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TERRORISTS STRIKE AT R.A.F. FIELDS IN PALESTINE; ONE JEW KILLED, 5,000 DETAINED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Over 5,000 Jews were detained in various parts of Palestine today following an attack by Jewish terrorists last night on three Royal Air Force installations. At least twenty planes were destroyed and others were severely damaged. Although total casualty figures are not yet available, one of the attackers is known to have been killed. Damage is estimated at \$3,000,000.

A twelve-hour curfew has been clamped down on all roads as of 6 p.m. this evening. Meanwhile, the underground Voice of Israel radio broadcast a statement that although the R.A.F. performed heroic feats during the war, it is now being used to prevent Jewish refugees from entering their homeland.

The attacks occurred shortly before midnight at the Lydda airdrome, between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem; at a plane dispersal area near Petach Tikvah and at an airfield at Quastina. In all three attacks, troops spotted the terrorists and opened fire, but a withering cross-fire prevented them from approaching the planes which were the terrorists' targets.

A curfew has been imposed on Petach Tikvah and Rehovoth, where Dr. Chaim Weizmann is resting, and house-to-house searches are being made in the neighboring Jewish settlements. Haifa has been cut off from the rest of the country as a result of its phone service being suspended.

A serious incident threatened to develop at Givat Hahlosha, where settlers refused to admit troops searching for persons allegedly involved in the attacks. Troops surrounded the village at 5:30 a.m. this morning, but were refused admittance. They encamped nearby until 11 a.m. when, apparently under orders from headquarters, they broke through the settlement gates. They were stopped by the colonists, who formed a human chain. After an hour of fruitless parleying, the troops again withdrew.

Despite the many arrests in various sections of the country, no details have been released by the authorities, aside from a brief communique reporting the attacks on the air fields.

PALESTINE ARABS DECIDE TO TESTIFY BEFORE ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE

CAIRO, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Arab Higher Committee in Palestine today decided to appear before the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee, but said that it would not consider the findings of the committee binding, if they are unfavorable to the Arabs.

Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, general secretary of the Arab League, today issued a statement here, announcing that the League has formed a committee to deal with the Palestine issue in connection with the hearings of the Anglo-American inquiry body.

"As far as we are concerned," the statement said, "the inquiry committee has no official character. We do not acknowledge its members as judges to whom we must submit our complaints, but we know that its report, as well as the testimony heard, will receive widest publicity in the world press. Undoubtedly, the publication of our viewpoint on this occasion will be useful and efficient compared to the Palestine issue."

ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE WILL NOT ISSUE INTERIM REPORT ON JEWS IN EUROPE

VIENNA, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Contrary to expectations, the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine will not issue an interim report on the situation of the Jews in Europe, it was officially announced here last night by the group's secretaries, Harold Bealy and Leslie Rood.

They told a press conference that Jewish representatives from Hungary and Rumania have been invited to testify, and said that they expected the Hungarians to arrive today. Doubt was expressed that the delegates from Rumania would arrive in time because of "technical difficulties." The main body of the committee is leaving for Cairo tomorrow.

Rood and Bealy revealed that the Allied control commissions in Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria had been asked for permission for the committee to enter those countries, but it had been refused. Therefore, the committee asked the British and U.S. members to send the heads of the Jewish communities to Vienna to testify.

Questions concerning a statement by several of the Jews who demonstrated here on Sunday, that the committee had not spoken to the "man in the street," Bealey replied that "the committee is satisfied that they have talked with representative Jews of Vienna. We have been able to talk with everyone who made a request to be heard," he added. "This is the only place so far that has been possible. Elsewhere, too many asked to be heard." Bealey said that the committee was sorry it had missed the demonstration.

The official schedule of the inquiry group at the moment provides for three days of hearings in Cairo, opening on March 5, followed by three weeks in Palestine, devoted to hearings and travel about the country.

LONDON JEWISH CONFERENCE WILL NOT ESTABLISH OVERALL BODY; SEEKS UNITY ON PRINCIPLES

LONDON, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Outlining the attitude of the American Jewish Committee towards the Palestine question, Jacob Blaustein, head of the Committee's delegation at the meeting of Jewish representatives from various countries which is now being held here, today told a press conference that his organization will insist on the fulfillment of President Truman's request for the admission of 100,000 Jews from Europe to Palestine.

The conference was also addressed by Leonard Stein, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association. Both Blaustein and Stein emphasized that the meeting here does not intend to establish an overall organization, since the problems of the Jews in different countries vary and can, therefore, be dealt with best by the local Jewish communities. At the same time, they pointed out that the conference will try to reach an agreement regarding the principles on the basis of which the major problems of Jewish rehabilitation are to be solved.

GERMAN ASSEMBLY TOLD GOVERNMENT MUST MAKE AMENDS TO JEWS FOR NAZI MISTREATMENT

WIESBADEN, Germany, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Minister President Franz Geller, addressing the first session of the Greater Hesse Consultative Assembly today, asserted that one of the primary responsibilities of any German government must be full assistance to Jews and other people who suffered from the Nazis.

Geller declared that although such assistance was a heavy burden on the tottering German economy, it was "absolutely necessary" to make amends to those who were mistreated by the Nazis.

JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL APPEALS TO BRITAIN NOT TO BRING GERMANS INTO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council of Palestine today made a last-minute appeal to the British Government and the Palestine administration, urging them not to bring Nazi prisoners into Palestine for forced labor.

"Do not let these whose hands are stained with the blood of our brethren and who desecrated God in man trod on the Holy Land," the appeal stated. "Do not put the Yishuv to such a horrible trial, which is beyond human endurance and will bring catastrophe to Palestine."

Trade union delegates representing Jewish workers employed in military camps in Palestine, 600 of whom were recently fired as a result of the decision to import the Nazi POW's, held a meeting here yesterday to map ways of combatting the Government's plan. Goldie Meirson, Histadruth leader, criticized the authorities for their failure to realize that the presence of the Nazis in Palestine would offend the Jewish community and be a source of continuing danger.

Meanwhile, the Jewish community councils of Jerusalem, Haifa and Tiberias and the municipal council of Tel Aviv today adopted resolutions attacking the scheduled importation of the Germans. The Jerusalem council pointed out that they would be filling jobs which could be held by Nazi victims who are still confined in camps in Germany.

RUMANIAN JEWISH LEADERS DENIED EXIT VISAS, SUBMIT MEMORANDUMS TO ANGLO-U.S. COMMITTEE

BUCHAREST, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders who were planning to go to Vienna to testify before the Anglo-American inquiry committee have been denied exit visas, and will, therefore, submit memorandums to the U.S. mission here for forwarding to the committee, in lieu of their testimony, it was learned today.

Memorandums will be submitted by the Zionist Organization and the Rumanian section of the World Jewish Congress. The only person officially invited to Vienna by the committee was Dr. William Filderman, well known Rumanian Jewish leader.

Filderman's invitation was sent to him through the American mission. The British mission is reported to have promised Filderman that it will arrange for him to appear before the committee when it holds hearings in Palestine.

JEWS IN SLOVAKIA RESENT FORCED REGISTRATION ORDERED BY RESTITUTION AUTHORITIES

BRATISLAVA, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Jewish residents of Slovakia voiced their resentment today at the procedure established by the Slovak authorities for registration of claims for damages inflicted during the Nazi occupation.

For some unexplained reason, all Jews in Slovakia were ordered to register, whether or not they wish to file claims. Since this is very reminiscent of the forced registration of Jews by the Nazis, some Jews urged that the registration be boycotted. The Slovak Central Jewish Union, however, has decided to advise Jews to register.

An organization composed of persons who were victims of racial persecution, which has established headquarters in Bratislava, will hold its first meeting there on March 16. Representatives of the Slovak and Czechoslovak Governments are expected to attend.

The Ministry of Welfare has announced that it will solicit the advice of Jewish leaders in drafting a bill providing assistance for victims of war and fascism.

SYRIAN JEWS PROTEST DISCRIMINATION TO PRESIDENT; SAY THEY ARE TREATED AS "ALIENS"

DAMASCUS, Feb. 26. (JTA)--A delegation of Jewish leaders today called upon President Shukhri Bey el Kuwaty and presented a memorandum protesting the discriminatory treatment of Syrian Jews.

The memorandum asserted that although Jews have been living in this country for thousands of years, and have been loyal citizens, they are treated as "aliens."

The delegation brought to the attention of the President the recent jailing of three Jews, who were sentenced to six months imprisonment, because their wives emigrated to Palestine.

POLL SHOWS 98 PER CENT OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN ITALY WANT TO GO TO PALESTINE

ROME, Feb. 26. (JTA)--Ninety-eight percent of the Jewish refugees in Italy have indicated that they wish to emigrate to Palestine, it was announced here today by the "Central Committee of Jewish Refugees," which conducted a poll among the displaced Jews. The results are based on replies received from 9,160 of the estimated 15,000 Jewish refugees in this country.

Of the two percent who expressed a desire to go to other countries besides Palestine, most chose the United States, Canada and Argentina. None of those questioned declared that they wished to return to their homelands.

Only 33 percent of the 9,160 indicated that they were Zionists, while 16 percent said that they had been anti-Zionist, but realize now that their only hope for a peaceful and productive life lies in Palestine.

Other statistical data obtained from the poll reveals that 94 percent of those questioned are between 16 and 50 years old; most lived in ghettos or concentration camps; one percent survived because of false "aryan" identity papers; 18 percent were partisans.

JEWISH YOUTHES IN RUMANIA PLAN MARCH TO PALESTINE; CRITICIZE "HALF-MEASURES"

BUCHAREST, Feb. 26. (JTA)--Bucharest newspapers today carry a statement by the Jewish Youth Organization in the city of Jassy announcing its decision to start a march on foot from Rumania to Palestine.

The announcement says that the march is intended as a protest against "such half-measures as meetings and memorandums." The Jassy group reveals that it has suggested to the Zionist Organization of Rumania that it organize a mass-march to Palestine "in order to show to the world that Jewish youth is determined to overcome all obstacles in their way to Palestine."

JEWISH HISTORIAN SUMMONED TO NUREMBERG TO TESTIFY ON ANTI-JEWISH ATROCITIES

NUREMBERG, Feb. 26. (JTA)--Dr. Philip Fridman, head of the Jewish Historical Commission in Lodz, has been called to Nuremberg by the Polish delegation here to testify concerning Nazi crimes against Jews in Poland.

The decision to summon Dr. Fridman was approved by the Soviet prosecuting staff, which is presenting Poland's case against the Germans.

FIVE YEAR \$15,000,000 PLAN FOR JEWISH "SPIRITUAL REHABILITATION" ANNOUNCED BY RABBIS

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA)--A five-year \$15,000,000 program for "the spiritual regeneration of Judaism" in the United States was proclaimed here last night at a conference of 100 Conservative rabbis under the auspices of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the United Synagogue of America and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, announced that the program calls for the training of 2,000 rabbis, 2,000 religious teachers and the establishment of Jewish schools and colleges throughout the United States. He said that conversion of Jews to other faiths is reaching such proportions in this country that if it continues at the present rate, Judaism in America will "cease to have any significance" in a generation or two.

HEBREW TEACHERS HOLD CONFERENCE IN ITALY; MAP EDUCATIONAL PLANS FOR JEWS IN CAMPS

ROME, Feb. 26. (JTA)--A two-day conference of Hebrew teachers in the camps where displaced Jews are being trained for emigration to Palestine concluded today in Ostia, near Rome.

The thirty teachers who attended the conference decided to establish a special five-week seminary for training some of the displaced Jews to teach Hebrew, Jewish history and to conduct Jewish cultural activities in the camps.

JEWS REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH GERMAN RED CROSS IN BRITISH ZONE; CITE NAZI LEANINGS

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA)--The Central Committee of Jews in displaced persons camps in Germany has submitted a protest to British occupation authorities against a new ruling which puts Jews of German origin, who are in need of public assistance, under the jurisdiction of the German Red Cross, according to information released by the World Jewish Congress today.

In a letter to the welfare department of the British zone headquarters, the committee charged that the German Red Cross is still pro-Nazi and in addition lacks funds for rendering the proper assistance. The committee, which is the representative body of the Jews liberated from concentration camps in the British zone, asserts further that it has notified its local committees in all camps in the British zone to refuse to cooperate with the German Red Cross.

The World Jewish Congress also reports that Rabbi David Jessourun Cardozo of Philadelphia, chairman of the Dutch Jewish Advisory Committee of the Congress, left today for the Dutch-speaking territories in the Caribbean area to analyze at first-hand the religious and cultural problems of the Sephardic Jewish communities there, and to stimulate their further activity for the rehabilitation of the Jewish survivors in Europe. He will visit the West Indies, Dutch Guiana, the British West Indies and the Dominican Republic, and return early in April.

HIAS OPENS OFFICE IN WARSAW TO ASSIST LEGAL EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM POLAND

WARSAW, Feb. 26. (JTA)--Dr. Henry Shoskes, representative of the HIAS and Dr. Adolph Silberschein, a former member of the Polish parliament, and representative of the World Jewish Congress in Geneva, arrived here today.

An office of the HIAS has been opened here with the permission of the Polish Government to assist in the legal emigration of Jews from the country.

CELLER ASKS SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES TO SECURE MUFTI'S INDICTMENT AS WAR CRIMINAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- A letter to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, demanding that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem be branded as a war criminal and tried before the Nuremberg war crimes court, was made public today by Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York. Celler charged in his letter that the Mufti spread Nazi propaganda in the Middle East.

Sen. Ralph Brewster of Maine, testifying yesterday before the Senate Defense Investigating Committee, demanded that Great Britain be barred from using American lend-lease guns to "shoot down Jews in Palestine."

TWO JEWISH LEADERS ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- S. Ralph Lazrus of New York and Albert H. Lieberman of Philadelphia, well known Jewish communal leaders, have been elected members of the board of directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Mr. Lazrus is a member of the board of directors of the United Jewish Appeal in New York City, vice-president of the United Palestine Appeal, a member of the board of the Weizmann Institute of Science and chairman of the board of the Jewish Statistical Bureau.

Mr. Lieberman is chairman of the executive council and vice-chairman of the national council of the Joint Distribution Committee; a member of the board of the Joint Defense Appeal, the National Refugee Service, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; a member of the administrative committee of the American Jewish Committee; vice-president of the Allied Jewish Appeal in Philadelphia and a member of the board of numerous Philadelphia Jewish community institutions.

HADASSAH TO HELP TRAIN YOUNG JEWS FOR PALESTINE INDUSTRY, TRADE, COMMERCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- In order that Palestine may have "skilled young Jews capable of carrying forward the industrial revolution already taking place there," Hadassah announced today that it was expanding the work of the Louis D. Brandeis Vocational Center, set up several years ago in Jerusalem as a memorial to the late Supreme Court Justice.

The announcement was made during the morning session of the mid-winter conference of the organization, attended by 100 national board members representing 700 chapters in 47 states, at the Park Central Hotel. Announcement was also made that Hadassah has provided a fund to train Jewish refugee doctors and provide nursing education for refugee girls who are already in Palestine.

It was disclosed at the closing session that Hadassah has increased its membership by 30,000 in the last six weeks, making a total of over 125,000 enrolled since October 1945. The organization's goal is 200,000 members by September 30, the close of its fiscal year.

ONLY 347 JEWS ENTERED CANADA AS IMMIGRANTS IN 1945, OFFICIAL FIGURES REVEAL

MONTREAL, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- Only 347 Jews were among the 22,722 persons who were permitted to enter Canada as immigrants in 1945, according to an announcement today by the Immigration Branch of the Resources Department. A small number of Jewish women came as the brides of Jewish service men.