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**EXTREMISTS KIDNAP BRITISH JUDGE IN PALESTINE; FORCE POSTPONEMENT OF GRUNER'S EXECUTION**

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The execution of Dov Gruner, member of the Irgun Zvai Leumi who was sentenced to death by a military court for participating in an attack on a Palestine police station, was today postponed for an indefinite period following the kidnapping by Jewish extremists of Judge Ralph Windham, who was snatched from the Tel Aviv District courtroom.

The hanging of Gruner was originally scheduled to have taken place tomorrow. The postponement was granted by Lt. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander-in-chief, in order to enable Gruner to appeal to the Privy Council, highest court in the British Commonwealth.

Meanwhile, High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham summoned Jewish leaders and told them that he may impose martial law on certain sections of the country, if the kidnapped judge, as well as former Major H.J. Collins, who was kidnapped by extremists yesterday in Jerusalem, were not freed by an undisclosed deadline, reported to be 48 hours.

A curfew of indefinite duration has been imposed on the Jewish quarters of Jerusalem and Haifa and a dusk-to-dawn curfew is in effect in all of Tel Aviv and on virtually all roads. Hundreds of heavily armed, helmeted troops were combing the three cities in a hunt for the four youths and a girl who seized Collins at his home yesterday, and the ten men who invaded Windham's court this morning and escorted him into a waiting car at gun-point.

Windham's kidnapers brandished tommyguns and revolvers at all those in the court, forcing them to line up against the walls. The judge was still wearing his black judicial robes and his white wig when he was led from the courtroom. Sirens were sounded almost immediately and the courthouse was cordoned off by police.

**Radio Warns British Civilians Not to Appear in Street**

Tension prevailed throughout the country today as a result of the kidnappings. The Palestine radio at periodic intervals instructed all British civilians to stay at home, warning them that "you are in danger of kidnapping."

A Jewish Agency spokesman told a press conference that the Agency would issue a vigorous denunciation of the kidnappings, because "they were an uncivilized procedure" and added that other leading Jewish bodies would issue similar statements.

The threat to impose martial law was made to Mrs. Goldie Meirson, head of the political department of the Jerusalem section of the Agency, Eliezer Kaplan, Agency treasurer, and Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, who were called to Government House to meet with the High Commissioner.

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, who has been on vacation, returned to Jerusalem today to join in the activity on behalf of Gruner. Both the High Commissioner and

Chief Secretary Sir Henry Gurney yesterday refused to see a delegation of the Agudas Israel and advised them to submit their statements in writing. It is learned that the appeal sent yesterday by Isaac Ben-Zvi, Jewish National Council president, followed an unsuccessful effort to see the High Commissioner.

The "Voice of Zion," secret radio of the Irgun, went on the air today with a warning to the authorities that if Gruner is executed, "there will be no atonement for such a crime but the shedding of the perpetrators' blood. You will have to pay a high price for our captive brother's life," the broadcast continued.

The search for Windham centered around Ramat Gan this evening, where the car in which he was abducted was found abandoned, and which was the scene of the raid for which Gruner was condemned.

#### Gruner's Sister Asks State Department Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Mrs. Helen Friedman, sister of Dov Gruner, today called on Loy Henderson, chief of the Near East Division of the State Department, to ask him to intervene in her brother's behalf.

When she emerged from the interview she said that Henderson had promised that the State Department would do everything it can in behalf of Gruner, but that since he was not an American citizen it appeared that there was little that could be done. Mrs. Friedman will carry her appeal to Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to the U.S., tomorrow.

A cable, urging commutation of Gruner's death sentence, has been sent to Sir Alan Cunningham by the American League for a Free Palestine.

#### British Parliamentarians Ask Commutation of Gruner Sentence

LONDON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Several members of Parliament and Max Seligman, attorney for the Jews interned in Eritrea, today called on Colonial Minister Arthur Creech-Jones, urging clemency for Gruner.

#### JEWS AND ARABS WOUNDED DURING CLASH OVER PLOUGHING OF LAND OWNED BY J.N.F.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A clash in which a number of Jews and Arabs were wounded occurred today in the Emek Heffer district when a group of Arab land-owners attempted to drive off Jews who were ploughing J.N.F. land which had not been cultivated previously.

The land-owners secured the assistance of neighboring peasants, while residents of nearby Jewish settlements came to the aid of the ploughmen. The arrival of police dispersed the Arabs.

#### BRITAIN TO ISSUE STATEMENT ON PALESTINE WITHIN TEN DAYS; MAY AGREE TO PARTITION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The British Government will issue a statement on Palestine within the next ten days independently of the course of the Conference on Palestine which was resumed today, it was learned here.

The statement will indicate that Britain is inclined to adopt a partition plan for Palestine, it is believed in informed circles. The partitioning of Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states is firmly advocated in editorials by the Manchester Guardian and the Times.

LONDON CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE RESUMED; ARAB DELEGATE WARNS AGAINST PARTITION

LONDON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The Palestine Arabs will reject partition and fight it with all means at their disposal, Jamal Hussein, leader of the Palestine delegation, today told the Conference on Palestine, which resumed after a 15-week adjournment.

Today's session, which was attended by 25 Arab delegates, representing the seven Arab League states and Palestine, lasted for an hour, adjourning immediately after Hussein's speech. A British spokesman said that it would probably not reconvene until towards the end of the week.

The British, whose delegation was headed by Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin and Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones, apparently want some time to digest the Arabs' demands, and, at the same time, consult informally with the Zionists. The next step will probably be a reply by the government to both Hussein and the proposals of the Arab League, which were outlined before the conference adjourned last October.

Jewish Agency Declines to Comment on Arab Statement on Parley

The Jewish Agency office here declined to reply to Hussein's statement, declaring that the Agency is familiar with the views of the Palestine Arabs and does not intend to engage in an exchange of polemics. An Agency spokesman disclosed that David Ben Gurion expects to meet with members of the government within a few days, probably Wednesday.

Hussein's statement, which was in English, denounced British rule in Palestine, as denying the right of self-government and having the "primary aim of assisting the Jews in their invasion." He described the Balfour Declaration as "vague and one-sided" and said it was made to "alien Jews in the absence and complete ignorance of the Arab owners of the country." He traced the growth of Jewish settlement in Palestine, declaring that their claims were inflated from the modest demand for a "spiritual home" to that of a Jewish state, which the Jews are now seeking to enforce by a campaign of terrorism.

The "futility, injustice and impracticability of partition" was indicated by a special commission of British experts," Hussein added. "It is foregone conclusion that the Palestine Arabs are determined to reject partition and resist it by all means at their disposal." Creation of "an alien Jewish state," he continued, "means the destruction of territorial continuity and national homogeneity and creation of a running sore that would undoubtedly become a permanent source of trouble in the Middle East. Such a move, which in fact entails the creation of another Balkans in the Middle East, the Arabs can never tolerate."

The Arabs, all of whom were in western dress, with the exception of the head of the Saudi Arabian delegation and the three Yemenite delegates, arrived at St. James Palace, where the conference is meeting, shortly before noon and ran a heavy gauntlet of guards and Scotland Yard detectives. Bevin, Creech-Jones and the rest of the British delegation arrived a little later, and entered by a separate entrance. A third entrance, which had been reserved for the Jewish delegates, was deserted.

Dr. Isaac Levin of New York, personal representative of Jacob Rosenheim, world president of the Agudas Israel, arrived today in connection with the projected talks with the government on Palestine, which Agudah circles here expect will start this week-end.

U.N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS MEETS; WILL ESTABLISH BODY FOR PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The Commission on Human Rights of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, composed of representatives of 18 nations, opened its first meeting today with a discussion of its terms of reference. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was elected chairman, and Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon, rapporteur.

Addressing the session, Henri Laugier, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, said that the Commission would have to establish a sub-commission for the protection of national minorities, and another group for the prevention of racial and religious discrimination. Pointing out that it would also have to "determine the drafting" of an International Bill of Rights, he said: "The struggle for human rights is the very struggle of the United Nations in their efforts towards a better future."

Mrs. Roosevelt, on taking the chair, emphasized the importance of the Commission on Human Rights. She revealed that she had received "a considerable number" of appeals from people and groups concerning human rights. The Commission, she said, was faced with a formidable task since its members did not really know how they could enforce its measures. "The members have a mandate to write a Bill of Human Rights, but they do not have any way to enforce their decisions," she declared.

ANTI-SEMITIC POLISH STUDENTS DISRUPT PLAY DEPICTING ROLE OF JEWS IN WAR

WARSAW, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish demonstrations have been taking place every evening in a Polish theatre in Cracow during the performance of the play "Mielonoc" which is devoted to the promotion of good will between Poles and Jews by depicting the role of Jews during the revolt against the Nazis in the Warsaw ghetto.

The demonstrations are carried out by groups of Polish students who attend the performance for the sole purpose of creating a disturbance. The first demonstration took place during the premiere, when the anti-Semites in the audience interrupted with shouts and booing. The theatre management, nevertheless, decided to continue staging the play until the anti-Semitic students tire of their disruptive activities.

The author of the drama is a young and gifted Polish playwright, Stefan Otwinowsky. When the play was presented in Lodz, the Polish population there received it very coldly. Many Poles left the theatre before the end of the performance and on many subsequent evenings the show played to a nearly empty theatre. On account of heavy financial losses, the Lodz theatre was finally compelled to withdraw the play.

FRENCH COURT VOIDS WILL WHICH BARRED REQUEST IF BENEFICIARY MARRIED A JEW

PARIS, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A will barring a legatee from a bequest in the event that she married a Jew has been voided by the Tribunal of the Seine, as running counter to the spirit and principles of the new French Constitution, which guarantees the equality of all citizens under the law.

The will of a certain Madame B left all her property to her grand-daughter, with the proviso that if the grand-daughter married a Jew, the bequest was to go to an orphan asylum fund. The young woman, who is unmarried, challenged the terms of the bequest and was upheld by the court. Her attorney was Andre Blumel, president of the Jewish National Fund of France.



CONFISCATION OF NAZIS' FUNDS TO AID VICTIMS URGED BY BAVARIAN OFFICIAL

MUNICH, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Confiscation of the savings banked by active Nazis between 1933 and 1945 for use in rehabilitating Nazi victims was urged today by Dr. Philip Auerbach, director of the Office for Political and Racial Persecutees in the Bavarian Government, addressing the first conference of the "Union of the Victims of Nazism," which comprises representatives from all political parties.

Dr. Auerbach also demanded the arrest of Dr. Arthur Dinter, who joined the Nazi Party even before Hitler and who is reported to have been a key figure in introducing anti-Semitism into the party's doctrines. Dinter is free in the French zone of Germany, according to German newspapers. Author of "The Crime Against Blood," which was one of the early anti-Jewish volumes, Dinter held party card number 5, while Hitler had card number 7. Dr. Auerbach charged that Dinter still favored official action against Jews.

AIDE OF MUFTI SENTENCED TO JAIL IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES

PRAGUE, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Mohamed Abdul Brixius, a friend and aide of the ex-Mufti, has been sentenced to eight years imprisonment, confiscation of all his property and loss of civil rights by a Prague court which found him guilty of propaganda activities on behalf of the German Nazi party and membership in Czech fascist organizations. During the German occupation Brixius served as a commissioned officer in the Fascist guards corps Svatopulk and contributed anti-Semitic articles to the quailing papers.

In court, Brixius denied that he ever attacked Jews on racial grounds, asserting that this was forbidden by the Koran, but only for "historical and Palestinian reasons." If he wrote against the Allies, it was because he objected to British imperialism in the Near East, he said. Brixius settled in Prague before the war, coming from the Balkans. He had traveled extensively in the Near East where he had been converted to Islam and made friends with the Mufti.

A Peoples Court at Litomerice yesterday sentenced Elfrieda Huebsch, an overseer at the Theresienstadt ghetto, to fifteen years imprisonment. Huebsch's task was to search all Jews arriving in the ghetto for valuables.

Karl Rahm, former commander of the Theresienstadt ghetto and concentration camp, has been handed over to Czechoslovakia by American authorities who had been holding him in custody. Rahm will be tried by a Czechoslovak War Crimes court.

ITALIANS WHO BETRAYED JEWS TO GESTAPO ATTACKED BY SPECTATORS DURING TRIAL

ROME, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Enraged spectators yesterday attacked members of a six-man gang at the opening of their trial for betraying Jews to the Gestapo after robbing them of their valuables.

Two hundred and two Jewish refugees left Genoa yesterday aboard the steamer San Giorgio for countries in South America. Some will settle in Brazil, while others are bound for Argentina, Peru, Chile and Paraguay.

ARREST NAZI WHO PLAYED LEADING PART IN 1938 POGROMS FOLLOWING VOM RATH KILLING

LONDON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Erwin Kilmeyer, a Nazi leader who played a leading part in the pogroms of 1938 which followed the assassination of Nazi diplomat Ernst vom Rath in Paris, has been captured near Neillbronn, in the province of Wuertemberg, it was reported here yesterday.

BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT GRANTS AID TO JEWISH COOPERATIVES IN REHABILITATION MOVE

SOFIA, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian Government today granted 2,000,000 levas (approximately \$7,000) worth of materials to two Jewish cooperatives established by the Joint Distribution Committee as part of its program for the economic reconstruction of the Jewish population.

The materials went to a tailoring and a shoe making cooperative. The reconstruction program calls for the importation of large quantities of machinery and equipment to establish many more cooperatives and rehabilitate Jewish economy this year.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ASSIST ORT SCHOOLS FOR FORMER JEWISH PARTISANS

ROME, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The Italian Government will furnish buildings, instructors and raw materials for ORT schools which will train former Jewish partisans, Minister of Rehabilitation Sereni today told Dr. Aaron Syngalowski, ORT vice-president.

Dr. Syngalowski revealed that UNRRA had assigned to ORT a large studio at Cine Citta, the former Italian Hollywood. It will be used to train 150 students.

CZECHOSLOVAK HEALTH MINISTER THANKS J.D.C. FOR GIFT OF 30,000,000 UNITS OF PENICILLIN

PRAGUE, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A gift of 30,000,000 units of penicillin by the Joint Distribution Committee to the Czechoslovak Government was revealed here today with the release of a letter by Health Minister Adolf Prochazka thanking the J.D.C. Commenting on the gift, the Prague daily Pravo Lidu said that this proves the J.D.C.'s understanding of the problems facing all Czechs, Jews and non-Jews alike.

PALESTINE IMPORTERS PLACE \$2,000,000 ORDERS FOR MACHINERY IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Orders for over \$2,000,000 worth of American machinery and capital goods have been placed in the United States for Palestinian importers by the Palestine Purchasing Service, which is a partnership of the American Palestine Trading Corporation "Ampel" and the Palestine Economic Corporation, it was announced today.

The Ampel also facilitated the importation of Palestinian manufactured goods valued at close to \$1,000,000, the announcement said. It added that the Ampel will next month pay the fifth consecutive dividend of four percent to its 6,000 shareholders and that during 1946 the registered capital of the corporation was increased from \$1,100,000 to \$3,300,000. The actual paid up capital was increased from \$1,100,000 to \$1,750,000.

EXHIBITION OF PALESTINE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS COMING TO UNITED STATES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- An industrial exhibition of Palestine products will be shipped to the United States next week, it was announced here today. Representatives of the Jewish Industrialists Association will come to New York to open the show.

MAURICE SCHWARTZ, NOTED ACTOR AND PRODUCER, AWARDED LOUIS D. BRANDEIS MEDAL FOR 1947

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Maurice Schwartz, famous Yiddish actor and producer, has been awarded the Jewish Forum's Louis D. Brandeis Medal for 1947, it was announced here over the week-end. The presentation of the award, which was given to Schwartz for his "contribution to Jewish culture as the exponent and interpreter of the best in dramatic literature," will be made Feb. 18 at the Maurice Schwartz Theatre.