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UNEASY QUIET THROUGHOUT PALESTINE AS JEWS PREPARE FOR TODAY'S GENERAL STRIKE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- An uneasy quiet prevailed in Palestine today following a clash yesterday in which seven Jews were injured, and on the eve of tomorrow's general strike.

The British officer in charge of the Arab Transjordan Frontier Force, which yesterday fired into a group of Jews near the colony of Kfar Giladi, today apologized to the settlers, declaring that his soldiers had fired without his orders. Responsible Jewish circles, meanwhile, ridiculed the official communique describing the incident, which charged that several Jews armed with sticks attacked the soldiers causing them to fire. The Jewish leaders said that it was difficult to believe that men armed only with sticks would attack an armed detachment of troops.

The official communique describes the events which occurred at Kfar Giladi as follows: About 70 illegal immigrants were intercepted early Saturday morning near Kfar Giladi by a patrol of the Transjordan Frontier Force, which attempted to stop them. The illegal immigrants, however, succeeded in reaching the colony without incident, but later the Transjordan Frontier Force threw a cordon around the colony. About 3 p.m. the cordon was attacked by colonists from the neighboring colony of Tel Hai, armed with sticks, who attempted to disarm the TJFF detachment, which opened fire, wounding seven Jews, one of them seriously. The attackers were allowed to enter Kfar Giladi, taking the wounded with them. The cordon withdrew at 5 p.m. and the situation is now quiet.

FIVE SHIPOLOADS OF ILLEGAL JEWISH IMMIGRANTS HAVE LANDED IN PALESTINE, SAYS LONDON PAPER

LONDON, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Five shiploads of illegal Jewish immigrants have landed in Palestine during the last three weeks, "outwitting the police motor launch patrols," it is alleged in a report from Jerusalem published in the *Daily Express*.

Reports emanating from usually well-informed sources, to the effect that several thousand Jews from the American zone in Germany have left for Palestine with the permission of Gen. Eisenhower were circulating in London today. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency could not obtain any confirmation of these rumors in authoritative quarters.

(A London dispatch to the *New York Times* today states that it is believed that both the American and British Governments have informally inquired of the Jewish Agency for estimates on the number of ships which would be needed for any large-scale immigration. It stresses, however, that no commitment to permit this has as yet been given by the British.

(The dispatch also says that it is understood that as a result of the disagreement among the Allied powers on general international issues, the British Government has abandoned its intention of submitting the Palestine issue to the United Nations

Organisation, and of placing the country under a United Nations trusteeship. It asserts that President Truman is willing to initiate a more active American policy regarding Palestine, if Republican leaders will support him.)

The London Times parliamentary correspondent today predicts that there will be no announcement made regarding Palestine when Parliament reconvenes on Tuesday. There may be a demand from the opposition for a debate on this subject, but for the present the Government seems unlikely either to make any statement, or to even welcome any discussion on the Palestine issue, the correspondent says.

The News-Chronicle stresses the risk of serious bloodshed in Palestine at the present moment. Admitting in an editorial that the extermination of Jews in Europe, as well as their present ordeal, "has no comparison in the records of suffering in history," the paper reiterates its approval of the report that the British Government favors sharing responsibility for Palestine with the United Nations. "The Government should make its desire publicly plain as soon as possible," it urges.

Authoritative circles here today stressed the fact that calm reigns in Palestine. They ridiculed a report that the Polish troops in Palestine might be used to maintain order in the country. Whatever Allied troops are still in Palestine, they said, are merely a part of war-time operational distribution and are not connected with the local situation.

BRITISH JEWS SPLIT ON QUESTION OF SYNAGOGUE PARTICIPATION IN PALESTINE STRUGGLE

LONDON, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- A difference of opinion within British Jewry as to how far the Synagogue should go in agitating for political changes in Palestine was revealed today with the disclosure that all congregations affiliated with the United Synagogue have received a telegram signed by Sir Robert Waley-Cohen, president and Frank Samuel, vice-president, urging that rabbis be warned of the "vital importance" of refraining from introducing politics into the religious services.

Despite the telegram, many rabbis yesterday and today delivered strong sermons urging the opening of Palestine to Jews from Europe. Many of the rabbis charged that the action of the leaders of the United Synagogue was similar to the anti-Zionist activities of some sections of the British community in 1917.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews today adopted a resolution urging the Government to immediately abrogate the White Paper, and admit 100,000 Jews without delay. The resolution, which was adopted without dissent, said that the Board realized the fact that the Palestine problem affected the position of Britain in the Middle East, but pointed out that Palestine was the only place which would welcome all Jewish survivors.

Declaring that the reports of possible violence in Palestine were mainly Arab propaganda, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board, pointed out, however, that "the Jews will not always accept what others try to impose upon them." He revealed that the Board had asked for an appointment with Prime Minister Attlee to discuss the Palestine problem but, so far, had received only a formal acknowledgement of its request.

20,000 BUENOS AIRES JEWS DEMONSTRATE FOR JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE, HAIL TRUMAN

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Over 20,000 Jews gathered today in Luna Park, the city's largest open-air auditorium, to demand the opening of Palestine to European Jews. Speakers expressed appreciation of President Truman's intervention with the British, and said that South American Jews were solidly behind Jewish demands for Palestine. The speakers were frequently interrupted by shouts of "Long Live Truman, Down With British Imperialism."

GEN. CLARK TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON DISPLACED JEWS FOLLOWING PROTEST BY 300 INTERNEES

VIENNA, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Representatives of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, the Joint Distribution Committee, the State Department and military officials will meet tomorrow with Gen. Mark Clark, American commander in Austria, to discuss the problem of displaced Jews, about 6,000 of whom are in the zone administered by Gen. Clark.

The decision to hold such a meeting followed a demonstration through the streets of Linz, Austria, by 300 Polish Jewish D.P.s, which resulted in the dismissal from his post of the American commander of the camp in which the Jews had been held. The 300 demonstrated to protest against their transfer by the unnamed officer from the camp where they were quartered to one that was formerly used to house prisoners of war. Following their protests, Gen. Clark ordered leaders of the group taken on a tour of several available camps, so that they could decide to which they wished to be transferred.

AMERICAN JEWS SPEND \$10,000,000 A YEAR ON JEWISH EDUCATION; ALL-DAY SCHOOLS ARE INCREASING

BALTIMORE, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- More than \$10,000,000 a year is being spent on Jewish education in the United States, it was reported here at a two-day conference on post-war planning arranged by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and attended by professional and lay leaders from fifteen of the largest organized Jewish communities in this country and Canada.

The report was made by Israel S. Chipkin, executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education. He predicted that during the next five years there will be an increase in the number of all-day Jewish private and "parochial" schools where the pupil will receive an integrated program of Jewish and general subjects.

The conference, at which various other problems were discussed, was also addressed by Dr. E. M. Bluestone, director of Montefiore Hospital for Chronic Diseases in New York; H. L. Lurie, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; I. Edwin Goldwasser, chairman of the distributing committee of the New York Federation; Irwin Rosen, assistant to the executive vice chairman of the New York Federation; Elkan Voorsanger, executive director of the Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Funds; Isidore Sobeloff, executive director of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation; Dr. Maurice Baxter, executive vice chairman, New York Federation, and Harry Greenstein, executive director, Baltimore Associated Jewish Charities.

The communities represented at the CJFNF conference were Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Hartford, Kansas City, Miami, Milwaukee, New Haven, Newark, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and Toronto.

ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATOR ARRESTED AT FIRST CHRISTIAN FRONT MEETING IN N.Y. SINCE 1941

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- The first Christian Front meeting to be held here since 1941 ended last night in the arrest of Homer Maertz, notorious Chicago anti-Semite, who was distributing a pamphlet entitled "Jewish Ritual Murder." The charge against Maertz was that he was "distributing false, malicious, vicious, inflammatory literature calculated to cause a breach of the peace."

Isadore Ginsberg, the complainant, was also arrested when a friend of Maertz filed a disorderly conduct charge against him. The charge arose out of several outbreaks which occurred during the meeting between adherents of Maertz and indignant passers-by.

JEWISH LEADERS INDIGNANT AT RELEGATION TO LETTER COLUMN OF PROTEST AGAINST O'DONNELL

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders today expressed indignation at the fact that the New York Daily News relegated their protest against an anti-Semitic column by the News' Washington columnist, John O'Donnell, to its letter column, instead of placing it in as prominent a position as the offending column. It was pointed out that since O'Donnell's column does not appear on Saturdays, the letter could have been run in his regular spot.

The letter, which was signed by the following heads of leading Jewish organizations; Joseph M. Proskauer, President American Jewish Committee; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, President American Jewish Congress; Henry Monsky, President B'nai B'rith; Adolph Held, Chairman Jewish Labor Committee; Archie Greenberg, National Commander Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., and Frank L. Weil, President National Jewish Welfare Board, read as follows:

"In the Daily News of Oct. 3 there appeared a column by John O'Donnell. The content of this column was as flagrantly anti-Semitic as anything which has ever appeared in a metropolitan newspaper.

"Proceeding upon a totally false premise, Mr. O'Donnell attempts to trace a sinister pattern of events leading to the recent action on Gen. Patton by his superior, Gen. Eisenhower. Mr. O'Donnell attempts to demonstrate that this was the result of Jewish efforts provoked by the "slapping" by Gen. Patton of an American soldier in a hospital in Sicily. To lend plausibility to his fantastic conclusion, Mr. O'Donnell alleges that the victim of the slapping was of Jewish descent and that this was what prompted several prominent American Jews to work secretly toward the "disgracing" of Gen. Patton. These are the facts: Carl Herman Kuhl, the slapped soldier, is not Jewish. His family belongs to the Christian Church of the Nazarene in Mishawaka, Ind.

"No other evidence of the irresponsibility of Mr. O'Donnell's statements should be required. You are undoubtedly aware that at the time of this writing Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Niles, mentioned by Mr. O'Donnell, have already issued public statements characterizing his charges as "wholly untrue." The entire content of Mr. O'Donnell's column is reminiscent of the bigotry which marked the propaganda of Hitler's Reich, an enemy whom the United Nations defeated and against whom all Americans were aligned in common purpose, regardless of race, creed, or color.

"As the publisher of a newspaper with a circulation of more than 2,000,000, you are undoubtedly aware of the grave responsibility that is yours in respect to the formation of public attitudes. We are informing you of the facts, which obviously you did not previously ascertain, in order that the public may be correctly informed. The necessity for the avoidance of false or sinister propaganda in order to preserve the foundation and the traditions of our democracy must be apparent to you.

"We therefore request that you print this letter in the same prominent position in your newspaper in which you featured Mr. O'Donnell's column."

COMMODORE LEWIS L. STRAUSS NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO BE REAR ADMIRAL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Commodore Lewis L. Strauss of New York, special Assistant to Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal, has been nominated by President Truman to be a Rear Admiral in the Naval Reserve, the White House announced.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS FOR WORK IN EUROPE AND PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Asserting that the Jews of the United States were the major hope for the relief and reconstruction of the Jewish survivors of war and Hitlerism in Europe, Rabbi James G. Heller, William Rosenwald and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, announced today that its constituent agencies were expanding their programs of relief and rehabilitation in war-ravaged Europe and mass settlement in the Jewish National Home in Palestine to bring prompt assistance to Jews in distress and large numbers of the homeless during the approaching critical winter months.

"Reports from liberated Europe have dramatically emphasized the gravity of the position of tens of thousands of stateless and displaced Jews, many of whom are still living in concentration camps and under conditions which threaten their survival," the national chairmen declared. "The agencies of the United Jewish Appeal are now being called upon to meet constantly mounting obligations in terms of large-scale emergency relief for the hundreds of thousands who are in great need of food and clothing, and the transportation and resettlement of the masses of men and women who look to Palestine as the one hope for a new life and secure future."

OVER 1,000 RABBIS APPEAL TO THE "CONSCIENCE OF GREAT BRITAIN" TO OPEN PALESTINE TO JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Over 1,000 American rabbis from every section of the country, the largest number ever to have signed their names to any single document, have joined in addressing an appeal to the "Conscience of Great Britain," as well as to the leaders of the United Nations, demanding the immediate opening of the doors of Palestine to the Jews of Europe.

The appeal demands the fulfillment of the pledges of the Balfour Declaration and the League of Nations Mandate for the reconstitution of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. The pronouncement released by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, executive director of the Committee on Unity for Palestine of the Zionist Organization of America, was sent today to all members of the British Parliament and Cabinet and to the British press. Signatories of the appeal include rabbis of Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform congregations throughout the country, and 155 chaplains serving in all branches of the United States armed forces.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY GRANTS HONORARY DEGREES TO MRS. WARBURG, GOLDSTEIN, ROSENBACH

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Honorary degrees were conferred upon Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, humanitarian and philanthropist, Doctor Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Doctor A.S.W. Rosenbach, eminent bibliographer, at the commencement exercises of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America held today in the Seminary's quadrangle.

Louis Ginzberg Awards, established in 1943 in honor of the noted Professor of Talmud at the Seminary, were conferred upon Professor J.M. Epstein and Rabbi Chaim Joshua Kosofsky, both of Palestine. Symcha Petruska received the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Literature, in course.

Judge Simon H. Rifkind of the United States District Court, who has just been appointed chief civilian adviser on Jewish affairs to General Eisenhower, delivered the commencement address. Rabbi Abraham Burstein of New York delivered the invocation. The degree of Rabbi, Teacher and Preacher was conferred on eighteen graduates of the Rabbinical school. This class was the fourth to be graduated under the Seminary's accelerated program which made possible the entry of rabbis into the armed forces.

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