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355 KILLED, 183 INJURED IN ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN TRIPOLI; JEWISH QUARTERS LOOTED

CAIRO, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Seventy-four Jews have been killed and 183 hospitalized in anti-Jewish outbreaks in Tripoli, which have been in progress since Sunday, it was reported here today. (The report was confirmed today in London by the British Ministry of Information.)

The Jewish quarters of the city, which is the capital of the Italian colony of Tripolitania in western Libya, presently under temporary British administration, were looted and gutted by Arab mobs Sunday night, the report said. One Arab was killed and 36 injured, and two Italians wounded during the disturbances.

All of Tripolitania has been placed under a rigid curfew and subversive elements among the Arabs have been arrested, although with the exception of two small towns in eastern Tripolitania, no outbreaks have been reported outside of Tripoli.

British troops are patrolling Tripoli, according to a British spokesman here, dispersing crowds and arresting looters. All gatherings of more than five people have been banned.

The British Ministry of Information issued a statement declaring that these acts of violence are unprecedented in the history of Tripolitania. The statement attributed the outbreak of rioting, violence and arson to "Arab bands" and added that "Leading local personalities, both among the Arabs and Jews, have disassociated themselves firmly from the lawbreakers and have expressed their deep regret for the occurrence."

NO FINAL AGREEMENT ON PALESTINE REACHED BETWEEN TRUMAN AND ATTLEE, BYRNES ANNOUNCES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, questioned at his press conference today concerning Anglo-American negotiations on Palestine and Jewish immigration there, said that no final agreement had been reached between President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee on the problem.

Queried concerning the presence in Washington of Middle East diplomats of the United States, Secretary Byrnes said he had seen them as a group today, but that they were not there for discussion of the Palestine problem, and that the Arab-Jewish situation had been only casually mentioned. Asked whether the Arab league had been discussed, he said no.

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, yesterday discussed the Palestine situation with Mr. Byrnes in connection with the expected arrival here of Prime Minister Attlee. All indications point to the fact that the Palestine question will loom large on the agenda of the Truman-Attlee talks. Attlee will leave for Canada within a week of his arrival in Washington, it was learned here today.

TEL AVIV CROWD RESCUES "ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT" FROM POLICE; SYRIAN TROOPS ARREST FIVE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- A Syrian Jew, who had allegedly entered Palestine illegally, was freed late yesterday from police custody by a crowd of 2,000 who mauled the policeman guarding him.

The Jew, whose name is not known, was being taken to his quarters in the Hatikvah section of Tel Aviv to pick up his belongings before being transferred to a camp between Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

When he reached the heart of the Hatikvah section he began shouting: "Help, I am illegal. I am going to be deported." A crowd gathered immediately and forced the policeman accompanying the youth to release him. A police car bringing reinforcements was stoned and the police left without arresting anyone.

The Arab News Agency reports from Damascus that Syrian border police have arrested five Jews who were attempting to slip into Palestine.

Meanwhile, a Jewish settler from a new colony near the Syrian border was held up by a unit of the Transjordan Frontier Force, which attempted to forcibly transport him to Lebanon on the ground that he was an illegal immigrant. The settler resisted and was beaten in the ensuing struggle. Eventually, he convinced a sergeant commanding the unit that he was not an illegal immigrant.

The Transjordan force was involved in a clash with Jews at the colony of Kfar Sedit last month, during which seven colonists were shot. Following this incident the force was ordered to remain in the border areas and stay out of Palestine proper.

The Supreme Court in Jerusalem today issued a writ of habeas corpus, directing the British commander-in-chief in the Middle East to show cause why Ben Eliezer, who helped to rescue European Jews during the war, has been confined in Eritrea, where 650 Jewish terrorist suspects are interned.

BRITISH COUNCIL IN LONDON DECIDES ARAB-JEWISH LEGAL BATTLE FOR LAND IN FAVOR OF ARABS

LONDON, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- A legal battle between Jews and Arabs for the land of Palestine has been decided in favor of the Arabs by the Privy Council, whose judicial committee acts as Supreme Court of Appeal in the British Empire, it was announced here today.

It concerned 360 acres of land on which stands the Jewish settlement of Ramat Hazon, consisting of about 100 houses. Possession of this tract had been disputed between Jews and Arabs for fourteen years.

POULOS RETURNING TO PALESTINE; BRITISH OFFER NO SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION FOR EXPULSION

CAIRO, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- United States Army headquarters here today granted Constantine Poulos, correspondent of the Overseas News Agency who was expelled from Palestine on Oct. 23, a re-entry permit, following refusal of the British authorities in the Middle East to offer a satisfactory explanation for their request two weeks ago that Poulos be expelled.

Investigations conducted by the U. S. War Department and State Department established that Poulos' conduct and activities in Palestine did not justify his expulsion. (Poulos' re-entry was hailed by Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the Overseas News Agency board of directors, as "a victory for a free pass against the forces of suppression and political censorship.")

LAST TRANSPORT OF JEWISH "LEGAL" IMMIGRANTS DUE TO REACH PALESTINE TODAY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The last transport of "legal" Jewish immigrants will arrive tomorrow in Haifa aboard the steamship Princess Cathleen. The vessel is carrying 790 Jewish refugees who embarked in Italy.

Representatives of the Palestine police are aboard the steamer and precautions have been taken in Haifa to prevent the landing of any immigrants who do not have visas.

MORGENTHAU WANTS UNITED NATIONS TO SOLVE PALESTINE ISSUE; ASKS ENTRY OF 100,000 JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Immediate admission into Palestine of at least 100,000 displaced Jews from Europe and the placing of the whole question of Palestine's future in the hands of the United Nations Organization were urged today by former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., in an address before 1,300 people at the Hotel Astor, where he was tendered a dinner by B'nai B'rith in recognition of his services to humanity and the war effort.

"There is only one solution for the homeless, stateless Jews - the immediate admission of at least 100,000 to Palestine, for Palestine is the one refuge where they could be assured of achieving at once the status of welcome and respected citizens," the former member of the President's War Refugee Board asserted.

This solution, Mr. Morgenthau said, "is the one ardently desired by a great many of the displaced Jews themselves, as all competent observers have noted." He recalled that Earl Harrison, in his report to President Truman, had said that "for some European Jews there is no acceptable or decent solution for their future other than Palestine." Mr. Morgenthau also noted that Harvey Gibson of the American Red Cross, who made a tour of the displaced persons camps at General Eisenhower's invitation, said that ninety-five percent of the Jewish refugees in Europe want to emigrate to Palestine.

Hailing President Truman's request to Great Britain's Prime Minister Clement Attlee for the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine as "a thoroughly statesmanlike and a thoroughly humanitarian appeal," Mr. Morgenthau expressed the hope that the President "will renew his request during Mr. Attlee's visit to this country."

"The 100,000 whose need is most urgent and who have expressed a desire to emigrate should be admitted without delay," Mr. Morgenthau said. "But the problem of the displaced Jew is not the sole concern of any single nation nor of any small group of nations. It is the responsibility of all the peoples who fought Fascism and won a new opportunity for democracy. Therefore, the whole question of the future of Palestine should be placed under the auspices of the United Nations Organization. This was the kind of procedure most people had in mind when they acclaimed the results of the San Francisco Conference as a long step toward peace."

On behalf of the 250,000 members of B'nai B'rith, Henry Monsky, president, presented to Mr. Morgenthau a specially cast gold medallion in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the war effort and to refugee relief. One side of the medallion was inscribed in Hebrew: "Lover of Israel". The other side was inscribed: "Presented to Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr. by B'nai B'rith for his services to humanity." Other speakers who joined in paying tribute to Mr. Morgenthau were Attorney General Tom Clark; Postmaster General Robert Hannegan; Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York and Senator Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire.

R. GRANOVSKY, J.N.F. HEAD, ARRIVES HERE TO SECURE SUPPORT FOR \$20,000,000 PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Granovsky, head of the Jewish National Fund, arrived here yesterday from Jerusalem for a two-months' stay during which he hopes to secure the support of American Jews for a program of land acquisition in Palestine which calls for the investment this year of a sum exceeding \$20,000,000, it was announced here today by Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the J.N.F. of America.

The announcement was made at a luncheon tendered to Dr. Granovsky in the Hiltop Hotel, at which the leader of the Jewish National Fund reported that Palestine Jewry is determined to resist the British White Paper policy which restricts the acquisition of land by Jews and closes the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration.

"The Jews of Palestine will never acquiesce in the application to the Jewish National Home of a policy which was conceived during the Munich appeasement era and gave birth to 'laws' that have introduced into Palestine the practice of racial discrimination a la Nuremberg," Dr. Granovsky said. "The inevitable progress of Jewish Palestine by the legitimate means of immigration to the full extent of the country's absorptive capacity and unhampered land purchase and development will not be halted.

"The Jew, whether born in Palestine, or an immigrant of Palestinian or American nationality, may not lease, buy, or acquire a mortgage, on land, water or on trees in the greater part of Palestine," Dr. Granovsky pointed out, while Arabs can do so without restrictions. "Two categories of citizenship have thus been created by the Palestine Administration," he said. "One for the Arab who may buy land or lease land wherever he pleases; the other for the Jew who is restricted to the narrow strip of coast where alone he may buy real property freely. This is the effect of the land regulations which have been retained throughout the war for freedom and justice and which are still in force under the British Labor Government whose party platform included a pledge for the abrogation of the White Paper.

"The National Fund, which obtains its support from popular gifts by all sections of the Jewish people, from dimes to hundreds of dollars, has bought the most unpromising areas - swamp and marsh, arid wastes and stony hillsides, for which it has paid high prices to Arabs, who disposed of only a portion of their surplus holdings," Dr. Granovsky declared. "These lands have been converted into the most promising country-side. These tracts have been drained to eliminate malaria; they have been planted and terraced; they have been irrigated. As a result of our reclamation work some 70,000 people are settled on land which formerly harbored only Beduins or buffaloes. Of the \$50,000,000 raised by the National Fund since its inception, the bulk has been invested in the purchase and improvement of 800,000 dunams or about 200,000 acres - three percent of the whole country of Western Palestine."

The wealthy Arab landowners were eager to dispose of their surplus land as they are amicus even today notwithstanding the public protestations to the contrary. The eagerness of the Arab landowners to sell to Jews their surplus holdings is evidenced by the numerous offers that have been made to us for the sale of scores of thousands of dunams of land in all parts of the country. But the Palestine Administration officials, although their own regulations permitted such transfer, have surrounded each transaction with so many difficulties and obstacles as to forge an iron ring around our land reclamation program, Mr. Granovsky stated.

FINNISH JEWS CONTRIBUTE FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF "FINLAND VILLAGE" IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- A "Finland Village" will be established in Palestine with funds contributed by Finnish Jews, the Helsinki radio has announced. The broadcast said that a "considerable sum" has been raised.

