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30 MEMBERS OF IRGUN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT; ONE GETS LIFE TERM

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA)--A British military court, which yesterday found 31 members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi guilty of illegal possession of arms, today sentenced 30 of them to 15 years imprisonment and one, Benjamin Kaplan, 19, to life imprisonment. Kaplan had been convicted of the additional charge of firing on British troops.

The prisoners greeted the verdict by rising and singing Hatikvah. As the three-man court filed out of the chamber, the defendants shouted: "Down with England," and their friends and relatives in the courtroom booed and shouted. Guards prevented the prisoners from leaving the dock to bid farewell to their families.

Outside the courtroom, a large crowd gathered to greet the sentenced men and one woman. Patrolling troops and armored cars did not allow them to congregate in front of the courthouse and they gathered on a hill across the road, from where they waved goodbye to the prisoners. Jewish children shouted "Red Devils," at the paratroopers in scarlet berets who led the 31 to the trucks which took them to prison.

The "Voice of Israel" transmitter of the Haganah was driven off the air today by a "jamming" apparatus which the government is reported to have purchased to disrupt the broadcast of underground radios.

The Stern Group today plastered walls in Jerusalem with posters charging that several of their members who were taken to government hospitals after clashes with troops or police are being neglected. One died from lack of adequate care, the posters said.

An indication that the authorities believe that further outbreaks are to be expected was seen in the issuance today of curfew passes to all civilian employees of military offices and workshops in Jerusalem.

TRUMAN SAYS HE HAS RECEIVED NO REPORTS FROM LONDON CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA)--President Truman told his press conference this morning that he has not received any report of progress from London on the Palestine situation.

(A report from the British capital today said that considerable progress has been made by the Anglo-American conferees who are discussing implementation of the inquiry committee's report. It said that Evan Wilson, chief of the Palestine section of the State Department's Near Eastern division, who is one of the conferees, will fly to Washington this weekend to report to the President's Cabinet committee on Palestine.)

Sen. Robert F. Wagner, who called on the President today, told reporters after he left the White House that Mr. Truman is doing everything in his power to facilitate the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine.

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800 MEN, 500 WOMEN LANDED AT HAIFA FROM JOSIAH WEDGWOOD; VESSEL'S CAPTAIN DISAPPEARS

HAIFA, June 27. (JTA)--Eight hundred men and 500 women disembarked here this morning from the Josiah Wedgwood, which was escorted into Haifa last night by three British destroyers, after having been intercepted en route here from Italy.

The passengers came from various Eastern European countries, including Poland, Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia. A few were from Greece. Nearly all had been inmates of Nazi concentration camps. Most were in good health. More than twenty per cent of the women are pregnant.

When the Wedgwood anchored in the harbor she broke out the British and Zionist flags and all the passengers joined in singing in Yiddish a partisan song entitled "We Are Here." The disembarkation proceeded smoothly under the eyes of armed guards and the refugees were taken to the Athlit clearance camp, where they will remain until immigration certificates are available.

The captain and crew of the vessel, who would be liable to arrest under Palestine's emergency defense regulations, disappeared just before the disembarkation began.

ARAB LEAGUE PARLEY PROPOSED FORMATION OF COMBINED ARAB ARMY TO FIGHT PALESTINE JEWS

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA)--The recent conference of the Arab League at Bludan, Syria, proposed the formation of a combined Arab army to defend Palestine and other Arab countries against "Zionist and foreign aggression," Reuter reports today from Bagdad.

The report says that the conferees also urged that the Arab governments break off diplomatic and economic relations with the United States and Britain, if the two countries carry out the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee.

The Arab News Agency said today that the Lebanese government is preparing to open negotiations with the Palestine government concerning payment for the damages caused by recent operations by Jewish resistance forces along the Lebanese borders. Meanwhile, Lebanon has instructed its border guards to shoot everybody who tries to cross into the country from Palestine.

It was learned today that the eight Jews arrested in Lebanon last week as "Zionist spies," were members of the crew of a training vessel for Jewish sailors. Representatives of the Zebulun Seafaring Co., which owns the ship, have gone to Beirut to secure their release.

ZIONIST FUND-RAISING IN U.S. BRINGS BRITAIN PRECIOUS DOLLAR CREDITS, NEWSPAPER SAYS

LONDON, June 27. (JTA)--The funds collected in the United States for Zionist endeavors in Palestine greatly benefit Britain's financial structure by increasing its dollar credits, the Manchester Guardian points out today. It says that Palestine is the only Middle Eastern country bringing dollars into the sterling area--through the Zionist collections and the sale of diamonds.

On the other hand, the Guardian writes, the merchants of Transjordan are making fortunes purchasing non-essential items in the United States and reselling them in neighboring countries, thus expending precious dollar credits.

MUFTI FRUSTRATED ATTEMPT OF 8,000 JEWISH FAMILIES TO LEAVE NAZI-OCCUPIED HUNGARY

GENEVA, June 27. (JTA)--Eight thousand Jewish families were prevented from escaping from Nazi-occupied Hungary to Palestine in the summer of 1944, as a result of the intervention of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, it was revealed today.

Dr. Rudolph Kastner, who was a leader of the Jewish underground in Hungary, said here that in a letter dated July 22, 1944, and sent from Berlin, the Mufti informed the Hungarian Foreign Office, which had agreed to the emigration of the Jews, that "the migration is bound to make a bad impression upon the Arabs, who will be surprised to learn that these transports are being organized in friendly countries."

The letter, which was sent through the Hungarian legation in the German capital, expressed admiration for the anti-Jewish measures taken by the Hungarian government and asked the government to prevent Jews from migrating openly or secretly.

JEWISH VETERAN MURDERED BY ANTI-SEMITIC BANDITS IN POLAND; 200,000 JEWS IN COUNTRY

WARSAW, June 27. (JTA)--Eliaz Lipszowicz, a former non-commissioned officer in the Polish army, who fought the Germans for five years as a partisan, was killed this week at Lignica, in Lower Silesia, by anti-government bandits, it was reported here today.

Thousands of repatriated Jews from the Soviet Union are continuing to pour into Lower Silesia, according to resettlement figures. It is estimated that there are now about 200,000 Jews in Poland, the bulk of whom are repatriates. Stettin, the former German Baltic port, has about 25,000 Jews, and is now the largest Jewish community in the country.

(Dr. Julius Brutzkus and Dr. Lezar Gurvick, of the OSE, who have just arrived in Prague from Poland, report that the repatriated Jews are distributed as follows: 70,000 in Lower Silesia, 20,000 in Silesia, those in Stettin and 15,000 elsewhere. Of these, about 20,000 are children, 5,000 of whom are ill. Many of the adults are also weakened and ill and at least 2,000 cases of tuberculosis and a like number of malaria have been discovered. TOZ, which is the Polish branch of OSE, has established several hospitals, sanatoriums and many medical centers to care for the repatriates.)

BAVARIAN JEWISH COMMISSIONER SCORES ASSERTION THAT RELIEF FOR JEWS HARMING GERMANS

MINICH, June 27. (JTA)--Dr. Herman Aumer, Commissioner for Jewish Affairs in the Bavarian Ministry of the Interior, today criticized the Bavarian Economic Office for declaring that aid for displaced Germans in Bavaria is being held up because of the necessity of providing clothing for Jews planning to emigrate to Palestine.

Aumer pointed out that there are only about 17,000 Jews in Bavaria, as compared to the several million displaced Germans. He also disclosed that the plan to provide only 5,000 of the 17,000 Jews with clothing has only been sixty percent completed. "It is apparent how unsatisfactory has been the contribution to alleviating the distress of the Jews persecuted by Nazi Germany," he continued.

A report from Gruenwald, in the British zone, discloses that the town's secondary school has been renamed the Rathenau Schule to commemorate Walter Rathenau, former Jewish foreign minister of Germany, who was assassinated in Gruenwald in 1922.

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URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORIZE IMMIGRATION OF 1,000 ORPHANED JEWISH CHILDREN

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, June 27. (JTA)--The Uruguyan Government will soon authorize immigration of 1,000 orphaned Jewish children from Europe between the ages of 4 and 22, it was reported here. The plan for the immigration of the children was proposed by the Federation of Polish Jews.

According to the Federation's plan, the children would be brought into the country by a government bureau which would then place them in Jewish foster homes. Children between the ages of 12 and 16 would be trained for agricultural work while the oldest group would be placed in various industries throughout the country.

CANADIAN WAR VETERANS CALL ON PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES TO OUTLAW RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

QUEBEC, June 27. (JTA)--The Canadian Legion, an organization of war veterans, has called upon all provincial legislatures to enact measures outlawing racial discrimination. Pointing out that such discrimination threatens the unity of war veterans and of Canada in general, a resolution adopted at the organization's convention here states:

"The Canadian Legion reiterates its condemnation of racial discrimination in any manner or form. The Canadian Legion urges all provincial legislatures that have not already done so to enact legislation against racial discrimination; that said legislation shall prohibit the publication or display on lands or premises or in the newspaper, through a radio broadcasting system, or by means of any other medium, of any notice, sign or symbol, emblem or other representation indicating discrimination or any intention of discrimination against any person or any class of persons for reasons of color, race or creed of such person or class of persons. The Canadian Legion will use all legitimate means at its disposal to effect the speedy enactment of the above resolution."

NEW MASS GRAVES CONTAINING BODIES OF 600 RUMANIAN JEWS DISCOVERED NEAR JASSY

BUCHAREST, June 27. (JTA)--Four mass graves containing the remains of 600 Jewish men, women and children were discovered recently near Jassy, Rumanian authorities have announced.

Official investigations have established that one night in 1941 all the Jews of a neighboring village were rounded up and machine gunned by Rumanian soldiers. Some of the officials and army personnel responsible for the murders have been identified and arrested.

PHILADELPHIA RAISES MORE THAN \$6,000,000 FOR UJA, TRIPLING LAST YEAR'S GOAL

PHILADELPHIA, June 27. (JTA)--The Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal today announced that it had exceeded its goal of \$6,000,000 for the United Jewish Appeal, more than tripling the amount raised here last year. The final total was \$6,051,187.

The campaign here, which was under the leadership of Leonard B. Geis, was a community-wide effort by both Jews and Christians, with many of the latter participating in the drive. In all 74,443 persons contributed to the campaign. Increases were achieved in all brackets, it was pointed out by Kurt Peiser, executive secretary of the Allied Jewish Appeal.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS URGES SEPARATION OF SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

CHICAGO, June 27. (JTA)--Expressing faith in the "American public school system as an institution that embodies the American principle of separation of church and state," a resolution adopted today at the Central Conference of American Rabbis opposed the use of public school assemblies and convocations for evangelistic purposes.

The resolution also voiced opposition to "attempts made by Bible societies to use the public school as a medium to distribute various versions of the Bible to school children."

A second resolution called on all rabbis teaching and preaching Judaism to speak out on all the challenges of contemporary life in which moral principles are involved. It asserted that "the principles of our faith offer guidance for the conduct of industry, commerce, politics, government and international and inter-racial relations."

The resolution was adopted following a report by Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman of St. Louis, chairman of the Conference's Justice and Peace Commission, in which he declared that "laymen of all faiths are being urged to bring pressure on their prophetic clergy by well-publicized, well-financed, and well-organized forces of reaction that work zealously to sabotage political, economic, and industrial reform and thus nullify the social gains of the past few years."

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, spoke of the need for cooperation between lay and rabbinical groups for the furtherance of a religious revival among American Jews. He declared that the "world needs religion more today than ever before in history," and revealed that to meet this need the U.A.H.C. will sponsor an "American Jewish cavalcade" in November. This effort toward a religious revival in the more than 300 Reform congregations in America will take the form of three and four-day visits to the various communities by outstanding rabbinical leaders, Dr. Eisendrath said.

Dr. Louis Mann of Chicago reported that 66 Institutes on Judaism had been held this past year, attended by 4,200 Christian ministers. He announced that the Conference was planning to hold over 100 such institutes during the next year.

BERNARD BARUCH RECEIVES CITATION AS OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF NEW YORK FOR 1946

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA)--Bernard Baruch, American representative on the U.N. Atomic Energy Commission, was yesterday awarded a citation as the "outstanding citizen of New York for 1946" by the Kiwanis Club at a luncheon at the Hotel McAlpin.

The citation which was given Mr. Baruch as citizen, economist, public servant, statesman and philanthropist took note of "his continued services to the United States and all mankind, even after he has passed the life span of three-quarters of a century; for his aid in winning World Wars I and II and for the honor and distinction that he has brought to the City of New York."

OHIO ZIONIST CONVENTION DECIDES TO FINANCE SETTLING OF 400 FAMILIES IN PALESTINE

DAYTON, Ohio, June 27. (JTA)--A resolution calling for the raising of funds to buy land in Palestine to settle 400 families at a cost of \$500 each was adopted here at the closing session of the seventh annual convention of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region.

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