

JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL IN PALESTINE ISSUES APPEAL FOR CURB ON TERROR

JERUSALEM, March 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council of Palestine today issued an appeal calling upon every individual Jew and all Jewish groups in the country "to do everything in their power to isolate those responsible for the insane acts" of terrorism which took place last Thursday resulting in the death and wounding of a number of British police officials when bombs exploded almost simultaneously in police headquarters in Jerusalem, Haifa, Jaffa and Tel Aviv.

The appeal followed the statement issued last night by the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine which termed the blasting of government offices as "criminal" and emphasized that "the deadly hand which directed these crimes is unwittingly or maliciously helping the enemies of the Jewish people."

The curfew imposed in the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv and in the Jewish sections of Jerusalem and Haifa as a result of Thursday's explosions is beginning to make itself felt economically. So far no arrangements have been completed to permit the carrying on of civilian activities after curfew. Even doctors and journalists are still without passes. Many persons whose duties require their absence from home after 5 P.M. have had to arrange to sleep in their offices or shops.

Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, addressing a meeting of the city's municipal council last night, urged the authorities to shift the curfew hour from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. in order to alleviate some of the hardship. At the same time, the mayor paid tribute to the policemen killed "defending their country's security" and stated that "the Palestine Government should know that the Yishuv is not guilty of these outbreaks but a group lacking any public national responsibility."

Palestine Censor Permits Arab Press to Publish Inciting Articles

Palestine censorship, which usually claims that it must keep a close curb on the local press in order to prevent incitement by one section of the population against the other, is permitting the Arab press to utilize the terrorist acts of last week for propaganda against the entire Jewish community of Palestine.

Violent attacks against Jews, passed by the British censors, are published today in Al Difa'a and Falastin, two leading Palestine Arab newspapers. The articles indict all Jews of Palestine for the attacks on the police stations in Jerusalem, Haifa, Jaffa and Tel Aviv and demand "drastic action" from the government.

Hebrew Newspapers Unanimous in Condemning Terror

The Hebrew press today is unanimous in its condemnation of the terror unleashed against the British administration here by Jewish extremists seeking to force abrogation of the White Paper ban on further Jewish immigration after this coming Friday, March 31. The newspapers emphasize that the Jewish community itself must organize to halt the outbreaks which, they say, are undermining the work of all reputable Zionist bodies.

Davar, official labor organ, and the most influential paper in the country, says that while the blow to the police has been great, the disaster to the Yishuv as

a result of Thursday's crimes is much greater. It demands that "an end be put to this calamitous situation."

Haaretz, another leading daily newspaper, asserts that "only Hitler can profit from such outrages." It says that while Jewish leaders are debating the minutest points of political formulae, a situation has developed which can undermine all political activities. The editorial calls on leading Jewish institutions to issue statements clarifying the situation and informing the public of their stand.

Haboker, organ of employers' groups, predicts that the most recent outrages will impel the Jewish community to strengthen the hands of the national institutions in fighting the terrorists. It expresses the hope that the British authorities in their efforts to restore peace and security will, as far as possible, lighten the hardships suffered by the entire community as a result of the curfew.

Mishmar, a leftist organ, warns that if the terrorist gangs are allowed to continue their plotting "they will bring disaster down upon our heads. They will drag the Yishuv into bloody riots that will stain it in the eyes of the world and will undermine our political position." Deeds, not talking, are the only means of curbing the terror, the paper adds. Hafofe, orthodox paper, declares that the terror, while ostensibly aimed at the police, is of great danger to the Jews.

CHIEF OF PALESTINE POLICE SAYS PEACE WILL PREVAIL DESPITE TERRORISM

LONDON, March 27. (JTA) -- Assurances that peace and order will prevail in Palestine despite the outbreaks of last week which necessitated introduction of a curfew in the Jewish sections of Jerusalem and Haifa and in the all-Jewish city of Tel-Aviv, were given today by Capt. Rymer Jones, new Inspector General of the Palestine Police, to the Jerusalem correspondent of the London Evening Standard.

"The Palestine police force is on the job of keeping peace in the country and I am not at all pessimistic," the British head of the Palestine security system declared. He said that the terroristic activities are being conducted chiefly by two groups of Jewish youths: the Irgun Zvai Leumi (National Military Organization) and the "Stern Gang," named after its organizer Abraham Stern who was killed in a battle with police in February, 1942.

The Jerusalem correspondent of the Evening Standard reveals that twenty members of the "Stern Gang" escaped last October from the Latrun Jail through a 60-yard tunnel which they succeeded in digging. They were never recaptured.

IRAQ GOVERNMENT ISSUES STATEMENT ATTACKING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, March 27. (JTA) -- The Iraq Government today issued an official statement describing the Congressmen who sponsored the Palestine resolution in the American House of Representatives and in the Senate, as "Zionist agents," and their action as "a mere tendentious piece of propaganda which cannot have positive results."

A report from Beirut states that a resolution was introduced today in the Lebanese Chamber of Deputies denouncing "attempts to establish a Jewish national home in Palestine" as a threat not only to Palestine but also to Lebanon.

RUSSIAN AND POLISH NEWSPAPERS IN MOSCOW LAUD ACTIVITY OF JEWISH GUERRILLA FIGHTERS

MOSCOW, March 27. (JTA) -- The role of Jewish partisans operating behind the German lines is emphasized today in Moscow newspapers, including the Polish newspaper *Wolna Polska* issued by the League of Polish Patriots in Russia.

Wolna Polska carries a report by Dr. Josef Parnas, a prominent leader of the Polish partisan movement who has just arrived in Moscow after many months of guerilla warfare in occupied Poland. The report describes how partisan units of Jews and Poles took revenge on German soldiers and officers for the execution of the entire Jewish population of the town of Wysock, in the western Ukraine.

"There were about 3,000 Jews in the Wysock ghetto," Dr. Parnas reports. "One day they noticed that two enormous ditches were being dug at the outskirts of the town not far from the ghetto. Fearing the worst, they sent a delegation with gifts to the local German commissar who told them not to worry and assured them that the ditches were being dug for military reasons. The next morning, however, the ghetto was surrounded by Gestapo units and all the Jews were led to the ditches. The procession was headed by the local rabbi who was the first to enter one of the pits, after he delivered a stirring address to the people in a calm and low voice, exhorting them to face their death calmly."

After all the Jews, including women and children, were executed by machine guns, the Germans "celebrated" the occasion by staging a drinking party in the evening. One of the Polish partisans who was in Wysock and witnessed the execution reported it to Dr. Parnas and his guerilla fighters, who decided to take revenge. A few weeks later they avenged the murdered Jews by killing more than thirty soldiers with hand grenades flung into the German barracks at night and by capturing twelve soldiers.

The twelve Germans were brought to the woods and ordered to dig a ditch. Trembling with fear, they obeyed. When they were later ordered to undress themselves and get into the ditch, the Germans began to weep and to cry hysterically in German: "Comrade! The partisans are good! Stalin is good! Hitler is a nuisance!" They were executed, however, and left in the ditch.

Orthodox Jews Distinguish Themselves as Partisans

Another Polish newspaper, *Nowe Widokrengi*, published in Moscow, today carries a story of how "thirteen bearded orthodox Jews from Pinsk" distinguished themselves in partisan raids on German bases. One of them, although seriously wounded, succeeded in reaching partisan headquarters in the Pinsk region with important information. The thirteen are members of a partisan unit consisting mainly of Jews, the paper says.

Russian newspapers today report that a Jewish partisan leader, named "Pinchuk" has been awarded the Partisan War Medal and the Order of the Red Banner. The citation gave his real name as Baruch Pinkhusovitch.

Pinkhusovitch, who was operating in the occupied Ukraine, started to organize his partisan unit when he was in a German hospital from which he later escaped. He and his band attacked a German prison camp and released all the prisoners capturing rifles and ammunition. Soon his unit numbered several hundred men who were later joined by Russian Cossacks whom the Germans had forced into a "punishment battalion" to fight the partisans. The Cossacks killed their German officers who led them against the guerillas and by joining Pinkhusovitch's forces, enabled the Red Army to cross the Desna River in a later operation.

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JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL ASKS SOVIET JEWS TO BACK FIGHT FOR NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, March 27. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Jewish National Council today cabled to the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow greeting the third annual meeting of the committee, which opens in the Soviet capital next week.

"We greet you, brethren, and through you all the people of the Soviet Union and the heroic Red Army," the cable said. It also appealed to Russian Jews to aid in the rescue of European Jewry, to help keep Palestine's gates open to Jewish immigration and to support the struggle for the "restoration of the independence of the Jewish National Home in Palestine." The message concluded with an expression of confidence that the appeal will meet with a ready response from Russian Jewry and all the people of the Soviet Union.

BRITISH OFFICIAL DISSEMINATES PRO-ARAB PROPAGANDA ON TOUR OF CANADA

OTTAWA, March 27. (JTA) -- The claim that "as a rule, those Jews whose ancestors had lived in Palestine sided with the Arabs in their opposition to Zionism" was made here by Miss Freya Stark, recently stationed in the Middle East as a British Ministry of Information liaison officer to the Arabs, who is now making a tour of Canada.

Miss Stark told a press conference that "friction between Jews and Arabs in Palestine remained" and claimed "that Jews long resident in the country realized that Zionists who had come to the country in recent years had brought about a rise in anti-Semitic feeling." She praised the "cooperation" of the Arabs in Palestine.

Speaking in Montreal, Miss Stark said: "The Arabs are the rightful owners of Palestine and they have been silent too long and allowed the Zionists to put out a lot of propaganda which has created a wrong impression of the actual conditions in the Middle East. The Arabs are co-operating everywhere with the British in the war, and I hope during my visit to this continent to encourage the support of their claims by the democratic nations."

BISHOP TUCKER CONTRIBUTES \$1,000 TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA) -- Asserting that the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States wishes to associate itself with the rescue and reconstruction efforts of the United Jewish Appeal, the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, presiding Bishop, has sent a contribution of \$1,000 to the U.J.A. campaign, it was announced here today.

In a letter addressed to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, Bishop Tucker declared that he was aware of "the tremendous responsibility which is being carried on by the American Jewish community in meeting the tragic needs of the Jewish people around the world."

CANADIAN UFA OPENS DRIVE TO RAISE QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS IN 1944

MONTREAL, March 27. (JTA) -- The Canadian United Palestine Appeal drive for a quarter of a million dollars in 1944 was launched here last night. A message from the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem expressing hopes for the success of the campaign was read at a meeting opening the drive.