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ARAB-JEWISH PEACE MOVEMENT SPREADING IN PALESTINE; HAGANAH ARMS CACHE SEIZED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Peace overtures between Jews and Arabs, which yesterday culminated in a formal ceremony marking the signing of a "peace treaty" between the inhabitants of adjoining areas in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border areas, today spread to other parts of the country.

In the Tel Aviv area, where the truce sentiment is particularly strong, Arabs from the Manshieh quarter of Jaffa and Yemenite Jews from a nearby section today signed a second "covenant" with a repetition of yesterday's "burying the dagger" ceremony. One of the passages of the agreement says that a "foreign hand tried to instigate the Arabs against the Jews, but only irresponsible boys responded to the instigation, while the entire population is opposed to it."

British troops today found a large arms cache in the Yemin Moshe quarter of Jerusalem. Nine persons have been detained for questioning concerning the weapons store. It was learned that the arms had been transferred to the hiding place during the past few days by the Haganah and that they were intended for use in defending Jewish homes if the recent Arab attacks spread to Jerusalem. The cache included about 400 hand grenades, pistols, rifles and light automatic rifles and a large quantity of small arms ammunition.

It was apparent from the manner in which the hunt was conducted that someone living in the neighborhood must have informed the officials of the presence of the arms. The troops cordoned off the quarter just before dawn, sending all men into hastily erected barbed wire pens. Then they proceeded directly to a school house where they located the entrance to the cache in a washroom. Behind one of the fixtures they found an iron door leading into a small cave carved out of rock.

Meanwhile, police detachments arrested Shalom Halevi, chairman of the Ramath Gen General Zionist committee, and I. Ben Amitai, an attorney, and Revisionist member of the town council.

Jewish Agency Demands Government End "Outrages" By Troops

Reacting to the murder yesterday of a 17-year-old Jewish youth by soldiers firing from a speeding military vehicle, the Jewish Agency today demanded that the government put an immediate end to further "outrages by military personnel."

An Agency spokesman charged that the troops have grown bolder in their terrorism against the Jewish population and have even dared to shoot down Jews in broad daylight, something which they previously only did under cover of night. He also demanded a public report on the case of Major Roy Farran, alleged to have murdered a Jewish youth, and on the riots in Tel Aviv at the end of last month by troops and police during which five Jews were killed.

Four hundred and sixty-eight Jewish orphans arrived in Haifa this morning on two British transports from Cyprus. They reported that newsmen, photographers and even social workers were not permitted near them while they embarked at the island port of Famagusta, for fear of possible sabotage of the vessels.

UNSCOP FORMS THREE WORKING UNITS TO STUDY FEDERALIZATION, BOUNDARIES, CONSTITUTION

GENEVA, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- After almost three weeks of private, informal exchanges of views on various aspects of the Palestine problem, the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine today split into three working groups which will go further into the details of the question and will present their conclusions in writing. In addition to the three groups, which will consider federalization, a constitution and boundaries, a sub-committee to study the question of the Holy Places has been set

The members of the group which will work on federalization are Iran, India, Yugoslavia. The delegates from Sweden, Canada, the Netherlands and Guatemala will prepare a constitution for Palestine. The boundaries of possible Palestinian states will be the province of the representatives of Uruguay, Australia and Czechoslovakia.

It is understood that the members of the constitutional and boundaries subcommittees are those who favor partition. This would tend to substantiate recent reports that UNSCOP is divided eight to three in favor of partition as a final solution to the Palestine issue.

Arab Extremists and Moderates Transfer Their Battle to Geneva

The long-standing internecine feud between Arab extremists and moderates, which has been fought simultaneously in Washington, London and Jerusalem, has now moved to Geneva where it is being battled out on a world stage with UNSCOP as an interested spectator. It is a feud between the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, led by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, on the one hand, and the Arab Office on the other.

The Higher Committee has sent two high-pressure envoys here: Rassem el Khali, who was refused a visa by the United States to attend the U.N. sessions at Lake Success because of his collaboration with the Nazis, and Marouf Dawalibi, a Syrian whose passport the Mufti used in making his escape from France in 1946 and in whose villa he lived while in exile in France. These two represent Arab extremism.

The Arab Office is now represented in Geneva by Musa Alami, its director; Nail Hourani, director of the Washington branch; Edward Atiyah, director of the Arab Office in London and Omar Dajani, Musa Alami's assistant. They represent what might be called the Arab moderates.

The position of the Higher Committee is the demand for Palestine as an independent Arab state with minority rights only for those Jews who were in the country before the issuance of the Balfour Declaration in 1917. Since only about 80,000 Jews were in Palestine at that time, this would mean the disenfranchisement of some 600,000 Arabs. The Arab Office says it wants a democratic state with citizenship for all Jews in Palestine.

All activities on behalf of the Higher Committee are contrary to the Committee's boycott of the UNSCOP, the terms of which prohibit any Arab from coming in contact with the UN committee. The envoys of the Higher Committee hope to achieve the following aims in Geneva: Firstly, to counteract whatever influence the Arab Office representatives may have gained with UNSCOP; secondly, to act as advisors to the official Arab liaison with the U.N. group--Camil Chamoun, Lebanese Minister of the Interior and formerly Lebanese Minister to Britain, who is here in Geneva; and thirdly, to see what influence they can bring to bear on such delegates of UNSCOP as they think are pro-Arab to kill any solution of the Palestine problem which is not in conformity with the aspirations of the Higher Committee.

TRIAL OF FOUR JEWS CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING AMERICAN SOLDIERS OPENS IN GERMANY

ANSBACH, Germany, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Four displaced Jews today went on trial before an American military court on charges of having kidnapped and assaulted two American soldiers at a camp near here. All four defendants pleaded not guilty.

Shortly after the session opened, the court granted a defense motion to postpone the trial in order to give defense counsel, which was recently appointed, adequate time to prepare the case. The trial will be resumed Aug. 28, before a three-man court.

A second motion by the two defense attorneys, to release the Jews on bail, was denied. The court assured the lawyers that their clients were receiving good treatment in the Nuremberg detention center. The attorneys spent the remainder of the day interviewing persons present at the scene of the beating.

SEVEN NAZI DOCTORS SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR MURDER OF THOUSANDS IN SADISTIC EXPERIMENTS

NUREMBERG, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Karl Brandt, Hitler's personal physician, and six other Nazi doctors were today sentenced to death by an American military tribunal for crimes against humanity and sadistic experiments on human beings. Thousands of concentration camp prisoners, including many Jews, died as a result of the experiments.

Five doctors received life sentences, four prison terms ranging from 15 to 20 years, and seven were acquitted. Among the physicians and scientists sentenced to the gallows was the chief doctor at the Buchenwald death camp and Heinrich Himmler's physician. Herta Oberhauser, only woman defendant and a doctor at the Ravensbrueck camp for women, received a 20-year term. The trial lasted nine months.

AUSTRIAN MINISTER ASKS PRESS NOT TO SENSATIONALIZE THREATS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY

VIENNA, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Another false alarm took place in the Austrian city of Graz last night when an anonymous telephone caller, claiming to be a "Jewish terrorist," threatened to blow up a hotel housing British officers. A detailed search revealed no bombs.

In a statement issued in connection with the telephone threats to blow up various buildings in the country during the past week, Interior Minister Oskar Helmer cautioned the Austrian press against printing sensational stories concerning alleged terrorist activities. Asserting that such incidents as the landmining of a British troop train in the Austrian Alps last week should not be taken lightly, he requested that the hoaxes should not be given undue publicity. He charged that Jewish DP camps were "headquarters" for "criminal gangs."

(In Jerusalem tonight the Irgun secret radio termed a "British provocation" a London radio broadcast which alleged that the underground organization intended to blow up American military installations in Vienna. The Irgun announcer declared that the British were attempting to arouse anti-Jewish sentiment among the American people by such tactics.)

British Consulate in Munich Adopts Stringent Security Measures

MUNICH, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Fearing "terrorist" activities, the British Consulate here today adopted stringent security measures. All visitors entering the building will be carefully examined, especially those carrying packages.

BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCES FATE OF EXODUS REFUGEES WILL BE KNOWN "SHORTLY"

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The fate of the 4,400 Exodus refugees will probably be settled within the next few days it was indicated here today with the announcement by the Foreign Office that a statement on the final destination of the visaless immigrants would be made "shortly." The announcement gave no hint as to the nature of the forthcoming statement.

(The New York Times today reported from London that the Jews would be sent to the British zone of Germany.)

A Foreign Office spokesman today announced that British naval units at Port de Bouc, where the Exodus Jews are imprisoned aboard three ships, would engage in gunnery practice. The spokesman said that he was making the announcement in advance to head off possible unfounded rumors concerning the refugees.

Refugees Smuggle Message to UNCTOP Off Prison Ship

PORT DE BOUC, France, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Exodus refugees imprisoned aboard the Ocean Vigor, one of the three ships on which the 4,400 visaless Jews have been kept here for 20 days, today smuggled a message off the boat to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine.

Describing the conditions on board the crowded transports, the message begged: "Send some of your members to see how we live." Reiterating their refusal to land in France and warning that their threatened non-stop hunger strike may end in "grave disaster," the Jews pleaded again: "Intervene before it is too late. Please help us get away. Bring us to Palestine." A copy of the message, which was signed "The immigrants aboard the prison ship Ocean Vigor," was also sent to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

The entire medical staff of the OSE branch in Marseilles, headed by Dr. I. Mendelewitch and consisting of six physicians, four nurses and two social workers, has been incorporated into the services of the Sanitary Board of the Department Bouches-du-Rhone, which has authority over the harbor at Port-de-Bouc. The OSE personnel have taken over the medical supervision on the ships.

1,400 JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVE IN ITALY FROM AUSTRIA IN TWO DAYS; ALL HOUSED IN MILAN

ROME, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Fourteen hundred Jewish refugees have arrived in Italy from Austria during the last two days. They were all housed in the Jewish Community House in Milan.

In view of the overcrowded conditions existing in the Jewish DP camps in Italy, it is probable that the refugees will be compelled to reside in non-Jewish camps, along with Ukrainian, Yugoslav and Croat refugees, many of whom are anti-Semites who aided the Nazis during the war. Meanwhile, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, arrived here today. He will visit J.D.C. establishments in Italy for four days, after which he will proceed to Greece and Palestine.

BRITISH COMMISSION ARRIVES IN BRITISH GUIANA TO STUDY POSSIBILITIES OF RESETTLING DP'S

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A British commission arrived here today to study the economic possibilities of resettling European displaced persons in this colony. The members will make an exhaustive tour of the colony next week.

JEWISH REHABILITATION FUND IN HUNGARY TO BEGIN OPERATIONS WITH CHECK OF ASSETS

BUDAPEST, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- With the recent appointment of the remaining members of the Jewish Rehabilitation Board, which is charged with using heirless and abandoned Jewish property for relief and rehabilitation of Jews, the Board will commence its activities in the near future, it was learned here today.

One of the major problems facing the Board, on which representatives of the Jewish community and the government sit, is the determination of which property and how much of it comes under the body's jurisdiction. It has been announced that the assets of the government Abandoned Property Bureau, which is in the process of being liquidated, will be turned over to the Board. In addition, property whose owner's death has not been certificated will also be surrendered to the Board, eliminating a wealth of red tape which promised to tie up such assets for many years.

The Board must also trace a good deal of property which it knows has been stolen from Jews but which has not yet been returned. In the matter of real estate such tracing is possible, although laborious, because it cannot be moved and disposed of without records. However, since much of the property was at one time or another divided among different people, either by pro-Nazi officials or under the land reform laws of the present administration, it will be difficult to straighten out the legal tangles involved. The government has made an attempt to ease the Board's work by providing penal punishment for anybody failing to report property which he knows was taken from Jews under duress.

Although the beginning of the relief-rehabilitation features of the Board's program will not be put off until all assets are known, the fullest extent of the program cannot be determined until such information is available. The first assistance will be given to victims of persecution, with children's welfare and educational institutions getting top priority and homes for the aged second consideration.

Board officials have announced that although there may eventually be many administrative positions open in its various programs, it will begin operations on a modest level in order to effect the greatest possible economies. As the programs develop administrative help will be hired to keep pace with needs.

DAVID NILES, ASSISTANT TO TRUMAN AND ROOSEVELT, RECEIVES ORDER OF MERIT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- David K. Niles, administrative assistant to President Truman and also to President Roosevelt, was today awarded the Order of Merit by President Truman in a ceremony at the White House.

The citation, read by the President, lauded Niles for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States" as adviser on labor problems to the War Production Board. Declaring that Niles "worked assiduously and rendered invaluable services to his country," the citation said that his "immediate perception and keen insight" into the complex labor-management problems which were created by a wartime economy, aided immeasurably in uniting both labor and management in the collaborative production of the weapons of war.

"In this task," continued the President, "he won the full confidence and high regard of all those with whom he dealt by the display of an essential fairness and desire to understand and reconcile the problems of worker and employer and by communicating to them his own zeal in the American principles of democratic action. He gave unstintingly of his time and efforts and handled all of his assignments with finesse and dexterity."

AGUDAH WORLD COUNCIL MEETS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA; DISCUSSES CONVOCAATION OF CONGRESS

MARIENBAD, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A meeting of the Central Council of the Agudas Israel World Organization opened here last night. The council will discuss the major problems confronting Jews today and is expected to convene a world congress of Agudah organizations within the near future.

Meanwhile, the world conference of Agudah Youth which is also meeting here has decided to establish a central world office in Paris. The office will function directly under the control of the executive of the Agudas Israel World Organization. Branch offices may be opened in various countries later.

U.S. REVISIONISTS WARN OF ANTI-BRITISH BOYCOTT IF PALESTINE ISSUE REMAINS UNSOLVED

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Failure of the United Nations to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the Palestine problem will "undoubtedly" bring a Jewish boycott of British goods and services, Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn, chairman of the executive board of the United Zionist-Revisionists of America, declared at a press conference here. He denounced the recent arrests of 40-odd Revisionist leaders in Palestine.

The Labor Zionist Organization of America today issued a statement calling for Arab-Jewish peace in Palestine, based on mutual respect, and lauded the efforts of Haganah, the Jewish militia, to forestall widespread anti-Jewish action by Arab bands. The statement also called upon Britain to return to Palestine the 4,500 refugees who have been held aboard "hell ships" off the coast of France for three weeks.

U.J.A. MUST SUPPLEMENT I.R.O. AID TO JEWISH REFUGEES IN ITALY, DR. GOLDSTEIN REPORTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization provides only 45 cents towards the dollar-a-day minimum required for the upkeep and maintenance of each of the 18,000 homeless Jewish refugees in Italy, most of whom are still confined to displaced persons camps, Dr. Israel Goldstein, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who is now visiting Europe, cabled today to national headquarters of the organization here.

Dr. Goldstein emphasized that unless the Jews of America provide through the United Jewish Appeal the balance required to feed, clothe, shelter and care for the displaced Jews in Italy, "continued suffering and hardships during the coming winter months are inevitable." He reported that the Joint Distribution Committee was working hand in hand with the I.R.O.

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF ALLIANCE ISRAELITE ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF SCHOOLS IN MOROCCO

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The American Friends of the Alliance Israelite Universelle announced today a program of expanding educational facilities for Jews in Morocco.

The plan provides for the setting up by the Alliance of 40 additional classes in its schools in Casablanca, Meknes and other Moroccan cities to accommodate 2,000 new students. This will bring the total enrollment of Jewish students in the Alliance schools in the Mediterranean area to 45,000.

JEWISH AGENCY TO ORGANIZE PALESTINE PAVILION AT INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN BULGARIA

SOFIA, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A Palestine pavilion, organized by the Jewish Agency, will be established at the international fair which is to be held soon in the city of Plovdiv, it was announced here today. The Bulgarian authorities have pledged full-cooperation to make the pavilion a success, the announcement said.

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