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TWO JEWS KILLED, MANY INJURED IN PALESTINE MAN-HUNT; WEIZMANN CONFERS WITH GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, June 19. (JTA) -- Two Jews were killed today and many injured as British troops and police launched the greatest man-hunt seen in Palestine in years in an attempt to locate five Army and R.A.F. officers kidnapped yesterday from an officers club in Tel Aviv.

The city of Tel Aviv and several settlements in the Safed area of northern Palestine were cut off from the rest of the country as soldiers and police made house to house searches for the kidnapped men and their abductors. However, it was announced that the curfew imposed on Tel Aviv will be lifted at 4 a.m. Thursday.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, world leader of the Zionist movement, was hurriedly summoned to confer with High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham at 6 p.m. this evening. The subject of their discussions was not revealed.

Tension was heightened by the announcement this morning that a sixth officer, Major H.B. Chadwick, had disappeared yesterday and is presumed to have been kidnapped, and by reports from British sources that the present country-wide operations were aimed not only at finding the kidnapped men and locating hidden arms, but also at crippling the Haganah, largest Jewish resistance group.

All Jewish Establishments in Palestine Declared Out of Bounds

All Jewish establishments in the country, such as restaurants, cafes and motion picture theatres, have been declared out of bounds for British troops until the kidnapped men are released.

The only persons to be seen in the streets of Tel Aviv today were khaki-clad soldiers making house to house searches. The troops, who began combing the city at dawn, carried out a wide-spread man-hunt in every quarter of Tel Aviv. Roadblocks were established at every street corner, and the few civilians who had permission to be in the streets were stopped every few yards and forced to show their identification documents. The municipal council, which has condemned the kidnappings, posted placards throughout Tel Aviv urging the release of the abducted men.

19 Jews Killed Since Sunday; Arab Legion Fires on Settlers

Today's killings, which occurred during a raid on the colony of Kfar Giladi in northern Palestine, brought to at least 22 the total number of dead since Sunday night. Of these, 19 were Jews.

Today's victims were Zvi Ashkenasi of the colony of Yesod Hamaaleh, near Kfar Giladi, and an unidentified settler from Machnaim, in the same area. Six colonists

were wounded when troops of the Transjordan Frontier Force fired on a group of Jews from neighboring villages who were coming to the aid of Kfar Giladi.

Reports from Kfar Giladi received late tonight, following resumption of its telephone service, which had been cut off to prevent a warning from reaching the colony, said that the troops had left after a fruitless eight-hour search.

A police communique today disclosed that among those arrested yesterday at the village of Hanita, on the Lebanese frontier, was Dan Ram, one of the chief guides of the French forces which invaded the Levant in the 1941 campaign against the Vichy French.

The Agricultural Workers Council, at a special session in Tel Aviv today, voted to send as many farm hands as may be required to colonies whose male members are seized by the police or military. This morning settlers from villages in the neighborhood of Jerusalem went to Beth Haarava, 70 of whose residents were arrested on Monday.

BRITAIN WILL NOT ALLOW MUFTI TO ENTER PALESTINE; CHURCHILL WANTS DEBATE IN COMMONS

LONDON, June 19. (JTA) -- The British Government will not allow the ex-Mufti to return to Palestine, the House of Commons was assured today by Minister of State Philip J. Noel-Baker. He emphasized that the Government has not received any confirmation of reports that the ex-Mufti has arrived in the Middle East.

Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill asked when the Government intended to set a date for debating the Palestine question. Prime Minister Attlee replied that the matter might be raised tomorrow when the program for next week will be discussed.

To a question as to whether the Government would not be willing to consider its attitude with regard to the extradition of the ex-Mufti, Noel-Baker said that the British "admit the treachery of the Mufti" and "would be glad to have him in our hands." He said that the French Government is furnishing all possible assistance in tracing the ex-Mufti. He termed "without foundation" charges voiced in the United States that the British Government was implicated in the escape of the ex-Mufti.

A resolution urging the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine which was scheduled to have been voted on today by the Council of the Liberal Party was not presented, since it had only a few supporters. Instead the meeting adopted a resolution urging the government to immediately refer the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee to the United Nations and to ask its advice on implementation of the recommendations. At the same time, the resolution urged relaxation of British immigration restrictions, and suggested that other governments be asked to act likewise.

U.S. CABINET COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON END OF JULY, SAYS GRADY

WASHINGTON, June 19. (JTA) -- Henry F. Grady, alternate for the Secretary of State on the Cabinet Committee on Palestine and Related Problems, accompanied by Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, made his first call on President Truman this afternoon to discuss the problem of organization of the committee.

Grady told reporters on leaving the White House that he thought the committee would leave for London "probably toward the end of July." He said that the job of the committee was "to implement" the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee and that they wanted to know as much about the situation as possible before tackling the problem.

U.N. COMMITTEE DEFEATS RESOLUTION AIMED AT PREVENTING JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- A resolution aimed at preventing the re-settlement of Jews in Palestine was defeated today in the committee of the U.N. Economic and Social Council which is drafting a report on refugees and displaced persons.

The resolution was offered by the Lebanese delegate, who was supported by the delegates of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic and of Yugoslavia. The French delegate also backed the proposed resolution, but later withdrew his support, declaring that the Palestine problem must be dealt with outside of the International Refugee Organization to be established by the United Nations. The United States delegate, George Warren, opposed the Lebanese move.

The resolution proposed by the Lebanese representative provided:

1. In the settlement of refugees no scheme shall be sponsored by the International Refugee Organization which will create political difficulty in the country of settlement or a neighboring country.

2. No resettlement of refugees shall be undertaken or participated in by the International Refugee Organization without the consent of peoples of the country of reception and without full consultation with the member states of the United Nations directly concerned.

3. In the discharge of its function, the International Refugee Organization shall not take part in any action which will violate the purposes and principles of the charter of the United Nations.

The first clause was defeated by ten to five; the second by nine to six; and the third by nine to six. The official announcement, however, did not indicate which delegates voted for or against the resolution.

The delegate of Cuba stated that acceptance of the Lebanese move would mean that the right of asylum would be banned in certain regions in both the immediate and remote future. The aim of the United Nations should be to broaden, not to restrict, the right of asylum, he declared.

After the rejection of the Lebanese resolution, the committee unanimously adopted an amendment proposed by the U.S. representative, which stated that the functions of the International Refugee Organization "be carried out in accordance with the purposes and principles of the charter."

ALLIES AGREE ON SPENDING BULK OF \$25,000,000 REPARATIONS FOR REHABILITATION OF JEWS

PARIS, June 19. (JTA) -- The bulk of the \$25,000,000 assigned by the Paris Conference on Reparations to the rehabilitation of Nazi victims who cannot be repatriated will be used for the rehabilitation of European Jews, including Jews of Germany and Austria who wish to emigrate from those countries.

An agreement providing for this was reached today by the representatives of the United States, Britain, France, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. It specifies that only \$2,500,000 of this sum be used for non-Jewish victims.

The agreement also stipulates that only in exceptional cases should the cost of resettlement exceed \$2,000 for each adult and \$2,500 for each child under the age of twelve. The rehabilitation fund, which the Reparations Conference decided is to be administered by the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, will be transferred to its successor when the Intergovernmental Committee is dissolved.

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DR. WEIZMANN CHARGES BEVIN WITH HELPING TO PROMOTE UNREST IN PALESTINE

PETACH TIKVAH, Palestine, June 19, (JTA) -- British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin's recent remarks on Palestine were criticized by Dr. Chaim Weizmann as tending to promote further instability in Palestine, in an address delivered here last night, at a reception in his honor.

The full text of Dr. Weizmann's speech follows:

"It is not my intention to make a speech today, and I will limit myself to a few observations concerning the statements by Mr. Bevin at Bournemouth--utterances which are both deeply distressing to me and offend the Jewish people. I feel fairly sure that the Foreign Minister, on reflection, will realize that he does himself no less than us, an injustice when he deals with our problems through a series of contradictory improvisations.

"I am sure it is not Mr. Bevin's intention to make our life in Palestine any more difficult than it is already--still less to say anything which might tend to impair Palestine's public security. Yet as one who has done and is doing his utmost to help maintain the security of this country, I must question his reference to the need for more divisions to maintain the tranquillity and stability so desperately needed.

"One wonders what extra divisions are needed for? Palestine today is covered with British military camps. Surely they are not here to protect the Yishuv. Then for what purpose? Like Mr. Bevin, I do not wish to see British soldiers fall in defense of the Yishuv, still less as victims of political violence, and no responsible member of the Yishuv wishes to see that happen. With all deference to the more complete information doubtlessly available to the Foreign Minister, I venture to doubt whether implementing of the inquiry committee's recommendations for admission of 100,000 Jews will require the dispatch of another division.

Criticizes Bevin's Fear of a "Racial State"

"I think I speak for all the Yishuv when I welcome Mr. Bevin's allusion to the need for statehood. He pleads for patience. Patience like suffering has been the badge for all our tribe - a lesson well-learned in places like Belsen. But I am sure he understands how difficult it is to go on counselling patience--I have been doing it all my life--when we see our people despoiled, the remnants languishing in the graveyard of 6,000,000 of their brethren without hope for a renewed existence in the land of promise.

"For some reason Mr. Bevin seems greatly troubled by the fear of a "racial state." I would like to make clear once and for all, so that our friends in England and elsewhere may understand us: the state which will eventually emerge from the Jewish national home will be no more and no less a racial state than Switzerland, Canada, France or England, or any other state of which the majority belongs to one ethnic group..

"It is pleaded, and rightly, that the laws governing the treatment of individuals should apply equally to the Jews; and I would like to plead that the concepts applying to all other peoples and states should be applied to us. It is therefore a misconception of everything we stand for to speak of a Jewish state as racial--as some sort of medieval survival, not obtaining in any other part of the world.

"We have suffered too long to indulge in that kind of outworn racialism. The state which will emerge from the Jewish national home will be as democratic, as

free for all inhabitants as any state in the world, and--I may add from the crucible of our experience -- perhaps even more.

"I have never indulged in the defiance of authority. The record of my life and work speaks to the contrary, but I must remind Britain and the rest of the world that the solemn promises made to the Jewish people, embodied in the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate, and sealed by international law, cannot be set aside. For the last 30 years with singleness of purpose and great sacrifices we have set our hands to implementation of this promise.

"We have come some way towards its fulfillment. This process cannot now be stopped. It will go on. It must go on, irrespective of temporary setbacks. It is our destiny from which we cannot free ourselves, even if we would.

Takes Issue with Bevin's References to "Arab Generosity"

"There is reference to Arab generosity and moderation. I would be the last to begrudge this compliment, but perhaps if the Foreign Minister had time to examine the evidence, he might have tempered his own generosity with a few slight reservations. I am interested in Mr. Bevin's positive references to the Arab world, and the contribution the Jewish people is able to make, apart from Palestine, towards its progress and development.

"This was always our wish. Long years ago, Lawrence of Arabia spoke of the same possibility in almost similar terms, and the very covenant we made via his good offices with King Feisal had as its aim just what Mr. Bevin now suggests. We can make that contribution to the Middle East peoples. Many times we have offered our hand in friendship and amity for the development of a prosperous thriving Middle East.

"I have always believed that the British are the natural intermediaries between us and the Arabs, though they have not yet undertaken that task, and I was therefore grateful for Mr. Bevin's hint that he still believes in the possibility of bringing cooperation. We are ready to give of our brains, of our scientific and cultural ability and of our substance for consummation of this great task.

"All we ask in return is an opportunity to develop in peace and tranquillity, amity and friendship with our neighbors in this little notch of land, so that the Jewish people, agonized and tortured, may not only rebuild the land of their fathers, but also make their contribution to the peace and happiness of the whole Middle East. and perhaps-- who knows--to the peace and happiness of this distracted, suffering world."

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE PROTESTS TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT AGAINST EX-MUFTI'S ESCAPE

PARIS, June 19. (JTA) -- Prof. Rene Cassin, president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle and a member of the first cabinet of General de Gaulle, discussed the escape from France of the ex-Mufti with then Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, it was reported here today.

The central committee of the Alliance Israelite, in a statement appearing in the French press, protested against "the international complicities from which this dangerous agitator and active accomplice of Hitler in Berlin during the war has benefited."

Jacques Frey, editor of the official French Zionist organ "La Voix Zioniste," declared today that Zionists believed the dump of arms and ammunition discovered at a chateau near Bordeaux occupied by the GRT had been planted with Arab money to divert attention from the escape from Paris of the Mufti.

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ORT WILL ORGANIZE NAVAL TRAINING CENTER IN LONDON; CALLS WORLD CONFERENCE FOR AUGUST

PARIS, June 19. (JTA) -- The ORT today announced that it will organize a naval training center in London as part of its general program of preparing Jews for various professions.

The announcement was made by Dr. David Lvovitch, leader of the organization, at a meeting of the World ORT Executive here. The meeting approved the establishment of ORT tool supply corporations in various countries. It also decided to call a World ORT Conference here in August.

Aron Syngalowsky, vice-chairman of the world executive, reported that more than 4,000 Jews received technical training in 165 ORT institutions in Europe during the first five months of this year. These do not include 3,500 displaced Jews who are attending 70 courses established by the ORT in camps in Germany.

Judge Leon Meiss, French-Jewish leader and member of the ORT executive, reported on his visit to Palestine. He stressed the need for professional training of Jews arriving in Palestine.

LEADERS OF UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS HONOR MEYEROWITZ ON HIS RETIREMENT

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- Tribute to Arthur Meyerowitz for his services to Reform Judaism in the United States was paid today at a luncheon tendered him by leaders of the Federation of Reform Synagogues at the Lawyer's Club here on the occasion of his retirement after 19 years of service as a member of the staff of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and director of finance of its affiliate, the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues.

Almost one hundred associates and friends of Mr. Meyerowitz attended the luncheon at which Colonel Frederick F. Greenman, president of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, was toastmaster. Other speakers included James W. Gerard, former United States Ambassador to Germany, Roger W. Straus and Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson, rabbi of Temple Emanu-El.

PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AWARDS HIGHEST DECORATION TO COL. JULIUS KLEIN

CHICAGO, June 19. (JTA) -- Colonel Julius Klein, special assistant to Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson has been awarded the Philippine Distinguished Service Star, highest decoration of the Philippine Government, it was announced here. Colonel Klein, a resident of Chicago, served in the Pacific theatre for three years before being assigned to the War Department position.

FIRST CONVENTION OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND IN RUMANIA SINCE 1940 OPENS IN BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, June 19. (JTA) -- The first nation-wide convention of the Rumanian Jewish National Fund since 1940 opened here today with delegates from 137 local branches attending.

In his opening address, Dr. Isaac Rohrich, president of the Zionist organization of Rumania, stressed the need of strengthening the J.N.F. and attacked British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's "ill-will" toward the Jews.

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