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PALESTINE POLICE RAID CAFES, RESTAURANTS; CENTER OF JERUSALEM CORDONED OFF; 15 ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4. (JTA) — The Palestine police, assisted by large parties of British police, today raided cafes, restaurants and public buildings in the center of Jerusalem, checking the identification cards of all persons found there. Fifteen were detained.

While the raid was in progress, the center of the city and all its thoroughfares were isolated from the rest of Jerusalem by a cordon of British mobile police armed with machine guns, and travelling in armed cars.

At the same time, Jewish workers in Jerusalem and Haifa held protest meetings at which resolutions were adopted appealing to the British Labor Party "to prevent the desperate struggle into which we are being pushed." The resolutions also appealed to the World Trade Union Congress, which is now meeting in Paris, "to assist us in our just struggle."

A general stoppage of work in Palestine will occur on Monday, it was decided today at a joint meeting here of executive members of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council. The stoppage will start at 1 p.m. and will last for five hours during which protest meetings will be held throughout the country. The Jerusalem Jewish community council today issued a call for a mass-meeting of Jews on Saturday evening "to combat the White Paper and open the doors of Palestine to Jews."

Palestine Officials Meet With Military to Map Plans for Quelling Disturbances

High officials of the Palestine Government today met with British military officials and mapped plans for quelling any outbreaks that may develop here as a result of the statement on British policy in Palestine which is expected to be made soon by Prime Minister Attlee.

According to information available here, the country has been divided into military districts, and troops have been so deployed that they will be able to reach any spot where trouble develops, or occupy any strategic position, within a matter of hours.

Plans have also been made for an intensive hunt for arms, with the aim of disarming the Jewish community. Other projected measures include imposition of a day and night curfew, and, it is understood, that curfew passes have already been printed.

The Jews of Palestine, meanwhile, are dismayed by the disclosure in the Senate on Tuesday, by Sen. Edwin Johnson of Colorado, that the Attlee reply to Truman has allegedly rejected the President's demand for 100,000 immigration certificates, and proposed, instead, the allocation of 1,500 monthly.

Efforts are on foot for the establishment of a "Palestine Emergency Committee," which would include also those parties and groups which, for one reason or another, are not represented in the Council.

JEWS ARE PREPARED TO BRING IMMIGRANTS INTO PALESTINE DESPITE ALL OPPOSITION, SAYS SHERTOK

LONDON, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- "We are prepared to go into Palestine come what may, not only because we know that Palestine is ours and our need is great, but because we know that there is no basic difference between Jewish and Arab interest in Palestine," Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, said here last night, addressing a mass rally of the Zionist Youth Council.

If the various appeals to the Government and to Labor Party circles are without avail, and the Government yields to "an assumed superior Arab force, we will defend our right to entry into Palestine, and will resist if this is opposed," he added.

The meeting adopted a resolution calling on the Government to dispel the prevailing rumors, and declare that it stands by Labor's long-time policy of supporting Jewish aims in Palestine. It voted to send a delegation representing all Zionist youth groups to call on members of Commons.

Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, Secretary General of the Arab League, declared here that partition of Palestine will not settle the problem, but will only lead to war. He told a press conference that if the Jewish problem is approached from the "human angle," the Arabs are ready to help financially and each Arab country would be willing to take an adequate share of refugees.

500 COMMUNITY LEADERS ATTEND NATIONAL EMERGENCY CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- A national emergency Zionist conference was held here today, with more than 500 leaders of Jewish communities from 40 states and hundreds of cities gathered to denounce Britain's policy toward Palestine, and to call for U.S. insistence that Britain fulfil her obligations.

Delegations of representatives attending the meeting visited their Senators and Congressmen during the day. A mass-meeting of several thousand people concluded the conference. Among those scheduled to speak (but who had not yet spoken when the Bulletin went to press,) were Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Israel Goldstein, David Wertheim, Dr. Joshua Liebman of Boston and Rabbi Leon Feuer of Toledo.

President Truman's press secretary Charles Ross said today that the White House will not make any further comments on the Palestine situation at the present time. He made this statement in reply to a question about a report from London that the President has sent another letter to Prime Minister Attlee concerning the admission of Jews to Palestine.

Senator Edwin C. Johnson, of Colorado, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that a news agency report quoting him as advocating the sending of U.S. troops to Palestine was untrue.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT URGED TO SUPPORT DEMANDS FOR INCREASED IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE

OTTAWA, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government was urged in Parliament yesterday to support Jewish demands for increased immigration into Palestine, in an address by Stanley Knowles, Cooperative Commonwealth Federation deputy from Winnipeg.

Questioned whether he would be ready to support the sending of Canadian soldiers to Palestine to fight the Arabs, if necessary, Knowles replied that the question was hypothetical, since he believed the Arabs were bluffing.

JUDGE SIMON RIFKIND APPOINTED ADVISER TO GEN. EISENHOWER ON JEWISH AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Judge Simon H. Rifkind of the United States Southern District Court of New York has been appointed by the War Department as chief civilian adviser on Jewish affairs to General Eisenhower, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

Judge Rifkind will advise U.S. Army headquarters in Europe on displaced Jews and other matters concerning the welfare of liberated Jews in the American-held zones in Europe. It is understood that the invitation to Judge Rifkind to accept this post came directly from Gen. Eisenhower. Major Judah Nadich, who has been acting temporarily as adviser on Jewish affairs at Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters, will remain at his post for the time being, it was stated.

Judge Rifkind is well-liked by all Jewish groups in the United States regardless of their particular views on Jewish matters. He was born in Russia in 1901 and came to New York in 1910. He was admitted to the New York bar in 1926 and became a partner in the law firm of Wagner, Quillinen and Rifkind in 1930. He has been a judge since 1941.

JEWS WHO ENLISTED IN CZECH ARMY IN PALESTINE BARRED BY BRITAIN FROM RETURNING THERE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Demobilized Jewish veterans of the Czech Army in Italy, who enlisted while residents of Palestine, are being prohibited by the British from returning to Palestine, because they allege that the Czech soldiers originally entered the country illegally, it was learned here today.

The British attitude is the only thing barring the veterans from returning home, as the Czechoslovak Government is furnishing transportation for all demobilized soldiers to the point where they enlisted.

GESTAPO MAJOR WHO TERRORIZED FRENCH JEWS CAPTURED IN AUSTRIA; TO BE TRIED IN FRANCE

PARIS, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The newspaper Frano Tisseur reports today from Vienna that Gestapo Major Brunner, who terrorized the Jews of France during the occupation, has been arrested there.

Brunner commanded the infamous Drancy camp and was in charge of anti-Jewish persecution in France. He personally directed the huge round-up of Jews on the Riviera in the Fall of 1943.

The report says that Brunner, is being held by Austrian authorities pending his extradition to France.

YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ASKED FOR EXTRADITION OF MUFTI, BUT CONSIDERS HIM A WAR CRIMINAL

LONDON, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Radomir Zivkovic, Yugoslav member of the United Nations War Crimes Commission, disclosed today that he has received no instructions from his government to demand the extradition to Yugoslavia of the ex-Mufti, contrary to reports circulated here and in Washington.

He said, however, that the Mufti has been listed as a war criminal by Yugoslavia for recruiting a Yugoslav Moslem Legion to fight with the Nazis and that "his case is being dealt with at present on a political level by the governments concerned."

J.D.C. WILL ACCEPT MESSAGES FOR DELIVERY TO DISPLACED JEWS IN CAMPS IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee today announced the establishment of a department which will deliver messages from American relatives to displaced Jews in the American and British zones in Germany and will also accept messages from Jews in the camps for delivery to their relatives abroad, thus establishing direct contact for the first time between the liberated Jews and their friends in the United States and in other countries.

The announcement was made at a press conference addressed by Dr. Joseph C. Hyman and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman and secretary of the J.D.C., respectively. They told the conference that in addition to relief activities conducted by the J.D.C. for the displaced Jews in European camps, much more aid could have been provided, if the J.D.C. had more funds. They also emphasized that in Rumania about 150,000 Jews are in need of relief, and that in the city of Budapest about 90,000 Jews live on one meal a day, which they receive from kitchens established with J.D.C. funds.

Dr. Hyman supplemented the final summary report of the War Refugee Board which revealed that the J.D.C. supplied the Board with \$15,000,000 for the rescue of Jews from Nazi territory in Europe. He revealed how the close cooperation of the War Refugee Board and the J.D.C. resulted in the initiation and carrying out of one program after another for the relief and physical rescue, through underground channels, of tens of thousands of Jews trapped in Nazi-occupied Europe.

J.D.C. Representative Prevented Nazi Deportation of 200,000 Jews

Mr. Leavitt told the amazing story of a middle-aged Swiss Jewish retired businessman who persuaded Hitler's agents to cancel the deportation of 200,000 Jews from Hungary to almost certain death in Poland, browbeat the agents into releasing another 1,700 Jews from Bergen-Belsen, and won permission to send truckloads of food to the starving inmates of other Nazi camps. He is Saly Mayer, a leader of the Swiss Jewish community and full-time volunteer representative of the Joint Distribution Committee in Switzerland.

Mr. Leavitt revealed how Mr. Mayer was approached by the S.S. commercial representative for Hungary, Kurt Becher. "The Nazi agent," he said, "claiming to be close to Himmler, brought a German offer to halt the deportation and extermination of Jews in Hungary for a proper ransom. The War Refugee Board indicated that it would raise no objection to Mayer's entering into further discussions on the proposal, since he was a Swiss citizen, but made it clear that no ransom transactions could be entered into or authorized by the United States Government."

Swiss Jewish Leader Entered Germany at the Risk of His Life

The J.D.C. secretary then related how Mayer carried on discussions with the Nazi representatives for months, with the idea of gaining time for the hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews the Nazis threatened to exterminate. At one point, at the risk of his life, Mayer entered Nazi Germany to carry on the discussions. "Here at the J.D.C. we held our breath until we were advised of Mayer's safe return," Mr. Leavitt said.

"During the course of the negotiations," Mr. Leavitt stated, "Mayer asked the German representatives to demonstrate that they had actual power. He ordered them to

route a trainload of Jews being transported to Bergen-Belsen to Switzerland instead. The Nazis complied, and Mayer secured the entry of the 1,700 refugees to Switzerland."

At another point in Mayer's negotiations, according to Mr. Leavitt, Mayer was advised that 66 trains were ready in Budapest to carry 200,000 Jews to the notorious murder camps in Oswiecim. Mayer called Becher and threatened that if the deportation order were not cancelled, the negotiations would be broken off. The deportation order was cancelled.

According to Mr. Leavitt, the Nazis in their turn also demanded of Mayer that he demonstrate his ability to carry out his part of the bargain. Mayer then sailed on the J.D.C. to supply \$5,000,000 which he might show for the purpose. The J.D.C. borrowed funds from the banks and made this vast sum available. The State and Treasury Departments permitted the J.D.C. to transfer the amount, so that Mayer could hold the negotiations open.

"In the course of the long drawn-out negotiations," Mr. Leavitt said, "Sally Mayer succeeded in shifting from discussion of ransom to the consideration of a proposal that he arrange for relief supplies to be sent into Germany through the International Red Cross to keep Jews and other persons alive. Early in 1945, tons of food furnished by both the War Refugee Board and the J.D.C. went into the camps. Refugees coming out of Theresienstadt and other camps have testified how they owed their lives to this food."

700 RABBIS GATHER IN OLDEST U.S. SYNAGOGUE TO PRAY FOR OPENING OF PALESTINE TO JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The oldest synagogue in America, the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, which dates back to the earliest Colonial days, was the scene to-night of an impressive religious convocation of over 700 rabbis of Greater New York representing all denominations--orthodox, conservative and reformed Jews. The purpose of the gathering was to invoke God's aid for the uprooted Jewish victims of Nazism and to pray for the opening of the gates of Palestine to these homeless Jews.

The convocation was called by the New York Board of Jewish Ministers and the Brooklyn Board of Jewish Ministers as part of a national day of prayer and intercession called by the Synagogue Council of America. Rabbi David de Sola Pool of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue presided.

Dr. Robert Gordis, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, today released the text of a resolution adopted by the Assembly, protesting against the failure of the British Government to fulfil its promises to the Jews regarding Palestine.

OSE PHYSICIANS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND FOOD LEAVE FOR POLAND FROM SWITZERLAND

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Several trucks loaded with medical supplies, drugs, surgical instruments, and restorative foods, purchased by the headquarters of OSE, left Switzerland on September 20 for Poland under the protection of the International Red Cross, according to information reaching the American OSE.

The transport is being accompanied by several OSE physicians, who will deliver the shipment directly to the headquarters in Lodz of TOZ, the sister organization of OSE in Poland. Another OSE transport of medical supplies is ready to leave France for Poland. This will also be carried in Red Cross trucks, and will be accompanied by members of the OSE staff in Paris.