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POLICE PROBE MYSTERIOUS BOMBING OF IMMIGRATION OFFICES IN JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV, HAIFA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Palestine police officials today were investigating the origin of a number of bombs which exploded simultaneously Saturday night in the Immigration Department offices at Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa causing damages but no casualties.

In Jerusalem, seven bombs exploded behind the walls of the headquarters of the Immigration Department. One of the walls was damaged and windows of houses in the neighborhood were shattered by the explosion.

In Haifa the building where the Immigration Office is located was wrecked by the blast. In Tel Aviv the explosions caused slight damages to the building of the Immigration Office.

No trace has been found of the criminals. The police recently discovered wires attached to stocks of explosives leading to other buildings.

In Tel Aviv, armed men today entered the club of the Hashomer Hatzair, left wing of the Jewish Labor Federation, and started to distribute leaflets. When members of the club tried to eject the intruders, one of them drew a revolver and opened fire, seriously wounding a 16-year-old member Yair Gruener. Ammon Sherman, another club member, was severely beaten by the hooligans.

LEADERS OF ALL JEWISH GROUPS JOIN IN ARMED RESISTANCE AGAINST GESTAPO IN POLAND

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Members of all Jewish parties participated in the armed resistance against the Gestapo in the "Jewish concentration camps" of Trawniki and Poniatow, in occupied Poland, it was learned here today from a report received from the Jewish underground movement.

Attached to the report is a list of 233 names of fallen leaders of the revolt in the Warsaw ghetto. They include prominent Zionists and active members of the Jewish Socialist Bund. The report also lists the names of Zionist and Bund leaders who lost their lives during battles in Trawniki and Poniatow. It confirms the death in a Nazi torture chamber in Lublin of Dr. Ignacy Schipper, the noted Jewish historian and Zionist labor leader and reveals that among those also tortured to death were Zyshe Friedman, the leader of the Agudas Israel; Dr. Tulo Nussenblatt, the biographer of Dr. Herzl; Dr. Edmund Stein, lecturer at the Warsaw Jewish Institute; A. Samberg, noted Jewish actor and a number of prominent Jewish writers and social workers.

MOSCOW STATE LIBRARY ESTABLISHES CONTACT WITH PALESTINE; SEEKS HEBREW BOOKS

MOSCOW, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- For the first time since the Soviet Revolution, the Lenin State Library which is the largest in the U.S.S.R., today announced establishment of direct contact with publishers in Palestine for the purpose of securing Hebrew literature for its Jewish section. The announcement revealed that the Jewish section of the Lenin Library in Moscow is at present engaged in compiling a catalogue in Hebrew of the 70,000 volumes there, which include works in Yiddish and in Hebrew, as well as works on Jews written in English, French, German, Italian and other languages. Many of the most rare and valuable works were moved to safekeeping in the interior of the country when Moscow was threatened by the German armies.

CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS PREDICTED; QUOTA MAY BE BASED ON OCCUPATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- United States immigration regulations may be modified so that the immigration quota after the war will be based not on country of origin as hitherto, but on the occupation and skills of the immigrant, it was indicated by Earl G. Harrison, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, addressing the opening session of the Hias-Ica training courses on migration problems at the New School for Social Research.

Predicting that a new approach to alien problems will be taken by the United States after the war, Commissioner Harrison also disclosed that suggestions are now being considered "that an immigration deficit incurred in the quota of any one year, might be compensated by the temporary enlargement of quotas for later years." He emphasized that America's post-war immigration policy may be linked in some fashion with the work of the U. S. Employment Service.

The Immigration Commissioner pointed out that there is a real possibility that countries in Europe will wish to conserve their human assets and will seek to maintain their labor supply unimpaired, to meet the task of reconstruction. With all due regard for these possibilities, however, he envisioned that large numbers of would-be immigrants will seek admission to the United States.

Advance Selection of Immigrants in Countries of Origin is Urged

"Many of the mistakes and difficulties that have accompanied migration can be reduced by means of a working cooperation and understanding between the country of origin and the country of destination, through the provision of accurate and adequate information to the potential migrants, through advanced selection of the migrants, and through whatever training or instruction is needful to maximize their chances of success as immigrants," the Commissioner declared.

Referring to the possibility of admitting immigrants not on the basis of their countries of origin, but by occupational selection, Commissioner Harrison said, "We already grant non-quota status to certain professions; a similar non-quota status or preferential status might be extended to other groups as need arose. Such a quota basis would certainly present serious difficulties, and might be subject to serious objections, but would possess the advantage of giving the incoming alien a maximum opportunity for gainful employment at a favorable wage level, and assuring him an opportunity, without imposing any obligation, to exercise those special skills that he possessed. It may be added that we already have the example of some European countries basing admissions quite directly on occupation."

Other speakers at the session were Pierre Waelbroeck, chief of the Migration Division of the International Labor Office, and Max Gottschalk, president of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association. The first lecture in the training course on migration work, which is to continue until the end of May, was given today in the Hias building by Prof. Salo Baron. He spoke on the "Historical Aspects of Modern Migration." The course is open to social workers who are interested in practical questions concerning post-war migration activities.

Mr. Waelbroeck, gave a resume of the various attempts in the past to regulate protection of migrants. He also gave a general outline of the situation which has arisen in Europe in connection with the forced displacement of millions of men, women and children, and of the situation which may arise as a result of the migration processes within Europe, and of the desire of many hundreds of thousands who will want to start afresh elsewhere than in their former homes.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE WILL HEAR ARAB REPRESENTATIVES TODAY ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Representatives of two Syrian groups as well as spokesmen for Jewish organizations are expected to testify tomorrow at hearings on the resolution for free immigration to Palestine and for the ultimate establishment of a Jewish commonwealth there.

Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee received telegrams from A. J. Howar, vice president of the Syrian American Club here, and Faris S. Malouf, of the Syrian and Lebanese American Federation of Eastern States. Both groups indicated their desire to be heard.

The American Palestine Committee, headed by Senator Robert Wagner of New York, today published a statement in the press in behalf of 56 U. S. Senators, 118 Congressmen, 23 Governors and many mayors, clergymen, writers and civic leaders, demanding that "the padlocked doors of Palestine must be opened immediately," and explaining why the Palestine resolution must be supported.

ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL REVEALS HOW NAZIS FINANCED ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- How anti-Semitic propaganda was spread in the United States by organizations and publications working under the direction of German Propaganda Minister Goebbels, was disclosed today by Assistant U. S. Attorney General Norman M. Littell, addressing the Conference to Combat Anti-Semitism, convened by the American Jewish Congress.

"Nazi money was distributed in convenient denominations to agents and publications here and abroad -- in packs of twenty dollar bills here in the United States and in five pound notes in England," the Assistant Attorney General said. "Not only in our country but throughout the world the German publication World Service spread anti-Semitic racial hatred, the overthrow of existing governments, and the adoption of National Socialism. Here and abroad these organizations spread the germ of anti-Semitism, penetrating at every opportunity, through carefully compiled lists of names, into the Armed Forces, attempting to undermine their loyalty to the existing form of government in this country." Mr. Littell called for turning "the full light of informed public scrutiny upon every incident, upon every specious argument, upon all those who give lip service to our liberties but condone oppression and ignore attack upon minorities."

Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, addressing the conference, said that "anti-Semitism is a peculiarly virulent and persistent form of prejudice" which must be combatted by religion. "When we come to consider the role religion should play in combatting anti-Semitism, so far as the Christian religion is concerned it should be made clear it gives no sanction to such prejudice," he said. "Not only were the Founder and the early Christian leaders members of the Jewish race but they emphasized the point that all mankind were children of a common Father."

Matthew Woll, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, told the conference that it is expected that the end of the war will bring labor in this country to one of its greatest crises in its history. "Anti-Semitism," he predicted, "will be utilized as a poison gas weapon, designed to fan bewilderment and confusion, to set worker against worker, to sow distrust in the ranks of labor itself - all as an instrument for the achievement of reaction's aims. Against all this labor must set its face like the Rock of Gibraltar."

SHOLEM ASCH ISSUES STATEMENT CLARIFYING HIS ATTITUDE ON JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Sholem Asch, the noted Jewish writer, today made public the text of a statement which he telegraphed to the editor of the Christian Herald in connection with an interview given by him to the publication, to which leading Jewish newspapers took exception. Mr. Asch's statement reads:

"Even though my conception of Jesus is now outside the framework of Orthodox Jewish tradition, I would no more think of leaving the faith of my ancestors than I would of betraying my country. Jesus, to my mind, is not a rupture with Judaism, but rather a continuation of the high ideals of Judaism.

"I gave Mr. Mead the interview in good spirit, knowing your sympathetic attitude toward my work. While the interview as published is correct in spirit, it was on some vital points, if not directly misquoted, badly misunderstood. I did not see the interview before publication and on first reading I did not notice the implication, having been carried away by your sympathetic attitude toward my people and myself. Even if the spirit of the interview is correct, it is not correct in phraseology and expression. Although I expressed my appreciation to Mr. Mead in writing, and still do so now, I must insist on the following corrections:

"In paragraph five I meant to say that regardless of our attitude toward Jesus, as the Son of God, if we only regard him as the son of man he still has exerted the most vital influence on mankind. I never mentioned the words "the Son of God." The expression the Son of God on Jesus is not in accordance with my conception of Jesus. My conception is still Shma-Yisroel.

"Every other of my expressions in the interview on the role of Jesus and his importance still stands. Christianity can no more be analyzed than Judaism. As a matter of fact, no faith can be analyzed. You either accept or reject it. I know your good intentions and I appreciate them. Still, I do not wish to jeopardize the relations with my people by a mere statement, over the interpretation of which I had no control. I will not let either side provoke me into something that I do not believe. If I would feel like making a profession I would choose my own time and definition."

BELGIAN UNDERGROUND DEMANDS QUILSLINGS BE TREATED AS "NAZIS TREATED JEWS"

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The Belgian underground has demanded that the Quisling industrialists who collaborated with the Germans be treated "like the Germans treated the Jews." In a communication to the Minister of Justice of the Belgian Government-in-Exile, the underground declares that the property of all collaborators must be expropriated and their identification documents stamped with the word "pro-German."

HADASSAH CABLES \$100,000 TO YOUTH ALIYAH; MARKS TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF CHILD MIGRATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The sum of \$100,000 was cabled today by Hadassah to Palestine to finance Youth Aliyah activities, it was announced here. The grant represents one-fifth of the half-million dollar total Hadassah has pledged itself to raise for the Youth Aliyah movement during 1944. The funds were sent as part of a nation-wide celebration of the tenth anniversary of the immigration organization, which has brought 10,000 Jewish children to Palestine since 1934.