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**JTA****Daily News Bulletin****PUBLISHED BY THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY****106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.****NINE PARTICIPANTS IN KIELCE POGROM EXECUTED; SECURITY POLICE COMMANDERS ARRESTED**

WARSAW, July 15. (JTA)--Nine persons convicted last Thursday of participation in the pogrom at Kielce which took the lives of 41 Jews were executed yesterday in the courtyard of the Kielce prison, a government spokesman announced today.

The spokesman, Viktor Grosz, said that the commander and deputy commander of the security police in Kielce would go on trial shortly for their failure to prevent the outbreak.

**Vatican Representative Urged to Ask Hlond to Withdraw Anti-Jewish Statement**

LONDON, July 15. (JTA)--The Agudas Israel today appealed to Apostolic Delegate Godfrey, representative of the Vatican here, to intercede with August Cardinal Hlond to withdraw his "unfortunate and unjustifiable statement" concerning the Kielce pogrom. In a letter to Godfrey, the Agudas Israel emphasized that the Pope in various pronouncements had condemned anti-Semitism as "un-Christian."

At a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, its president, said that the Board would take up Cardinal Hlond's statement "with the head of the Polish church."

Commenting on the Kielce pogrom, the Manchester Guardian says today that the reports of the riot must have shocked many people who had persuaded themselves that the end of Nazism would be the end of anti-Semitism in Europe. After these events, the newspaper declares, "advice to Jews to stay in Poland and help rebuild democracy must ring hollow. Is it surprising that the Jews of Eastern Europe dream of the promised land?"

**ARMY INVESTIGATOR SAYS 170,000 OF POLAND'S 200,000 JEWS WILL FLEE TO AMERICAN ZONE**

BERLIN, July 15. (JTA)--A high-ranking U.S. military observer who has just returned from Poland has submitted a report stating that 170,000 of the 200,000 Jews in that country can be expected to move to the American zone in Germany.

The report, which is now being studied by military authorities here, says that if the American zone's borders were thrown open officially and emigration from Poland controlled, all Jews could probably be brought out of Poland within four months. The investigator stated that the Polish Government could be expected to cooperate fully in any such arrangement.

There is no indication here as to whether the Army will recommend officially controlled emigration from Poland, and the issue will probably be decided on higher political levels. It is known, however, that certain army officials favor either complete closing or complete opening of the frontiers, in order to facilitate proper handling of the migration problem.

1,600 DETAINED PALESTINE JEWS THREATEN HUNGER STRIKE; NON-COOPERATION REPORTED POSTPONED

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA)--All of the 1,600 prisoners in the Rafs camp on the Palestine-Egyptian border, who represent about 80 per cent of the approximately 2,000 Jews still held by the British as a result of recent raids, have threatened to go on a hunger strike beginning tonight.

The authorities are attempting to come to some agreement with the detainees to prevent the strike, which they fear will spread to all other detention camps throughout the country.

The Inner Zionist Actions Committee, which met here today, is understood to have voted to postpone for a few days its decision to order a civil disobedience campaign by all Jews in Palestine.

The government today announced a July 15-August 15 immigration quota of 1,500 Jews and 100 non-Jews. Of the visas for Jews, 1065 will be assigned to the visaless refugees who arrived on the Haviva Reik and the Josiah Wedgwood and who are still at Atlit.

The 1,100 who entered on the Birya, the latest immigrant vessel to arrive here, will probably be obliged to wait for the next quota before being released.

Arab newspapers report that the current drive in Egypt against Communists and other opponents of the government is being accompanied by anti-Jewish incitement. Many Jewish premises in Cairo have had anti-Jewish inscriptions scrawled across them.

PALESTINE LEADER CONFERRING WITH MUFTI TO DRAFT NEW LINE OF ACTION BY ARABS

CAIRO, July 15. (JTA)--Emil Chouri, a member of the four-man Palestine Arab Higher Committee recently appointed by the Arab League, has left for Alexandria where he will confer on Palestine matters with the Mufti of Jerusalem, who is titular head of the Higher Committee.

The Mufti now has complete freedom to meet and negotiate on political matters, particularly Palestine affairs. He is spending the hot summer months in an Alexandria villa belonging to King Farouk.

Among the problems which Chouri is expected to discuss with the Mufti is the disquietude among Palestine Arabs as a result of the present Anglo-Jewish conflict, which they feel has virtually removed them from the scene, and the internal differences among the Arabs here. A line of action for the Palestine Arabs will probably be drafted in the talks.

JEWISH AGENCY DENIES EXECUTIVE MEETING SHIFTED FROM PARIS; KAPLAN ARRIVES IN LONDON

LONDON, July 15. (JTA)--A Jewish Agency spokesman here today denied a report that the scheduled meeting of the Agency executive has been shifted from Paris to London. He said that the meeting, which is due to be held next week, will convene in the French capital.

(The New York office of the Jewish Agency also denied that the executive would meet in London. It said that the meeting will open on schedule in Paris provided air transportation can be obtained in time for the U.S. members of the Agency and David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive, who is now in this country.)

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, arrived in London today in connection with the present discussions on Palestine between U.S. and British experts.

J.W.V. TELLS TRUMAN IT CAN RAISE DIVISION OF VOLUNTEERS FOR PALESTINE IF NECESSARY

WASHINGTON, July 15. (JTA)--Over 4,000 members of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States marched on Washington today in a demonstration of protest against British policies in Palestine and a delegation from their group, calling at the White House, told President Truman that if Britain insisted on U.S. military aid in Palestine they would recruit for him "a full division" of Jewish volunteers for service in the Holy Land.

The parade, climaxing a two-day demonstration which began with a mass protest meeting last night, included veterans from New York, New Jersey, New England and Pennsylvania. Almost a mile long, the parade wound up Constitution Avenue to the Washington Monument grounds where ceremonies in honor of Jewish war dead were led by Lt. Col. William Berman, executive director of the JWV, and Chaplain Edward T. Sandrow of Cedarhurst, New York.

The delegation at the White House told the President that they were "absolutely certain" that Britain's demand for American troops was "a colossal bluff, designed to frighten and mislead the American people." They said they were convinced that no American troops and that no large concentration of British troops were needed to keep order in Palestine.

They pointed to testimony of British military experts before the Anglo-American inquiry committee to the effect that the Jews of Palestine were well able to defend themselves against Arab attacks and suggested that Britain was seeking to destroy "the ability of the Jews of Palestine to defend themselves.

"We are resolved to call Britain's bluff," they said. "If you should at any time feel that it is desirable to send American troops to Palestine in order to facilitate the entry of 100,000 Jews into that country, we will undertake the recruiting of a full division of Jewish volunteers for service in the Holy Land."

President Truman was very cordial and receptive, a spokesman for the delegation said after their half-hour meeting.

Warns Inverchapel British Policy Alienating Friends in America

Calling at the British Embassy, another delegation submitted a statement to British Ambassador Lord Inverchapel warning "that Great Britain has lost--and will continue to lose--the friendship of Americans, who will not remain silent while all the principles for which we fought the greatest of all wars are scrapped by a government which represents itself as progressive and liberal.

"As long as Britain continues a policy which brings death and humiliation to the Jews of Europe, and oppression to the heroic Jews of Palestine, we shall fight her with every weapon at our command," the statement declared.

Others of the group who called on Under-Secretary of State Dean Acheson charged the State Department with adopting "the tactics of delay and evasion initiated by the British Government" by its failure to implement United States policy as enunciated by President Truman, calling for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine "without further consultation."

Expressing their conviction that "some officials of the State Department" had acted "in direct opposition" to American policy as stated by every President since Woodrow Wilson, they called upon Acheson "to take all necessary steps to insure that the Division of Near Eastern and African Affairs shall hereafter implement, and not scuttle, President Truman's request for action to save the Jewish remnants in Europe."

NO U.S. QUOTA VISAS ISSUED TO SHANGHAI REFUGEES; CONSULATE FACILITIES INADEQUATE

SHANGHAI, July 15. (JTA)--The Jewish refugee community here is very much concerned over an announcement by the U.S. Consul General that his staff is too small to handle the thousands of applications for visas,

Up to the present no regular quota visas have been granted. A few persons with parents or husbands or wives in the United States have received "preferential" quota visas and some others non-quota visas, but persons desirous of entering the United States, but who do not have first degree relatives there are helpless.

To emphasize their plight and bring it to the attention of the outside world, the Council of Refugee Organizations in Shanghai has printed leaflets in various languages explaining the situation of the refugees here and appealing for assistance and permanent havens. Every letter sent abroad by a member of the refugee community will include a leaflet in the language of the country of destination.

The Council, at an emergency meeting, also voted to send cablegrams appealing for aid to President Truman, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Sir Herbert Emerson, chairman of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee.

Many of the refugees have criticized the Council for what they charge is its failure to properly publicize their situation. They say that while the attention of the world is focused on the problem of the displaced Jews in Europe, those in Shanghai have been virtually forgotten.

The Council consists of representatives of the Jewish Communal Association, the Association of Refugees from Germany, the Austrian Residents Association, the Zionists, the Agudas Israel, the Protestant and Catholic Associations and other smaller groups.

RUMANIAN JEWS WARNED THEY MAY INCREASE ANTI-SEMITISM BY TAKING GOVERNMENT POSTS

BUCHAREST, July 15. (JTA)--Rumanian Jews were warned against "hunting for political posts to which they are not entitled," by Ion Mihalache, vice-president of the Peasant Party, largest opposition party in Rumania, in an address here to a group of students.

Mihalache said that these government jobs "by their very nature are open to abuse," and reminded the Jews that anti-Semitism was now stronger than ever in Rumania and neighboring countries. He also urged the Jews not to indulge in "revenge by denunciation."

He drew the attention of the students to the "alarming fact" that since the end of the war large numbers of Jews have entered the country illegally. He appealed to the Jews to help "control" these elements. Apparently referring to the Russian occupation army's presence, Mihalache warned the students not to indulge in anti-Semitism because it could result in "unpleasant consequences" in internal and external politics. It could also cause Rumania "new great suffering," he added.

TWO GERMANS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR SETTING FIRE TO SYNAGOGUE IN 1938 OUTBURST

FRANKFURT, July 15. (JTA)--Two Germans have been sentenced to jail by a Karlsruhe court for having set fires to a synagogue during the wave of anti-Semitic violence which swept Germany in Nov., 1938.

Otto Wachter, 47, received a one-year term, while Oskar Schweizer, 45, was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

U.S. DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS ARRIVES IN ENGLAND

LONDON, July 15. (JTA)--The American delegation to the first international Conference of Christians and Jews, which is scheduled to open at Oxford on July 30, arrived here today aboard the Queen Mary.

The American delegates are headed by Dr. Henry N. MacCracken, president of Vassar College, and include Dr. Everett M. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Dr. Clinchy said that the U.S. delegation hoped that the Oxford meeting will result in the formation of a World Council of Christians and Jews.

The British representatives at the conference will be headed by Lord Reading and Richard A. Butler, former Minister of Labor. About 110 delegates from Britain, the United States, Australia, South America, France and other European countries are expected to attend.

BILL OUTLAWING ANTI-SEMITISM BEFORE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, July 15. (JTA)--The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives is expected to be asked this week to refer to a sub-committee for hearings, a bill outlawing anti-Semitism, which was introduced recently by Rep. Ellis Patterson, California Democrat.

Entitled "a bill to suppress the evil of anti-Semitism and hatred of members of any race or religion because of race, creed or color," the proposal would seek "to prevent the spread of anti-Semitism by use of the mails and the channels of inter-state and foreign commerce." A fine of not more than \$5,000 and confinement at hard labor for not more than five years for offenders is provided.

649 REFUGEES ARRIVE IN NEW YORK; FIFTH GROUP ~~50~~ ENTER UNDER TRUMAN IMMIGRATION ORDER

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA)--The Marine Flasher, completing its third voyage as a refugee ship, today docked here with 649 refugees, the fifth group to enter under President Truman's directive facilitating immigration to the United States from the American zone of Germany.

Over 370 of the refugees embarked at Bremen, while another group of 272 refugees including 17 orphans from Belgium were picked up when the vessel stopped at Le Havre en route to this country. The refugees were met by their families, friends and representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee, which advanced or paid passage for 442 of the immigrants; the HIAS, which also paid the expenses of many of the passengers; and the National Refugee Service.

SWEDISH RALLIES URGE WORLD NOT TO ALLOW DISARMING OF PALESTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY

STOCKHOLM, July 15. (JTA)--Crowded protest meetings here and in other large cities of Sweden demanded over the week-end that the "civilized nations" prevent the Jewish community of Palestine from being converted into "a defenseless people." Copies of resolutions adopted at the rallies were sent to the American and British ambassadors.

The meetings, which were addressed by M.R. Valentin, chairman of the Scandinavian Zionist Organization, Chief Rabbi Marcus Ehrenpreis of Sweden and other prominent members of the Jewish community, sent a message to Palestine Jewry expressing their support.