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TWO JEWS KILLED, MANY WOUNDED AS ANTI-SEMITIC MOB RUNS RIOT IN HUNGARIAN TOWN

BUDAPEST, May 24. (JTA) -- Police today were investigating the killing of two Jews and the wounding of many others in an anti-Semitic riot in the town of Kunmadaras, eighty miles from here, when a mob attempted to prevent Jews from testifying against a school teacher on trial for pre-Nazi activities.

The teacher was charged with spreading a report that Jews were murdering non-Jewish children. A mob of his supporters, incensed at his prosecution, incited the assault on the town's 129 Jewish residents. Eight of the wounded required hospitalization.

PALESTINE ARABS DECIDE TO REJECT RECOMMENDATIONS OF ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) -- The Palestine Arab Higher Committee today flatly rejected the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee. The decision, which was adopted following a special four-hour session of Arab leaders, came in reply to a request by the Governments of the United States and Britain that the Palestine Arabs submit their views on the inquiry committee's report.

In rejecting the report, the Arab Higher Committee emphasized that "only the Arabs have a right to decide on Palestine's future." The Committee advanced the following demands to the Governments of Britain and the United States: 1. Abrogation of the Mandate and immediate cessation of Jewish immigration and land sales to Jews. 2. Establishment of an Arab independent democratic state in Palestine which would be a member of the Arab National League. 3. All foreign troops should be withdrawn from Palestine immediately.

The Arab Office in Jerusalem today issued a statement declaring that the Arabs "refuse to recognize the legality of United States interference" in their problems in Palestine. The statement warns the American Government against seeking early admission of 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine in accordance with the recommendation of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, which has been approved by President Truman.

CHURCHILL OPPOSES MAKING PALESTINE BRITISH MILITARY BASE; SAYS IT WOULD PREVENT U.S. AID

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- Transfer of the British military base in the Middle East from Egypt to Palestine, as a result of the present Anglo-Egyptian treaty negotiations, would seriously endanger the possibility of securing American cooperation in solving the problem of the Jews and Arabs in Palestine, former Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared in the House of Commons today.

Churchill said that he was hopeful that the Anglo-American inquiry committee report would lead to cooperation between the two countries, but added that "from the moment that Britain is going to use Palestine as a jumping-off ground to re-enter Egypt and defend the Suez Canal" the hope of gaining U.S. aid in Palestine would be lessened.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERS REITERATES DEMAND FOR JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, May 24. (JTA) -- While urging the U.S. Government to take immediate action on the recommendation of the Anglo-American inquiry committee that 100,000 displaced Jews from Europe be admitted to Palestine, the extraordinary conference of 400 Zionist leaders convened here by the American Zionist Emergency Council stressed that American Zionists will not retreat from their demand that Palestine be made a Jewish State.

"We cannot and will not accept those long-range recommendations of the Anglo-American report which deny Jewish historical rights to Palestine," said a resolution adopted by the conference last night.

The resolution pointed out that the Jews of America will not rest until President Truman's request for the admission of the 100,000 Jews has been fulfilled. "We shall continue to expose all attempts to evade action on this matter of elemental humanity," it said. It concluded by emphasizing the Zionist "determination to continue the struggle for the realization of our Zionist objectives until the Jewish State of Palestine takes its place among the democratic and progressive people of the world."

UNITED NATIONS SHOULD SOLVE PALESTINE PROBLEM, SAYS MOSCOW RADIO; HITS COMMITTEE REPORT

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- The Palestine problem could be settled effectively only by the United Nations, the Moscow radio said in an Arabic broadcast in which it also said that the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee provide no solution to the problem.

"This commission unauthorized by the Arabs and Jews," the broadcast said, "caused a wave of dissension in the Arab world. The Jews in Palestine did not approve of the report. All this proves that public opinion should not be ignored. The commission is trying to explain to the world that the emigration of several hundred thousand Jews to Palestine is an urgent matter, because the Jews are in a pitiable plight in Germany and Austria."

"It is strange, if the commission is concerned about the Jews, that it should think only of 100,000 because as everyone knows, a great number of Jews in Europe live in a miserable state. Jews living in Europe think before anything else of a normal and human life which could be established in the countries in which they have lived for centuries," the Soviet commentator declared.

JEWISH AND BRITISH SOLDIERS CLASH IN PALESTINE MILITARY CAMP; INJURED ON BOTH SIDES

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) -- Five British and seven Jewish soldiers were injured in a clash between Jewish and British troops in a military camp near Tel Aviv, it was reported here last night. The incident occurred on Sunday evening and is being officially investigated, the announcement said, giving no further details.

About 200 Jewish soldiers who enlisted in the Czechoslovak Army in Palestine during the war returned to their homes here today, after waiting in Czechoslovakia for several months. Their return was opposed for a time by the Palestine authorities who considered them Czechoslovak citizens.

It was announced today that soldiers of the Jewish Brigade will remain in Europe after August 1. All members of the brigade will be demobilized and returned to Palestine, the announcement said.

CZECH PARLIAMENT ADOPTS LAW PROVIDING FOR RESTITUTION OF CONFISCATED JEWISH PROPERTY

PRAGUE, May 24. (JTA) -- Jewish property which was confiscated during the German occupation or sold under duress will be returned to its owners under legislation adopted yesterday by the Czechoslovak parliament. All property transfers which were detrimental to Jews are to be considered invalid, even if the sale was "legal" according to then existing statutes.

Dr. Kurt Wehle, general secretary of the Union of Jewish Communities, said that the new law was generally satisfactory, although there are several bases on which applications for property restitution can be rejected: applicants must prove their political reliability, the public interest must not be harmed by the return of the property, and the circumstances of the original transfer will be taken into account.

AUSTRIAN GOVT. WILL NOT GIVE JEWS SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN MATTERS OF PROPERTY RESTITUTION

VIENNA, May 24. (JTA) -- Jews whose property was confiscated by the Nazis will receive no special consideration under the Austrian Government's plan for property restitution, Chancellor Leopold Figl indicated today, receiving a delegation of leaders of the Vienna Jewish community.

Figl asserted that the terms of the Potsdam agreement made it difficult for the Government to return property taken from Jews, and added that he believed that no line should be drawn between Jews and non-Jews in matters of restitution. The Chancellor evaded a request by the delegation that an official Jewish representative be placed in the Ministry of Property Custody and other offices dealing with Jewish problems, stating that he would bring the demand to the attention of the responsible officials.

The delegation, which was headed by David Brill, recently re-elected president of the Jewish community, informed the Chancellor that hundreds of Jews continue to live in unsuitable quarters, because they are unable to regain their former dwellings. It pointed out that in only a few cases have Jews been named administrators of their confiscated property, and that although a year has passed since the liberation of Austria, no steps have been taken to restore such property.

Following the meeting with Figl, a spokesman for the delegation said that it would watch carefully to see whether the Chancellor's promise to bring the question of Jewish representation before the appropriate bureau heads would be fulfilled. The spokesman pointed out that the Minister of Property Custody, Peter Krausland, has broken several promises to give Jews representation in the ministry.

One of the chief difficulties faced by Jews attempting to regain possession of their homes or businesses is the fact that the courts demand that the former owner prove that the person who now holds the property was a Nazi. There is at present no legislation requiring a non-Nazi to surrender Jewish property to the original owner.

Meanwhile, in order to improve the situation of Vienna's Jews, Joseph Schwartz, European director of the JDC, who visited here en route to Poland, arranged with the Jewish community council to place distribution of all food sent in by the JDC in the hands of the council under supervision of the relief organization. The JDC has also agreed to finance the activities of the community until it can become self-supporting. The community budget for relief and other essential services is about 100,000 schillings (nominally \$10,000) per month.

NEW REFUGEE BODY URGED TO PROTECT JEWS LIVING IN GERMANY, AUSTRIA; BRITISH OBJECT

LONDON, May 24. (JTA) -- Jews remaining in Germany and Austria will be protected by the new international refugee organization to be established by the United Nations, under definitions adopted today by the United Nations Refugee Committee.

The term "refugees," under these definitions, will cover not only victims of racial, religious and political persecution who fled abroad and are not willing to accept protection from their former governments, but also persons of Jewish origin who are detained in Germany and Austria, or fled from these countries and were later returned there as a result of enemy action and war circumstances, as long as they are not permanently settled there.

After a stormy debate, the committee by a vote of 11 to 4 agreed to add to its report a statement by the British delegate objecting to the recognition of Jews presently in Germany and Austria as refugees, and expressing the fear that if the new refugee body concerns itself with Jewish refugees as such, it will become involved in schemes for Jewish immigration into Palestine which should be dealt with by bodies especially concerned with that problem.

The British statement, in which the Lebanese delegate concurred, expressed the view that making special provisions for Jewish refugees would introduce the principle of racial discrimination into the matter. It also said that "His Majesty's Government cannot subscribe to the policy that there is no place for Jews in Central Europe. On the contrary, Jews are capable of contributing vital elements to the civilization of Central Europe," the statement added, although admitting that in certain cases it may be difficult for Jews to return to places where they suffered.

Another decision adopted today provides that the term "refugee" should also be applied to people who were deported from their native lands for racial, religious or political reasons, and who now express valid objection to returning to those lands, such as fear of racial and religious persecution. Orphans and unaccompanied children in Germany and Austria who lost their parents because of racial and religious persecutions will also come under the protection of the new refugee organization.

The protection will end when these refugees or displaced persons are repatriated, or when they acquire new nationality or are otherwise permanently established. A provision that the protection should end if a refugee violates the law was left pending after the representative of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees observed that such action should not be taken without consulting the international refugee organization, since there is a danger that the refugees might lose their status and property for slight offenses or might be declared as undesirable by local police authorities.

(In Washington, it was reported today that the State Department had instructed its representatives on the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees to favor issuance of papers similar to the "Nansen passports" to refugees unable to return to their homes.)

FORMER NAZI YOUTH LEADER REPUDIATES ANTI-SEMITISM BEFORE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

MUNICH, May 24. (JTA) -- Baldur von Schirach, former Nazi youth leader and one-time gauleiter of Vienna, today declared from the witness stand of the International Military Tribunal that he had misled German youth by teaching them to follow the anti-Semitic doctrines of Hitler.

Apologizing for a speech he delivered in Sept. 1942, in which he warned that the Jews were a danger to European culture, Schirach said that his statements were

made out of a sense of false loyalty to Hitler. He charged that Hitler and Himmler were personally responsible for ordering the extermination of millions of Jews at Oswiecim, which he characterized as "the greatest mass-murder in history."

The crimes which occurred at Oswiecim, Schirach added, should fill every German with shame and guilt. "If on the basis of anti-Semitism, Oswiecim could have been established, then Oswiecim must be the end of anti-Semitism and racialism," he continued. "Anti-Semitism was a mistake before Oswiecim, it was a crime after Oswiecim."

Schirach said that although he did not want to make himself appear ridiculous by stating that he had not been an anti-Semite, he was not aware of the mass-extermination of the Jews of Germany and the rest of Europe until 1944. He admitted, however, that in June, 1941, after receipt of orders from Hitler, he directed the deportation to Eastern Europe of the 60,000 Jews then remaining in Germany. He also acknowledged that he had driven all the Jews out of Vienna.

550,000 JEWS SAW SERVICE IN AMERICAN ARMED FORCES DURING WAR, J.W.B. REPORTS

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- More than 550,000 men and women of Jewish faith served in the armed forces of the United States in the course of World War II, according to statistics made public today by the Bureau of War Records of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The data is included in a new edition of "These Are The Facts," which the Jewish Welfare Board is publishing this week. While the returns on casualties are not yet complete, close to 7,500 Jews are known to have died in service. The total number of casualties thus far definitely authenticated as Jewish approaches 25,000.

Calling attention to the fact that the number of Jews in service was the equivalent of 37 divisions, the Jewish Welfare Board discloses that close to 17,500 Jews in uniform were recipients of citations for valor and merit, and that they hold an aggregate of 33,446 awards. Jews served in every type of military activity, the figures show. Eighty percent of the 550,000 Jews were in the Army, 17 percent were in the Navy, two percent were in the Marine Corps, and one percent in the Coast Guard.

MORE THAN 120,000 JEWS IN RED ARMY DECORATED; RANK FOURTH AMONG SOVIET PEOPLES

MOSCOW, May 24. (JTA) -- Figures released today by the Soviet Ministry of the Armed Forces revealed that 123,822 Jewish officers, men and women of the Red Army received decorations for gallantry during the war. Of these, 101 were awarded the highest Russian military honor, being named Hero of the Soviet Union.

The announcement by the War Office said that Jews rank fourth among the more than 150 nationalities of the Soviet Union in the number of soldiers decorated. In first place are the Russians, followed by the Ukrainians, the Byelo-Russians and the Jews and Tatars tied for fourth place.

411 JEWS LAND IN NEW YORK IN SECOND IMMIGRANT SHIP TO ARRIVE UNDER TRUMAN DIRECTIVE

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- The Marine Perch, second immigrant ship to arrive from Germany under President Truman's directive facilitating immigration into the U.S. from the American zone of Germany, docked here today with 411 refugee Jews from various European countries.

The singing, happy immigrants were greeted at the pier by friends, relatives, and representatives of American Jewish organizations who had arranged to bring them over, such as the Joint Distribution Committee, the National Refugee Service, HIAS, the Vaad Hatzala and others.

CIO, AFL PRESIDENTS ASK SUPPORT OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN FOR SURVIVING JEWS

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Both Philip Murray and William Green, presidents of the C.I.O. and the A.F.L., respectively, have endorsed the United Jewish Appeal campaign for \$100,000,000 in 1946, the U.J.A. announced today.

In a message to Charles J. Rosenbloom, national chairman of the U.J.A., Mr. Murray stressed the urgency of the needs of the Jews of Europe and declared: "The question posed to all of us is: Shall the destruction started by Hitler, Mussolini and their collaborators be carried on to its conclusion through the indifference of those who escaped torture, degradation and death?" Mr. Green said that assistance for the Jews "who have miraculously survived the suffering, punishment, and brutal treatment which was imposed on them" was the duty "of all classes of people."

CLEVELAND JEWISH WELFARE FUND GETS PLEDGES FOR \$2,799,000; DOUBLES LAST YEAR'S QUOTA

CLEVELAND, May 24, (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Fund campaign here went over the top by more than \$120,000 last night, as a total of \$2,799,000 pledged was announced at the final report meeting of the group. The goal sought was \$2,677,719.

Jewish leaders viewed the successful campaign as the most significant one conducted among Cleveland's Jewry. It sought nearly double the amount of last year's goal of \$1,398,400 which fell somewhat short of achievement. The pledges this year run more than double last year's \$1,362,000 collected. More than 30,000 contributed, the highest number in the history of these campaigns. "The drive has been a shining example of complete harmony and fine leadership," Rabbi Barnett R. Bickner, general chairman, said.

JEWISH WELFARE FUND IN ATLANTA EXCEEDS ITS GOAL; RAISES \$595,000 IN 1946 DRIVE

ATLANTA, May 24. (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Fund which undertook to raise \$540,000 this year as compared with the \$255,000 raised last year, has already exceeded its goal by about \$55,000, it was announced today by Edward M. Kahn, executive secretary. With reports still to come in, the Welfare Fund has received close to \$595,000, the announcement said.

PROF. SALO BARON INVITED TO SOUTH AFRICA TO LECTURE ON AMERICAN JEWISH PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Salo W. Baron, professor of Jewish History, Literature and Institutions at Columbia University, will leave shortly to lecture in Johannesburg, Capetown and other centers throughout the Union of South Africa on the problems of Palestine and the communal and cultural problems of the Jews in America, it was announced today. He is to arrive in Johannesburg about the middle of June upon the invitation of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, central organization of the Jewish communities in South Africa.

Professor Baron's lectures will deal with general problems of post-war settlements, certain crucial phases in the evolution of modern nationalism and religion and contemporary trends in American public life.

TWO CHRISTIAN PRO-PALESTINE GROUPS MERGE INTO "AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE"

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- Merger of the two Christian groups dedicated to the solution of Jewish problems in Palestine--the American Palestine Committee and the Christian Council on Palestine--was announced today by Senator Owen Brewster, Republican, of Maine; Senator James M. Moad, Democrat, of New York, and the Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, who are chairmen of the new group. The merged organization will be known as the American Christian Palestine Committee.

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