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TRUMAN DEPLORES PALESTINE TERROR; SAYS IT MAY RETARD SOLUTION OF PALESTINE PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA) -- President Truman today issued a statement deploring the "acts of terrorism" in the bombing in Jerusalem, and warning that repetition "might well retard the efforts" for peaceful solution of the Palestine problem.

"I have learned with deep regret," the President stated, "of the destruction by a bomb of the building in Palestine in which were located the Palestine Government and the British military headquarters, resulting in the killing of approximately fifty men and women, soldiers and civilians. Every responsible Jewish leader, I am sure, will join me in condemning the wanton slaying of human beings.

"At this time representatives of the United States Government are in London conferring with representatives of the British Government as to steps to be taken to implement the Report of the Palestine Committee which recommended, among other things, the immigration of 100,000 Jews into Palestine.

"Such acts of terrorism will not advance, but on the contrary might well retard, the efforts that are being made, and will continue to be made, to bring about a peaceful solution of this difficult problem."

IRGUN ACKNOWLEDGES BLASTING OF KING DAVID HOTEL; HAGANAH CONDEMNS ACT AS "MURDER"

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA) -- The Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish extremist group, today acknowledged responsibility for yesterday's bombing of the headquarters of the Palestine Government and of the British military at the King David Hotel in which 45 persons known to be killed and 58 are still missing.

In a "communique" delivered to foreign correspondents by unknown messengers, the Irgun said: "The tragedy which occurred at the Palestine Government offices was not caused by soldiers of the Irgun who carried out their duty courageously and with self-sacrifice. It was caused by the British themselves who disregarded a warning and refused to evacuate the building. The warning was given 27 minutes before the explosion was timed to go off."

At the same time the Haganah, Jewish resistance movement, officially informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a telephone message that the explosion in the King David Hotel was not the work of its organization. "We never engage in such dastardly acts," the Haganah spokesman said over the telephone. The "Voice of Israel", Haganah's radio transmitter, has denounced the attack as "murder".

Police today started mass arrests of Jews in Jerusalem. All Jewish men in the Montefiore section of the city were removed by troops and police for an identity check. A Jewish suspect arrested in the walled Old City during a search conducted there committed suicide. Another made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide.

BRITAIN WILL SEEK JUST SOLUTION FOR PALESTINE DESPITE TERROR, ATTLEE TELLS PARLIAMENT

LONDON, July 23. (JTA) -- The British Government "will not be diverted by acts of violence in the search for a just and final solution of the Palestine problem," Prime Minister Clement Attlee stated today in Parliament, reporting on the bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem where the secretariat of the Palestine Government and the British military headquarters were housed.

He said that 93 persons have been killed or are still listed as missing in the ruins of the hotel wing. The latest figures of casualties, he declared, are 41 known to be dead, 52 missing, and 53 injured.

"Of the outrages in Palestine -- and they have been many and horrible during the last months -- this is the worst," the Prime Minister told the House of Commons. He announced that Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner for Palestine, who yesterday conferred twice with the British Cabinet on measures to combat terrorism in Palestine, left for Jerusalem.

Outlining the immediate British policy with regard to Palestine, Prime Minister Attlee said: "As the House knows, His Majesty's Government is momentarily in consultation with the government of the United States with a view of arriving at proposals for a just settlement of the Palestine problem. These proposals will be placed before the representatives of both the Arabs and the Jews."

Anthony Eden asked the Prime Minister for an assurance that the government will take every measure possible to suppress terrorism in Palestine and will provide local authorities with any sanction needed to prevent the recurrence of terrorist acts. Attlee replied: "Certainly. You realize that I am awaiting a full report from the High Commissioner."

The Prime Minister also told Parliament that he would consider calling upon Jewish leaders in Britain, including Zionist leaders, to condemn publicly the outrages in Palestine and to pledge loyal support of government steps to prevent repetition of such acts.

Samuel S. Silverman, Laborite, pointed out that the continued detention of Jewish leaders inevitably leaves the field free for others in Palestine. Attlee replied: "Mr. Silverman does injustice to the members of the Jewish Agency by suggesting that the arrests included the whole responsible leadership today. This is quite untrue."

Later Attlee's statement was read in the House of Lords where Lord Cranborne, speaking for the Conservatives, and Lord Perth, for the Liberals, expressed their parties' sympathy for the relatives of the victims. Lord Reading strongly condemned the outrage but warned the British people to pause and reflect before they indulged in universal condemnation of the Jews.

BRITAIN REPORTS TO WASHINGTON ON BOMB EXPLOSION IN JERUSALEM; EXPRESSES CONCERN

LONDON, July 23. (JTA) -- The British Government sent a preliminary report to Washington on yesterday's bomb explosion at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, it was reported today by a spokesman of the Foreign Office.

It is understood that the report expressed British concern over the consequent crisis, but has not raised the question of what policy should now be pursued. (An Associated Press cable from London reported that the bombing "appeared today to have destroyed virtually all possibility of early implementation of recent proposals for the admission of 100,000 European Jews to Palestine".)

WEIZMANN ISSUES STATEMENT DEPLORING JERUSALEM BOMBING AS "UNSPEAKABLE OUTRAGE"

LONDON, July 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, today issued a statement for himself and the members of the Agency in London expressing condemnation at yesterday's bombing of the King David Hotel.

The statement released by the Agency office here said that Dr. Weizmann was associating himself fully with the "statement of condemnation issued yesterday by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council of the dreadful crime committed yesterday, expressing horror and grief at the unspeakable outrage which has taken so heavy a toll of British, Jewish and Arab lives."

JEWISH COMMUNITY OF PALESTINE UNANIMOUS IN CONDEMNATION OF BOMBING, KILLINGS

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA) -- Leading Jewish institutions throughout Palestine today continued to express the strongest condemnation of yesterday's destruction of British military headquarters and the Palestine government's offices in the King David Hotel here which was accompanied with great loss of life and injury to scores of Britons, Jews and Arabs.

Speaking for the rabbinate, Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel expressed his complete abhorrence of the deed. The Histadruth, Palestine Labor Federation, also issued a strongly worded condemnation.

Meeting in an extraordinary session the Tel Aviv municipality issued a statement which expressed its abhorrence of the bombing and killings and declared that this "criminal attack stains and perverts the pure aim of establishing a national homeland" in Palestine.

The entire Hebrew press today appeared with editorials expressing horror and condemnation at this newest outbreak of terrorism.

20 JEWS LISTED AMONG FIRST CASUALTIES OF JERUSALEM BOMBING; EIGHT KNOWN DEAD

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA) -- Twenty Jews were listed among the first casualties resulting from the blasting of the King David Hotel yesterday. The roster included eight killed, four wounded and eight missing.

Among the dead was Julius Jacobs, under-secretary of the Palestine treasury and the highest ranking Jew in the Palestine civil administration. Jacobs served with the Jewish Brigade in World War I, which aided in the liberation of Palestine from the Turks. He entered the Palestine civil service after his demobilization. He was a member of the Order of the British Empire.

Another highly placed Jewish civil servant who was killed was Victor Levi, assistant secretary of the treasury. Like Jacobs, Levi also served in the British army during the first World War and remained in Palestine after his demobilization. Other dead included: Leo Baum, assistant to the postmaster general; Zvi Shimaki, a district officer recently promoted to the secretariat; Yehuda Janovsky; Yehuda Mirmelstein; Shmuel Yeshaya; and Claire Russo.

The known wounded are Mary Grinberg, Rose Anna Piktinsky, Erich Sanger, and Herman Feldman. The missing are Lea Bachrach, Shulamith Marx, Eliehu Mani, A. Baum, A. Goldschmidt, A. Rosen, and Richard Marcus.

ARAB DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ROME TO SEEK POPE'S SUPPORT ON PALESTINE ISSUE

ROME, July 23. (JTA) -- The Rome radio today reported the arrival of a delegation of five Arabs to seek the support of Pope Pius XII on the Palestine issue. The delegation was appointed by the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, the broadcast said.

The meeting of the Arab mission with the Pope will take place within the next few days, the report predicted, adding that prior to being received by the Pope, the Arabs will conduct private talks with a number of high Church officials.

BRITISH JEWS CONDEMN "GANG OF TERRORISTS" IN PALESTINE; PRESS ASKS "SPEEDY SOLUTION"

LONDON, July 23. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews, leading representative body of British Jewry, today issued a statement deploring the blasting of King David Hotel in Jerusalem by a "gang of terrorists" and calling upon the Jews in Palestine to do all in their power to end terrorist activities.

At the same time it was announced today by Herbert Morrison, government leader in the House of Commons, that a Parliamentary debate on Palestine will take place next week, probably on Wednesday or Thursday.

The entire London press, while bitterly condemning yesterday's bombing of British military headquarters in Jerusalem and the secretariat of the Palestine Government, strongly urges the British Government to make a speedy and clear announcement of its policy in Palestine as the first prerequisite of peace there.

The Manchester Guardian, in asking for a "really final solution", warns that "a solution which first demands the disarming of the Jews must lead to war and repression wherein we could not expect the help and sympathy of the Americans." The newspaper stresses that the arrest of the Jewish leaders in Palestine could not halt terrorism there because they were not the real leaders of the resistance. Their imprisonment, it says, merely meant that control in Palestine passed to the extremists.

The Times urged the formulation of a policy in accordance with the principles of equity and justice to be administered with the assent and assistance of the United Nations. Commenting on reported plans for a federal state in Palestine, The Times editorial suggests that such an arrangement should be transitional and should lead to either partition or a federal state without British participation.

The News Chronicle, the Daily Express and the Daily Telegraph called upon the government not to be deflected from its course in Palestine by terrorism and also urged an early announcement of policy.

N.Y. POST CHARGES BRITAIN WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERRORISM IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 23. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that it has always deplored terrorism in Palestine, the New York Post in an editorial today says that "the real criminal that blew up the King David Hotel yesterday is a policy that has left the Jews of Palestine with no hope and no faith in the ordinary, normal ways of gaining justice." That policy, the paper continued, must be changed.

"While we neither excuse nor condone terrorism, it is important that the atmosphere which prompts such hysterical acts be understood," the editorial states. "It is a fact that when you leave no other course open, you get precisely such acts as the bombing of King David Hotel as the result."

SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRIA REFUSE TO RETURN NAZI-CONFISCATED JEWISH PROPERTY

VIENNA, July 23. (JTA) -- The situation concerning the restitution of property expropriated from Austrian Jews by the Nazis, already complicated by the seeming reluctance of the Austrian Government to act, is now becoming even more complex due to the fact that the Russian occupation authorities are including "aryanized" Jewish property in their general program of taking over homes, farms, factories and landed estates.

Soviet authorities originally stated that "aryanized" properties would not be included in reparations exactions under the Potsdam agreement, but their latest course of action is held to be at variance with such assurances. From being a thorny Austrian problem, the restitution of Jewish property has become an even more involved Russo-Austrian question.

Over the weekend the Russians took over 25 Jewish landed estates, totalling 6,988 hectares (17,267 acres) which had been under the control of the so-called Austrian Colonization Society. Privately "aryanized" Jewish land holdings of even larger acreage have also been absorbed by the Russians into their Eastern Austrian Colonization Society. Privately "aryanized" Jewish land holdings of even larger acreage have also been absorbed by the Russians into their Eastern Austrian properties, besides estimated hundreds of factories, private dwellings and other possessions taken from the Jews in one way or another by the Nazis.

A high Austrian official states that the Russians have not seized the properties of Austrian Nazis as such, but chiefly the estates of Jews which the Germans took or "purchased" after the Anschluss. Among the Jewish estates now taken by the Russians are one said to belong to an American, Mathias Loew, and property registered in the name of Franz von Papen.

Officials Hope Soviet Will Revise Its Policy on Jewish Possessions

During the Nazi occupation of Austria, state commissioners sold property ostensibly in the name of the Jewish owners. The German Colonization Society, which was responsible for many such sales, received 10 percent commissions. The purchase price was paid into a special account and a 25 percent tax on the Jews was subtracted, along with other charges.

The Jewish owners received small monthly payments. In case of emigration, their travel expenses were paid from their accounts. The remaining money accounts have long since been dissipated by the Nazis.

The Russian authorities have stated that in the event of the return of "aryanized" property to the original Jewish owners, the Soviet would expect to be paid the sums which the Germans gave for the property. However, the Jewish owners never received more than a small percentage of the recorded "purchase" price. Some Austrian officials have voiced a hope that the Soviet will revise their most recent order in the matter of the German properties to provide for restitution to the Jews.

YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON REPORTS ON REHABILITATION OF JEWS IN HIS COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA) -- The remaining 15,000 Jews of Yugoslavia are harmoniously rebuilding their lives, Sava N. Kosanovic, new Yugoslav Ambassador, today said at his first press conference since presenting his credentials to President Truman last week.

Mr. Kosanovic said that Yugoslavia had always been free of anti-Semitism, and that there were no signs of it under the government of Marshal Tito. There were an estimated 80,000 Jews in Yugoslavia before the Nazi invasion.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN POLAND EXPECTED CARDINAL HLOND TO OPPOSE ANTI-SEMITISM

WARSAW, July 23. (JTA) -- Reports that United States Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane here arranged the press conference at which Augustus Cardinal Hlond charged that Poland's mounting anti-Semitism was largely due to the fact that Jews held leading posts in the Warsaw Government, have now been confirmed, following a detailed disclosure of the American envoy's connection with the newspaper correspondents' conference with the primate. The facts are as follows:

On July 8, at a press conference called for the purpose of issuing a statement on the results of the Polish referendum, Premier Edward B. Osobka-Morawski, in answer to a question, charged the Polish Catholic Church with failure to combat anti-Semitism in this country.

Later the same day, Ambassador Lane visited American correspondents in their press room at the Polonia Hotel and told them that he had seen Cardinal Hlond earlier in the day and that he had advised the Cardinal who up until then had declined to see any correspondents, that it would be wise to see the American newspapermen and explain to them the position of the Polish Catholic Church on the Jewish murders at Kielce, in particular, and on anti-Semitism in general.

On July 11, with the assistance of an American Embassy official serving as interpreter, the Cardinal made the anti-Jewish statement to the correspondents, after which the United States Ambassador expressed his astonishment and explained that he had expected the Cardinal to say, among other things, that anti-Semitism was contrary to God's will.

AMERICAN MILITARY OFFICIALS LAUDED FOR COOPERATION WITH DISPLACED JEWS IN GERMANY

BERLIN, July 23. (JTA) -- Speaking to a group of more than 100 Allied military and civilian officials at the first such meeting in the Jewish Club of Berlin, Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, advisor on Jewish Affairs to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, praised the cooperation and sympathetic understanding shown by top military officials in Germany and Austria toward the displaced Jews.

Following talks with hundreds of Jewish DP's in almost every camp in the American zone in Germany and Austria, Rabbi Bernstein declared he was convinced the sole answer to the Jewish problem was migration, adding that "migration means Palestine for at least 90 percent" of the displaced Jews.

"The world failed these people once when it permitted six million persons to be murdered. It must not fail them again. They must be given the opportunity to emigrate and to rebuild normal, respectable lives," he stated. Rabbi Bernstein said he would suggest to the Army that incentives such as increased provisions and American or British currency be given the Jewish DP's for work performed.

NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR BIRO-BIDJAN ANNOUNCED; DOCTORS APPEAL FOR MEDICAL BOOKS

MOSCOW, July 23. (JTA) -- A new five-year plan providing for the expenditure of more than 6,500,000 rubles (approximately \$1,300,000) for municipal improvements in the Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan has been put into operation, it was announced here.

At the same time the Jewish physicians in Biro-Bidjan issued an urgent appeal for additional medical books and scientific periodicals, pointing out that previous collection campaigns have netted them only 500 books.