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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.BRITISH POLICE HEADQUARTERS BOMBED IN JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV, JAFFA; THREE KNOWN DEAD

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- British Criminal Investigation Division headquarters in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Jaffa were blasted tonight by high explosive bombs and mortar shells. The explosions took place almost simultaneously in the three cities.

The explosion in Jerusalem occurred at 7:23 p.m., demolishing the front part of the C.I.D. building which is located in the Russian Compound, facing Jaffa Road, the main street of Jerusalem. The bombed area was cordoned off by troops and police who detained everyone within the area for interrogation, including British soldiers. Armored cars stood by and military units with machine guns controlled all approaches to the center of the city where seven bombs were reported to have exploded.

In Tel Aviv two heavy explosions occurred about the same time, resulting in considerable damage. Several people were trapped in Jaffa, where C.I.D. headquarters were shelled by mortar at 7:20, causing much damage.

Rescue Gangs Search for Casualties in Debris of Ruined Building

Intermittent shooting has been going on in Jerusalem since the explosions, while rescue gangs tonight searched for casualties in the debris of the bombed building. All traffic has stopped between Jerusalem and Jaffa and Tel Aviv. Troops were rushed to emergency stations in all three cities and armored cars are patrolling the streets.

The attack on the Jerusalem C.I.D. headquarters was apparently made with a stick of gelignite which blasted a large portion of the front and interior of the building, it was stated. One British policeman was killed and one wounded.

Armed with tommy-guns, the bomb-throwers retaliated when troops opened fire with machine-guns and tommy-guns, and a running fight followed through Princess Mary Street and a Moslem cemetery in the heart of the town.

Other details of the outbreaks are not yet obtainable, but it was reported late in the evening that an exchange of shots also took place at Jaffa police headquarters when police signalled for military assistance. When troop reinforcements arrived they threw a cordon around the area, while military patrols went into the streets of Jaffa and Tel Aviv. It is known that at least one British soldier and a Jewish policeman have been killed in Tel Aviv. No arrests have been reported as yet.

The C.I.D. headquarters in Jerusalem is one of a group of government buildings completely surrounded by high walls three feet in diameter. Access to the building is only through closely guarded gates. Another guard is usually posted at the entrance of the building.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT AWAITING APPROVAL OF 1,500 MONTHLY IMMIGRATION QUOTA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Palestine Government circles are expecting instructions from London authorizing the admission of 1,500 Jewish immigrants monthly, in accordance with the policy laid down by Foreign Minister Bevin in the House of Commons on Nov. 13, it was learned today.

Earlier this week, it was reported that the Government here had asked the Colonial Office for a decision on immigration policy in view of the fact that the White Paper quota has been virtually exhausted.

Troops of the Arab Legion, composed of Arabs from Transjordan, who are being used to hunt for Jews who have been smuggled into the country, yesterday arrested a group of Jewish school children and their teacher, near the colony of Mishmar Hayarden, in the upper Galilee region on suspicion that they were "illegal" immigrants. They were released only after intervention by the colony's leaders.

Immigrants attempting to reach here from Yemen are encountering difficulties, it was disclosed today. According to word from there, anti-Jewish agitation in the small Arab state has increased lately under pressure from Palestine Arab groups.

BENES ASSURES SLOVAKIAN JEWS THEY WILL HAVE THEIR PROPERTY RESTORED; RECEIVES DELEGATION

PRAGUE, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- President Benes today received a delegation representing the Federation of Jewish Communities in Slovakia, which called upon him to discuss the restoration of Jewish property. The delegation emphasized that problems concerning the return of property to Jewish owners have not yet been fully solved in Slovakia.

The Czechoslovakian President assured the delegation that he will do everything possible to effect a speedy solution of all problems involving the Jews of Slovakia. He pointed out that a decree providing for restitution of confiscated property to the former Jewish owners has been issued by the central government in Czechoslovakia, but it has not as yet been recognized by the Slovak National Council. He added that he will personally insist on early action.

MANY POLISH JEWS INTEND TO REMAIN IN RUSSIA, POLISH-JEWISH LEADER REPORTS

MOSCOW, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A considerable number of Polish Jews who are now in the USSR intend to remain where they are, it was reported here today by Berl Mark, leader of the central committee of Polish Jews in the Soviet Union.

The Polish-Jewish leader stated that seventy percent of the Polish Jews who are now residing in Russia have found employment in industrial enterprises, many of them in the metallurgical industries.

CONFERENCES IN U.S., BRITAIN, PALESTINE TO PROTEST WHITE PAPER LAND RESTRICTIONS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Simultaneous Jewish National Fund land conventions will be held on Jan. 6th in Palestine, America and England in order to bring to the attention of the entire world the anti-Jewish land restrictions established by the White Paper, it was announced here today.

The conventions will also attempt to devise means of opposing these restrictions, and to adopt methods for implementing plans for land redemption. It is also expected that the conferences will point out that the White Paper's land restrictions, which bar the Jews from 95 percent of Palestine's soil, constitute the only single instance anywhere in the world of legally practiced anti-Jewish discrimination.

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GERMAN RED CROSS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE CARE OF JEWS IN BRITISH ZONE IN GERMANY

LONDON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The German Red Cross is to be revived in the British zone in Germany and will be authorized by the British authorities to take care of Jews "until a Jewish welfare society has been set up," it was reported here today by Reuters, a British news agency.

"Medical teams serving wherever possible under the supervision of the British Red Cross workers will work with German medical officers treating refugees," the announcement said. "The whole organization is being de-Nazified and all higher ranks will be replaced by approved personnel."

A German Catholic society, the Caritas Verband, and a German Protestant Mission will also be revived in the British zone, the report stated. Their activities will include social, religious, educational and medical welfare, and they will also deal with many refugee problems, including communal feeding during the winter.

The British radio today reported that a central search office for displaced persons from all over Germany will start functioning in February with the help of the Red Cross.

ZIONIST DELEGATION RECEIVED BY DUTCH PRIME MINISTER; DISCUSSES VARIOUS JEWISH PROBLEMS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A delegation of leading Zionists of Holland was received here by Prime Minister Willem Schermerhorn, and discussed with him various problems connected with the restoration of Jewish property and the granting of permission to Jews to transfer money to Palestine, should they desire to emigrate from Holland.

The Prime Minister promised to arrange a meeting between leaders of the Dutch Zionist League and the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of discussing the transfer of funds for Jews wishing to emigrate to Palestine. He also told the delegation that it can expect to be summoned to a conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at which the policy of the Dutch Government with regard to Palestine will be outlined.

COMMANDER OF MAIDANEK WILL BE HANGED AT PUBLIC EXECUTION NEAR CAMP SITE

WARSAW, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Paul Hofmann, German chief of the Maidanek death camp, who was recently sentenced to death by a special court in Lublin, will be hanged publicly at some point near the camp, in accordance with an order issued today by the Minister of Justice.

At the same time, it was revealed that Rudolph Kramp, the deputy leader of the Lodz Ghetto, who was found guilty of the murder and deportation of over 200,000 Jews, will be hanged at Lodz.

Throughout Poland special tribunals are continuing to try Germans accused of committing crimes against Jews. In most cases the trials end in death sentences, some of which are being commuted by President Boleslaw Beirnt.

MIZRACHI LABORITE CONFERENCE DECIDES TO IGNORE ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE

LONDON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The World Mizrachi Organization's decision not to participate in the hearings of the Anglo-American inquiry committee on Palestine was endorsed last night at a conference here of the laborite section of the movement.

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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ASKS STATE DEPARTMENT TO KEEP U.S. ZONE OPEN FOR POLISH JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Acting on a report that the frontier through which Jews have been escaping from Poland to Germany has been closed by the Russian authorities, in compliance with a decision by Allied representatives in Berlin, the American Jewish Committee today wired the State Department, urging it to take "immediate steps" to alleviate the distress of Polish Jews who are fleeing to the American zone in Germany.

The State Department was also urged to instruct American military and civil authorities to provide a haven for the fleeing Polish Jews "until further plans can be effectuated. The telegram was signed by Judge Joseph Proskauer and David Sher, president and chairman of the administrative committee of the organization, respectively.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS SENDS CULTURAL DELEGATION TO JEWS IN DISPLACED CAMPS IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress announced today that it will send a delegation to Europe to help sustain the morale of the thousands of Jews in the displaced persons camps whose physical and mental condition has been endangered by the long series of trials to which they have been subjected.

The delegation will consist of H. Leivick, prominent Yiddish poet and author of "The Golem" and "The Miracle of the Warsaw Ghetto," a play recently staged by Maurice Schwartz; Emma Lazeroff-Shaver of Detroit, opera star and singer of folk ballads; and Miss Sylvia Neulander, formerly associated with the International Red Cross and now in Germany representing the World Jewish Congress.

Permission for the delegation to engage in such cultural activities as it deems necessary has been granted by UNRRA. The delegation is expected to leave within two weeks and remain in Germany for two months.

PALESTINE LEADER ADDRESSES JEWISH MEETINGS IN POLAND; REVIEWS JEWISH POSITION

WARSAW, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The situation of the Jews in Palestine and other parts of the world was reported upon this week at Jewish meetings in Lodz, Warsaw and other cities by J. Zerubavel, a leader of the Palestine Federation of Labor, who came here to attend the first post-war Congress of Polish Trade Unions.

While in Warsaw, Mr. Zerubavel discussed various aspects of Jewish life with high officials of the Polish Government.

JEWISH UNIVERSITY FEDERATION OF BRITAIN SCORES GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON PALESTINE

SALFORD, England, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Inter-University Jewish Federation of Britain today adopted a resolution deploring the British Government's policy on Palestine, especially in view of the assurances made to last year's Federation conference in a letter sent by Ellen Wilkinson, now Minister of Education, and then Chairman of the Labor Party, which expressed complete sympathy with the Zionist cause.

The resolution expressed confidence in the possibility of establishing a Jewish State with full guarantees of equal rights for the Arabs. Eighty delegates from all over Britain and several continental observers attended the conference.

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