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ONE JEW KILLED AND TEN INJURED WHEN REFUGEE VESSEL BATTLES BRITISH WARSHIP OFF LEBANON

HAIFA, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- A British boarding party killed one Jew and wounded ten others today during a sea battle early this morning between the Palmach, a 200-ton wooden immigrant vessel carrying more than 600 visaless Jews and the 950-ton British destroyer Rowena. Several of the boarders were also injured.

The Palmach was intercepted three miles off the Lebanese coast. According to an official communique, the Rowena hailed her and warned the passengers in English, French and Italian that force would be used if resistance was shown the boarding party. They replied by flinging an assortment of missiles at the destroyer, the communique said. Fire hoses were then played upon the vessel and tear gas grenades were thrown into the refugees massed on its decks. After a pitched battle the naval party gained control of the ship.

The Palmach was taken into tow and brought into Haifa this afternoon, since it was not feasible to divert the vessel to Cyprus because its engines had been damaged. The passengers will be loaded aboard a deportation vessel tomorrow morning and taken to Cyprus.

Eight seriously ill refugees were taken to a Haifa hospital tonight. Several hundred of the arrivals, who are said to include many elderly people, are reported to be suffering from exhaustion resulting from lack of drinking water during the latter part of their voyage and the general hardships of the trip.

The 11 casualties among the refugees are believed to have been caused by a shell fired by the Rowena. The official communique stated that a quantity of dynamite and eighteen home-made detonators were found hidden in a case of soap aboard ship.

The Haganah radio "Voice of Israel" said tonight that the Palmach passengers had "reached Palestine on the eve of Rosh Hashanah and hundreds more are coming. Immigration will continue and increase," the broadcast added. "It will never be crushed."

Military Truck Ambushed; 1,000 Searched at Road Block Outside Tel Aviv

A military truck carrying a group of British officers from Haifa to Athlit was ambushed tonight by unknown terrorists who escaped. One officer was slightly wounded.

A few hours earlier, British troops and police set up a road block outside Tel Aviv and questioned about 1,000 persons. More than 400 vehicles were halted and their occupants searched and interrogated.

The Jewish National Council today issued a statement to the press disclosing that 1,208 Jews are still being held in camps in various parts of Palestine and 300 are confined in camps in Eritrea.

The Council also made public its reply to a letter from Acting Chief Secretary Scott in which he asked for an explanation of the \$400,000 fund being raised by the

Council to finance continued immigration and the reason why it had voted to withdraw Jewish representatives from participation in government committees.

The reply said that the decision not to participate in official bodies resulted from the government's "acts of aggression against Jewish settlements, the large-scale searches and the arrest of thousands of Jews," including the chairman of the Council, David Remez, and members of the Jewish Agency. Concerning the immigration fund, the Council said that the fund was the Jewish community's reply to the White Paper immigration restrictions, which it holds are illegal. The letter stressed that Jewish representatives have not resigned from government committees, but are refraining from attending meetings.

ZIONIST COUNCIL VOTE ON PARTICIPATION IN LONDON PARLEY POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee slated for tomorrow to vote on participation in the London conference on Palestine has been postponed until Tuesday afternoon, because Berl Locker, who is en route here from London to report on negotiations with the British Government, has not yet arrived. Locker was due today, but his plane was grounded in Tripoli by engine trouble.

Meanwhile, a Jewish Agency spokesman said that "free representation" was a "sine qua non" for Agency participation in the conference. This was interpreted to mean that Jewish leaders are still insisting upon release of Moshe Shertok and other Agency chiefs held in Latrun prison.

(The Manchester Guardian's London correspondent said yesterday that contrary to rumors current there, it seems highly uncertain that Locker left with any assurances from the government that the imprisoned Agency leaders will be released and that those liable to internment, such as David Ben Gurion, will not be molested, should the Agency decide to join in the Palestine talks. If the Actions Committee decides on participation, the correspondent asserted, it will submit a list of its delegates to the government, which would then decide whether it was willing to release any of them who are interned.)

According to present plans, as soon as Locker arrives, he will proceed to Tel Aviv where he will address meetings of the central committees of the Palestine Labor Party and the Histadruth, which will then decide their stand on participation. Simultaneously, other factions within the Actions Committee will meet again to take a final decision. It is reported that sentiment for and against participation is about evenly divided in each party.

Agudas Israel representative Rabbi F.M. Gelernter has already arrived here from London to report to the Agudah central committee concerning the latest developments in the British capital.

Jamal Hussein and Emil Ghouri, leaders of the Palestine Arab Higher Executive, left yesterday for Alexandria to confer with the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem on their participation in the London talks. It is understood that several members of the executive are wavering and are inclined to accept the advice of the Arab League that it participate in the conference.

SWITZERLAND REFUSES TO HOUSE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS; FEARS INCREASE IN ANTI-SEMITISM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Swiss Government has refused permission for the World Zionist Congress to meet in Switzerland, giving as its reason the fear that presence of the Congress will increase anti-Semitism. The Swiss rejection presents the Jewish Agency with an urgent problem, since the Congress is scheduled to convene at the end of November and considerable preliminary arrangements must be made.

CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS OF GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN JEWS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA RECOGNIZED BY GOVT.

PRAGUE, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Czech Jews of Hungarian or German nationality who were persecuted by the Nazis are to be granted citizenship rights, Czechoslovak Minister of the Interior Vaclav Nosek has informed the national committees, which are the local administrative bodies. Such Jews are to be exempted from laws providing for the confiscation of property belonging to persons of German or Hungarian nationality, Nosek said.

The fact that a person spoke German or belonged to German groups is not to be considered prima facie evidence of "Germanization," he stated. At the same time, he declared that those Jews who are found to have been active in "Germanization" are to have their property confiscated, but are not liable to expatriation, as are non-Jews who fall into the same category. He urged, however, that voluntary emigration of German Jews should be encouraged.

The Council of Jewish Communities in Bohemia and Moravia today welcomed the Nosek statement, expressing the opinion that it represented a great step forward in guaranteeing the rights of all Jews in the country.

The Minister's order concluded by denouncing racial discriminations. Earlier, Nosek, discussing anti-Semitism in Slovakia, said that his ministry, in co-operation with Slovak authorities, was doing everything possible to crush the movement, which he charged was imported from Hungary and elsewhere.

This charge was echoed by General Ferjenick, Minister of the Interior of the semi-autonomous Slovak Government, who told a parliamentary committee that the existing anti-Semitism in Slovakia was a heritage of six years of Nazi occupation and was fostered by the anti-Semitic movements in Poland and Hungary.

Other contributing factors, he added, were the problem of restoration of Aryanized property and the settlement in sections of Slovakia of non-Slovak Jews who do not speak Slovakian and "who do not participate in the reconstruction of the country, but engage in the black market." He said that many Slovaks had aided Jews during the occupation.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT AND JEWISH COMMUNITY AGREE ON RESTITUTION AND REHABILITATION LAW

BUDAPEST, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The early publication of an overall Jewish rehabilitation and restitution law was assured today following the conclusion of an agreement between representatives of the Jewish community and the Hungarian Government's Supreme Economic Council on the text of the decree.

The bill, which has been the subject of discussions between the Jews and the government since shortly after the liberation, provides for the establishment of a Central Jewish Fund, consisting of property left by heirless Jews, which will be used to finance Jewish rehabilitation and restores all civic rights to Jews.

VIENNA JEWS SECRETLY PHOTOGRAPHED BY NAZI AS THEY ENTER MOVIE SHOWING JEWISH FILM

VIENNA, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Nazi underground is still engaged in anti-Semitic activities, it was revealed today in a report that Jews entering and leaving a local movie theatre showing a Jewish film were photographed by an unidentified man. The photographer was arrested and his camera confiscated by the police.

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LAGUARDIA CHARGES MILITARY PLANNING TO ABOLISH DP CAMPS IF U.N. DOES NOT AID REFUGEES

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Director-General of UNRRA Fiorello H. LaGuardia, in a letter to all members of the U.N. Social and Economic Council, has charged that the military authorities in Germany and Austria are planning to close the displaced persons camps there and turn the DP's loose to provide for themselves in the event the United Nations does not take over when UNRRA ceases operations in June, 1947.

Describing such plans as "alarming and disturbing," LaGuardia asserted he was "somewhat grieved" to hear expressions of hesitancy on the part of members of the Council to act quickly on the refugee problem because of the cost involved. "The responsibility cannot be avoided," he stressed; "unlike other matters before the United Nations, it cannot be delayed.

"UNRRA ceases operation on June 30, 1947," he warned, adding: "If no action is taken, the armies of occupation in various zones would have full and complete control. There would be no international body then to establish a policy. There would be no international co-operation to provide protection. There would be no plan to aid in repatriation or settlement. I leave the results to your own imaginations.

"Therefore, I beg of you to bring this matter to a prompt decision. Please grant the interim commission authority to take over immediately," he concluded.

(Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, U.S. commander in the European Theatre, told a press conference in Berlin yesterday that the flow of refugees from Eastern Europe to Mediterranean ports via the U.S. zone in Germany had virtually stopped as the result of the British clamp-down on entry of visaless Jews to Palestine.)

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR VISITS CAMP FOR DISPLACED JEWS; WISHES THEM A "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

VIENNA, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Chancellor Leopold Figl paid an unexpected visit to the displaced camp for Jews at Hafendorf this week-end and wished the occupants a "Happy New Year."

At the British-administered camp where some 1,400 Jews, mostly refugees from Poland, are now sheltered, Figl spoke with former comrades of his concentration camp days. Addressing all the inmates, he expressed the hope that they would soon find permanent homes and security. When he asked whether they had complaints to make about the camp, they shouted "No."

An official Austrian Government statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency denied reports published abroad that the Jews at Hafendorf are forced to do heavy work. It was revealed that several weeks ago the camp commandant assembled the Jews and told them that they should work both as a preparation for their future life in Palestine and also to provide extra food in the camp. The Austrian statement said that about 350 of the displaced Jews volunteered for work in factories and on road construction gangs and that the British authorities had paid them for all labor performed.

SEVENTY JEWISH REFUGEES ARRESTED BY ITALIAN POLICE AFTER CROSSING FROM AUSTRIA

ROME, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Seventy Jewish refugees were arrested by Italian police near the Brenner Pass yesterday, after they had crossed into Italy from Austria without the necessary permits. The refugees, who were travelling in automobiles, evaded the border guards, but were apprehended shortly afterwards.

HATE AND BIGOTRY REVIVING THROUGHOUT COUNTRY, ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE CONVENTION HEARS

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Warning that "the tide of bigotry and organized hate held in check by war-time security controls, has once again been set free," Justice Meir Steinbrink, who was yesterday elected national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said today that the "resurgence of anti-democratic elements in the first post-war year has been alarmingly evident in all parts of the country."

Addressing the annual convention of the League, Justice Steinbrink declared that "while evidence of rising hate movements and vicious anti-Semitic propaganda can be seen in various sections of the country, the hate mongers have not as yet succeeded in finding a common rallying ground or a dynamic leader to unite them. We may very well see at the first major political or economic crisis that this country may have to face a coalition among forces which support the Ku Klux Klan, forces which control a large section of the German press in this country that is once more spewing out hate propaganda and other prophets of bigotry," he continued.

"We may very well be heading toward such a crisis today with the now evident split in our foreign policy, with a resurgence of racial discrimination in employment and with the continued practice of the quota system by many colleges and universities. As a result, the forthcoming State and Congressional elections and the Presidential elections of 1948 will offer hate mongers an opportunity to bring racial and religious issues into the campaign in order to befog the real issues. We will be able to turn back the tide of race hates only by finding a common ground and a unity of purpose for the democratic forces of this country. In a sense this is a war between the democratic spirit and the fascist forces."

Richard E. Gutstadt, who was re-elected secretary and national director of the League, pointed out that group prejudice is beginning "to emerge within the upper as well as the lower economic levels of our society." He noted, however, that an increasing number of Americans are recognizing anti-Semitism as a threat not only to Jews, but to the nation as a whole.

The closing session of the two-day convention voted to establish ten university fellowships for the study of group prejudices and intercultural relations.

The fellowships, which will be awarded annually to ten students in major universities of the country whose departments of social sciences specialize in research in human relations problems, will be known as the Sigmund Livingston Memorial Annual Fellowships in honor of the founder of the League who died last June after serving for 33 years as its chairman. Each fellowship will carry with it a grant of \$2,000. In a tribute to Mr. Livingston, Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith, declared that the fellowships "will make possible a continuance of the work for the cause of democratic ideals for which Mr. Livingston had labored a life time."

20 JEWS ARRESTED IN TANGIERS WHEN INTERNATIONAL POLICE RAID MEETING ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- More than 20 Jews were arrested in Tangiers when international police raided a clandestine meeting of about 100 Jews outside the city, it was reported today by the Sunday Express.

According to the dispatch, last Thursday evening hundreds of pamphlets were pushed under doors of Jewish homes in Tangiers urging the recipients attend a secret meeting at a lonely spot near the city. A Jewish spokesman, the Express reported, said that the object of the meeting was to recruit volunteers for Palestine.

INTER-FAITH DAY CELEBRATED IN NEW YORK; MAYOR O'DWYER AWARDED PLAQUE

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Inter-faith Day was marked today in Central Park by speakers and entertainers of all faiths. The meeting was dedicated to elimination of racial prejudice and creating better understanding among all faiths.

Gov. Dewey, in a proclamation read at the observances, declared that there could be no better time than now for the members of all faiths "to join together in a concerted effort toward harmony and better understanding." Mayor O'Dwyer was awarded a plaque for his efforts to bring about better understanding among all religious groups.

CANADIAN CHURCH CONFERENCE ASKS BRITAIN TO REMAIN IN PALESTINE; DEPLORES CRITICISM

MONTREAL, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The General Council of the United Church of Canada, after a heated debate, has adopted a resolution on Palestine urging Britain to "continue her task in Palestine for which she is peculiarly fitted by experience."

The resolution also deplored the "unjust criticisms of British endeavors on the part of a section of our fellow citizens." One opponent of the resolution insisted that "one would have to be a real British Tory to appreciate that resolution."

PARAGUAY WILL PERMIT 100 JEWISH FAMILIES TO ENTER COUNTRY; MAJORITY TO BECOME FARMERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- One hundred Jewish families from Europe will be permitted to enter Paraguay under an agreement just signed by that country and the HIAS, the organization announced here today.

The majority of the 100 families will become farmers outside of the capital city of Asuncion, according to the agreement, which the HIAS has undertaken to implement. The organization's representatives in Paraguay will make all arrangements for settling the immigrants as well as for transporting them from Europe.

SENATOR BARKLEY TELLS UJA CONFERENCE U.S. STANDS PAT ON IMMIGRATION OF 100,000

YOUNGSTOWN, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Declaring that "the American Government stands behind the request to admit 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine without delay," Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley today warned more than 250 delegates to an extraordinary Eastern Ohio Conference of the U.J.A. that the plight of European Jewry is growing more acute daily. Sen. Barkley recently returned from a tour of Europe, where, he said, he found "the overwhelming majority of the Jewish survivors of Nazism" want to emigrate to Palestine.

TRI-STATE UJA CONFERENCE PLEDGES \$1,298,000 EXCLUSIVE OF FUNDS TO BE RAISED IN PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- More than 200 Jewish leaders attending a United Jewish Appeal conference of representatives of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia, voted today to raise \$1,298,000 towards the U.J.A.'s \$100,000,000 goal, exclusive of funds to be raised in Pittsburgh. Judge Benjamin Lencher presided at the conference. James G. McDonald, American member of the Palestine inquiry committee, and Charles J. Rosenbloom, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, were the main speakers.