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CYPRUS INTERNEES CONTINUE HUNGER STRIKE IN PROTEST AGAINST CUT IN IMMIGRATION QUOTA

JERUSALEM, April 20. (JTA) -- The 12,000 Jews interned at Cyprus today entered on the third day of a hunger strike called on Friday when one Jew was killed by guards and several wounded when they demonstrated against a cut in the number of internees to be returned to Palestine under the current monthly immigration quota.

According to reports from Nicosia, tension is still running high in the camps. Col. W.H. Widdescombe, the commanding officer of the Caracalos Camp, has asked for an immediate transfer in a gesture of sympathy with the refugees. Col. Widdescombe, who has been in charge of the camp since its establishment, said that at the present rate of immigration, some of the Jews will have to remain in Cyprus for 20 months. The internees have announced that if the full April quota of 750 is not returned to Palestine, none of them will sail.

Varying explanations were given for the cut in the immigration transport. One semi-official source said that only 375 of the 750 scheduled to be returned to Palestine would be allowed to leave because 375 refugees off the Susanna, which was beached near Gaza last month, had succeeded in escaping and had been hidden in Jewish settlements. Another report said that the cut was due to the damaging of two of the ferry vessels by mines.

JDC Representative Says Shootings Were "Irresponsible, Unnecessary"

A full account of the incidents at Cyprus was given today by a Joint Distribution Committee representative, who protested to the authorities against the "irresponsible and unnecessary shooting." He revealed that after the cut in the April quota had been announced a delegation of the refugees conferred with the camp authorities, who rejected their protests.

A hunger strike was then proclaimed and peaceful demonstrations took place at the gates of all camps. All of these passed without incident, except at Camp No. 55, where the guards fired at the demonstrators, killing Moshe Lehrer, 30, from Poland and wounding Zev Fuchs, 22; Pinchas Tidur, 17; Yochanan Spias, 28; Zvi Yeglin, 25; Chaim Burstein, 16; Lea Witzner, 17, and Bela Blat, 19. Fuchs, who received a serious abdominal wound, is still in a critical condition. All the others were hospitalized, but are recovering.

In a statement issued this afternoon, the Jewish Agency said the British and Palestine governments bear sole responsibility for whatever happens at Cyprus. It contrasted the official explanation that the shooting occurred after the refugees tried to set the camp gates afire with the version of the incident given by the JDC representative.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports said that another ship carrying 1,200 visaless immigrants is approaching the Palestine coast.

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NEW BLASTS IN PALESTINE; LARGE-SCALE VIOLENCE EXPECTED WHEN IRGUN COMPLETES PLANS

JERUSALEM, April 20. (JTA) -- The week-end quiet was blasted tonight when an army truck manned by members of the Arab Legion was blown up on the Haifa-Acre road, injuring two troopers. Earlier, police uncovered mines here and in Haifa.

The relative quiet which has prevailed since Friday's outbreaks is not regarded by even the most optimistic sources as an indication that the extremists have decided to lay low until the United Nations acts on Palestine. Large-scale action is expected within the next few days, as soon as the Irgun Zvai Leumi has completed its plans.

Meanwhile, the recent executions and the confirmation of the death sentences of two other youths has made a large section of the Jewish community look with greater sympathy on the activities of the extremists. Even the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council, which have condemned terrorism in no uncertain terms, have been forced to appeal for clemency for the doomed Irgunists. An Agency spokesman, explaining this move today, said that it was made "solely on security grounds."

Max Levitzky, an attorney who has represented several of the Irgunists, is reported tonight to have gone to Rehovoth to urge Dr. Chaim Weizmann to appeal to the High Commissioner for clemency. Rumors that Moshe Barazani and Meir Feinstein, the condemned men, have been shifted from Jerusalem to the Acre prison, where Gruner and his companions were executed, were denied today by the authorities. They said that two other prisoners had been transferred, but declined to give their names.

Fearful of the official repercussions which are certain to follow any new large-scale outbreaks, Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Ben Zion Uziel last night appealed to the dissidents "not to play into the hands of those seeking to destroy the Yishuv. Do not indulge in acts of revenge and thereby bring disaster to the Yishuv," they added.

The death in the hospital of one of the policemen injured in Tel Aviv on Friday during the attack on a British armored personnel carrier brought to three the toll of Friday's outbreaks. A sentry was killed at Nathanya and one of the extremists died a few hours after the attack. His body, which had been placed in the morgue of Hadassah Hospital in Tel Aviv, was stolen last night.

ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS PARLEY M.A.P.S STRATEGY TO BE FOLLOWED DURING U.N. SESSION

JERUSALEM, April 20. (JTA) -- The conference of Arab Foreign Ministers at Damascus has resolved to oppose appointment of a fact-finding commission on Palestine by the forthcoming special session of the U.N. General Assembly, but if the Arab stand is rejected, they will demand a place on the committee, it was reported here today.

The general line laid down by the conference is to wage a "war of nerves" at the General Assembly, threatening to boycott the U.N. or the member nations who favor the Zionists, at the same time threatening that there will be outbreaks and slaughters of Jews in the Middle East if the U.N. decides against the Arabs. If this does not succeed, the Arabs will reluctantly yield to the U.N. but will continue their fight on other fronts.

(At Lake Success yesterday, Faris el Khoury, Syrian delegate and chief Arab spokesman, announced that he will formally request the Assembly to place a full-dress

discussion of the Palestine situation on its agenda, rather than confining itself to the establishment of an inquiry committee. The Arab request will require approval by two-thirds of the Assembly delegates.)

The Hashomer Hatzair Party, which recently concluded a Palestine-wide conference, has forwarded a memorandum to the Jewish Agency calling on it to ask the United Nations for an international trusteeship over Palestine. It also urged that the trusteeship be followed eventually by a bi-national Palestine state.

Czech Circles Scout Report Masaryk Will Head U.N. Inquiry Committee

PRAGUE, April 20. (JTA) -- Official circles here today denied reports circulating at Lake Success that Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk may be named chairman of the fact-finding committee which is to be established by the U.N. General Assembly to investigate the Palestine situation. They said that it is unlikely that Masaryk will attend the special session on Palestine.

Yugoslavia Will Support Full Palestine Independence at U.N., Says Report

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- A Reuter dispatch from Belgrade today quoted "a high Yugoslav official" as declaring that his country will advocate at the United Nations "100 percent independence for Palestine and the Arab states." The official was further quoted as stating that the Yugoslavian delegation would call on all members of the U.N. to declare their willingness to help solve the problem of Jewish refugees who do not wish to remain in Germany or elsewhere.

U.S. SHOULD REAFFIRM SUPPORT OF PALESTINE JEWS AT U.N. ASSEMBLY, CRUM DECLARES

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- A "public reaffirmation" by the U.S. delegation to the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly session on Palestine of the declared American policy in favor of Jewish immigration into and settlement in the Holy Land was demanded tonight by Bartley C. Crum, former member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine.

Addressing a dinner at the Hotel Commodore, arranged by the Bnai Zion to mark the recent establishment by the fraternal group of a new colony in Palestine, Mr. Crum also urged that the United States delegation oppose British membership on any inquiry committee set up by the General Assembly and demand that no Arabs be on the committee unless equal representation is given the Jewish Agency.

The U.S. Government should demand the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine, before any further investigations are made, and should ask Britain to accept the findings of the League of Nations Mandate Commission, which declared the White Paper of 1939 was illegal, Mr. Crum said.

STRABOLGI SUGGESTS U.N. BE ASKED TO APPROVE PALESTINE AS BRITISH DOMINION

LONDON, April 20. (JTA) -- Addressing a meeting of the Joint Palestine Appeal tonight, Lord Strabolgi, a Labor peer, charged the Palestine government with attempts to discourage Arab-Jewish co-operation, and declared that a movement was growing in Palestine in favor of the creation of a self-governing British dominion. This movement was secretly favored by many influential Arab leaders, Lord Strabolgi declared.

He added that if the British Government proposed this solution to the U.N. Assembly, it would meet with tremendous response in Palestine and would help solve most of the difficulties inherent in the Palestine problem, including the strategic needs of Great Britain and the United States in the Middle East.

HER SISTER RETURNS TO U.S.; CALLS EXECUTION "CRUEL AND USELESS"

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- Mrs. Helen Friedman, sister of Dov Gruner, arrived at La Guardia Field this morning from Palestine, where she had gone in an unsuccessful attempt to persuade her brother to appeal his death sentence.

Mrs. Friedman spoke bitterly concerning the secrecy with which the British authorities had carried out the execution of Gruner and his three companions and the authorities' refusal to allow the doomed men to see a rabbi. "I think the execution is cruel and useless," she said. "It was done in a very cowardly way."

Asked about her lack of success in persuading her brother to appeal, Mrs. Friedman said that she had been allowed to see him for only fifteen minutes each week. "He was willing to give all he had--his life," she added. "He wanted to live. He will go on living even though he is dead." She said that most of the time she had spent with Gruner they had discussed family matters, since they had not seen each other in ten years.

Jewish Communities Throughout World Protest Hangings

BUCHAREST, April 20. (JTA) -- A large crowd, which overflowed the central synagogue here, heard Chief Rabbi Alexander Shafran condemn the hanging of Dov Gruner and his companions. Aid was pledged to the underground forces in Palestine by several speakers. Many Jewish shops closed during the observances.

The Bucharest press devoted a great deal of space to the Gruner case. The independent afternoon daily *Adverul* (Truth) compared the Palestine situation to the struggle of the Irish people for home rule. It praised Gruner for refusing to ask mercy of a government he did not recognize. The local Revisionist groups placed advertisements in most papers hailing Gruner as a hero.

MONTVIDEO, Uruguay, April 20. (JTA) -- A two-hour shut-down of all Jewish-owned enterprises in Montevideo during the week-end climaxed the local Jewish community's protest against the execution of Dov Gruner and three other Palestinian youths.

Large placards were placed in shop windows inscribed: "In Memory of Dov Gruner and Companions Hanged by the British in the Holy Land." The Zionist Organization and other Jewish groups took space in the city's leading newspapers to protest the executions.

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- Special prayers for the Jewish youths hanged in Palestine were recited yesterday in synagogues throughout the city. The observances had been called for by the New York Board of Rabbis. In sermons, many rabbis attacked the British Government for the executions.

BUENOS AIRES JEWS ASK POLICE CHIEF TO CURB GROWING ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS

BUENOS AIRES, April 20. (JTA) -- Police Chief Filomeno Velazco was urged yesterday by the DAIA, central Argentine Jewish body, to take energetic measures to curb the growing number of anti-Semitic incidents in the city.

In a memorandum submitted to Sr. Velazco, the DAIA cited recent attacks on two synagogues, a Jewish school and private homes and the appearance of anti-Semitic slogans in public places. It said that in only two cases have the persons responsible for anti-Jewish incidents been apprehended.

CENTRAL JEWISH COMMITTEE IN POLAND TO JOIN WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS IF CONDITIONS MET

WARSAW, April 20. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committee today voted to affiliate with the World Jewish Congress, if the latter organization is "reorganized and modelled along democratic lines."

The Committee adopted a resolution declaring that the Congress played a "negative" role in Europe and must be reorganized. The resolution also proposed that the Congress convene a meeting of all European Jewish organizations, whether members of the WJC or not.

The Committee's suggestions will be placed before the forthcoming European conference of the WJC, which is scheduled to open in Prague on April 23, by Dr. Adolph Berman, chairman of the Committee, and Shymon Zachariash,

The Committee's decision was attacked by the representatives of the Jewish Socialist Bund, who said that the Bund will withdraw from the central body if it decides to join the World Jewish Congress.

POLAND MARKS FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT AT WIDESPREAD OBSERVANCES

WARSAW, April 20. (JTA) -- Three thousand persons, including high-ranking government and military officials, filled the largest hall in this city last night to participate in a dramatic meeting marking the fourth anniversary of the revolt in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Minister of Reconstruction Michel Kaczorowski, speaking "in the name of the Polish Government and the Polish people," paid tribute to the heroism of the ghetto fighters. Gen. Kazimir Zarzycki, representing the Polish Army General Staff, lauded the contribution of the Polish Jews who battled the Nazis in the ghettos, in the woods as partisans and on the front lines. Youthful Chaya Grossman, a veteran of the ghetto rebellion, and well known Jewish writers and actors also participated.

The Polish press devoted many articles to the anniversary and special programs were broadcast over the radio stations in Warsaw, Wroclaw (Breslau), Cracow and Poznan. Meetings were also held in Lodz and in several cities in Lower Silesia, where thousands of Jews have resettled. Non-Jewish organizations in the Silesian cities hung banners in the street commemorating the revolt and pointing out that the ghetto fighters had also been struggling for Polish freedom.

Anniversary of Ghetto Revolt Observed in Palestine

JERUSALEM, April 20. (JTA) -- The fourth anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt was marked here yesterday at mass meetings and special prayers in settlements and towns throughout the country.

The largest meeting was held in Tel Aviv, where members of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council and former partisans joined in the observances. It was reported at the meeting that steps are to be taken to speed the erection here of a monument to the Jews who died in Europe under the Nazi occupation.

FRENCH POLICE ARREST 60 CHARGED WITH ANTI-JEWISH ACTIVITIES DURING NAZI OCCUPATION

PARIS, April 20. (JTA) -- French police today announced that they have arrested 60 persons on charges of anti-Jewish activities during the German occupation. Those arrested, among whom are a former Russian princess and a prominent industrialist, are accused of having taken part in the work of the Nazi-sponsored "Institute for the Investigation of the Jewish Question."

MORGENTHAU ATTACKS IMPRISONMENT IN "NEW GHETTOS" OF SURVIVORS OF HITLERISM

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- The "imprisonment in new ghettos converted from former concentration camps" of the survivors of Hitlerism was attacked tonight by former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., who is chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Morgenthau delivered the chief address at a dinner at the Hotel Biltmore honoring Dr. Stephen S. Wise on the 40th anniversary of the Free Synagogue, which he founded. He cited the resurgence of Nazi ideas at home and the coddling of Nazis abroad, adding that the fight for a decent post-war world was just beginning and in that fight the leadership of Dr. Wise was needed.

Dr. Wise, who announced his "virtual withdrawal" from the Free Synagogue pulpit and the appointment of Rabbi Eduard Klein, spoke briefly, as did Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Frederick L. Guggenheimer, president of the congregation, Norman S. Goetz, president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and Rabbi Kalin.

CITIZENS COMMITTEES SEEKING ENTRY OF DP'S TO U.S. ESTABLISHED IN 23 CITIES

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- Twenty-three communities in sixteen states have organized local Citizens Committees on Displaced Persons to arouse public opinion in favor of the Stratton bill, HR 2910, to admit 100,000 displaced persons into the United States annually for four years, it was announced today by Earl G. Harrison of Philadelphia, national chairman. Fourteen other local committees are in the process of formation, Mr. Harrison said.

Committees are now functioning in Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Detroit, Philadelphia, Seattle, Pittsburgh, Portland, Oregon, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Newark, Louisville, Rochester, Syracuse and several other cities, Mr. Harrison disclosed.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT PARLEY CALLED BY CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF RABBIS

CHICAGO, April 20. (JTA) -- Management and labor problems were explored here today in light of the teachings of Judaism by more than 300 Jewish industrialists, labor representatives, consumers and 125 rabbis from all over the country at the opening session of a two-day meeting sponsored by the Commission on Justice and Peace of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, in cooperation with the Chicago Federation of Reform Synagogues.

Rabbi Julius Mark, of Nashville, who presided, warned that labor-management cooperation could not be secured through the passage of legislation. George F. Kohn, of Philadelphia, representing management, said that unless labor-management conflicts are resolved, the result will be governmental control, which in turn will lead to totalitarianism under which minorities such as Jews would not fare well. Jack Kroll, of Cincinnati, a top director of the CIO's Political Action Committee, cited the growing disparity between wages and profits and said that "a Jew who does not fight for universal social justice has given up his heritage."

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA DESIGNATES SATURDAY, MAY 3RD, AS UJA SABBATH

NEW YORK, April 20. (JTA) -- Saturday, May 3rd, has been officially designated as United Jewish Appeal Sabbath by the Synagogue Council of America, representing more than 2,400 orthodox, conservative and reform rabbis throughout the country, "to focus the attention of the Jews of America on the desperate needs of Europe's 1,500,000 Jewish survivors," it was announced last night at the national headquarters of the U.J.A.

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