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PALESTINE REMAINS TENSE AS GOVT. SAYS "FIRST PHASE" OVER; WEIZMANN THREATENS TO RESIGN

JERUSALEM, June 30. (JTA) -- Tension in Palestine remained at fever pitch today as what an official communique described as "the first phase of operations to restore law and order in Palestine" neared completion. Searches were still continuing in several outlying colonies, but no mass arrests or raids, such as those made yesterday, were reported.

Although all reports from raided settlements are not yet in, since the country's communications were disrupted by the military authorities to facilitate their operations, the death toll at the moment is five Jews and one Briton, with about 2,000 Jews, including ranking members of the Jewish Agency executive under arrest.

It was learned this afternoon that Dr. Chaim Weizmann during discussions with High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham yesterday threatened to resign if the arrested members of the Jewish Agency are not released immediately.

Cunningham is said to have replied: "But you can choose other colleagues and advisers, for instance Mayor Rokach." To this Weizmann retorted: "Then I must decline any responsibility, because this suggestion only aggravates the situation."

(A dispatch received tonight from a JTA correspondent in London quoted a well-informed Palestine source as declaring that British strategy in Palestine is aimed at splitting the Jewish Agency by creating differences between the so-called left and right wing factions. This source pointed out that all of those arrested are either laborites or pro-labor. He cited Cunningham's suggestion to Weizmann as an example of these "futile" tactics.)

Jewish Agency Substitute "Shadow Commands" Take Over

It was pointed out here today that the second, third and fourth "shadow commands" of the Agency are already operating, so that arrest of the Agency leaders will not paralyze Jewish activities.

The stunned Jewish community, which was taken by surprise by the vastness of yesterday's operations, despite the fact that they had been predicted almost exactly in a broadcast over the secret Haganah radio, "Voice of Israel," on June 16 began to rally its forces today.

The Haganah radio declared tonight that "Britain has declared war upon the Jewish community and we will return it." An earlier broadcast by the "Voice of Israel" was unintelligible as a result of jamming by government stations.

Troops and Jews Clash in Haifa; Curfew Reimposed.

In Haifa, where the curfew was lifted early today, it was reimposed at 7 p.m. after thousands of Jews who thronged the Jewish quarter of the city to protest the seizure of the Jewish Agency headquarters and the mass arrests clashed with British

troops who shot into the crowd, wounding five, three seriously, including one child. Jewish shops throughout the city were closed and traffic was at a virtual stand-still.

Crack machinegun crews were still deployed around the Agency building in Jerusalem covering every approach. Other troops were stationed inside. Near the building the authorities have set up a command post which is directing all operations in this city.

A special plenary session of the Jewish National Council has been called for tomorrow morning. This morning, the Tel Aviv municipal council met under the chairmanship of Dr. Weizmann, with mayors of other cities and heads of local councils attending. They issued a statement appealing to the Jewish community to remain calm and await instructions from Jewish leaders and the Zionist movement.

Censorship on Outgoing Cables Is Lifted

Censorship of outgoing cables ceased this morning, allowing the Jerusalem JTA office to file a story which the censor killed yesterday, reporting that Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, acting chairman of the Agency executive, was beaten by soldiers who came to arrest him, when he protested against entering a car on Saturday. He was struck in the head.

According to a report from Latrun, where Fishman and others of the Agency heads are confined, the 71-year-old rabbi has gone on a hunger strike to protest his arrest and the violation of his religious tenets. No visitors were allowed into Latrun all day, but tonight it was announced that Mrs. Weizmann and Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel had been permitted to see the detained men.

According to this evening's official communique the following are among the prominent leaders of the community who are being held: Rabbi Fishman, Moshe Shertok, Dr. Bernard Joseph, Itzhak Gruenbaum and David Remez. It was reported last night that Rabbi Meir Berlin, world president of the Mizrahi organization, had also been seized, but he was not mentioned in the communique.

The communique also announced that the curfew has been lifted in Jerusalem except for the area around the Agency building, in Tel Aviv and in other places. It praised the great "restraint" shown by British soldiers and said in only a few cases had it been necessary to use firearms. The communique said that three Jews were killed and thirteen hospitalized, although according to Jewish sources five were killed, and scores wounded.

Among those arrested during the raids on numerous colonies yesterday and this morning was a former U.S. Army Air Force flyer, Henry Z. Stein, who flew 26 missions over Berlin. Stein, who is a student at the Haifa Institute of Technology, was visiting his sister at the colony of Shaar Haamakim, near Haifa, when the troops arrived. He was invited to act as an interpreter, but when the raid was over he was also arrested.

Another victim was Meir Yaari, the leader of the Hashomer Hazair, and one of the firmest opponents of terrorism and violence. He was seized in Tel Aviv and is now in the Latrun prison.

Settlements Face Difficulties Because All Able-Bodied Men Seized

Many settlements face severe difficulties because almost all their able-bodied men were arrested. Those which were hardest hit include Sarid, where all the male settlers were detained; Daganja, all males; Nean, 231 men and Misra, 84.

The colony of Givat Hayim, which was the scene of a bloody clash between troops and settlers several months ago, was surrounded at dawn this morning by a strong troop

cordon. Shooting was heard, but it has been impossible to contact or approach the village.

At Nean, 23 colonists were wounded, ten seriously, when troops forced their way into the settlement, after rejecting a request by the mukhtar that they wait until all the residents had returned to their cottages and then check their identification documents there. They arrested 231 men, including four youngsters from a nearby summer camp, leaving only 37 males, twelve of whom were ill.

Soldiers armed with clubs quelled resistance at Ramat Rachel, two miles south of Jerusalem, while at Yagour, near Haifa, tear gas was used. At Yagour 20 rifles and 30,000 rounds of ammunition are reported to have been discovered. At Ein Harod, in the north, one Jew was killed and two injured when a truck attempted to force a roadblock. Searches were also conducted in Mishmar Hasharon, between Tel Aviv and Haifa, Givat Brenner and other smaller colonies.

All those arrested in colonies in the Haifa district or the vicinity were taken to the Athlit immigrant clearance camp, which was emptied to receive them. The 1,300 visaless immigrants who entered this week on the Josiah Wedgwood, who had been in Athlit, were moved elsewhere. Most of those seized around Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are in Latrun.

The Arab reaction to the raids varied. Generally the Arabs remained quiet, neither indicating approval nor disapproval, but their leaders' attitude might be summed up as follows: the raids were fine, but they did not go far enough.

The secretary of the Arab office in Jerusalem, Achmed Shukeiri, said today: "We do not intend to express our rejoicing at yesterday's operations. The British authorities have apparently started yawning after a long sleep during which Zionist terrorism has spread its evils throughout Palestine, but we are not confident that this yawning will develop into full awakening and determination." Shukeiri described the statement issued yesterday by High Commissioner Cullingham announcing the Government's determination to suppress terrorism as "apologetic" and declared that a handful of determined soldiers could maintain peace in Palestine.

HISTADRUTH BUILDING WANTONLY WRECKED BY TROOPS; DAVAR PLANT BADLY DAMAGED

TEL AVIV, June 30. (JTA) -- The headquarters of the Histadruth in Tel Aviv, which was the scene of one of yesterday's raids, was a shambles this afternoon when troops withdrew and reporters were allowed to enter the building.

Windows were smashed, doors broken, desks and chairs overturned, cabinets torn down and wall panels defaced. A picture of Victor Arlosoroff, Zionist labor leader who was assassinated in 1933, had been covered with a Union Jack found on the premises.

Many valuable documents, as well as fountain pens, clocks, adding machines and other office equipment were taken. Eleven JNF collection cans filled with coins disappeared.

The printing plant of Davar, largest daily in Palestine, was also badly damaged. Type for two books was wantonly upset. The wall of a neighboring house collapsed when troops used explosives to blast open a safe. An adjoining barbershop looks like a victim of the blitz.

Today more than 100 residents of Tel Aviv submitted complaints to the authorities that money and valuables were taken from them during the raids.

U.S. MEMBERS OF JEWISH AGENCY WILL FLY TO PALESTINE; SAY GOVERNMENT CHARGES ARE FALSE

NEW YORK, June 30. (JTA) -- The American members of the Jewish Agency for Palestine today announced that they have decided to proceed to Palestine.

In a statement issued here Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Louis Lipsky said:

"Convinced that the charges of the Palestine Government that the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine has been involved in acts of violence are false and without foundation, the American members of the executive declare equal responsibilities and full solidarity with their colleagues in Palestine. American members of the executive have resolved to proceed to Palestine and immediate action is being taken to obtain the necessary facilities."

At the same time, the Agency members sent the following cable to Dr. Chaim Weizmann: "Members Zionist Executive here greatly aroused and deeply concerned arrest their colleagues convey to you and to them heartfelt solidarity in this supreme trial. We are deeply convinced Yishuv and Zionist movement will emerge triumphantly from this cruel test."

Last night, Drs. Wise and Silver acting in the capacity of co-chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council issued a statement which read, in part, as follows:

"The arrest of members of the Jewish Agency Executive by the British Army in Palestine is nothing less than an act of war against the Jewish people. It is clear that this treachery is not merely another step in the program of terror and intimidation being pursued by the British military in Palestine, but was conceived on the highest political level in an attempt to liquidate the Jewish National Home. This at a time when the British Government pretends to be engaged in a joint effort with the American Government to bring about a just solution of the Palestine problem. It is reported that the decision to make these arrests was taken 'on a Cabinet level.' Mr. Attlee and his Government must, therefore, go down in history as men without honor, as enemies of the Jewish people, who have not hesitated to deceive the U.S. Government.

Appeal To U.S. Govt. To Protest British Actions

"We have today dispatched an urgent message to the President of the United States and to our Department of State, inquiring as to the accuracy of the British Foreign Office statement that the United States Government was informed earlier this week of the British decision to arrest various leading members of the Jewish Agency. We cannot believe that our Government, which is fully committed to the program of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate, and to achieving the immediate transportation of 100,000 displaced European Jews to Palestine, would be accessory to this vicious and tyrannical act. We await the statement of our Government impatiently, and we trust that the President will not only refute the assertion of the British Foreign Office as false, but will make clear that the British action is an affront to the Government of the United States, and calculated to annul the objectives with regard to Palestine to which it is committed."

(The State Department, last night, in a prepared statement, denied having had advance knowledge of the raid on the Jewish Agency headquarters in Palestine but said they had received a call from the British Embassy here on Saturday informing them that it was proposed to raid the Jewish Agency.)

BRITISH ACTION IN PALESTINE IS "CHALLENGE TO ALL JEWRY," SAYS HAROLD LASKI

LONDON, June 30. (JTA) -- Harold Laski, former chairman of the British Labor Party executive, declared today that the current developments in Palestine are "a challenge to all Jewry."

Stating that it was difficult to make any statement before Prime Minister Attlee speaks in Commons this week on Palestine, Laski said: "Yet my feeling is that the policy pursued by the Government is a challenge to all Jewry all over the world."

"Its effect is to lay all emphasis on conflict and not on a peaceful resolution of the vital problem of the transfer, as recommended by the Anglo-American Committee, of 100,000 Jews from Europe to Palestine. The world will want incontrovertible evidence that the charges brought against such men as Weizmann and Shertok have the slightest basis in fact."

Deputies Say Arrests Go Beyond Anything That Could Be Expected

Speaking as "British citizens," the Board of Deputies of British Jews today adopted a resolution which said that the arrest of members of the Jewish Agency executive was "a shock beyond anything that Jewry could have anticipated from a British Government." The resolution, which was read to a full session of the board this afternoon by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president, who said that the British action seemed aimed at silencing the Jews in Palestine and throughout the world, continued:

"The Jews believed that with the coming of peace, the British Government would take immediate steps to bring comfort and healing to Jewish survivors of the Nazi massacre. For the opportunity offered to the British Government by the unanimous report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry there is now an attack upon the leaders of Palestine Jewry and the Jewish Agency who represent Jews all over the world in the building up of the Jewish National home."

"Throughout the war the Jews of Palestine represented the only reliable support in the Middle East for Britain and all those who fought against Nazism, but after the war delay has followed delay and injustice has followed injustice, producing despair which has led to acts condemned by the very men who have now been arrested as responsible for them. British Jews appeal to their fellow citizens and to the whole British people to ensure that the evils of recent government action shall be annulled, and the illegal White Paper policy be discontinued."

"The resistance of a whole people, based upon so deep-seated a sense of injustice, cannot be remedied by repression and will not be eliminated, save by removal of the cause of their despair."

The shock has been greater than it would otherwise have been, Prof. Brodetsky added, because of the fact that these acts were carried out on the Jewish Sabbath and Jews, distinguished rabbis among them, were forced to do things which are against Jewish law.

Agency Office Hits "Aggression Against Jewish People"

The local office of the Jewish Agency, in a statement issued last night, described the raid on the Agency buildings in Jerusalem as "a clear act of aggression against the Jewish people."

The statement charged British authorities with "trying by force to render the Jewish community of Palestine defenseless," and, alluding to High Commissioner Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham's broadcast, added: "To present this action as directed only against a

small group in the Jewish community of Palestine is as misleading as the statement that the Jewish Agency is involved in acts of violence is false.

"The Jewish community in Palestine cannot give up its right to self-defense which, according to the Royal Commission for Palestine, has failed to discharge the elementary duty of providing public security. The provocative action is the culmination of a policy of violating obligations undertaken by Britain under the Mandate. It is an effort by the British Government to divert public attention from its policy of barring the doors of Palestine to the remnants of Hitler's extermination campaign.

"It is designed to destroy both the achievements and the aspirations of the Jewish people in Palestine and could only have been adopted in order to appease the Mufti, who has once more been allowed to escape to freedom, and on the advice of his Arab and British friends in the Middle East.

"The Jewish people and its leaders will not be intimidated and will continue the struggle for the right of Jews to enter their homeland and live as a free and independent nation in the Jewish state."

JTA CORRESPONDENT GIVES EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT OF DAWN RAID ON JEWISH SETTLEMENT

JERUSALEM, June 29. (Delayed) (JTA) -- What I have just seen can best be described as a "model operation." In searching the settlement Ramat Rachel, just outside Jerusalem, British soldiers and Palestinian police used the utmost restraint: there were only a few bloody noses among the settlers, one short loss of consciousness and a number of hoarse women exhausted from screaming.

At 4:30 a.m. troops surrounded this stony, hillside settlement overlooking Jerusalem on the one side and the awesome wastes of the Dead Sea on the other. The diminutive, gray-haired Mukhtar (leader) named Bar Hayim was asked that the gates be opened.

He replied: "The British army took all of Germany, so you can take this place, too. You have a thousand men and you can do what you want."

An estimated three hundred troops, armed with tommy guns, machine guns, mine destroyers and Bren gun carriers, then took up positions behind rocks protected by barbed wire and the British commander asked that the men in the settlement be separated from the women and children. Bar Hayim countered this request by asking for permission to communicate with the Jewish Agency for advice but he was turned down.

The Mukhtar then declared that he did not wish to let the children in the colony see their fathers arrested and therefore refused to separate the men. At this point a dozen soldiers equipped with axes approached the iron gate, which proved to be unlocked.

A reconnaissance car followed by jeeps and soldiers on foot, as well as three newspapermen, entered the colony to find the settlers continuing their normal Sabbath-day pursuit. Bearded, elderly men sat around sunning themselves, while the few essential caretakers continued to work in the stables, and a few women were busy sweeping the dining room floor. White Sabbath cloths covered the tables, which were soon to serve as desks for the "interrogation teams" of the Criminal Investigation Department and the Army.

Like all collective colonies, Ramat Rachel consists of a huge, central dining

hall so built that it could be turned into a defense post. Dormitory cottages, with a room for each family, are located nearby.

Women Try To Tear Men Away From Invading Troops

In quick order troops proceeded to enter the cottages, searching for men to be brought to the dining room for questioning. In many instances women and children surrounded their men, struggling and screaming to stop the seizures by the troops. In one of the upstairs cottage rooms, four screaming women fought to prevent the seizure of a middle-aged man by scratching and biting the troops. Then, when the soldiers finally got out to the landing, a small boy attached himself to the stair railing, blocking the way until two soldiers pried his fingers loose.

Across the farmyard, soldiers were carrying men, some of whom resisted passively by turning themselves into dead weights. Other men tried to struggle loose from the troops, and each settler required an average of four soldiers and policemen to keep him in hand.

A detachment of troops tried to pen a dozen of the most active women into a small garden patch in front of the dining hall, but, led by a short, excited red-headed girl, the women broke loose and attacked the arrest parties, beating and cursing them.

A few of the soldiers momentarily lost their tempers and hit back at the women, but officers, one with a megaphone, kept yelling: "Don't manhandle them, make them calm down."

Many of the women were shrieking in Hebrew and some in English: "This is all ours. What do you want here? This is my home. My child is here. Do whatever you like in your country, but leave us alone."

One British soldier who held a torn shirt remarked wryly: "They're not very cooperative." Another soldier, holding the leg of a struggling settler who required four men to carry him to the dining room, said: "We're giving them a ride."

Six soldiers were needed to drag a bear-like settler across the yard, with one holding on to his hair, so furious were his struggles. A group of hysterical women followed the soldiers, attempting unsuccessfully to free the captive.

One settler, his eyes burning with emotion, told this correspondent of the twenty-year-old struggle to establish Ramat Rachel as a dairy farm.

The settlers said they expected Arab disorders this summer and that today's attempt to break up the Hagana and disarm the settlements was exposing them to the mercy of the Arabs.

One soldier, listening to a settler speaking in English, asked him where he learned to speak the language. The settler said: "In the British Army. I've just returned from five years of service, which is probably more than you saw." There were 18 British Army volunteers in this settlement.

DISPLACED JEWS REPORTED AROUSED BY PALESTINE EVENTS; EXPECTED TO GO ON HUNGER STRIKE

LONDON, June 30. (JTA) -- According to reliable reports reaching here today from the British and American zones of Germany, the events in Palestine have caused tremendous excitement in the camps for displaced Jews.

One report said that it was likely that a hunger strike would be proclaimed tomorrow by Jewish occupants of all DP camps.

FORTHCOMING PEACE CONFERENCE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF JEWISH QUESTION

PARIS, June 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish question in its various aspects is likely to be discussed at the forthcoming peace conference, according to spokesmen here for Jewish organizations in America and Britain.

The Jewish representatives--I.L. Kennen of the American Jewish Conference; Israel Cohen of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and A.L. Easternman of the World Jewish Congress--said that they will shortly release a joint statement on the situation of Jews in various European countries to supplement the memorandum presented to the Council of Foreign Ministers on Friday.

The memorandum, which was released last night, warned that the Jews of Europe are still menaced by anti-Semitism. It asked that in the peace treaties to be signed with former enemy countries, the Allied powers demand that these nations redress the wrongs done Jews, punish those responsible, abolish discriminatory legislation and guarantee fundamental freedoms and human rights to Jews.

The memorandum urged that whatever safeguards are adopted should be included in the basic laws of the former enemy countries, and be supervised by a competent international authority. It pointed out that the United Nations Charter as such "has no immediate practical or legal bearing on Jewish problems," and, therefore, these must be dealt with in the peace settlements.

Among the specific measures requested in the memorandum are:

1. Protect the right of Jewish communities to maintain and foster their collective ethnic, linguistic and cultural identity and institutions.
2. Restore and re-establish Jewish private, communal and institutional property.
3. The property of Jews who were murdered and who left no heirs should be used for Jewish reconstruction, rehabilitation and resettlement.
4. Permit Jews to have the option of nationality in the event of territorial changes.
5. Permit Jews the right of emigration and to take their possessions to new places of settlement.

UNRRA AID NEEDED IF ANTI-SEMITISM IS TO BE CRUSHED IN HUNGARY, SAYS FOREIGN MINISTER

BUDAPEST, June 30. (JTA) -- Hungarian Foreign Minister Janos Gyongyosi, who has just returned from the United States, said today that additional assistance from UNRRA is the best means of fighting anti-Semitism in this country. He asserted that the unstable economy of Hungary and the consequent lack of adequate food and clothing was the chief cause of anti-Semitism.

It was announced today that the much-delayed trial of the persons charged with responsibility for the anti-Jewish outbreak in the town of Kunszadas, during which several Jews were killed, will open here on Wednesday. The presiding judge will be Dr. Kurzly Naby, who presided over the court which sentenced Bela Imredi, late anti-Semitic premier, to death.

President Zoltan Tildy yesterday received Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, and expressed appreciation for the valuable assistance given to Jews and some non-Jews here by the JDC. He reiterated that the government was determined to crush anti-Semitism.

REFORM RABBIS CONVENTION SAYS JERUSALEM ARRESTS ARE TANTAMOUNT TO LAUNCHING OF WARFARE

CHICAGO, June 30. (JTA) -- The "unconscionable arrest" of members of the Jewish Agency and thousands of other Jews in Palestine was branded as "tantamount to the inauguration of war by the British authorities" in a resolution adopted here at the closing session of the 57th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The 400 assembled rabbis charged that the "deliberate desecration of the Jewish sabbath was a wanton violation of religious freedom which represents a reversion to the barbaric practices of ancient Syria and Rome."

Citing the gallant war record of the thousands of Palestine Jews recruited for the Allied forces by the Jewish Agency, the rabbis appealed to President Truman to use his good offices to obtain immediate release of the imprisoned members of the Agency executive and all others being held, and implementation of the recommendation for the admission into Palestine of 100,000 Jews. The resolution was unanimously adopted, with prominent non-Zionists lending their support.

Earlier, the conference attacked the "unprovoked and malicious" statement on Palestine made recently by British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, which, it said, "deliberately impugned the high motives of our Government and the American people in relation to the salvation of our broken people in Europe." A resolution on the findings of the Anglo-American committee stated that the Conference does not assent to those sections of the committee report which "negate the British pledge to the Jewish people in the Balfour Declaration."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was re-elected president of the Conference for a second term.

1,000,000 U.S. JEWS VOTING FOR DELEGATES TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS; POLLS CLOSE TODAY

NEW YORK, June 30. (JTA) -- An estimated 1,000,000 American Jews began going to the polls today to cast their votes for delegates to the World Zionist Congress slated to be held in Jerusalem in December. In smaller communities the polling was completed today, but in New York and eleven other large cities the polls will not close until tomorrow evening.

The candidates are grouped in five slates: the Zionist Organization of America, the Labor Zionist Bloc, the Religious-National Bloc, the United Zionist-Revisionists and Hadassah. Five hundred election boards are supervising 3,000 polling places throughout the country. Polls were open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and will be open from noon to 10 p.m. tomorrow. Delegates will be chosen on the basis of proportional representation.

21,000 PEOPLE AT LOS ANGELES RALLY ASK IMMEDIATE ENTRY OF 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

LOS ANGELES, June 30. (JTA) -- Over 21,000 persons who filled the Hollywood Bowl at a mass rally sponsored by the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council expressed approval of resolutions demanding the immediate immigration of 100,000 displaced European Jews to Palestine and the transferring of the Palestine Mandate to a trusteeship set up under the United Nations.

The principal speaker at the outdoor meeting was Bartley C. Crum, member of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee on Palestine, who attacked British policy in Palestine. He suggested that if Britain found it too burdensome to maintain an armed force in Palestine, it withdraw 100,000 troops and make room for that number of Jewish immigrants.

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