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"KILL JEWS" SLOGANS APPEAR ON MANY WALLS IN BUENOS AIRES; JEWISH YOUTHS PREPARE RESISTANCE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Anticipating further anti-Jewish violence here, Jewish youth groups today issued a warning stating that they are prepared to retaliate by anti-Semitic hooligans on Jews or Jewish institutions. Meanwhile, the city awoke today to find inscriptions on many walls reading: "Be Patriotic, Kill the Jews."

The Hakoah, Jewish sport organization, addressed a note to the Minister of the Interior asking for government measures to curb the increased anti-Jewish propaganda. The Government is also being flooded with protests from various democratic non-Jewish organizations demanding that the authorities cease tolerating anti-Semitic activities.

The government-operated telegraph office today refused to accept a protest filed by one of the political groups here and addressed to the Minister of Interior. The message drew the attention of the Minister to the role of the police in the anti-Jewish disturbances.

The front page of a new weekly publication, *Unidad Democrática*, which made its appearance today, is entirely devoted to denouncing the anti-Jewish acts in the country.

ANTI-SEMITES WIN SEATS IN AUSTRIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL; JEWISH LEADERS FEARFUL

VIENNA, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here view with alarm the results of the recent elections in Austria, pointing out that while not a single Jew was elected to the National Council, several well-known anti-Semites won seats.

Anticipating that as a result of this development the position of anti-Jewish officials in the civil service will be strengthened, leaders of the Vienna Jewish Community today indicated to a correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that under these new circumstances it is doubtful whether Jewish refugees from Austria will seek repatriation. The results of the elections, these leaders said, made even the surviving Jews in Austria more determined to emigrate.

Most of the Jews voted for the Socialist Party. Among the anti-Semites elected to the National Council are: Leopold Kunschak, vice-mayor of Vienna, who only a few weeks ago delivered anti-Jewish addresses publicly; State Secretary Julius Raab, who is a former leader of the Heimwehr, Austria's pre-Hitler fascist army; Dr. Kreese, president of the League for Trade and Commerce, and a number of others whose anti-Jewish records are well known.

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE CONVENES IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- An extraordinary meeting of the executive of the Jewish Agency, called to discuss the situation which has arisen as a result of the Berlin statement on Palestine, opened here today. Attending are Zionist leaders from the United States, Great Britain, Palestine and other countries. All members of the executive are present, with the exception of Dr. Itzhak Gruenbaum, who is in Paris, and Moshe Shertok, who is expected here from London tomorrow.

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TRUMAN WARNING OF INCREASED VIOLENCE IF IMMIGRATION BARS MAINTAINED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Palestine will be the scene of increased violence and bloodshed unless its doors are opened to the survivors of European Jewry, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, cabled President Truman today. Dr. Silver urged the President to insist on his original request that 100,000 refugees be immediately permitted to enter the Holy Land.

"I stood today at the graves of eight men and women who were killed and I visited the many wounded in the hospital," Dr. Silver said. "They were peaceful, completely unarmed members of agricultural settlements who were attacked by police and an armed division of British troops although they didn't fire a shot or use any violence. These are the most recent victims of military attacks on defenseless men and women whose sole crime is their determination to shelter refugees who are coming to this country in defiance of Great Britain's lawless resolve to keep them out."

"There will be increasing violence and bloodshed unless the doors of refuge are opened. You can help avert a frightful tragedy if you insist upon your original request that 100,000 refugees be permitted to enter the country immediately. The joint committee of inquiry to which you have agreed is no substitute and is only fanning the fires in the Holy Land. I feel morally obligated to bring these facts to your attention."

A memorandum demanding the immediate release of the men arrested during last month's disturbances was sent today to the Palestine Government by the joint council of Sharon settlements, which includes the communities attacked. The memorandum described the difficulties being encountered by the settlements because of the labor shortage caused by the arrests and casualties. Indemnities for the damages suffered by the settlements were also demanded in the memorandum which protested against the marches, during which, it alleged, some valuables were stolen, and the desecration of a cemetery by British troops during the battle.

Wise Voices Disillusionment at Truman's Disavowal of Palestine Resolution

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, joint chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, today voiced the sense of disillusionment felt by American Zionists over President Truman's statement at his press conference of Thursday, December 29th, expressing his opposition to the Palestine resolution now pending in Congress.

"The President's reversal of his party's pledge will give countless American citizens, non-Jews as well as Jews, reason for pause and reflection," Dr. Wise declared in a statement issued here after he had sent a telegram to President Truman on behalf of the Council, as well as on his own behalf. "Will this not lend unhappy confirmation to the current charge that political promises made to the electorate in the interest of the Jewish people have been no more than mere vote-getting devices?"

IRAQI REGENT PLEDGES SUPPORT OF PALESTINE ARABS; LEAGUE CONSIDERS BOYCOTT OF "ZIONIST GOODS"

CAIRO, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Iraq Government will spare no efforts to assist Palestine towards the fulfillment of "her racial aspirations," Regent Abdoul Iliah declared today at the opening session of the Iraqi parliament in Baghdad, according to a Reuters dispatch.

A meeting of the Arab League's council over the week-end considered means of implementing its reported policy of boycotting "Zionist goods and industries," it was learned today. The council is also understood to be discussing means of preventing Jews buying land in Palestine.

GERMAN UNIVERSITIES AGAIN OPEN TO JEWISH STUDENTS; FIRST GROUP READMITTED

FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Seventeen Jewish students, the first to be admitted to German universities since Hitler's rise to power, have matriculated in medical and pre-medical courses in Marburg and Heidelberg universities, it was announced here today by the Joint Distribution Committee.

Arrangements for matriculation and scholarships were made by the educational division of the JDC in Germany in cooperation with UNRRA. All seventeen are stateless, having been transported to concentration camps in Germany from their homes in Poland by the Nazis.

Five of them are men whose medical studies were interrupted by the Nazi order barring the admission of Jewish students to German universities. Other of the stateless Jews who are eligible for admission to medical, engineering or liberal art schools will enter other institutions as they are reopened.

The enrollment of these students is the first step, the announcement said, in plans to assure the Jewish population a supply of university trained people.

FIRST JEWISH UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED IN AMERICA; AUTHORIZED TO CONFER FIFTEEN DEGREES

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The expansion of the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College in New York into a university - the first Jewish university outside of Palestine - with the right to confer fifteen degrees, was announced here today. The action was authorized by the New York State Board of Regents.

In order not to duplicate courses already in existence at local universities, Yeshiva has worked out bases for cooperation with metropolitan colleges and universities, and professional schools, whereby students attending the graduate schools of Yeshiva will be able to take courses at these institutions and vice-versa. Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the Yeshiva University, stated. "In the development of the University," he said, "we shall be guided by the same philosophy which has piloted our institution for more than fifty years, that is, not merely to duplicate any of the existing educational facilities of the great seats of higher learning."

The action by the state board permits Yeshiva to carry out its planned program of expansion, which is on the graduate level primarily. This plan includes the opening of graduate schools of Community Administration and Social Research, Education, Adult Education, and a Graduate Department of Mathematics. Initial steps have already been taken to insure the operation of these schools through a \$5,000,000 endowment and expansion drive underway.

Yeshiva University will confer the following degrees: High school diploma, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Hebrew Literature, Bachelor of Religious Education, Master of Science, Master of Religious Literature, Master of Religious Education, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Hebrew Literature, Doctor of Divinity (honorary), Doctor of Humane Letters (honorary), Doctor of Laws (honorary), the traditional "Smicha" (ordination of Rabbi) and the Hebrew teacher's diploma.

HUNGARY JEWS PROMISED REDRESS OF WRONGS; DEMAND OPENING OF PALESTINE DOORS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Redress of the wrongs done the Jews of Hungary by previous regimes was pledged here by State Secretary Balogh, addressing a Jewish meeting as a representative of the Government. The meeting was called to demonstrate against the statement by British Foreign Minister Bevin on Palestine and to demand the opening of Palestine to displaced European Jews.

YIDS FROM BUCHENWALD CAMP CELEBRATE CHANUKAH IN PALESTINE SETTLEMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The traditional celebration of Chanukah took on added significance this year for the 42 pioneers of Kibbutz Buchenwald, as they watched a procession, yesterday, of 300 children bearing torches and lanterns made of grape-fruit shells from the fruit of their own groves, wind its way around the farm settlement of Afikim, whose water-tower was topped by a huge electric menorah.

After the children's procession, led by youngsters from their own ranks, the members of Kibbutz Buchenwald mingled with Afikim's settlers to sing the traditional songs of the Feast of Light. They heard the head of the community speak of "the memory of the great heroes" of Israel. They raised square lanterns, with their four sides marked with transparent letters, each the initial of a word spelling out the phrase "Great Miracle Occurred Here." To the members of Kibbutz Buchenwald, who last year lay dying, this phrase was especially significant, for each one it was a personal miracle.

Kibbutz Buchenwald, which at present occupies a section of the Afikim colony, was established in the death camp at Buchenwald by two of its inmates, Moshe Soderet and Berliner Posnansky. These men, a few weeks after their liberation by the Allies, decided that rather than wait for the world to settle their fate, they would set up their own group to prepare for colonization in Palestine.

With the assistance of a U.S. Army chaplain, Rabbi Robert Marcus, they enlisted a dozen more from the ranks of the thousands of dazed survivors of hunger and torture, and within a few weeks were able to leave the concentration camp to go to a broken down farm, twenty miles away. After three months of strenuous labor, during which time they were joined by many recruits, including girls from Bergen Belsen, the first group was ready to leave for Palestine.

JEWISH AGENCY AND JEWISH NATIONAL FUND REQUIRE \$52,000,000 THIS YEAR, U.P.A. ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency, the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund will require \$52,000,000 for their activities during the fiscal year starting Oct. 1st, it was announced today by the United Palestine Appeal, through which these agencies receive their American support.

The budget of the Jewish Agency and Keren Hayesod, calling for \$26,325,000, includes major allocations for immigration, relief and housing of refugees and agricultural settlement. The Jewish National Fund needs \$25,434,405 during the current year to carry out its program of land acquisition for new agricultural settlements and for housing for returning soldiers and newcomers.

STROOK PUBLICATION FUND ESTABLISHED AT JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The establishment of a Strook Publication Fund, to publish works of Jewish scholarship and research, was announced here today. The fund will be established at the Jewish Theological Seminary through a gift made by Allan M. Strook and a bequest by the late Hilda Strook in memory of the late Jewish leader Sol L. Strook, his wife and Robert Strook.