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ITISH HOLD OFF MILITARY RULE PENDING JEWISH EFFORTS TO FREE KIDNAPPED SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- Following day-long consultations among High Comssioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham, Lieut. Gen. Gordon MacMillan and high security ofcers, it was decided tonight to hold off another 24 hours before proclaiming Nathan- and 20 adjoining Jewish settlements in the Emek Hefer district a "military conolled area."

The district had been slated to be placed under military rule as of midnight night, if the two British sergeants kidnapped by the Irgun Zvai Leumi were not rerned, but the authorities agreed to a plea by Nathanya's mayor Oved Ben Ami for a -hour respite to ensure the cooperation of the Haganah and allow Jewish groups to tempt to liberate the abducted men.

Meanwhile, the Nathanya municipal council met this afternoon to decide what do if military rule is invoked, which will mean that telephone and postal services ll be cut off and the district isolated from the rest of the country. It was rerted that Nathanya and the surrounding settlements had enough food for a fortnight.

British Troops Stop Searches in Anticipation of Action by Haganah

Thousands of British troops, estimated at more than a brigade, who had been ouring the sand dunes and orange groves around Nathanya, where the kidnapped men-- ts. Mervyn Paice and Clifford Martin--were seized, halted their searches this afteon, apparently in anticipation of the Haganah resuming the hunt. The Haganah had nt squads into the field yesterday as soon as the kidnappings were disclosed, but ey were withdrawn after troops entered the search to avoid any suspicion that they re cooperating with the British.

The Haganah's high command is understood to have notified leaders of the Irn, who seized the soldiers as hostages for the three Irgunists doomed for the Acre ison break, that if they do not surrender the two men, the Haganah will launch a ll scale drive against them. Mayor Ben Ami is also making frantic efforts to sere the sergeants' release before military law is clamped down. Yesterday, the gun informed Ben Ami that they would hold the kidnapped men until the death, sences on their members had been commuted.

A military guard is still occupying the Karasher Barzel engineering works in l Aviv which were shut down Friday night after troops and police raided the plant d found blue-prints and parts for Sten guns and one machinist working on a part of Sten gun barrel. According to unofficial sources the plant was one of the Haganah rkshops. A few weeks ago another Haganah workshop in Tel Aviv was seized, reportedly a tip from the Irgun, retaliating for the Haganah frustrating an attempt to blow British military headquarters in the city.

MUNISTS ASK INDEPENDENT JEWISH-ARAB STATE IN TESTIMONY BEFORE U.N. PROBERS

JERUSALEM, July 13. (JTA) -- Immediate evacuation of British troops from estine and the establishment of a "democratic Jewish-Arab state" following a trans-ion period under the supervision of a special United Nations committee was urged to- by the all-Jewish Palestine Communist Party during testimony before the United tions Special Committee on Palestine.

Meir Vilner and Dr. W.S. Ehrlich, speaking for the central committee of the mmunist Party, charged that British rule had been responsible for the animosity ween Jews and Arabs and had prevented Arab-Jewish rapprochement. They cited a g list of "crimes: murder, rape and pillage," committed by the Mandatory during 30 years it has ruled this country,particularly in the years 1936-39 and 1946-47. Communist leaders also listed examples of Arab-Jewish cooperation, particularly the field of labor.

The Communist spokesman asserted that Britain was building a military strong-ld in Palestine as part of a "cordon sanitaire" against the Soviet Union, and not the benefit of the country. They appealed to the United Nations to remove Brit-h "reactionary forces" in order to achieve peace in the Middle East and the whole rld.

Say Future State Would Join With Other Countries To Solve Immigration Problem

Questioned concerning their attitude to Jewish immigration, Vilner and Dr. rlich stated that the problem of immigration was never a major problem with the abs, who considered the removal of foreign rule more important. They expressed e belief that a future Palestine state would participate with other countries in lving the problem of rescuing the surviving Jews of Europe who wish to leave that ntinent.

Several committee members, headed by Chairman Emil Sandstroem, closely ques-oned the Communist representative concerning what they meant by "equal rights for ws and Arabs and a democratic unitarian state." They replied that "the future ate will see for itself how to arrange the problem on democratic principles."

Sandstroem also wanted to know on what basis the Communist spokesman said ey spoke for the masses, what was the party's membership and why there were sepa-te Jewish and Arab Communist parties. Vilner replied that the problem of separate rties was an internal organizational one, which was not connected with the present oblem. He added that the Communists were entitled to speak for the masses because ey know their needs and aspirations. Finally, he declared that the party's member-ip numbered about 1,400 Jews, in addition to many sympathizers and that the Com-nist newspaper Kol Haam (Voice of the People) had a circulation of 5,000.

The committee will resume cross-examining the Communists tomorrow. Meanwhile, t voted in closed session to ask the Palestine Government to submit written informa-ion concerning security measures and decided to hear Moshe Shertok, head of the olitical department of the Jewish Agency, and also a representative of the Jewish anufacturers Association.

Prior to their testimony the Communist representatives submitted to UNSCOP a engthy memorandum outlining their position. It contained a severe attack on Britain or its efforts at "divide and rule" and said that its administration had been "30 ears of oppression" aimed at preserving as far as possible the economic, social and ultural backwardness of the country.

Reviewing the various suggested plans for a solution of the Palestine problem, he memorandum said that in general they are but additional steps to perpetuate

perialistic rule." It added that the present situation in Palestine is the result a colonial regime aimed at fostering tension between the Jews and Arabs and point-out that although there are now one soldier or policeman for every 13 inhabitants, the urity situation has steadily deteriorated. "The provocative acts of Jewish ter-rists are no justification whatsoever for the terror perpetrated against peaceful izens," the memorandum said.

Party Opposes Partition; Wants End of Foreign Capital Concessions

The situation here is a threat to the entire world, it continued, since "the e military base the British Government is building up in Palestine greatly surpass-the need of even a colonial army of oppression directed against the people of Pal-tine and the colonial and semi-colonial countries of the Middle East." The Commu-st statement said that British maneuvers in the desert last year were against an aginary Red Army" which had invaded the Middle East, "giving a clear indication ainst whom British reactionary circles intend to direct these military preparations Palestine."

In a concluding paragraph summarizing their proposals the Communists made the llowing demands: 1. Constitution of Palestine as an independent united state of th peoples, free of foreign rule and intervention. Partition is not a solution, e memorandum states. 2. Full political freedom and equality of rights for all the ople of Palestine, irrespective of race, nationality, sex or religion. 3. Creation conditions rendering impossible the domination of one people by another. 4. Termi-tion of foreign capital concessions and their nationalization to serve as a basis for e country's economic development.

PEN ANTI-SEMITISM" AMONG SENIOR PALESTINE MILITARY REPORTED BY BRITISH CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- Charging that the "openly expressed anti-Semitism" high military quarters in Palestine reads like charges out of a Communist pamphlet, e Jerusalem correspondent of the Sunday paper Observer says today that "no amount terrorism can excuse senior officers stating that Hitler should have been given a ouple more years to finish the job of the Jews."

Discussing the political situation, the correspondent says that the DP issue the only one on which the Jews are united and if that is solved, the whole problem ll be solved. He adds that the only thing certain in any Palestine solution is hat "there is no one in the Middle East who has the slightest idea of how much fight-ng will occur following whatever solution is finally decided upon."

OLDMANN SAYS JEWS MUST HAVE STATE NOW EVEN IF TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS NECESSARY

PARIS, July 13. (JTA) -- Declaring that "the frontiers of a state are never ternal," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, said here last ight that Jews must insist on creation of a Jewish state in Palestine now, "even if erritorial concessions are necessary."

In an address to a reception given him by the French Zionist Federation, Dr. oldmann stated that the Zionist movement is now undergoing a radical change in its olicy, "which up to now was based on relations with Britain." He counselled against ttacks on the British Government, saying that the British were not anti-Zionist or nti-Semitic, but do not want the task of keeping the Arabs at bay. Britain is strug-ling to keep her place among the large powers, and continued attacks will increase nti-Zionism there, he asserted.

RNIST SPOKESMAN VOWS FIGHT ON PARTITION IN DRAMATIC INTERVIEW IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- The "Fighters for the Freedom of Israel," more ularly known as the Stern Group, are opposed to the partition of Palestine and l vigorously fight any such decision even if approved by the U.N. the alleged uty commander of the Sternists, who gave his name only as "Mr. Hillel," told a ss conference here today.

In a mass interview, which had all the trappings of a spy melodrama, the rnist spokesman said that "we fight for Jewish independence in Western and Eastern estine, Transjordan included." He added that "there can be no true independence if tish military bases are in or around the country. Britain aims at harnessing Jew- manpower and resources for war on behalf of British imperial interests," he rged.

The more than a dozen reporters who attended the conference were summoned by egram to the apartment in Essex House of Rabbi Baruch Korff, co-chairman of the itical Action Committee for Palestine. When all the newspapermen had assembled y were led to a two-room suite on the twentieth floor of the nearby Hotel St. itz. While the reporters sat in one room, asking questions, Mr. Hillel, who could be seen, sat in the other room and called his replies through the open door. At time did he make an appearance. He was introduced by Rabbi Korff, who emphasized t he was acting in a personal capacity, and not as chairman of the Political Action mittee.

Rabbi Korff and an unidentified "security officer" stationed themselves at threshold between the two rooms and transmitted the questions. Rabbi Korff said procedure was dictated by security reasons "since there are many British spies this country." Mr. Hillel, who speaks English fluently, but with a decided for- n accent, refused to disclose his identity, admitting only that he was a British ject and in British Government employ. Rabbi Korff said that the British had ced a price on his head.

He said that he had come to the United States to create here a Committee of ends of the Stern Group and to raise a fund of $10,000,000 before Jan. 1948. This ey would not be used for military operations, but only to help wounded Sternists, ir families, and for similar purposes, he declared.

Mr. Hillel also told questioners that there was no war between the Haganah l the Stern Group and expressed the belief that the Haganah was coming out against Palestine underground only in order to spare the Jewish Agency from British repri- ls. He minimized the resulting tension and denied that the Haganah was cooperating th the British.

He dissociated himself and his group from the Hebrew Committee of Liberation, clarING that they also differed from this group in "ideology." On the other hand, admitted that the Stern Group cooperated with the Irgun Zvai Leumi in their opera- ons in Palestine.

ENCH COURT ORDERS FIVE JEWISH EXTREMISTS HELD FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF ARMS

PARIS, July 13. (JTA) -- Five youths, allegedly members of the Stern Group, o were arrested recently when arms were found in a house in the city of Nanterre, re brought before a magistrate yesterday who ordered them held pending further in- stigation. They will be defended by De Moro Giafferi, who was counsel for Herschel ynszpan, the Polish youth who assassinated German diplomat Ernst vom Rath. A police nouncement said five cases found in the house where the five were living contained ve heavy machine guns, many small arms, 41 hand grenades, and much ammunition.

AH PROTESTS PROPOSAL TO CHANGE CALENDAR;SAYS IT WOULD DESTROY SABBATH OBSERVANCE

LONDON, July 13. (JTA) -- The World Agudas Israel executive has submitted a randum to the United Nations urging the Economic and Social Council to reject a osal for reforming the calendar in such fashion that the Sabbath and Holy Days d not be celebrated on the same day of the week each year.

The Agudah message, signed by political secretary H.A. Goodman, charged that proposal violated freedom of religion as outlined in the Atlantic Charter and d "destroy existing and historic periodicity of the Jewish Sabbath with the est economic and social consequences."

LDRING, CHAPMAN NAMED TO HEAD GOVERNMENT UNIT OF WASHINGTON U.J.A. CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, July 13. (JTA) -- Under-Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Areas John H. Hilldring will be co-irmen of the government unit of the Christian Committee for the 1947 United Jew- Appeal, it was learned here today.

The Christian Committee will seek to raise $200,000 toward the $1,800,000 h the Washington Jewish community set as its part of the national quota. Organ-tion of the various government departments for the campaign is expected to be leted within the next two weeks.

JEWISH DP'S FROM BRITISH ZONE SAIL FROM FRENCH PORT FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- A transport of 296 Jews from the British zone of many who have received Palestine immigration certificates were scheduled to sail Haifa today from Marseilles aboard the S.S. Providence, according to information eived by the United Palestine Appeal.

The transport includes 76 children under the age of 15, of whom 30 are orphans. rty-two of the youngsters were born in DP camps. Most of the immigrants are tives of Poland, Hungary and Rumania. Arrangements for their migration were made the Jewish Agency and they are being accompanied by a representative of the Joint tribution Committee.

6 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM SHANGHAI SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, July 13. (JTA) -- Four hundred and fifty-six Jewish refugees m Shanghai are due to arrive here tomorrow aboard the General Gordon. Immigration rangements were made in Shanghai by representatives of the Joint Distribution Com-ttee. The immigrants, who will live with relatives and friends in cities through-t the country, will be assisted in finding temporary shelter and making travel ar-ngements from the West Coast by the United Service for New Americans.

O SCHWARZ NAMED DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, July 13. (JTA) -- Lee W. Schwarz, who recently returned from Europe, ere he directed J.D.C. operations in Germany, has been appointed director of the erican Friends of the Hebrew University, it was announced by Dr. Israel S. Wechsler, esident of the organization. He succeeds Samuel B. Finkel of Boston.

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