

PALESTINE JEWS CALL TWO-HOUR STRIKE IN PROTEST AGAINST SLANDER AT "ARMS TRIAL"

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- A two-hour strike during which work in all Jewish enterprises throughout the country stopped, was called here today to protest the "incitements and false accusations" against the Jews of Palestine voiced by British military officials during the "arms trial" which took place recently in Jerusalem.

The strike, proclaimed by the Jewish National Council of Palestine, started at ten o'clock in the morning and concluded at noon. All Jewish national institutions kept their offices closed. Jewish traffic was suspended and all stores closed their doors.

All Jewish public buildings in Palestine, including the premises of the Jewish Agency and the town hall of Tel Aviv, flew the British Union Jack and the Zionist blue-and-white flag yesterday to mark the 26th anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration. Editorials in the entire Hebrew press demanded the speedy implementation of the pledge contained in the Declaration.

On the occasion of the anniversary, the executive committee of the Jewish National Council cabled to Dr. Chaim Weismann, Jewish Agency president, in London, thanking him for his services to the Zionist cause and asking him to convey the thanks of the Palestine Jewish community to the statesmen who had supported Zionist aims. "Your great services to our people and homeland for several decades guarantees that you will bring our storm-tossed vessel to quiet shores," the message said. "Through you we send the blessings of Palestine's Jews to the great statesmen - Lloyd George and Jan Smuts - who were responsible for the historic declaration. We trust that in their and our days a Jewish State will be established in Palestine."

Indicating the increased political activity concerning Palestine's future status, the influential Arab dailies here, Falastin and Adiffa, have begun publication of an Arabic translation of the White Paper in daily installments. The local Jewish press reports increased activity among Arab leaders in Palestine in connection with the Arab federation talks in Cairo.

CANADA AUTHORIZES ADMISSION OF REFUGEES STRANDED IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

MONTREAL, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- The Canadian Government today authorized the admission into Canada of refugees now stranded in Spain and in Portugal.

The Government is re-opening its immigration office in Lisbon for this purpose, it was announced here. The announcement disclosed that a Canadian immigration officer has been sent to Lisbon and will soon be ready to issue the necessary visas to the refugees. No estimate was given as to the number of refugees who might be admitted under the new policy.

SLOVAKIA ORDERS REGISTRATION OF DEBTS OWED BY JEWS DEPORTED FROM THE COUNTRY

ZURICH, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Slovakian newspapers reaching here today carry the text of a decree issued by the Slovakian government ordering the registration with the Statistical Board in Bratislava of all debts owed by Jews deported from Slovakia, or absent from the country.

The Nazi newspaper Grenzboten carries an official Slovakian announcement stating that "most drastic measures" will be taken against Jews in Bratislava in view of the fact that some of them still dare to frequent moving picture houses and to use dining cars on trains.

GESTAPO ARRESTS JEWISH WOMEN IN SECTION OF FRANCE BORDERING SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Twenty Jewish women were recently arrested in the Haute Savoie region of France, bordering on Switzerland, in a round-up of Jews by the Gestapo, the Journal de Geneve reports today. The paper says that the Germans are scouring the Haute Savoie district for Jews in an attempt to prevent them fleeing to Switzerland.

The alleged reluctance of Vichy officials to carry out anti-Jewish measures is assailed by the German-controlled newspaper Depeche de Brast which quotes an "otherwise zealous French official" as stating that he obeyed anti-Jewish orders "with death in his heart."

PAN-ARAB TALKS, SUSPENDED BY DIFFERENCES OF OPINIONS ON PALESTINE, RESUMED IN CAIRO

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Apparently informed by his son, Emir Feisal, concerning the views of the U.S. Government with regard to the Arab-Jewish problem in Palestine, King Ibn Saud, the "strong man of Arabia," has ordered his special envoy in Cairo to resume discussions with the Egyptian Premier on the question of Arab unity, the press here reports today. Feisal is still in the United States.

The discussions broke down about two weeks ago when the Egyptian Premier refused to accept the suggestion of King Ibn Saud that the Palestine issue be dealt with at once by the Arab world, and suggested that discussions on this question be postponed until after the war. The talks were resumed in Cairo last night.

HOOVER TO TESTIFY TODAY ON SENDING IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO OCCUPIED EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Ex-President Herbert Hoover will testify tomorrow in favor of sending immediate relief to Nazi-occupied Europe, at an open hearing before a special sub-committee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Hoover, who directed foreign relief in World War I, is expected to argue that help can be given the victims of Nazi war without helping the enemy.

Among the other witnesses during the scheduled two-day hearing will be Mr. Howard Kershner, for three years relief director in Europe for a private charity, and Clarence Pickett, former secretary of the American Friends Service Committee.

NEW JEWISH MEMBER OF POLISH NATIONAL COUNCIL ARRIVES IN LONDON TO TAKE SEAT

LONDON, Nov. 3. (JTA)-- Emanuel Szerer, who succeeds the late Samuel Zygelbojm as the representative of the Polish Jewish Socialist Bund in the Polish National Council, arrived here today from New York to take his seat in the parliament-in-exile.

C.I.O. CONVENTION URGES U.S. TO SAVE JEWS IN EUROPE; CONDEMN'S ANTI-SEMITISM

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- The sixth annual convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations now in session here last night adopted a resolution urging the Government of the United States to rescue the persecuted Jews in Europe and to see to it that full immigration opportunities are granted by the United Nations to refugees.

The convention denounced anti-Jewish propaganda in the United States and urged all labor unions affiliated with the C.I.O. to combat it. It also voted to support the bill now before Congress which recommends the barring of anti-Jewish and other racial propaganda from the mails. Strong measures against all elements spreading racial and religious hatred were demanded by all speakers. The resolution branded anti-Semitism as "treason to America."

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE SAYS DESECRATION OF JEWISH GRAVES IN CHICAGO CHECKED

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- The office of the Anti-Defamation League today issued a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency declaring that the reports in Chicago and New York newspapers on the mass-desecration of Jewish graves in Chicago cemeteries are based on acts of vandalism which started about two years ago but which ceased six months back. The statement reads:

"The Chicago office of the Anti-Defamation League has investigated the stories published with respect to vandalism in Jewish cemeteries there, which allegedly occurred during the past few days. As a matter of fact, this vandalism started two years ago, but according to the best available evidence and investigation, they stopped about six months ago. This latter fact is confirmed by the caretakers of the cemeteries. Thus, the statement that these acts occurred in the past few days seems unfounded. We have no desire to minimize the reprehensible nature of these acts. On the contrary, we condemn them. We have engaged in considerable activity to counteract them. This statement is issued merely to correct the reports which have appeared in the press."

Bishop Says Attacks on Jews in Boston is Not Work of Hoodlums

BOSTON, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Boston in a statement to the press last night charged that the recent outbreaks of anti-Jewish violence in the Jewish-populated sections of Boston are not the work of hoodlums, but of organized fascist groups.

"The beating of Jewish boys must stop," the Bishop's formal statement set forth. "The beaters must be apprehended and punished. The beating of any boys by gangs is bad enough at any time. The beating of boys of a particular race is worse. But the real menace lies in the apparent fact that these beatings are an expression of incipient fascism, that they follow a similar pattern, and that, in one case, at least, the beaters wore black shirts."

Posing the question of who is financing the distribution of anti-Jewish literature throughout the United States, the Bishop's statement continues: "The beating of Jewish boys is not the work of hoodlums. It is not a prank that can be passed by with complacency. Jewish and Protestant leaders regard these beatings as serious. Far from home, our sons are fighting to destroy fascism. It must not be allowed to exist at home."

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SO. AFRICAN GOVERNMENT URGED TO SETTLE DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS AFTER PALESTINE MODEL

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- The Johannesburg Rotary Club has submitted a plan to the government providing for the settlement of demobilized South African soldiers along the lines of the Palestine Jewish collectives, it was learned here today. A special committee of the club assigned to study the subject this week interviewed Yehuda Kautman, noted Palestine writer, who is here on a visit, to secure detailed information concerning the Jewish settlements.

Pointing out the advantages of such settlements, the Rotary club memorandum to the government cites the colony of Nahalal as an example of how settlers can overcome disease and other hardships and build a "veritable paradise." It also stresses that the colony is rapidly repaying the funds advanced for colonization.

AMERICAN JEWISH BOMBARDIER AWARDED ELEVEN DECORATIONS FOR BRAVERY

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- The Jewish Welfare Board today reported that Lt. Sigmund B. Segall, of Montgomery, Ala., Flying Fortress bombardier who scored direct hits on an enemy target from a badly shot-up, faltering plane in the throes of wracking vibration, holds eleven decorations, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and nine Oak Leaf Clusters. Lieutenant Segall is credited with fifty operational missions in the Mediterranean area.

Capt. Jack M. Berkowitz, of Los Angeles, Cal., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and an Oak Leaf Cluster, for "meritorious achievements in aerial operations in the Southwest Pacific area," the JWB also reports. Participating in the Papuan campaign, the Lae and Bismarck sea battles, Captain Berkowitz has engaged in more than 40 operations flights against Japanese positions.

Lt. Sidney Guziok, of Brooklyn, disclosed the JWB, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. He has been operating in the China-India theater, and has flown more than 100 hours as a navigator in a heavy bombardment plane. A member of the U.S. Army 14th Air Force in China, Lieutenant Guziok received his awards from Major General Chennault.

UNITED STATES MILITARY CEMETERY CONSECRATED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- A United States military cemetery was consecrated somewhere in Palestine today in the presence of Major General Ralph Royce, who commands American troops in the Middle East. The cemetery will be the resting place for U.S. soldiers killed in the Levant.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MAX REINHARDT; RABBI WISE OFFICIATES

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.(JTA)-- Funeral services were held at the Fifth Synagogue here today for Max Reinhardt, 70, world-famous stage director, who died on Sunday after a long illness. Dr. Stephen S. Wise officiated at the services.

Burial took place at the Westchester Hills Cemetery, near Hastings on Hudson, New York. There were no flowers, since Mr. Reinhardt's last request was that all persons wishing to send flowers make a contribution to "any war effort that will help to defeat Hitler."