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JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL CONDEMNS ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PALESTINE'S HIGH COMMISSIONER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The police in Palestine were engaged today in an intensive search for the gunmen who made an attempt yesterday to assassinate Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner of Palestine, while the latter was motoring from Jerusalem to Jaffa to attend a farewell party given in his honor by the Jaffa municipality. Ten men, it is reported, participated in the ambush which occurred on a winding mountain highway four kilometres from Jerusalem.

The Jewish National Council of Palestine issued a statement saying that it "learned with horror of the dastardly attempt on the High Commissioner's life and on the lives of the party which escorted him." The statement of the Jewish National Council expresses "utter abomination of the crime" and emphasizes that "the Yishuv anxiously desires that the perpetrators of this detestable act are discovered and the evil will be outrooted."

The gunmen, who attacked the automobile in which the High Commissioner and his party were passing, fired their tommy guns at the High Commissioner's car, slightly wounding Sir Harold in the hand. His wife received no injury, but his aide de camp, Major K. I. Nicholl, and the police driver were seriously injured. Policemen following the High Commissioner in an armored car returned the fire on the assailants, who succeeded however in escaping.

Reflecting the sentiments of the Jews in Palestine, the Palestine Post, in an editorial today says, "Everybody heartily congratulates the High Commissioner on his good fortune. It is a challenge to the authorities upon whom the responsibility rests to preserve public peace. It is also a challenge to the public which harbors desperadoes. In the struggle between the police and the desperadoes, the public - particularly the Jewish public - demands not only the restoration of order, but also the restoration of human and political decency.

"It is intolerable," the editorial continues, "that the constructive social effort made by the Jews in Palestine before the eyes of the entire world should be sullied by a series of malignant and senseless assaults upon every canon of moral and political behavior. It is doubly intolerable that the failure to disclose the perpetrators should expose a large peaceful and civilized community to political smear."

Sir Harold MacMichael, the object of the assassination attempt is due to be replaced soon by the newly-appointed High Commissioner Field Marshal Viscount Gort who is now on his way from London to Jerusalem. Field Marshal Gort was reported today as having reached Rome where he was received in a twenty-minute audience by the Pope.

WAR REFUGEE BOARD IN CONSULTATION WITH BRITAIN ON RESCUE OF JEWS FROM HUNGARY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- An authoritative source today revealed that the War Refugee Board is in consultation with the British Government on Admiral Horthy's proposal to permit the evacuation of Jews from Hungary. "It would be an exaggeration to give the impression that all the Jews of Hungary could be evacuated," this source warned.

MOSCOW SAYS NO MEANS EXIST FOR TRANSMISSION OF MONEY TO JEWS IN LIBERATED RUMANIA

MOSCOW, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Following a special investigation, the Soviet State Bank today advised the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that no official means are available for American relatives to send funds to Jews in the town of Botosani and other parts of liberated Rumania, temporarily held by the Russian Army. Facilities do not exist for even the nearest branches of the Soviet State Bank to deliver such funds to these sections of Rumania, it was explained.

The belief, however, was expressed in private circles here that the Soviet State Bank may cooperate with American Jewish organizations should they be disposed to make arrangements under which their relief funds would be sent to the Soviet State Bank in Chernovitz, capital of Bukovina, earmarked for the Jewish Community Council in Botosani. The Botosani council would probably face no difficulties in sending one of its members to Chernovitz to receive the money from the Soviet State Bank in Rumanian war lei issued by the Soviet military command.

It is also possible, it was pointed out, that the Soviet State Bank in Moscow may be willing to send a special official from Moscow to deliver the funds to Botosani, if requested to do so by the American Jewish groups. In this case the official could also deliver money to individuals.

FINAL RESULTS OF PALESTINE ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED; LABORITE GROUPS FORM MAJORITY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The tabulation of the final results of the elections held in Palestine for the Assefath Hanivcharim, the Jewish National Assembly, made public today, show 200,881 persons participated in the voting, which is more than seventy percent of all those eligible to vote.

Eighty percent of the newly elected members to the Assefath Hanivcharim are supporters of the Biltmore Declaration which demands the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth after the war. The various Laborite groups will always be in a position to form a combined majority in the Assefath Hanivcharim under the new composition of the Assembly which is the supreme Jewish body in Palestine.

The final results of the elections give the Jewish Labor Party, Mapai, 64 seats; the Hashomer Hatzair and the Left Front 21 seats; the Labor Unity Movement, which is the opposition group within the Mapai, 16 seats, the orthodox laborites Hapoel Hamizrachi, 17 seats; the Communists 3 seats, the General Zionists, group "A" 7 seats; Mizrachi 7 seats; Aliyah Chadasha 19 seats; the Women's Zionist Organization 4 seats; the Maccabi 3 seats. The remainder of seats are scattered between smaller groups. The Zionist-Revisionist Party, the Sephardic Jews, the General Zionist Group "B" and the Jewish farmers Association will not be represented at the Assefath Hanivcharim since they boycotted the elections.

SPANISH VESSEL REACHES PHILADELPHIA WITH REFUGEES BOUND FOR CANADA

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Lourenzo Marques arrives here today carrying a number of Jewish refugees destined for Canada. This is the second group of Jewish refugees to land here on the way to Canada where they will be received and settled by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

MISS HENRIETTA SZOLD SERIOUSLY ILL IN PALESTINE; YISHUV CONCERNED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The entire Yishuv is seriously concerned over the condition of Miss Henrietta Szold, founder of the Hadassah and leader of the Youth Aliyah movement, who is now seriously ill and under the constant attendance of physicians.

WIDE-SPREAD ARRESTS OF JEWS IN HUNGARY; CHARGED WITH PRO-ALLIED ACTIVITY

ZURICH, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- While the deportation of Jews from Hungary has been temporarily suspended during recent days, mass-arrests of Jews are taking place throughout the country on charges of "disloyalty to the state" and under the pretext that they are "politically unreliable."

The Jews arrested include doctors, lawyers, tailors, shoemakers, persons of all walks of life. Most of them are charged with spreading reports of Allied victories on the fighting fronts and with "undermining the morale of the Hungarian people."

Hungarian newspapers reaching here report that some of the houses confiscated from Jews have been converted into schools for boys, court offices, homes for apprentices, and other public institutions.

UNITED NATIONS URGED TO ISSUE TRAVEL PAPERS TO REFUGEES FLEEING NAZI EUROPE

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- A resolution asking the United Nations to issue internationally recognized travel papers, similar to the Nansen passports, to Jewish refugees travelling without visas, was adopted here last night at the closing session of the national conference of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe.

Other resolutions urged the establishment of additional "free ports" in the United States, that Britain immediately establish Refugee Shelters in Palestine, that the rescue of Jews from Hungary be made "a major and immediate" undertaking, and that Palestine be opened for the Balkan Jews since it is the nearest and most practical haven.

SOVIET-JEWISH GENERAL CHERNIAKOVSKY LAUDED BY U. S. GENERAL IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- High praise for Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakovsky, Jewish front commander of the Russian Army reported to have reached German soil, was given here today by Major General John R. Deane of the U. S. Military Mission to Russia.

Returning from a ten-month stay in Russia during which he met Gen. Cherniakovsky, the American general, at a press conference today, said: "Gen. Cherniakovsky is the most colorful of the Russian generals I met, both, by reason of his youth - his age being 36 - and because of the sense of leadership and personal magnetism which he radiates."

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS SENDS DELEGATION TO MEXICO TO CONFER ON RESCUE PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- A delegation composed of Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the administrative committee and Baruch Zuckerman, member of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress left today on a mission to Mexico to confer with officials of the Mexican government and to acquaint the Mexican Jewish community with the possibilities of rescue and relief of European Jewry and the problem of rehabilitation of Jewish life in Europe after the war.

A. J. FREIMAN BEQUEATHS \$25,000 TO ZIONIST EXECUTIVE IN JERUSALEM

OTTAWA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- A. J. Freiman, former president of the Zionist Organisation of Canada, who died last month, left \$25,000 to the Zionist executive in Jerusalem for an institution to be founded in his name, it was learned here today.