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JEWISH ARMISTICE TALKS FRUSTRATED; JAFFA MAYOR TOLD TO WAIT FOR MUFTI ORDERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Efforts to bring about a truce between Arabs and Jews in the troubled boundary area between Jaffa and Tel Aviv were upset today by the Palestine Arab Higher Executive, which insisted that the Arabs not begin negotiations for an armistice until they received the approval of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem who is now in Cairo attending a meeting of the Arab League Council.

The first move in the truce negotiations was made by the Arab mayor of Jaffa this morning asked Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv for talks leading to an armistice in the border area - scene of considerable bloodshed during the last ten days. The Arab overtures followed urgent demands by many Arabs in Jaffa that the violence on Jewish quarters be ended.

While arrangements were being made for the two mayors to meet, the Higher Executive telephoned orders to the Arab mayor not to enter into any negotiations before the ex-Mufti approved of such a move. The mayor was also told that the Executive was at that very moment telephoning the ex-Mufti. Since no reply has yet been received from the ex-Mufti, the arrangements remained suspended.

The present disturbances have been accompanied by a sharp increase in food prices in Arab markets, especially in Jerusalem. The price of bread in the Old City has doubled and is now four times higher than before the disturbances. There is also a shortage of dairy products, fruits and vegetables in the Arab sections of Jerusalem, while no such shortage is felt in the Jewish section of the city where food is sold at the normal price.

High Commissioner Warns Both Jews and Arabs; Explosions in Haifa

High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham today issued a stern warning to Jews and Arabs reminding them that the British are still responsible for the maintenance of peace and order in Palestine. The warning said that the government will take severe measures if the disturbances continue.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi, dissident Jewish underground organization, which has been active since the United Nations partition decision, tonight issued a new call to the Jews of Palestine to embark on an "offensive war to foil British intrigues." The Irgun, according to the Irgun proclamation, hope to force the Jews to exhaust themselves by a prolonged defensive war, to prevent the Jews from receiving additional arms and armor at this time, and to eventually face a large, well-organized force equipped with the most modern British weapons.

Meanwhile, armored cars sped today to the center of Haifa after two explosions, caused by machine gun and rifle fire, had shaken the city. Fires were started in

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Haifa, Haifa's main street. A Jewish policeman was stabbed to death and two other Jews were slain by gunfire. One British soldier was also shot to death and a second was wounded.

Eighteen Arab prisoners today escaped from the Acre prison, which the Irgun liberated last May 4 to free some 250 Jewish and Arab inmates. The escapees sawed through the bars of their cell and scaled the jail wall with ropes. It was reported that when the guards loosed shots at the fleeing Arabs they were in turn brought under heavy small arms fire from three directions. Acre is an all-Arab town.

Later in the day 80 Jewish prisoners, all in the jail, were removed from Acre to the Central Prison at Jerusalem. The transfer was reportedly carried out for "security reasons."

Agency Submits Charges Against British Officers; Six Jews Killed Near Gaza

Country-wide police searches for arms among the Jewish population are still going on. A Jewish Agency spokesman said that some of the British police officers are aggravating the situation. He charged them with "paying off old scores." Documented reports of the conduct of certain police officers have been sent to the Palestine Government, he revealed.

Members of the Jewish security force today reported that they saw British Arab police officers set fire to Jewish houses in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border zone and fire at anybody who attempted to extinguish the blaze. Others charged the British with the "wanton murder" of a Jewish youth, Gedalia Harari, who together with fifteen more Jews, was arrested near the border battleground. Five of the fifteen, including Harari, were released and told to leave the Manshieh police station. As they left, a shot was fired by a member of a patrol which was assigned to escort them to Tel Aviv, and Harari fell dead. The others escaped unharmed.

Six Jews, including one woman, were found dead this morning near the colony of Gevulot, in the vicinity of the Arab city of Gaza. The six were members of a party which were tilling a field three miles from Gevulot. The seventh and last member of the party escaped the Arab ambush and fled to a police station. It was reported that a police detachment hurrying to the scene of the murders was itself ambushed and one constable seriously wounded.

The Haganah today destroyed with explosives an Arab house at Karatiya, in the Negev, from which shots had been fired for several days at a nearby Jewish settlement. Four Arabs died in the destruction of the sniper's nest. Three Jews were killed by the snipers days ago.

A British constable was stabbed in the Old City by several Arabs who made off with his rifle. The Tel Aviv municipal council issued a statement condemning yesterday's attacks on British armored cars in Tel Aviv, which were presumably carried out by the dissident groups. At the same time, the council urged inhabitants in the border districts not to leave their homes in a panic and not to spread rumors.

10 JEWISH ORPHANS ARRIVE IN PALESTINE FROM CYPRUS INTERMENT CAMPS

HAIFA, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Two hundred and forty Jewish orphans arrived here from Cyprus camps. Their disembarkation was delayed several hours until a convoy could be organized to escort them to a Jewish Agency reception center near Hadera.

THE JEWS IN EGYPT CALLED UPON TO MAKE "GENEROUS" CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUND AGAINST ZIONISM

CAIRO, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Jews in Egypt were called upon today to contribute "generously" to the "Save Palestine Fund" established by the Arab League. The call was issued by the youth section of the Cairo Moslem Al Azhar University, the Council of Elders of which have proclaimed a "holy war" against the Jews in Palestine.

Only by contributing to the Arab League fund and thereby "proclaiming their unity with the Arab nation" can the Jews in Egypt show "specific proof" that they were not Zionists, the call says. The text of the fund-raising appeal was published in *Al-Farhan* Muslimoon, organ of the Moslem Brotherhood which is conducting a fierce campaign against the U.N. decision to partition Palestine.

Reuters today reported that the Aga Khan of India, considered the richest man in the world, has informed Emir Ismail Suleiman, head of the Ismailite sect in Syria, that he would contribute \$120,000,000 worth of gold for the "redemption" of all of Palestine, if the U.N. did not deviate from its partition decision. Aga Khan is the supreme head of the Ismailites.

Reuters also reported that the headquarters of the Arab League received about 100 offers from veterans in the United States to serve in Arab units against the Jews of Palestine. Among those offering their services are two with the rank of major general, the report added.

THE GOVERNOR OF JERUSALEM EMPOWERED TO GOVERN CITY BY DECREE TO CHECK VIOLENCE

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Wide powers to the U.N. Governor of Jerusalem to cope with possible disturbances when the city becomes internationalized were recommended today by the working group of the U.N. Trusteeship Council, which is drafting the statute for the free city. It was agreed that in an emergency the Governor should be empowered to govern by decree and to take any measures he considered necessary.

The working group also agreed the Governor should have the power to deal with security emergency by direct access to the Security Council through the Secretariat instead of the Trusteeship Council to which he is directly responsible. This course was dictated by the fact that the Trusteeship Council meets only periodically whereas the Security Council is in continuous session.

The six-nation sub-committee of the Trusteeship Council today for the first time set a timetable to its work, designating the end of January as the approximate time when its recommendation for a city charter might be completed. The sub-committee will adjourn December 16 along with its parent organization, the Trusteeship Council. However, its work will continue through two groups of experts from the Secretariat and others to be designated. It will reconvene early in January.

TRIAL OF VICHY COMMISSIONER FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS ENDS; VERDICT EXPECTED TODAY

PARIS, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Testimony in the case of Xavier Vallat, first Commissioner for Jewish Affairs in the Vichy Government, was completed today before the High Court which is hearing charges that he was responsible for the deportation and death of many French Jews through the introduction of discriminatory anti-Jewish legislation. A verdict is expected either late today or tomorrow.

Yesterday, the court conducted a ten-minute trial of Louis Darquier de Pellepoix, Vallat's successor in the office, who issued orders for the deportations and who fled to Madrid after the liberation. It is expected that Pellepoix will be condemned to death but that Vallat will escape with a milder sentence.

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NEWS FROM DP CAMP SUSPECTED OF BEING A STATION FOR INFILTRATES TO U.S. ZONE

MUNICH, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Some 350 displaced Jews living at the Ainring camp, near the Austrian border, last night peacefully evacuated their center and moved to the Feld camp, near Landsberg, south of here.

The move followed protracted negotiations between the DP's and the Army during which the Jews refused to move, asserting they were settled in their temporary homes and did not desire to be shifted about Germany. The Army authorities threatened to force the Jews to move if they did not leave by last Monday. However, when the DP's agreed at the last minute to move by themselves, the Army amended its order.

It was reported that the Army's actions resulted from the belief in high military circles that the Ainring camp was a pivotal point in the movement of infiltrates from Austria to Germany.

Ugo Carusi, State Department immigration expert, who is touring Europe on a mission for President Truman in connection with the DP problem, told a meeting of voluntary relief agency workers that he expected Congress to pass legislation admitting more DP's to the U.S. However, he could not state that the Stratton Bill, which calls for the admission of 400,000 within four years, would be passed in its present form.

THE PARLIAMENT HEARS REPORT ON ADEN RIOTS; 75 JEWS KILLED, HUNDREDS WOUNDED

LONDON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Seventy-five Jews are known to be dead in the Arab riots in Aden, British crown colony on the coast of the Arabian peninsula, and hundreds have been wounded, it was reported today in Commons.

The local government is taking all measures to return the situation to normal, a government spokesman Lt. Col. D. Rees-Williams said. In response to a query from Mr. Silverman, laborite, concerning the amount of damage done by mobs, Rees-Williams said the government was awaiting a detailed statement concerning property destruction.

World Jewish Congress Receives Appeal For Aid From Aden Jewish Community

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- An appeal for monetary and other assistance to the Jewish community of Aden, where scores of Jews have been killed by rioting Arabs during the past ten days, has been received by the World Jewish Congress headquarters today.

In a cable signed "The Aden Jewish Sufferers," it is stated that Arab mobs, including native troops, burned down two synagogues and the community's only two schools, as well as pillaged and burned nearly every Jewish-owned shop and killed and wounded many Jewish men, women and children. If it were not for British troops in transit, the cable said, the "whole Aden Jewry would have been wiped out."

Immediately after receipt of the message, the Congress cabled the British Foreign Office and the British Governor of Aden, Sir Reginald Stuart Champion, and urged them to take "all necessary precautions to avoid repetition of last week's riots and to rush supplies for the homeless and destitute Jews from the nearest supply depots." An appeal for supplies to be sent to the Jews in Aden was made to the State Department.

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NATIONAL U.J.A. CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY AT ATLANTIC CITY; WILL PROCLAIM 1948 GOAL

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10 (JTA) -- More than 1,200 Jewish leaders representing communities in every section of the United States will assemble here tomorrow to open a five-day national conference of the United Jewish Appeal at which the 1948 over-reliance, rehabilitation and resettlement goal will be established.

The conference, which will take place at the Chelsea Hotel, will discuss plans for the participation of American Jews in providing the financial support for the building and defense of the Jewish state in Palestine, as well as for the reception of an expected immigration to Palestine of 75,000 displaced Jews during the coming year.

The conference will also discuss at great length the needs of the Jews of Europe and the world-wide reconstruction problem of the Joint Distribution Committee. Plans for establishing Jewish refugees in the United States under the auspices of the United Service for New Americans will also receive consideration.

Dr. Weizmann, Gen. McNarney Among Principal Speakers

The problems involved in the migration of masses of homeless European Jews to Palestine and in the establishment of a Jewish state will be discussed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, former president of the Jewish Agency; Eliezer Kaplan, Agency treasurer; Moshe Shertok, head of its political department. Maj. Gen. John H. Hildring, member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations and former Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Areas, will deal with the U.S. Government's interest in the establishment of the Jewish state.

The problems of the displaced Jews of Europe and the need to sustain them until arrangements can be worked out for their transfer to Palestine will be analyzed by Maj. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, former Commanding General of United States forces in Europe, and Rep. James G. Fulton of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Special Sub-Committee on the International Refugee Organization.

Other speakers will deal with the problems of increased assistance to the remaining Jewish communities of Europe in view of the continued dwindling of inter-governmental assistance and with the possibility of a greater number of displaced Jews finding a haven in this country during the coming year. Among the other speakers will be Henry Morgenthau, Jr.; former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, European director of the J.D.C.; Maj. Gen. Walter A. Wood, Jr., chief of the Washington office of the International Refugee Organization; Dr. Israel Goldstein, William Rosenwald and Dr. Jonah B. Wise, national chairmen of the U.J.A., and others.

\$1,000,000 CAMPAIGN FOR HISTADRUTH LAUNCHED AT DINNER TO HONOR DR. WEIZMANN

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- A campaign to raise \$1,000,000 was launched here last night at a dinner in honor of Dr. Chaim Weizmann sponsored by the American Trade Union Council and the National Committee for Labor Palestine. Nine hundred persons attended the affair.

Dr. Weizmann was ill and could not attend. His wife, Mrs. Vera Weizmann, read his address. David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Jacob P. Cofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union; Max Karitsky, president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers; and Joseph Sprinzak, general secretary of Histadruth, also spoke.

AMERICAN ZIONISTS CALL UPON U.S. GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH ARMS FOR JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America today called upon the Government of the United States "to facilitate the acquisition by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, through appropriate arrangements, of adequate military equipment for defense and security uses in Palestine." At the same time, it also urged the U.S. Government "to make available the necessary ships and facilities for the transportation of large numbers of Jews to Palestine for the resettlement in the Jewish state."

The move made by the Z.O.A. is a part of the new policy program of the organization formulated at the recent meeting of its National Administrative Council, under the chairmanship of Dr. Emanuel Neumann. The resolution calling for American governmental aid to the Jewish state emphasizes that the lack of adequate military equipment for defense and security of the state "would severely handicap the preservation of law and order in the event of continued disturbances inspired by intransigent Arab leaders."

Another resolution called upon the U.N. to prevail upon "Arab governmental and Arab leaders whose actions are in defiance of the decision of the Assembly to cease to insist on creating and causing conditions constituting a threat to the peace." It also urged the U.N. to initiate effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace.

The policy resolutions assured the Arab inhabitants of Palestine "that the Jewish state will live in accordance with the verse of the Bible inscribed upon the American Liberty Bell ("Proclaim liberty throughout the land, to all the inhabitants thereof.") "It is a foremost purpose of the Jewish people to establish and preserve peace and friendship with the neighboring nations of Palestine and the Arab people."

Pledging maximum support in campaigns for funds required for the protection, transportation, absorption and colonization of Jewish emigrants into Palestine, the Z.O.A. decided that "a special and adequate sum must be made available in the next few days for the defense and security of Jewish Palestine." It instructed its administration "to take appropriate steps, in consultation with existing fund-raising agencies, to ensure such adequate provision for defense and security."

SURINAM GOVERNOR OFFERS 30,000 JEWS WELCOME IN HIS TERRITORY; STUDY INITIATED

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Freeland League for Jewish Territorial Colonization today received from the Governor of Surinam (Dutch Guiana) an official communication welcoming the settlement of 30,000 Jews in Surinam, and expressing satisfaction that the League has appointed a commission of experts to start a detailed, on-the-spot study.

"The coming of this commission," the Governor declared, "is in conformity with the decisions of the Legislative Council of Surinam and of the Netherlands Government to admit 30,000 Jews into Surinam for colonization. The task of this commission will be to prepare, in cooperation with the Surinam authorities, a plan covering all details of the contemplated colonization. The conditions of the colonization will be decided by all parties concerned, after the plan of the expert commission will have been laid before them."

The commission consists of A.M. Fisher of Honolulu, civil engineer who constructed a highway in Surinam during the war; Ray C. Roberts, soil correlator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; Dr. Atherton Lee, an expert in tropical agriculture, former head of the U.S. Agricultural Station in Puerto Rico; Dr. G. Giglioli, an expert on tropical medicine, residing in British Guiana; and Harry G. Clement, an economist working with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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