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RAGING IN JAFFA, JERUSALEM ARAB DISTRICTS; JEWS, ARABS MOBILIZING MANPOWER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- As flames from fires set by Jews in Arab homes and business establishments lit the night skies above Jaffa and Jerusalem tonight, the capital city faced the threat of an imminent food shortage. At the same time the Jews and the Arabs appeared to be mobilizing their forces in apparent extension of the spread and intensification of violence which has held sway in the city since early last week.

Although it was too early to gain an accurate estimate of casualties, at least three Jews and one Arab died by gunfire and bombs today, and more than a score were wounded in various actions. This brought the total of known dead this week-end to twelve Jews and five Arabs, with several more Arabs believed killed, and several more wounded.

The "no man's land" between Tel Aviv and Jaffa continued to be a battle zone and as night fell. In this area the shooting has hardly halted for more than a few hours during recent days. All last night automatic weapons fire and grenade explosions were exchanged by Jews and Arabs and the quiet which fell several hours before dawn was dissipated early this morning when Arab snipers on rooftops in the border districts opened fire.

The Haganah has issued a call for the mobilization of all young Jews between the ages of 17 and 25. It is expected that about 70,000 men will answer the call for "security and other essential services," which becomes effective Tuesday. The Arabs have been actively recruiting men to cross Palestine's northern border to Syria to form a force which is supposedly being raised there for a later invasion of Palestine. They are also organizing Arabs for home service in Jewish-Arab cities.

Transportation Disrupted; Jerusalem's Food Supplies Threatened

Bus companies and trucking concerns operating passenger and commercial motor services between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and Haifa tonight threatened to suspend all service to and from the major cities unless they were assured of government protection for their vehicles and drivers. Several major attacks and most of the Jewish casualties were suffered in ambushes of passenger and food convoys around Jerusalem and between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

In one such action, two Jews, one a woman, were killed when a hail of bullets struck an eight-bus convoy midway between the two cities at Bab el Wad. There were over 200 passengers and a Haganah guard in the buses. A truck convoy was also attacked on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road and four Jews were injured. A bus on the road from Jerusalem to its suburban areas in the vicinity of Mt. Scopus was brought under grenade attack and four Jews were wounded. When a live grenade was later found on the same route, the company temporarily suspended service.

In a move officially designed to protect an estimated several thousand Jews in 14 settlements recently established in the Negev, the British military commander

The southern district of Palestine today called in the secretaries of the local councils of the settlements and advised that they abandon their communities. At the Jewish officials refused to even discuss evacuation, but after the Britons became more insistent, they referred him to the Jewish national institutions for a decision.

Ben Gurion, Arab Leader Confer with High Commissioner

At noon today Jewish Agency chairman David Ben Gurion called on High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham to discuss the security situation. Ben Gurion officially protested an attack by British forces yesterday on a Haganah guard post in the Beth Jacob district of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa fighting area, during which a British officer shot and killed the post commander, Jacob Shiff. Yesterday, Ben Gurion discussed the same matter with the Tel Aviv police chief. After Ben Gurion left, Cunningham received Dr. Hussein Khalidi, secretary of the Arab Higher Committee, and discussed the projected British evacuation from Palestine.

The repeated British attacks on the Haganah and the indiscriminate fire of British patrols which has been responsible for several Jewish deaths, brought the Irgun Group officially into the fray for the first time this week-end when it threatened to avenge the British killings of Jews. On the heels of yesterday's attack by the Irgun on the Arab village of Abu Kibir, near Jaffa, the organization today threatened to wipe out the "killers in their lair" during a clandestine broadcast. The announcer also threatened those Britons who were supporting the Arabs.

A Jew was found stabbed to death in Jaffa today. His body was found near a mosque. In a nearby district Jews attacked three Arabs and injured them severely. In Jerusalem a number of hand-to-hand encounters were reported before an Arab bazaar in the commercial center of the city was set ablaze by a crowd of Jews.

Following the receipt of news that 50 Jews had been killed by marauding Arab forces in Aden, British crown colony on the Red Sea coast near Yemen, the Jewish Emergency Aid Committee today cabled \$2,000 to the Jewish community and asked for a complete report so that more adequate aid could be offered. Some 25 Arabs have been killed by Jews and British policemen during five days of rioting and looting of the Jewish quarter.

From Beirut it was reported that the Lebanese parliament has voted \$450,000 to aid the Palestine Arabs. In Cairo, Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League, announced that the League's Council will meet there Wednesday.

U.S. ARMS EMBARGO MAY SET OFF BIG FOUR MINISTERS DISCUSSION ON PALESTINE SITUATION

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government's embargo on arms to the Middle East may lead to unofficial discussions between the British and the Americans which may bring the entire Palestine issue to the attention of the Big Four foreign ministers, who are now in London working on peace treaties with Austria and Germany, a well informed British source stated during the week-end.

The source refused to state at whose initiative the talks would be opened, but he indicated that they would take place on a "very high level" and might lead to a complete embargo on all arms shipments to the Middle East except those specifically approved by the U.N. Security Council.

(In Paris a French official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that there were no signs of the start of a "holy war" against the Jews in North Africa. He added that the government would take all measures necessary to protect the Jews in North Africa.)

NEW Z.O.A. POLICY ADOPTED AT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The extraordinary session of the Zionist Organization of America's administrative council ended this week-end with an announcement that the "new policy which the Z.O.A. has adopted in line with the changed situation in Palestine will be made known within a few days."

Meanwhile, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Z.O.A., said that certain points of the new policy could be disclosed at this time. These included: 1. A resolution to extend maximum support to the Zionist fund-raising agencies in keeping up the increased responsibilities which the new Jewish state imposes on the American Zionist movement. 2. A resolution to interest American investors in the economic problems and development of the Jewish state.

Dr. Neumann also announced that the Z.O.A. would consult with the appropriate agencies to secure funds for the assurance of the Jewish security forces in Palestine and an adequate supply of defense materiel.

Last night at the opening of the council's session, Dr. Neumann charged that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem "evidently enjoys powerful protection from very high quarters, including, apparently, the British Foreign Office." Charging that the Mufti was behind the Arab attacks on Jews in Palestine, the Z.O.A. president emphasized that immediate steps must be taken to provide the Haganah with arms to defend the Jewish community.

Special Thanksgiving Services Held in U.S. Synagogues

Special thanksgiving services were conducted yesterday in synagogues throughout the United States and Canada for the U.N. decision to establish a Jewish State. Last night, officials of the Jewish Agency also held a celebration at the Agency headquarters in New York.

Rabbi Meyer Beklin, president of the World Mizrahi Organization, told a similar celebration of 5,000 Mizrahi members at Manhattan Center this afternoon that "the masses of the Arab peoples will not join in any fabricated revolt and will not spill Jewish blood." He predicted that the fighting in Palestine will soon come to an end and added that the Jewish community in Palestine is able to defend itself against any local uprisings by Palestinian Arabs.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS APPEALS TO PAKISTAN, IRAN TO PROTECT JEWISH LIVES, PROPERTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today sent appeals to the ambassadors in the United States of Pakistan and Iran urging that they intercede with their governments to "take effective measures to protect the lives and property" of their Jewish inhabitants. Dr. Robert S. Marcus, acting political director of the W.J.C., said that the messages were sent upon receipt of reports of violence against the Jewish communities in those two countries.

Marcus added that the United Nations should assume responsibility for protecting the Jewish communities in Moslem countries while the implementation of the Palestine partition plan was being carried out. Jews in Peshawar, in Pakistan, and Meshed, Izet and Ispahan, in Iran, Marcus disclosed, have been threatened with annihilation. Several Jews have been killed in Peshawar, Marcus said.

The W.J.C. statement strongly condemned the "bloody acts of mass violence" incited by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and his associates to "inflame the Arab world against the national Jewish State in Palestine."

RUMANIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE BACKS BILL TO DEPRIVE ILLEGAL EMIGRANTS OF CITIZENSHIP

BUCHAREST, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Justice has completed the draft of a law which would deprive all persons who emigrated from the country illegally of their citizenship, it was learned here today.

It is estimated that some 14,000 Rumanian Jews left the country without authorization this year in an attempt to board Palestine-bound blockade runners at French and Italian ports. Some 4,000 to 5,000 Rumanian Jews are still in Austria, through which the vast majority passed at one time or another. More are expected during the coming months.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION FOR SPECIFIC SAFEGUARDS

GENEVA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Representatives of the World Jewish Congress last night addressed public sessions of three sub-committees of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights which is meeting here and made specific suggestions for the protection of Jews and other minorities.

At the group working on machinery to implement a convention outlawing practices abridging human rights, the Congress asked that the same machinery, once it is set up, be applied to the peace treaties already signed between the Allies and the Axis satellite states. It also requested that international non-governmental bodies be enabled to attend Commission meetings and offer petitions and that the petitions of such bodies with consultative status be heard without prior screening.

The Congress asked the unit working on a draft convention to include an article in the document prohibiting any nation from invoking the principle of liberty to justify the destruction of liberty. At the sub-committee drafting a moral declaration on human rights, A.L. Easterman, political secretary of the organization, urged that national laws concerning arrest and detention be clarified to conform with the principles of the U.N. Charter, and thus avoid a state of affairs such as resulted during the last decade when the Nazis oppressed hundreds of thousands of Jews in Germany under the authority of national laws.

General Carlos Romulo, Philippine delegate, moved Easterman's proposal and offered an amendment providing that all national laws, decrees and judicial and administrative acts be in conformity with the principles of the Charter. He thanked the Congress for the basic idea behind his proposal.

The Commission's Sub-committee on Minorities and Discrimination last night concluded its deliberations and recommended four specific articles for inclusion in the draft declaration. Included were:

1. A declaration that everyone is entitled to the rights set forth, regardless of race, sex, religion, language, political or other opinion, property status or social origin.
2. A declaration of freedom to move within a state and freedom to emigrate and change nationality.
3. A declaration of the right to public employment subject to general non-discriminatory examinations.
4. A declaration of the rights of minorities to their own schools and religious institutions.

A fifth article providing for equal status before the law was temporarily bypassed. A U.S. suggestion that committees be appointed to complaints of minorities or individuals against violations was turned down as premature.

18 DISPLACED JEWS ARRESTED IN BAVARIA EN ROUTE TO BREAK UP MOSLEM DEMONSTRATION

MUNICH, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Eighteen displaced Jews were today arrested in the town of Neu Ulm on charges of brandishing knives and clubs while en route to break up an anti-Jewish demonstration being staged by Mohammedan DP's.

The arrests climaxed several days of fighting between groups of Jewish and Moslem DP's following the U.N. decision to partition Palestine. During the clashes Jewish were badly beaten and one Moslem was knifed.

Today, the Moslem DP's held an anti-Jewish demonstration in front of the hospital in which the stabbed man was lying. As the Jewish force neared the demonstrators it was halted by American constabulary troops and the 18 were arrested. The Moslem and Jewish authorities are investigating the incident.

DUTCH JEWISH LEADERS CHARGED WITH NAZI COLLABORATION RELEASED IN OWN CUSTODY

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Asscher and Prof. Dirk Cohen, Dutch Jewish leaders who face trial on charges of having collaborated with the Nazis during the war by registering Jews for deportation by the Germans, have been released over the week-end in their own custody and on condition that they abstain from contacting the press or leaving the country. The decision to release them was reached after a lengthy debate in which the Minister of Justice and the public prosecutor recommended the action.

ADMISSION OF DISPLACED JEWS IN AUSTRIA TO U.S. ON RUSSIAN QUOTA PROPOSED

VIENNA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Albert Welt, representative of the Rumanian Red Cross in Vienna, has proposed the admission of a number of displaced Jews now in Austria to the United States on the virtually unused Russian quota.

Welt suggested that Jewish refugees who come originally from territory in Rumania and Poland ceded to the Soviet Union after the war be considered nationals of the U.S.S.R. He pointed out that the present U.S. quota system is largely based on the boundary lines which existed previous to the second World War and that if his proposed changes are made a large number of Jews could be given haven in the United States.

The Jewish community of Vienna today celebrated the U.N. decision to set up a Jewish State in Palestine. A similar mass meeting was held over the week-end which was attended by 2,000 refugee and DP Jews. Both demonstrations expressed their thanks to the U.N. delegates who voted for partition, as well as to the American Jewish community which "helped the Jews in Europe while they waited for resettlement." Thanksgiving celebrations are expected to continue throughout the week.

HUNGARIAN JEWS CELEBRATE JEWISH STATE DECISION; THANK U.S., SOVIETS FOR

BUDAPEST, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Thousands of Hungarian Jews today celebrated the U.N. partition decision at a mass meeting in one of Budapest's largest theatres. Representatives of the Russian, Polish, Swedish and Hungarian governments, as well as members of the Joint Distribution Committee, greeted the crowd.

ITALIAN PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES JEWS ON U.N. DECISION TO ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT STATE

ROME, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- President Enrico De Nicola of Italy today received a delegation representing various Jewish groups in the country including native Jews and DP's and several agencies assisting them. Congratulating them on the forthcoming establishment of the Jewish state, De Nicola expressed hopes of cooperation between the Jewish State and Italy.

EXPLODES IN REVISIONIST HEADQUARTERS IN BUENOS AIRES; JEWISH RALLY SUSPENDED

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A bomb exploded in the headquarters of the Revisionist Party and the Beter organization here just past midnight last night. The building suffered considerable damage but there were no casualties. The police are investigating.

A huge public meeting sponsored by the DAIA, central Jewish representative and the Zionist Council, which was originally slated to be held in celebration of the U.N. Palestine partition decision was postponed today for "technical reasons." A Arab meeting which was also scheduled was similarly postponed. Jewish communities in the provinces, however, will go ahead with their celebration meetings as originally scheduled. Many businessmen, workers and professional people have donated their earnings to the local office of the Jewish National Fund, while Jewish institutions have announced special allocations for the future Jewish State.

\$400,000,000 WILL BE NEEDED TO TRANSFER 150,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE, KAPLAN SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The task of transporting 150,000 displaced Jews from Europe to Palestine within a short period and their temporary accommodation in Palestine until they take their place within the Jewish community's economic life will require upwards of \$400,000,000, Eliezer Kaplan, Jewish Agency treasurer, told an emergency meeting of the United Palestine Appeal board of directors.

Asserting that "we plan to bring at least a million Jews to Palestine in the next ten years," Kaplan pointed out that "our most immediate task will be to clear both Cyprus and the reception centers in Palestine of the more than 20,000 Jews waiting in some cases two years, to be integrated into the economy of Palestine." He disclosed the Agency's intention of approaching the proper "governmental and inter-governmental bodies which are equipped to assist us in these tasks," but added that "for our most immediate needs we must turn to the Jewish communities."

In citing the requirements of the Jewish State, Dr. Israel Goldstein, U.P.A. chairman, pointed out the existence of an "erroneous impression" concerning the "vast state lands in Palestine which will be at the disposal of the Jewish State." He declared that the amount of state land available is less than three percent of the land allotted to the Jewish State. "Therefore, absorption of new immigrants will necessitate the acquisition of land purchased as heretofore," he stated.

RABBI ISAAC LEWIN, AGUDAH LEADER, BARRED FROM LEAVING PALESTINE FOR UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Rabbi Isaac Lewin, chairman of the Agudah Israel world executive, who was to have arrived in the United States from Palestine over the week-end, has been barred from leaving Palestine along with other Palestine citizens seeking to come to the U.S., it was announced here today by the American Agudah. The organization said that Rabbi Lewin was on his way here in connection with the U.N. decision on Palestine.

SWEDISH UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$50,000 GIFT IN APPRECIATION OF COUNTRY'S AID TO JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A check for \$50,000 has been turned over to the Swedish consul here by the D.S. and R.H. Gottesman Foundation, for Uppsala University in Sweden, to honor the 40th anniversary of the reign of King Gustav V, it was announced today. The gift was made in appreciation of the Swedish Government's assistance in saving thousands of Jews from death at the hands of the Nazis during the war.

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