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TURKISH CONSUL IN PALESTINE PROMISES TO PROBE REPORTS OF POGROM IN URFA

JERUSALEM, April 6. (JTA) -- The Turkish Consul-General in Palestine today promised that he would immediately seek information from his government concerning the pogrom which is reported to have taken place on Wednesday in the city of Urfa, near the Syrian frontier. The Consul's action came after he had been queried by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency concerning the reports of the massacre.

Advices reaching here from unofficial sources say that first reports of the pogrom were greatly exaggerated, although details are still lacking. Attempts to contact Jewish groups in Urfa have been unsuccessful. From what information is available, the following seems to have occurred:

A Jew who had planned to adopt the Moslem religion was prevented by his family from doing so. Enraged Moslem neighbors then proceeded to murder the entire family consisting of seven persons. Police jailed all male Jews and Jewish businesses were closed down.

(Urfa, which was known in ancient days as Edessa, was at one time the seat of the Eastern Roman church. In the time of the Roman Emperor Julian, the Christians in the city wiped out the entire Jewish population. Jews resettled there in the 16th century and its present Jewish population is small.)

POLISH JEWS MARK PASSOVER AT 150 PUBLIC SEDERS; HIGH GOVT. OFFICIALS PRESENT

WARSAW, April 6. (JTA) -- The surviving Jews in Poland marked Passover at about 150 public seders arranged in nearly 100 cities and towns by the Jewish communities and the Zionist organization. Since most Polish Jews are without their families, who were killed by the Nazis, public Seders represented the only means of observing Passover in the traditional manner.

Most of the observances took place in Lodz, Wroclaw (Breslau), Warsaw and Walbrzych. A typical Seder was that arranged by the Jewish community in the only remaining synagogue in Warsaw. Chief Rabbi David Kahane and Cantor Moshe Sfensen from Riga officiated. More than 300 persons were present, including many high officers of the Polish Army, government officials and soldiers and officers from the Soviet garrison. In Lublin, Lodz and Wroclaw, large groups of Jewish soldiers participated in the Seders. All Jewish military personnel were given special leave for the holidays.

The food consumed at all the Seders was provided by the Joint Distribution Committee. The last transports of matzo, which had been frozen in Scandinavian harbors, arrived in Gdynia harbor just before Passover. The Polish Food Ministry released white flour to bakers in Lodz and cities in Lower Silesia, where supplies of matzo were low. Normally, bakers are forbidden to use white flour, the milling of which involves a loss of grain.

600 REFUGEES ATTEND MASS SEDER IN CYPRUS CAMP SURROUNDED BY BARBED WIRE

JERUSALEM, April 6. (JTA) -- Five-thousand interned refugees observed Passover at a communal Seder held in the open air on a huge playing field, according to report reaching here from Cyprus.

The Seder was opened by the singing of Hatikvah, as the glaring light from huge reflectors illuminated the dark field, which was surrounded by barbed wire. Speakers included Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, and Mrs. Amar de Sola Pool, representing Hadassah. Mrs. Pool announced that a children's village would be established in Cyprus to educate and give agricultural training to the youngsters interned there.

The festivities, which were heightened by the entertainment provided by actors and actresses who came here from Palestine for the occasion, lasted until 3 a.m.

Two special Seders were held here in the city's Central Prison, one for the seven Jews under death sentences, the second for the other Jewish prisoners. Both were conducted without wine and concluded before eight p.m. A Seder was also held for women detainees in Bethlehem Prison.

In a Passover message broadcast to the Palestine population, Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog denounced the ceaseless bloodshed both within and without the Jewish community as striking at the very roots of the Jewish tradition and defiling the Holy Land. "Extremist groups have assumed for themselves the prerogatives of passing death sentences and of executing them -- prerogatives which in Jewish law were given only to the great Sanhedrin and only when the Temples existed," Rabbi Herzog said. Nevertheless, he concluded, history will lay responsibility for Palestine's present situation on a world that hardened its heart to the cry and agony of the Jews.

OVER 200,000 POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED BY J.D.C. HELP CELEBRATE PASSOVER IN ITALY

ROME, April 6. (JTA) -- More than 200,000 pounds of Passover food were distributed by the JDC, providing every Jew in Italy with five pounds of Matzo's, 500 grams of matzo flour and 700 grams of wine. Public Seders were held in Rome, Milan, Bari and Florence, and even Jews in jail were able to celebrate the holiday through the efforts of the voluntary agencies.

FIRST CONTINGENT OF DP'S FROM BRITISH ZONE SAILS FROM MARSEILLE FOR PALESTINE

MARSEILLE, April 6. (JTA) -- The harbor here resounded to the joyous shouts of nearly 400 refugees yesterday as they marked Passover by embarking aboard the S.S. Providence for Palestine. They were the first group to depart under the British plan to divide the Palestine quota between internees in Cyprus and Jews from the British zone in Germany, and will be the largest contingent of legal immigrants to arrive in Palestine in many months.

AMERICAN AND OTHER ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL FETED AT PASSOVER SERVICES IN VIENNA

VIENNA, April 6. (JTA) -- Special Seders were held here for American and other Allied military personnel. A special kitchen and mess hall were set aside for American soldiers who preferred kosher food for the services.

In all, about 200 American soldiers, 100 American civilians and another 100 British, French and Russian Jewish personnel attended the services. Many American soldiers attended Seders in homes of Austrian Jews.

BUENOS AIRES SYNAGOGUE SET AFIRE BY TWO BOMBS; BLAZE CAUSES SLIGHT DAMAGE

BUENOS AIRES, April 6. (JTA) -- A few hours after the last worshippers had left the Sephardic Synagogue here after the conclusion of Passover services, two unidentified men threw home made bombs into the building starting a small fire.

The blaze was quickly extinguished, causing little damage. Police arrested the attackers, but refused to make public their names. This was the second attack on an Argentine synagogue in the last month.

BRITAIN SENDS NOTE TO EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT PROTESTING EX-MUFTI'S POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

CAIRO, April 6. (JTA) -- The British Government has sent a note to the Egyptian Government protesting the political activities of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem who is now in this city, it was learned here during the week-end. Although Egypt pledged that the ex-Mufti would not be permitted to engage in political affairs, his influence has been great since his arrival last summer.

Earlier, in a statement to the press, the former Mufti urged the Arab League to "pass from words to action" and affirmed Arab determination not to yield "one inch" of Palestine soil to Jewish immigration. If Great Britain is powerless to halt illegal immigration, he said, the Palestinian Arabs, in collaboration with Arabs from other states, will take matters into their own hands, he declared.

Meanwhile, Arab press reports state that the Syrian government has named Fawzi Bey Kawkaji, notorious Arab terrorist leader, as military attache of the Arab League in a move that is interpreted as the first step towards the establishment of a joint military headquarters for the Arab states.

22 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARRIVE IN PALESTINE; SOME WILL SURVEY SITUATION THERE

JERUSALEM, April 6. (JTA) -- Twenty-two members of Congress, headed by Senator Alben Barkley, Senate minority leader, arrived at Lydda airport from Cairo where they are to attend the first post-war meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Several of the Congressmen will make extended fact-finding visits here following conclusion of the Cairo meeting.

The British deportation ship *Empire Rival*, frequently used to transport illegal Jewish immigrants from Palestine to Cyprus, was damaged by an explosion yesterday while proceeding from Haifa to Port Said, in Egypt. The vessel arrived in Port Said with several feet of water in its hold.

Meanwhile, the Eganah claimed full responsibility for the recent blasting of another British vessel, the *Ocean Vigour*, off the coast of Cyprus where the ship had taken a group of illegal immigrants. In pamphlets, the underground announced it would continue to fight for immigration and warned "dissenters to cease their terror."

In Nicosia, Cyprus, it was reported that a 21-year-old Jew, Vazel Arish, was being held on charges of placing explosives aboard the *Ocean Vigour*. The police stated that Arish was arrested on the seashore shortly after the explosion and was still too exhausted to be questioned to determine how he reached Cyprus.

It was learned here that Joseph Frumkin, Jewish labor leader, who was assaulted last week, was shot by two Jewish youths who had been instructed by the underground to kill Frumkin for allegedly acting as an informer.

SHERTOK CALLS FOR JEWISH UNITY TO STRENGTHEN ZIONIST CASE BEFORE U.N.; HITS TERRORISM

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- The necessity for Jews everywhere to be united so as to strengthen the Zionist case before the United Nations was stressed here tonight by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, addressing the 15th annual Third Seder of the National Committee for Labor Palestine.

Shertok declared, however, that despite the importance of the decision to be made by the U.N., the ultimate fate of Jewish Palestine lies in the hands of the Jews themselves. "Most essential is to bring over Jews despite the ban," he said, "and settle them despite the land laws, equip them for defense against any danger that may arise. Let us not forget that we are still an island in a hostile sea which may become turbulent one day."

The Agency political chief warned that "anarchy" threatens the Zionists' struggle for a Jewish state in Palestine. "Jewish life has produced profiteers of anarchy and ignorance," he added. "A group is operating in this country which is an association of charlatans and dupes -- of people who are clever but unscrupulous technicians and people who quite innocently are taken in by the slogans bandied about. The result is that a huge fraud is being perpetrated on the credulous Jewish public. The sacred slogan of Jewish independence is being profaned. Precious energies and funds, instead of being devoted to the rescue of Jews and the strengthening of our position in Palestine, are wasted in campaigns of self-advertisement and self-inflation in America and elsewhere."

"In Palestine, too, anarchy is rearing its ugly head...By means of bombs and pistols, they (terrorists) try to impose their will on the community and terrorize it into submission. They stain our standard with the blood of innocent people. They provide our British enemies with ready excuses for mass reprisals which hit us harder and harder. They are pushing the Yishuv to the brink of ruin...They are the most effective allies of the White Paper regime."

Mayor William O'Dwyer, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, David Finski, noted Jewish playwright, Lt. Rivka Yoffe, of the Palestine Auxiliary Territorial Services, representing the Working Women's Council of the Histadrut, were among the other speakers at the Seder. Isaac Hamlin, national secretary of the National Committee for Labor Palestine, was toastmaster. Messages of support were received from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Senators Robert F. Wagner and Irving M. Ives.

NEW WORLD COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS BEING ORGANIZED; ASKS AFFILIATION WITH UNESCO

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- A new World Council of Christians and Jews is being organized under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the conference has announced. Retired Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, who helped found the American organization, is taking the lead in shaping the new international body.

The State Department has promised to endorse the Council's application for affiliation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The pledge was made in a letter from Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson to Justice Hughes.

Justice Hughes defined the purposes of the new international organization as "to advance by educational means justice, amity, understanding and civic cooperation among the religious cultures of the earth. This organization will encourage research in the social sciences, in the field of human relations, and to that end will seek cooperation with the universities of every nation."

RUDOLF HOESS WILL BE HANGED ON GALLOWS HE ERECTED AT OSWIECIM DEATH CAMP

WARSAW, April 6. (JTA) -- Rudolf Hoess, former commandant of the Oswiecim death camp, who was last week sentenced to death by a Polish military court, will be hanged shortly after the Passover holiday on Oswiecim's one remaining gallows, which was erected by Hoess and has been kept as a relic in the camp museum.

Ernst Grabner, Hoess' adjutant, who headed the camp's political department, and Wladislaw Dering, camp doctor who selected the victims for the gas chambers, will soon be tried with 300 other members of the Oswiecim staff. Arrangements are being completed to bring Grabner from Vienna and Dering from Prague.

PALESTINE IS "ONLY SOLUTION" FOR DISPLACED JEWS IN GERMANY, GEN. MCNARNEY DECLARES

WASHINGTON, APRIL 6. (JTA) -- General Joseph T. McNarney, former commander of American forces in Europe, said Friday that displaced Jews in Germany cannot be absorbed into the German economy and that their transference to Palestine is "the only solution."

At a press conference here following his arrival from Germany, McNarney stated that the influx of Jewish refugees from Poland ceased about mid-November. Since December their departure from Germany exceed their entry, because, he said, they "have been indoctrinated with the Palestine idea by their leaders." The decrease amounted to 2,500 persons, he estimated. A poll showed that about 75 percent wish to leave for Palestine. "I see no solution for the Jews except to go to Palestine," McNarney said, adding that "very few are now going there from the United States zone."

Estimating the number of Jews in Rumania as about 300,000, and in Hungary as 180,000, he predicted that if they start infiltrating into the American zone, "it might be necessary to close the border."

McNarney is now senior American officer attached to the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations.

HUNGARIAN JEWS OWE SURVIVAL TO JEWS ABROAD. WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS CONFERENCE HEARS

BUDAPEST, April 6. (JTA) -- Hungarian Jews owe their survival to the efforts of Jews abroad, Rabbi I. Herskovits declared at the annual meeting of the Hungarian section of the World Jewish Congress. He said that from now on Hungarian Jews must undertake their own relief and rehabilitation program.

Other speakers expressed discontent with the progress made toward restitution of Jewish property. One of the leaders of the Congress, Dr. Ignac Friedmann, described the campaign against anti-Semitism and stated that some sections of the Hungarian peace treaty had not been carried out. The conference worked out a program for further development of the internal cultural and political activities of the Jewish community.

SWISS GOVERNMENT AGREES TO ADMIT 200 DISPLACED JEWS TO ATTEND ORT INSTRUCTORS COURSE

GENEVA, APRIL 6. (JTA) -- The Swiss Government has agreed to admit 200 displaced Jews from Germany, Austria and Italy to take a six-week course at an ORT training school, the organization announced today.

The Jews will become instructors in ORT schools in the three countries from which they come. The first group of fifty will be trained by Swiss experts in metal welding, machine work and lock work. Tailors will also be instructed in the manufacture of men's clothing.