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JEWISH AGENCY MEETS IN EMERGENCY SESSION AS TENSION MOUNTS THROUGHOUT PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The executive committees of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council met in emergency session today, first separately and then jointly, to discuss the situation in the country which has deteriorated steadily since the execution Tuesday morning of three Irgunists.

The two-fold reprisals which the hangings set off, with the Irgunists retaliating against British troops and police, and troops rioting to avenge the hanging of two Britons by the Irgunists, have brought the country to the brink of a crisis as serious as that of last July, when Jewish Agency leaders were arrested and martial law was imposed.

In a statement issued after the joint meeting, the Agency executive warned that "cessation of terrorism is an inexorable national necessity." It condemned the hanging of the two British sergeants and the subsequent rioting. Declaring that the soldiers had been murdered by "unprincipled men who have cast aside every vestige of national responsibility," the executive called on the Jewish community "to intensify its efforts with all organized strength to eradicate terrorism and give full support to the Yishuv's security forces in carrying out this objective."

The meeting was attended, in addition to the Agency and Council members, by Mayors Rokach and Ben Ami of Tel Aviv and Nathanya, respectively, the heads of many local municipal councils, the Chief Rabbinate, the presidents of the Jewish Community Councils in Haifa and Jerusalem, the representatives of the Histadruth and the Manufacturers Association and others. Some of the participants urged that suspected terrorists be excluded from Jewish public affairs and removed from any office. Others objected, declaring that would be tantamount to pointing out the suspects to the police.

British Regimental Headquarters In Jerusalem Attacked; One Jew Killed

In the midst of the deliberations, a group of extremists attacked the headquarters of the Hampshire Regiment, which are situated in a fortified zone adjoining the Agency building, where the meeting was taking place. One Jew was killed and two captured in the attack, which inflicted no casualties on the British.

According to a communique issued later, the headquarters building was attacked simultaneously from several sides by underground fighters using rifles, Sten guns and grenades. Windows in the Agency building were shattered by the blasts. Two hundred persons were rounded up for questioning.

Meanwhile, the Haganah and the Irgun continued their battle of the air waves. The Haganah radio scored the killing of the two British soldiers, adding that the Irgun was not a movement for freedom, but a band guarding their prestige by staining the people's name. It warned that more kidnappings would take place. The Irgun accused that the Haganah had advance knowledge of the bombing of the King David Hotel last year and said it would offer proof if the Haganah continued to deny the charges.

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TROOPS AND JEWS CLASH IN TEL AVIV FOLLOWING RIOTS; POLICE ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT FUNERAL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Mounting tension in this city exploded into widespread clashes between British troops and Jewish residents as a result of the rioting here last night, which left five Jews dead and many wounded.

Troops have taken up stations at all strategic points throughout the city, including the courtyard of the building housing the central committee of the Histadrut and the Labor daily Davar.

Twenty-three were wounded when police opened fire on a demonstration following the funeral of the rioters' victims, late today. A bloody clash was narrowly averted when a police armored car attempted to penetrate the funeral cortege of 15,000, which followed the bodies to the cemetery. The angry mourners drove the car away, not until several persons had been bruised and others fainted.

Later an angry crowd overturned a military vehicle, while other demonstrators used the postoffice in the Hatikvah Quarter, on the outskirts of the city. Part of a crowd then attempted to break into the offices of Barclay's Bank, and troops used fire, wounding two. Thirty-one others were hurt by club-wielding police. In the midst of the melee sirens began to wail, quickly emptying the streets.

Although military and police officials last night asserted that neither soldiers nor police had been in Tel Aviv yesterday during the rioting and looting-- apparently implying that Jews were dashing around in armored cars shooting up other Jews--the Haganah as well as other Jewish sources have established that both soldiers and police were responsible for the incidents.

An eye-witness of last night's events described them as "a real old-fashioned riot pogrom." The rioters shouted "Heil Hitler, Hail Mufti." Unofficial estimates of the damage run up to \$100,000.

The names of the five dead were given today as: Tova Harson, 38; Victor Yedida Trachi, 30; Zeev Noviakovsky; Kalman Reich and Joseph Azpai, 22.

An official inquiry has been ordered into the rioting, following strong protests by the municipality and other Jewish quarters.

British Press Calls for Repressive Measures in Palestine

LONDON, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The press in London this morning comments bitterly on the hanging of the two sergeants in Palestine and demands the sternest repressive measures. One newspaper calls for the razing of the homes of Jews, the transfer of large sections of the population in areas where extremist acts occur and the imposition of martial law throughout the country.

The same newspaper, the Daily Mail, continues in a milder vein to call the Zionists "the worst enemies of the Jews." Another paper devoted half of its page to a picture of the corpses hanging from trees under the caption: "The Picture That Will Shock The World."

The Jewish Agency, answering an attack by the Archbishop of York who said last night that the "lying propaganda of the Zionists" was responsible for the deed, issued a statement pointing out that Jewish organizations throughout the country had made every effort to find the two abducted men and that Haganah members had given orders to halt extremist plots.

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JEWISH REFUGEES WILL BE PROMISED PALESTINE VISAS IF THEY AGREE TO LAND IN FRANCE

PARIS, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- A decision is expected here within twenty-four hours on the fate of the 4,500 Jewish immigrants from the Exodus 1947, who are still marooned on three British deportation ships at the Mediterranean port of Bouc. The Jews are steadfast in their refusal to land in France.

It is understood that British and French authorities are discussing the question of offering the immigrants a high priority for admission to Palestine if they agree to disembark. Slightly more than 50 have come ashore since Tuesday, when the vessels reached Port de Bouc, and most of them were in need of medical care.

Leon Blum, former French Premier, today accused Britain of "inhumanity" in returning the Jewish refugees from Palestine to France. He appealed to the British Government to "renounce the use of force in Palestine." The British should understand that "their behavior in Palestine is painful and revolting to the conscience of the world," he wrote in the Socialist newspaper "Populaire."

The Joint Distribution Committee sent ten tons of supplies aboard the three vessels. Its Paris office announced today that supplies will be delivered as long as the vessels remain in French waters.

UNESCO SUB-COMMITTEE TO START EIGHT-DAY TOUR OF JEWISH DP CAMPS NEXT WEEK

GENEVA, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The ten-man sub-committee of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine which was named yesterday will start on Tuesday an eight-day tour of Jewish DP camps in the American and British zones of Austria and Germany, it was revealed here today.

The terms of reference under which the unit will travel read: "The sub-committee shall visit selected representative assembly centers for Jewish DP's in Germany and Austria with a view to estimate and report to the Special Committee on the attitudes of the inmates of assembly centers regarding resettlement, repatriation or immigration to Palestine."

The members of the group will travel by American military plane, visiting Munich, Vienna and Berlin, in that order. They will inspect camps in the vicinity of these cities, as well as the Honne camp, formerly the Bergen-Belsen camp.

It was learned that each committee member will be guided in his work by a questionnaire which has already been drawn up. Among the queries listed are: "How did you become a DP?" "Would you like to return to your country of origin?" If the answer is "Yes," the next question is "Why haven't you done so already?" If the reply is "No," the refugee will be asked, "Why not?"

Other questions include: "Do you want to immigrate to Palestine?" "Have you any other wishes regarding immigration?" "Had you already applied for immigration to Palestine before the war?" "Would you like to immigrate to another country, if allowed?"

At this morning's sub-committee meeting, Dr. Ali Adeln, Iranian alternate member of the unit, suggested that members of the group might explain to the DP's in Palestine today may not be a "paradise." The Guatemalan alternate interjected that the DP's know the situation in Palestine very well, and if they wish to go they will go, regardless of the current situation.

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BRITISH PARLIAMENT EXPECTED TO DEBATE PALESTINE ISSUE NEXT FRIDAY

LONDON, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- A Parliamentary debate on Palestine will probably be held next Friday, it was reported today.

The debate has been demanded by the opposition, whose stand will be outlined by former Colonial Secretary Oliver Stanley. Reuters says tonight that Stanley will demand that the government fix a definite date for the withdrawal of British troops from Palestine, but will not suggest a retreat in the face of extremist pressure.

JEWISH AGENCY OFFICE IN NEW YORK HAS BOMB SCARE; POLICE FIND NOTHING SUSPICIOUS

NEW YORK, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency offices here had a bomb scare this morning when an anonymous caller told the switchboard operator that a bomb had been planted in the building and would explode within five minutes. A police bomb squad was summoned and combed the four-story building without turning up anything suspicious.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress, today called on President Truman to transmit to the British Government "the deep indignation of all Americans of good will at the deliberate assault of British military and police on the peaceful Jewish inhabitants of Tel Aviv."

In a telegram to the President, Dr. Wise urged him to use his influence to the end that the cycle of violence and recriminations be terminated in the Holy Land so that the peaceful development of the Jewish National Homeland could continue.

The American Jewish Committee, in a cable to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, condemned the hanging of the two British soldiers by the Irgun as "an act of unjustified lawlessness and brutality wholly at variance with the tradition of Judaism and prejudicial to a sane solution of the Palestine problem."

The cable also scored the "equally unjust reprisals" by British troops and police. It pointed out that these events stress the necessity for UNSCOP to find a solution to the problem, asserting that the roots of all violence in Palestine lie in the White Paper.

The Zionist Organization of America, in a statement issued here, also condemned the hanging of the two Britons. The statement read: "We are shocked and horrified. The perpetrators must be bereft of their senses. The Zionist movement has repeatedly condemned the shedding of innocent blood as an instrument of political warfare. We condemn the Irgun for this foul deed as vehemently as we condemn the British Government for the reign of terror it has instituted in Palestine."

Gen. Eisenhower's Ex-Advisor on Jewish Affairs Returns Medal To British

BOSTON, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi Judah Nadich, former advisor on Jewish affairs to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was decorated by the British Government for his war services, announced that he was returning the medal "because Atlee, Bevin and their associates have robbed it of all meaning."

He made the announcement at a mass meeting on Boston Common, attended by 10,000 persons, and called to protest the attack on the Exodus refugees and their deportation to France. It was held under the auspices of the New England Zionist Emergency Council, the local region of the Z.O.A., Hadassah, Mizrahi, Poale Zion, Jewish War Veterans, American Jewish Congress and a number of youth, civic and labor groups.

RUMANIAN CABINET REJECTS BILL PROVIDING PENSIONS FOR JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZISM

BUCHAREST, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Cabinet today rejected a pension bill which included provisions for safeguarding the rights of widows and orphans of Jews killed by the Nazis and of families of Jews who died or were disabled in deportation camps. The move was made on the grounds that there are no funds available.

Jewish organizations here announced that they intend to start action to reopen cabinet discussions of the bill. They insist that the provisions of the bill pertaining to pensions for the Jews must be carried out since promises to this effect were made by the government to Jewish leaders just prior to last year's elections.

ANTI-SEMITISM INCREASING IN RUMANIA, DR. SCHWARTZ REPORTS; FOOD FOR DP'S DETERIORATING

PARIS, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is on the increase in Rumania, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the European Executive Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, told a press conference here last night, following the conclusion of an emergency parley of J.D.C. representatives in a number of European countries. The Rumanian Government, he emphasized, is not anti-Semitic, "but is unable to cope with anti-Semitism."

Dr. Schwartz said that the failure of Congress to pass the Stratton Bill, which provides for the admission of DP's to the United States, as well as the return of the Exodus refugees to France, lowered the morale of the displaced Jews in the camps of Germany and Austria. He expressed apprehension over the fate of the homeless Jews if they have to spend a third winter in the camps.

The quality and the quantity of the food furnished the DP's is deteriorating, he reported. Although they receive enough calories, such items as sugar and milk are lacking. The medical and welfare services are also worsening. The newly-arrived Jewish refugees from Rumania are living entirely on J.D.C. aid, since the International Refugee Organization refuses to take care of them, he said.

JEWISH, NON-JEWISH GROUPS HOLD INTERNATIONAL PARLEY ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN SWITZERLAND

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- An international conference on anti-Semitism opened in Seelisberg, on Lake Lucerne, with representatives of Jewish and non-Jewish groups from various countries attending.

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, who is representing the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said today that British Jewry is "shocked beyond measure" at the hanging of the two British soldiers in Palestine by the Irgun. This act, he said, would be "condemned by all who hold dear the good name and cause of the Jewish people and of Palestine."

Rabbi Fabian Herskovits of the Central Synagogue in Budapest arrived here as a delegate of Hungarian Jewry. Two representatives of non-Jewish groups in Hungary were also invited to attend the parley, but they were unable to come.

WORLD CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONGRESS ASSERTS CHURCH FAILED IN DUTY TOWARD JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The Christian church has failed in its duty toward the Jews by not fighting anti-Semitism hard enough and sometimes participating in anti-Jewish activities, a statement issued today by the World Christian Youth Congress, which is now meeting in Oslo, states. It also urges Christian youth to seek closer contact with Jewish youth.

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE OFFERS ITS AID TO SENATE BODY INVESTIGATING DP SITUATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons today offered to cooperate with a Senate sub-committee which will investigate the European DP situation and said "the eyes of the world will be focused upon these investigators, whose report will spell the difference between life and death for 400,000 worthy human beings."

In a telegram to Sen. Chapman Revercomb, chairman of the investigating group, the Citizens Committee said it was pleased that "definite action finally is being taken with respect to these innocent victims of war." The Committee has supported the Stratton Bill which would permit the emergency entry into the United States over a four-year period of 400,000 persons now in European DP camps.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS U.N. FOR SPEEDY ADOPTION OF CONVENTION ON GENOCIDE

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress submitted a memorandum yesterday to the United Nations Economic and Social Council asking for a speedy adoption by the U.N. of a convention on genocide which provides for the outlawing of mass-extinction such as was carried out by the Nazis.

"We believe that the convention should make genocide an international crime, punishable by an international authority whether committed during peace or war," the memorandum said. It also recommended that the measure on genocide be coordinated with and not be permitted to overlap into the field of human rights, which is within the special province of the Commission on Human Rights.

The U.N. Economic and Social Council yesterday decided to postpone the next meeting of the Human Rights Commission until after the adjournment of the General Assembly which is slated to convene at Flushing Meadows, Sept. 16. The meeting was originally scheduled to take place in Geneva Aug. 28.

JEWS IN ARGENTINA MOVING TOWARD UNITY, DR. LISCOVICH, CORDOBA JEWISH LEADER, REPORTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The Jews in Argentina are moving toward greater unity as a result of the present situation of the Jews in Europe and Palestine, and under the influence of U.S. Jewry, Dr. Leon Liscovich, prominent Argentine Jewish leader, reported here today.

Dr. Liscovich was one of the principal delegates to a Pan-American medical congress which was held last week in Washington and at which he read a paper on nutrition. He was also a delegate to the International Congress of Pediatrics which took place in New York.

Born in Argentina, in one of the Jewish colonies in Entre Rios, Dr. Liscovich is active in Jewish community life in Cordoba where he now resides. "Jewish youth in Argentina is now becoming interested in Jewish problems to a greater extent than ever before," he said. He emphasized that he was especially impressed with what he saw of Jewish life in the United States.

HUGO BENEDICT, CO-WORKER OF THEODOR HERZL, DIES IN ARGENTINA; WAS 74

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Hugo Benedict, a former co-worker of Theodor Herzl, father of Zionism, died here today of a heart disease at the age of 74. An Austrian by birth, Benedict emigrated from his native country after the Anschluss in 1938. In Argentina he played a prominent role among German-speaking Zionists.