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4,500 EXODUS DEPORTEES DUE IN FRANCE TODAY; MANY ARE REPORTED TO BE ILL

MARSEILLE, July 27. (JTA) -- After almost a week of false alarms, the three British deportation ships carrying 4,500 weary and ailing refugees back to Europe are expected to arrive tonight or tomorrow in Marseille, or the nearby Port de Bouc.

Unconfirmed reports from the prefecture of the Bouches du Rhone Department said that the vessels had already been sighted off Port de Bouc, but Jewish Agency officials, who have been scouring the coastal waters by boat and plane have had no final word. They are inclined to believe that the deportees will be brought here, rather than to Port de Bouc, which is a small port with few facilities.

One of the largest official and unofficial delegations ever to greet a vessel docking here awaits the deportation ferries. Government officials continue to arrive from Paris. M. Cayla, inspector-general of the Ministry of Public Health came today to join representatives of the Army, Navy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other governmental bodies, as well as the Red Cross.

According to present plans, the first official act will be to send a sanitary commission aboard to see whether the ships will be allowed to dock. Reports from the vessels say that more than 100 of the passengers are ill and one has died. Jewish Agency aides here also have prepared medical supplies and Marseille hospitals have been alerted to receive up to 300 sick. The Immigration Service has also mobilized ambulances and medical facilities. The Zionists are confident that only deportees requiring medical attention will be disembarked.

Haganah Representatives in Marseille Ready for any Eventuality

The Agency representatives have prepared a leaflet in Yiddish which they hope to get aboard the three ships, reporting the world-wide repercussions concerning the Exodus incident and assuring the refugees that the Haganah is behind them and advising them not to leave the transports. Small working parties have been organized here in readiness for any eventuality. An official of the Agency's political department arrived today, and Andre Blumel, political advisor to the Agency in France, is expected momentarily.

French officials have also prepared leaflets in French, Yiddish and Hebrew, explaining the Cabinet's decision and informing the refugees that they can either disembark, and be fed, housed and otherwise made welcome, or stay aboard, just as they wish. An emergency flotilla of small launches and fishing boats will be pressed into service if the Jews decide to land, which seems unlikely.

The delay in the transports' arrival here is believed by Jewish circles to be due to the desire of the French local and national authorities to have all arrange-

s completed before the vessels put in. The delay is believed welcomed by the tish, who feel that the longer the deportees are at sea the weaker they will be, and the more likely to agree to land. It is reported that the deportees have n divided into small groups aboard the ships, each seperated from the other. British crews are said to be ready to use force if the Jews are determined to y aboard.

The French are believed, however, to be doing their utmost to dissuade the tish from using force. The many officials who have arrived from Paris are reted to have been sent here just for that purpose, since their presence is exted to act as a deterrent to violence by the British.

Other signs which point up the French attitude is a decision to have the portation ships anchor in the roadsteads, instead of being berthed at a pier, s making it impossible for the passengers to be dragged down gangplanks to shore, d the remark of a Paris official of the Surete, who said that he has been instructofficially not to allow newspapermen on the piers, but unofficially has been ld to admit all of them. A small army of correspondents has already assembled here.

One hundred Jewish students here on vacation are understood to be planning be present when the ships dock. Other reports said that the Haganah was ready to bilize large numbers of French Jewish youths if violence breaks out.

O SHIPS CARRYING 1,100 TO PALESTINE CAPTURED;REPORT PASSENGERS WILL GO TO CYPRUS

HAIFA, July 27. (JTA) -- Two ships, carrying between them more than 1,100 aaless Jews, have been intercepted off Palestine by British destroyers and are n route to Haifa under escort, it was announced here tonight.

It is expected that at least one of the vessels will arrive during the ight or early tomorrow morning. The ships are the "Shivat Zion" (Return to Zion), oncerning whose whereabouts there had been considerable apprehension since the irst report of its interception on Thursday night, and the "Fourteen Victims of the rib Bridge," named after a Haganah unit which was wiped out last year while engaged n blowing up bridges throughout the country.

It was reported unofficially that the new arrivals would be sent to Cyprus instead of being returned to their ports of embarkation, but the authorities refused to onfirm or deny these reports. Meanwhile, preparations are being made in the harbor ere to trans-ship the refugees as soon as they arrive, although at present the only ransport in Haifa is the Empire Lifeguard, which is half-submerged as a result of a time bomb blast last week.

There has been no word from Cyprus since last Thursday when 550 deportees scheduled to be returned to Palestine under the regular monthly quota were removed from the ferry ships when news of the Empire Lifeguard blast was received. The decision as to when they are to be returned rests with the Palestine authorities.

The tension in the Cyprus camps is so great that the camp committee has requested the commandant not to send Britons inside the camp precincts for fear of violence. If a British guard or official must enter, a member of the camp committee will accompany him. Hundreds of refugees mass at the camps' gates day and night awaiting news that they are to be returned to Palestine. A peaceful demonstration was held in Xylotymbou yesterday.

An official of the camp said last week, in connection with the Exodus incident, that there is room there for up to 20,000 internees. There are about 16,000 confined at present.

BRITISH WITHDRAW FROM NATHANYA AFTER 13-DAY OCCUPATION; ABDUCTED SOLDIERS NOT FOUND

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- British military control of Nathanya, diamond winter and seashore resort, was lifted today after 13 days of occupation which paralyzed 60 percent of the town's trade and industry.

Despite several intensive searches by police and troops, the two sergeants whose kidnapping precipitated the imposition of martial law are still missing. They are being held by the Irgun as hostages for three Irgunists facing the gallows for participation in the Acre prison break.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Humphrey Gale, who commanded "Operation Tiger," British code name for the occupation, called on Mayor Oved Ben Ami this morning and thanked him for the inhabitants' cooperation. Ben Ami replied that the community will continue the search for the abducted soldiers.

Immediately after the announcement of the lifting of military control was made in Jerusalem, Chief Secretary Sir Henry L. Gurney left by air for London for a fortnight's vacation. His departure has tended to quiet rumors that imposition of martial law on wide areas of the country is imminent, since it is believed that he would remain here if such a move were in the making.

Terrorist Attacks Continue Into Eleventh Successive Day

However, Jewish terrorists carried their attacks into the eleventh consecutive day today with outbreaks in Jerusalem and an attack on the rail network. One officer was seriously injured and a soldier suffered slight wounds when a rail trolley patrolling the tracks was blown up on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa line early this morning.

Later in the day several shots were fired at a military vehicle near the entrance to Jerusalem. Simultaneously, a grenade exploded, shattering windows in nearby buildings. The blast set off a city-wide alarm and sirens began wailing. There were no casualties and the attackers escaped. In Tel Aviv, this afternoon, four armed Jews held up the office of the Shemen Factory and escaped with $4,000 in cash.

A wooden bridge between Benyamina and Zichron Jacob, which was erected as a temporary structure following the blasting of the permanent span on Thursday, was destroyed by fire last night. Earlier yesterday, two Royal Signal Corps men were killed when they struck a booby trap while repairing a cable on the Jerusalem-Jaffa road. An attempt to blow up the Haifa-Cairo express was thwarted when the detonator leading to a huge mine failed to work.

Thirty-two Jewish families living in three houses in Haifa must evacuate their homes by tomorrow morning under an order issued by Gen. E. L. Bols, commander of northern Palestine. Bols charges, although no evidence has been produced, that the residents of the houses aided terrorists who laid mines in the Haifa area in recent days. Ten-year-old Hadassah Sinkovsky was wounded in the jaw last night by a ricochetting bullet which entered her third-floor bedroom. It is believed to have been fired by soldiers who shoot at random during the dusk-to-dawn curfew, which is still in force in Haifa.

Jerusalem's curfew last night prevented, for the second successive year, the traditional evening observances at the Wailing Wall on the eve of Tisha B'Av, which marks the destruction of the Temple, of which the Wailing Wall is believed to be the last remaining section. Only a dozen or so Jews were at the Wall, most of them newspapermen. Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American United Palestine Appeal, was there for a short time.

ST REMAINING MEMBERS OF UNSCOP SECRETARIAT LEAVING PALESTINE TODAY FOR GENEVA

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- The last remaining members of the secretariat of he United Nations Special Committee on Palestine will leave here tomorrow for eneva, where the committee is expected to begin meeting early this week to prepare s report and decide whether to visit the displaced persons camps.

Rumors as to the UNSCOP's eventual decision continue to mount daily. The atest is contained in the Cairo daily Al Misri, which usually reflects the Egypt- n Government's position. The paper says that the committee will study a plan pro- osed by Nuri Pasha, the chairman of the Iraqui Senate, which calls for a modified orm of federalization along the lines of the Morrison plan.

Al Misri adds that this plan is supported by Musa el Alami, Arab leader, who s said to believe that it would pave the way for Jewish-Arab rapprochement. Both lami and Nuri Pasha are already in Geneva, where they will act as observers for the rab League. The League has named the Syrian Minister of Education, Abdel Arslan, nd the Lebanese minister in Switzerland, Jamil Makkawi, as its liaison officers ith UNSCOP.

An interesting sidelight to the committee's activities in Palestine is the isclosure today that correspondents attached to it filed more than 1,000,000 words f cable copy from here.

RITISH JEWISH LEADER SAYS COOPERATION WITH BRITAIN IN PALESTINE HAS COME TO AN END

LONDON, July 27. (JTA) -- A crowded mass meeting here, called to protest the eportation of the Exodus refugees, cheered today when Prof. Selig Brodetsky, presi- ent of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, declared that cooperation with Britain as ended, "the future of the Jewish people must depend on the Jewish people itself."

Brodetsky charged, on the basis of conversations with the Colonial Office this eek, that the Exodus passengers were not returned to France because there was no oom on Cyprus, but because the British thought by this means to halt visaless im- igration. He cited the reports of the two new ships captured today as evidence that migration will continue under all circumstances.

Other speakers included Nat Jackson, of the Poale Zion, who called on British ewish youths to join their American brethren in manning immigrant ships, and Sidney ilverman, Labor M.P., who said that if the British had waited at Dunkirk for proper avigation certificates the army would still be there.

IONISTS IN COLOMBIA HIT REPORTS REFUGEES PLANNED TO SETTLE THERE AS BRITISH MANEUVER

BOGOTA, Colombia, July 27. (JTA) -- A joint statement by the Zionist Federation of Colombia and the Zionist-Revisionists appearing in the press yesterday blames "typocritical British propaganda" for the "absurd report" that the Exodus passengers planned to emigrate to Colombia.

The statement says that the reports were an "immoral maneuver" by the British aimed at creating in Colombia and in other Latin-American countries hostility to the Jewish cause. Reviewing the Jews' claim to Palestine, it concludes: "In this strug- gle the Jews can count on the sympathy and moral support of people like those of Colombia who gave their blood to establish their own country."

UENOS AIRES POLICE CHIEF APPEALS TO POPULATION TO TRACK DOWN SYNAGOGUE BLASTERS

BUENOS AIRES, July 27. (JTA) -- The population of Buenos Aires was urged by he police today to cooperate in the search for the persons who bombed the main ynagogue here at dawn yesterday. The pro-fascist Alianza is believed responsible.

Police Chief Arturo Bertollo promised a delegation of the DAIA, central Jewish ody, that measures will be taken to prevent a repetition of the violence. The dele- ation called on him yesterday a few hours after the blast, and demanded that the uthorities end the series of anti-Semitic incidents which began several months ago. t pointed out that four synagogues have been attacked in the last four months.

Yesterday's blast blew out the doors and windows of the synagogue and de- troyed the entrance hall. Windows in houses within a several-block radius were hattered. Hundreds of Jews gathered before the building as word of the outrage pread.

S. ARMY AUTHORITIES ASK JEWISH DP'S TO HALT DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE CAMPS

FRANKFURT, July 27. (JTA) -- Lieut. Gen. Clarence Huebner, deputy commander- n-chief of the U.S. zone in Germany, yesterday urged a delegation of the Central ewish Committee to prevent future demonstrations, such as Thursday's zone-wide pro- est rallies against the deportation of the Exodus refugees from Palestine, declaring hat meetings outside of the camps might lead to violence.

Gen. Huebner revealed to the Jewish leaders, who were accompanied by Judge ouis E. Levinthal, newly-appointed advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. military ommand here, that a German woman who was watching the demonstration here had been rrested by Army investigators when she shouted: "Damned Jews, why didn't we kill ll of them?" He pointed out that if the marchers had heard her, a riot might have ccurred.

The Central Commitee spokesmen explained that they had taken over leadership f the demonstrations to prevent "extremist elements" from gaining control. Mean- hile, the military commanders of the Frankfurt and Munich areas issued statements raising the orderliness of the rallies.

Judge Levinthal has started on a tour of the DP installations to familiarize imself with the situation here. He visited the large Zeilsheim Camp, near Frank- rt, yesterday and later conferred with Paul Edwards, IRO zone director. He will nspect camps in the Kassel region tomorrow.

TALIAN POLICE CAPTURE GERMAN OFFICER CHARGED WITH ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS

ROME, July 27. (JTA) -- German S.S. Major Ludwig Schnitholzer, known as the utcher of the Jews" during the Nazi occupation, has been arrested by Italian police n the South Tyrol, it was reported today. One of the many crimes charged against chnitholzer is the deportation of 24 Jews from Merano and the looting of their roperty. The deportees were never heard of again.

XPULSION OF JEWISH AGENCY AIDE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ZIONISM, HUNGARY SAYS

BUDAPEST, July 27. (JTA) -- The expulsion from Hungary last week of Sandor than, chief of the Jewish Agency office, and Ferenc Jambor, Keren Hayesod repre- ntative, was not directed against Zionist activities here, a Foreign Office spokes- n said yesterday. The spokesman said that the two were asked to leave the coun- y because of "irregularities" in their passports.

ISH YOUTH FROM PALESTINE PARTICIPATE IN OPENING OF WORLD Youth ~~Jewish Congress~~ IN PRAGUE

PRAGUE, July 27. (JTA) -- Jewish youth from Palestine were prominent among the ousands of young people from all parts of the world who massed in Strahov Stadium re yesterday at the opening of the World Youth Congress.

The Palestine representatives included Zionists, Communists and left-wing abs. They carried Zionist and Arab flags and banners calling for Arab-Jewish co-eration. The Communists also carried anti-British posters.

Most members of the Jewish delegation are affiliated with the Hashomer Hat-ir, which carried nine huge blue-and-white standards. A few were dressed in Yemen-e costumes. The Palestinians were well received by the 40,000 spectators who illed the stadium.

RST JEWISH-OWNED SHIP ON PALESTINE-EUROPE RUN DOCKS IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, July 27. (JTA) -- The port area was ablaze with banners today to lcome the arrival of the Kedmah, the first Jewish-owned vessel to initiate regular assenger and freight service between Europe and Palestine.

Airplanes owned by Aviron, Jewish flying company, circled overhead as the essel docked. It was greeted at the pier by Mayor Israel Rokach and Joseph Sprinzak f the Histadruth.

RST WORLD CONGRESS ON JEWISH EDUCATION OPENS TOMORROW AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- The first World Congress on Jewish Education will pen here Tuesday, in the Hebrew University building on Mount Scopus, under the chair-anship of Dr. Rieger, of the Hebrew University faculty.

More than 150 delegates from 22 countries will participate. About 50 dele-ates, including several Americans, have already arrived. They are the guests of the alestine Foundation Fund.

50 JEWISH REFUGEES LEAVE MARSEILLE FOR AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES

MARSEILLE, July 27. (JTA) -- Two hundred and fifty Jewish immigrants sailed rom here last night headed for Australia and South American countries. Eighty are oing to Australia aboard the S.S.Sagitaire, while the others sailed on the S.S. ampana. They were brought from Austrian and German camps and Poland by the J.D.C., hich maintained them in France and arranged their emigration and passage. The im-migrants ranged in age from babes in arms to wrinkled grandmothers.

125 JEWISH CHILDREN, MOSTLY ORPHANS, ARRIVE IN PARIS FROM SWEDEN TO RESUME STUDIES

PARIS, July 27. (JTA) -- A transport of 125 Jewish children, the majority of whom are orphaned, have arrived here from Sweden to continue their education, pending their eventual resettlement in Palestine. The children are being cared for by the Youth Aliyah with transportation, education and maintenance costs being met by the J.D.C.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS WELCOMES UNESCO DECISION TO DROP CALENDAR REFORM

NEW YORK, July 27. (JTA) -- The decision of UNESCO to remove from its agenda the question of calendar reform was welcomed today by the World Jewish Congress, which has opposed any change in the present calendar on the grounds that it would inter-fere with traditional observance of the Sabbath. Objections had also been voiced by the Agudas Israel.

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