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ARRESTS IN PALESTINE FOLLOW INTENSIFIED TERROR; ARMISTICE IS OVER, TERRORISTS PROCLAIM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Palestine police today made many arrests and raids throughout the country in connection with the repeated terroristic acts which culminated in explosions of time-bombs during the week-end in government tax offices in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

The buildings where the bombs exploded on Saturday and Sunday remained cordoned off today in view of the possibility of further explosions. In the meantime the entire Jewish and Arab press today published articles condemning the terrorists and urging the population to remain calm. Resolutions expressing strong condemnation of the terrorist activities were also adopted by all major Jewish organizations in the country, including local settlement councils and labor councils.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi, the secret military organization which has publicly announced its responsibility for the current outbreaks of terror, today issued a proclamation which read: "There is no longer any armistice between Jewish youth and the British administration which is not taking into consideration our sacrifices and loyalty. Therefore, we are fearlessly forced to draw our conclusions."

The Davar, Hebrew labor paper which has the largest circulation in the country, says in an editorial today that the terror must cease. "It is our good luck that there are no casualties," the paper writes. "But it is our bad luck that they weaken our stand, diminish sympathies for us, and damage the prospects of our success."

HISTADRUTH LEADERS SPLIT ON JEWISH COMMONWEALTH ISSUE; STRONG OPPOSITION DEMONSTRATED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The serious differences of opinion within the ranks of the Jewish labor movement in Palestine with regard to the demand that Palestine be made a Jewish Commonwealth were demonstrated here today at a meeting of the executive committee of the Histadruth when 24 members voted to support the Biltmore Declaration and 21 voted against it.

The vote was taken in connection with the instructions which the executive committee will give to a Histadruth delegation which will go to London to participate in the international labor conference called by the British Trade Union Congress. It is expected that the conference will take a stand on the post-war status of Palestine. Voting against the Biltmore Declaration, which demands a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, were the members of the executive representing group "B" of the Palestine Labor Party, the Hashomer Hatzair and the left wing of the Poale Zion Party.

Following announcement of the results of the vote, Meir Yaari, leader of the Hashomer Hatzair, issued a statement declaring: "The world does not belong to the majority. We shall find a way to put forth our viewpoint."

Today's voting may result in serious developments in the Histadruth where an internal crisis has existed for some time. It is especially embarrassing for David Ben-Gurion, a staunch supporter of the Biltmore Declaration, who is slated to proceed to London following reported settlement of his differences with Dr. Chaim Weizmann. In order to prevent further complications, the Jewish Labor Party of Palestine is calling a nation-wide conference for next week to discuss the entire issue.

EGYPT NOTIFIES U. S. GOVERNMENT IT IS OPPOSED TO A JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

CAIRO, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government today notified the Government of the United States that Egypt will not recognize Palestine as a Jewish state.

The notification was made in a note submitted by Premier Nahas Pasha of Egypt to the American Minister Alexander Kirk. The note protests against the Palestine Resolution now before Congress, which urges free immigration of Jews to Palestine and the ultimate establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

Emphasizing that the Egyptian Government views this resolution with disfavor, the note expresses the hope that the speeches delivered by members of Congress in favor of the resolution do not represent official American opinion. It points out that Egypt is definitely opposed to a Jewish Palestine.

NORTH AFRICAN JEWS SEND DELEGATIONS TO AMERICA TO REPORT ON JEWISH SITUATION

ALGIERS, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- For the first time since the liberation of North Africa, Jewish delegations from Algeria, Tunis and French Morocco will proceed to the United States to report on the situation of the Jews there before and after the Nazis were driven out of their homelands, it was learned here today.

The delegations, which are to participate in a conference opening in New York on May 6, which has been called by the World Jewish Congress, will bring with them reports showing that there are still relics of Vichy-inspired anti-Semitism in some parts of the French Empire and in certain high circles of the Army.

The Jewish community of Algiers has already elected its delegates. They are the Grand Rabbi of Algiers, Eli Eisenbeth; Elie Goslan, secretary of the Committee on Social Studies; and Jean Heller. The Jewish population of the department of Constantine, in Algeria, will send Andre Bakkouche and Edmond Tenjoudi. The department of Oren and other sections of the French Empire have not yet chosen their delegates. The choice of the Algiers and Constantine delegates, who will leave for the United States within a few days by plane, through the cooperation of the National Committee of Liberation, has caused general satisfaction, although there has been some criticism of the election of Tenjoudi, who, it is alleged, was too friendly with the Petain regime in the past.

It is not expected that there will be any delegates representing metropolitan France at the conference, with the exception of prominent French Jews who are residing in the United States at present. The reason for this is that distinguished Jews such as Finance Minister Pierre Mendes, Deputy Minister of the Interior Pierre Bloch, Communications Minister Rene Mayer and others are tied down by duties which do not allow them to leave Algiers at the present time, when political activity is reaching its peak.

Palestine Urged to Send Delegation to New York Conference

LONDON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Lady Reading, Dr. Mahum Goldman and Rabbi Fishman in London, today cabled to the Jewish National Council in Jerusalem urging that the Highar send a delegation to the forthcoming conference of the World Jewish Congress in New York. The Jewish National Council has indicated that it will send such a delegation only if other Jewish communities in various countries decide to do so.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD WILL CONTINUE ITS ARMY AND NAVY ACTIVITIES AFTER THE WAR

CHICAGO, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- There will be no need for the National Jewish Welfare Board to institute new services to meet the problems of the post-war period, since these services are already a part of the JWB program, community leaders were told last night at the closing session of the three-day conference of the Board at the Hotel Stevens.

The conference was devoted to a discussion of the programs of the Army and Navy Division and the Jewish Center Division of the Board and how they can be applied to meet the needs of the post-war period. More than 60 national officers and heads of regional committees from every section of the country were present.

Summarizing the findings of the conference, Walter Rothschild, chairman of the Army and Navy Division, said that there will be no distinct line of demarcation between the present program of the Army and Navy Division and its post-war program. "While the JWB Army and Navy Committees have been created to meet an emergency, and will presumably disappear from the picture when they are no longer needed, nevertheless the need will continue for a long time to come," he stated. "In all likelihood there will be an Army of Occupation in foreign countries for years to come. There will probably be some form of compulsory military service. The United States will probably maintain a larger standing Army than in the past and a two-ocean Navy. While the services of these Army and Navy Committees may not be so imperative on the domestic scene, they will nevertheless be warranted in terms of the global need. An important function of these committees will be service to veterans, and in the field of hospital work.

Mr. Rothschild pointed out that the shift in emphasis of JWB Army and Navy work during the coming year would therefore be toward greater activity overseas, following the movements of the armed forces.

MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS WILL MEET TO FORMULATE POLICIES ON FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The new National Community Relations Advisory Council which was established last month by the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds as a joint body of national and local representatives which will have the responsibility of formulating policies for dealing with problems of anti-Semitism in America, will hold its first meeting in New York, it was announced here today.

Participating in this meeting, which is scheduled to open on March 18 to last three days, will be representatives of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Labor Committee, the B'nai B'rith and of fourteen communities which have central agencies for civic-protective work. The new body will attempt to coordinate national policies and to integrate the activities of local Jewish agencies with the programs being developed by the national organizations in the field of combatting anti-Semitism.

The announcement issued today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, states that each national agency will be represented on the new organization by five persons, including two of its officers. Each community will be represented by the professional executive of its civic-protective agency and by a lay leader. "It is expected that the first meeting will undertake at once to deal with problems confronting American Jewry, devoting only a minimum of time to organizational structure and procedure, so that the new body may immediately start to serve the purpose for which it was established," the announcement says.

The need for a coordinated program for combatting anti-Semitism in the United States will also be a leading subject for discussion at the Conference of the Central Atlantic States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to take place March 18 and 19 in Trenton, N. J.

CHICAGO LEADERS QUIT EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE JEWISH PEOPLE OF EUROPE

CHICAGO, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Francis E. McMahon of the University of Chicago, chairman of the Chicago Chapter of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, and fourteen other officers have announced their resignation from the organization, it was announced here today.

Dr. McMahon has made public a telegram to Gabriel A. Wechsler of New York, national secretary of the Emergency Committee, in which the resigning officers said their action was occasioned by "increasing confusion between its (the Emergency Committee's) activities and objectives and those of the American League for a Free Palestine."

"We are still resolved to work for the rescue of the Jewish people of Europe, but we prefer for the time being to take independent action," the telegram said. Dr. McMahon pointed out that the signers of the telegram felt that the League is political in character, whereas the character of the Emergency Committee is primarily humanitarian.

JEWISH COUNCIL OF RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF DECIDES TO RAISE \$2,000,000 IN GIFTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A quota of \$2,000,000 worth of gifts of clothing, medical and household supplies, to be sent to the sections of Russia which have predominantly Jewish populations, was adopted yesterday at the third annual meeting of the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief. Senator James E. Murray of Montana told the delegates that prompt action by the newly created War Refugee Board will save the lives of thousands of persons in occupied Europe.

COMMITTEE ON RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS UNITY APPOINTED BY NEW YORK MAYOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A new committee with a special staff to report and recommend methods of correcting racial and religious prejudice was announced by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia yesterday, with Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., formerly Solicitor General of the United States, as chairman.

Composed of nineteen leaders of varying faiths, and including both officials and private citizens, the committee will be privately financed. Mayor LaGuardia said he hoped to make another announcement on this in ten days, but expressed confidence it will obtain funds for two years' support. He said it would not solicit funds. The Mayor said the committee aimed "to promote understanding and mutual respect among all the racial and religious groups in our city."

Among the prominent Jews who have been named to the new committee are George Z. Medalie, former United States attorney; Edward Lazansky, formerly presiding justice of the Appellate Division and Judge Nathan Perlman of Special Sessions.

SEMION PORTUGEIZ-IVANOVITCH, JEWISH WRITER, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Semion Portugeiz, who for many years wrote in the Jewish Daily Forward under the name of S. Ivanovitch, died here today in a private sanatorium at the age of 63. He immigrated to the United States in 1941, after the fall of France where he had lived since 1920.

Born in Kishineff, Russia, Portugeiz took an active part in the Socialist movement in Russia under the Czarist regime. He was arrested and exiled to Siberia as a revolutionary leader. When the Czar was overthrown he came to Petrograd where he worked as a journalist and leader of the Menshevik party until he was compelled to leave Russia because of his opposition to the Communist regime.