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POLISH JEWS EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE BELIEVED MASSACRED NEAR POLISH-CZECH FRONTIER

VIENNA, May 10. (JTA) -- A group of 27 Polish Jews, who disappeared last week while attempting to cross the Polish-Czechoslovak frontier, were reported here today to have been massacred by "unknown bands."

The group was one of three totalling 89 who left Cracow in the last days of April with the intention of eventually getting to Palestine, according to Jacob Wisnia, leader of one of the groups, who arrived in Vienna yesterday.

Thirty-two men, women and children, led by Wisnia, crossed the Polish frontier on the night of May 1, and reached Kreismarkt, Czechoslovakia. From there the group made its way to Bratislava where it awaited the other two. The second section, with 30 members, arrived a day later, but the third group never turned up.

From couriers sent back to the frontier to check, as well as from other sources, it was learned, Wisnia reported, that the entire group was murdered on the night of May 2 in a wood between Szczawnic and Nowy Wies about one and one-half kilometers from the Czechoslovak border.

Wisnia, 31-year-old native of Brest-Litovsk, was a lieutenant in the Polish army, and fought with the Red Army until 1943 when he was transferred to Polish units serving under Marshal Zhukov. After his demobilization late last year, Wisnia became head of the Zionist movement in Galicia.

TWENTY WOUNDED IN CAIRO DURING DEMONSTRATION AGAINST ANGLO-AMERICAN REPORT ON PALESTINE

CAIRO, May 10. (JTA) -- About twenty people, including two policemen, were wounded here today when a mob stoned police who attempted to break up a demonstration against the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee. Fifty persons were arrested.

Most of the shops in Cairo were closed and street cars were not running as a result of the general strike proclaimed by certain Moslem organizations in protest against the committee's report favoring the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine. The city was out of bounds to British troops.

A report from Bagdad said that the protest strike in Iraq, which was called in sympathy with the Arabs in Palestine, will be maintained until noon on Saturday. Shops, theatres and other public services here closed at noon today. Publication of daily newspapers has been suspended. Police squads are patrolling the streets and the Government has ordered that no more than five persons can gather in any place in Bagdad, in order to prevent demonstrations.

Palestine Arabs Cable Protests to Truman, Attlee, Stalin

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- The Palestine Arab Higher Committee today announced that it has sent cables to President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Marshal

Stalin, describing the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee as "an absolute and a complete repudiation of all principles of freedom of self-determination and democracy.

"The recommendations of the inquiry committee will enable the Jews of the world to invade our country under the protection of the armed forces of Britain and America," the cable continued. "The Arabs will oppose enforcement of the recommendations to the last man. This policy will endanger peace in the Middle East and the world."

Jamal Husseini, chairman of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, addressing more than 6,000 Arabs at Jaffa today, called for Arab solidarity in the fight against the admission of 100,000 Jews and urged "complete boycott of everything Jewish." Police stood by in Jaffa from dawn, but after listening to Husseini's speech near the Grand Mosque, the crowd dispersed quietly.

U.S. WILL CONSULT JEWS AND ARABS BEFORE ACTING ON ANGLO-AMERICAN REPORT ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, May 10. (JTA) -- The United States Government is studying the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee on Palestine and intends to consult with Arab and Jewish leaders before making any definite decision on the report, Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson told the diplomatic representatives of five Arab states who called on him today to protest the committee report.

Acheson told his press conference that the Arab diplomats pointed out that on a number of occasions the United States Government had informed the Arab Governments that in its view no change should be made in the basic situation in Palestine without prior consultation with both Arabs and Jews. They further expressed the hope, the Acting Secretary declared, that the American Government would not adopt any policy calling for change in basic policy without such consultation.

Asked whether any negotiations are proceeding between the United States and British Governments to implement the recommendations of the committee, Acheson said that we are in consultation with the British Government on matters of procedure relating solely to the promised consultation with Arabs and Jews.

He declined to comment on an alleged statement by Bartley Crum, an American member of the committee, assailing the former Grand Mufti as a war criminal and one of the twenty-five most dangerous Moslems.

(Mr. Crum yesterday reiterated his charge that Foreign Minister Bevin had promised the members of the committee that his Government would adopt their recommendations, if they were unanimous. Earlier, a Foreign Office spokesman had stated that there was no record of such a statement by Mr. Bevin.)

FRANCE REITERATES MUFTI FREE TO LEAVE; IGNORES BRITISH REQUEST TO DETAIN HIM

PARIS, May 10. (JTA) -- A French foreign office spokesman today reiterated that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, who is now living in a villa outside of Paris, is free to leave the country anytime he wishes, or anytime some country specifically requests his presence. Up to now, he added, no country, including the Arab states, has asked for the Mufti.

The spokesman denied recent reports that France had agreed, following a British request, to prevent the Arab leader from leaving. He confirmed that a note had been received from the British Government, but said that it had not asked France to retain the Mufti, but had merely stressed the dangers inherent in the present Palestine situation, and suggested the advisability of keeping the Mufti in France.

ALLIED AUTHORITIES IN ITALY TO INVESTIGATE ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN REFUGEE CAMP

ROME, May 10. (JTA) -- Allied military authorities today promised to initiate a detailed inquiry into the circumstances under which two displaced Jews were killed and thirteen injured last week in anti-Jewish riots by Ukrainian fascists in the Reggio Emilia camp for displaced persons.

The Ukrainians, a number of whom served as Gestapo guards in Nazi extermination camps in Poland, and therefore fear to return to the Ukraine, were permitted by the Allied authorities to live side by side with the displaced Jews at the camp, which is located about 45 miles from Bologna. Representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and of the Central Committee of Jewish Refugees in Italy are seeking permission to participate in the promised inquiry.

A special correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency who visited the camp today was refused information by Major Lewis, the British commandant, and Lt. Eyston, his assistant. However, the correspondent learned the following details from the Italian police and the Jewish refugees:

Nearly a thousand Jews arrived at the camp the last week of April. The camp already held 25 national groups, including Finns, Czechs, Hungarian members of the fascist Arrow Cross, White Russians and 130 Ukrainians from Glasgow who were said to be fascists. The Hungarian fascists were promptly removed, but the others were not.

Mordecai Lowenberg of Poland, leader of the Jewish Camp Committee, and sole survivor of his family of a father and mother, five brothers and three sisters, a wife and three children, said that the Ukrainians threw water at the Jews from second story windows of the building as they were arriving. Some Ukrainians were identified by the arriving Jews as guards from the notorious Oswiecim extermination camp and had the SS stamp on their arms.

Knives Thrown At Unarmed Jews; Commandant Justifies Murder

Preparing for a May Day rally in the recreation hall, the Jews decorated the walls with the Zionist flag and the red flag with hammer and sickle, and the portraits of five Jewish poets. A verbal permit was believed to have been granted by the camp authorities, and 400 Jews gathered in the hall. The Ukrainians began to congregate outside.

According to the refugees, Lieut. Eyston strode into the hall, with five Ukrainians, and demanded that all the flags and "pictures of Communists" be removed and the meeting dissolved. The refugees refused because they thought they had permission to meet. Eyston personally tore down the red flag. The Jews agreed to disperse if the Ukrainians were sent away from the door. However, as they left the Ukrainians threw knives at the unarmed refugees and large-scale fighting broke out. Eyston vanished, saying he would get the police, but was not seen again.

When the Italian police restored order, nine Jews were found to be wounded. Israel Kaplan, 19, died later of knife wounds.

The Jewish leaders demanded that Major Lewis allow them to see the Ukrainians paraded by them in single file so they could pick out the man suspected of the May Day violence. Major Lewis said: "I consider that the death of your comrade was caused by your own tactlessness in flaunting the red flag before the Ukrainians."

Nevertheless he held the line-up of the Ukrainians the morning of May 4 before the camp gates. Ten Jews identified 18 Ukrainians, but Lewis refused their request to

hold the men as suspected rioters and killers for trial at the camp. He said that the whole group was going to a camp at nearby Modena.

Fight Flares Anew When Ukrainians are Identified by Jews

Jews inside the camp surged against the Ukrainians and another free-for-all ensued. One Jew said later in an affidavit that he and his companions did not want to injure the Ukrainians, but to hold them for a trial before competent authorities, feeling that if they went to Modena they would evade justice. A uniformed guard at the gate shot into the crowd through the gate.

Other Jews stormed after the Ukrainians, yelling "fascist," attacking them and UMRRA officials with stones. Lewis, Eyston, and Supply Officer Melitsanos were thrown to the ground. Melitsanos grabbed a tommy-gun from an Italian policeman, but Major Lewis kept him from using it. Major Lewis ordered the Italians to fire at the crowd but they refused. Italian infantry then arrived with two light tanks. In the ensuing gunfire, Major Kipot, a Polish Jew, was killed and five others were wounded.

The rooms of the Jews were searched. One man was arrested as the owner of a revolver, another because he had a camera, a third because he was alleged to have written a telegram to the Soviet Military Mission at Rome asking that troops be sent to the camp. Two are still held by the British Field Security Service.

Major Lewis has refused to comment, saying that he is under military orders of the British Army not to talk about the riots. The 18 Ukrainians are said to be free at Modena.

ROMANIAN JEW FREED ON COLLABORATION CHARGE; SENTENCES OF TWO OTHERS CONFIRMED

BUCHAREST, May 10. (JTA) -- S.M. Grossman, a former member of the "Central Union of Rumanian Jews," who was convicted of collaboration with the pro-Nazi regime last February, was today freed by a People's Court after a higher court had ordered a retrial.

The People's Court confirmed its previous sentences in the case of two other Jewish defendants, whose earlier convictions were also set aside by the appellate body. They are Mador Ghingold, head of the Union, who was sentenced to life imprisonment, and Jack Leon, who received a 12-year sentence. Grossman's original sentence was 15 years. At the first trial five Jews were accused and convicted of having aided the Antonescu Government in carrying out anti-Jewish measures.

BENEŠ DISCUSSES PROBLEMS OF CZECH JEWS WITH LEADER OF JEWISH COMMUNITY

PRAGUE, May 10. (JTA) -- President Eduard Beneš yesterday received Ernst Frischer, chairman of the central council of the Union of Jewish Communities in Bohemia and Moravia, with whom he discussed some of the urgent problems facing Czech Jewry. Mr. Beneš is reported to have expressed a desire to aid the Jews in overcoming these difficulties.

Harry A. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel in England was welcomed to Prague at a dinner last night arranged by the Vaad Hatzala. He will study the relief measures for Czech Jews which have been instituted by Jewish organizations in Britain and will then proceed to Slovakia for a visit to the Jewish communities there.

GERMAN NAVAL CHIEF CHARGED BY BRITISH WITH PARTICIPATING IN PERSECUTION OF JEWS

NUREMBERG, May 10. (JTA) -- Admiral Karl Doenitz, former chief of the German navy, was charged today with being equally responsible with other Nazi leaders for the persecution of Jews.

British Prosecutor Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe quoted an address by Doenitz in March, 1944, in which he urged the officers and men of the German navy to join in driving every vestige of Jewry from the German nation. The former naval chief, who headed the short-lived post-Hitler German Government, replied that he had feared that the Jews might have an adverse effect on the morale of the Germans, who were being heavily bombarded by Allied air fleets.

U.S. ARMY WITHDRAWAL FROM CHINA COSTS JEWISH REFUGEES IN SHANGHAI THEIR JOBS

SHANGHAI, May 10. (JTA) -- The majority of the 1,500 Jewish refugees who found employment in the offices and warehouses of the U.S. Army installations in Shanghai have been laid off as a result of the decrease in American military forces stationed here. Most of the refugees were employed for about six months.

With the withdrawal of American troops set for this month and with the transfer of American military headquarters to Nanking, once again China's capital, the remaining few refugees will be out of a job. There are few steady positions available now, but it is hoped that once world shipping and trade return to normal, the port will again provide sufficient opportunities for all.

TWO JEWS SENTENCED IN AFTERMATH TO ATTEMPTS TO LAND VISALESS IMMIGRANTS LAST MARCH

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Two Jews were sentenced today by a Palestine military court for participation in an unsuccessful attempt to land 240 visaless immigrants at Tel Aviv on the night of March 25-26.

The two were Arish Klapper, 34, who was sentenced to four years, and I. Shraga, an 18-year-old youth, who received a three-year sentence. Both were charged with possession of two detonators and two small containers of explosives.

Klapper and Shraga were arrested during an attempt by several thousand Jews in and near Tel Aviv to distract the attention of police and military forces while the motorship Orde Wingate attempted to land its human cargo. However, the strategy was unsuccessful, and the Wingate and the Tel Hai, carrying more than 700 refugees were captured. One Jewish woman, Baracha Fuld, was killed during the diversionary attacks. The visaless refugees were eventually released.

In a statement to the court before sentence was passed, Klapper said "All my life I have devoted to work in defense of my brethren, but never have I attempted to attack anybody. On the night when I was arrested refugees were expected to arrive, contrary to existing laws. It was necessary to land and shelter them. All Palestinian Jews are ready to sacrifice their lives to bring their brethren into this country and to defend them. I, like every Jew, was also ready to bear these responsibilities." Shraga endorsed Klapper's statement.

POLISH PARLIAMENT HEARS PLEA FOR SUPPORT OF JEWISH AIMS IN PALESTINE

WARSAW, May 10. (JTA) -- Pointing out that Transjordan, which he said was only a British puppet, was being mentioned for membership in the United Nations while the Jews of Palestine were denied such representation, Dr. Adolf Berman, former partisan and a leader of the Left Poale Zion, urged the Polish Government and the Polish people to support Jewish aspirations in Palestine.

PRESIDENT OF N.Y. BOARD OF EDUCATION DROPPED BY MAYOR; WAS OPPOSED BY LIBERAL GROUPS

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Maximillian Ross, a trustee of the Jewish Education Committee and chairman of the Brooklyn division of the Federation of Jewish Charities, today was named a member of the New York City Board of Education to replace Mary Dillon, whose reappointment had been opposed by the American Jewish Congress and other agencies.

Mayor William O'Dwyer did not explain why he had not reappointed Miss Dillon, who had served two terms as president of the board. She had been under fire from several groups for her alleged failure to sponsor an effective inter-racial program in the schools.

K.K.K. REVIVES OPEN ACTIVITIES IN GEORGIA; KLANSMEN GATHER AROUND BURNING CROSSES

ATLANTA, May 10. (JTA) -- The Ku Klux Klan came out into the open here for the first time in many years last night, when 1,000 hooded klansmen and women gathered around burning crosses on Stone Mountain during the initiation of several hundred new members.

Dr. Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the Klan, asserted that the organization had more than 20,000 members in Georgia alone. He admitted that the Klan favors "white supremacy," but denied that it had religious or racial bias.

Opposition to the revived Klan was voiced by religious, social and labor groups. The Christian Council of Atlanta protested against "a misguided patriotism that clothes itself in secrecy." The Georgia Legislative Council charged that the Klan is attempting to discourage labor organization in the South by terrorism, while the Southern Regional Council, a joint Negro and white group working to improve race relations and economic conditions in the South, declared that the Klan "is not likely to get far in the awakening South."

CLOSING WORKERS CONVENTION SUPPORTS INQUIRY COMMITTEE REPORT ON PALESTINE

ATLANTIC CITY, May 10. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the British Government to implement the Anglo-American inquiry committee's recommendation for the immediate transfer of 100,000 displaced European Jews to Palestine was adopted at the biennial convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, which is meeting here.

The union also urged the United States to ease the immigration laws so as to permit more displaced and refugee Jews to enter this country.

AMERICAN PALESTINE CORPORATION LAUNCHES \$2,200,000 ISSUE OF NEW SHARES AT N.Y. MEETING

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- A new issue of 400,000 shares, with par value of \$2,200,000, was launched here today by the American Palestine Trading Corporation at its annual meeting held under the chairmanship of Edmund I. Kaufmann. Approximately \$75,000 worth were sold at the meeting.

Reporting on the progress of the corporation, Abraham Dickstein, manager, said that the corporation has loaned \$500,000 for the development of Palestine projects, has facilitated shipments to Palestine valued at \$1,000,000 for Palestinian purchasers and has imported from Palestine to this country goods worth \$600,000. The meeting was addressed by Robert R. Nathan, Aryeh Shazar, president of the Manufacturers' Association of Palestine, and others.