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1,200 JEWS ARRESTED IN ITALIAN PORT SHORTLY BEFORE EMBARKING FOR PALESTINE

ROME, April 5. (JTA) -- Three Jewish non-commissioned officers of a Palestine regiment were arrested in connection with the discovery by the Italian police of 1,200 Jewish refugees who entered Italy illegally for the purpose of migrating to Palestine, it was announced today by Allied Forces headquarters.

The 1,200 Jews were arrested last night at the Italian port of La Spezia as they were about to embark on three small steamers which were to take them to Palestine. The three ships have been impounded. The Jewish refugees arrived at the port in thirty-seven Allied trucks, according to reports.

The suspicions of a patrol of Italian police were aroused by a jeep containing two Allied non-commissioned officers. Asked for their identity papers, the two men drove off at high speed, followed by a fusillade of shots. Further investigation disclosed that a convoy of trucks nearby was crammed with Jews waiting to board the three ships.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT DENIES REPORT THAT EX-MUFTI IS BEING RELEASED FROM HOUSE ARREST

PARIS, April 5. (JTA) -- A spokesman of the French Foreign Office today authorized the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to deny a report from London that the French Government is releasing the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem from house arrest, under which he has been held since the fall of the Nazi regime and his surrender to the French military authorities in Germany.

"You can officially deny that the ex-Mufti is being released from house arrest. His status remain unchanged," the French official said.

The ex-Mufti is being held incommunicado in a Paris suburb. The London report said that the news that he was supposed to have been released today came "from good authority."

FUNERAL OF MURDERED JEW IN POLAND CONVERTED INTO DEMONSTRATION AGAINST TERROR

WARSAW, April 5. (JTA) -- The funeral of a Jew murdered this week by Polish fascists in the city of Katowice was converted today into a demonstration against the anti-Semitic terror.

Representatives of Jewish communities from many cities in Silesia, as well as delegates from Jewish youth groups and from Polish political parties attended the funeral. The murdered Jew, Iron Milgram, was a veteran of the notorious Oswiecim camp. All speakers at his grave emphasized the need for more rigorous measures to curb anti-Jewish terrorism in Poland which is attempting to drive Jews who survived the Nazis out of Polish territory.

A mass meeting organized by Jewish youth groups, which followed the funeral, was addressed by a representative of the Federation of Polish Youth Organizations, who pledged "we will not rest until all vestiges of reactionary bands are annihilated."

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TWO-DAY CONFERENCE OF DISPLACED JEWS CONCLUDES IN MUNICH; PROTESTS FORCED TRANSFERS

MUNICH, April 5, (JTA) -- A two-day conference of 80 representatives of Jewish committees of all the DP camps in the American zone concluded here today.

The conference discussed the problems which are now emerging as a result of the forced transfer of displaced Jews from one camp to another, particularly the transfers at Fuarth, Bamberg and Stuttgart. It also heard reports from delegates on spontaneous demonstrations which broke out in all camps demanding that German police could be disarmed before entering Jewish camps.

A mass-meeting which was scheduled to be held here last night in connection with the conference was cancelled at the request of the military authorities. The meeting was called to protest the forced transfer of displaced Jews, as well as the treatment of Jewish refugees by German police.

The conference heard a report from the Stuttgart delegate on the circumstances under which Samuel Danziger, a displaced Jew, was killed by the German police during a raid on the Stuttgart camp last week. The delegate reported that the policemen entered Jewish homes after they entered the camp with police dogs in the early hours of the morning.

Preparations for Passover observances are now being made in all camps, it was reported at the conference. Most of the Jews in the camps are already provided with mezuzahs. A special kosher kitchen will be opened in Munich within a few days to provide sedorim for several hundred Jews in the Munich area who reside outside of camps.

U.S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS ISSUES STATEMENT ON PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS OF DISPLACED JEWS

FRANKFURT, April 5, (JTA) -- U.S. Army headquarters here today released a statement explaining the peaceful demonstration of 35,000 displaced Jews in seventeen camps throughout the American zone, and emphasized the fact that all rallies were in the nature of mourning ceremonies and that no violence had occurred. The statement said:

"Following the death of a displaced person at Stuttgart on Thursday, March 28, Jewish displaced persons throughout the U.S. zone made preparations to hold traditional mourning ceremonies, on the seventh day following the death, in the DP centers and elsewhere.

"The U.S. Army and UNRRA were advised of the preparations by representatives of the Central Jewish Committee of Bavaria on Wednesday, April 3, and instructions were issued through U.S. military and UNRRA channels that ceremonies of this character could be permitted within the camp areas, but that provisions contained in military Government Ordinance Number 1, forbidding public meetings, would not be lifted outside camp areas.

"Reports show that there were held on Thursday, April 4, in Jewish displaced persons camps throughout the U.S. zone, orderly mourning ceremonies within camp areas. In several areas, principally Munich and Stuttgart, gatherings of Jewish displaced persons outside camp areas commenced pursuant to preliminary preparations previously made, but these gatherings dissolved without any disorder or incident upon being advised that authority had been given for this purpose."

Jewish Cultural Delegation Leaves U.S. for Camps in Germany

NEW YORK, April 5, (JTA) -- A cultural delegation consisting of H. Leivek, an unknown Yiddish poet, Israel Efros, Hebrew poet, and Emma Lazaroff Schaver, opera singer, sailed today for Europe to provide cultural programs for Jews in the camps for displaced persons. The delegation is sponsored by the World Jewish Congress.

THIRTY JEWS ARRESTED IN PALESTINE IN INTENSIFIED POLICE AND MILITARY SEARCHES

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- Combined military and police forces today combed the entire area of Tel Aviv-Petach Tikvah-Rehovoth-Rishon L'Zion in a search for terrorists. Military road blocks halted all buses and compelled passengers to alight, subjecting them to search and interrogation. Ten Jews were arrested near Tel Aviv and twenty in Rehovoth, as a result of the renewed military activities.

Funeral services were held today in Kfar Warburg for the unidentified Jew who was killed near Ashdod this week during attacks on Palestine railroad installations in various parts of the country. He was buried under the name Abraham Ben-Abraham.

The Arab press reports today that Arab guards at the Ashdod railway station did not put up any resistance because the Jewish attackers told them that they would not be harmed and warned them to leave the station immediately because an explosion was expected. After the explosion, the attackers extended first aid to the wounded Arabs, taking them in buses to the Jewish settlement of Ness Ziona where they left the buses and disappeared.

Eugon Levi, 18, one of the visaless refugees captured last week on the "Tel Aviv," and who was due to be released today, died last night at the Athlit clearance camp.

JEWS PROTEST DECISION TO CHANGE NAMES OF JERUSALEM STREETS FROM JEWISH TO ARABIC

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council of Palestine and the Chief Rabbinate today submitted a formal protest to the Palestine Government opposing the decision of the Jerusalem municipal commission to change the Jewish names of streets in the Old City to Arabic.

"The Jews of Palestine will never consent to have the name of King David Street changed to Tarik Daoud Street," the protest points out. It demands that the Government cancel the commission's decision.

JEWS SENTENCED BY POLISH COURT MARTIAL IN ENGLAND; BOARD OF DEPUTIES SEEKS THEIR RELEASE

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- Notwithstanding the fact that Foreign Secretary Erwin has announced the dissolution of the Polish Army in Britain, a Polish court martial in Scotland last week sentenced three former Jewish soldiers to six months imprisonment each on charges of desertion, it was learned here today.

Two of the three convicted Jews had originally volunteered into the Polish Army. One of them, David Glicenstein joined the Polish military ranks as a volunteer in Persia in 1942, while the other, Simon Getreidshandler, volunteered in Canada before 1942. They left the ranks in 1944 because of the anti-Semitism which prevailed in their units, and have since remained with their relatives in England. They were arrested when they appeared voluntarily to notify the authorities that they did not desire repatriation to Poland.

Under Polish military law an appeal against the verdict of the court martial is possible, but the Board of Deputies of British Jews today took legal steps to secure the release of the three, and have their sentences suspended until they are repatriated to Poland and stand trial there.

FIRST TRANSPORT OF DISPLACED JEWS WILL SAIL FOR THE UNITED STATES NEXT MONTH

FRANKFURT, April 5. (JTA) -- Between 800 and 900 displaced persons, most of them Jews, will sail for the United States on May 1, the AMG announced today, confirming earlier reports that emigration was imminent.

The first group of these DP's will leave Munich on April 25 while other groups will leave Frankfurt and Stuttgart the following day. The three groups will converge at Bremen where they will sail for an American port under the care of the War Shipping Administration.

After the first transport, present plans call for shipping between 800 and 900 weekly to the United States, with the provision, however, that not more than 3,900 permits will be issued in any one month. The Displaced Persons Division of the AMG will be in charge of transporting the emigrants to Bremen.

Eight Ships Assigned To Carry Immigrants from American Zone

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Eight ships have been assigned to transporting displaced persons and refugees from the American zone of Europe to the United States under President Truman's order facilitating immigration, the War Shipping Administration announced yesterday.

The first trip to pick up immigrants will be started on April 18, when the Marine Flasher sails for Bremen from New York, the announcement said. A second ship will follow two days later. It is estimated that the admission of the 39,000 immigrants authorized under President Truman's order may take more than a year.

The ships, which were formerly used as troop transports, will have a capacity of 1,000 persons each. As troopships they carried as many as 3,500 per trip.

MINISTER IN NEW GREEK ROYALIST CABINET IMPLICATED IN COUNTRY'S ONLY POGROM

ATHENS, April 5. (JTA) -- Gen. Stylianos Gonatas, who as Governor-General of Macedonia in 1922, was charged with responsibility for the only anti-Semitic outbreak in modern Greek history, has been appointed Minister of Communications in the new royalist government formed yesterday by Judge Panagiotis Poulitsas.

When a band of rowdies attacked the Salonika suburb of Campbell, which was populated mainly by Jews, looted shops, burned down houses and murdered several people, Gonatas refused to meet with Jewish leaders who were demanding action against their assailants. Although the government never admitted Gonatas' responsibility for the pogrom, Premier Eleutherios Venizelos found it necessary to express "disapproval" of his part in the incident.

Gonatas had close, although not clearly defined, links with the quisling Security Battalions which operated under German direction during the occupation.

INTERNATIONAL UNION AGAINST RACIAL PREJUDICE APPEALS FOR AID TO JEWS IN GERMAN CAMPS

PARIS, April 5. (JTA) -- The world bureau of the International Union Against Racial Prejudice today appealed to all political parties and groups throughout the world to help the 70,000 stateless Jews now being held in displaced persons camps in Germany, the Paris radio reported. The Union also protested the maintenance of these camps after victory.

SENATE DEBATE DEVELOPS OVER TRANSJORDAN'S INDEPENDENCE; STATE DEPT. INQUIRY DEMANDED

WASHINGTON, April 5. (JTA) -- Three members of the U.S. Senate today demanded the Senate floor a report from the State Department on the legality of Britain's proclaiming of Transjordan as an independent state without regard to the provisions of the Palestine Mandate, and her violation of the charter of the United Nations which states that no change may be made in the status of mandated territories without the approval of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Sen. Francis J. Myers, Pennsylvania Democrat, condemned Britain's unilateral action as "a direct violation of her treaty with the United States." He pointed out that not only did the British Government abrogate the treaty of 1924 which provides that no change be made in the terms of the Mandate for Palestine, but it also disregarded Article 3 of the treaty which provides that "vested American property rights in the Mandate territory shall be respected and in no way impaired." Calling Britain's action a "dangerous precedent" Myers pointed out that there is now "well over 10,000,000 of American capital invested in Palestine."

"I call upon the Department of State to explain its lack of protest in the abrogation of a solemn treaty with the United States. I ask action by this body in demanding the facts. I solemnly and vehemently protest this disregard for the rights of the people of the United States and the violation of treaty obligations," he said.

Senator Warren Magnusson of Washington said the United States Government should not in any way recognize Transjordan as an independent state "if publication of the Transjordan treaty evidences 'what we know now is correct.'" Magnusson called Senator Arthur Vandenberg to support his argument that the United Nations charter forbids any change in the status of mandated territories without approval of the United Nations General Assembly. Vandenberg replied that the language of Article 80 of the charter is clear and that the only question is one of fact "as to what the Mandate was and still is."

Complete concurrence in Senator Myers' proposal for a full State Department report on action contemplated by the United States Government was expressed by Senator Owen Brewster of Maine. He also declared that the Senate should inquire into reports that the Emir is considering hiring 29,000 Polish troops for Transjordan.

Case May Be Brought to the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee

In a press conference following the Senate debate Senator Myers said that he had written to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today, asking for a full report on the Transjordan affair because of, what he termed, Britain's action in violation of treaty obligations.

"If the report is not satisfactory," Myers said, "I will ask Mr. Byrnes and the State Department to go even further." He suggested that if the State Department report was not satisfactory he would take the matter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Representative Augustus Bennett, New York Republican, who spoke yesterday on the House floor condemning Britain's action, told the press conference that "the worst thing about the Transjordan affair is that it was sprung upon us without any warning." He said that before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry had had time to finish its investigation and report. Part of the report now becomes useless, he said, "because Transjordan is much the greater part of Palestine and setting it up as an independent state takes it from the recommendations which may be made by the committee."

Former Senator Guy Gillette, now president of the American League for a Free Palestine, also participated in the press conference.

JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL LAUNCHES \$5,000,000 DRIVE; STASSEN ATTACKS ANTI-SEMITISM IN U.S.

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Condemning anti-Semitism as "an attack on the lives of free men around the world," Harold E. Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota, last night called upon the people of the United States to fight racial bigotry in this country. He spoke at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria launching the 1946 \$5,000,000 campaign by the Joint Defense Appeal of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith.

Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, who presided, called upon the people of the United States "to build a community free from hate, prejudice and ill-will of man toward man." He outlined the functions of the Joint Defense Appeal and the work carried on by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League, and pointed out that New York is expected to raise half of the \$5,000,000 which the Joint Defense Appeal seeks.

Emphasizing that the fight against bigotry conducted by the Jewish organizations is not an isolated battle, Stassen said: "Anti-Semitism is not only an attack on the Jews. Anti-Semitism is an attack on the American way of life. Anti-Semitism is an attack on the hopes of free men around the world. It must be recognized as such and dealt with as such. I am optimistic about the future. I do not underestimate the dangers and tragedies that follow in the wake of war. But there are a number of favorable developments since the war. First among these I would list the establishment of the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations Organization. This Commission will give world-wide emphasis to basic human rights."

Enumerating other factors and developments which demonstrate the growth of inter-racial goodwill in this country, Stassen warned: "But let not this note of optimism dim our vigilance and determination in the months and years ahead. The seeds of hatred were sown widely and cleverly before the war, and the resultant vicious growth has not entirely disappeared. The recent Senate filibuster on F.E.P.C. and the contents of some of the filibustering speeches sharply point the dangers. Reports from Europe show the tragic aftermath of hatred and of war. Misinformation and misunderstandings are widespread. The efforts by subversive elements to thrive on discrimination are continuing. Some seek to increase the discrimination, as a means to divide and undermine. Others seek to exaggerate the discriminations; also as a means to divide and undermine."

Henry Moseley, president of the B'nai B'rith, spoke of the role Stassen played at the San Francisco conference of the United Nations in securing the establishment of the Human Rights Commission. The dinner was attended by 1,600.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AWARDS DEGREES TO GEN. DAVID SARNOFF AND DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Brigadier General David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, and Dr. Solomon Goldman, rabbi of Temple Anshe Emet of Chicago, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at a special convocation to be held on Sunday.

R. MOSES SCHWARTZMAN, MEMBER OF ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Moses Schwartzman, prominent physician and radiologist died here today at the age of 65.

Born in Odessa, Dr. Schwartzman served as a chairman of the executive of the Odessa Jewish Community from 1918 to 1920. He was the first radiologist on the staff of the London Jewish Hospital and was active in a number of health organizations including the OSE. He was also a member of the Action Committee of the World Zionist Organization.