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TROOPS CLASH WITH JEWS AT DEAD SEA SETTLEMENT; SEVERAL ARRESTED FOR BLASTING BRIDGES

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- Palestine police, British troops and units of the Transjordan Arab Legion were engaged today in a country-wide hunt for members of the Jewish underground who last night blasted ten bridges in a 100-mile area near the Transjordan-Palestine border. More than 1,000 Jews participated in the attacks.

Assisted by aircraft and bloodhounds, the searchers are concentrating in the Dead Sea area. This morning troops surrounded Beth Haarava on the northern shores of the Dead Sea, and arrested seventy Jewish settlers after a clash with the colony's residents and workers from a nearby mineral plant. Three of the colonists were injured.

Other troops, meanwhile, were searching for the Arabs who yesterday attacked the occupants of a British army truck which ran into a group of Arabs in Gaza. One British soldier was killed on the spot, another died in a hospital this morning and a third was seriously injured. Several Arabs were also injured.

The events of last night, according to an official communique issued this morning, occurred as follows:

At 11 p.m. a police guard post near a railway bridge at Azzib, near Haifa, was attacked by armed Jews dressed in military uniforms, while another group blasted the span. The body of one Jew and parts of the body of another were found on the scene of the explosion.

Palestine Cut Off From Neighbors as Rail Service Halts

About the same time a police post on the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan was attacked by a party of 20 Jews, using automatics and bombs. After a gun-battle lasting about a half-hour, the attackers succeeded in blowing up the Allenby Bridge close to the Palestine side. The force of the explosion caused the collapse of a frontier control station, slightly injuring an Arab woman and boy. Later a group of Bedouins were attacked by several armed Jews near the bridge.

Shortly afterwards, the road bridge at Metallah, on the Palestine-Lebanon frontier, was blasted and a railway bridge on the Haifa-Beirut line was blown up. A railway and road bridge at Gaza were also attacked. The railroad span was not badly damaged, but the road bridge was impassable today.

The explosions which destroyed the other bridges occurred about the same time. During the night, there were several clashes between Jews and police troop units. An Arab Legion camp near Safa was also attacked. The number of dead and wounded in the night's encounters is not yet known, but it is reported to be small.

This morning Palestine was still cut off from its neighboring countries except for air traffic as construction crews labored to repair the damaged bridges. All rail service was halted.

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AGENCY WILL NOT DISCUSS PALESTINE WITH BRITAIN OR U.S. UNTIL 100,000 JEWS ADMITTED

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency will refuse to discuss any aspects of the Palestine problem with either the British or American Governments until the inquiry committee's recommendation that 100,000 Jews be admitted is carried out, the Agency has informed the Foreign Office. This was made clear in a section of the statement submitted by the Agency yesterday in reply to invitations from the U.S. and British Governments.

"What has happened since the publication of the committee's report," the Agency said, "has given rise to serious misgivings and perturbation among the Jews in Palestine and throughout the world, who see cause for grave concern in the hesitation and delay shown in implementing the committee's positive recommendations. The fact that Jews are still confined to displaced persons camps a year after Germany's defeat and the continuing deterioration of the position of the Jews in Europe, makes such procrastination indefensible." (The first section of the Jewish Agency's statement was published in yesterday's Bulletin.)

MUFTI IS NOT CAPTURED, BRITISH NEWS AGENCY ESTABLISHES; DENIES PREVIOUS REPORTS

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem has not been captured by British authorities, Reuters announced today in a dispatch from Port Said. Yesterday Reuters reported that the ex-Mufti had been seized during a search of a British troop transport in the Suez Canal.

In this morning's report Reuters says that it was apparently suspected that the Mufti boarded a troop ship at a French port in the guise of a crew member. Although the search did not uncover him, Reuters points out that British official silence concerning the manhunt encouraged the "general belief" that the Mufti had been discovered.

The news agency declares that its report that the Mufti was being carried off to exile on a British warship passing through the Suez Canal on special priority "was also incorrect." Canal officials said today that the destroyer Virago, which was allegedly carrying the Mufti to imprisonment in the Indian Ocean, never entered the Suez but steamed out of Port Said into the Mediterranean Sea last night.

PALESTINE PRESS FORBIDDEN TO MENTION BRITISH PLAN TO SUPPRESS JEWISH RESISTANCE MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- The Hebrew press appeared this morning with no reference to the Voice of Israel broadcast yesterday which charged that a British secret plan to smash the Jewish resistance movement and imprison thousands of Jewish leaders had been uncovered by the Haganah. The Palestine censor forbids mention of any "illegal" organization.

British military headquarters in Palestine today refused to comment on the existence of the plan. Immediately after the Haganah broadcast special precautions were taken by the police and military and all Jewish travellers were stopped and searched on roads, trains, and motor vehicles.

The families of Joseph Simchon and Itzhak Azbel, the two Jewish youths who were sentenced to death last week by a British military court here for participating in a raid on a military camp at Sarafand, today announced that they will appeal to the highest military authorities for commutation of the sentences, since the prosecution admitted that neither of the condemned youths discharged weapons during the raid.

Azbel arrived in Palestine three years ago to join his brother, the only surviving member of his family. His father was killed in the Warsaw ghetto, while his mother and sister are "missing."

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ARMY HALTS TRANSPORT OF EAST EUROPEAN JEWS FROM BERLIN TO REFUGEE CAMPS

BERLIN, June 17. (JTA) -- In what appears to be an attempt to discourage Eastern European Jews from entering Germany, the U.S. military authorities have ceased moving displaced Jews from Berlin to camps in the British zone and the southern portion of the American zone, it was learned today.

As a result the Duppel camp, which is the only large camp here, is jammed with refugees. At present, it houses more than double its normal 1,200 occupants. The Wittenau camp in the French zone of Berlin has about 500 residents, which has crowded it beyond capacity.

The Army apparently feels that if the displaced Jews are not moved from Berlin, it will discourage others from coming here. The problem will be discussed tomorrow with Rabbi Philip Bernstein, the Advisor on Jewish Affairs to the U.S. forces, who will meet here with representatives of the voluntary relief agencies and the Army.

HUNGARIAN ENVOY TO USSR PROMISES TO SECURE RETURN OF JEWISH WAR PRISONERS

BUDAPEST, June 17. (JTA) -- Hungarian Minister to Moscow, Gyula Szegfue, has assured the Association of Hungarian Jews that upon his return to the USSR he will take up with Soviet authorities the question of Hungarian Jewish war prisoners who have not yet been repatriated. The Jews were members of forced labor battalions sent to the Russian front by the pro-Nazi Szalasi Government.

Following withdrawal of government objections to publication of a Zionist organ, the "Cause of Palestine," a new magazine, made its first appearance here today. Its lead editorial criticizes the attitude of the Government and the press, which it charges have either refrained from dealing with the Jewish problem or have libelled Zionism. The periodical says that as a result anti-Semitic incidents, such as the recent pogrom at Kunnadaras, have occurred.

Count Michael Karolyi, who recently returned here after a 27-year exile, which followed the collapse of the government he headed for a brief period in 1919, issued a statement strongly condemning the attacks on Jews. At the same time, the Communist press urged that a program of education on racial and religious matters be carried on within the churches.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education has sent instructions to the heads of all secondary schools to begin a program designed to encourage racial tolerance and combat anti-Semitic propaganda. The Government has also arranged for the posting of placards condemning anti-Semitism in several provincial towns.

The defendants in the Kunnadaras case are to go on trial before a special tribunal here this week, according to latest reports.

PALESTINE CHIEF RABBI RECEIVED BY DUTCH QUEEN; PLEADS FOR RETURN OF JEWISH ORPHANS

AMSTERDAM, June 17. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine was received here during the week end by Queen Wilhelmina and members of the cabinet with whom he discussed the return of Jewish children who were sheltered in non-Jewish institutions and homes during the Nazi occupation and are still there.

At a press conference the Chief Rabbi appealed to the Dutch people to continue their "noble record" of assistance to Jews during the war by returning the Jewish orphans to Jewish institutions.

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AUSTRIAN JEWS LOST 14,000 INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES TO NAZIS; EJECTED FROM 60,000 HOMES

VIENNA, June 17. (JTA) -- More than 14,000 Jewish industrial enterprises were expropriated in Austria during the Nazi regime, it was reported here today at a meeting of representatives of Jewish businessmen.

Reviewing the situation with regard to restoration of Jewish property, A.M. Erlich, Jewish community leader who presided, told the gathering that 5,000 of the confiscated enterprises are presently under public administration and that many of the administrators are former Nazi officials. He estimated that no less than 50,000 Jewish commercial and industrial firms were "aryanized" in Austria.

The meeting also heard reports that Jews were ejected during the Nazi regime from 60,000 apartments in Vienna and were compelled to leave all furniture and household articles behind. Approximately 1,500,000,000 shillings in cash and assets were collected from Jews through special "Jewish taxes."

CZECH AUTHORITIES PROBING REPORT GESTAPO LEADER EICHMANN SEEN IN PRAGUE

PRAGUE, June 17. (JTA) -- Czech authorities today were investigating a report that Adolph Eichmann, the Nazi "expert" on Jewish affairs, who supervised the deportation to death camps of hundreds of thousands of Jews, was recently seen in Czechoslovakia.

According to a report reaching the authorities, Eichmann recently visited the home of his brother-in-law, former Capt. Lukas, a Czech, in Prague. It is assumed that Lukas may know where Eichmann is hiding.

FIGHT ON BIAS IN UNIVERSITIES PLEDGED AT CLOSING SESSION OF NCRAC CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, June 17. (JTA) -- A "relentless fight" against discrimination in American universities was pledged today by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, in a resolution adopted at the close of its three-day conference here. The resolution laid particular stress on the necessity of combatting the quota systems prevalent in many universities.

In another resolution the organization welcomed recent developments looking toward the establishment in the United States of universities and colleges under Jewish auspices, which would be open to persons of all races, creed and colors. Such institutions, it said, would contribute to "the cultural and intellectual development of the Jewish community in this country and to American life generally."

In resolutions dealing with intra-organizational matters, the delegates, who represented national Jewish organizations and leading communities, approved a plan for community contributions to the NCRAC budget, which has been provided by the national bodies. They also urged expansion of its activities in the Far West, Middle West and Southwest.

Henry Epstein of New York, chairman of the NCRAC, and Aaron Broock of Detroit and Bernard P. Kopkind of New Haven, vice-chairman, were re-elected. The following members of the executive committee were elected: Adolph Held, Jewish Labor Committee; Henry Monsky, B'nai B'rith; Joseph E. [unclear], American Jewish Committee; Stephen S. Wise, American Jewish Congress; Sidney Hillman, Baltimore; Irving Kane, Cleveland; Robert E. Segal, Boston; and William Friedman, Pittsburgh.

YIDDISH THEATRE IN LONDON RECEIVES OFFICIAL RECOGNITION FROM ARTS COUNCIL OF BRITAIN

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- A new Yiddish theatre, Folk House, has received official recognition from the Arts Council of Great Britain. This is the first time that such recognition has been awarded to a theatre performing in a language other than English. Recognition of a theatre as a cultural institution under the Arts Council entitles it to subsidies from the Council as well as exemption from entertainment taxes.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL STARTS DRIVE TODAY IN NEW YORK TO RAISE \$6,000,000 IN SIX DAYS

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) A six-day drive in the metropolitan area, to raise \$1,000,000 each day toward a quota of \$35,000,000 in the campaign to aid surviving European Jews and refugees immigrating to the United States, will begin tomorrow, designated as United Jewish Appeal Day by Mayor William O'Dwyer.

More than 12,000 volunteers will canvass the five boroughs during the "million-dollar-a-day" campaign, which will be opened at a breakfast meeting of 250 campaign leaders at the Hotel Commodore tomorrow. Edward M. Warburg, campaign chairman, will preside. James G. McDonald, member of the Joint Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, will be the principal speaker at the breakfast and will report on his recent journey to Europe and Palestine.

A special conference of 300 U.J.A. leaders was held during the weekend at Ferndale, N.Y. It was addressed by Representative Emanuel Celler who demanded that the United States insist upon "full and immediate implementation" of the Anglo-American inquiry commission's recommendation to admit 100,000 homeless European Jews to Palestine.

JEWISH LABOR CONVENTION DECIDES TO RAISE \$250,000 TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM AND AID JEWS

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- A drive for \$250,000 to be raised among trade unions, thirty-five percent of which would be used for fighting anti-Semitism in the United States and the rest for the rehabilitation of Jews in Europe, was launched last night at the closing session of the first national convention of the American Jewish Labor Council.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, addressing the conference, criticized British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin for his refusal to admit 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine. Dr. Wise declared: "Bevin talks like a rowdy. If the British Labor Party is what it pretends to be, it would throw Mr. Bevin out of office. He fights the Soviet Union timidly and fights us Jews courageously." He warned that Jews in displaced persons camps in Europe would not "be patient forever," adding: "They are going to rise up. We know they will have the American Army against them and have the miserable Nazis against them."

CONVENTION OF YOUTH GROUPS URGES ACTION AGAINST KU KLUX KLAN ATTACKS ON JEWISH CLUBS

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The Council of National Jewish Youth Organizations, composed of representatives of fifteen Jewish youth groups, concluded its first annual convention here today with adoption of a resolution urging all its members to take steps locally to counteract Ku Klux Klan attacks against Jewish fraternities, which were reported recently in several western states.

The convention also adopted a resolution denouncing British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's statement on Palestine. Arthur Gilbert was elected chairman of the Council.

GENERAL ZIONISTS WIN FIRST PLACE IN SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTIONS FOR WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

JOHANNESBURG, June 17. (JTA) -- Results of the elections of delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress made public here today revealed that the General Zionists elected the largest number of delegates. The General Zionist slate received 9,475 votes, the Zionists-Revisionists received 8,404 votes, the Zionist Laborites 7,347 and the Mizrahi 1,418.

DR. JAMES BERNSTEIN, HIAS EUROPEAN DIRECTOR, RETIRES; NEIKRUG APPOINTED TO REPLACE HIM

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- Lewis Neikrug, well-known Jewish communal worker, has been appointed to the post of director of HIAS activities in Europe, replacing Dr. James Bernstein, who is retiring, according to an announcement today by Abraham Herman, president of HIAS.

Dr. Bernstein, who has occupied the post for the past 20 years, will remain with the organization for some time in an advisory capacity. Mr. Neikrug is leaving for Europe by plane tomorrow. He will make a tour of HIAS European offices to strengthen and expand their work.

ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADERS GREET RABBI WOHL UPON HIS ARRIVAL FROM UNITED STATES

BUENOS AIRES, June 17. (JTA) -- A delegation representing leading Jewish organizations in Argentina today greeted Rabbi Samuel Wohl of Cincinnati upon his arrival at the airfield here. The reception committee was composed of leaders of Zionist and non-Zionist groups. Rabbi Wohl arrived here to study the situation of the Jews in Argentina.

The DAIA, central Jewish representative body, today sent a cable to President Truman expressing the indignation of Argentine Jewry at Foreign Minister Bevin's statement on Palestine and urging the President to insist that Britain admit 100,000 Jews to Palestine immediately.

The first Congress of Argentine Jewish Youth, which includes all Jewish youth groups in the country, voted support of the Zionist aim of building a Jewish state in Palestine and hailed the Hagannah in resolutions adopted at its closing session. It appealed to the Argentine people to support Jewish demands in Palestine.

The inauguration of a Jewish school commemorating the late Jewish writer Sholem Aleichem took place here today. The three-story building, which will be the largest Jewish school in Latin America, will accommodate 1,500 students and will have a staff of 37 teachers.

THOUSANDS ATTEND FUNERAL OF RABBI MOSHE BLAU IN JERUSALEM; BODY FLOWN FROM ITALY

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- Rabbi Moshe Blau, leader of the Palestine Agudas Israel, was buried yesterday. Tens of thousands of Jews attended the funeral. Yeshiva students marched before the coffin in the procession to the Mount of Olives.

Rabbi Blau died last week at Messina, Italy, where he was removed from a ship en route to America. His remains were flown to Palestine by a British military plane.

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