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UNITED NATIONS INQUIRY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES CONTACT WITH JEWISH UNDERGROUND GROUPS

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- The United Nations inquiry committee today established informal and unofficial contact with representatives of the two Jewish underground groups, the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Group.

The contact with the Jewish extremists was established while the committee was touring the Old City of Jerusalem. Two Jews, one speaking for the Irgun and the other representing the Sternists - both American citizens - met the U.N. delegates and chatted with them informally for some time. The majority of the committee knew beforehand that they would be met by spokesmen of the dissident Jewish groups.

Contact with the Arab Higher Committee was also established, through the secretariat of the fact-finding body, with a view to exploring the possibilities of the Arabs calling off their boycott of the probers. Nothing is known as yet as to the conditions advanced by the Higher Committee as its price for halting the boycott.

(The American Zionist Emergency Council today issued a statement charging that the boycott is "part of a carefully pre-arranged and premeditated tactical game, designed to maneuver the United Nations into regarding the Arab Higher Committee as a 'wronged' group, and thus create an advantageous position for the Arabs in the meeting of the General Assembly which is to take place in September."

(The Council asserted that there is no divergence of tactics between the Higher Committee and the Arab League, which is not participating in the boycott. "The Arab League's attitude should not be regarded as a sign of conflict between the two Arab bodies, but rather as the result of a joint understanding as to the strategy to be employed before the United Nations," the Council said.)

Investigators Visit Wailing Wall and Old Synagogues

The members of the inquiry body today visited the Wailing Wall, the Great Synagogue known as The Hurvah, where they were welcomed by Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog in behalf of the Ashkenazi community, and the Synagogue of Yohanan Ben Zaccai where they were welcomed by Chief Rabbi Benzion Uziel for the Sephardic community. They also visited the Mosque of Omar.

A reception was tendered the members of the committee by the High Commissioner tonight. Members of the Jewish Agency executive and government officials attended. The Arab Higher Committee was not invited to the reception allegedly because of the High Commissioner's reluctance to embarrass its members.

The central committee of the Zionist-Revisionists today sent a memorandum to the Jewish Agency asking that one of its representatives be included in the delegation of the Agency which is to appear before the inquiry committee. This representative should have the right to state the Revisionists' demands at the hearings, the memorandum stipulated.

HAGANAH FOILS IRGUN ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN TEL AVIV; ONE KILLED

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- The long-smoldering conflict between the Haganah and the terrorist groups flared into open warfare today when the Haganah foiled a bombing attempt by the Irgun to blow up British civil and military headquarters in Tel Aviv, losing one member in the process.

A loud blast at 11:30 this morning brought police to the neighborhood of the headquarters, in Citrus House, where they found that a tunnel leading to the building from the cellar of a neighboring house had been blown up. In the debris they found the body of Zeev Verber, 20, a Haganah member. Near him lay a note reading: "The Haganah will not let you carry out your machinations. We warn you." The police cordoned off the entire area, and arrested the occupants of the house where the tunnel originated.

As far as can be ascertained, the following occurred: Learning of the attempt to blow up Citrus House, the Haganah sent a heavy truck filled with sacks of cement to the scene of the digging with the intention of blocking up the tunnel. Verber, who was one of the 14 men in the truck, dismounted and attempted to dismantle the mine, which exploded. The truck disappeared before the police arrived.

Haganah and Irgun Duel Over Air Waves Following Incident

In a broadcast tonight the Haganah said that it had sacrificed the life of one of its young members to save Tel Aviv from disaster, but stressed that its action should not be interpreted as collaboration with the government, although it will continue to fight "gun in hand" to "root out the terrorist cancer from the Yishuv."

Simultaneously, the Irgun broadcast an attack on the Haganah for today's operations, charging it with working with the government, "which leads Jews to the gallows." The broadcast asserted that before the split between the resistance groups developed, the government had not dared to execute Jews. It accused the Haganah of preparing a "St. Bartholomew's Night" for the Irgun. The broadcast reiterated that the Irgun will not be deflected from its aims.

In an earlier clash, Haganah members last night prevented Sternists from posting leaflets in the colony of Raanana. Three persons were wounded, one seriously, in an exchange of fire.

Jewish Prisoners Call Hunger Strike in Sympathy with Doomed Youths

More than 100 Jewish prisoners in the Jerusalem prison went on a hunger strike yesterday when they learned that death sentences had been imposed on three Irganists convicted of participation in the Acre jail break last month. A delegation of the strikers which was received by the prison superintendent today presented the following demands for forwarding to the authorities: 1. Abolition of the death sentence. 2. Cessation of the deportation of political prisoners. 3. The treatment of political prisoners as war prisoners. 4. Abolishment of military courts.

Immediately after the strike broke out, the three condemned men, Abshalom Habib, Jacob Weiss and Meir Nakar, were moved to Acre Prison under heavy military guard, amid great secrecy. They were placed in the cell where Dov Gruner spent the last few days before his execution.

The families of the striking prisoners announced that they had also gone on a hunger strike and would continue to fast until sunset today. Meanwhile, the families of the doomed youths sent a memorandum to the U.N. inquiry committee, asking it to intervene with the government to secure commutation of the death sentences. The

Chief Rabbinate and Mayor Israel Rotach of Tel Aviv are to appeal to the High Commissioner and the British military commander for clemency. The Agency also broached the possibility of clemency to the authorities, but was turned down. It is feared, therefore, that the government is determined to execute the three.

Police Officer Who Abducted Jewish Youth Extradited From Syria

The government announced today that Maj. J.H. Farran, the Assistant Superintendent of the Palestine Police who is suspected of being involved in the abduction and probable killing last month of 17-year-old Alexander Rubovitz, has been extradited from Syria, and is now under arrest here "on a serious charge." Two of his associates who fled with him to Syria are still there. Meanwhile, a police spokesman told Rubovitz' parents that the police have been unable to trace him.

A high government official is reported today to have told a representative of the Middle East Red Cross who is now visiting Palestine that the authorities are preparing to deport all terrorist suspects held in the Latrun detention camp to internment camps in Kenya, which already hold 250 to 300 Palestinian Jews.

The bulk of those held at Latrun have never been tried, or even informed of the charges against them. Recently, High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham recommended that all political detainees in Palestine be sent to Kenya to avoid the possibility of another jail delivery such as the Acre prison break.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT PROMULGATES LAW WHICH MAY HAMPER JEWISH IRRIGATION OF NEGEV

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- An ordinance which may prevent Jews from irrigating the Negev was promulgated today by the Palestine Government.

The ordinance gives the High Commissioner the right to assume control over underground water resources in any area of Palestine and prohibits the construction of new wells or the making of substantial alteration in existing wells without special permit.

Under the new law, no person is allowed to draw water from any well in a controlled area without a special license. The ordinance was originally drafted in 1942, but was not implemented because of opposition by Jewish leaders who feared that the government might use its new powers to the detriment of Jewish colonization and introduce discrimination against Jews along the same lines as the land-acquisition laws.

The government today also announced the immigration quota for the June 15-July 14 period. The quota allows 1,500 visas to Jews and 200 to Arabs and others.

CREECH-JONES REJECTS DEMAND FOR SUPPRESSION OF JEWISH AGENCY FOR ALLEGED USE OF FORCE

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones today rejected a demand by Richard Stokes, Labor, that the Jewish Agency be suppressed because it advocates the use of force to further illegal immigration into Palestine.

Creech-Jones expressed regret at the passage last month of a resolution by the Jewish National Assembly, which warned that force would be used, if necessary, to guarantee Jewish immigration and land settlement, but told Commons that the situation did not warrant action against the Agency, which, he stressed, had a special position under the Mandate. Stokes charged that several members of the Agency were involved in the blasting of British administrative headquarters in the King David Hotel last Summer.

RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES IN HUNGARY CHARGED WITH STRIPPING JEWISH REFUGEES FROM RUMANIA

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- Russian authorities in Hungary stripped valuables from Jewish "infiltrates" entering or leaving the country, it was charged here at a meeting of the Bachad Fellowship by Erica Lunzer who yesterday returned from Hungary.

Miss Lunzer, who was sent to Hungary to select children for a sanatorium which the Fellowship, which operates training farms for Orthodox chalutzim, maintains in Switzerland, reported that 40,000 Jews in Hungary are completely destitute and that 120,000 Jews and 12,000 children are fed and clothed by the Joint Distribution Committee.

In Rumania, she declared, the Jewish situation is very chaotic as a result of the third year of continuous drought. Even chalutzim working on farms lack milk and are in need of medicaments.

CZECH CONSTITUTION WILL NOT CARRY SPECIFIC SAFEGUARDS FOR JEWS; GUARANTEES EQUAL RIGHTS

PRAGUE, June 18. (JTA) -- The chairman of the Parliamentary Constitutional Commission, which is drafting a national constitution for Czechoslovakia, today explained to representatives of the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia and Moravia that it was not necessary to include specific guarantees of Jewish rights because the new charter would contain measures to safeguard the fundamental freedoms and human rights of all citizens.

He pointed out that in addition the draft constitution provided penalties for violation of such clauses. It also declares all religions to be equal in the eyes of the law and guarantees freedom of worship. Among the most important points is the establishment of equality of citizenship regardless of nationality.

BELGIAN COURT RETURNS JEWISH GIRL WHO WAS SHELTERED BY NON-JEW TO HER RELATIVES

BRUSSELS, June 18. (JTA) -- The Brussels Civil Tribunal, in a precedent-making case, has ordered the return to her relatives of a Jewish child who was hidden by non-Jews during the war.

The test case was brought by the relatives of Denise Zynger, whose parents have disappeared. The judge ruled that "it is extremely desirable" that the Jewish child be returned to "its original surroundings, family and religious traditions from which it was torn" by the war.

CARTOONIST FOR STREICHER'S ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS BY GERMAN COURT

MUNICH, June 18. (JTA) -- The German press today reports that Philip Rupprecht, cartoonist for Julius Streicher's anti-Semitic newspaper Stuermer, has been sentenced to ten years at hard labor by a denazification court in the Bavarian town of Ebersberg.

GESTAPO MURDERER OF GEORGES MANDEL, FORMER FRENCH CABINET MEMBER, EXECUTED IN FRANCE

PARIS, June 18. (JTA) -- Max Knipping, Gestapo man who shot Georges Mandel, former French Minister of the Interior, while he was being transferred from one Nazi prison to another, was executed today. Mandel, the only Jewish member of the war-time French Cabinet prior to the fall of Paris, was considered by the Nazis to be their "Enemy No. 1" in France.

ANTI-SEMITIC ELEMENTS IN LONDON POLICE BELIEVED AIDING ANTI-JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic elements among the London police may be helping fascist groups now conducting anti-Jewish activities, a Member of Parliament, who asked that his name not be used, said today. He added that the Palestine situation has given encouragement to the fascist organizations here, which have become extremely vocal in recent months.

The Marquess of Reading told a meeting of the Council of Christians and Jews yesterday that there is a growing hostility towards Jews in Britain, fostered by pre-war anti-Semitic groups which have re-emerged in the past year. He also attributed the growth of anti-Semitism to the terrorism in Palestine.

NEW ARGENTINE POLICE CHIEF PROMISES ACTION TO CURB ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES

BUENOS AIRES, June 18. (JTA) -- Arturo Bertollo, who recently replaced Gen. Philomeno Velasco as chief of the federal police, yesterday received a delegation of the DAAJ, central Jewish body, which submitted a memorandum detailing recent anti-Semitic incidents and recalling a similar note submitted by the DAAJ in April. The delegation cited the bombing Sunday of the Bar Kochba Sports Club.

Bertollo assured Dr. Moises Goldman, DAAJ president, that perpetrators of anti-Jewish acts would be dealt with severely in the future. He asked the DAAJ to draft proposals for the prevention of anti-Jewish activities.

UNION LEADER, STATE OFFICIALS TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF FEDERAL FEPC LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers, CIO; Henry C. Turner, former chairman of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination and Charles Garside, present chairman of the Commission, and Joseph L. Bustard, Assistant Commissioner of Education of New Jersey today testified in favor of the Ives Bill to outlaw discrimination in employment, when the Senate Sub-Committee on Labor and Public Welfare resumed hearings on the FEPC measure.

Reuther told the sub-committee that discrimination has been on the upgrade since the end of the war and it would be accelerated by an economic crisis. He came out strongly in favor of legislation with provisions for enforcement. The other witnesses testified on the working of anti-discrimination agencies in their states, reporting that in the overwhelming majority of cases persuasion and consultations had been sufficient to resolve complaints.

LEHMAN APPEALS FOR "INCREASED GOOD WILL AND UNDERSTANDING" TO DESTROY BIGOTRY

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Declaring that "intolerance is the foe not only of liberty but also of religion," Herbert H. Lehman today told a meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the Hotel Pennsylvania that fanaticism and intolerance in the United States "can be destroyed only by increased good will and understanding." The purpose of government is, and always must be, to safeguard the equal rights guaranteed to all by constitution and statute, he added.

"It is always possible for the powerful to oppress and persecute minorities or groups; but let every lover of democracy remember that when we deal unjustly with or persecute our fellow man we weaken the structure of democracy itself," the former governor said. "Where democracy has been weakened, persecution, religious intolerance and civil oppression have invariably raised their ugly heads. Those who are indifferent to the blessings of their liberties may lose them."

KLAN'S SURRENDER OF CHARTER IS ONLY "PAPER" DISSOLUTION, ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE WARNS

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- The Ku Klux Klan's surrender of its national charter in a Georgia Superior Court last week indicated only a "paper" dissolution of the organization, which is continuing to function in many states throughout the country, Prof. James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, warned today.

Prof. Sheldon said that the Klan is organized under different names in various Southern states. He also pointed out that the Federated Ku Klux Klan of Alabama still has legal authority to operate nationally. He said that few, if any, of the Klan's activities, even in Georgia, are affected by the surrender of its charter, since most of them were not covered by the document.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PARLEY WILL OPEN IN BUENOS AIRES ON JUNE 28

BUENOS AIRES, June 18. (JTA) -- The Latin-American conference of the World Jewish Congress will open in Buenos Aires on June 28, it was announced here today. It was originally scheduled to be held in Montevideo.

The delegates will discuss various aspects of Jewish life in Latin American countries, including community problems, relief, immigration and political developments.

HAPOEI SOCCER TEAM RETURNS TO PALESTINE AFTER PLAYING NINE GAMES IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Concluding their good-will tour of the United States, the Hapoel Soccer team last night lost 2 to 0 to a picked team of the American Soccer League. More than 20,000 fans attended the game, which took place at Ebbets Field.

The Hapoel players will leave for Palestine on Sunday with a record of three matches won, two lost and four tied. The gate receipts will go towards building a modern sports stadium in Palestine.

MEMORIAL TO 6,000,000 MURDERED JEWS OF EUROPE WILL BE ERECTED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- A memorial to the 6,000,000 Jews exterminated by the Germans and to the fallen heroes of the Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto will be erected on Riverside Drive in New York, it was announced here today. Jo Davidson, internationally known sculptor, is already at work modeling the monument.

The announcement was made by the executive committee of the American Memorial to Six Million Jews of Europe, an organization headed by Dr. Joseph Thon, president of the National Organization of Polish Jews. Arthur Szyk, well-known Jewish artist; and A. Lerner, author. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for September.

SEVENTY U.S. JEWISH EDUCATORS WILL ATTEND WORLD CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- More than 70 American Jewish educators and communal leaders interested in Jewish education are leaving this month for Palestine to attend the first World Conference on Jewish Education, to be held in Jerusalem from July 29 to Aug. 7 under the auspices of the Hebrew University, it was announced today by the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Representatives from many European countries will also attend.