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PALESTINE ARAB STRIKE PASSES QUIETLY; ARAB LEADER SUMMONED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER

JERUSALEM, May 3. (JTA) -- The nation-wide strike of Palestine Arabs in protest against the findings of the Anglo-American Committee passed without serious incident today, although a clash between fanatical students and British police at Damascus Gate in the Old City threatened for a time to precipitate a major outbreak.

During the day, Jamal Hussein, president of the Arab Higher Committee, and Ahmed Shukeiri, another leader of the Committee, conferred with High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham. Shukeiri told the High Commissioner that the Arabs felt the inquiry committee's report was a severe breach of promises made to the Arabs and asserted that the Arabs would defend their rights and have, in fact, already started to organize their defense. He told reporters, after leaving Government House, that his statement to Sir Alan was in the nature of an ultimatum.

Hussein, who was summoned to the High Commissioner's headquarters later, for an undisclosed reason, this morning addressed a crowd of students at the El Akas Mosque. He is reported to have urged the demonstrators to remain calm, because the time for violence had not yet arrived. The students who shouted "Down with Britain," and "Down with America," carried banners inscribed "Palestine is an Arab State and Must Remain So Forever."

Although a procession of several thousand Arabs paraded through Jerusalem, as Arab shops and places of entertainment remained closed, the only violence reported was at the Damascus Gate where an angry crowd of more than 2,000 stoned British troops. They were quelled, however, by the arrival of six armored cars and a handful of police and troops who slipped into the Old City and threw a barbed wire barricade across the gate. A warning volley by British tommygunners emphasized the police order to the demonstrators to disperse. The police carried only shields and clubs.

Jewish Buses Stoned; Fire in Jewish Settlement Causes Heavy Damage

Several Jewish buses were stoned in other parts of the country and one Jew was slightly injured in Ramleh, but in general the strike was without incident elsewhere in Palestine.

A large fire of mysterious origin, however, broke out last midnight in the Jewish settlement of Kibbutz Esham, in the extreme southern part of the country, and Arab sabotage was suspected. The blaze destroyed a tractor and several other pieces of farm machinery. The damage is estimated to exceed \$10,000. Four settlers were injured, three of whom required hospitalization.

A report from Damascus said that Arabs in Syria also demonstrated today. In Bagdad, the National Democratic Party published a demand that the Iraq Government break off relations with United States and Britain if they adopted the report. Its statement said the Arab League must submit the Palestine problem to the United Nations Security Council as adoption of the report would threaten the peace of the Middle East and the world.

JERUSALEM RESISTANCE GROUPS PLEDGE PEACE DURING IMMIGRATION OF 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 3. (JTA) -- All three groups within the Jewish resistance movement today joined in pledging that they would not violate the peace "necessary to bring our brethren" into Palestine, but would, on the contrary, take measures to guarantee the maintenance of such a peace. The statement was made on a broadcast of the "Voice of Israel," underground radio of the Jewish resistance forces.

The radio, replying to Prime Minister Attlee's statement that the Jewish "illegal armies" must be disarmed before 100,000 Jews could be admitted to Palestine, said on behalf of all resistance groups that "the Jewish community will not surrender the arms which defended it against recurring dastardly attacks throughout the period of Jewish settlement, and which continue to protect Jewish lives, rights and future peace. The Jewish forces will continue to remain independent and will not accept orders from foreign rulers.

"Attlee's demand for the disarming of the Jews is only a ruse designed to get the British Government out of fulfilling the inquiry committee's compromise recommendations, particularly immigration.

"We emphatically reject Attlee's libel that we are obstructing the immigration of 100,000 Jews--the only obstruction to this continues to be Attlee, his Government, and his abortive policy," the broadcast declared. It pointed out that the Jewish people "aspire to complete national independence and are not content with the immigration of 100,000 Jews, even if the recommendation is implemented promptly and faithfully."

Responsible Jewish circles today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that surrendering arms as the British Prime Minister had demanded means suicide for the Jewish community in Palestine. "Attlee's bargain with lives, which is a form of political blackmail, will not have any effect on the Jewish community's determination to save the remnants of European Jewry and bring them to Palestine by any and all means, even if it involves the loss of innocent Jewish lives," a Jewish spokesman said.

He declared that the "spark of hope" offered by the inquiry committee's report and by President Truman's statement had been "extinguished ruthlessly" by Attlee's statement. "Every child in Palestine knows that neither the Arabs nor the Jews will lay down their arms. The former because of love of opportunities--political opportunities included--that arms offer, and the latter because they remember only too well the bitter experiences of years past, when they were unarmed and exposed to the mercy of murderers, while the British administration was incapable of protecting lives and property."

JEWISH DP'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE APPEALS TO BYRNES TO IMPLEMENT PALESTINE REPORT IMMEDIATELY

MUNICH, May 3. (JTA) -- Wires were sent today to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin by the Central Committee of Liberated Jews of Germany warning that any delay in the acceptance and implementation of the Anglo-American inquiry committee's report granting 100,000 Palestine certificates to European Jews will lead to further tragedy for the displaced Jews.

Declaring that the report had been awaited with great eagerness by the displaced Jews of Germany, the wire pointed to recent events at Stuttgart, Dissen, and Landsberg, where DP's clashed with Germans, and said that conditions among the Jews had reached a critical point. These disturbances, the wires asserted, were indicative of the rising unrest among the Jews who a full year after liberation are "still imprisoned in a land which cannot afford them any saluum."

ARAB STATES MAY BRING PALESTINE ISSUE BEFORE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

NEW YORK, May 3. (JTA) -- Arab leaders in the United States today indicated that they are considering having the Palestine issue raised before the United Nations Security Council by Arab states which are members of the United Nations on the basis that the present situation in Palestine is a threat to the peace of the Middle East.

At the headquarters of the U.N. a spokesman for Secretary-General Trygve Lie declared: "The present situation in Palestine is certainly a threat to peace in the Middle East. There can be no doubt of that. Therefore, the Palestine question definitely comes under the jurisdiction of the Security Council."

Under the Charter, any member of the United Nations can call the attention of the Council to a situation threatening international peace and security. The same power also is vested in Secretary-General Lie.

SUBSTANTIAL AMERICAN LOAN TO PALESTINE URGED AS MEASURE TO SECURE ARAB COOPERATION

LONDON, May 3. (JTA) -- A substantial loan by the United States, or other nations, to the Palestine Administration would go a long way towards securing Arab support for the recommendations of the Anglo-American committee, it was stated here today by the Economist, influential financial weekly. It urged the United States to assume some responsibility for Palestine.

Meanwhile, it is reported here by Reuters that if direct discussions on Palestine develop in Paris between Secretary of State Byrnes and Foreign Minister Bevin, as a result of the British note handed to Byrnes last night, Bevin will ask for large-scale financial aid to cover the cost of the proposed Jewish immigration and cultural and economic development of Palestine; U.S. military reinforcements to double the present Palestine garrison; and talks on the possibility of a joint Anglo-American trusteeship for the country.

The Manchester Guardian suggests today that peace in Palestine could be secured by a combination of British and Jewish intelligence and security forces. In a letter to the Times this morning, Neil Malcolm, former League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said that the recommendations of the Anglo-American committee on immigration were very specific and that the Palestine Government is not given discretion to determine the pace at which the 100,000 Jews should be admitted, but rather to exercise its judgment in allowing subsequent Jewish immigration.

British Military and Naval Chiefs Assembling in Palestine

The War Office announced that Sir Evelyn Barker was en route to Palestine from Britain to assume command of British forces there. From Jerusalem it was reported that Admiral Sir Algernon J. Willis, new commander in chief in the Mediterranean, had arrived there from Alexandria to confer with High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham.

British troops in Palestine were reliably estimated here today to number two and a half divisions. They are supported by a number of Royal Air Force units and Naval Coastal Patrols and in an emergency would have behind them 15,000 members of the Palestine police and prison services. Aircraft with searchlights, naval craft patrolling the coastline, and land forces have all cooperated in recent actions against "illegal" attempts to land Jewish emigrants.

JEWISH PRESS IN U.S. UNITED IN ATTACKING ATTLEE'S CONDITIONS ON PALESTINE ISSUE

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- The entire Yiddish press in the United States takes issue today with Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee's stipulation that 100,000 displaced Jews will be admitted to Palestine only if the "illegal armies" there disband and surrender their arms.

The Jewish Day terms Attlee's statement "England's newest treachery against Jews" and points out that "never before did England demonstrate its hypocrisy with regard to the Jews as in this statement." Commenting on the report of the Anglo-American committee, the paper says that by rejecting the idea of a Jewish state "the members of the committee demand a high price from the Jewish people" for the recommendation to admit 100,000 Jews to Palestine.

The Jewish Morning Journal says that Attlee's statement "cannot be interpreted as anything but an indication that Britain is far from agreeing on the recommendations of the inquiry committee, especially the recommendation to immediately admit 100,000 Jews to Palestine." It warns England not to make the Palestine issue a "political ball." The report of the inquiry committee "constitutes a heavy blow to the Jews" because it goes further than any reports previously issued in depriving Jews of their rights in Palestine, the paper declares.

The Jewish Daily Forward points out that the strongest point of the committee's report is its proposal to admit immediately 100,000 Jews to Palestine, while its weakest point is the negative attitude to Jewish statehood. "Notwithstanding this negative attitude, it must be said that in weighing the good and the bad points of the report from a general Jewish standpoint, the former will outweigh the latter."

The Jewish Morning Freiheit, a Communist paper, urges the rejection by Jews of the "imperialistic report" of the inquiry committee. It demands that Palestine be transferred to a temporary tri-partite trusteeship of the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain, on behalf of the United Nations.

American Press Divided on Attlee's Demands for U.S. Support

Leading American newspapers were divided today in their comment on the Attlee request for American financial and military aid in carrying out the recommendations of the inquiry committee. While some newspapers justified Attlee's demand, others suggested that the entire Palestine issue be transferred to the United Nations for decision.

The New York Times said: "Fair-minded Americans will agree that this country cannot ask Great Britain to abrogate the White Paper, which represents British policy in Palestine, without assuming some responsibility for imposing a substitute policy involving grave risks of violence and disorder. After talking loudly and long about what should be done, after joining in an inquiry to find out if the American-proposed solution is practicable--for this is what the joint investigation amounts to--we cannot very well wash our hands of the consequences of our advice and our action."

The New York Herald-Tribune commented: "It seems impossible for American spokesmen to go on much longer trying to make political capital out of the miseries of the Jews and the tragedies of the Palestine dilemma without accepting any responsibility in the premises. If this nation's influence is to produce anything save catastrophe, then it will have to place its power, prestige and if need be its troops behind the basic solutions which it is prepared to advocate."

Among the papers which advocated the transfer of the Palestine issue to the United Nations were the New York World-Telegram which, at the same time, termed Attlee's stand "slick politics, but poor statesmanship," and the Christian Science Monitor which said that "British experience with the problem and American reluctance to take real responsibility both suggest the value of bringing the world organization into the Palestine picture."

WISE SAYS ATTLEE STATEMENT CANCELS ENTIRE REPORT OF ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, May 3. (JTA) -- Charging that Prime Minister Attlee's statement "cancels in advance the entire report of the Anglo-American Committee," Rabbi Stephen S. Wise said today that Attlee has dealt with the problem "not in the manner of statesmanship, but after the fashion of a huckster dealing with some matter of exchange and barter."

"In a word, we are asked to barter the Haganah, our security, for the possibility of getting one hundred thousand displaced persons into Palestine," Dr. Wise said, in a statement to the press. "It cannot be done. It will not be done. We shall not barter away the immediate jewel of a people's security in return for what is evidently to be the vague and perhaps remote possibility of saving 100,000 displaced persons, whose safety after their advent into Palestine may depend upon the continuance of the Haganah. The 100,000 displaced persons would not, in our judgment, ask that of Palestine nor even permit the so-called 'disarming' of their brother Jews, which might mean that the Yishub, augmented by 100,000 displaced persons, would stand helpless in the presence of a large Arab population in Palestine and in neighboring States."

"Prime Minister Attlee's proposal is utterly unworthy. It does him no honor, nor is it worthy of the great people whom he misrepresents. The report calls for the virtual repeal of the White Paper. If offensive and insulting conditions are to be attached to the entry of the displaced persons into Palestine, the Jewish people and, we daresay, our own Government will respond with the firmest negative."

"Prime Minister Attlee's insistence upon so qualifying the acceptance of the report as virtually to annul it is bound up with a further suggestion which is likewise designed to annul the substance of the Committee's report. It is England which, through the Mandate, has secured an invaluable foothold in Palestine wherein to place a mighty army for the defense of the Suez Canal and for other military and imperialist advantages. The Prime Minister calmly proceeds to ask for American military participation in an undertaking to which the American Government is and will continue to remain unrelated. One cannot imagine a more meanly huckstering response to a great proposal than that of Prime Minister Attlee. It cancels in advance the entire report of the Anglo-American Committee. To that cancellation the American Government and people will not assent."

Zionists-Revisionists Reject Report; Term It "Cruel Hoax"

The recommendations of the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee were attacked today for completely ignoring the needs of the majority of the Jews of Europe as well as the Jews in Arab lands and those scattered elsewhere throughout the world, in a statement issued by Meir Grossman, president of the United Zionists-Revisionists of America, which represents the membership of the New Zionist Organization and the Jewish State Party.

Pointing out that the committee recommended relief for only one out of every fifteen Jews in Europe, Grossman termed the report a "cruel hoax on Jewish homelessness," asserted that the committee had "utterly failed in its attempt to frame a long-term policy for Palestine," and declared that the Zionists-Revisionists would not accept the findings. The statement charged that the American members of the committee "in their eagerness to secure acceptance of President Truman's humanitarian proposal for the admission of 100,000 displaced Jews into Palestine" had succumbed to the pressure of their British colleagues and had been "tricked into subscribing to a series of far-reaching anti-Jewish statements and recommendations."

TRIAL OF LANDSBERG JEWISH REFUGEES TRANSFERRED TO HIGHER AMERICAN MILITARY COURT

LANDSBERG, Germany, May 3. (JTA) -- The American Military Government court at Kausbeuren today referred the case of the 20 Jewish DP's arrested after Sunday's rioting here to the General Court at Augsburg, headquarters of the Ninth Division, on the grounds that it did not have the authority to mete out sufficiently heavy sentences, if the defendants are convicted.

Capt. Seymour Lubin, who presided, emphasized that the transfer, which was made on a prosecution motion, was based on the fact that he believed that the prosecution had showed that there was substance to its charges, which include participation in a riot, resisting arrest and assaulting troops. The trial is expected to open at Augsburg on Thursday.

Presenting its arguments for transfer of the case to a higher court, the prosecution introduced three witnesses: Maj. Clair Thurston, division provost marshal; T/5 William Pletz, Thurston's jeep driver; and Lieut. John Becker, assistant provost marshal.

Thurston testified that when he arrived at the scene of the disturbance on Sunday he saw about 200 DP's milling about the camp area and three German civilians on the ground. He said that the only reason that more of the DP's were not arrested was because the others broke out of the cordon which was established and in order to avoid further bloodshed he did not want to order the troops to fire. He admitted under defense questioning that he had seen only one of the 20 defendants assault German civilians. He also said that when the 20 were searched by the MP's only one had a knife in his possession. Thurston denied a defense statement that he had offered to release all but one of the DP's.

Pletz testified that he saw two of the DP's throw rocks, but added that they had hit no one. He said that he was forced to fire into the air to prevent 19 of the defendants from escaping. Lieut. Becker, who arrested the twentieth man, Fife Seligman, charged that the latter had beaten a German woman.

Defense attorneys, Dr. Samuel Grinzaus, former judge at Memel and leader of the Landsberg camp, and Shelma Orenstein, argued against referral of the case to the higher court, asserting that the incident was not a riot against the military forces, but "public disorder" against the Germans. Dr. Grinzaus said that the delay in trying the case would cause serious unrest in the camp.

The court room was jammed with witnesses who were brought from the camp, as well as high ranking military observers. The 20 defendants were brought from the jail where they are being held in an army truck and returned the same way. They sang cheerfully on both trips, mainly Palestinian songs, and waved to the spectators.

Bodies of Kidnapped Jewish Guards Believed to Have Been Thrown into Lake

MUNICH, May 3. (JTA) -- The Jewish refugees at the Landsberg camp believe that the bodies of the two Jewish guards who disappeared mysteriously from their posts at a kibbutz of 40 persons in Dissen, a Landsberg suburb, have been thrown into nearby Tegern Lake by German kidnappers.

A correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency who returned from Dissen today reported that all telephone and electric wires were cut at the Dissen camp on the night of April 28 when the two guards disappeared. Twenty-four former members of the Nazi party are under observation.

JEWISH DEPUTY IN POLISH COUNCIL URGES STRONGER GOVT. ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

WARSAW, May 3. (JTA) -- Adolf Berman, Jewish deputy in the Polish National Council and former partisan leader, denouncing the continued murder of Jews and Polish democrats has called for more vigorous Government action to suppress the anti-Semitic and anti-Government terror.

Premier Edward Osobka-Morawski, opening the tenth session of the Council called on the Polish people to take up the struggle against anti-Semitic bands which, he said, threaten not only the Jews but the entire Polish nation. He declared that while Poland needed the hands and brains of every citizen the Government would not stand in the way of Jews who desired to emigrate to Palestine and realize there their national aspirations.

Describing the effects of anti-Semitism in Poland. Dr. Berman declared: "Once again we face new graves. No day passes without Jewish victims. During the past few weeks forty Jews were killed. Polish democrats, too, fall. Jewish youth cannot stand by passively and see these murders. The youth has a glorious tradition--it fought in the Warsaw and Bialystok Ghettos, and having fought against the enemy, it wants to fight these Fascist bandits too. We have urged that we be given weapons for our defense.

"We realize that the new wave of anti-Semitic terror is part of the Fascist program in its fight against the Government, and that the murders are inspired by Polish reactionary centers outside the country. We think that the time is at hand for the Polish working class and the whole people to take the offensive and attack Fascism."

Calling for stronger Government measures, Berman asserted that "indulgence by the Government is mistaken by the Fascists as weakness. They need to be shown the contrary."

He said that the Jewish people who desire to reconstruct their lives have created a new economic life based on cooperative workshops and that the Jewish masses "want to fight for their own state." Thanking the Premier for his support for Jews desiring to build their homeland in Palestine, Berman said "the Jewish people will remember the assistance granted them in this historic moment."

Premier Osobka-Morawski pointed out that in Poland the Fascists were still trying to murder the surviving Jews, at the same time as the creators of the doctrine of racist ideology and hatred between men were being tried at Nuremberg. Declaring that the Government has already taken measures to deal with terror and the spreading of racial hatred, he called on the entire Polish people to back the Government program of equality of all citizens without distinction as to race, nationality or religion. He insisted that the state must grant equal protection and rights to all citizens as well as expecting equal duties from all.

DELEGATION OF CENTRAL JEWISH COMMITTEE OF POLAND LEAVES LONDON FOR UNITED STATES

LONDON, May 3. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Jewish Central Committee of Poland, headed by Dr. Emil Sommerstein, its chairman, and consisting of representatives of the General Zionists, the Poale Zionists, the Hashomer Hatzair, and Jewish partisans, left here today for the United States to consult with American Jewish leaders.

U.N. REFUGEE BODY ESTABLISHES COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER JEWISH MEMORANDUMS

LONDON, May 3. (JTA) -- The United Nations Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons today unanimously adopted a proposal by Polish delegate Joseph Winiewicz that it set up a sub-committee to examine the memoranda submitted by Jewish organizations. Chinese delegate K.T. Tsien, who was named chairman of the sub-committee, urged that representatives of UNRRA and the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee attend its sessions.

In brief addresses supporting the establishment of the sub-committee, the delegates from the United States, the Soviet Union, the Netherlands, France and the Dominican Republic paid tribute to the sufferings of the Jews under German occupation.

The full committee voted yesterday to adopt the Russian and American proposal that the new international refugee body to be established should be independent of the U.N. but should cooperate with the U.N. Social and Economic Council.

FRANCE MAY OPEN FRONTIERS TO 250,000 JEWISH REFUGEES, LONDON NEWSPAPER REPORTS

LONDON, May 3. (JTA) -- France may take the initiative in attempting to solve the European refugee problem by opening her frontiers to homeless Jews, the Daily Mirror reported here today from Paris.

The newspaper said that Foreign Minister Georges Bidault favors the idea and has discussed it with representatives of French Jewry. Moreover, the Mirror asserts, there is support among all coalition political parties in the country for the opening of large refugee camps capable of accommodating 250,000 Jews. It has been pointed out in France that such a move would recruit needed manpower as well as win wide sympathy, especially in America, for French requests for financial aid.

TRUMAN URGED TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR TRANSFER OF 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, May 3. (JTA) -- The recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee were termed "inacceptable as a whole" by Peter Bergson, chairman of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, in a letter sent yesterday to President Truman and released by Bergson today at a press conference.

Declaring that the committee offered "no solution whatsoever but merely endorsed the continuation of the status quo of the British military occupation," Bergson wrote the President: "We regard it as significant that you have withheld approval of the vague and harmful recommendations of the committee which serve only to encourage antagonism and conflict between Hebrews and Arabs." He expressed the gratitude "of the Hebrew people" for the President's "sympathy and understanding" and confidence that "we can rely on your wisdom and statesmanship to support a just, effective and permanent long-range policy."

The letter suggested that the American Army Commander in Europe be given responsibility for the most expeditious evacuation of the 100,000 refugees to Palestine, with shipping to be made available by the War Shipping Administration and Maritime Commission.

In a cable to Prime Minister Attlee, Bergson placed responsibility for violence in Palestine on the Palestine administration and urged the transfer to Palestine of all Palestinians now in the British Armed Forces and all units of the Jewish Brigade to maintain order. ~~Mass eliminating, he said, need for British or American troops.~~

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