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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ARRESTS THREE JEWISH MAYORS; MANY REVISIONIST LEADERS DETAINED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Swooping down at dawn today in a gigantic drag-net operation Palestine police forces arrested the mayors of Tel Aviv and two other Jewish cities, many leading Revisionists and Jewish leaders throughout the country, what an official communique described as "part of the security forces' campaign against terrorism."

Jewish sources estimated that the number of persons held reached 200, but an official count placed the figure at 35. Besides Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, the municipal heads arrested were Oved Ben Ami of Nathanya and Abraham Krinitzky of Ramat Gan. After a short period of questioning in the police stations of the cities or towns where they were arrested, all the detainees were taken to Latrun detention camp, directly opposite the area where Jewish Agency leaders were imprisoned after their arrest last June.

The official government statement announcing the operation said that all the detainees were being held under the Emergency Defense Regulations and that "the military authorities are satisfied that in each case grounds exist for the detentions."

Brith Trumpeldor Outlawed; Jews Forbidden to Leave Country

Other restrictive measures included the outlawing of the Revisionist youth organization Brith Trumpeldor, which the government said was "a recruiting ground for terrorist groups." In addition, the order declared the property of the organization, also known as Betar, liable to confiscation. Among its assets are a number of valuable lands such as the Tel Hai fund which raised considerable monies in Palestine and abroad, and several agricultural settlements including Ramat Tiamkin and Tel Zur.

All Jews are forbidden to leave the country until the operation is completed, and heavily-reinforced guard units were placed in all ports and airdromes. Soldiers not on duty were restricted to barracks, apparently because the authorities feared that they would be targets for reprisal attacks.

Government Labor Office Blasted; Three Killed

Early this afternoon, a few hours after the country at large had learned of the police raids, Jerusalem was shaken by a terrific explosion which wrecked the Labor Department building, killing three British constables who were attempting to remove the bomb. Two members of the Irgun placed the explosives in the building and then quietly walked into the office of the chief clerk and told him to evacuate the building because an explosion was due within a few minutes.

The clerk rang an alarm bell, emptying the building, and then ran outside where he hailed a passing police patrol. They entered the building to try to dismantle the bomb. While they were tinkering with it, it went off, blowing one policeman to

its and burying two others in the wreckage of the building. The two men were finally dug out, but were dead. A fourth policeman was seriously injured during the excavation:

Curfew Reimposed in Jerusalem; Names of Arrested Revisionists

The dusk-to-dawn curfew in Jerusalem, which had been lifted at noon today, after being in effect for 16 days, was immediately reimposed. Ironically, the military commander's note to the Jerusalem Jewish Council announcing the lifting of the curfew said that he hoped the security situation would justify this step.

Among the Revisionist leaders gathered in by the police dragnet were Dr. Arish Altsan, president of the party, who was scheduled to depart for the United States tomorrow; Eizik Remba, editor of the party's organ Hamashkif; Dr. Arish Prosek, head of its National Labor Organization; and the entire membership of the council of the settlement of Ramath Tzionkin, northeast of Tel Aviv in the Tulkarm district.

Also, Dr. Abraham Weinshal, Revisionist leader in Haifa; Dr. Moshe Cohen, member of the Tel Aviv municipal council; Ahron Bader, member of the party's central committee; Max Kritzman, an attorney who regularly defends arrested extremists; and Dr. Wolfgang von Weisl, prominent figure in Revisionist circles for many years, who was arrested with Jewish Agency leaders last year and was released only after he went on a 16-day hunger strike in prison. David Stern, brother of Abraham Stern, late organizer and leader of the Stern Group, was also arrested.

Tel Aviv Mayor Suffers Heart Attack Following Arrest

The Palestine radio, quoting official sources, tonight announced that Mayor Bobach had suffered a heart attack following his arrest. The radio maintained that he was under house arrest, but his wife denied it, asserting that the police had whisked him off and would give her no information about him. His home was searched at the same time he was detained.

Mayor Ben Ami, whose home was also ransacked, upon hearing the order for his detention, remarked to the policemen: "This is the thanks I get for cooperating with the British for 20 years."

Jewish Leaders Decide to Convoke the Jewish National Assembly

Leaders of the Jewish Agency and of the Jewish National Council today held an urgent meeting at which they discussed the sudden action of the Palestine Government. They decided to convoke an emergency session of the Jewish National Assembly which is the parliament of Palestine Jewry.

Commenting on today's sweeping seizures, a Jewish Agency spokesman pointed out that some of those arrested were signatories to a statement released Friday which promised to "combat terrorism, and which resulted in some form of a united anti-terrorist front," but now that some of the most prominent signatories are under arrest, that "front is obviously shattered almost to the breaking point," he said.

U.S. Revisionists Protest Arrests; Deny Association with Extremists

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The Zionists-Revisionists Organization of America today issued a statement declaring that the activities of the underground groups in Palestine were "in no way directed, determined or influenced by the Revisionist Party, in Palestine or elsewhere, which functions legally and expresses its views in public statements." It sharply attacked the mass arrests in Palestine declaring that they will only result in closing the ranks of all resistance groups against the mandatory

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BRITISH MINISTER TELLS LORDS GOVT. SANCTIONED ARREST OF JEWISH LEADERS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Announcing the arrest this morning of Jewish leaders in Palestine, including three mayors and many prominent Revisionists, Lord George Hall, government spokesman in the House of Lords, today told that body that the mass roundup was sanctioned by the British Government.

The Palestine High Commissioner has been assured of the fullest support of the government, he declared. Commenting on a suggestion that High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham and the military and civilian officials did not see eye to eye on anti-extremist measures, the former Colonial Minister said that such allegations were entirely without foundation. He added that there was the closest contact between Cunningham and the military and between Cunningham and the Colonial Office.

He reported that an investigation into the killing of five Jews in Tel Aviv last week by British police and troops had been ordered. He also stated that the recent hangings of two soldiers in Palestine had greatly increased the tension in the country. Although the loss of life among members of the security forces has been "grievous," Hall said, the "relentless and continuing action" of the security detachments has been more effective than is generally appreciated.

Hangings Termed Greatest Injury to Jewish Cause

Lord Salisbury said no event had done more severe "injury to the Jewish cause than the hangings." He added: "Britain for centuries has been the best friend of the Jews and they are treated better here than in any other country, including the United States. It was due to the initiative of the Balfour Declaration that the Zionist experiment was ever started and due to our protection that it has been so successful."

Referring to the European Jews who entered Britain during the war, Salisbury said: "We believed that the vast majority of the Jewish community recognized this fact but a small, extreme section of the Jews are treating Britain as their supreme enemy." He continued: "If the Palestine mandate had been entrusted to Germany or some other country, severe penalties might be imposed, making the entire population suffer."

"We must not reply to terror with terror," he concluded, "but they must not try even us too much." He declared that it was incumbent on the government and the Jews, "especially on the Jewish leaders in Palestine and the Haganah to put down disorder by every means in their power."

The Earl of Perth condemned the anti-Semitic demonstrations in England, saying, "This isn't the British method of dealing with these things."

Churchill Criticizes Labor Government Policy in Palestine

Declaring that "no British interest is involved in Palestine with our retention of the Mandate," Winston Churchill, in a speech yesterday at a huge Conservative rally, declared: "For nearly 30 years we have done our best to carry out an honorable, self-imposed task. A year ago I urged the government to give notice to the United Nations that we could no longer bear these insults and injuries, but the ministers only gaped in shameful indecision. They are still only gaping."

Charging that the Labor Government has cast away India and Burma while clinging "at all costs to tiny Palestine," Churchill added: "Our sympathies go out to the British soldiers who have endured unspeakable outrages in Palestine with so much fortitude and discipline, and who are just marking time, month after month, under painful conditions waiting for the government to think of some sort of plan or policy."

ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACKS IN BRITAIN CONTINUE INTO FOURTH DAY; 700 RIOT IN MANCHESTER

LONDON, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The wave of anti-Semitic incidents in Britain continued into its fourth day today, reaching a new peak of fury in Manchester where a mob estimated at over 700 persons smashed windows in eight Jewish-owned shops. Other incidents occurred during the night and today in London, Liverpool, Devonport and Plymouth.

In Liverpool, where more shop windows were smashed last night and a cabinet factory which had been partially destroyed by fire Sunday night was set ablaze again, persons were arrested. While some police detachments guarded Jewish homes and property, other units battled demonstrators. Several policemen were reported injured. Despite the fuel emergency, street lights were on in the city for the first time since last winter. One Jewish shopkeeper, whose store was wrecked yesterday, today displayed a sign where his former window used to be, reading: "Is this the reward for my son who was killed fighting for his country?"

A dummy mine was placed in the entrance to a tailor shop operated by a Jew in Devonport. Synagogues in Plymouth and the Hendon-section of London were attacked and desecrated with anti-Jewish slogans, while a shop in the latter city was broken into and pillaged and a number of Jews have been threatened by telephone.

In Birmingham a sign fully a half-block long and three feet high was painted on a wall, declaring: "Gentiles Arise. Resist Jewish enterprise. Remember Paice and Martin" (the two British soldiers hanged in Palestine by the Irgun last week.)

Two members of the armed forces, Albert Keap and Leslie Baker, were today given three and four-month prison sentences, respectively, for participating in riots in Hull yesterday. The presiding magistrate declared that "we are not going to have this sort of thing in Hull if I can help it." One man received a three-month sentence in Manchester for a similar offense and a number of others were fined \$20. Most of the defendants were youths.

Labor Wants Stronger Measures to Halt the Riots

Meanwhile a movement is growing, particularly in labor circles, to demand stronger measures to halt the riots and to have Home Secretary James Chuter Ede appoint a special board of inquiry to investigate the current wave of anti-Semitism. The government's hesitancy to take firmer measures is attracting widespread condemnation particularly in the light of a statement last week by Ede that pro-fascist activities have not increased anti-Semitism in Britain.

Police officials insist that the outbreaks are essentially non-political in character. The Board of Deputies of British Jews issued a statement saying much the same, and adding that the rioters are mostly young people with a scattering of "criminal elements intent on looting." The Board's local defense committees and units of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen are cooperating in various cities to protect the local Jewish population.

The London Daily Express comments editorially that the outrages "disgrace and shame Britain" while the News Chronicle declared that "it is a shameful thing that in this country it should have been necessary to issue a public appeal in order to stop Jewish riots." Calling for the courts to punish those responsible for the Manchester riots, the Manchester Guardian said: "To answer terrorism in Palestine with terrorism is sheer Hitlerism." The Communist Daily Worker urged that legislation to combat anti-Semitism be enacted.

UNSCOP SUB-COMMITTEE ARRIVES IN MUNICH; WILL POLL JEWISH DP'S ON IMMIGRATION VIEWS

MUNICH, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The sub-committee of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, which will tour the D.P. camps in Germany and Austria to learn the views of the displaced Jews regarding repatriation and immigration, arrived here today. Its visit is expected to last about nine days.

N. COMMITTEE BEGINS DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA ON SOLUTION OF PALESTINE PROBLEM

GENEVA, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Simultaneously with the arrival of news of the arrest of a number of Jewish mayors in Palestine, members of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine began today the first of a long series of meetings in an attempt to find a solution to the Palestine problem.

There are today two schools of thought in the ranks of UNSCOP. One is that the committee should begin by discussing various historical and factual aspects of Palestine and, for example, the legality of the Balfour Declaration, the significance of the mandate, and the meaning of the phrase "Jewish national home."

The other school holds that UNSCOP should begin by the immediate discussion of a solution by the establishment of a Jewish state, an Arab state and partition, and such issues as federalization, nationalism and trusteeship, and reaching a proposed solution by process of elimination after full discussion.

The correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns that Justice Emil Sandstrom, UNSCOP chairman, has presented a 30-page survey of the historical and legal problems affecting Palestine, on which he had been working several days, with the suggestion that it be the basis of the Committee's discussions.

However, Justice I.G. Rand of Canada, Sir Abdur Rahman of India and other members of the group moved that it would be better for everyone to discuss possible solutions of the problem in the frankest spirit, since to discuss the Sandstrom survey without knowing everyone's real views would be tantamount to deceiving one another, it was felt.

Accordingly, the meetings hereafter will consist of the frankest, informal talks with the smallest possible group. The secretariat members will be absent, except for the translators, and no record of the discussions will be taken.

The French-language Courier de Geneve has just published an interview with Haj Amin el Husseini, the exiled ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, who said that if partition were to be the UNSCOP recommendation, the Arabs would fight it by all means at their disposal. He stated that the Arabs want an all-Arab state of Palestine although a brief transitional period might be necessary."

ARAB STATES SENDING ENVOYS TO GENEVA TO ASSIST UNSCOP DRAW UP FINAL REPORT

DAMASCUS, Syria, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- All the Arab states are sending envoys to Geneva "to assist the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine draft its final report to the U.N. General Assembly," Jamil Mardam Bey, Premier of Syria, announced today.

He reported that Syria would send two delegates. He also said that he would go to the United States to attend the Palestine discussion at the September session of the Assembly.

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AS ABOARD DEPORTATION SHIP DENY THEY ARE AFRAID TO DISEMBARK BECAUSE OF "REPRISALS"

PORT DE BOUC, France, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Charges by the commander of the British convoy which transported the refugees from the Exodus to this port that many Jews aboard the ships would disembark but were afraid of "reprisals" were denied today by the refugees speaking to the first group of Jewish correspondents permitted aboard.

Col. M.I. Gregson, the convoy commander, told the newsmen: "There is a lot of coercion on this boat, just like the Nazis used. A lot of people would be willing to get off but, afraid of reprisals, they are not allowed to." Asked for examples to support his allegation, Gregson said there was a Jewish girl who was sick in the ship's hospital who was told by a Jewish doctor: "As a doctor, I say you should get off the ship, but as a Jew I say you must not."

Gregson said another girl wanted to disembark but was told she should not. He added: "It terrifies me. It is the most appalling totalitarianism I have ever seen." The British commander accused Jewish doctors who came aboard to treat the sick with passing on orders and propaganda." He said he would not permit Jewish doctors to board his ship, the Runnymede Park, adding, "I've had enough."

Asserting that 16 Jews planned to disembark today, of whom only two were ill, Gregson called one of them to speak with the newspapermen. A 50-year-old short man named Mandelbaum, who had lived in the Warsaw ghetto and whom the Russians liberated, the refugee said he was going to leave the ship with his wife and two children because he was "tired and sick and wants to get well." He denied emphatically that pressure was used to prevent him from getting off. He said he had a brother and a sister in Los Angeles, but wanted to go only to Palestine.

The second refugee called to speak with the correspondents was a 29-year-old woman named Blatt who comes from Wolen, Poland. She said she was "tired and weak and sick" and had spent the entire trip in the hospital, worried about her 17-month-old child. She also said she wanted to go to Palestine eventually and denied that any pressure not to get off had been directed at her.

Conditions on Ship Improved; Refugees Feel Better

The correspondents' visit took place aboard the Runnymede Park where conditions are believed to be worse than on the other two ships. Coming on deck, the reporters saw refugees peering at them pitifully through wired cages, although women and children were strolling and playing on the rest deck. Led by Gregson and several other British officers, the party was taken to the upper deck where it could peer through the cages and see the refugees below. Permission to visit them was denied, however.

Primitive conditions prevailed in the cages, where the women were seen scantily-clad, many without shoes, and the men were dressed only in shorts. They all looked very dirty. There was a row of basins for washing and the latrines directly behind were separated by a curtain.

The reporters could barely see through the grill but it seemed as though refugees lined the floor solidly. Gregson said that although women and children were given the run of the deck, men were barred, because "we have to restrain the men as there are certain ones we don't trust. They can start trouble."

Touring the ship, the correspondents passed a grimy kitchen where they spoke to the "kitchen" who supported Gregson's statement that the refugees were receiving lots of food which was being sent from shore.

The over-all impression is that conditions are considerably better than when the ship arrived a week ago. Obviously, food, drink and medical attention are being given the refugees, making them feel and look better.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS HEIRLESS PROPERTY TO JEWISH REHABILITATION FUND

BUDAPEST, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The Office of Abandoned Property was today limited by a decree of the Hungarian Government and all heirless and abandoned Jewish property will be transferred to the Jewish Rehabilitation Fund.

At the same time, the government nullified all property transactions involving Jews after Dec., 1944. This move is expected to bring considerable new sums into the Rehabilitation Fund as Jewish property confiscated or sold under duress is recovered.

CORDON THROWN AROUND DP CAMP AS MILITARY INVESTIGATES ALLEGED ASSAULT ON U.S. TROOPS

ANSBACH, Germany, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- A military cordon was thrown today around the Heidem DP camp here while officials are investigating an alleged abduction of two U.S. soldiers by a group of displaced Jews last Wednesday. The inquiry was ordered by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, commander of the American zone in Germany.

According to official and Jewish sources, three U.S. soldiers assaulted a displaced Jew outside the camp, who later summoned help. The crowd of incensed Jews mistook two passing soldiers, Pvt. Robert C. Kennedy and Pvt. Thomas W. Ulrich, for the original assailants, seized them and brought them into the camp. Neither soldier was seriously injured and both were released within an hour of their abduction. Some reports quoted Kennedy as saying he was beaten.

Army authorities were pressing their search for 50 DP's in the camp area who are suspected of direct participation in the incident. The residents of the camp have been restricted to the camp area and no arrests have been made as yet either of soldiers or Jews.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ANTI-SEMITISM HEARS REPORTS ON INCREASED BIAS IN EUROPE

SEELENBERG, Switzerland, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Seventeen reports submitted to the International Emergency Conference to Combat Anti-Semitism in Europe, which is now taking place here, reveal that anti-Semitism is either increasing or is strongly in evidence, particularly in Austria and Hungary.

Chief Rabbi Alexander Shafraan of Bucharest delivered an encouraging report on Rumania, where, he said, conditions with regard to combatting anti-Semitism are satisfactory. On the other hand, Dr. Sterling Brown, advisor to the U.S. Army on religious affairs in the U.S. zone of Europe, said that anti-Semitism is widespread in Germany and that anti-Jewish tendencies are noticeable among American occupation troops.

The conference settled down today to routine business and appointed five commissions to work out plans for Christian-Jewish cooperation, educational work, tasks of churches in helping to combat anti-Semitism, and activities in civic and social fields as well as relations with governments. The conference, which aims at the establishment of an International Council of Christians and Jews, has three chairmen--Herbille Laski of London, Dr. Everett Clinchy of New York, and Msgr. Calliste Lopinot of Rome.

FORMER SLOVAK FASCIST LEADER SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR DEPORTING JEWS

PRAGUE, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Karel Danihel, formerly leader of the Slovak fascist Hlinka organization, was sentenced today to 10 years imprisonment after being found guilty of torturing Jews and of participating in a mass deportation of Jews from Czechoslovakia.

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE WILL HOLD FOURTH SESSION IN CHICAGO AT THE END OF NOVEMBER

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The fourth session of the American Jewish Conference, which was postponed because of an urgent meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee in Switzerland requiring the presence of many leading delegates and officers, will open in Chicago on Nov. 29 and will continue through Dec. 1, it was announced today.

The decision to postpone the session was taken by the administration of the conference following a plebiscite among the delegates. More than 300 answers favored postponement while only nine were against it.

MEXICO WILL ADMIT 100 JEWISH FAMILIES FROM EUROPE; MUST BE EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Mexico is willing to admit 100 Jewish families from Europe on condition that the immigrants take up agricultural pursuits, it was learned here today. The Government declared that it is also ready to grant such immigrants suitable plots of land and all necessary farming equipment.

Dr. Hector Perez-Martinez, Minister of the Interior, made this statement to a Jewish delegation after conferring with President Miguel Aleman. The delegation was made up of S. Wisniak, noted film magnate, Gregorio Shapiro and Max Shane.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ASKS UNSCOP FOR POLL AMONG DP'S FREE FROM "PRESSURE"

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism today sent a message to Chief Justice Emil Sandstrom of Sweden, chairman of the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine, urging that UNSCOP's inquiry into the resettlement preferences of displaced persons of Jewish faith in European camps be conducted "under circumstances that will free them from partisan political boycotts and pressures."

The Council also urged that in making its investigation the U.N. committee make due allowance for the long period of Zionist propaganda and indoctrination of Jewish DP's and that before the poll is conducted, "make known to them the relevant facts in regard to the situation in Palestine."

DISTURBANCES INTERRUPT PALESTINIAN CONCERT AT WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN PRAGUE

PRAGUE, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- A number of disturbances interrupted a Palestinian concert held here last night in connection with the World Youth Festival.

A delegation of Palestine Communists protested the singing of Hatikvah at the opening of the concert and the hanging of the Zionist flag from the rostrum. At the end of the affair, differences were ironed out by displaying the Zionist, Communist and Palestine Arab flags, to represent the three delegations attending the festival.

QUEEN ELIZABETH OF BELGIUM SPONSORS JEWISH YOUTH IMMIGRATION MOVEMENT

BRUSSELS, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Queen Elizabeth of Belgium has accepted the role of sponsor of the Belgian section of the Youth Aliyah rescue organization, it was announced here today.