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SIXTY-EIGHT JEWS INJURED IN ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN SLOVAKIAN TOWN; JEWISH HOMES LOOTED

PRAGUE, Oct. 1. (JTA) — Sixty-eight Jews were injured, sixteen of them seriously, during anti-Jewish riots which broke out in the Slovakian town of Topolcany during a street demonstration organized by Fascist elements, who, the authorities said, were former officers of the pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic Hlinka Guard.

Jewish stores were attacked and Jewish homes were pillaged during the demonstration. The police arrived too late and displayed little energy in dispersing the mob. Many of the Jews attacked were repatriates from Nazi concentration camps.

RETURN TO POLAND OF JEWS WHO SOUGHT SAFETY IN U.S. ZONE WAS ORDERED BY GEN. PATTON

PILSEN, Czechoslovakia, Oct. 1. (JTA) — The forced return to Poland of 600 Jews who had fled into American-held territory in Czechoslovakia to escape anti-Semitic terror (which was reported exclusively by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency ten days ago) was ordered by General George S. Patton's headquarters, it was established today by a special JTA correspondent.

At least 3,000 Polish Jews who succeeded in escaping from the anti-Jewish reign of terror in Poland during the last few months have reached the safety of the American zone here, but what happened to the 600 who believed they had found refuge at Camp Karlov, the United Nations' displaced persons center here, is another story. The tale of what happened to these 600, when they reached Camp Karlov, is nearly as shocking as what happened to them when they were returned from Nazi concentration camps to their homes in Poland, the correspondent found.

Gen. Patton's 22nd Corps, which is stationed in the American zone in Czechoslovakia, violated the oft-repeated policy of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower—that United Nations nationals and persecuted peoples who do not desire to return to their homelands, or whose lives would be endangered in so doing, shall not be returned by force. Furthermore, it is to be noted that Jews alone were singled out for forcible return.

Jews, who were fleeing the terror in Poland, began crowding into Camp Karlov around the middle of August. Three trains, each carrying 175 Jews, arrived at Pilsen while others who had also fled Poland, but had done so afoot, sought refuge here after trudging through the Russian zone in Czechoslovakia and passing into the American lines. The top authorities of the 22nd Corps requested permission to ship these Jews to Germany where special camps for Jews were being erected. But, Gen. Patton's headquarters ordered them shipped back to Poland.

It is somewhat complicated to trace the exact responsibility for this order since the officers then in charge of Camp Karlov have been redeployed. However, the officers now in charge say that Gen. Patton's Third Army Headquarters ordered the Jews

returned because "there wasn't room for any more Jews in Germany where the camps are already over-crowded," and "the trains that brought those Jews entered our zone without proper authority."

Enlisted Men Describe Pitiful Scenes; Troops with Machine-Guns Called In

Enlisted men at Camp Kärlov described to the JTA correspondent the pitiful scenes that ensued when the 600 Jews were loaded aboard trucks, on Aug. 24, and taken to the Pilsen railroad station. The women among them fought bitterly, screaming and kicking. The military detachment at the camp found itself unable to cope with the situation. Assistance was asked. The Eighth Armored Division sent troops with rifles, machine-guns and armored vehicles.

Pvt. Edward Heilbrun, of Chicago, who is Jewish himself, and who helped to load the hapless, protesting Jews aboard the trucks, told the correspondent: "My job was sickening to me. Men threw themselves on their knees in front of me, tore open their shirts, and screamed, 'Kill me now!' They would say, 'You might just as well kill me now. I am dead anyway if I go back to Poland.' They kept jumping off the trucks and we had to use force."

There was more trouble at the railroad station where the troops were forced to jam the 600 Jews aboard a train. After the train started, the trouble continued, according to witnesses. Men threw themselves from the moving train. Troops fired in the air attempting to frighten them into remaining on the train. Where the train was routed, after leaving the American zone, is still a mystery.

Two Jewish Women Describe the Anti-Jewish Terror in Poland

One woman who was scheduled to return to Poland did not have to go. She is Luba Zindel, of Cracow, and she was having a baby at the hospital here when the train departed. The correspondent talked to her at Camp Kärlov. This is her story: With her husband and an earlier child, she spent three years in the Nazis' concentration camp at Lublin. After the Russians captured that city, the family was released. They returned to their home in Cracow on June 20 last.

On the first Saturday in August, while the family was attending synagogue services, their synagogue was attacked and stormed by an anti-Semitic mob. "They began firing at us and beating us up," she related. "My husband was sitting beside me. He fell down, his face full of bullets."

The widow was among those selected by the Jewish Committee in Cracow to be given a chance to escape to Czechoslovakia. She arrived here aboard the first of the three trains. Another woman who escaped, Saba Szkop, of Lodz, told the correspondent that there had been pogroms in that city, Warsaw and Radom, as well as Cracow. She said that the ancient anti-Semitism in Poland, encouraged and kept alive by the Nazis, was now being inflamed and exploited by the so-called AK organization, which is opposing the present Polish regime. The anti-Soviet and anti-Semitic ranks of this organization number many old army officers, she stated.

GEN. EISENHOWER'S HEADQUARTERS INVITE PRESS TO INSPECT CAMPS FOR DISPLACED JEWS

FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Replying to charges of mistreatment of displaced Jews in the camps in the American-held zone in Germany, Lt. Gen. Walter B. Smith, who is Gen. Eisenhower's chief of staff, today invited correspondents to inspect the camps where the Jewish refugees are living. He added that he would place his own plane at the disposal of any correspondent who wished to fly to any of the camps.

TRUMAN AWAITS REPORT FROM EISENHOWER ON DISPLACED JEWS; WILL MAKE IT PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- President Truman has as yet received no reply from Gen. Eisenhower to the charges contained in Earl G. Harrison's report on the treatment of displaced Jews in the camps in American-held territory in Germany, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today.

Gen. Eisenhower's report will be made public when it is received, the White House said. Informed sources indicated that international complications were responsible for the month's delay in the publication of the Harrison report.

INSTRUCTIONS TO IMPROVE SITUATION OF DISPLACED JEWS WERE IGNORED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES

FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- American military authorities were instructed as early as April to pay more attention to displaced Jews in the camps in Germany, it was learned here today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Further instructions on this subject were issued to them a few weeks later, emphasizing that the care of displaced persons was a principal Allied objective. These instructions definitely requested that care and living conditions of the displaced Jews be improved. The instructions were re-iterated in June when the military authorities were ordered to establish special assembly centers for Jews who did not wish to return to their native lands, and to allow Joint Distribution Committee teams to work in these centers.

"Picture More Hopeful This Week," Says Jewish Adviser to Gen. Eisenhower

Major Judah Nadich, special adviser on Jewish affairs at Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters, today said that some such Jewish assembly centers are already in operation and that more will be opened before winter, following President Truman's letter to Gen. Eisenhower urging the improvement of the situation of displaced Jews in the camps in the American-held zone. He emphasized that "the picture is altogether more hopeful this week than it was three weeks ago."

(Official Army circles last night, after first stating that the Harrison charges of appalling conditions prevailing among the displaced Jews in the camps in the American zone, were based on "old information," later admitted that these conditions were improved only about ten days ago, after Gen. Eisenhower made a personal tour of all displaced persons camps, and ordered Gen. George S. Patton Jr. to improve drastically the conditions in the camps in the Third Army territory.)

Maj. Nadich admitted that the displaced Jews are still receiving an "unbalanced diet" of 2,000 calories a day, but added that "this deficiency is being partly met by the use of Red Cross packages, originally destined for American war prisoners. He predicted that the clothing problem will also be solved, revealing that arrangements are now being made to distribute large relief shipments of clothing that have arrived from the United States.

The Jewish adviser to Eisenhower said that there were certain cases of discrimination against the displaced Jews and that they took place in the territory under Gen. Patton's administration. He was hopeful that the Jewish refugees will find more employment and emphasized that they are urgently in need of tools and raw material.

ALL U.S. TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM PALESTINE; ARAB, JEWISH POLICE REPLACED BY BRITISH

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- All American troops were withdrawn today from Palestine and the U.S. military camp at Tel Litwinsky has been closed down. Officers of the Army-Navy Liquidation Committee will arrive within the next few days to dispose of millions of dollars worth of U.S. property here, which will be sold locally.

At the same time, Jewish and Arab auxiliary police were withdrawn from all military installations, and were replaced by British East and West African troops. The auxiliary police, which has been used for guard duty, may be disbanded.

This dispatch is the first uncensored cable to leave here in six years of official censorship, which were preceded by two years of unofficial censorship. The censorship on outgoing cables ended last night, although incoming material will still be censored.

It marks the end of a very difficult period for correspondents in Palestine, who were forced to dance to a tune played by the Government. They were compelled to suppress much news, and were hard put to present to the world a picture of Jewish pain and Jewish protests.

BRITISH PRESS RESENTS TRUMAN'S APPEAL TO ATTLEE; CHARGES IT COMPLICATES PROBLEM

LONDON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The British press is almost unanimous today in declaring that President Truman's appeal to Prime Minister Attlee for the immediate admission into Palestine of 100,000 Jews has complicated matters for the British Government and made its task in Palestine more difficult.

An editorial in the Daily Telegraph says that the Truman letter ignores some of the major factors in the Palestine situation. It asserts that behind Arab objections stands the newly-born Arab League, and behind that is Moslem opinion. "These forces cannot be lightly swept aside," it adds, "if there is to be an enduring peace in the Middle East." It stresses that the Palestine question must be merged in the larger question of finding areas where the Jews can build a peaceful, prosperous life. This, the Telegraph concludes, is the responsibility of all the Allied nations.

The Daily Mail carries an editorial declaring that "the British people who have been living with the Palestine problem for twenty-five years know that such a solution (as proposed by Truman) is impracticable, and even to propose it is not helpful." If the U. S. is unwilling to undertake any responsibility besides that of criticizing, and making impracticable suggestions, it should be prepared to accept the British solution, the editorial says. It also urges that the whole problem be placed before the United Nations.

The diplomatic correspondent of the Telegraph today says that the Truman letter coupled with the statement by Moslem religious leaders in Damascus yesterday, that partition of Palestine might lead to a holy war, presents the British Government with a tremendous problem. He predicts that the Government will submit the entire question to the United Nations.

ATTLEE'S ANSWER TO TRUMAN WILL BE PUBLISHED BY THE PRESIDENT, WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today that President Truman has not yet received any reply from Prime Minister Attlee to his letter requesting the admission to Palestine of 100,000 displaced Jews. The Prime Minister's answer will be published after it reaches the President, Charles Ross, White House press secretary announced. (In London it was reported today that Attlee had replied to the Truman letter on Sept. 19.)

67,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN DEMONSTRATION FOR JEWISH PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- At least 67,000 people participated in the demonstration for a Jewish Palestine at Madison Square Garden last night, arranged by the American Zionist Emergency Council, police estimated today. About 22,000 crowded into the auditorium, while approximately 45,000 filled the streets outside, listening to the proceedings through loudspeakers.

The Garden filled up so fast that the Fire Department ordered the doors closed a half-hour before the meeting was scheduled to begin. The auditorium was hung with American and Zionist flags and banners reading: "Is Attlee Another Chamberlain?" "When Will the War Be Over for the Jewish People?", "Aren't Six Million Jewish Dead Enough?" and "America Is For Palestine. Why Doesn't the State Department Act?"

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, told the audience that his interview with President Truman on Saturday occurred in a cordial, pleasant atmosphere. He expressed the hope that the President would "not be misled by a few high-placed, shell-shocked Jews who reach you from time to time and attempt to confuse you on this basic problem and its sound solution. They speak for an insignificant number of our people, those who are afraid lest the establishment of a Jewish State will endanger their own comfortable existence here." Dr. Silver called on all American Jews for a total mobilization "in the war which has been called against us." As he finished, the entire auditorium arose and spontaneously chanted the Hatikvah.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey pointed to the sufferings of the Jews now confined to camps in Europe, to the magnificent achievements of the Jews in Palestine, and to their contributions to the war effort, and declared that they were entitled to a homeland. He called for the immediate redemption of the pledges made to the Jews and urged the immediate establishment of free immigration. The Governor, however, refrained from demanding the creation of a Jewish state or commonwealth.

Justice for the Jews, Dr. Stephen S. Wise said, did not mean more certificates of admission to Palestine, but the admission of Palestine to the United Nations as a Jewish State. He said that he doubted that Prime Minister Attlee wanted to go down in history as "another Ramsay MacDonald." He predicted that he will live to see the establishment of a Jewish State and added that after his interview with the President on Saturday, in the company of Dr. Silver, he was not "without hope."

Other speakers included Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, Hayim Greenberg, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, Mrs. Moses Epstein, and Dr. Daniel Poling. Henry Monksy presided.

American Council for Judaism Says Demonstration Did Not Represent All U.S. Jews

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism, charged last night that "an attempt is being made by the holding of mass meetings and other propaganda devices to foster the erroneous impression that all American Jews are united in support of the Zionist plan to establish Jews as a nation and to make Palestine a Jewish Commonwealth."

"This is simply not true," he declared. "No one possesses the authority or the right to speak in the name of all Americans of Jewish faith. In behalf of the American Council for Judaism, an organization of Americans of Jewish faith who oppose Jewish nationalists, refuse to participate in a political organization of Jews, and oppose the creation of a Jewish state, we call attention to the divergence of opinion among Jews on this subject."

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN PALESTINE, INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT OF BRITAIN URGED BY NZO

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Declaring that "Britain has placed herself in the position of an open enemy of the Jewish people, and the Jewish people have no other recourse but to treat her as such, the New Zionist Organization of America has called for an international boycott of Great Britain and a campaign of civil disobedience in Palestine.

The NZO proposed program of action, which was released at a press conference during the week-end, outlines the following measures of opposition to British policy in Palestine:

1. Non-cooperation with the British Government in London and the British administration in Palestine in any way whatsoever so long as the White Paper remains in force.
2. Declaration of civil disobedience by all Jews in Palestine, including the refusal to pay taxes or to comply in any other way with governmental orders.
3. An organization of an international boycott of British goods, British shippings and British services throughout the world.
4. All Jewish soldiers from Palestine and elsewhere who received from Britain medals of distinction for their services in the first and second world wars, should return these medals as an expression of their indignation at Britain's treatment of the Jewish people.
5. Direct resistance of every attempt to prevent Jews from entering Palestine or from acting in accordance with their inalienable rights as human beings and residents of that country.

The NZO, while supporting all protest meetings and other similar activities, warned that at this time protests were not sufficient, and that "more vigorous, militant action" is called for.

80,000 LODZ JEWS KILLED IN ONE NIGHT AT OSWIECIM, JEWISH DOCTOR TESTIFIES

LUENEBURG, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Eighty-thousand Jews from Lodz were gassed and burned to death in one night at Oswiecim. Dr. Sigismund Bendell, a Jewish physician who was forced to work among the internees, testified today before the British military court trying 45 former guards at Oswiecim and Belsen.

Dr. Bendell, who said that he had been deported to Oswiecim from Paris, also described how an SS doctor named Mengele used Jews as guinea pigs in experiments on a drug which would cause instantaneous death. He stated that the Nazi physician was particularly interested in twins, adding that "he experimented with them, but that was not enough. He wanted to see them dead and took delight in looking at them."

The prosecution's case against the 45, who are headed by Josef Kramer, the "Beast of Belsen," is expected to be completed by Wednesday, Prosecutor T.M. Backhouse said.

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