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NINE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR PROVOKING KIELCE POGROM; THOUSANDS OF JEWS FLEEING POLAND

KIELCE, July 11. (JTA)--Nine of the 12 persons charged with provoking the pogrom which took the lives of 45 persons here last Thursday were sentenced to death today at the conclusion of their four-day trial. Among the condemned are two members of the government militia. All of the defendants had pleaded guilty in varying degrees.

An anti-Semitic mob in Czeszochowa attempted yesterday to lynch a man suspected of being a Jew, who they charged with having murdered a young girl, the Warsaw radio reported today, but were dispersed by the militia. A subsequent investigation disclosed that the victim, named Witkiewicz, was not Jewish.

Bishop Kubina of Czeszochowa has issued a statement condemning the Kielce pogrom and calling for punishment of those involved. "The Jews have been through the hell of the occupation, and witnessed the torment and death of their kin, while themselves barely escaping death," the Bishop said. "Nothing can excuse the Kielce crime. It is deserving of the wrath of God and man. The perpetrators debased the honor of man and violated the Christian commandment to love thy neighbor."

All the rumors concerning ritual murders are false, the Bishop continued, and no Christian in Kielce, or anywhere else in Poland, has been harmed by Jews for ritual purposes. He appealed to all citizens not to believe wild rumors, and to halt attempts to attack Jews.

Meanwhile, Polish Jews were reported to be fleeing en masse into Czechoslovakia, en route to the American zone of Germany and, they hope, eventually Palestine. Thousands are said to be congregating in towns adjoining the Czechoslovak border.

American Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane is understood to have told Premier Eduard Osubka-Morawski yesterday that the Army is worried about the threatened influx of Polish Jews into Germany and Austria.

500 Polish and Hungarian Jews Arriving in Vienna Daily; 7,640 Came in June

VIENNA, July 11. (JTA)--Ragged contingents of some 500 Polish and Hungarian Jews are arriving here daily, following the recent anti-Semitic excesses in Poland. The majority, which remain here briefly in terribly overcrowded quarters, are enroute to the American zone.

A total of 7,640 Jews arrived from the east in the course of June but since then the number has jumped enormously. American military authorities and UNRRA officials are doing their best to provide shelter and food, but the facilities available are far from sufficient to restore those exhausted arrivals to anything approaching normalcy.

LEHMAN SAYS JEWS MUST BE ALLOWED INTO PALESTINE IN MESSAGE TO KIELCE MEMORIAL MEETING

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA)--Large-scale immigration into Palestine "must be permitted immediately" as the "only chance for security and peace" for many of Europe's Jews, former Governor Herbert H. Lehman declared tonight in a message to a memorial meeting at the Hotel New Yorker for the victims of last week's pogrom in Kielce. The meeting was under the auspices of the American Federation for Polish Jews.

So long as the Jews remain in Poland, Mr. Lehman said, "they must be assured of full protection and the restoration of their rights." He added that he believed the Polish Government was making a "sincere effort" to stop anti-Semitic outbreaks. "The cowardly, bestial attacks on innocent men, women and children in Kielce and other parts of Poland has shocked the conscience of humanity," he declared.

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the American and World Federations for Polish Jews, addressing the meeting, charged the British Government with giving aid to the instigators of anti-Jewish terrorism in Poland. Great Britain, he added, "does not want a strong, democratic Poland. In Poland as elsewhere Britain exercises its old doctrine divide et impera (divide and reign) with almost Macchiavellian finesse. To achieve its purpose Britain supports, finances and harbors on its soil the most sinister coterie of reactionary forces of the old Polish regime which antedated Hitler in anti-Semitic ferocity."

JEWISH AGENCY AND U.S. ZIONISTS DENY PLAN FOR PARTITION OR APPEAL TO UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA)--Spokesmen for both the Jewish Agency and the American Zionist Emergency Council today categorically denied a story appearing in the New York Times this morning which stated that the Zionist leadership had decided to present the entire Palestine issue to the United Nations in September and also that they were "reluctantly" coming to the conclusion that partition was the only solution of the Palestine problem.

The Times said that the Zionists would appeal to the U.N. for withdrawal of all Empire troops from Palestine. On partition, it alleged that Zionist leaders would be willing to have the eastern third of Palestine ceded to Transjordan, if the remainder would become a Jewish state.

The spokesman for the Jewish Agency flatly denied "the impression given by the story in the New York Times that a decision has been reached by Zionist groups regarding partition or submitting the Palestine issue to the United Nations in September."

The American Zionist Emergency Council said it "has read with astonishment the report in this morning's New York Times that unidentified Zionist leaders in the United States have reluctantly concluded that the only method of ending the Palestinian stalemate would be partition."

"There has been no consideration of the partition issue by the World Zionist executive or by the Zionist leaders in this country since the rejection in 1937 of the scheme proposed by the Royal Commission, and no decision of any kind has been taken in this regard," the Council said. "Any suggestion to the contrary is misleading and without basis in fact."

"The same newspaper report further alleges that the Zionist movement will seek to have its case presented to the Assembly of the U.N. by 'a friend at Court'--one of the Latin American or Scandinavian countries or possibly Poland. This statement, too, is without foundation and reflects no decision on the part of the Zionist authorities here or abroad," the Council concluded.

SEARCHES OF COLONIES ENDED, SAYS HIGH COMMISSIONER; MORE THAN 2,000 STILL HELD

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA)--Searches of Jewish settlements have ended and British troops have been withdrawn to their normal positions, High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham announced tonight.

"It is hoped there will be no further need for widespread military action, but it must be stated that if regrettably there are any further outbreaks of violence they will be dealt with with the utmost vigor," Cunningham added.

An official announcement tonight said that 645 of the nearly 3,000 persons arrested since June 29 have been released, leaving well over 2,000 still in custody.

There was no explanation today of the false report, which spread throughout Jerusalem last night, that the leaders of the Jewish Agency have been released from Latrun detention camp. A usually reliable source said that the government would be willing to release the members of the Agency executive, if the latter would issue a denunciation of terrorism and give assurances that it would not recur. The Agency heads are obviously not in a position to give such assurances, this source pointed out.

The High Commissioner today ordered the release of five Jews and 39 Arabs convicted over the last few years for illegal possession of arms. Among the Jews was Leib Sirkin, a union official, who was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in Sept., 1943 in a trial which lasted six weeks and aroused world-wide interest, because of charges by the prosecution that the Jewish Agency and the Haganah were implicated in the illegal arms traffic. The Agency issued a formal protest at the time. The names of the other released Jews was not immediately available.

1,000 Visaless Immigrants End Hunger Strike When Promised Admittance

About 1,000 visaless Jews who entered Haifa aboard the Biryia ten days ago went on hunger strike this morning to protest their detention aboard three vessels in the harbor. They ended the strike only when they were promised that they would be allowed to disembark tomorrow morning.

The Haganah radio "Voice of Israel" today announced that one of the two Czech Jews kidnapped by resistance forces on suspicion that they had turned informer and led the British to arms caches at the colony of Yagour, has been found not guilty by the secret "Jewish Peoples Higher Court." The broadcast said that Otto Freund was acquitted, while Benjamin Papaneck "was given the benefit of the doubt," but was being expelled from Palestine.

The Irgun radio, "Voice of Fighting Zion," last night criticized Dr. Chaim Weizmann for his address on Tuesday. It charged him with appealing to "a non-existent British conscience," and called on the "Jewish old guard" to surrender leadership to younger men.

In Tel Aviv the Jewish Journalists Association adopted a resolution protesting the imposition of censorship in Palestine and appealed to the International Journalists Association to help the Jewish newsmen in their fight for the "free word."

The group condemned the arrest and imprisonment for one year of Hilda Dulitzkaia, 60-year-old singer, who was convicted of singing songs on contemporary topics whose contents were objectionable to the Palestine administration.

LABOR PARTY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES PALESTINE ISSUE WILL BE DEBATED IN COMMONS BEFORE AUG. 1

LONDON, July 11. (JTA)--Pressed by several members of Parliament as to when the government would reveal the alleged evidence found during the raids on the Jewish Agency headquarters in Palestine, Lord President of the Council Herbert Morrison, Labor majority leader in Commons, today said that he could not give the date of publication of such evidence, but promised a debate on the Palestine issue before August 1.

Colonial Secretary George Hall, in a written reply to a question by Maurice Orbach, Labor Member of Parliament, said today that he did not feel that an inquiry into the destruction of the WIZO building was required. He added that it was necessary to break into it. Hall said further that he has been informed that during searches in Tel Aviv, of which the WIZO was one, it was necessary to remove the contents of certain safes, but a careful inventory was made.

Commenting on the arrival of the American Cabinet committee in London to begin discussions on the implementation of the Anglo-American inquiry committee report, the liberal Manchester Guardian states that it believes there is a possibility of having the United States share in the Palestine Mandate. The newspaper suggested that statements by Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and recent British actions in Palestine might lead the United States to believe that Britain was opposed to both the joint inquiry committee report and a Jewish homeland in Palestine. The editorial also suggested that the British be prepared to offer the partition of Palestine as an alternate solution if they and the Americans could not agree on the Anglo-American report.

The Communist Daily Worker today devoted an entire page to the Palestine question, reiterating its demand for the release of the Jewish leaders and declaring that their arrest is "an act of war against the Jewish community." The newspaper asserts that "oil, pipelines, and grand strategy" explain the motives behind present policies which are "using both Arabs and Jews as pawns in an imperialist game."

The Anglo-Jewish Fellowship believes that the alleged evidence of a tie between the Jewish Agency and terrorists "should be given to Parliament as soon as possible," Basil Henriques, chairman of the organization, said at a meeting here last night. "The measures adopted were severe," he said, "whether they were unwarrantably severe must be guesswork, so long as the information at the disposal of the British authorities remain undisclosed." He also said the Fellowship "regrets" that the arrests occurred on the Sabbath.

London underwriters have increased the war and cargo freight risk rates on shipments to Palestine from 50 to 100 per cent on various types of insurance, it was announced here today.

ZIONIST YOUTH GROUPS PICKET BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO PROTEST PALESTINE ACTS

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA)--Zionist youth groups today continued picketing the British Embassy here in protest against British actions in Palestine. The picketing began on Monday.

LAGUARDIA LEAVING FOR EUROPE NEXT WEEK TO TOUR UNRRA FACILITIES; WILL VISIT DP CAMPS

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA)--UNRRA Director General Fiorello LaGuardia will visit displaced persons camps in Europe during an inspection tour of UNRRA facilities, before and after the UNRRA council meeting in Geneva early in August, he announced today following a visit to President Truman. Mr. LaGuardia leaves for Europe next week.

CHAIRMAN OF ANGLO-U.S. PALESTINE INQUIRY COMMITTEE SEES TRUMAN BACKS BRITISH LOAN

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA)--Judge Joseph C. Hutcheson of Houston, who was American chairman of the now dissolved Anglo-American inquiry committee on Palestine, conferred with the President's Cabinet committee alternates about Palestine this week at the Committee's request, before its departure for London, he said today after a call on President Truman.

The report of the inquiry committee was discussed by Judge Hutcheson with Henry F. Grady, Goldthwaite H. Dorr and Herbert E. Gaston, the Cabinet alternates, as well as "some things not written down which they thought I could tell them," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He found the alternates "very cooperative and interested in bringing about a solution." They also talked with other members of the inquiry committee, he said.

Expressing himself strongly for passage by Congress of the British loan as a necessary part of United States foreign policy. Judge Hutcheson said that attempts to block it because of the Palestine issue would do a disservice to all Americans. A loan is either good or bad, he said, and in this case should not be judged in connection with the question of Palestine. He paid tribute to Dr. Stephen S. Wise's support of the loan.

Congressman Arthur G. Klein of New York, in a speech to the House today, strongly supported the loan because it would promote financial stability in the world, thus promoting peace and friendly relations between nations. While sharply condemning the British "acts of terrorism" in Palestine he pointed out that not to pass the loan because of this issue would be an act of cheap revenge...A most expensive luxury which we cannot afford at this time."

SILVER SAYS WISE DID NOT SPEAK FOR ANY U.S. ZIONIST BODY WHEN HE ENDORSED BRITISH LOAN

MOOSEBROOK, ME., July 11. (JTA)--Dr. Stephen S. Wise did not speak for any Zionist body when he this week endorsed the proposed loan to Britain, Dr. Abba H. Silver, co-chairman with Dr. Wise of the American Zionist Emergency Council, said today in a statement issued here, where he is vacationing.

"It should be clear that Dr. Wise in urging approval of the British loan spoke for himself only and for no Zionist body in the United States," Dr. Silver said. "Dr. Wise's official connection with the American Zionist Emergency Council should not be interpreted as carrying that body's endorsement of his position which was taken without the knowledge or approval of the Council. The position of the Emergency Council was well known to Dr. Wise as he was a party to it."

PROSKAUER SAYS "NO JEWISH QUESTION INVOLVED" IN AMERICAN LOAN TO BRITAIN

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA)--Declaring that "there is no Jewish question involved" in the issue of a loan to Britain now being considered by Congress, Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, yesterday urged in a telegram to Representative Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, that the loan be considered solely from the viewpoint of policy most beneficial to America.

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States today issued a statement denying reports that it was opposed to the British loan. "As much as we are disheartened by Great Britain's unjust and illegal handling of the Palestinian issue, we are not opposed to any measure which will help promote world peace and international cooperation," the J.W.V. said.

BELGIAN JEWS STOP WORK IN OBSERVANCE OF DAY OF PRAYER PROTESTING PALESTINE EVENTS

BRUSSELS, July 11. (JTA)--Jewish shops closed and all Jewish workers remained idle today as Belgian Jewry observed a day of prayer and fasting in protest against recent events in Palestine. Large public meetings were held here, in Antwerp and other cities throughout the country.

As a luncheon at Antwerp's town hall in honor of the delegates to the International Diamond Conference being held there now, Camille Huysmans, mayor of the city and Belgian Minister of State, declared that the only solution for the Jewish problem was a Jewish state in Palestine. He said that he expressed this opinion to former Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery when they visited Antwerp. He accepted the invitation of Oved Ben Ami, leader of the Palestine delegation to the diamond conference, to attend the formal inauguration of Antwerp Street in the colony of Nathanya.

Earlier, at the conference session, the delegates adopted a resolution proposed by the Palestine representatives petitioning the Allies to set aside 80 per cent of the stolen jewelry recovered from the Germans for a fund to rehabilitate displaced Jews.

BRITISH ACTIONS IN PALESTINE CONDEMNED BY 15,000 AT URUGUAYAN MASS MEETING

MONTEVIDEO, July 11. (JTA)--Fifteen thousand people, both Jews and non-Jews, braved a driving rain to attend a huge mass meeting here last night to condemn British actions in Palestine and to demand the establishment of a Jewish homeland there.

Representatives of several political parties addressed the crowd and demanded the formation of a "free democratic Jewish home in Palestine" and called for cessation of attacks against the Palestine Jewish community.

The Uruguayan and Zionist flags were prominently displayed and hundreds of placards were scattered through the crowd.

PERUVIAN POLITICAL LEADER CALLS FOR LATIN AMERICAN SUPPORT OF JEWISH AIMS

LIMA, July 11. (JTA)--Haya de la Torre, leader of the Apra party, largest party in Peru, has expressed complete sympathy with Jewish aims in Palestine in an article in the magazine Zion.

"The Jewish people needs a free national home," he said. "Peru and the rest of Latin America should support Jewish aims for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine." He declared that anti-Semitism can find no roots in the Americas.

CHILEAN ZIONISTS CABLE TRUMAN, ATTLEE DEMANDING RETURN OF RIGHTS TO JEWISH AGENCY

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 11. (JTA)--The Zionist Federation of Chile has cabled President Truman and Prime Minister Clement Attlee "indignantly protesting the persecution of Jews in their own fatherland."

Pointing out that Britain has not lived up to its obligations under the Palestine Mandate, the Zionists urged President Truman to intervene in the present situation. They asked the return of full rights to the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Jews and the abolition of the White Paper.