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PALESTINE POLICE CONTINUE ILLEGAL ARRESTS OF JEWS CLEARED BY COURT OR FREED ON BAIL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Jews are still being seized and interned in Latrun despite their acquittal in court or release on bail pending a trial.

One of the most flagrant cases is that of 17-year-old Isaac Bavli who was arrested on May 20 for illegal distribution of leaflets. When he was finally brought to trial on Sept. 19, the judge scored the police officials for having held him so long without trial. The judge asked the complaining policeman what could happen if the accused were acquitted. The answer was that he would be re-arrested and interned immediately.

The judge then declared Bavli guilty and sentenced him to six months imprisonment dating from the day of his arrest. With the remitting of one-third of his sentence for good behaviour, which is customary in Palestine, Bavli actually had to serve only one day. The following day when he was released, however, a policeman was waiting to take him into custody again.

Two other youths, Samuel Goldman and Isaac Eliahu Mizrachi, also arrested for distributing illegal handbills, were released on \$200 bail by the chief magistrate of Jerusalem and the police were ordered to release them if bail was posted. Instead they shackled the two youths and took them off to Latrun.

Mayor of Petach Tikvah Charges Anti-Jewish Acts By Local Police

Meanwhile, charges that the police of Petach Tikvah are engaging in anti-Jewish acts were made today by the mayor in a letter to the district commander. He cited 54 incidents in which the police shouted anti-Jewish slogans and he demanded that measures be taken against policemen who paint swastikas on shop windows, walls, doors and signboards.

The mayor urged that punishment be severe because he said that conduct of the policemen was embittering the populace. "As the mayor of a Hebrew town in Palestine, I am not ready to accept dishonor," he declared in the letter.

In Jerusalem, the bus companies were considering a demand by their drivers to finish their runs early in the evening instead of at midnight because late at night armed drunken soldiers continually attack the buses. Curtailing the bus service would cut off thousands of suburbanites from evening transportation.

Troops using mine detectors yesterday uncovered a large cache of grenades in a shed in Tiberias belonging to a Jew. A mine exploded today under a military truck travelling between Nathanya and Kfar Vitkin, but there were no casualties. Cars equipped with special mine detectors used in the Libyan campaign sweep the roads twice daily in an attempt to uncover mines planted during the dusk-to-dawn curfew hours.

JEWISH AGENCY TALKS WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME TODAY IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Talks between Zionist leaders and British Government representatives will be resumed tomorrow afternoon, it was learned today. The Jewish Agency negotiators are in Paris today conferring with David Ben Gurion and other Zionist leaders.

The Palestine Council of the Mizrahi Organization has voted overwhelmingly to maintain its demand for a Jewish state in "an undivided Palestine," and to reject any and all partition proposals, it was reported here.

The council protested against the decision of the Paris meeting of the Jewish Agency to place a partition proposal before the British Government. It said that all Mizrahi representatives are bound to oppose partition at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

ZIONISTS INDIGNANT AT FAILURE OF STATE DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE VISA FOR DR. SNEH

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Failure of the State Department to order the U.S. consulate in Paris to issue a visitor's visa to Dr. Moshe Sneh, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, has aroused considerable indignation in American Zionist circles.

Dr. Sneh, who is scheduled to address the annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, opening in Atlantic City on Oct. 26, was to sail tomorrow. His application for a visa was rejected by the Paris consulate last week.

A high official of the ZOA said today that "while we understand the difficulties faced by the U.S. Government in securing 100,000 visas for Jews to enter Palestine we cannot understand its inability to secure one U.S. visa from its own State Department."

JEWISH EMPLOYEES REPLACED BY ARABS IN JERUSALEM BRITISH OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS CLUBS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- All Jewish employees of the British officers' club and the servicemen's canteen have been transferred to other jobs and been replaced by Arabs. British military spokesmen indicated that the transfers were made for security reasons.

Dr. Hussein Khalidi and Ahmed Hilmy Pasha, members of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, left Jerusalem today for a week's visit in Egypt. Although they insisted that the visit was not for political reasons, it is believed that they will consult with the ex-Mufti.

PROPERTY OF MURDERED HEIRLESS TRANSYLVANIAN JEWS TO BE TURNED OVER TO JEWISH COMMUNITIES

BUCHAREST, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Property left by Transylvanian Jews who were exterminated in death camps and left no heirs will be handed over to the Jewish communities to be used for vocational retraining and reorientation, it was disclosed today by Leopold Fildermann, chairman of the General State Industries, who recently returned from the Paris Peace Conference where he was a member of a Rumanian Jewish delegation seeking to secure Jewish rights.

Fildermann, a prominent Socialist, said assurances to this effect were given by the Rumanian delegation at the Paris conference during discussions with World Jewish Congress leaders. Other assurances given Jews, according to Fildermann, included stipensions for orphans and widows of Jews killed in pogroms or exterminated after deportation, and compensation for material losses suffered as a result of racist legislation or physical violence.

NATIONAL UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ATLANTIC CITY AT END OF NOVEMBER

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the United Jewish Appeal voted today to hold a National UJA Conference in Atlantic City on Nov. 30-Dec. 3. The meeting will be attended by Jewish leaders from communities throughout the United States and representatives of European and Palestinian Jewry.

The decision was taken at the conclusion of a two-day session of the executive committee at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, at which leaders of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the United Service for New Americans reported on the activities of their organizations and the probable needs for the coming year.

The committee adopted a resolution which stated in part: "We leave this meeting convinced that what we have heard requires that American Jewry fulfill, as in every previous crisis, the role that history has assigned to it as the bulwark of our distressed people. Fulfillment of that role requires a selfless devotion of every Jewish community in the United States." It pointed out that hundreds of thousands of Jews are alive today in Europe, Palestine and elsewhere who would have perished if not for assistance from American Jews.

Isaac H. Levy, vice-chairman of the U.J.A., announced that the U.J.A. would be continued in 1947 as the combined fund-raising organization for the J.D.C., U.P.A. and United Service for New Americans (National Refugee Service.)

Economist Predicts Business Conditions in 1947 Will Favor Contributions

Robert R. Nathan, economist and former deputy director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, presented a brief analysis of the general economic situation, forecasting that business conditions in 1947 would favor generous contributions on the same or larger scale than the gifts made to the \$100,000,000 United Jewish Appeal for the current year.

Other speakers included Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the JDC and of the Greater New York UJA; William Rosenwald, national chairman of the U.J.A. and honorary president of the United Service for New Americans; Mrs. David M. Levy, chairman of the U.J.A. Women's Division, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and Edmund I. Kaufmann.

At last night's meeting, Moses A. Leavitt, secretary of the Joint Distribution Committee, said that \$50,483,200 had been allocated by the committee for the first ten months of 1946 for aid to 200,000 Jews in displaced persons' camps and centers in Germany, Austria and Italy, for relief to Jews in Poland, Hungary, Rumania and Czechoslovakia and for assistance to Jews in western Europe as well as for transportation aid to those who emigrate to Palestine and the United States.

The sum of \$26,622,000 was spent by the agencies represented in the United Palestine Appeal in the first seven months of 1946 for the care, housing and retraining of new immigrants, for the acquisition and development of land, and the establishment of agricultural settlements, it was reported by Martin Rosenbluth, its director of research. He estimated that from \$48,000,000 to \$50,000,000 would be spent during 1946.

The United Service for New Americans will require \$2,700,000 during the current year for its program of adjustment and integration for refugees who find a haven in the United States, Joseph E. Beck, executive director of the United Service, said.

The officers and members of the executive committee of the National Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal will hold special sessions tomorrow and Tuesday at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

JEWISH PARTIES IN RUMANIA SUPPORT GROZA GOVERNMENT; PLACE CANDIDATES ON DEMOCRATIC SLATE

BUCHAREST, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish parties of Rumania today agreed to place their candidates for the coming parliamentary elections on the joint slate of the democratic bloc. In effect, this move means that Rumanian Jewry supports the Groza government.

The Jewish parties have been allotted three seats in the parliament. The Jewish Party, which includes all the Zionist groups, has nominated Dr. Bernard Rohrich, former president of the Zionist organization. Dr. William Fliderman's Union of Rumanian Jews named Dr. Eduard Manulescu, vice-president of the Union, while the Democratic Committee has nominated Anghel Dashcalu Leaterf of the Hashomer Hatzair.

In addition to these three, there will be some 20 other Jews sitting in the parliament as representatives of general Rumanian parties--mostly as representatives of the Socialists and Communists.

JEWISH SCHOOLS IN BULGARIA WILL BE SUPPORTED BY STATE UNDER NEW LAW

SOFIA, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- All Jewish schools in Bulgaria will be fully supported by the state, under the terms of an educational law for minorities enacted yesterday, and will be administered by the district municipal authorities.

According to the new law, Jewish teachers will receive the same salaries and privileges, including pension rights, as Bulgarian teachers. Elementary education for children between the ages of seven and 15 has now become compulsory. The Bulgarian language will be used in teaching all subjects except Hebrew and Jewish history, which will be taught in Hebrew.

A vehement protest against the "meek Nuremberg sentences" was made at a mass meeting in the Central Synagogue here called by a Jewish anti-fascist organization.

BENES REAFFIRMS SUPPORT OF JEWISH STATE, DENIES CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TOWARDS ZIONISM

PRAGUE, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- President Eduard Benes today denied reports that he has changed his attitude towards Zionism and said that he still believes that the establishment of a Jewish state is the only possible just solution of the world Jewish problem.

His statement was made to Dr. Angelo Goldstein, of Tel Aviv, who was a deputy in the pre-war Czech Parliament. Benes said that he would take every opportunity to further the cause of a Jewish state and endorsed the policy being followed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

BRITAIN ENDS AID TO POLES WHO REFUSE TO RETURN HOME OR JOIN RESETTLEMENT CORPS

LONDON, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Former members of General Anders' Polish Corps who refuse to return to Poland and who do not wish to join the Polish Resettlement Corps cannot expect any further help from the British Government, Minister of War Frederick Bellenger announced today in Commons.

This development affects most of the 2,800 Jewish ex-soldiers in the Polish Corps who decline either to go back to Poland or join the Resettlement Corps, and who consequently have experienced difficulty in finding employment.

BERNARD BARUCH GETS BROTHERHOOD AWARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Bernard M. Baruch was named winner of the human brotherhood award given annually by the Fraternal League of the Jewish Education Committee of New York at the League's annual convention held today at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

This is the fifth annual award made "for the most significant contribution to the promotion of human brotherhood." It was voted to Mr. Baruch for his efforts in furthering world peace as American delegate to the U.N. Atomic Commission. The formal presentation will be made at a later date.

Former recipients of the League's award are Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dr. Arthur H. Compton, University of Chicago physicist, Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy and former UNRRA Director General Herbert H. Lehman.

WAR-TIME REVITALIZATION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES LEADS TO PERMANENT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- War-time revitalization of small Jewish communities resulting from the bringing together of small groups of adjacent Jewish communities for service to military camps under the aegis of the National Jewish Welfare Board has led to a growing desire on the part of these communities for permanent organized Jewish community service, Benjamin Rabinowitz, director of the Jewish Center Division of the JWB, today told the annual meeting of the Jewish Center Division Committee.

In response to this demand, JWB has set up a new service to help such communities unite for a community center and youth program, for religious and Jewish education purposes, and for joint action for national and local welfare needs, Mr. Rabinowitz reported. Such experimental projects are under way in four areas, he revealed; in Louisiana for the communities of Alexandria, Leesville, Monroe, St. Charles and Baton Rouge; in the Cape Breton area of Nova Scotia; in Connecticut, for joint service to the towns of Ansonia, Shelton, Derby and Seymour; and for a cluster of communities adjacent to Kingston, N.Y.

Philip M. Klutznick, who has been active in Jewish youth-serving organizations, was named chairman of the Jewish Center Division Committee.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE SETS UP ADOLPH S. OCHS MEMORIAL CHAIR IN JEWISH HISTORY

CINCINNATI, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Hebrew Union College yesterday announced the establishment of the Adolph S. Ochs memorial chair in Jewish history. The Ochs chair, honoring the former publisher of the New York Times, will be occupied by Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, professor of Jewish history at the seminary.

Speaking at the ceremony on the subject of a Jewish program, Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of Hebrew Union, declared: "Probably very soon Palestinian Jewry's policies and destinies will be determined in Palestine itself, not by committees, conferences or congresses sitting in New York, London or Paris.

"That blessed day," he went on, "will or should mark the end of our Jewish pickering and party strife and disunity, at least upon the issue of Jewish nationalism here in America. That will enable our American Jewish community to concentrate upon its own problems, duties and destiny."