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BRITISH MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN PALESTINE BLASTED; AT LEAST 50 KILLED, MANY INJURED

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- At least 50 persons were killed and scores injured today when a land mine literally blasted British military headquarters here out of existence.

The explosion wrecked a five-story wing of the King David Hotel, which housed the secretariat of the Palestine Government as well as army headquarters.

Sir John Shaw, Acting High Commissioner in the absence of Lieut. Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, was at work in his fourth floor office when the explosion occurred, but he was uninjured.

Following the blast, which occurred around noon, a rigid curfew was clamped down on the Jerusalem municipal area. Two men and one woman are reported to have been arrested while fleeing the scene of the explosion and others were stopped in the streets and questioned.

It was reported this afternoon that a warning that the hotel was going to be blown up was telephoned to both police and the King David's management two hours before the explosion.

Jewish Agency and Jewish National Council Condemn Outrage

The executive committees of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council issued statements tonight expressing their abhorrence of the crime and their sympathy with the victims.

The attack, which apparently was carefully planned, went off with clock-work precision. Ten minutes before the hotel explosion, a grenade was thrown from a speeding car into the office of a taxicab company adjoining the hotel. When the soldiers guarding military headquarters rushed to the scene, several armed men, some in Arab dress, invaded the basement of the hotel and placed explosives and detonators. Kitchen personnel were warned to leave the building.

According to first reports, a bomb also exploded outside the military headquarters a few minutes before the main blast in an attempt to draw persons from the building, in order to reduce the number of casualties, but the warning was either unnoticed or disregarded.

Hundreds of troops were still at work in the debris tonight attempting to uncover additional bodies. The force of the blast catapulted several bodies across the street in front of the hotel and according to eyewitnesses at least one person was blasted into fragments. Wounded soldiers and civilians could be seen

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crawling out of the remains of the hotel, as women and men trapped inside shouted and screamed for help.

The most prominent casualty was Postmaster General G.D. Kennedy, a veteran official of the Palestine Government. He is understood to have been killed almost instantly by the blast.

A police communique which identified the men who planted the mines as "terrorists," said that those killed were "from all walks of life and from communities throughout Palestine. Some of the victims came on business to the government offices, while others were clerks, messenger boys and senior military officials."

Among the victims of the blast was Richard Mowrer, foreign correspondent of the New York Post, who had just arrived here from Cairo. He was near the hotel when the explosion occurred and suffered a broken leg from a falling stone. When ambulances arrived on the scene, he was taken to the Hadassah hospital.

ATTLEE WILL MAKE STATEMENT ON "KING DAVID" BLAST TODAY; CABINET MEETS ON PALESTINE

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Clement Attlee will report to Commons tomorrow on the destruction today of British military headquarters in Jerusalem.

His statement will be in reply to a demand by a Conservative member of the House that he give a full report of the blasting of the King David Hotel.

The Colonial Office today refused to comment on the explosion. However, a complete report on the present tension is reported to have been given King George today by High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham.

The British Cabinet today met to discuss the Palestine problem. Participating in the discussions were high military officials.

At the same time, it was revealed today by a Foreign Office spokesman that no announcement will be made of the results achieved by the joint Anglo-American commission of experts now meeting here on the Palestine issue, until both groups report back to their respective governments.

The government spokesman emphasized that it has not yet been decided when the conference of the Anglo-American experts will end. When the American conference arrived in London about ten days ago, they believed that their work would be completed within three weeks.

An editorial in the Daily Telegraph today, commenting on the report of the Anglo-American Palestine Committee, says that the hope of a united Palestine state that the committee envisioned is proving impossible to fulfill. Discussing the rumored establishment of a federal state in Palestine similar to the one proposed for India, the editorial says it is idle to consider plans that would be welcomed neither by the Arabs nor the "extreme" sections among the Jews.

The newspaper asserted that the first duty of the mandatory government is to restore order in Palestine, and then to arrive at a solution of the problem which is "morally and materially" defensible. It suggests that if there is a choice of evils in arriving at a final solution, the lesser evil must be chosen.

EVACUATION OF ALL JEWS FROM POLAND EXPECTED; GROUPS GATHER TORAHs FOR SHIPMENT ABROAD

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- Anticipating the evacuation of all Jews from Poland, the Lodz branch of the Agudas Israel has collected 20,000 prayer books for shipment abroad, it was reported here today by Joseph Goodman, the son of H.A. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel in Britain, who has just returned from Poland. The Cracow Agudah, he disclosed, has collected 300 Torahs.

Goodman, who was in Poland on a relief mission for the Agudas Israel, confirmed the reports of unbridled anti-Jewish terror, stating that the situation was so bad as to be "almost indescribable." He revealed that although he wore a British uniform and carried a British passport, he was thrown from a train by anti-Semitic bandits because he was a Jew.

Desecration of Jewish cemeteries, which was begun by the Nazis, is continuing on a large scale, he said, and the government seems powerless to stop it. In the old Cracow cemetery practically all tombstones have disappeared, while a mass grave containing the bodies of 10,000 Jews has been converted into a playground. Goodman said he personally witnessed a gang systematically smashing the remaining tombstones in the Lodz Jewish cemetery.

Plans Mapped For Exodus of 50,000 Jews Across Polish-German Border

After the nine participants in the Kielce pogrom were convicted, students in Lodz staged a demonstration protesting the verdict and factory workers there threatened to strike, Goodman stated.

He reported that plans are being mapped for a mass exodus of 50,000 Jews across the Polish-German border in the area of Stettin. The border was closed at a point near Stettin, on July 8, the British relief worker said, following the arrival in Stettin of a British intelligence officer.

In the first week of July, Goodman, said, 11,000 repatriated Jews from Russia arrived in the Stettin area, and of them 7,000 immediately crossed into Germany, while the other 4,000 are only waiting for the reopening of the frontier to leave.

6,000 POLISH JEWS ENTER AUSTRIA WITHIN FORTNIGHT; FURTHER INFLUX EXPECTED THIS MONTH

BERLIN, July 22. (JTA) -- A total of 6,074 Jews, chiefly from Poland, entered Austria during the first two weeks of July, Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, advisor on Jewish Affairs to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, said here today following his return from an inspection trip to Austria. A further influx of Polish Jews is expected, he added.

Rabbi Bernstein contrasted this "tremendous" migration rate with the 2,234 Jews who entered the country during May and the 6,647 arriving in June. He said that 94 percent of the Jews entering the country since July 1 come from Poland while the remaining six percent are from Rumania, Hungary and other countries.

He praised the attitude and "sympathetic understanding" shown by Gen. Mark Clark, American commander in Austria, and other military officials towards the Jewish problems in that country. However, he pointed out, Austrian Jews are dissatisfied with their government's handling of the property restitution program.

Rabbi Bernstein, who is leaving tomorrow for a week's tour of Poland, stated that he had submitted educational material concerning the Jewish problem to the Army's information and education section for orientation training for newly-arrived troops.

HEAD OF VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY SAYS "JEWISH QUESTION" STILL EXISTS IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, July 22. (JTA) -- Dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Austrian Government is handling the question of restoration of Jewish property was expressed here today by David Brill, president of the Vienna Jewish Community in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

His statement points out that the Austrian Republic, although in existence for more than a year, has done nothing to make good the damages suffered by the Jewish population. "It is true that the Jews hear friendly words quite often, but the words are not followed by deeds."

Regretting the fact that "the Jewish question still exists in Austria," Mr. Brill said: "We Austrian Jews painfully and bitterly realize that the equality of all citizens exists on paper only. The particular position we were thrown into by Nazi arbitrariness will not be eliminated as long as the results are not eliminated. Austria is the sole state of Europe which has done nothing until now to wipe out this burning shame."

One of the reasons for this situation, Mr. Brill said, is the fact that "precisely in those ministries which have to settle the question of restitution, there still are people again breeding evil toward the Jews." He pointed out that Hofrat (Court Councillor) Riobel, who was a high official under the Nazis, heading the Department of Jewish Property for Vienna and Lower Austria, still occupies a leading position in the Ministry for Property Custody. "Thus, the same man who administered stolen Jewish property during the whole period of the violent Nazi rule, holds a similar position in Austria today," he declared.

"In the light of such conditions the mood of Jewry is desperate," Mr. Brill continued. "They have been waiting for the restoration of justice in vain. It must be understood that we do not want any pity. We demand our rights. We demand the final liberation from the horrible results of Nazi rule. As long as this is not done, Austria is not entitled to count herself among the truly democratic countries."

HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT ASSURES AMERICAN JEWS HIS GOVERNMENT WILL FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- The Federation of Hungarian Jews in the United States today made public the text of a message received from President Zoltan Tildy of Hungary, stating that "the democratic Hungarian Government will do everything to uproot the seeds of anti-Semitism" in the country.

The message informed the Federation that a law has been presented by the government to the National Assembly, which provides compensation to Jews "for all the humiliations and persecutions they suffered from the Nazi barbarians."

JEWISH WELFARE WORKERS FROM PALESTINE ARRIVE IN ITALY TO WORK UNDER UNRRA DIRECTION

ROME, July 22. (JTA) -- The second group of Jewish welfare workers to be attached to UNRRA has arrived here from Palestine. It consists of sixteen persons.

Two of them will remain in Milan to aid Jewish refugees passing through the city. The remainder will be assigned to the camps for displaced Jews.

Acting on complaints of displaced Jews, the UNRRA administration in Italy, following an investigation, decided to dismiss the British administrator of the camp for displaced Jews at Turin-Grulinaska, ex-Captain Lancaster. Jewish leaders demanded that Capt. Lancaster be tried, charging him with anti-Jewish actions.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT PROTESTS SYRIAN GOVERNMENT'S BOYCOTT OF PALESTINE JEWISH GOODS

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- The British Government has expressed its official disapproval to the Syrian Government of the latter's boycott of Jewish-made goods from Palestine, Philip J. Noel-Baker, Minister of State, declared in Commons today.

Noel-Baker made his announcement in answer to a question from Barnett Janner, Labor, who demanded that the government ask the Syrian delegate to the United Nations to take corrective action because the Syrian Government's boycott decree violates the U.N. charter's provisions aimed at preventing racial discrimination. Noel-Baker said he agreed with Janner but added "we had better leave it at that."

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IS AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION, MINISTER SAYS

BUENOS AIRES, July 22. (JTA) -- The Argentine Government is opposed to racial or religious discrimination, Foreign Minister Dr. Juan A. Bramuglia declared in a statement to Rabbi Samuel Wohl of Cincinnati now on a visit here. Dr. Wohl visited Dr. Moises Goldman, president of the DAAI, central representative body of Argentine Jewry.

"No racial or religious differences exist for the Argentine Government or the Argentine people," the Minister declared. "The basis of the government is the Constitution of the country. Since this charter grants equal rights to all inhabitants, regardless of their race or religion, there can be no question of racial or religious discrimination on the part of our government."

SEYSS-INQUART TELLS COURT HE WAS UNAWARE THAT DEPORTED DUTCH JEWS WERE EXTERMINATED

NUREMBERG, July 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, former Nazi commissioner for Holland who was responsible for the deportation to death chambers of tens of thousands of Dutch Jews, today insisted that he was completely unaware of the conditions under which the Jews perished after being deported from Holland.

Through his defense lawyer at the trial of the top Nazi criminals here, Seyss-Inquart asserted that he considered the anti-Jewish measures in Holland nothing but "safety measures for the duration of the war only." He blamed Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler for the mass-annihilation of the Jews.

His lawyer, Dr. Gustav Steinbauer, told the court that Seyss-Inquart made an effort to prevent the deportation of many Dutch Jews to camps in Poland. He also attempted to present Seyss-Inquart as a "protector" of Jews in Holland by claiming that he intervened on a number of occasions to prevent harsh treatment of Jews.

GROUP OF AMERICAN VETERANS SAILS FOR PALESTINE TO STUDY AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- The third group of American veterans enrolled at the Hebrew University under the G.I. Bill of Rights sailed today for Palestine aboard the SS Marine Corp. Among the group of twelve were several ex-chaplains and ex-servicemen. Additional groups of veterans are scheduled to sail in August, September and October.