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BRITISH NAVAL UNITS SPEED TO INTERCEPT SHIP CARRYING 1,300 JEWS TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- British naval units based in Palestine were speeding today to intercept the Panamanian vessel *Beaufarnais*, a former U.S. Navy corvette, reported to be carrying 1,300 "visaless" Jewish immigrants to Palestine from an Italian port. The ship was sighted on the high seas today by British planes.

TROOPS ARREST 16 AT DEAD SEA POTASH PLANT IN HUNT FOR KIDNAPPED OFFICERS; UNCOVER ARMS

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- The manager of the Palestine Potash Company's plant, S. Swerdloff, was arrested today as the center of activities of British troops hunting for five kidnapped officers shifted from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to the Dead Sea area.

Swerdloff was detained after police discovered a cache of arms within the company's 25-square mile concession area. Fifteen of the more than 1,000 Jews and Arabs employed at the plant were also arrested following an identity check of all workers by 300 policemen. Troops with fixed bayonets surrounded the concession while the searches were going on.

Moshe Kammer, director of the company, told correspondents who accompanied the several thousand raiders that while on the whole the police and soldiers behaved correctly, several had broken doors and windows and entered workers' homes from which valuables and money were taken.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi was charged today with having planned to kidnap Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander in Palestine, in a statement issued by military headquarters. The Irgun is believed to be responsible for the kidnapping of five other officers, for whom searches are still going on.

Menahem Begin, Alleged Commander of Irgun, Sought in Tel Aviv

The military and police net which enveloped Tel Aviv for two days has been withdrawn, but small flying squads of police are still scouring the city for Menahem Begin, alleged commander of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, whose hideout is believed to be somewhere in Tel Aviv.

One of the two British officers detained for the killing of Abraham Rosenberg in Tel Aviv Wednesday night has been placed under formal arrest, it was announced tonight.

A military court today sentenced Zvi Firer, a member of the Jewish resistance movement to concurrent terms of 12 years imprisonment for blowing up a bridge near Nathanya on April 12, two years for illegal possession of a revolver and five years for possession of a bomb.

It was reported from Beirut today that the Lebanese Home Minister, Saeb Bey Salaam, had announced that some Jewish "terrorists" had infiltrated into Lebanon. He said that measures have been taken to apprehend them.

MUFTI'S PRESENCE IN EGYPT WILL WORSEN PALESTINE SITUATION, SAYS LONDON PRESS

LONDON, June 21. (JTA) -- Jewish groups and sections of the British press joined today in warning that continued terrorism in Palestine will endanger Jewish efforts to build a national home there. At the same time, influential newspapers expressed regret that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem had found sanctuary in Egypt.

The Anglo-Jewish Association issued an official statement expressing concern regarding the violence in Palestine, which, it said, was condemned by all Jews interested in the future of a Jewish national homeland. "Recalling the long tradition of British sympathy to victims of oppression, the Association is confident that his Majesty's Government will not be deflected by these events from a policy of according to the survivors of Nazi persecution the measure of justice unanimously recommended by the Anglo-American inquiry committee," the statement added.

The Times, in a leading article, says the sudden recrudescence of Jewish terrorism in Palestine coincides by the irony of fate with the reappearance of "the one enemy of the Jews who will derive most advantage from the atmosphere of tension it threatens to engender." Declaring that the whole record of the Mufti shows him to believe in violence as the best method of vindicating Arab claims, the Times says that at a time when Britain is endeavoring to bring Jews and Arabs in Palestine and outside to a better understanding, the appearance of the Mufti is an unmixing misfortune.

The Manchester Guardian says that when Premier Attlee makes his promised statement in the House of Commons on the Mufti "he must leave the world in no doubt what is the British Government's opinion on this rascally conspirator." It adds: "Obviously we should ask the King of Egypt to hand him over to us. It would be strange if our lawyers, so skilled in the framing of indictments at Nuremberg, could not find words to cover this fomentor of rebellion and open adherent of Hitler. Or is there one law for Germans and another for Arabs?"

The Conservative Daily Telegraph, however, writes that there is no ground for requesting the Mufti's extradition from Egypt unless a charge can be formulated against him. "In law if he was allowed to live undisturbed in France he could do so equally in Egypt." Agreeing that the Mufti's presence in Egypt cannot fail to increase the already acute trouble in Palestine, the Telegraph writes: "If he had not meant mischief he would not have come and there is not the slightest doubt that his object is to influence the Arab League towards the resort to that violence of which he was so prominent a practitioner before his flight."

Michael Foot, Labor M.P., writing in the Daily Herald, organ of the Labor Party, says that the only hope for securing peace in Palestine is an early, emphatic declaration of policy. "Time is short, action must come soon if we are not to be divided from our hope of a Palestine solution by a river of British and Jewish blood," he warns.

GEN. ANDERS ARRIVES IN PALESTINE TO DISCUSS RESETTLEMENT OF 5,000 POLES NOW IN HOLY LAND

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- General Wladislaw Anders, commander of the Polish Army-in-exile, arrived in Palestine today to discuss with British authorities the resettlement of 5,000 Polish soldiers now garrisoned throughout the Holy Land. He is travelling in an armored car accompanied by a strong escort.

FAMILY OF GESTAPO LEADER EICHMANN APPLIES FOR CITIZENSHIP IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, June 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Prague today urged the Ministry of the Interior to refuse Czechoslovak citizenship to the wife and three children of Adolph Eichmann, Hitler's "expert" on Jewish affairs who supervised the deportation of Jews from various countries in Europe to death camps in Poland.

The Eichmann woman and her children were discovered in Bohemia following a report last week that Eichmann himself was recently seen in Czechoslovakia, visiting his brother-in-law who is a former captain in the Czechoslovak Army.

It was learned that Mrs. Eichmann had applied for Czech citizenship. The discovery of Eichmann's family strengthened the belief that Eichmann himself is hiding somewhere in Czechoslovakia.

ARTHUR GREISER, NAZI LEADER IN POLAND, GOES ON TRIAL; DEPORTED THOUSANDS OF JEWS TO DEATH

WARSAW, June 21. (JTA) -- The trial of Arthur Greiser, former Nazi leader in Poland, opened at Poznan today. Among other counts, he is accused of deporting thousands of Jews from the Lodz ghetto to death camps in Chelm, where they were killed in gas chambers.

Documents definitely linking the German Army with the massacre of Jews in Poland have been unearthed in Lodz and have been sent to Nuremberg, where they are expected to be used to break down Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl's claim that the Wehrmacht took no part in the extermination of civilians. The documents include a letter by a German soldier, passed by the Nazi censor, which describes the mass murder of 17,000 Jews near Brest-Litovsk.

STATE DEPT. PERMITS REFUGEES FROM REICH TO RETURN TO AMERICAN ZONE IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, June 20. (JTA) -- The State Department has notified German refugees in the United States that they are free to return to the American zone in Germany if they so desire and can meet certain specific conditions. The Department worked out an agreement with the War Department on the problem two weeks ago.

Those allowed to return must have been born in Germany, be able to pay their travel expenses, have abilities which will enable them to earn a living, have been residents of the American zone and been opponents of Nazism. The Department specifically informs applicants that they are to expect no more consideration from the American Military Government than other Germans.

FIRST TRANSPORT OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS LEAVES VIENNA FOR UNITED STATES

VIENNA, June 21. (JTA) -- The first transport of twenty-eight Austrian Jews, composed of close relatives of American citizens, left Vienna today for the United States, as "preferred" immigrants.

There are more than 1,000 Jews in Vienna with relatives in the U.S. who have registered for American visas, but for the time being visas are being granted only to displaced people under the directive issued by President Truman.

A rest home for Austrian Jewish children whose parents were murdered by the Nazis in concentration camps, ghettos and crematoriums was opened this week in Saint Gilgan by the American Joint Distribution Committee.

HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER OUTLINES VIEWS ON POSITION OF JEWS; WILL COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- The views of the Hungarian Government on the position of Jews in Hungary and its attitude toward their claims for restoration of property and suppression of anti-Semitic propaganda were outlined by Premier Ferenc Nagy in an exclusive interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency prior to his departure from the United States where he headed an official delegation which included other important members of the Hungarian cabinet.

"I wish to stress the fact that the Hungarian Government is not and will never be anti-Semitic," the Premier said. "I would appreciate it however, if the Jews of America and the outside world would consider the fact that the present Hungarian regime was preceded by twenty years of fascism and that in the past era every effort was exerted to stir up anti-Semitism among the masses.

"Many of the Jews who formerly served in the (forced) labor battalions have found employment in the political police and most of them are not inclined towards pardons and reconciliation, but towards vengeance, which, of course, contributes to the anti-Semitic feelings. Impartially judging the situation, I wish the Jews would withdraw from the political police.

"The recent pogrom at Kunmadaras must be branded as bestial by every decent human being. The Hungarian Government will not hesitate to use every means at its disposal to put an end to such activities. I wish to point out in this connection that the peasants refrained from participating in the anti-Jewish riots at Kunmadaras and that the violence was the work of the riff-raff of the population. There is no general anti-Semitism in Hungary and we will punish the instigators of attacks on Jews with the greatest severity.

Difficulties In Returning Confiscated Jewish Property Emphasized

"The question of distribution of land to Jews constitutes one of the most difficult problems. The present land reform law was preceded by one which confiscated the land of the Jews. If the former property of a Jew is now tilled by a peasant entitled to land, the Jewish property cannot be taken from him. We do everything in our power to give land to Jewish farmers; I mean to those who have been farmers all their life.

"The great poverty of our people makes complete restitution of Jewish property almost impossible. Movable goods, however, are returned to their legitimate owners. Jewish estates for which no heirs can be discovered do not become the property of the Hungarian State but they are transferred to a Jewish organization to finance Jewish relief."

Replying to a question as to whether Zionist publications are being suppressed in Hungary and whether Jewish emigration to Palestine is discouraged, the Prime Minister said:

"The Zionist press is not banned, but its publication is hampered by paper shortage. As to the emigration of Zionists, this does not depend on us. We are under Russian occupation and nobody can leave Hungary without the consent of the Russians. Even we had to receive Russian consent to come to America.

"In reviewing the situation of the Jews in Hungary, I wish to state that the Jewish hospitals receive the same support from the State as similar institutions, despite the fact that they receive relief also from America."

JEWISH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY STRENGTHEN THEIR STRUCTURE; MANY MERGERS REPORTED

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- Reports from various sections of the country indicate that communities are strengthening their basic structure and improving the quality of their service on every level, according to a survey made public today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Kansas City has completed the merger of its Jewish Welfare Federation and its Jewish Community Council. The new combined organization embraces the scope of previous agencies in fund-raising, budgeting, social service planning, community relations and civic-protective work, and action on broad non-philanthropic matters. The membership includes delegates of organizations, and individuals to represent the community at large.

In Worcester the Jewish Community Council and Jewish Welfare Fund officially have voted to merge into a new organization. The next step is to draw up the detailed governing constitution and by-laws, and this will be done following the current campaign. The new agency will combine the general community relations and non-philanthropic responsibilities of the Council and the fund-raising and budgeting activity of the Welfare Fund. It is expected that Worcester will have a single central planning and operating organization covering all phases of Jewish community responsibility.

Oakland has completed the merger of its Jewish Federation, United Jewish Welfare Fund, and its civic-protective agency, the American Commission. The new organization, called the Jewish Welfare Federation, is already functioning and is conducting the first community campaign under its auspices. Major departments include campaigning and budgeting, case work and allied services, group work and civic-protection.

Boston, Milwaukee, Hartford, Other Communities Meeting New Requirements

Evidence that even the oldest and largest federations are flexible and are adapting to new requirements is given by Boston whose Associated Jewish Philanthropies marked its 50th anniversary last year. The AJP has just announced the merger of the Jewish Family Welfare Association and the Jewish Welfare Association into the Jewish Family and Children's Service. Another step in Boston's program has been the opening of a Jewish Center to serve the Brighton, Brookline, and Newton residents.

In Hartford, the Council of Jewish Women, the Refugee Service, and the United Jewish Social Service Agency have acted to centralize all refugee service in the community. This is the first major step in the coordination of local programs developed by the planning committee of the recently-organized Jewish Federation. Another major step in Hartford has been the organization of a permanent committee on Community Planning for Jewish Education.

Milwaukee has organized a Central Planning Committee for social services. The community does not have a Federation, and the new body was created under the leadership of the Jewish Welfare Fund. Composed of delegates from the various local agencies, the purpose of the committee will be to make possible joint planning, clearance, coordination, and elimination of duplication. It will seek to analyze various community services and agencies to uncover unmet needs and plans for immediate and post-war problems.

Akron has revived and reorganized its Jewish Community Council to undertake central coordination of its major communal services. Special attention is being given to the development of a civic-protective program under Council auspices.

J.D.C. ESTABLISHING A HOSPITAL IN POLAND IN MEMORY OF LATE DIRECTOR DAVID GUSIK

PARIS, June 21. (JTA) -- The equipment and facilities for a memorial hospital in honor of David Gusik, late director of the Joint Distribution Committee in Poland, is being sent to Peterswalde where the hospital will be set up, Arthur D. Greenleigh, director of the J.D.C. in France, announced today.

The equipment for the Gusik Hospital, which will have a 100-bed capacity, is part of a shipment of 500 beds and other medical supplies and facilities which will be allotted to a number of existing hospitals in Poland. The medical supplies, modern equipment, and a medical library for the Gusik Hospital, are being sent from a U.S. Army depot at Miramas, in southern France.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE CONFERS DEGREES UPON MONSKY, PROSKAUER, RABBI WOHL AND DR. BLOCH

CINCINNATI, June 21. (JTA) -- Henry Monsky, Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, Rabbi Samuel Wohl of Cincinnati and Dr. Joshua Bloch, chief librarian of the Jewish division of the New York Public Library, will be awarded honorary degrees by the Hebrew Union College at its 64th commencement exercises tomorrow.

Rabbi Wohl's degree will be conferred in absentia, since he is now in Argentina studying the Jewish situation there. Rabbi Wohl, who is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, was awarded the degree for his services to the cause of Labor Zionism as well as for his "unsurpassed devotion to his alma mater and constant zeal for its upbuilding and progress, which, during the year just ending, contributed an immeasurable share to the dignified and effective celebration of its 70th anniversary and to the formulation and inauguration of the program for its foundation fund."

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ORDER BNAI ZION OPENS IN ASBURY PARK; 300 DELEGATES ATTENDING

ASBURY, PARK, N.J., June 21. (JTA) -- More than 300 delegates of the Order Bnai Zion assembled here today to attend their three-day national convention which opens tomorrow.

In an address prepared for the opening session, Louis Lipsky, president of the organization, lauded the Jewish resistance movement in Palestine and charged Britain with engaging in a "selfish, aggressive war" against the Jews, bent not only on keeping all Jews out of Palestine, but also on excluding all except English goods.

FIVE-DAY CONVENTION OF JEWISH WORKERS ALLIANCE OPENS IN ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, June 21. (JTA) -- Problems concerning the upbuilding of Palestine, aid for Jewish survivors in Europe and activities on behalf of Jewish veterans of the U.S. armed forces will be discussed at the 16th annual convention of the Jewish National Workers Alliance opening here tomorrow. Four hundred delegates from all parts of the country are attending the five-day conference.

A pre-convention report made public today emphasizes that the Alliance was commended on numerous occasions during the war years for its share in the war effort. Its branches and members subscribed to and sold more than \$25,000,000 worth of War and Victory Bonds and raised huge sums for war relief purposes. The Alliance raised funds for a bomber, a victory ship, a hospital ship and numerous ambulances and field units.

CONVENTION OF ROMANIAN JEWS IN AMERICA PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR JEWS IN ROMANIA

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- A resolution pledging support for the Jews in Rumania was adopted here at the 38th annual convention of the United Rumanian Jews of America. Leon Wolfson was re-elected honorary president and Max Schoenfeld was elected president of the organization.