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TERRORISTS INVADE PALESTINE RADIO STATION; ATTEMPT TO MAKE ILLEGAL BROADCAST

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- Threetruckloads of armed terrorists last night invaded the Palestine Broadcasting System's central station at Ramallah, several miles north of Jerusalem, and attempted to seize the broadcasting facilities to make an illegal appeal to the country.

The terrorists who have been identified as members of the outlawed Irgun Zvai Numi, Jewish extremist group, were thwarted by the refusal of the station's employees to man the equipment and by the arrival of strong police reinforcements. The terrorists escaped after a running gun battle with armored cars along the road to Petach Tikvah, in which two policemen were seriously wounded.

According to the testimony of station employees, the terrorists intended to destroy the equipment after making their broadcast. After overpowering the guard outside the station, they attempted to force the staff to put the station on the air, but were told that that was impossible. They then fired several shots into the broadcasting apparatus doing an unspecified amount of damage, and fled.

Police cars arriving in response to an alarm sounded by one of the station's staff, found the roads leading to it strewn with land mines. Several exploded without causing any injury. By the time the police cars arrived the terrorists had fled. They were halted at a road block set up by the police between Lydda and Petach Tikvah on the road to Tel Aviv, where they abandoned the trucks and scattered after exchanging shots with the police.

Police report that there were 25 persons in the three trucks, which had been abandoned yesterday afternoon outside Petach Tikvah after the terrorists overpowered and killed up the drivers. When they were abandoned, the trucks, onto which false license plates had been affixed, contained several bombs and nail-studded boards. A country-wide alarm has gone out for the terrorists.

50,000,000 PLAN FOR IRRIGATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF PALESTINE ANNOUNCED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- Plans for a large scale irrigation and hydro-electric development, transforming Palestine's agricultural and industrial economy, are in preparation by American scientists and engineers, it was announced here today by the Commission on Palestine Surveys.

The project, initiated more than a year ago, compares in magnitude with the Grand Coulee, or Boulder Dam developments and would require a capital investment of between \$150,000,000 and \$200,000,000 over a period of years. The plan calls for diversion of existing waters and the building of a net-work of artificial streams, which would irrigate arid and semi-arid regions with an area of 600,000 acres, and for the erection of power plants with an installed capacity of approximately 250,000

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allowatts, generating in excess of 1,000,000,000 KW of electric current per year.

It is estimated that the development of cheap power and the transition from extensive dry farming to intensive irrigation farming would make it possible to double the present farm population in Palestine and double or treble the present total population of 1,500,000.

Engineering Surveys Initiated at Dr. Weizmann's Suggestion

The engineering surveys and related studies were begun by the Commission at the request of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, following the submission of proposals by Walter C. Lowdermilk, reclamation expert and assistant chief of the United States Soil Conservation Service, in a memorandum entitled "The Jordan Valley Authority." The Lowdermilk proposals were reviewed by the late Colonel Theodore B. Parker, formerly chief engineer of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and more recently head of the Department of Civil Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A major feature of the over-all plan takes into account the unusual topography of the country and the great difference in levels between the surface of the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea, which is the lowest body of water in the world, about 1300 feet below sea level. In addition to a "Mediterranean Diversion Plan" the power projects under study include possibilities such as the continuous and rapid drop of the Jordan River from the headwaters of the Jordan clear down to the south.

So far as irrigation possibilities are concerned, hydrologists have estimated that ultimately 750,000 acres of land may be irrigated, as against 95,000 acres now under irrigation. The present studies already point to possibilities for irrigating at least 600,000 additional acres and possibly more at costs which would compare favorably with irrigation works in parts of the United States.

21 American Experts Working on Project; Some Have Been in Palestine

The Commission has enlisted the cooperation of 21 experts including civil engineers, reclamation and irrigation experts, geologists, hydrologists, soil experts and agronomists, chemists, industrial engineers, economists and one archaeologist. A number of these experts have been to Palestine and carried on investigations in their respective fields, while others worked from a mass of data compiled by the engineering and research staff of the Commission. The lay members of the Commission are Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Abraham Goodman, Andre Meier, Emanuel Neumann, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Alexander Sachs, Israel Sieff and Robert Szold.

Terming the project "an all-American plan," Mr. Neumann, who directs the work of the Commission on Palestine Surveys, said that "if the plan is ever carried out in Palestine, it will be a lasting monument to the American spirit." To questions as to where the money for the execution of the project will come from, Mr. Neumann replied:

"The financing of such a project over a period of years would require the cooperation of a) the Palestine Government; b) Jewish organizations; c) private capital and d) credits based upon looted Jewish property in Europe, the owners of which have been first robbed and then "liquidated" by the Nazis -- loot for which Germany must make some restitution.

"This is a multiple-purpose project in a higher sense of the term, 1) It will make room for large numbers of Jewish settlers; 2) It will raise the level and living standards of the Palestine Arabs; 3) It will serve as a model and ferment for the whole Near East."

POLISH NATIONAL COUNCIL RESUMES DEBATE ON ANTI-SEMITISM; WAR MINISTER BLAMED

LONDON, May 19. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Polish Socialist Party today reiterated their demand for the resignation of Gen. Marjan Kukiel, Polish Minister of War, charging him with responsibility for anti-Semitism in the Polish Army. The resignation of Gen. Kazimierz Sosnkowski, Polish Commander-in-Chief, was also asked.

They voiced these demands at today's session of the Polish National Council. Members of the anti-Semitic Endek party asserted that the issue of anti-Semitism in the Polish Army has been exaggerated, but deputies of all other groups who participated in the debate agreed that anti-Semitism does exist in the ranks of the Polish armed forces and that the High Command has not done enough to combat it.

The demand of the Socialist deputies for the removal of Gen. Sosnkowski and Gen. Kukiel was supported today by Witold Kulerski, one of the leaders of the Polish peasant party. Addressing the Council, he pointed out that his group considers the anti-Semitic incidents only a fragment of the general spirit of hate of democratic ideas fostered by a group of Polish officers who have learned nothing from the war.

"Before the war," he said, "certain Polish groups conducted strong anti-Semitic campaigns. This evil has now partly been transferred into the Polish Army. There are organized anti-Semitic groups existing in the midst of the Polish forces and more than one foreign agency is utilizing this fact. Action by the Polish military authorities has not been energetic enough and did not succeed in ending anti-Semitism where it manifested itself in the army units. Indeed, anti-Semitic agitation in the army is but a part of the campaign against the government and our National Council."

Anti-Semitism in America Cited by Deputy Defending Kukiel

Defending Kukiel and opposing the demand for his resignation, deputy Michal Matkowsky of the Christian-Democratic Party, argued that, although he himself is against anti-Semitism, he must point out that "anti-Semitism is not confined to Poland alone, but can be found even in the United States." It would be wrong to say that Gen. Kukiel is responsible for anti-Semitism in the Polish Army and must resign, Matkowsky said.

Deputy Fengler, of the Endek Party, suggested that the entire issue be postponed until the commission of inquiry appointed by the Polish National Council to investigate the treatment of Jews in the army makes its report. Another Endek deputy, Stanislawski, said that the charge of anti-Semitism is nothing but slander of the Polish people "by enemies of Poland."

Adam Ciolkosz, Socialist leader, in a long speech denouncing the mistreatment of Jews in the armed forces, said that the Jewish workers of Poland are part of the Polish Socialist movement. "Any attack against them is an attack against the Polish Socialists as a whole," he declared. He insisted on the resignation of Sosnkowski and Kukiel.

The two Jewish deputies, Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart and Dr. Emanuel Szerer, also participated in today's debate. Dr. Schwarzbart pointed out that "there are Jews in the ranks of the Polish military units which fought at Cassino." Jewish representatives, he said, wanted to avoid precipitating the issue of anti-Semitism in the Polish Army for the sake of the Polish cause, but things reached a point where it was no longer possible to keep silent.

DIVISION OF JEWISH SOCIAL WELFARE WORK URGED AT CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORKERS

CLEVELAND, May 19. (JTA) -- Great changes have occurred in the occupational character of the American Jewish population necessitating changes in the work of Jewish social welfare agencies, Maurice Taylor, of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Pittsburgh, told the second general session of the five-day joint conference of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare, the National Association of Jewish Center Workers and the National Council for Jewish Education, being held at the Hotel Statler here.

Mr. Taylor also stressed the fact that Jews are moving away from old population centers and that relocation of Jewish agencies and institutions is essential. He also pointed out that as a result of falling birth and mortality rates the Jewish community is becoming an older group, on the average, requiring a greater emphasis on adult education and programs.

Findings of surveys conducted by the three agencies represented here during the past two years in 21 cities show that Jewish social welfare, center and education programs must be changed to fit new needs, the delegates were told by Harold Silver of the Jewish Social Service Bureau of Detroit. This situation also exists among the non-Jewish communities, he said. Among the facts brought out by the survey are that juvenile delinquency has increased less among Jewish youths than the rest of the population; that aid to refugees has sharply decreased and that social and emotional problems have increased among family groups although their financial problems have decreased.

Lack of Personnel in Jewish Health Agencies Reported

"The greatest problem facing our social welfare agencies is lack of personnel," Silver said. "The situation is particularly grave for the health agencies. Mt. Sinai hospital of Cleveland, for instance, reporting that it lost 45 percent of its doctors and nurses.

Undertaken primarily as a guide to Jewish community planning, the survey, it was pointed out, has value for all social workers in America, since in the main it was found that the Jewish group follows the pattern set by the general community. The 21 cities studied in the survey are: Cleveland; Dayton; Detroit; Duluth; Elizabeth, N.J.; Minneapolis; Manchester, N.H.; Minneapolis; New Haven; Newark, N.J.; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; Portland, Oregon; Providence; Rochester; St. Louis; San Francisco; Springfield, Mass.; Stamford; Toronto and Washington.

Miriam Ephraim of the YMHA and the YWHA in Pittsburgh told the conference that the chief job of the Jewish centers now is planning programs for "dateless" young men between 18 and 30 and young men who have been rejected by the armed forces.

4-DAY PROGRAM MARKS RABBI ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- A four-day program honoring Rabbi Israel Goldstein on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as rabbi of the congregation B'nai Jeshurun, the oldest congregation in New York, has been arranged for May 20 to 23, it was announced today. The congregation sisterhood will make a gift of a grove of 1,000 trees planted in Palestine in honor of Rabbi Goldstein. Many prominent Jewish and Christian leaders will participate in the program.