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TWO KIDNAPPED BRITISH POLICEMEN RELEASED IN TEL AVIV DISTRICT; BOTH UNHARMED

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- Two British policemen who were kidnapped from a swimming pool at Ramath Gan last night were released today unharmed. A military patrol, acting on a tip, found the men near Kiryat Shaul, in the Tel Aviv area.

The patrol established a cordon around the colony about noon and waited for the prisoners, Sergeant E.P. Hackett and Constable P.C. Ward. The abducted men walked up to the patrol about 40 minutes later.

Earlier this morning, the government gave the Haganah and the Jewish community a free hand to find the men. A communique declared: "The government takes a serious view of the outrage, and notes that the Yishuv has been called on to secure the immediate release of these men. It is not therefore, proposed at this moment to take any action which would hamper the Yishuv in meeting this call."

The call referred to in the communique was issued last night by the Haganah, which urged all Jews to furnish it with all information they might have about the incident, which it termed an "evil provocation." Members of the resistance group launched the greatest manhunt in its history following issuance of the appeal.

A similar call was issued by a Jewish Agency spokesman in the name of the Agency and the Jewish National Council and most of the major national institutions. The spokesman also expressed gratification that the government had agreed not to hamper the Jewish community's efforts to free the policemen. He charged that the "poor timing of the kidnapping seems designed to plunge the Jewish community into confusion."

Palestine Govt. and Extremists Charged with Provoking Disturbances

In another statement last night, the Haganah charged that both the Palestine Government and the dissident Jewish groups are plotting disturbances for the duration of the investigation of the United Nations inquiry committee. In a statement to the press the resistance movement declared that it would not allow such activities to disrupt the investigation and that it could assure the U.N. committee that its work would be carried on under normal circumstances.

Shortly after the kidnappings, Brigadier H.M. Moore, military commander of the Tel Aviv district, summoned Mayors Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, Joseph Saphir of Petach Tikvah and Abraham Krinitzy of Ramath Gan and warned them that the incident might have serious consequences for the Jewish community. He threatened "serious measures" and asked them to appeal to the public to cooperate with the authorities in the hunt for the policemen. However, when the mayors asked him to suggest concrete steps be taken to discover the whereabouts of the abducted men he was unable to reply.

Meanwhile, all soldiers were ordered to return to their camps and military policemen rounded them up from bars, cafes, theatres and other amusement centers. During these operations a mobile police unit discovered a bound and gagged Jew who

was believed to have been the original driver of the light truck used by the kidnapers during the seizure of the policemen. Several youths who were guarding the man fled when the police approached. The truck was found near Herzlia.

Police Inspector John M. Flanagan, who was in charge of the group which found the kidnapped men, claimed that he had not found them as a result of a tip but that he had traced them to Kiryat Shaul by the tracks of the truck. He said his men were conducting a house-to-house search when the two Britons, still in bathing trunks, appeared.

Kidnapped Policemen Say They Were Well Treated

The two policemen said that following their seizure they were kept in a closet in the truck until they arrived at the colony where they were blindfolded and led to a cellar. Their captors told them that they were hostages for the safety of five Irgunists now standing trial for participation in the Acre prison break and that if the Jews were hanged they would die.

They said that they were well treated except that they were shackled. At noon today their guard left the room, declaring he had to make a telephone call. While he was out Sergeant Hackett freed himself and Ward and they quit the cellar. The occupants of the house, who were later questioned, disavowed any knowledge of what had transpired in the basement room, where several weapons were found. Meanwhile, the police continued to search the colony and one of the kidnapped men is said to have identified one of his captors. Nine persons were arrested.

In Jerusalem late yesterday several armed Jews held up a truck owned by the Palestine Potash Company and escaped with about \$1,600. Their car was later found in the city and, during a search of the vicinity, a huge arms cache was discovered. Forty people were subsequently questioned and several detained.

Two well known Arab moderates, the brothers Mahmud Salameh and Haj Mahmud Azi, were last night assassinated outside of Telesafi, northwest of Hebron, by unidentified Arab gunmen. The brothers, known as "friends of the Jews," were allegedly slain by Husseinites who recently began a "purge" of their "enemies." It is reported that they were killed after they had journeyed to Tel Aviv to sell land to Jews.

TRIAL OF ACRE PRISON ATTACKERS COMPLETED, SENTENCE EXPECTED TODAY; DEFENDANTS DEFIANT

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- The military court trying five youths for participation in the Acre prison break on May 4 concluded its hearing today and a verdict is expected to be issued tomorrow.

The three defendants who have been boycotting the proceedings--Meir Nakar, Jacob Weiss and Abshalom Habib--read long statements denouncing the court and demanding intervention by the U.N. inquiry committee to secure abolition of military tribunals. The other two prisoners, Amnon Mikhailoff and Nachman Zitterbaum, testified in their own defense.

They asserted that they had travelled to Safad in the bus carrying the attackers, but left the vehicle before the assault on the prison began. They were attacked later, they said, by a group of Arabs, and Zitterbaum suffered several wounds. Both testified that they were under 18 years of age, and the defense kept harping on their extreme youth.

Meanwhile, another military court today began trying Ephraim Michaeli, who is accused of distributing Irgun pamphlets in Jerusalem.

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STATE DEPT. URGED TO PUBLISH MATERIAL ON EX-MUFTI AS AID TO UNITED NATIONS INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, June 10. (JTA) -- Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York today called on the State Department to publish the material it possesses on the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and his collaboration with the Axis during the war. Such publication, he said, would help the United Nations in reaching a decision on Palestine "and will help to determine our course of action in the Middle East."

In a letter of June 6 to Secretary of State George C. Marshall, Senator Wagner said he considers "most urgent" the publication by the Department of documents revealing the Mufti's "role in the extermination of the Jews," and his activities in the Iraqi revolt of 1941 and as an Axis agent since then.

"Because this material is of such unquestioned interest to the Congress and to the American people, and because the United Nations is now investigating the Palestine question," said Wagner, "I deem it most urgent that the Department of State should publish all the material it has in its possession regarding this important matter."

Under-Secretary of State Dean Acheson said in August 1946 that documents establishing collaboration of the ex-Mufti with the Axis were being translated by the State Department and would be published at an opportune time as part of a collection of material on the Axis.

HILLDRING RESIGNS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT; ADVOCATED ADMISSION OF DP'S TO UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, June 10. (JTA) -- Secretary of State George C. Marshall today revealed that John H. Hilldring, Assistant Secretary for Occupied Areas, who supports the admission of displaced persons to the United States, is resigning from his post because of financial reasons.

Testifying before the Senate Sub-Committee on Appropriations in an attempt to secure the return of funds deemed necessary by the State Department for its informational and other programs, and which had been cut by Congress, Secretary Marshall said that the Department was losing many able officials because of inadequate funds.

FIRST GROUP OF U.N. INQUIRY COMMITTEE LEAVES; LIE WON'T CIRCULATE AGENCY PROTEST

LAKE SUCCESS, June 10. (JTA) -- The first group of members of the United Nations inquiry committee left LaGuardia Field today for London, en route to Palestine.

Secretary-General Lie announced that he would not circulate to U.N. members the Jewish Agency's protest against his note accompanying a British request for steps to curb "illegal" immigration to Palestine.

PALESTINE HIGH COURT UPHOLDS LAND RESTRICTIONS IN TEST CASE BROUGHT BY AMERICAN JEW

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- Former Magistrate Bernard A. Rosenblatt of New York may appeal to the Privy Council, Britain's highest appellate court, against a decision of the Palestine Supreme Court upholding the Palestine Government's right to prohibit his acquiring land in a section of the country barred to Jewish purchasers, it was learned here today.

The suit was brought by Rosenblatt, one-time president of the American Palestine Foundation Fund, as a test case of the rights of American Jewish citizens to buy land despite the restrictions. He claimed that the Palestine Mandate and a subsequent treaty between the United States and Britain guaranteed him against discrimination. Although ruling against him, Chief Justice William Fitzgerald admitted that he might have a good case before an international tribunal.

IRGUN ASKED BY BRITAIN TO EXTRADITE TWO ALLEGED STERNISTS CAUGHT WITH BOMBS

LONDON, June 10. (JTA) -- The Belgian Government has been asked to extradite England a man and a woman captured last week on the Paris-Brussels express with a quantity of explosives in their possession, it was reported here today.

The two, who are alleged to be members of the Stern Group, are said to have a trunk with a false bottom filled with explosives and a dozen envelopes addressed to prominent Britons. The woman's name is given as Lazarus, and the man's as Jacobs. The woman is said to be a French national, while the man is reportedly a stateless person of Russian origin.

IRGUN IN ITALY DENIES RESPONSIBILITY FOR LETTER BOMBS SENT TO PROMINENT BRITONS

ROME, June 10. (JTA) -- The Irgun Zvai Leumi sent a statement today to newspapers and press associations denying that it was responsible for the letter bombs sent to prominent Britons last week, at the same time that Italian and British police were arresting 12 suspects in Genoa.

The Irgun charged that reports published in the press here, accusing it of complicity in the attempted bombings, were a British provocation, aimed at persuading the Italian authorities to give British intelligence a free hand in combatting illegal immigration from Germany and Austria of Palestine-bound migrants and in halting the departure of blockade-runners.

The Irgun also attacked the English-language newspaper Rome American for publishing an article stating that the headquarters of the Irgun in Italy were located in the Jewish refugee camp at Grygliasco, near Turin, and criticized the Associated Press for carrying an allegedly false story that a Sternist in Genoa had confessed sending the bombs.

ALLEGED TERRORIST HELD BY SYRIAN POLICE STARTS HUNGER STRIKE; SAID TO BE STERNIST

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- Baruch Moisevitch, alleged Jewish terrorist who was arrested on Sunday by Syrian police, has started a hunger strike in protest against his continued incarceration, according to a report from Damascus.

Moisevitch is alleged to have admitted that he was a member of the Stern Group and that he was one of the prisoners who escaped from Acre prison during the cell delivery on May 4. Syrian police authorities resumed interrogating him today, but he refused to answer any more questions.

TURKISH POLICE ARREST TWO YOUNG JEWS CHARGED WITH ARRANGING EMIGRATION TO PALESTINE

ISTANBUL, June 10. (JTA) -- Two young Jews, one of whom is a girl, are reported to have been arrested in the city of Smyrna. They are alleged to be members of a Zionist organization arranging the secret emigration of young Jews to Palestine.

LONDON PRESS REPORTS EXISTENCE OF WELL-FINANCED ARAB UNDERGROUND IN BRITAIN

LONDON, June 10. (JTA) -- Existence of a well-financed Arab underground in Britain is indicated by letters received recently by a number of persons prominent in public affairs, the London press reports today.

The letters, which are signed "Defenders of Arab Palestine," announce that a campaign has been launched to prevent Jews from entering Palestine "illegally." Declaring that "our leader is now with us after a long sojourn in foreign lands" (apparently a reference to the Mufti), the letter declares that "actions are planned not to harm innocent Jews, but to those using innocents as their pawns we shall show no mercy."

BLACK PANTHER," ITALIAN JEWISH GIRL WHO BETRAYED JEWS TO NAZIS, SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS

ROME, June 10. (JTA) -- Celeste de Porto, 22-year-old Jewish girl charged with betraying Jews to the Gestapo in Italy, was today sentenced to twelve years imprisonment. She is known here as the "Black Panther."

The mild sentence has aroused public opinion. The prosecutor, who originally asked for a 30-year term has announced that he will appeal. Other war criminals on trial at the same time received sentences ranging from 12 to 18 years.

NET ORDERS NEW INQUIRY INTO CHARGES OF COLLABORATIONISM AGAINST DUTCH JEW

AMSTERDAM, June 10. (JTA) -- The verdict in the trial of Frederik Weinreb, an Orthodox Jew accused of collaboration with the Nazis, has been postponed pending a new inquiry by the court into the property held by him and also charges that he turned over lists of Jews to the Gestapo.

Weinreb has maintained that he worked with the Nazis only to facilitate the rescue of Dutch Jews. The prosecution charges that he profited financially from the collaboration. Supporters of Weinreb, including influential figures in the Jewish community, claim that he is being railroaded to cover up the collaboration of prominent officials.

FOOD PERMITS MAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM HOTELS BARRING JEWS, SAYS BRITISH FOOD MINISTER

LONDON, June 10. (JTA) -- Food permits may be withheld from any hotel refusing to serve Jewish or other customers on racial ground, Food Minister John Strachey said today in a written reply to Tom Driberg, Independent Labor, who had asked what action would be taken against hotels at the resort towns of Margate and Cliftonville, whose brochures state "Gentiles Only."

Strachey added that "I am sure that we all abhor racial discrimination as practiced in Cliftonville." He said that he was examining the situation in Margate, where the Labor Party held its annual conference last month.

AUSTRALIAN HEALTH COMMISSION CHARGES RITUAL SLAUGHTERING IS "CRUEL METHOD"

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 10. (JTA) -- The Health Commission in the state of Victoria this week issued a statement attacking Jewish ritual slaughtering of animals as "a cruel method of slaying."

Replying, Rabbi Jacob Danglow, spiritual leader of Victorian Jewry and former chief chaplain of the Australian armed forces, declared that scientific authorities have proven that ritual slaughtering is a humane method.

POLISH PREMIER CONFERS WITH DELEGATION OF JEWISH COMMITTEE ON CURRENT PROBLEMS

WARSAW, June 10. (JTA) -- Premier Josef Cyrankiewicz today received a delegation of the Central Jewish Committee of Poland. The group, headed by Adolph Bereman, its chairman, discussed current Jewish problems with the Premier.

Dr. Raphael Eidelman, director of the Jewish section of the Royal Library in Copenhagen, has arrived here on a mission for the Danish Government. He will acquire Jewish books in Poland and Czechoslovakia for the library, which already has 25,000 Yiddish and Hebrew volumes.

Dr. Eidelman said that the late King Christian had taken a personal interest in the Jewish section and urged augmenting of its collection. The Danish scholar revealed that a Jewish Scientific Center is being organized in Copenhagen with the cooperation of the Danish Government and the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

