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POLISH JEWS STRIKE TO PROTEST KIELCE POGROM; 34 ARE REPORTED KILLED, 42 INJURED

WARSAW, July 5. (JTA) -- At least 34 persons, including many Jews, are dead and 42 seriously injured as a result of yesterday's pogrom in Kielce, the worst anti-Jewish outbreak since the liberation of Poland, according to official figures released here today.

The authorities announced that 63 persons have been arrested for participation in the riots and arrests are continuing. Units of the government's militia are patrolling the Jewish sections of Kielce to prevent repetition of yesterday's attacks, which saw Jews assaulted on the streets, in their homes, in railway coaches and street cars and in the headquarters of the Jewish community.

A one-hour country-wide strike, originally called to protest the British attacks on the Jews of Palestine, developed today into a mass protest against the Kielce events and the continued attacks on Jews throughout Poland.

The outbreak arose as a result of the traditional rumors that Jews were kidnapping non-Jewish children. A Polish youngster who was detained overnight by a Pole was instructed by the latter to inform his parents that he had been held by Jews. When the boy told his story, angry crowds gathered before an apartment house in which Jews reside and shouting "Long Live Gen. Anders," attempted to break in. They were finally dispersed by police and troops, many of whom were killed.

A government spokesman charged that persons responsible for the Kielce pogrom were members of the NSZ, anti-government fascist band, which is believed to be behind most of the anti-Semitic outbreaks which have occurred in the past year.

WJC Asks Stringent Govt. Measures; Hits Inaction of Church, Peasant Party

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the World Jewish Congress today cabled Polish Premier Edward Osobka-Morawski, demanding of the Polish Government that "more stringent measures be taken to safeguard Jewish life against wanton attack and destruction."

Expressing its dismay at yesterday's pogrom in Kielce, the Congress cable expressed appreciation for the steps taken by the government to curb anti-Semitism, but added that "we cannot overlook the fact that the Polish Government in Warsaw is the one responsible for the maintenance of peace and order in the country, and consequently for the protection of Jewish life and property... The Jewish people all over the world look to the Polish Government to protect the remnant of Polish Jewry and put an end to the murder of defenseless Jewish men, women and children."

The cable, which was signed by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the Congress, said that world Jewry had "noted with disappointment that the Catholic Church, except for a single statement by a high dignitary, has not used its powerful influence with the masses to counteract the anti-Semitic movement." It also pointed out that the Peasant Party, headed by Stanislaw Mikolajczyk "has not yet uttered a single word of protest against the constantly spreading anti-Jewish riots."

NON-COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT BEGINS IN PALESTINE; ATHLIT PRISONERS TELL OF TORTURE

JERUSALEM, July 5 (JTA) -- Correspondents who visited the Atlit detention camp today at the invitation of the Government were told by the prisoners that about 40 detainees were tortured and beaten by Criminal Investigation Division officers.

"We do not have any complaints against the military authorities, which conducted lawful, human investigations, but only against the CID, said Berl Repetur, Haifa labor leader and one of those reported to have been mistreated. He added: "Tell the Yishuv and the Jews of the world that detention has not broken our spirits and we are still strong."

Almost two-thirds of the 1,600 persons who were originally detained at Atlit have been transferred to the Raffa camp on the Egyptian border, it was learned today.

The Haganah radio "Voice of Israel" announced today that a policy of non-cooperation with the government has begun. "There shall be no contact between any Jewish institution or organization and any department of the pogrom government until the leaders of the Yishuv and the rest of the detainees are released," the broadcast said.

Details of the policy of non-cooperation were mapped out here today by a special committee established by the Jewish community. The first concrete action taken under the new policy was the refusal by the staff of the Jewish Agency to send a representative to sit on the board which has been named by the government to survey the damage done to the Agency building during searches by British troops.

Otto Freund, 25, one of the two Jewish veterans of the Czech Army who were kidnapped from their homes in Haifa Tuesday night, was found dead there this afternoon. Freund and Benjamin Papanek, who was abducted with him, were charged with turning informers and leading British troops to arms caches at the colony of Yagour. According to an official release today more arms have been found at Yagour, secreted in stalls in the cattle barn.

The military authorities announced today that, with the exception of Tel Aviv, the ban on visits by British soldiers to Jewish homes and places of entertainment has been lifted.

Harry Sacher, political advisor to the Jewish Agency office in London, is expected here tomorrow. He will confer with Dr. Weizmann and other members of the Agency who are still at large at Dr. Weizmann's home in Rehovoth.

CHIEF RABBI HERZOG CONFERS WITH ATTLEE; FINDS SITUATION DIFFICULT BUT NOT HOPELESS

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine today conferred with Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee, and said at the conclusion of the interview that the Palestine situation seemed difficult but not "beyond repair."

During the half-hour interview, Rabbi Herzog reiterated his appeal that the British Government and people reconsider the Jewish stake in Palestine. In a message sent through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he appealed to the Jews of Palestine to remain calm in this "hour of supreme test."

A day of protest against the British Government's actions in Palestine will be observed Sunday throughout Britain. Large street demonstrations and public mass

meetings have been announced in London, Glasgow, Liverpool and other major British cities.

It was learned today that the Palestine committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews has suggested that joint consultations be held early next week by the Board of Deputies, the World Jewish Congress, the Anglo-Jewish Association, and the Agudas Israel in order to arrive at a common stand on the Palestine issue.

The Association today issued a statement pledging support to the government in measures "which can be shown to be indispensable to public order and security," but stressing that arrests are justifiable only if it can be shown that those arrested are reasonably suspected of being implicated in violence. It declared that repression cannot be the last word, and urged the government to announce that it will carry out the recommendations of the inquiry committee, after reaching an agreement on American cooperation. The statement reiterated the Association's policy of supporting neither an Arab nor a Jewish state.

The British Communist Party today demanded the release of all those arrested in Palestine, unless the authorities are able to file specific charges against them. At the same time, it called for the United Nations to assume jurisdiction over the Palestine problem and added: "Palestine must become an independent state, safeguarding the interests of Jews and Arabs alike." The Communist statement said that in the interim, Britain and the United States should open their gates to distressed people.

BEN GURION DEMANDS IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION OF PALESTINE ATTACKS BY "BIG POWERS"

PARIS, July 5. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, last night demanded an impartial international investigation by representatives of the "big powers" of the recent British attacks on Jewish settlements in Palestine, and the mass arrests of Jews there. Speaking at a huge mass meeting here which overflowed into the streets, he asked that the investigating party not include either Britons or Jews.

Declaring that Palestine is not a British colony, Ben Gurion warned "Herr Attlee" that he must account for British actions there to the nations of the world. He charged that the British Government had deliberately organized the attack on the Jewish Agency and Palestine workers' organizations in order to control and destroy them.

He asserted that the British had attempted to form a new Agency controlled by right-wing elements, but that it could not find either right or left Zionists to participate in a quiescent Agency.

Accusing Attlee of trying to draw an "iron curtain" between Palestine and the rest of the world, he said that that curtain would be destroyed even if it meant imprisonment for all Jews. He demanded that Attlee present proof of the Agency's tie with "terrorist" forces. He pointed out that no such proof had been published nearly a week after the raids on the Agency headquarters began, and asserted that it never would be released because it did not exist.

England cannot destroy Jewish rights to independence and representation in the United Nations, he said, adding "Attlee is in Palestine provisionally, but we are there permanently and unconditionally, and in the future we will be independent." He pointed out that although Attlee declared he had not promised a Jewish state in Palestine, the Labor Party had promised such a state before its election to power.

He accused Britain of having cold-bloodedly organized an attack upon the Jewish community of Palestine, and stressed: "We were not afraid of Hitler in Warsaw. The Jews are not alone in the world," he concluded, "we will be helped by men of good will all over the world."

U.S. JEWS SHOULD CONDITION FUTURE AID TO PALESTINE ON ENDING OF VIOLENCE, SAYS ROSENWALD

PHILADELPHIA, July 5. (JTA) -- American Jews must condition further assistance to the Jews of Palestine "upon the adoption of pacific, moderate policies" by the Jewish community there, Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism, said here in a speech prepared for delivery over the Columbia Broadcasting System's network tomorrow evening.

"American Jews," he added, "have aided the Jewish community in Palestine generously in the past. They must, if need be, condition further help to that community upon the adoption of pacific, moderate policies. American Jews must have the realism and the vision and the genuine, if rare, courage to speak up clearly and say: 'This is not the way; we will not have it so.'"

"Unfortunately, events in Palestine are rushing headlong into catastrophe," Mr. Rosenwald continued. "Reports have now been coming in regularly of a situation approaching anarchy in Palestine, of bombing, machine gunning, incendiarism, kidnapping, of the pathetic shedding of lives. As a natural consequence, there are the stern retaliatory measures of the Government that has the responsibility to maintain law and order."

He said that it was unfortunate that these measures are being interpreted as a clash between the British and the Jews--all Jews. He added: "It is nothing of the kind, all propaganda to the contrary notwithstanding. Jews throughout the world, adherents of a great historic religion and loyal citizens of their respective countries, are not and never can be, as Jews, participants in political action. The security measures are not taken against Jews; they are only against those political forces inside and outside Palestine that have adopted violence as a means of attaining their political purposes."

Mr. Rosenwald said that the American Council for Judaism feels that a sound solution of the Palestine problem, which, he said, has become a menace to world peace, is embodied in the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee. He urged that the report be adopted as a whole, including the recommendation for the admission of 100,000 Jews from Europe.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE HAILS TRUMAN'S STATEMENT ON TRANSFER OF EUROPEAN JEWS

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- President Truman's announcement that he is determined upon the immediate transfer of 100,000 European Jews to Palestine was hailed by the American Jewish Conference in a telegram to the President, signed by Henry Monsky, chairman of its Interim Committee.

"We deeply appreciate reiteration of your determination to expedite the transfer of 100,000 European Jews to Palestine despite present British aggression in the Holy Land," the message read. "American readiness to assume financial and technical responsibility for transportation of Hitler's victims demonstrates that the United States means to translate its words of sympathy into deeds."

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL PROTESTS TO TRUMAN AND BYRNES AT DESECRATION OF SABBATH BY BRITISH

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, representing all branches of American Jewish religious life, today released the text of a telegram sent to President Truman and Secretary Byrnes, expressing the Council's "deep sense of horror and outrage over the brutal and wanton aggression against the Jews of Palestine."

The message added: "We are particularly outraged by the fact that the British deliberately chose the Jewish Sabbath to inaugurate their aggression, thus giving evidence of their utter disregard for decency and justice."

TRUMAN HAILS JDC WORK; AGENCY'S 1945 ACTIVITIES GREATEST IN ITS HISTORY, REPORT SHOWS

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- The far-flung activities of the Joint Distribution Committee were praised today by President Truman in a letter appearing in the 1945 annual report of the organization, entitled "So They May Live Again."

The President's letter reads as follows:

"Your work to succor the stricken and relieve the victims of the war and persecution throughout the world deserves the commendation of all Americans. The needs of 1,500,000 surviving Jews in Europe, men, women and children, are truly staggering and a challenge to the generosity of all men of good will. May God speed and prosper the good work which you are doing."

With funds contributed in the U.S. to the United Jewish Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee during 1945 expended more than \$28,300,000 in assistance activities for surviving Jews in nearly fifty countries, the annual report discloses. In a special supplement covering activities for the first six months of 1946, it was revealed that the J.D.C. has already appropriated \$25,000,000 for relief, rehabilitation and emigration purposes so far this year.

"Yet, the sense that someone cared was a thousand times more meaningful than the actual value of the supplies or the services that the J.D.C. was able to provide," Edward M.M. Warburg, J.D.C. chairman, writes in the report.

"The great living tradition of the J.D.C. -- for more than thirty-one years the symbol of understanding between the privileged and the non-privileged Jews of the world -- imposes a challenging burden upon those of us who must carry this work forward in the present hours," Mr. Warburg's message continues.

Europe's Jews Cannot Wait Much Longer, Says Hyman

Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C., states in an article that 1946 is the year of decision, that "the Jews of Europe cannot wait much longer," and that "more than relief, more than favorable governmental and intergovernmental decisions are needed for the rehabilitation of the first victims of Nazi brutality. The J.D.C. must put tools in the hands of the men to whom it gives bread and shoes, must provide a skill for the youth whose education has been for the most part the bitter school of the concentration camp," Dr. Hyman urges.

"In a great united effort with organizations closely associated with the J.D.C. in relief and rehabilitation work, organizations such as the United Jewish Refugee & War Relief Agencies of Canada, the South African Jewish War Appeal, the United Jewish Overseas Relief Fund of Sydney and Melbourne, Australia," Dr. Hyman noted, "we will strive to keep the survivors alive and rebuild a decent and secure future."

Only 1,500,000 Jews (excluding those in the Soviet Union) survived the years of war in Europe out of a population of 6,500,000, Paul Baerwald, 1945 chairman, states in the report. "These Jews, prostrate at the beginning of 1945, are beginning to rise again," he stated. "Now, we must help them to a new security and a new dignity so that they may live again. This is the crucial challenge still facing us. This is our responsibility and our opportunity during the coming year."

In a detailed report on the Committee's activities during 1945, Moses A. Leavitt, secretary, states that the J.D.C. has been and remains the main source of aid for

Europe's Jewish sufferers. He points out that UNRRA did not operate in countries where over 75 per cent of the Jews in Europe (outside of the Soviet Union) survived.

The expansion of J.D.C. activities in 1945 necessitated a greatly enlarged overseas staff, Mr. Leavitt notes, and by the end of 1945 the J.D.C. had sent overseas 110 staff members to carry out the Committee's programs. A newly-created purchasing department of the J.D.C. was organized to send huge amounts of vital supplies quickly to Europe's Jewish victims. Nearly \$7,000,000 was allocated during 1945 for the purchase of food, clothing, shoes, medicines, tools and raw materials for immediate shipment overseas, Mr. Leavitt discloses. Additionally, the J.D.C. arranged and paid for the transportation of more than 8,000 Jewish men, women and children to Palestine during the year.

Among the most important areas of J.D.C. activity in Europe were the displaced persons centers in Germany and Austria, where the survivors of Nazi death camps such as Dachau, Buchenwald and Belsen were found by the victorious Allied armies, and Poland, "the Jewish mass grave of Europe," where of a population of 3,300,000 only 80,000 Jews remained alive, the report discloses. J.D.C. appropriations during 1945 to Rumania, whose 335,000 Jews comprise the largest Jewish community in Europe, and Hungary, where thousands of Jewish survivors look to the J.D.C. for basic relief, amounted to \$4,000,000 each, the largest single items in the 1945 J.D.C. budget for appropriations to the various countries.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the European executive council of the J.D.C., writes "an open letter to all Jews who are not in Europe." Europe's Jews have "lost faith in people and in governments, but they still believe in the J.D.C.," he asserts. "No matter what the difficulty, they are sure that the 'Joint' will solve it. They look to the 'Joint' for all types of aid, and when that help is not forthcoming, their last hope is gone.

"Only the Jews who fortunately are not in Europe can give them the strength and the material aid to help on the long road back," he concludes. "The Jews of Europe constantly say the J.D.C. will help us, and by the J.D.C. they mean you."

EDITOR OF LONDON JEWISH CHRONICLE DISMISSED IN DISPUTE OVER PALESTINE QUESTION

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- The dismissal of Ivan Greenberg, editor of the Jewish Chronicle, which was announced yesterday, is understood to have been caused by his criticism of the British Government's actions in Palestine.

It was announced that Greenberg, who was editor of the Chronicle for the past ten years, was dismissed by the board of directors for "differences of opinion in editorial policy." He was associated with the newspaper in various capacities for a period of 20 years.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS CLOSE SHOPS, OFFICES TO DEMONSTRATE OPPOSITION TO PALESTINE POLICY

JOHANNESBURG, July 5. (JTA) -- All Jewish shops, offices and other places of business were closed at 1 p.m. yesterday in protest against British raids and arrests of Jewish Agency leaders in Palestine.

The Jewish community adopted a resolution demanding release of the Jewish leaders and "all unlawfully detained persons," immediate reversal of British policy in Palestine and implementation of the Anglo-American Committee's recommendation that 100,000 Jewish immigrants should be permitted to enter Palestine.