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MARTIAL RULE CLAMPED DOWN ON NATHANYA AREA AS SEARCH CONTINUES FOR ABDUCTED SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA) -- Military control was tonight proclaimed in Nathanya and 20 outlying settlements as the 7 p.m. deadline set by the government for return of two British sergeants kidnapped there Saturday passed with no word of men.

House curfew was immediately proclaimed in the district pending further news, and troops began moving in and establishing barbed wire entanglements and enclosures for screening people. Military headquarters were established in the building of the municipal council.

It was expected that house-to-house searches would begin in Nathanya momentarily, as it had been announced earlier that they would take place coincident with the clamping down of control. Persons entering or leaving the Nathanya area earlier were searched and questioned.

Martial rule was clamped down despite an eleventh hour plea by Mayor Oved Ben-Zion. The proclamation had been delayed twice before to give the Haganah more time to locate the abducted men. As soon as it went into effect the resistance forces withdrew from the search.

Earlier, a Jewish Agency spokesman told correspondents that the Agency felt that the imposition of controls would be a grave blunder since the entire population was aiding the hunt for the abducted men and military control would only hamper them. In addition, he pointed out that declaring Nathanya a controlled area and disrupting its economic life virtually means collective punishment of people who are not responsible for the kidnappings.

Haganah in Night-Long Conference in Vain Effort to Free Britons

It was learned here this morning that the Haganah's high command engaged in a night-long round of conferences with Irgun leaders in an effort to secure the release of the Britons. Today's events demonstrate the fruitlessness of the parleys. The Irgun this morning issued a statement that it would not deliver up the soldiers until the sentences of the three condemned Irgunists were commuted. It declared that the men were unharmed and "in a place where they can be kept a month or more."

As the news of the proclamation became known a rumor swept the country to the effect that the three doomed Irgunists were to be hanged tonight. Although it was authoritatively denied, the possibility of their being executed before the end of the week was not ruled out.

The controlled area will be commanded by Brigadier General Sir Humphrey Gale, who was in charge of Tel Aviv when it was under martial law. The area--in which 5,000 to 20,000 persons live--comprises, in addition to Nathanya, Avichail, Ramath Haimkin, Neve Itamar, Ein Hacheleth, Neve Oved, Neve Shalom and a number of smaller communities. The official communique announcing control listed a number of reasonable terrorist attacks--for the action.

BODY TO HEAR ARAB STATES' TESTIMONY IN BEIRUT; CHAIRMAN CONFERS WITH ARAB LEADERS

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA) -- Members of the United Nations Special Committee Palestine will hear representatives of the Arab states in Beirut next Monday, and then fly to Switzerland to draw up their report, it was learned today. This shies rumors that UNSCOP members would hear the Arabs' argument in Cairo where it felt the influence of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem would be considerable.

The reason that the Lebanese capital was selected is that aside from its proximity to Jerusalem, that city is regarded as less prejudiced politically than Cairo. Before UNSCOP invited the Arab states to present their case, one member of the committee made informal contact with a representative of the Arab states here, and he learned that if they were invited to appear they would accept. UNSCOP considered inviting the Arab states in Jerusalem but the question arose here whether the atmosphere was propitious.

While the UNSCOP invitation did not state what capital it preferred for the hearings, the Arab states' representative knew that either Geneva or Beirut would be more acceptable than Cairo. The entire matter was handled very gingerly and at the point, it is understood, the Australian member, John D.L. Hood, suggested that an invitation to these forthcoming hearings be extended by Trygve Lie, the U.N. secretary-general.

At another juncture the suggestion was advanced that the Arab states merely present a memorandum, and not appear, but the Indian member, Sir Abdur Rahman, demanded an opportunity to question the Arab representatives.

It is learned from unimpeachable sources that UNSCOP Chairman Emil Sandstrom has been in touch with various Arab leaders. Recently he met Dr. Bushnak, a Husseinist follower and deputy director of the Arab College in Jerusalem. Later he conferred with Sheikh Ragheb Abu Saud and Kamel Effendi Dajani, leaders of the Husseinist faction in Jaffa, and he has been in contact with leaders of the Istiglal (Independence) Party which is headed by Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, a member of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee.

Another report, not as yet confirmed here, states that members of the committee have met with Jamal Hussein, vice-chairman of the Higher Committee. They are said to have discussed all phases of the Palestine problem and the possibilities of the Higher Committee's testifying before UNSCOP.

Arrangements are practically completed for Musa el Alami, head of the worldwide Arab Offices, to attend the Geneva sittings. If el Alami testifies and establishes his reputation as a moderate willing to defy the ex-Mufti's boycott of UNSCOP, when presents the same views as the Husseinites, the committee will be impressed with the "united" point of view of all Palestine Arabs, Arab strategists feel.

R. JUDAH MAGNES URGES U.N. COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND BI-NATIONAL STATE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA) -- The eventual establishment of a bi-national state is the only workable solution of the Palestine problem was advocated today by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, head of the Ichud Party, testifying before the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine.

Declaring that his proposal was not an immediate solution, he said that some 600,000 Jews would have to be admitted to the country before the Jews reached numerical parity with the Arabs, although the two peoples should be living together in political parity before then. He urged that 100,000 displaced European Jews be ad-

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ed immediately. Under questioning by committee members, he stated that the Jewish Agency, as the representative of world Jewry, should be empowered to direct the Jewish migration problem.

Contending that bi-nationalism is not an "overnight solution," the head of Hebrew University asserted that "in the long run" it is a "bridge building to Arab-Jewish understanding." Such a set-up, he said, will remove Arab fears of Jewish domination, while at the same time guaranteeing Jews who must or desire to go to Palestine that they will be able to do so. He said he could not go beyond an outline of a plan and fill in details, maintaining that they would develop in the course of time and would be settled by the dictates of "life."

Asked by UNSCOP Chairman Emil Sandstroem what portion of the population held these views, Dr. Magnes replied: "A large portion, and a still larger portion will accept it when it is imposed. The Hashomer Hatzair, which is the third strongest political party and the Communists also adhere to our ideal."

He said that either the British Mandate would have to be continued for a period of five years or longer as the bi-national state was coming into existence or a trusteeship should replace the Mandate. Asked to suggest a likely trustee, he named Britain, "chiefly because of her traditional liberalism with which she tries to solve the problems of empire such as India, Burma and others." Asked by Czech delegate Karel Lisicky "after seeing the results of 25 years of British rule in Palestine would the Jews and your Arab friends be happy under such a trusteeship?" Dr. Magnes said the two peoples would like to have a British trusteeship.

He appealed to the committee to give "constructive proposals" a fair chance, asserting that neither the British Government nor Jewish and Arab leaders have ever made a determined and systematic attempt to further a real program of Arab-Jewish cooperation. "Many Jews as well as Arabs from all classes, some openly and many more secretly, anxiously look for a courageous lead which will deliver this unhappy country from the evils of political tension and nationalist passion and mental and physical terror," he declared.

Says Partition Would be Great Misfortune for Both Jews and Arabs

He condemned all proposals for partition, saying: "We have no belief in partition for many reasons--religious, historical and political. Indeed, we regard partition as not only impractical, but as a great misfortune for both the Jews and Arabs."

Quizzed by several of the committee members, particularly Sandstroem, how a bi-national state could exist in view of the differences in living standards, thought, custom and culture, he asserted that it was a "problem which we have to face and overcome. It may take a generation as in America or even half a generation to level differences," he added, "but we cannot solve the problem by putting the Arabs in one apartment and the Jews in another in the same house."

Earlier, the Ichud Party submitted a 12-page memorandum making the same proposals and recommending that Palestine become an independent constitutional state with the objective of "close cooperation" with the neighboring Arab states "within the framework of the United Nations." It also urged the abolition of land purchase restrictions.

The Haganah last night submitted a memorandum to UNSCOP declaring that its strength is "adequate to defend Jewish Palestine against any attacks from the Arabs in this country," even though they may receive aid from the neighboring states. The memorandum, datelined "Somewhere in Palestine" and appearing mysteriously in the government printing office, also challenged the British. It asserted that Haganah would "resist any anti-Zionist regime," adding that "we will use force if necessary."

LEADER SAYS ACTION ON IMMIGRATION THIS SESSION IS "ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE"

WASHINGTON, July 14. (JTA) -- Senate President Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan said today that Congressional action on displaced persons during this session is "all but impossible."

Following a discussion of the subject with President Truman by Congressional leaders, Vandenberg told newsmen at the White House that the President brought up the subject of the urgency of the DP problem. "It was mutually agreed," Vandenberg said, "that this is a situation which requires constructive action by Congress, but it was mutually recognized that there are extreme legislative difficulties making any legislative action at the present session all but impossible."

Congress' own schedule, he explained, is the difficulty. Vandenberg further stated that the subject will be discussed again by the President and leaders of Congress in an attempt "to find a helpful procedure for the future."

OF JEWISH DP'S HAS REACHED DANGER POINT, MEDICAL AND RELIEF OFFICIALS CHARGE

MUNICH, July 14. (JTA) -- Medical and relief officials working with the Jewish Displaced persons today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the quality of the food being provided the DP's has deteriorated to such a dangerous extent that their health is actually "a slow process of starvation."

It was pointed out that although Jewish DP's receive 2,000 calories daily, they consist almost solely of starches such as macaroni and flour which the Army is unable to replace meat and other foods rich in proteins.

"In certain areas the inhabitants of DP camps have gone for several months without any dried powdered eggs which have been replaced by dried pea soup," it was charged. "This looks good insofar as caloric content is concerned, but dried eggs contain 50 percent proteins while pea soup contains only one percent. Such a diet leaves people nutritionally weak and highly susceptible to dangerous infections and tuberculosis, despite the fact that some people gain weight on this type of diet."

Military authorities here admit that the DP diet is rather poor, but they insist that it was the best they could do in view of the shortage of fats and sugar.

JEWISH REFUGEES WOUNDED DURING ATTEMPT TO BREAK OUT OF ALIEN CAMP IN ITALY

ROME, July 14. (JTA) -- Two Jewish refugees wounded yesterday during a disturbance at the Farfa alien detention camp, near Rome, were lodged in the Regina Coeli prison here today pending further investigation of the outbreak.

Jewish DP's were among 700 inmates who attempted, according to reports, to break out of the camp where they have been held for many months on charges of entering Italy illegally. Jewish groups are intervening with the Italian Government on behalf of the arrested refugees.

PETERSEN QUILTS AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR FOR OCCUPIED AREAS

WASHINGTON, July 14. (JTA) -- The resignation of Howard C. Petersen, Assistant Secretary of War for Occupied Areas, was accepted today by President Truman, effective July 31. Petersen, who has been Assistant Secretary for the last year and a half, and served in the War Department over six and a half years, is leaving for financial reasons.

AUSTRALIAN PRESSES U.N. MEMBERSHIP FOR TRANSJORDAN; SEES LINK WITH PALESTINE DECISION

LAKE SUCCESS, July 14. (JTA) -- When the United Nations Committee on Membership met here today to consider the applications of five states, Australian delegate Roy Hodgson, pressing for rapid action, said parenthetically that "at least one of these applicants -- Transjordan -- has a particular interest in the work of the Assembly."

Col. Hodgson did not elaborate upon his remarks, but later he explained to the press that he meant that Transjordan was directly linked with the outcome of the final Assembly decision on Palestine.

POLOSKA CITY COUNCIL ALLOCATES FUNDS TO JEWISH SCHOOLS; EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES GROWING

WARSAW, July 14. (JTA) -- The City Council here has voted a grant of \$1,200 for the local Jewish school system. The announcement highlights the rebirth of Jewish educational activity in Poland which has been progressing steadily during the past year.

The education department of the Jewish Central Committee announced today that the Yiddish Scientific Institute (YIVO) in America is preparing a series of Yiddish textbooks for use in Jewish schools in Poland. Spelling, history and literature books are included in this group.

A campaign to enroll all Jewish children in Poland in a Yiddish or Hebrew school is in full swing now, the Committee announced. Pointing out that the closing exercises of Jewish schools in Poland were unusually successful, the Committee stressed that it is striving for even greater achievements next semester.

At Dushniki, in lower Silesia, a seminar for teachers in Jewish schools throughout Poland will be held this summer, with special courses in Hebrew and in Jewish history being offered. Dr. Raphael Mahler, historian and educator, who is en route from America to visit Poland, is expected to lecture at the Seminar.

A conference of leaders of the Hebrew school system was held recently in Lodz (Dreslau) where it was agreed that despite the lack of support by the Central Committee, the schools were progressing at a very satisfactory rate. New Hebrew schools will be opened in Klatzke, Pietrolene, Ziemba and Chetmno next term. In lower Silesia a whole network of Hebrew schools, supported by "Hechalutz," exists side by side with the Committee-supported Yiddish schools.

U.S. DELEGATION LEAVES FOR LAUSANNE TO ATTEND I.R.O. PARLEY OPENING TODAY

WASHINGTON, July 14. (JTA) -- A four-man United States delegation, headed by George L. Warren, adviser on refugees and displaced persons in the State Department, left today by air for Lausanne to attend the third part of the first session of the International Refugee Organization's Preparatory Commission, which is scheduled to open tomorrow.

CHAPLAINS IN AMERICAN ZONES CONFER WITH RABBI BERNSTEIN ON PLANS FOR COMING WINTER

MUNICH, July 14. (JTA) -- Fourteen Jewish chaplains in the American zones in Germany and Austria conferred yesterday in Heidelberg with Rabbi Philip Bernstein, U.S. Army, in an effort to draw up plans for the coming winter for the DP camps.

CONGRESS URGED ON NATION-WIDE BROADCAST TO PASS STRATTON BILL BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- A plea to Congress to pass the Stratton Bill before it adjourns was made yesterday by Ira A. Hirschmann, substituting for former Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia on the latter's nation-wide radio broadcast.

Mr. Hirschmann, who served as a special UNRRA inspector-general in Europe last year, called on the U.S. Government to help solve the problem of the displaced persons without waiting for a decision by the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine. He pointed out that American taxpayers are providing the funds to keep the DP's in the camps and that the money could be used to resettle the displaced persons in permanent homes.

HUNDREDS OF DEMONSTRATORS PREVENT GERALD L.K.SMITH FROM HOLDING MEETING IN BOSTON

BOSTON, July 14. (JTA) -- Gerald L.K. Smith, leading nationalist and anti-semitic, was yesterday prevented from holding a meeting in Old South Meeting House where when a crowd estimated at 700 shouted, booed and stamped their feet so that he could not be heard above the din.

Smith was escorted from the hall by police, who then broke up the meeting, which had been called under the auspices of the Christian Nationalist Crusaders. He charged that the Communist Party had organized the demonstration. A spokesman for the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League said after the meeting that the demonstrators were "Communist-inspired."

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA PUBLICATION BANNED BY PALESTINE CENSORSHIP

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- "The New Palestine-News Reporter," official publication of the Zionist Organization of America, has been banned from Palestine for the past four months, the organization's headquarters here announced today.

According to word received from Jerusalem by the editor of "The New Palestine-News Reporter," this ban was imposed because of the "displeasure caused in Palestine government circles by the publication's outspoken articles and cartoons on the Palestine situation."

DR. GOLDSTEIN LEAVES FOR EUROPE, PALESTINE TODAY TO STUDY REFUGEE PROGRAM

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, will leave LaGuardia Field by plane to make an intensive study of the refugee settlement program in Palestine and of the progress that has been made in the absorption of the 40,000 homeless Jews who have come to the country since the end of the war. He will also survey the pressing relief needs of the homeless Jews in Europe, stemming from the recent drastic curtailment of inter-governmental relief programs.

JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG RE-NAMED TO MAGISTRATES BENCH FOR TEN-YEAR TERM

NEW YORK, July 14. (JTA) -- Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund, was today re-appointed to the Magistrates bench by Mayor William O'Dwyer for another ten-year term.