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LANDSBERG CAMP FOR DISPLACED JEWS UNDER CURFEW AFTER RIOT; JEWS ON HUNGER STRIKE

MUNICH, April 29. (JTA) -- Twenty displaced Jews went today on a hunger strike at the Landsberg camp in protest against the arrest of a Jewish DP who participated in the battle yesterday in Landsberg between displaced Jews and Germans, during which one German was killed and about twenty wounded.

As soon as the displaced Jews learned of the arrest of one of their number, nineteen others appeared at the camp jail and asked to be arrested. The twenty then announced they would go on a hunger strike until all were released.

A sundown curfew was imposed on the camp today by American military authorities. Additional American troops were stationed there, and all roads leading from the camp were blocked by armored cars and jeeps.

The clash between the displaced Jews and the Germans yesterday lasted for about four hours, the Landsberg military governor reported today. The exact cause of the fracas has not yet been established, and an investigation is being conducted by the military authorities and UNRRA officials. A.C. Glassgold, UNRRA director of the camp, said today that the riot started when two Jewish guards at the camp disappeared mysteriously on Saturday night. A rumor spread that the guards had been kidnapped by the Germans. Later another was circulated that six Jews had been kidnapped and killed by Germans.

Aroused by these rumors, several hundred Jews rushed from the camp into Landsberg and started attacking Germans who were en route to polling places to vote in county elections. They halted a bus and burned it, after ordering the occupants to get out.

The disturbance developed into a pitched battle with the Germans and the Jews using knives, clubs and stones. Eighteen Germans were sent to a hospital after American troops succeeded in restoring order. One German died from his wounds, but no Jew is reported to have been injured.

ALL JEWISH SETTLEMENTS IN PALESTINE DECLARED OUT OF BOUNDS FOR BRITISH SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, April 29. (JTA) -- In a move to prevent repetition of the attacks by British soldiers on Jewish villages, such as occurred Saturday night, military authorities today proclaimed virtually all Jewish settlements out of bounds to British troops.

Meanwhile, an investigation has been launched into the disturbances which took place Saturday at Bethany, Beer Tuvia and Givat Hayim, where several Jews were injured and considerable damage done.

The Stern group today issued leaflets admitting responsibility for the killing of seven soldiers in Tel Aviv on Thursday, which precipitated the week-end disturbances.

LA SPEZIA REFUGEES OFFERED ADDITIONAL PALESTINE VISAS ON NEXT MONTH'S QUOTA

LA SPEZIA, April 29. (JTA) -- The British Government last night offered the Jewish refugees detained here for nearly a month aboard the *Fede* an additional 335 immigration certificates for Palestine, which would be available in the middle of May. With the offer of 679 certificates made two days earlier, the total number is now 1,014, enough to permit all the refugees to enter Palestine legally. The offer came just before the expiration of the ultimatum set by the refugees, who had threatened last week that they would sail on Sunday with or without permission.

No decision on the British offer has yet been announced by the refugees. Until now they have consistently refused to divide their numbers under any circumstances and have insisted that they would sail as a group. A British embassy official in Rome today said that he could "see no reason why under the new proposal, the first 679 cannot wait until the middle of May so the entire group can leave for Palestine together."

While the refugee leaders committee has not yet reached a decision, it is apparent that the new British offer is considered a major triumph for this handful of Jewish wanderers who have defied the combined authority of Italy, Britain, and the Allied Control Commission for almost four weeks.

After their 75-hour hunger strike, threats to blow up the ship, and mass suicide, it became increasingly clear during the last few days that theirs was a winning fight. This morning the Italian Government, through the Minister of the Navy, stated in writing that the departure of the *Fede* and the *Eliahu Golomb* "depends not on Italian but on Allied authority." Under such conditions it would be extremely awkward for the British to order the Italian destroyers to block the threatened sailing of the refugee ships. It would be even more embarrassing for the British to take direct action themselves with the great possibility that violence might occur. If the British proved unwilling to blockade the vessels or to order the Italian Government to do so, there would be no way of stopping the determined Jews from sailing--thereby destroying British authority and prestige.

Four Italians, One Jew Still Under Arrest; Three Sergeants in Jail

Should the refugees accept the British offer, the *La Spezia* case would still not be closed. Four Italians and a refugee Jew are now imprisoned in a Genoa jail, where they have been held incommunicado for over three weeks by the Allied Field Security Service. No formal charges have yet been filed against the five who were arrested in connection with the attempt by the Jews to sail for Palestine without the permission of the British Government.

The Italians are Benzo Bargiacchi, owner of the shipyard in which the *Fede* was reconitioned from a cargo ship to a passenger vessel; his son Giorgio, aged nineteen; Giuseppe Muzeso, member of the Italian Committee for National Liberation; and Matteo Marezzana, Socialist leader of Genoa. They were originally arrested by the Italian police, who apprehended them en route to the *Fede*, but were released within 24 hours.

Directly after their release by the Italian police, they were summoned by the Allied authorities and interned at Genoa. Neither their lawyers nor their families have been permitted to see them. In addition three sergeants of the 179th Company of the Royal Army Service Corps of Palestine are being held at Caserta by the

Field Security Service. According to eyewitness accounts, the three--Sgts. Zelinger, Freier, and Liubartowski--are handcuffed, even in jail.

The Field Security Service is the intelligence division of the Allied Military Government in Italy, whose responsibility is to guarantee the military security of the Allied Armed Forces. Unless attempts by Jews to enter Palestine without visas constitute a threat to Allied military security, it is not known on what basis the prisoners are being held at Genoa. No official statement has been made concerning their case, and no date has been set for their trial or release.

Italian partisans, celebrating the first anniversary of the German defeat, visited the Fede's and expressed their solidarity with the Jews. Italians are in evidence at the Fede's pier at all hours, bringing food and talking with the detainees. Letters of sympathy from the Italian people continue to pour into the makeshift camp established on the ship.

STREICHER ADMITS DESTRUCTION OF NUREMBERG SYNAGOGUE; REPEATS ANTI-SEMITIC SLANDERS

NUREMBERG, April 29. (JTA) -- Calaly admitting that he had ordered the destruction of Nuremberg's main synagogue during the Nov., 1938 pogroms, because it was "architecturally offensive," Julius Streicher today continued his defense before the International Military Tribunal.

Streicher produced an uproar in the court on several occasions when he rebuked his counsel for failing to introduce anti-Semitic documents, which, he charged, would support his charges of Jewish ritual murders. He denied that he had persuaded Hitler to order the extermination of Jews, asserting that Hitler could not be influenced.

CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES REPORTED REJECTING JEWS' APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENSHIP

PRAGUE, April 29. (JTA) -- Alarmed by unconfirmed reports that the authorities have rejected many applications for Czechoslovak citizenship filed by Jews who listed themselves as of German nationality in the 1930 census, the Federation of Jewish Communities today interceded with the Government on behalf of such individuals. The Federation was told, however, that no blanket ruling would be issued, but that each case would be considered "objectively."

(In Brussels, Max Gottschalk, European representative of the American Jewish Committee, who has just returned from Prague, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that while in Czechoslovakia he conferred with Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk and U.S. Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt on this problem. Mr. Gottschalk said that while the Jews in Czechoslovakia faced many diverse problems, he had high hopes that a satisfactory solution could be found.)

ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE REPORT WILL BE ISSUED TONIGHT BY WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- The long-awaited report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine will be issued by the White House tomorrow evening, eight days before the expiration of the 120-day period allotted the probes for their investigation, it was learned today.

(The Palestine Government is completing translation of the report into Hebrew and Arabic and it will be released simultaneously with publication in Washington and London, it was announced today in Jerusalem.)

EGYPTIAN PREMIER OFFERS HAVEN TO PALESTINE EL-MUFTI; SAYS COUNTRY WOULD WELCOME HIM

LONDON, April 29. (JTA) -- Ismail Sidky Pasha, Egyptian premier, was quoted by the Cairo radio today as offering an invitation to the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem to settle in Egypt. "I, as Egyptian premier, welcome his Eminence, should he wish to stay in Egypt," Sidky Pasha said. "He is one of the best men of Palestine."

The Manchester Guardian today, commenting on a letter from the head of the Arab Office in London in which the ex-Mufti is lauded for his fight against the "hideous injustice" done the Arabs, recalls in an editorial that the Mufti congratulated Hitler on behalf of the Arabs. "If this was really the wish of the Arabs, they cannot expect sympathy from the Allies," the paper says. "If, however, it was a misguided action, the Arabs ought to reject the Mufti's leadership."

ARAB "BLACK HAND" TERRORIZES MERCHANTS IN PALESTINE; SEEKS TO ENFORCE ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT

LONDON, April 29. (JTA) -- The Arab "Black Hand" is at work again in Palestine, seeking to terrorize both Arab and Jewish merchants into observing the boycott of Jewish goods, it was reported today from Jerusalem by Reuters. It has already hounded at least two Arab merchants to death, the Reuters correspondent says.

The correspondent reveals that the Arab boycott against Jews is not being fully observed. "There simply are not enough Arab manufactured goods available, and an Arab shopkeeper, if he wants to stay in business, is compelled to deal with the well-stocked warehouses in the Jewish city of Tel Aviv," the British correspondent reports. "Arabs still patronize Jewish-owned motion picture theatres and cafes. Educated Arab merchants who have had friendly and profitable dealings with Jews for years continue to trade with them surreptitiously, but they remember the terror of 1936-38, during which 133 leading Arabs, including police officers and civil officials, were murdered by Arab terrorists."

"Recently an Arab broker, suspected of having sold land to Jews, was shot dead in daylight in one of the busiest streets in Jaffa. When Palestine police Criminal Investigation Department officers arrested two suspects, a bomb containing pamphlets exploded in the street. The pamphlets warned the police not to continue their investigations of the murder."

Arabs Threatened with Death; Jews Receive Warning Letters

Arab merchants who have failed to observe the boycott have received letters threatening them with death if they continue to deal with Jews. Now the "black hand" organization has turned its attention to Jewish merchants in an effort to make the boycott effective. A Jewish merchant in Tel Aviv showed the Reuter correspondent a copy of a letter he had received from the "black hand" group. It read:

"Sir, We have the honor to inform you, and to advise you first, regarding the distribution of your goods to Jaffa, our organized League instructed not to do any mean of harm against you, but in condition if we have to see you at Jaffa, then other ways of damage will be done. Be in safety, and cut all your relations with Arabs, as we instructed all the merchants by a mean of warning not to receive your goods. We advise you, hoping to settle the matter in peace, and not to oblige us to make harm against you." At the bottom a skull and crossbones and two guns were drawn over the words "the black hand of the Arab Secret Army."

The original "black hand," which emerged during the Arab rebellion of 1936 was believed to have been composed largely of boys under 18 "delegated" to kill because they could not be sentenced to death if captured and convicted.

ALL GERMANS ARE EQUALLY GUILTY OF MURDER OF 6,000,000 JEWS, NIEMOELLER CHARGES

NUMERBERG, April 29. (JTA) -- Pastor Martin Niemöller, who was imprisoned by the Nazis for seven years, told an audience of more than 3,000 people yesterday, that the German people must share the guilt for the murder of 6,000,000 Jews.

"Perhaps at some distant date," Niemöller said, "when our grandchildren, or our children's children's grandchildren, offer a beggar in France or Holland a crust of bread, that beggar will refuse it, saying: 'I take no bread from the hand that is stained with the blood of 6,000,000 Jews.'"

"Let the Germans not forget that 6,000,000 people were done to death 'according to plan'--done to death deliberately, gassed, hanged, shot, beaten. Let us recall the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill', and let us not forget our guilt for these 6,000,000 murders." Describing how the Allies gave him permission to show his wife the cell in which he was confined at Dachau concentration camp, Pastor Niemöller declared:

"When we read the memorial plaque commemorating the burning in the crematorium there of 238,756 fellow human beings between 1933 and 1945, my wife shuddered, and my guilt for those deaths was brought home to me. Of course, I could argue that I had an alibi. I myself was in a concentration camp after 1937 and could not be expected to speak out against their horrors--which, believe me, were worse than the films we have seen and worse than the newspaper descriptions. But what did I do when I was a free man and still a preacher in the Berlin suburb of Dahlem? I did nothing, except go on preaching as if nothing was happening that should have moved every pastor to protest.

"There came to see me recently a Jew who had lost his parents in Theresienstadt concentration camp and his own family in Oswiecim. What could I say to him except 'my dear brother, I frankly confess my guilt and the guilt of my people. I know what my people have done to yours. In all humility I ask you to forgive us--if you can forgive us.'"

RELEASE JEWISH YOUTHS JAILED BY POLISH COURT MARTIAL IN ENGLAND FOR "DESERPTION"

LONDON, April 29. (JTA) -- Three Jewish youths who were sentenced to several years imprisonment last month by a Polish court martial for leaving their units last year because of anti-Jewish discrimination, were today released from the British military prison at Fort Belknap.

Their release followed approval by the Polish military authorities of an appeal by their counsel that execution of their sentences be deferred until after they have returned to Poland. The three, David Glycenstein, Abram Monk and Shimon Gettrouhendler, have been returned to their units in Scotland pending demobilization.

GEORGE ROOBY, JDC AIDE IN TWO WARS, DIES SUDDENLY, SERVED WITH UNRRA IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- Funeral services for George Rooby, 55, UNRRA official and former overseas representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, who died in Miami, Fla., on Sunday, will be held here tomorrow. Mr. Rooby, who returned from France last month after serving with UNRRA for over a year, was vacationing in Florida when he was stricken.

Mr. Rooby served with the JDC from 1919 to 1924, working in Poland during the post-World War I conflict between Poland and Russia. He was active in aiding Jews to emigrate from Germany after the rise of Hitler and later did refugee work in France. He joined the overseas staff of UNRRA in 1944 and was assigned to Paris, where he was loaned to the JDC.

LEHMAN URGES SUPPORT OF ORT FUND DRIVE TO AID JEWS REGAIN "SELF-RELIANCE"

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The displaced and refugee Jews of Europe "can be transformed from helpless wanderers to self-reliant citizens," former Governor Herbert H. Lehman said yesterday in a message urging support of the ORT 1946 fund drive for \$4,000,000. The message was read to the annual meeting of the ORT Council of Organizations.

Mr. Lehman's message to 1,000 delegates from fraternal societies and synagogues of New York City praised the ORT's establishment of training courses in DP centers in Germany, while he was director general of UNRRA, and cited the recent expansion of these activities under a new agreement with UNRRA officials.

Professor William Rappard, member of the Swiss Assets Commission in Washington, reported to the meeting on his observations of the ORT's organization and activity in Switzerland. Dr. Mordecai Nurock, former Chief Rabbi of Latvia, who recently returned from a tour of Europe said that government officials throughout that continent are eager to cooperate with the ORT rehabilitation programs.

A report on the ORT program - which operates in Europe, South America, North and South Africa and Shanghai - was delivered by Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Union, who has just returned from a tour of Europe.

UNRRA ASSURES LUBAVITCHER RABBI THAT DISPLACED JEWS WILL GET KOSHER FOOD WHEREVER POSSIBLE

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation headquarters today notified Rabbi Joseph I. Schneersohn, the Lubavitcher Rabbi, that the UNRRA has provided and will continue to provide Kosher food in all the areas where it operates, wherever such food is requested and available.

The statement from UNRRA came in response to an appeal from Rabbi Schneersohn that displaced Jews be provided with Kosher food during the Passover holiday as well as after Passover. A similar appeal was sent by Rabbi Schneersohn to the State Department and to the Joint Distribution Committee. The reply from the State Department was "highly sympathetic," he said, and the J.D.C. informed the Rabbi that it supplied close to 3,000,000 pounds of matzo to Jews in European countries and elsewhere.

CANADIAN JEWS SPENT \$500,000 ON JEWISH RELIEF OVERSEAS SINCE BEGINNING OF YEAR

MONTREAL, April 29. (JTA) -- Jewish relief organizations of Canada have spent more than \$500,000 for Jewish relief overseas since the beginning of this year, according to a report made here yesterday to a meeting of the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The money was used to purchase supplies; assemble and ship the food, clothing, and medications; send relief workers overseas; and help finance relief activities of the Joint Distribution Committee. Saul Hayes, executive director of the Congress, expressed confidence that Canadian Jews would fulfill the Congress goal of \$1,500,000 for overseas relief in 1946.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS JOIN IN ESTABLISHING NEW NATIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCY

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds are among 36 national volunteer welfare agencies and government welfare services who have joined in establishing the National Social Welfare Assembly.

Frank L. Weil, president of the JWB, who represents the Boy Scouts in the new organization, was named chairman of its executive committee. Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati was elected president.