

Friday, August 15, 1947

JTA

Daily News Bulletin

PUBLISHED BY THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

106 EAST 41ST STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

ARAB-JEWISH CLASHES IN TEL AVIV-JAFFA AREA CONTINUE; THREE JEWS, ONE ARAB KILLED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The sporadic clashes between Jews and Arabs in the border area of Tel Aviv and Jaffa went into the fourth day today with a number of pitched battles fought in various Arab and Jewish quarters. The violence, the worst since the Arab riots of 1936-39, claimed the lives of three Jews and one Arab, left 46 persons wounded and resulted in property damage amounting to more than \$400,000.

One of the day's major engagements was fought near the Arab village of Abu Kehir, on the outskirts of Jaffa, when an Arab mob threw up road blocks and halted buses and private cars carrying Jewish passengers. The passengers were hauled out of their vehicles and beaten and knifed. Two Jews, Benjamin Rosenberg and Yechiel Itzmann, died as a result of stab wounds.

While the mob stoned buses and abused the passengers, a number of Arabs with tommyguns and Sten guns held off Jewish rescuers for a short time. They also sprayed the Jews stopped at the barricades. Beside the two dead, 16 other Jews were wounded. The Jewish reinforcements finally broke through -- well before police arrived on the scene, 45 minutes after the attack began. One Arab was killed and three were wounded in the battle.

All southbound traffic from Tel Aviv was suspended today after an attack on Jews near Holon, three miles south of Tel Aviv. One Jew was seriously wounded and several hurt less critically when an Arab gang opened fire on passers-by.

Arabs Set Jewish Factory Afire; American Jew Killed

Another Arab band set fire to a textile factory and a lumber yard in one of the outlying districts of Tel Aviv. The blaze which burned for many hours, spread to adjoining stores and buildings. A group of Jews set fire to Arab market stalls in a section of Jaffa which juts into the Jewish city.

Several wooden huts in Tel Aviv's Maccabee quarter were put to the torch by an invading gang of Arabs who also fired a number of shots at the inhabitants. The fire was returned and the Arabs fled. A truck was fired by invading Arabs in the Hatikvah section and the truck driver, Ahron Hanowitz, was killed, after which his truck was burned. Hanowitz, who was 26 years old, was an American citizen living with his wife, who is expecting a child shortly, and his parents at Pardes Hanna. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and fought with the Seventh Army in the Pacific Theatre.

It was learned that the Haganah had dispatched a number of armed police units to various parts of Tel Aviv. This explained the quick dispersal of Arab attackers in many areas. The police were so slow in arriving on the scene of fighting that newspaper correspondents and other observers commented on it. On roads which previously had swarmed with military vehicles searching for extremists, troop patrols could not be found for hours at a time.

The official casualty lists, besides mentioning the four dead, broke down the figure of those wounded as follows: three Jews and seven Arabs wounded seriously;

11 Jews and 18 Arabs wounded less seriously; and one Jew and six Arabs the extent of whose injuries are still unknown. Up to mid-afternoon, Red Mogen David first-aid stations had dressed the wounds of 27 persons.

A body of a dead Arab was found in an orange grove three miles from Tel Aviv last night. It was reported that he was executed by the Haganah for having been involved in the attack on a Tel Aviv cafe Sunday night which touched off the wave of conflicts. Itzhak Grinberg, who was stabbed in Jaffa yesterday, died in a hospital during the night.

A police patrol in Haifa last night shot and killed Aholeab Battan, a 19-year-old Jewish youth. The official announcement declared that he failed to halt when challenged.

Jewish National Council Warns Against Provocation

The Jewish National Council today issued a statement calling on the Jews to beware of provocation and not to give way to panic. It also urged the Jews not to be dragged into street fighting. At the same time, the Council sharply pointed out to the government that it was responsible for restoring and maintaining order.

The Irgun, commenting on the Arab attacks, charged the British with continuing their "quarter-century old policy of stirring up trouble" to keep the Arabs and Jews at each other's throats. For this reason, the extremist organization said, it would continue to fight the British rather than the Arabs.

It was learned today that Mahmud Labib, Arab military organizer and henchman of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, will be expelled to Egypt, his native land, despite many pleas from various Arab sources. Labib was ordered out of the country for allegedly being implicated in Sunday's attack on the Tel Aviv night club.

The Palestine Government has released a statement by the Government of Cyprus that the British decision to discontinue the use of British ships to transport Jewish internees from the island to Palestine does not mean that the transfer of the visaless immigrants to Palestine has ceased. The Cypriot administration apparently issued the statement to counteract fears among the island's population that the Jews will be kept there permanently.

U.N. GROUP COMPLETES DP CAMP SURVEY; SEES 400 JEWS LEAVE FOR PALESTINE

HOHNE CAMP, British Zone, Germany, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- On the last lap of its tour of the DP camps, the UNSCOP sub-committee today witnessed the dramatic departure of 400 certificate-bearing Jews from this camp for Palestine. The former camp inmates were sent off amid cheers and the singing of Hatikvah and received the best wishes of the committee members.

Brigadier A.G. Kenchington, commander of the camp, the biggest in the British zone, told the U.N. delegates that since February of this year more than 2,000 Jews from the camp have been processed for emigration, chiefly for Palestine. Kenchington informed the committee, which is preparing to leave tonight for Geneva to submit its report to UNSCOP, that 400 certificated Jews leave the camp monthly for Palestine.

LONDON SYNAGOGUE SET AFIRE; BLAZE EXTINGUISHED QUICKLY; ONLY FIXTURES DAMAGED

LONDON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A synagogue in the Willesden district of London was set afire last night but the blaze was quickly extinguished by firemen, who reported that a gas main had been cut. Fixtures in the building were badly damaged.

SHERTOK TELLS ZIONIST CONFERENCE HE DOUBTS ANY ACTION WILL COME FROM UNSCOP INQUIRY

CARLSBAD, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 14. (JTA)--Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, told the second session of the Conference of European Zionist Federations here that "maybe the UNSCOP will acknowledge Jewish rights in Palestine, but there is no certainty that any action will be taken."

Presenting a political report on the Palestine situation in which he strongly condemned the activities of the Irgun Zvai Leumi--during which he was frequently interrupted by members of the audience--Sherbok declared that the current Palestine situation is "untenable and that immediate solution of the problem is urgent not only for the Jewish community of Palestine, but also for Jews throughout the world."

Dr. Moshe Sneh, member of the Agency executive, addressing the delegates from 14 countries, stated that "British imperialism strengthened the Arabs against the Jews," and, commenting on the recent wave of anti-Jewish outbreaks in England, said: "Bevin is the spiritual inciter of these riots because he described Zionism as the Jewish fight against Christianity." Declaring that "we must seek friends in the East and West," and that it is "urgent that we find Allies in Asia," Dr. Sneh stated that a "good solution could not be forthcoming from Britain because she does not support a Jewish state under any circumstances."

UNSCOP Members Reportedly Favor British Evacuation of Palestine

LONDON, Aug. 14. (JTA)--A report from Geneva published today in the London Tribune warns that there "is a nasty shock coming to Britain" from the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine and that its members are said to be in unanimous agreement that the British mandate in Palestine should be cancelled.

The Tribune correspondent, Jon Kimche, a well known English newspaperman, states that there is little doubt that the U.N. will demand that Britain evacuate Palestine and abandon its interests there. He asserts that the fact-finding commission leans toward a combination of partition and federation as a solution which would create neither a sovereign Jewish or Arab state, but would establish a federation with a central authority controlling the country's economic life.

Kimche also states that the Yugoslav delegate has "reverted to the traditional Communist opposition to Zionism" and is advocating a bi-national state, but is not supported by other delegates. The Indian and Iranian delegates are also expected to propose a minority plan.

REVISIONIST SPOKESMAN CHARGES MASS ARRESTS CARRIED OUT WITH "CONNIVANCE" OF AGENCY

PARIS, Aug. 14. (JTA)--A high Revisionist spokesman here charged today that the recent mass arrest of Revisionist and other Jewish leaders in Palestine was carried out "with the connivance of the Jewish Agency executive," as well as other Zionist bodies.

"The Agency acquiesced in the arrests insofar as they affected its political adversaries," he declared. "Such an attitude does not fall short of treachery."

The Revisionist spokesman added that this charge applies equally to the manner in which the Agency reacted to the banning of Brith Trumpeldor, Revisionist youth organization, by the Palestine Government.

22 FORMER BUCHENWALD GUARDS SENTENCED TO DEATH; NINE GET VARIOUS TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT

DACHAU, Germany, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- An eight-man American military tribunal today sentenced to death 22 of 31 Nazi guards, officials and doctors at the Buchenwald extermination camp. The remaining nine defendants received terms ranging from 10 years to life imprisonment. All were convicted of charges of torture and murder of thousands, including many Jews.

Five of the nine whose lives were spared received life terms, including Ilse Koch, widow of a former commandant of the camp; Prince Josias zu Waldeck, former Gestapo general and chief judge at the camp; and Dr. Edwin Katzenellenbogen, former American citizen, who is reported to be a Jew. The remaining four convicted criminals received 10-20 year sentences.

Katzenellenbogen requested the death sentence Tuesday when the 31 were found guilty. Among the doomed men was Hans Eisele, a Gestapo lieutenant, who was sentenced to die at a previous trial for crimes at the Dachau concentration camp but was later saved when his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Over 400 spectators were present in the court during sentencing. All the defendants were moved to the Landsberg prison this afternoon.

Today's sentencing marked the end of the fourth of the five mass trials of concentration camp personnel by American military courts. Only the trial of guards and officers at the Nordhausen camp, which opened here last week, remains to be completed. The trials of personnel at the Buchenwald, Dachau, Mauthausen and Flossen-berg camps resulted in 173 convictions and 134 death sentences. To date the Dachau war crimes court has tried 1,323 Nazi war criminals with a record of 1,112 convictions.

JEWISH DP'S FORCED TO CANCEL TRIP TO AMERICA BECAUSE TRANSPORTATION IS UNAVAILABLE

MUNICH, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Scores of Jewish men and women wept openly here today when they were forced to leave a train which was about to start them on their journey to the United States. At the last minute, after 315 displaced Jews had boarded the train bound for Bremerhaven, they were informed that there was no ship available to take them from the German port to New York.

It is expected that a vessel will not be available until some time next month. Many of the refugees expressed the fear that now they would never get to the United States.

At the same time a second group of 201 displaced Jews set out on a journey to new homes in Palestine. They included 72 men, 91 women and 38 children up to the age of 17, all with relatives residing in Palestine. The total number of Palestine-bound immigrants to leave Munich since Jan. 1 of this year, excluding today's group, was 184.

Gen. Clay Appeals for Solution of DP Problem

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American commander in Germany, today reiterated at a press conference in Frankfurt that no more displaced Jews can be absorbed into the German economy without risking the revival of anti-Semitism.

He asserted that although it was not in his province to say what should happen to the Jewish DP's in Germany, he nonetheless felt that the problem was one which "every major civilized nation should have to face and find a solution for, since the present situation is not tolerable and can be expected to get worse instead of better."

AUSTRALIAN GOVT. PREPARES TO RECEIVE EUROPEAN REFUGEES; DISREGARDS ANTI-JEWISH CRITICS

CANBERRA, Australia, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Despite a flood of criticism aimed at agreement between the International Refugee Organization and Australian Immigration Minister Arthur A. Calwell, providing for the admission of 5,000 European refugees to Australia this year and more next year, the government is making preparations for the implementation of the agreement, it was reported here today.

Prime Minister John B. Chiffley told a press conference today that the government will not be moved by the "uninformed criticism," much of which is anti-Jewish in nature, and that it will combat anti-Semitism wherever possible. He also revealed that Calwell went to Europe with full Cabinet authority to admit refugees with but two conditions: that they be in good health, and that they be "free of political fanaticism." (Calwell arrived in New York today where he will spend a few days before continuing his homeward journey.)

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS GROUP WILL START SURVEY OF DP'S IN EUROPE AT END OF MONTH

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A House Foreign Affairs subcommittee will leave Europe August 27 to survey the DP situation and the International Refugee Organization, it was announced here today.

Headed by James G. Fulton, Republican of Pennsylvania, the committee will include Reps. Jacob K. Javits, Republican, and Joseph L. Pfeifer, Democrat, both of New York. Rep. Frank Chelf, Democrat of Kentucky, a member of the House Immigration Subcommittee, which held hearings during the past session of Congress on admission of DP's to the United States, will join the committee in their survey.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE AND ALLIED GROUPS GET CONSULTATIVE STATUS AT U.N.

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The U.N. Economic and Social Council today granted consultative status to the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, which is composed of the American Jewish Conference, the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the South African Jewish Board of Deputies. Similar recognition was granted earlier to the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish Consultative Council, which is composed of the American Jewish Committee, the Alliance Israelite Universelle and the Anglo-Jewish Association.

RABBI ROSENBLUM REPORTS ON PROGRAM ADOPTED AT EUROPEAN PARLEY TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, president of the Synagogue Council of America, today reported at a press conference on the results of the recent Emergency Conference on Anti-Semitism, held in Seelisburg, Switzerland, which he attended as a delegate of the Council and of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Rabbi Rosenblum said that the program adopted by the lay and clergy delegates who represented most European countries, consisted of three major points: 1. To urge church bodies to cease teaching that Jews were responsible for the crucifixion of Christ; 2. To ascertain that "nothing in Christianity should be used as a basis for religious hatred, since 'Jesus was the son of a Jewish mother who was the seed of David.'"; 3. To declare that persons practicing anti-Semitism should not be considered Christians.

8/15/47

10,000 DP'S TO BE ADMITTED TO CANADA; JEWISH CIRCLES WONDER HOW MANY WILL BE JEWS

OTTAWA, Aug. 14. (JTA)--Close to 10,000 displaced persons from Europe will be admitted to Canada within the next few months, it was announced today by Reconstruction Minister C.D. Howe, who asserted, upon his return from a visit to DP camps in Europe, that he was "very favorably impressed" with the type of persons he saw.

Jewish circles in Canada, however, are wondering how many of the 10,000 DP's will be Jews in view of the fact that of 730 DP forestry workers recently brought to this country, only seven were Jewish, although the Joint Distribution Committee had registered 300 Jews in this category.

No decision on the question of admitting refugee physicians to relieve the acute shortage in Canada has yet been reached by the Federal Government, which is discussing this step with various provincial agencies.

AMERICANS FOR HAGANAH APPEAL TO TRUMAN TO PROTEST BRITISH ASSAULT ON "EXODUS 1947"

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA)--An appeal to President Truman and Secretary of State George Marshall to protest the "British violation of international law in assaulting the Haganah ship Exodus 1947 on the high seas" was endorsed last night at a mass meeting here called by Americans for Haganah, Inc.

A resolution approved by the meeting also urged the United States to demand redress for the death of William Bernstein, American crew member who was killed by the British aboard the Exodus, and the immediate release of three other American crew members who are being held by the British on charges of "aiding illegal immigration." The resolution requested that Britain be required to "fulfill her international obligations by returning the Exodus refugees to their rightful home in Palestine and by opening the doors of Palestine to free Jewish immigration."

Speakers at the meeting included Louis Lipsky, chairman of the executive committee of the American Jewish Conference; John Stanley Grauel, former Methodist Minister who was in the crew of the Exodus when it was attacked by British warships; Ben-Zion Elan, former member of the Jewish Brigade; and Helen Waren, actress and lecturer, who recently returned from Palestine.

900 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED BY JEWISH CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION SINCE 1891

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA)--Nine hundred college scholarships have been provided for Jewish youths in this city by the Jewish Child Care Association since the inception of its program in 1891, it was announced here today.

In outlining the organization's scholarship program, Louis Strauss, a vice-president of the agency and head of its scholarship committee, asserted that \$11,000 in scholarship funds is provided annually. Grants provide tuition and maintenance, Mr. Strauss explained, with the students supplementing this income with part-time employment.