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DEBARKATION OF EXODUS REFUGEES COMPLETED AMID WILD BATTLE; 24 JEWS INJURED; 49 ARRESTED

HAMBURG, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- In a wild battle during which many Jews were knocked unconscious and others suffered serious injuries from steel-tipped rubber truncheons, British troops today completed the forcible debarkation of the last of the 4,400 Exodus refugees to be returned to Germany.

An announcement by the military authorities gave 2:35 P.M. local time as the last deportee was landed. The disembarkation began early today when the 188 refugees on the Empire Rival landed without any struggle. The violence started when the passengers on the Runnymede Park refused to leave the ship.

The explanation for the failure of the Empire Rival deportees to put up a fight is apparently the fact that a time bomb had been planted in the hold. Some time after the last passenger had landed, a routine inspection by a petty officer turned up the bomb. It was rushed to Hamburg barracks, where it exploded before engineer troops could be summoned. Experts said that it would have blown a huge hole in the side of the ship.

Refugees' Leader Bloody and Unconscious When Taken Off Ship

The bloody battle on the Runnymede Park began when troops attempted to remove several men described by British authorities as the "ring leaders" of the resistance. Among them was Mordechai Rosman, the acknowledged leader of the deportees on the vessel who was dragged off the ship unconscious, with blood streaming from several head wounds. Eye-witness reports said that he fought off six British soldiers until he was subdued by several blows on the head from wooden clubs.

A casualty list released by the British tonight reported 17 Jewish men injured, seven Jewish women hurt and four women sent to hospitals suffering from shock and bacteria. Three soldiers also suffered injuries: A Jew and a soldier suffering from head wounds, and a Jewish man, Jewish woman and a soldier with broken wrists were reported to be the worst casualties.

Meanwhile, a JTA correspondent at the Poppendorf Camp, near Lubeck, where most of the deportees were taken, reported tonight that several have escaped and British troops are scouring the neighboring woods for them. Earlier, the British called on 10 German police in Hamburg to assist them when more than 1,000 local Jews sought to enter the port area to protest the debarkations. An observer said the police had "unhanded" the demonstrators.

The battle on the Runnymede Park made yesterday's landing from the Ocean Vigor resemble a Sunday School picnic. Few came off the ship voluntarily. Kicking, screaming, biting men and women, some wielding improvised clubs, fought steel-helmeted troops until knocked unconscious, or dragged -- four soldiers to a refugee -- up on deck and down the gangplank. A weird accompaniment to the struggle were hundreds

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of voices chanting Zionist songs. The shrieks and singing continued without a pause, except for the intervals when troops turned high pressure water hoses on the occupants of the fetid hold.

The Jews did not stop resisting even after they had been dragged into the landing shed. A group of 50 to 60 broke down flimsy partitions and attempted to clamber over walls, but was prevented from escaping by military police. Later, other Jews broke windows in the trains and spat at the soldiers stationed as guards. Forty-nine of the Jews were being-held tonight in Hamburg jails.

It was announced tonight that all of the refugees had already arrived at the Pappendorf and Amstau Camps.

London and Paris Discuss Reception of Exodus Jews in France

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Discussions are under way between the French and British Governments concerning technical arrangements for the reception in France of any of the Exodus refugees who may desire to go there from internment camps in the British zone of Germany, a spokesman for the Foreign Office disclosed today.

PARIS COURT JAILS NINE PERSONS IMPLICATED IN KORFF AFFAIR; WILL BE TRIED LATER

PARIS, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Nine of the persons arrested in connection with the plan of Rabbi Baruch Korff to bombard London with leaflets from the air were arraigned in magistrates court here today.

Two women -- Judith Rosenberger, Korff's secretary, and Solomea Leibel -- charged with having pamphlets prejudicial to national interests, were sent to Petite Roquette Prison, to await further action. Seven men, including Korff, were also ordered held on similar charges. Camille Schleyer, 42, a Rumanian Jew, director of the print shop where the leaflets were allegedly run off, was also ordered held. No statement was made during today's hearing concerning the other persons reported arrested yesterday.

Reginald Gilbert, 25-year-old American pilot, who acted as a police agent in thwarting Korff's plan, was flown to England today in an R.A.F. plane and taken to an undisclosed hide-out, ostensibly to "protect" him from retaliation from the Stern Group. Gilbert continued to maintain that Korff and his associates had prepared six improvised bombs for dropping over the British capital, but French police have so far been unable to discover the explosives, although alleging that they have details of their manufacture.

U.S. Embassy Probing Korff Arrest; Will Offer Legal Aid

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The American Embassy in Paris is investigating the detention by French authorities of Rabbi Korff, a State Department spokesman said today.

An appeal to the State Department for protection of his son was made in a message sent to Secretary of State Marshall by Rabbi Jacob I. Korff, father of the detained man, according to a statement issued in Boston by Rabbi Korff. The State Department spokesman said he did not know whether the message had been received by the Department, but that both the father and brother of Rabbi Baruch Korff had been in touch with Department officials by phone, and the Embassy in Paris is endeavoring to obtain the facts in the case.

In the meantime, the Department spokesman said, the Embassy is under standing instructions to afford him all possible assistance, including legal counsel.

QUESTION 200 JEWS IN JERUSALEM AFTER DISCOVERY OF STERNIST ARMS CACHE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Two hundred orthodox Jews were seized for questioning today when police raided a slum quarter near the main business district of the Jewish section of Jerusalem and uncovered a cache containing a quantity of bombs and British army uniforms. Police also found Stern Group leaflets. In an adjoining factory the raiders discovered a number of boxes similar to those used in booby traps and road mines.

David Remez, chairman of the Jewish National Council, last night told a press conference that the Council had called on all Jewish government officials to remain in their posts regardless of threats. The Jewish community will resist with force any attempt at intimidation of individuals, particularly officials. Remez urged all Jews, especially Americans, to identify themselves with the Exodus refugees.

The Irgun last night announced that it was in no way connected with a number of persons arrested by the Paris police, including American Rabbi Baruch Korff, in an alleged plot to drop leaflets over London.

Split Among Arabs Will Hamper Unified Opposition to U.N. Decision

The widening split in the ranks of the Middle East Arabs will hamper any unified opposition to a United Nations solution of the Palestine problem, informed observers of Middle East affairs predicted today.

Within Palestine, the Husseini faction, directed by the Mufti from his Egyptian exile, are marshalling all their forces to crush growing opposition, which is centered around Musa el Alami, director of the Arab Office, propaganda agency of the Arab League. As a result of Husseini threats, eight of their opponents, including Hanna Aspour, Arab labor leader and a supporter of Alami, have fled to Lebanon.

Meanwhile, King Abdullah of Transjordan, one of the Husseinite's arch enemies, is continuing his efforts to create a Greater Syria, which would take in Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan and -- of great interest to the Husseini group -- the Arab section of a partitioned Palestine. It is learned that the commanding staff of the Transjordan Frontier Force, Abdullah's British-trained crack desert troops, has received orders, which are to be opened when the "signal" is given. All leaves have been cancelled. On the other hand, Ibn Saud is reported urging Syria and Lebanon to sign treaties with him, aimed at stopping Abdullah.

Thus, the British-inspired picture of a unified Arab Middle East ready to precipitate violent bloodshed in Palestine if the U.N. decision runs counter to their wishes, seems, at the least, somewhat exaggerated.

MARSHALL TO CONFER WITH U.S. DELEGATION AT U.N. ON PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Secretary of State George C. Marshall will arrive here Friday for last minute consultations with the American delegation at the United Nations just prior to the opening of the third regular session of the U.N. General Assembly, it was confirmed in U.S. circles here today. Marshall will map out the strategy of the U.S. delegation on various issues to be discussed by the Assembly, including the Palestine problem.

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RUSSIAN FASCISTS THREATEN TO BLOW UP VIENNA HOSPITAL HOUSING 2,000 JEWISH REFUGEES

VIENNA, Sept. 9. (JTA)--Anonymous fascists today threatened to blow up the Rothschild Hospital, which houses 2,000 Jewish refugees, unless "the Jews who were responsible for the war disappear" from Austria. Jewish authorities turned over the threat letters to American military authorities.

The steady exodus of Rumanian Jews from Vienna to Italy and the U.S. side of Germany continues at the rate of about 1,200 weekly. Since new arrivals from Rumania now total only about half that number, it is expected that, barring unforeseen events, the Jewish refugee population in Austria will be down to 25,000 by winter.

JEWISH AND CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES IN CRACOW IN CONFLICT OVER ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE BUILDING

WARSAW, Sept. 9. (JTA)--In an effort to prevent anti-Jewish incidents, the Council of Jewish Communities and the Jewish Central Committee have addressed a joint appeal to the Security Ministry, asking the stationing of a special guard before an ancient synagogue in Cracow which is now the subject of a conflict between the Jewish and Catholic communities in that city.

The synagogue, which was built in the 17th century, was occupied after the war by a Christian sect calling itself the "National Church," since few Jews remained alive in the section of Cracow where it is located. However, the Council of Jewish Communities in Warsaw protested to the Polish Government, which ordered the building closed until an investigation established the right of the Jews or the Christian sect to ownership.

In the meantime, however, the office of the Catholic Bishop in Cracow, asserting that the ground on which the synagogue was built is part of a tract which centuries ago belonged to the Catholic Church, occupied the building and set up an exhibit of holy pictures. This led to a rumor among the Catholic population that "the Jews wish to capture a Catholic holy place."

The Jewish population, fearing anti-Jewish riots if the religious pictures should be stolen during the night by elements interested in provoking anti-Semitic disturbances, wants the building guarded by Polish security authorities. It is understood that the Security Ministry is not only willing to place the building under special police guard, but will also ask the heads of the Catholic Church in Cracow to issue an appeal to the Christian population to remain calm.

JEWISH DELEGATION STONED IN SLOVAKIA; FINDS ANTI-SEMITISM "DISCERNIBLE"

PRAGUE, Sept. 9. (JTA)--The Palestine delegation to the Youth Festival in Czechoslovakia today returned to Prague from a tour of Slovakia, reporting that the anti-Semitic atmosphere there is "easily discernible." The delegation was stoned in one place, one of the members revealed.

Leaders of the Jewish Community Council here have received threatening and insulting letters from representatives of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, in which the Irgunists defend the hanging in July of two British sergeants and attack the Jewish leaders for condemning the murders.

AUSTRALIAN MINISTER DENIES THERE IS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS IN AUSTRALIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A statement denying that there is discrimination against Jews in Australia was issued here today by Arthur A. Calwoll, Australian Minister of Immigration and Information, prior to sailing for Australia after a visit to the United States.

"Before leaving for Australia," the Minister said, "I want to clear away misapprehensions due to statements by leading officials of the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society, that there is religious discrimination against Jews in Australia. There is no discrimination in Australian law against any people of any religion and, under the League of Nations Conference decisions of 1938, the Australian Government undertook to receive 15,000 victims of Nazi tyranny at the rate of 5,000 a year. Less than 7,000 such persons, practically all of Jewish faith, arrived in Australia before the outbreak of war, leaving 8,000 still to be admitted.

"First-comers were mostly German and Austrian Jews. As the war proceeded, about 10,000 Jewish people sent to Australia from Great Britain for internment as enemy aliens were released for permanent residence in Australia, and most of them, like the first-comers, are now naturalized citizens. Two thousand more came from the Straits Settlements and the Far East. Since the war concluded, landing permits have been issued to some thousands of Jewish people in Europe who are close relatives of Australian citizens, and more than 2,000 of them have now arrived and have settled in Australia.

"The Australian Government decided some time ago that landing permits can no longer be issued on compassionate grounds and that all persons admitted to Australia in the future must be persons substantially of European origin or descent. There will be no discrimination in regard to race and religion. The agreement recently signed by us with the International Refugee Organization for the acceptance by Australia of 12,000 persons a year from the British and American zones in Europe specifically provides that there will be no such discrimination.

"Certain Jewish organizations which want to send people to Australia as religious groups have been told that they cannot occupy, as their proteges, more than 25 percent of the berths in any ship. Because of the limited amount of shipping available (which amounts to 6,000 berths this year and 15,000 next year) most of the space must be reserved for citizens of the United Kingdom who want to make their homes in Australia. The number of British people registered for passage to Australia is more than 100,000.

"It is against those two last-named provisions, and not on the question of religious discrimination, that certain misguided leaders of the Jewish Immigration Aid Society in Europe and America are misrepresenting the position. Responsible Jewish leaders, entirely unconnected with this HIAS organization in Australia, Great Britain, America and Europe, are in complete agreement with the Australian Government's attitude."

B'NAI B'RITH PLANS TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN EUROPE TO REVITALIZE OVERSEAS UNITS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A plan to revitalize B'nai B'rith activities overseas and to create a B'nai B'rith foreign office in Europe is now being drafted under the direction of the organization's executive committee, it was announced here today by Frank Goldman, president of the organization.

The plan will encompass all B'nai B'rith departments such as the Anti-Defamation League, the Hillel Foundations, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and the Vocational Service Bureau. The project will include the intensifying of B'nai B'rith service in its active units and the organizing of new functional groups.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ASKS U.N. TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PALESTINE AND OTHER JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA)--The American Council for Judaism today commended the UN Special Committee for its "conscientious attempt" to find a solution of the Palestine problem, voiced its opposition to creation of "any sovereign state based on church-state ties" and urged the General Assembly to effect a settlement completely compatible with the basic, democratic principles enunciated by its committee.

Without expressing its opinion of the report as a whole, the Council commented on some of the UN Committee's recommendations, in a statement adopted by the Executive Committee at its monthly meeting here today. It was made public by the Council's president, Lessing J. Rosenwald, Jenkintown, Pa.

Applauding the Committee's recommendation for the early admission to Palestine of 150,000 displaced Jews of Europe, the Council described as "even more significant" the Committee's recognition of the necessity for prompt action by the United Nations to extend world-wide immigration opportunities for displaced peoples of all faiths.

The Council emphasized the "imperative need" to safeguard the millions of Jews who are citizens of nations other than Palestine, against a duality of relationships, actual or implied. It therefore asked that the authorized representatives of the inhabitants of Palestine, shall, now and in the future be clearly and precisely limited in their representation exclusively to their constituents in Palestine.

The Council's statement, without mentioning the Jewish Agency by name, asserted that "a final decision on the Palestine problem must embody provisions for the dissolution and prohibition of all instrumentalities and agencies calculated to foster an identity of national consciousness between those of Jewish faith throughout the world and whatever political structure may be determined for Palestine." The statement marked an extension of the Council's formal request to the United Nations last June that the authority of the Jewish Agency for Palestine be limited.

UNSCOP REPORT ON PALESTINE HOLDS HOPE FOR JEWS, SAY ZIONIST LEADERS BACK FROM ZURICH

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA)--American Zionist leaders, returning today from Zurich where they attended the recent meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, expressed the opinion that the report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine held out new hope for the Jews of the world. The Jewish leaders condemned the forced disembarkation of the Exodus refugees at Hamburg.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, told reporters at the pier where he arrived from Europe today that UNSCOP's report formed a basis for negotiations. He added that if the U.N. fails to solve the Palestine problem "it might just as well fold up."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal of America, told a press conference that the UNSCOP majority report "as a whole represents an earnest effort to solve the Palestine problem" and has "lifted the spirit of Jews in Europe and Palestine." He emphasized that should 150,000 Jewish immigrants be permitted to enter Palestine as recommended by the U.N. body, American Jewry would be called upon to assume greater responsibility.

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, president of Hadassah, who arrived here by plane this morning, urged the United States Government to take the initiative at the U.N. Assembly to guarantee a Jewish state and large-scale immigration to Palestine.