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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.OFFICIAL BODIES CALL ON PALESTINE JEWS TO CURB TERROR; "THOU SHALL NOT KILL" POSTERS WARN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Alarmed and concerned at last night's attacks by Jewish extremists on military installations throughout Palestine, the Jewish Agency and the Jerusalem Jewish Community Council today called on the Jewish population to take all possible measures "to prevent further crimes."

In Tel Aviv posters in Hebrew appeared throughout the city, proclaiming "Thou Shall Not Kill" and asking the Jewish population to help combat terrorism. The Jerusalem Jewish Community Council's appeal stressed that terrorism "is causing great harm to the Jews of Palestine and to the Zionist cause."

Sir Henry Gurney, Acting High Commissioner of Palestine during the absence in London of Sir Alan Cunningham, today conferred with Isaac Ben Zvi, chairman of the Jewish National Council, and Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, acting chairman of the World Zionist executive, on the tense situation in the country. Following their talks, it was announced that a special meeting of the Zionist executive will be held here on Monday to consider the repercussions of last night's attacks in which a British officer and a Jewish policeman were killed, and about 25 persons injured, including six Jews.

Tel Aviv, which was the scene of the major outbreaks, was under partial curfew most of the day as thousands of British troops hunted for terrorists in the Montefiore, Hatikvah and Shekhunat Ezra districts of the city. More than 60 of the over 3,000 persons interrogated were held for further questioning.

The troops, which were accompanied by tanks and armored cars, made rigid house-to-house searches, using magnetic mine detectors to search for hidden arms in cellars. Even synagogues were not immune, and searches were conducted while services were going on.

Jews Cruelly Beaten During Screening; Looting Accompanies Searches

Today's raids were accompanied by looting, while many Jews were brutally beaten by soldiers during screening operations. At least ten Jews who were released after screening, required hospitalization. Seven of them were sent to the Government Hospital while three were taken to a Jewish hospital.

The soldiers conducting the searches in the Montefiore quarters took all males to the nearby Hapoel sport grounds where barred wire cages were set up for screening. Although not all of Tel Aviv was under curfew, all the streets of the city appeared deserted.

Shalom Bracha, a Jewish supernumerary policeman, who was wounded last night while on guard at Citrus House, British military headquarters, which was the target of attack, died this morning in the Government Hospital in Jaffa. A Jewish police guard

was wounded today while escorting one of the Jews, wounded at Hadera, to the Beilinson Hospital in Tel Aviv. The ambulance struck a landmine near Nathanya. Five British soldiers were injured today, one of them seriously, when the jeep in which they were travelling was blown up by a landmine near the police station at Raanana, in the vicinity of Tel Aviv.

Curfew Imposed on All Roads; Soldiers Ordered to Carry Arms at All Times

A curfew was imposed today on all roads following reports by military authorities that the roads in various parts of the country have been mined and communications cut. The Palestine Government today repeatedly broadcast an appeal over the radio "to keep death off the roads." At the same time, it was announced that the curfew will be lifted from coastal area as of tonight.

Troops throughout Palestine were ordered today to carry arms at all times and to walk in pairs when out of their barracks. The order emphasizes that these measures have become necessary "as a result of the recrudescence of terrorist activity and the threat to kidnap British soldiers of all ranks." It was estimated in British circles today that about 200 men took part in the attacks on military quarters last night in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Tiberia, Hadera and other points. The attacks, about twenty in number, were termed "a failure" by British officials.

An official communique says that the building opposite Citrus House in Tel Aviv, from where the attackers directed machinegun fire on the military headquarters "was blown up by a fire which broke out for an unknown reason." The communique says that the concerted attack on Citrus House lasted more than a half-hour, during which one group of the attackers peppered the building with grenades while the other group fired into it with machineguns.

The communique also reports that attempts were made to blow up the Army fire station at Hadera and that an attack was made on army installations in Tiberias. A Jewish girl who was working in Citrus House is among the wounded. According to eye witness reports, several of the attackers were also wounded in the exchange of fire at Citrus House, but were taken away by their comrades. The officers mess at the headquarters is packed with bullet holes.

Joseph Moskowitz, a Tel Aviv resident, was accidentally wounded in the leg during the shooting. Altogether there were ten persons injured in the exchange of fire, including five Jewish civilians who were caught in the line of fire.

The total casualties in Haifa are one officer killed and five soldiers wounded. A Jew was slightly injured when his car was fired upon by soldiers near Hadera when he did not stop when challenged. He was released after proving his innocence. Several British soldiers were injured when their jeep was blown up by an electrically detonated landmine near Kfar Sirkin.

The screening operations at Rehovoth, which started yesterday at dawn in a search for participants in the flogging of British soldiers, was completed today. Twenty-nine Jews were detained for further questioning, it was officially announced.

In the midst of the turmoil and unrest in Tel Aviv, it was announced that a forest will be planted on Jewish National Fund land by friends and associates of Israel Rokach, mayor of Tel Aviv. The planting will honor Rokach on the occasion of his 50th birthday. The group has announced that it has already collected funds for the first 5,000 trees.

PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER ARRIVES IN ENGLAND FOR CONFERENCE WITH CABINET MEMBERS

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) — Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham arrived here this afternoon by air from Malta, where he had paused overnight en route from Jerusalem, and left immediately for conferences with Colonial Minister Arthur Creech-Jones at which Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery was present.

It is understood that Sir Alan will see Foreign Minister Bevin tomorrow morning. The Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent says today that the High Commissioner will tell the Cabinet ministers that it is becoming increasingly difficult to control British forces in Palestine in face of the continuing terror.

While here, Sir Alan will be guarded by special security police who have been detailed to accompany him to all private and official functions. Two officers escorted him on the trip from Palestine.

Ben Gurion Hopes for Renewal of Jewish Cooperation with Britain

In a message to the Hebrew press in Palestine, released here this afternoon, David Ben Gurion, who yesterday saw Creech-Jones, expressed hope that there would be a renewal of cooperation with Britain based on "mutual trust." He also voiced the hope that an understanding could be reached with the Arabs.

According to reliable sources, quoted by Reuters, the prospects of Zionist participation in the London Conference have lessened by the refusal of the Colonial Minister to offer any concessions in the course of his talks with Ben Gurion. Ben Gurion refused again today to divulge the contents of the talks, stating that any information must come from Creech-Jones. The chairman of the Zionist executive conferred this morning with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, presumably to report on the discussions with the Colonial Minister.

In his statement to the press, Ben Gurion said that the Zionist movement faced grave tests, but stressed that there were prospects for achievements of its aims. He listed as essential conditions for the "salvation of the Jewish people," the following measures:

Speedy creation of a Jewish state, increased immigration and land settlement, greater internal and external independence, a foreign policy which would enlist the sympathy and aid of nations of both the East and the West, renewal of cooperation with Britain and an alliance with the Arab peoples.

British Press Advocates Partition as Only Solution of Problem

Influential sections of the British press have come around to the belief that partition is the only solution of the Palestine problem. The London News Chronicle says that some definite decision is necessary in order "to draw the teeth" of the extremists and adds that the only policy offering substantial hope of peace is partition with a Jewish state controlling its own affairs.

The Manchester Guardian, which has already gone on record as favoring partition, suggests today that since it is doubtful whether Britain has a legal right to partition Palestine, which might be opposed by the Arab states and the Soviet Union, the best solution would be to present the partition proposal to the United Nations for approval.

It proposes that the Jews get the Negev in addition to the areas usually mentioned for inclusion in a Jewish state and that Jerusalem and a small area of the country be made a U.N. trusteeship administered by Britain or an international authority. Whatever plan is proposed, however, must include withdrawal of the bulk of British troops within 12 months, the paper says.

WISE QUILTS ZOA LEADERSHIP; CHARGES U.S. ZIONISTS MISUSED POWER AT BASLE CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Rabbi Stephen S. Wise tonight announced his resignation from "all offices in the Zionist Organization of America" as an aftermath to what he charged was the ZOA's misuse of its power at the World Zionist Congress. Dr. Wise was the founder of the ZOA in 1898 and has held various high offices in the organization since then.

Stating that the Congress was "nothing less than tragic in its inadequacy in relation to a great hour," Dr. Wise said that it was "a terrible defeat for the cause, nothing less than disaster. Measured by the Zionist Congress," he continued, "the Zionist cause has fallen on evil days and ways. The heads of the Laborites and the Zionist Organization of America have succeeded in ousting Zionism's greatest statesmen." He described the new Zionist executive as "a Cabinet not of all talents, but of all ambitions, unholy and unlimited, a Cabinet representing a maximum of compromise and a minimum of conviction."

Dr. Wise asserted that most of the issues before the Congress were not faced. "Little, if anything, was said in answer to the question: 'For what should the Jewish Agency ask if it attend the (London) conference? Shall it be the State, Partition, Trusteeship, United Nations Control?' Little, if any, consideration was given to the question: 'What should and could be done to end the reign of violence and unreason?'"

He charged that "no little evil" resulted from the fact that the European and Palestinian delegates over-estimated the part played by the ZOA in raising the \$100,000,000 relief fund of the United Jewish Appeal, and, therefore, bowed to the demands of the ZOA leaders. Concerning the ZOA's role in the UJA, Dr. Wise declared: "It may truly be said that it aided little, but it raided much."

Announcing his resignation from the ZOA leadership, Dr. Wise said: "I do not, I cannot withdraw from Zionism, but I withdraw from all office in the Zionist Organization of America. I shall continue in every way to serve Zion and Zionism, but I refuse to substitute the Zionism of the present imperilling regime of the Zionist Organization of America for the Zionism of Weizmann and Brandeis, Nordau and Herzl."

Dr. Wise stressed, however, that "nothing that happened at the Zionist Congress, however unworthy, must be permitted to affect the impression that we are on in our demands upon the British Government" for a Jewish state, free immigration and land purchases, fulfillment of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate.

LONDON POLICE CHECK EXPLOSIVES STORES FOLLOWING THREATS TO BLOW UP JEWISH SHOPS

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Following the receipt of a number of anonymous phone calls to Jewish shopkeepers threatening that their premises would be blown up, Scotland Yard today instructed all police chiefs in the London area to conduct an extensive survey of all explosives stored in their precincts.

A number of sticks of geglinitite were stolen from a storehouse in Ashford, Middlesex, last night. Police have advised construction firms who keep explosives in isolated areas to remove warning signs which inform passers-by of the presence of dynamite in order to cut down the possibility of theft.

A Member of Parliament has offered to guard the Hackney District synagogue here as a protest against recent attempts to burn Jewish places of worship. He is Harry Hynd, member for Central Hackney.

THREE-DAY J.D.A. CONFERENCE ON COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM OPENS IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Various aspects of the post-war approach to the problem of combatting anti-Semitism in the United States will be discussed by more than 1,000 Jewish communal leaders from all parts of the country at a three-day conference of the Joint Defense Appeal which opens here tomorrow evening at Coronado Hotel. Principal speakers at the conference are Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith.

The conference will also decide on the budgetary needs of the Joint Defense Appeal which is the fund-raising body for the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith. The 1946 national quota of the J.D.A. was \$5,000,000. Referring to the goal for 1947 which the conference is to set, Donald Oberdorfer, national JDA chairman, today declared that every effort will be made to awaken American Jewry to the need of supporting the pro-democratic program of the two protective agencies. "As we stand on the eve of this important assembly, it is my fervent hope that every person attending the conference will be made aware of the necessity to build a dike against the tides of anti-Semitism which in other countries have wrecked Jewish life."

EFFICIENCY OF JEWISH GROUPS SPEEDS ENTRY OF JEWISH DP'S TO U.S., STATE DEPT. SAYS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The effectiveness of Jewish organizations in making available "thousands of affidavits of support" for displaced persons in the American zones of Germany and Austria who have applied for visas to the United States, was disclosed by George J. Haering, chief of the Visa Division of the State Department, in a letter to Senator Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia.

Revercomb recently submitted to the Republican Steering Committee a report unfavorable to admission of displaced persons as immigrants to this country.

In response to a request from Revercomb to the State Department for information on visa issuances to displaced persons, Haering wrote the Senator Dec. 18, 1946 that "for obvious reasons, the majority of the persons qualifying under the German and Austrian quotas would be Jewish persecutees." Haering's letter is printed in the Revercomb report.

Pointing out that all DP's must be qualified for admission into the United States under the immigration laws, including the so called public charge provisions, Haering said that "the slowness of most non-Jewish welfare agencies in providing any considerable number of affidavits and of establishing adequate staffs of their representatives in the field to deal with cases requiring evidence to meet the provisions of the law naturally affected the number of non-Jewish cases which could qualify in early months of the distribution of visas to DP's.

"In contrast," Haering continued, "Jewish organizations had large staffs and thousands of affidavits of support available at the very beginning of the program and they were, therefore, in a position to take up any balance of monthly quotas for which non-Jewish applicants were not available by virtue of a lack of adequate documentation concerning support." A large number of certain non-Jewish groups, according to Haering, had a "volksdeutsch" status under the Nazis, which affected their Army security screening.

The combination of these circumstances created a majority of Jewish immigrants among the DP's thus far, Haering reported, adding, however, that an increased volume of affidavits of support for non-Jewish immigrants is resulting in a "continually rising percentage of visa issuances to DP's of non-Jewish faiths."

ARMY DENIES CHARGES THAT AMERICAN TROOPS BEAT JEWISH DP'S DURING QUESTIONING

MUNICH, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- American military police today denied charges by seven displaced Jews that they were beaten by troops during questioning. The charges were filed this week with UNRRA and Jewish authorities.

The denial was contained in a preliminary report of the Second Constabulary Brigade Headquarters which admitted that the seven DP's had been arrested last month in connection with the slaying of a German woman and her child, who, the American authorities asserted, were the mistress and illegitimate child of an unknown DP. The statement said that all seven were released without incident after questioning.

In the case of Herman Flachczinsky, who, it is charged, is being railroaded to cover up the fact that he and the other seven were beaten without justification by the troops, the Army stated he is being held on the charge of assaulting an Army officer, although the details of the charge were not given. It is not known when he will be tried, and UNRRA officials have not yet been permitted to see him. Military police officials have promised a more complete statement on the situation.

OVER 5,000,000 POUNDS OF SUPPLIES CONTRIBUTED TO J.D.C.'S COLLECTION IN 1946

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- More than 5,000,000 pounds of relief supplies were contributed during 1946 to the SOS (Supplies For Overseas Survivors) Collection of the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced today by Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, SOS honorary chairman. Over 4,300,000 pounds of these supplies have been shipped overseas for distribution by representatives of the J.D.C. At the same time, Mrs. Warburg announced that the SOS Collection will continue to collect supplies during 1947 because "the need still is so acute."

In a year-end report on the activities of the Collection, which is a special, continuing project of the J.D.C., in cooperation with 16 Jewish national and women's groups, Mrs. Warburg stated that 760 communities throughout the United States now are taking part in the SOS campaign, with 230 of them organized on a city-wide basis. Contributed relief supplies being sought by SOS include foodstuffs, clothing, layettes, medicines, household and comfort items, foreign language books, recreational materials, religious, articles, and toys.

LABOR DELEGATION REPORTS ON AID TO JEWISH WORKERS IN EUROPE; LAUDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A tannery in Italy, a needle trade factory in Breslau and a youth training center in Lower Silesia, Poland, have been established to assist Jewish workers by the American Jewish Labor Council, it was reported at a press conference here today by a ten-man delegation of the Council which has just returned from a two-month tour of the Jewish communities of Europe. The delegation said that it also pledged to raise funds to purchase raw materials, clothing and machinery for various Jewish cooperatives.

The delegates emphasized that they represented various political groupings and included leaders of C.I.O. and A.F.L. unions. They hailed the cooperation shown by the governments of the various countries they visited, particularly France, Italy, Poland, Yugoslavia and Hungary. While in Europe they distributed \$100,000 in relief funds which had been raised among trade union groups in the United States.

SIR LEON SIMON ARRIVES IN U.S. ON BEHALF OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- Sir Leon Simon, chairman of the executive council of the Hebrew University, arrived here today in the interests of the University. He will spend several weeks in the United States. He was formerly Director of Savings in the British Post Office.