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TWO BRITISH POLICEMEN, THREE ARABS KILLED WHEN EXPLOSIVE-LADEN CAR BLOWS UP IN HAIFA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Two British policemen and three Arab temporary constables were killed in Haifa today when a small car blew up in the police compound there, rocking the center of the city. Forty to 50 persons were reported injured.

According to a communique issued here tonight, the automobile was driven in to the compound at 5:10 p.m. and exploded a few minutes later. No mention was made of the occupants of the car. The blast caused considerable damage.

Earlier today, a government spokesman denied that the authorities had received a communication from the Irgun Zvai Leumi, agreeing to a temporary truce. It was reported on Friday that the Irgun had sent a communication to the government information office confirming reports that it had agreed to a truce.

BEN GURION TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON WITH GOVT.; DOUBTS JEWS WILL ATTEND PARLEY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, is returning to London tomorrow or Tuesday to resume discussions with British Colonial Minister Arthur Creech-Jones, it was learned today. Ben Gurion returned to Palestine from Britain last week to consult with Jewish leaders here.

In a statement to the Palestine Broadcasting System, the Agency chairman said that there was only a very slight chance that the Zionists would participate in the London conference, which is due to resume next week, but if they did, Dr. Chaim Weizmann would be included in the Jewish delegation, although he is no longer a member of the Zionist executive.

In a broadcast last night over the PBS, Ben Gurion said that although it was likely that the London conference would be solely an Anglo-Arab meeting, this did not indicate a severance of relations between the Zionists and Britain. Discussions with Britain, as well as with every member nation of the United Nations, would be pressed in an effort to secure a final decision on the Palestine issue as soon as possible, he added.

Although the foundation of the Zionist movement remains the constructive development of Palestine, he continued, "a political struggle must be carried on now with more impetus than ever before, not merely from London--although it ranks first even now--but with every nation represented or which will be represented at the United Nations meetings."

Emphasizing that there was no intention of crushing differences of opinion within the Jewish community, Ben Gurion stated that "no man nor any group of men should do anything that is liable to effect the general struggle, even if done with the best of intentions, or on the pretence of appearing entirely justified. There is

only one struggle--that conducted by the entire nation and its elected representatives." He called for establishment of friendly relations with the Arab people.

The Palestine Arab Higher Committee was scheduled to meet here late today or tomorrow to ratify participation in the London conference. It is understood that in a telephone conversation yesterday with Jamal Hussein, deputy chairman of the Higher Committee, the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem urged the Palestine Arabs to attend.

The Palestine representatives are expected to come to the London meeting with demands which go even farther than those outlined at the first session of the conference by the Arab League states. The Palestine Arabs object to the League's suggestion that the High Commissioner have the right to name the provisional government which would precede an independent Arab state and also oppose proportional representation in the provisional government on the basis of two Arabs to one Jew, as suggested in the League's plan.

Cabinet Has Outlined Three Alternative Programs of Action on Palestine

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet has outlined three alternative programs of action to be followed by Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham, depending on the turn of events in the country, the diplomatic correspondent of the Sunday Observer says today.

He reports that relatively mild measures will be taken if the Jewish Agency executive decides to cooperate fully with the British military authorities in securing restoration of law and order in the country. However, if the situation in the country remains the same, the High Commissioner is authorized to use all possible means to suppress terrorism, short of proclaiming martial law. Finally, if the situation gets out of hand, martial law will then be imposed.

The correspondent points out that the executive of the Jewish Agency having repudiated terrorism can hardly be expected to extend further cooperation without risking civil war in Palestine. Therefore, the High Commissioner has only two alternatives to choose from, namely, to fight terrorism with or without martial law.

Predicting that the cabinet will decide this week on the principles of some sort of partition scheme, the correspondent says that whether or not the Zionists participate in the London conference is of less importance than the provisions of the partition proposal. He says that the Jewish demand for a state based on the Peel recommendations plus the Negev is considered a "maximum" demand in government circles, but adds that unless the final proposal is nearer to that than to the Morrison plan it is doomed to rejection.

Asserting that the hand of the moderates will be strengthened in Palestine if the British Government provides evidence that their policy will pay dividends in the direction of the establishment of a viable Jewish state, the Yorkshire Post, which is controlled by Anthony Eden, urges the British, Jewish and Arab negotiators to get together not as opponents sparring for an opening, but as friendly collaborators seeking a constructive settlement which will meet the essential needs of all.

The opposite point of view is adopted by the Economist which calls on the government to dictate a settlement and pursue its own course regardless of pressure from without. It questions whether the Palestine Jews are ready to work for a suspension of terrorism, asserting that as many Palestinian delegates as Americans at the Basle Congress opposed a policy of moderation. The Economist says that "leaders who now see the disadvantage of extremism are paying dearly for past political irresponsibility."

MARAUDING BRITISH SOLDIERS CONTINUE TO LOOT JEWISH HOMES IN PALESTINE; VALUABLES SEIZED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Continued looting of Jewish homes by British soldiers is reported today from various parts of Palestine.

In a number of cases detachments of airborne troops instituted "searches" without orders or warrants. The "searches" consisted of systematic ransacking of Jewish apartments. Women's purses, money, jewelry, watches, fountain pens and other valuables were taken and the owners were threatened with pistols or Tommy guns.

The Hebrew press carries detailed accounts of incidents in cities, towns, settlements and on the roads. The papers call for government action.

Senator Urges Palestine Problem Be Solved By United Nations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A proposal that the United States submit the Palestine problem to the United Nations was made last night by Senator Francis J. Myers, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, in a letter to Under-Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Senator Myers also appealed to the State Department for intervention in behalf of Dov Gruner, who was recently sentenced to death by a British military court in Palestine for participation in a terrorist raid. Gruner had previously served with distinction in the British army for four years. Gruner's sister, Mrs. Ernest Friedman, is a resident of Lancaster, Pa.

BRITISH TROOPS BILLETED IN ROME HOTEL EVACUATED FOLLOWING THREAT TO BLAST BUILDING

ROME, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Milan Hotel in Rome, in which Royal Air Force troops are billeted, was evacuated for two hours yesterday following the receipt of a telephone call threatening to blow it up.

After a detailed search, during which no explosives were reported found, the occupants were permitted to re-enter the hotel. Officials believe the hoax was perpetrated by members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi in Italy.

ARMY ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED BEATING OF EIGHT DP'S BY CONSTABULARY TROOPS

FRANKFURT, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- At the request of Rabbi Philip Bernstein, adviser on Jewish affairs to U.S. forces in Europe, Army headquarters here today ordered a special investigation of the incident at the Lardsberg DP camp during which eight displaced Jews charge they were beaten by constabulary troops.

Major Abraham Hyman, Bernstein's legal adviser, will act as a special assistant to the inspector-general who will conduct the investigation. Meanwhile, Maj. Hyman has requested that the trial of one of the eight, Herman Flachozinsky, who is charged with assaulting an officer, not be resumed until witnesses can be obtained and his council acquainted with the facts.

ROMANIAN WAR MINISTRY INVESTIGATING DESECRATION OF DORCHOI JEWISH CEMETERY DURING WAR

BUCHAREST, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Rumanian War Ministry has opened an investigation to determine responsibility for the desecration of the Dorchoi Jewish cemetery in 1940, it was revealed here.

The inquiry was initiated at the instigation of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Rumania. Tombstones in the cemetery were knocked down and carried away, to be used later for paving the latrines of an infantry regiment camp.

LEHMAN WARNS JDC PARLEY 1,300,000 IN EUROPE NEED AID; LEAVITT NAMED TO SUCCEED RYMAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Even if as many as 200,000 Jews are enabled to emigrate from Europe this year, there will still be about 1,300,000 in need of assistance, former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman said today, addressing the 32nd annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee, at which more than 3,500 delegates from the United States and Canada were present.

The former UNRRA director-general urged the provision of increased emigration opportunities, particularly to Palestine, for those who wish to leave Europe, but stressed that "there will remain approximately 1,300,000 Jews who must have help to rebuild their lives." He declared that what is urgently required at the present time is "a program of assistance in which the major emphasis is not on relief--but on reconstruction."

Declaring that the battle to aid the surviving Jews has passed from the defensive to the offensive stage, Mr. Lehman said that the aim now is to "enable whole Jewish populations on the continent to become productive again and able to take care of themselves. He urged an increase in the number and scope of J.D.C.-supported producers' and credit cooperatives in Europe, loan societies, vocational training centers and greater shipments of tools and equipment to enable the survivors to begin useful, productive careers.

"Moreover," he added, "any worthwhile program of reconstruction on which we shall embark in this year of 1947 must be broad enough to include the concept of large-scale emigration as a way to reconstruction--emigration to Palestine, to this country, or to any desirable haven to which Jews themselves wish to go." The former UNRRA chief emphasized that Jews who wish to leave for Palestine must be helped to achieve their aim. "Right and justice are theirs," he stated, "and the world owes them the opportunity to achieve their highest desire."

Warburg Reviews 1946 Accomplishments; \$122,000,000 Needed in 1947

Edward M.M. Warburg, who was re-elected chairman, reviewed the accomplishments of the J.D.C. in 1946 and stated that the year marked the greatest activity in its thirty-two year history. "Shipments of life-saving, life-sustaining supplies--food, clothing, medicines, tools and books--poured in a steady stream from the United States, South Africa, Canada, from every country in which urgently-needed materials could be found and purchased," he reported.

These shipments totalled over 600,000,000 pounds, of which more than 53,000,000 pounds was in foodstuffs, Mr. Warburg disclosed. More than 135 hospitals and other medical institutions were established or maintained by the Committee; 250 J.D.C.-supported homes for orphaned children were in operation; and over 30,000 men, women and children were helped to leave for new lands, he said.

New Officers Elected; By-Laws Amended to Broaden Community Participation

Moses A. Leavitt, J.D.C. secretary since 1940, was elected executive vice-chairman at a morning session of the board of directors and national council, succeeding Dr. Joseph C. Ryman as the administrative head of the organization. (See Ryman story on page 5.) Widely known as an expert and authority in overseas relief, reconstruction and emigration work, Mr. Leavitt first joined the J.D.C. staff in 1929 as assistant to the secretary. In 1933 he was appointed secretary of the Palestine Economic Corporation and later its vice-president. During the war years he served with the J.D.C. as an active adviser to the War Refugee Board. Since the end of the war he has been one of the leading figures in the enlargement and operation of the J.D.C. overseas program.

Dr. Ryman was elected vice-chairman and member of the board of directors. Louis H. Sobel, assistant secretary, was elected secretary, and Judge Maurice Bernau

of Cleveland, Ohio, was elected chairman of the national council, succeeding Albert H. Lieberman of Philadelphia. Paul Baerwald, James W. Rosenberg and Mrs. Felix M. Warburg were re-elected honorary chairmen. Vice-chairmen re-elected include James H. Becker, I. Edwin Goldwasser, Alexander Kahn, Mr. Lehman, Isaac H. Levy, Harold F. Linder, William Rosenwald, William J. Shnyder, M.C. Sloss and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

Other re-elections included: George Alpert, William P. Engle, Moritz M. Gottlieb, and Benjamin Loeb, vice-chairmen of the national council; Bernhard Kahn, honorary chairman, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the European executive council; I. Edwin Goldwasser and Paul Baerwald, treasurers; Evelyn M. Morrissey, assistant treasurer; Alexander A. Landesco, comptroller.

Proposed amendments to the J.D.C. by-laws increasing the participation of the American Jewish community at large in the policy making deliberations of the organization were ratified. The new by-laws increase the authorized number of directors from 210 to 350 and provide for annual nominations by each of the seven J.D.C. regions.

Other speakers at the general afternoon session were three leaders of overseas Jewish communities who arrived in this country recently. They were Leon Ketter, general secretary of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the United States zone of Germany; Dr. Frederic Goerog, president of the Hungarian Jewish Relief Committee; and Leon Bernstein, general secretary of the Jewish Refugee Organization in Italy.

DR. JOSEPH C. HYMAN RESIGNS AFTER QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF ACTIVE SERVICE WITH J.D.C.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The retirement of Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, was announced here last night at a testimonial dinner to mark his completion of 25 years of active service with the J.D.C.

Praising Dr. Hyman for his "distinguished" service with the J.D.C., former Gov. Lehman recalled that he had named Dr. Hyman to his first J.D.C. post early in 1922. "As chairman of the J.D.C. Reconstruction Committee at that time," Mr. Lehman remarked, "I appointed Dr. Hyman, then a young attorney, to be my assistant. Since that time, the J.D.C. has grown until today it is undertaking the greatest program of relief and rehabilitation assistance in the history of any voluntary agency. Leading the way in the growth of the J.D.C.'s services in behalf of the distressed has been Dr. Joseph C. Hyman. His extraordinary devotion to the J.D.C.--and, more important, to Jewish survivors throughout the world--is worthy of our warmest personal salute."

Edward M. M. Warburg declared that "Dr. Hyman has come to personify, as much as any one person, the spirit of the J.D.C. Tonight he can look back with real satisfaction and justifiable pride on the record that he personally, and the organization whose active head he has been, have achieved." William Rosenwald, chairman of the United Service for New Americans, praised Dr. Hyman for his activities in helping in the integration of immigrants into the American scene.

Dr. Hyman's work when he came to the J.D.C. as assistant to Mr. Lehman dealt with the establishment of large-scale reconstruction projects for destitute Jewish populations in the war-devastated areas of Europe. Two years later he was elevated to the post of acting secretary of the J.D.C. and a year later he became secretary. He was also an active adviser to the League of Nations High Commissioner on Refugees, James G. McDonald, and was assistant to the late Felix M. Warburg as chairman of the administrative committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

In 1937 Dr. Hyman was made executive director of the J.D.C., and, in 1939, was elected executive vice-chairman. He is also vice-president of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., of which Prof. Joseph P. Chamberlain is president.

FIRST MEETING OF I.R.O. PREPARATORY COMMISSION WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA NEXT MONTH

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The first meeting of the preparatory commission of the International Refugee Organization will take place in Geneva on February 11, it was announced here today.

Acting secretary General David Owen last night sent invitations to the governments who have signed both the I.R.O. constitution and the agreement on interim arrangements, and have thereby become members of the preparatory commission. They are the United States, Canada, France, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, the Philippine Republic, Honduras and Liberia.

Canada Prepared to Contribute to International Solution of Refugee Problem

MONTREAL, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Canada is prepared to make her contribution toward solution of the European refugee problem, Health Minister Paul Martin who was one of Canada's delegates to the recent United Nations session in New York, declared here.

Stating that he is "very much perturbed over the situation of the Jewish DP's in Europe," Martin insisted that the only possible solution for them lies in an international agreement. He expressed disappointment at the delay in establishing the International Refugee Organization, which only eight nations have thus far agreed to join.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF QUOTA IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

OTTAWA, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Canadian Government circles are considering the introduction of an immigration quota system similar to that in effect in the United States, authoritative quarters reveal. However, this action may be delayed for as long as a year or more.

Several reasons are advanced for the delay. Although a number of Cabinet ministers favor the action, an inter-departmental committee charged with making a report on the immigration situation and the quota plan is not expected to complete its task before adjournment of the present session of Parliament. Secondly, with the opening of new immigration offices in Paris, Brussels and the Hague and the expected expansion of facilities in England, a flood of applications for entry visas will assure a heavy flow of immigrants even without further lowering of legal barriers.

Agriculture Minister James G. Gardiner in a recent speech in Vancouver declared that Canada needed an additional 12,000,000 persons to settle and develop the area west of the Great Lakes. He urged the admission of immigrants from Europe, in order that the Western areas might be developed without stripping the East of its skilled manpower. Gardiner declared that the absorption of millions of Europeans who cannot find gainful employment in their native countries will achieve the "closest and most cordial" relations between European countries and Canada.

However, there are powerful forces in Canada which oppose mass immigration regardless of its purpose. In Quebec the Council of Catholic Unions has adopted a resolution opposing "any move towards permitting mass immigration into Canada."

CONSTRUCTION BEGUN ON JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN PALESTINE NAMED AFTER ABRA SILVER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Construction of temporary quarters has begun at Neveh Abba, a new settlement near Hethanya named in honor of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Each settler will receive a small house with about one dunam of J.N.F. land suitable for truck farming.

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