of the size of the city's Jewish population.

The Warspite weighed anchor for an unrevealed destination this afternoon. The new British destroyer Impulsive also arrived today. It will complete the naval division stationed here.

The leader of an Arab rebel band was killed while attempting to enter the village of Alataara, north of Tulkarem. Near the village British troops clashed with the band, killing four and taking two prisoners. An Arab bus was attacked near Jaffa. There were no casualties.

DR. LOUIS KAPLAN NAMED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH EDUCATION COUNCIL

BUFFALO, June 22. (JTA) -- The National Council for Jewish Education, which held its annual convention here, elected as its officers for the coming year Dr. Louis Kaplan, director of the Board of Jewish Education of Baltimore, president; Rabbi Samuel M. Blumenfield, dean of the College of Jewish Studies of Chicago, vice-president; Dr. Ben Edidin, executive director of the Central Jewish Institute of New York, secretary, and Nathan Brilliant, educational director of the Euclid Avenue Temple of Cleveland, treasurer.