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SOLDIER KILLED, POLICEMEN INJURED AS EXTREMISTS LAUNCH REPRISALS FOR GRUNER DEATH

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- One soldier was killed and two policemen seriously wounded today as the Jewish underground struck back at the British administration for the execution Wednesday morning of Dov Gruner and three other Jewish youths. Attacks took place in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Nathanya.

Aided by the lifting of the special curfews which had been clamped down on most of Jewish Palestine immediately after the hangings, three civilians drove an unmarked truck up to the 61st Field Dressing station in northern Nathanya, killed a sentry and blasted a large section of the installation.

A short time afterwards an armored car escorting a post office official through the center of Tel Aviv was struck by grenades thrown from a lurking taxi, wounding two policemen. Police guards fired on the attackers, wounding three passers-by, one mortally. Simultaneously, snipers in neighboring houses opened fire on the police.

The mortally wounded man, who died later in Hadassah hospital, had no identification papers on him, and police assume he was one of the attackers. The names of the two other wounded were given as Shneur Solderf, 33, a post office clerk, and Yesekiel Shemesh, 18, a shop clerk. Shortly after the attack Tel Aviv was declared out of bounds for all military and police personnel, except those travelling in armored cars.

About the same time in Haifa, two military dispatch riders and a military car were fired upon from a black salon car. According to the official account, there were no casualties. In all cases the attackers escaped.

Meanwhile, military officials are reported to have completed plans for special measures against Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa and against illegal immigration. The code terms for the operations are Stag, Triangle, Thorn, Cat and Dog.

Jewish Leaders Ask Clemency for Two Doomed Youths

Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Ben Zion Uziel, Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv and the Agudas Israel organization today sent separate petitions to High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham urging clemency for Moshe Barazani and Meir Feinstein, whose death sentences were confirmed yesterday by Palestine military commander Lt. Gen. Gordon H.A. MacMillan. The families of the condemned men were permitted to visit them in the central prison here. Later, an unconfirmed rumor said that they had been transferred to Acre Prison, where Gruner and three others were executed Wednesday morning.

The Irgun tonight posted up placards here mourning "four brave soldiers who died on the gallows." In Tel Aviv, a black-bordered Zionist flag was flown at half-

ast over the headquarters of the Revisionist Party.

A military court sentenced two Arab members of the Najada "army" to 18 months imprisonment for illegal possession of arms. The three Jews who were hanged with Gruner had been convicted of the same charge.

A bomb exploded this morning in the Jaffa headquarters of the Futuwa, which is reported to have been at odds with the Najada. A delegation of the former organization recently visited the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem in Egypt to pledge its loyalty to him.

ZIONIST YOUTHS "OCCUPY" BRITISH CONSULATE IN NEW YORK; HOLD MEMORIAL FOR EXECUTED JEWS

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- A group of about 50 Brith Trumpeldor members "occupied" the office of the British Consulate here today for more than an hour and held memorial services for Dov Gruner and the other Jewish youths who were executed this week in Palestine.

Speeches were delivered in the presence of the staff of the consulate, in English and in Hebrew, denouncing the executions, and Kaddish was recited in the presence of the policemen stationed in the consulate. No arrests were made. The Revisionist youths left the building singing Hatikvah and the Star Spangled Banner, cheered by a crowd of several hundred onlookers.

The crew members of the refugee vessel Ben Hecht, which brought several hundred visaless immigrants to Palestine last month, were welcomed this morning at City Hall by Acting Mayor Vincent Impellitteri. The seamen, who were imprisoned by the British for three weeks before being deported to the United States, stated that they were anxious to sail again with new transports of refugees.

Dr. Silver Condemns Execution of Jewish Youths in Palestine

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today charged that "the British Government in executing four Jewish youths in Palestine has now again demonstrated that it does not want peace in that country." He further charged that "the timing of the execution was deliberately aimed at keeping Palestine in continuous turmoil as a pretext to justify its repressive military regime in the eyes of the United Nations. By its acts the British military in Palestine is provoking further bloodshed for the very purpose of creating justification for continuation of its illegal, repressive military rule."

The Zionist president also sharply assailed the killing of seven Jews by the British in Palestine within the last few days--"three for exercising their internationally guaranteed right to enter the Jewish National Homeland, and four for having been driven to acts of desperation by the illegal British policy which seeks to destroy that international right."

The Labor Zionist Organization of America issued a statement declaring that "the injury of twenty refugees and the slaying of two on the Theodor Herzl is a crime which cannot be dismissed as a mere incident in the usual techniques of repelling immigrants to Palestine. Using machineguns against helpless civilians is a new device deliberately calculated to drive the Palestine Jewish community to acts of despair."

JEWISH AGENCY REACHES UNDERSTANDING WITH NON-ZIONIST GROUPS ON U.N. PALESTINE SESSION

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Members of the Jewish Agency executive met here this week with leaders of major American non-Zionist and other Jewish organizations and discussed the possibilities of united action at the forthcoming session of the U.N. General Assembly on Palestine.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns that all participants at the meeting, including the representatives of the American Jewish Committee and the Agudas Israel of America, agreed on the demand that the General Assembly recommend an interim solution providing for the implementation of the Palestine Mandate by the British Government. They also were inclined to agree that the Jewish Agency should be the only body to ask for a hearing at the Assembly. If its request is granted, the Agency will consult with the other organizations, which include the American Jewish Conference and the World Jewish Congress, in preparing the text of its presentation.

Informal conferences will continue to take place among all the groups represented at the meeting. It is understood that leaders of all major Jewish organizations will, as a result of the meeting, urge that the terms of reference of the fact-finding commission to be set up by the General Assembly mention the obligations of the British Government under the Mandate, Jewish rights in Palestine, and the need for Jewish immigration. They will also request that full hearings by the fact-finding commission be guaranteed to Jewish groups.

FOREIGN OFFICE SAYS BRITAIN HAS REACHED NO DECISION ON MAKE-UP OF U.N. PROBE COMMITTEE

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- The British Government has not reached any decision on whether it will favor exclusion of members of the Big Five and also the Arab states from the committee to be appointed by the special U.N. General Assembly on Palestine, a spokesman said today. He denied press reports that the British delegation at Lake Success had decided to propose that none of the interested parties be represented.

A report from Bagdad today says that at the meeting of the Arab Foreign Ministers, which concluded in Damascus yesterday, a secret resolution was adopted under which Britain would be invited to set up military installations in the Middle East countries, if she succeeds in obtaining a pro-Arab solution of the Palestine problem at the United Nations.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi Parliament voted to inform England and the United States that it was ready to sign military and economic agreements with Iran and Turkey in an endeavor to establish a "Middle Eastern Bloc" on the condition that the United Nations solve the Palestine problem in a manner favorable to the Arabs. At the same time, the Parliament approved the designation of Foreign Minister Fadhil Jamali as Iraq representative at the special session of the U.N. on Palestine.

BRITISH KILL ONE JEW, WOUND SIX OTHERS ON CYPRUS; SOLDIERS FIRE ON DEMONSTRATORS

HAIFA, April 18. (JTA) -- One Jew was killed and six wounded when British troops opened fire on a group of interned immigrants who were demonstrating at the Karolos camp on Cyprus, a report reaching here from Nicosia tonight stated.

The Jews were protesting because only 350 of them were scheduled to be transported back to Palestine although they had been promised that 750 would be returned under the regular monthly quota. A British statement of the incident said that the Jews had set fire to the camp. The deportation vessels sailed for Haifa without any wireless immigrants.

SO, FORMER HEAD OF SLOVAK STATE, EXECUTED; WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEPORTATION OF JEWS

BRATISLAVA, April 18. (JTA) -- Josef Tiso, former head of the pro-Nazi puppet Slovak state, was hanged here today. Among the crimes for which he was convicted was responsibility for the deportation of thousands of Slovak Jews to Nazi death camps, and the promulgation of anti-Jewish legislation which rivalled the Nuremberg Laws.

Anti-Semitic leaflets have been distributed in various parts of Slovakia and anti-Jewish feeling has spread through the province following Tiso's conviction. In Bratislava, however, all is quiet and there have been no demonstrations against the Jews.

A People's Court in Prague today sentenced a former Gestapo officer, Herman Keeler, to 20 years imprisonment. Keeler, who was convicted of charges of cruelty against Czechs and Jews, was a friend and bodyguard of the former Mufti of Jerusalem when he was in Berlin.

MASARYK SAYS INTERNATIONAL PEACE IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL JEWISH PROBLEM IS SOLVED

PRAGUE, April 18. (JTA) -- There is no possibility of world peace until the Jewish problem is solved, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk today told a meeting here of the Anti-Fascist League, called to protest anti-Semitism in the country. Four thousand persons attended.

Asserting that he was ashamed that it was necessary to hold such a meeting in Czechoslovakia, Masaryk castigated anti-Jewish sentiment and incidents in Slovakia and declared that it will be impossible to achieve democracy or socialism in the country unless anti-Semitism is conquered. He said that there was no real anti-Semitism in the country, but that some anti-Semitic habits persisted from the Nazi occupation.

Citing the nation's "immeasurable debt" to the Jews, he insisted: "My assistance to the Jews is only my duty to the Jewish victims."

I. Fuchs, vice-president of the Prague Jewish Community, asked the Czechs to judge the Jewish people on the basis of their attitude during the German occupation. He condemned the killing of Jews in Slovakian riots since the liberation and the confiscation of small farms owned by Jews.

STATE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINS NEW POLICY ON ADMISSION OF DP'S INTO U.S. ZONES

WASHINGTON, April 18. (JTA) -- The closing of displaced persons centers in the American zone in Germany to new applicants after April 21, as announced recently by General Lucius D. Clay, was not attributable to British pressure because of Palestine, but ordered for administrative reasons, Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson announced today.

Mr. Acheson explained to his press conference that lack of funds and of housing caused the War Department order, but stressed that the borders of the American zone would remain open to persecutees. He said no people arriving after April 21, nor any of the 166,000 DP's now living in the American zone outside of camps, would henceforth be accepted in the centers, but would have to take care of themselves.

"This has nothing whatever to do with closing the frontiers," Acheson declared. "The policy is not to close them and we will not. But the people who come in will have to take care of themselves." Asked to specify those arriving in the U.S. zone, Acheson said the infiltrators are mostly Jewish immigrants from Poland.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REFUGEE COMMITTEE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DP'S IN ITALY MAY 1

ROME, April 18. (JTA) -- Beginning May 1 the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee will assume responsibility for the maintenance of displaced persons in Italy, it was reported here today following discussions between Sir George Rendel, British representative on the Committee, and members of the Italian cabinet. Rendel returned to London yesterday.

It is stated that the displaced Jews, who are under protection of UNRRA, and who oppose being placed within the jurisdiction of the Committee, were not included in the agreement. The Jews desire that UNRRA continue its activities in their behalf until the International Refugee Organization is able to assume responsibility. Most of the 30,000 persons believed affected by the agreement are non-Jews from Central Europe who refuse to return to their native lands.

Twelve thousand Yugoslavs who have been in DP camps in this country since the end of the war will shortly be transferred to the British zone of Germany, it was reliably learned today.

BOMB EXPLODES IN BUENOS AIRES SYNAGOGUE; THIRD ATTACK WITHIN MONTH

BUENOS AIRES, April 18. (JTA) -- A bomb exploded today at dawn in one of the small synagogues in this city, causing considerable damage. This is the third attack on a synagogue in Buenos Aires within a month. Police authorities have started a search for the terrorists who are believed to be members of an anti-Semitic group.

Eight Jewish residents of Argentina who went to Bolivia on business have been refused visas by the Argentine consulate in La Paz to return to Buenos Aires, it was learned here today.

Officials at the consulate refuse to give any reasons for their action, although it is known that the Jews all have certificates of good conduct from the Buenos Aires police and that their papers are in order. The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jews, has protested the action to Foreign Minister Juan Atilio Bramuglia and has asked him to instruct the consul in the Bolivian capital to issue the necessary entry documents.

FIRST JEWISH SCHOOL REOPENED IN VIENNA; WILL OFFER CLASSES IN MANUAL TRAINING

VIENNA, April 18. (JTA) -- The first Jewish school since the closing down of Jewish institutions by the Nazi regime in 1938 will begin functioning this week. It was reopened by the Jewish Community with the aid of the Joint Distribution Committee.

In addition to teaching Hebrew, Jewish history and literature, the school will also have manual training classes. Instructions in tailoring, shoemaking and carpentry will be given by experts. The J.D.C. will provide students with hot meals and has made special transportation arrangements to bring the smaller children to school in buses.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING LAW TO ELIMINATE COMPULSORY RELIGIOUS TEACHING

BUDAPEST, April 18. (JTA) -- The Hungarian Government is considering a proposal that would eliminate compulsory religious teaching, it was learned today. Jewish leaders here are said to oppose the measure because they fear it would disassociate Jewish youth from Jewish learning and culture.

PERUVIAN WEEKLY ATTACKS IMMIGRATION OF JEWS; APPROVES NAZI PERSECUTIONS

LIMA, Peru. April 18. (JTA) -- The weekly "El Intransigente" today published an attack on the immigration of Jewish refugees to Peru signed by its editor, Oscar Salinas, who is widely known for his fascist sympathies.

The article forecast that if Jews were allowed to enter Peru, persecutions would follow. The article gave carte blanche approval to the Nazi persecution of Jews, insisting that they be shown "no mercy." It also approved Britain's policy in Palestine and urged the cancellation of the mandate and the conversion of the country to "semi-colonial" status.

POLISH DIPLOMAT BOOED AND APPLAUDED AT MEMORIAL MEETING FOR WARSAW GHETTO HEROES

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- The fourth anniversary of the uprising of the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto on April 19, 1943, was observed here last night at a memorial meeting arranged by the American Jewish Congress in Manhattan Center. Dr. Julius Katz-Suchy, secretary general of the Polish delegation to the United Nations and ambassador of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who was one of the principal speakers, was booed by some members of the audience and cheered by others when he asserted that the 40,000 Warsaw Jews who died in the ghetto battle, perished "in the fight for Poland's freedom and independence."

Dr. Katz-Suchy also read a message from Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish delegate to the United Nations, stating that "the new Poland knows her indebtedness to the fighters of the ghettos" and that Jews are treated in Poland as equal citizens.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of its executive committee, devoted the greater part of their addresses to condemning the execution of four Jewish youths in Palestine this week. They termed the executions "judicial murder" and said that they were ordered by London in the hope of provoking disturbances in Palestine just when the United Nations is about to take up the Palestine issue.

CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER LAUDS WAR RECORD OF JEWS IN ARMED SERVICES

TORONTO, April 18. (JTA) -- The contribution of the Jews of Canada to the war effort is lauded in a message sent by Prime Minister MacKenzie King to the Canadian Jewish Congress on the occasion of the publication by the Congress of a section of the record of the services of Canadian Jews in the armed forces during the war.

"For the Jewish people the recent war had an especial significance," the message said. "The way of life of all free peoples was threatened by Nazi and Fascist aggression. In addition, the Jewish people had the even sterner realization that for them it was not only a way of life, but life itself that was at stake. They fought not only for freedom but for survival. The contribution of the Jews of Canada bears eloquent testimony to the manner in which they met the double threat the war presented. The Canadian people share with their fellow citizens of the Jewish race a sense of pride in the sacrifice and courage which these pages record."

CANADA'S \$2,000,000 QUOTA FOR OVERSEAS JEWISH RELIEF WORK MAY BE OVERSUBSCRIBED

MONTREAL, April 18. (JTA) -- The drive by Canadian Jewry to raise \$2,000,000 for overseas relief work in 1947 is meeting with overwhelming success and the quota may be oversubscribed, it was learned here today.