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NEW SETTLEMENT SENDS OUT S.O.S.; ARABS KILL JEWISH POLICEMEN RUSHING TO AID

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- An S.O.S. message has been received here by the Haganah from the settlement of Halutza, in the Negev, which was attacked by a strong Arab party late this evening. One settler has been killed and several wounded.

The message stated that three Jewish settlement policemen rushing to the aid of beleaguered colonists were killed by a detachment of Arab guerrilla cavalry mounted on camels. Further details concerning the action at Halutza, which was founded a month ago, were not immediately available because the only telephonic communications system between Jerusalem and the Negev was disrupted when the lines to Eshel were cut.

Special Haganah squads today set out from other settlements in the Negev to repair the water pipeline serving the recently-established 14 colonies in the desert. The pipeline was cut in a number of places last night and the colonists are threatened with a severe water famine.

A Haganah unit last night surprised an Arab band near the Yarkon River, between Petach Tikvah and Ramath Ayim, which was preparing to carry out a raid on Jewish settlements. The Jewish militia took the offensive, killing at least 10 Arabs. The remainder holed up in several abandoned houses and had to be blasted. They later fled in the direction of Tulkarm, with the Jews in full pursuit.

Two British police sergeants and a Jew were shot and wounded in a crowded Jerusalem street today, it was officially announced. The incident occurred on King George Avenue, one of the city's major arteries.

Government Deaf to Jewish Pleas for Removal of Arab Legion

The Jewish authorities are encountering no more success than in the past in their renewed endeavor to persuade the British to send the Arab Legion back to Transjordan, it was reported here. Two-thirds of Transjordan's army is in Palestine on loan to the British. Of this number, roughly four-fifths are based in those parts of the country designated by the U.N. to become a Jewish State.

The Haganah reported that a new incident with the Arab Legion was narrowly averted today near Latrun, thanks to the illegal presence in the Jewish convoy of a machinegun mounted on the cab of one of the vehicles and manned by Jewish settlement police. According to the account, two Arab Legion trucks caught up with and passed the convoy on the road, then stopped. The Arabs deployed to the sides of the road and trained their rifles at the oncoming vehicles. As the truck approached, the Arabs saw the machinegun trained on them and lowered their rifles.

One of the Jews wounded in the Arab Legion attack on a convoy at Beth Naballah last Sunday, today described the incident to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent. "As our convoy approached the Arab Legion camp at Beth Naballah, we saw 40

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Legionnaires lying along the camp's barbed wire fence, obviously waiting for us," he said. "When we approached within shooting distance I heard the Legionnaires' order shout in Arabic: 'Fire.' After that, a hail of fire hit us, killing and wounding many. Then a hand grenade was thrown at our pick-up truck.

"I found myself lying under several dead comrades, and heard the Arabs yell excitedly: 'Slaughter the Jews.' Our driver, though wounded, miraculously regained control of the pick-up and speeded to a neighboring British camp where the Britons gave us first aid. All the while we were pursued by the Legionnaires--to the very gates of the British camp where they were halted by a British sergeant who fired his revolver into the air. However, the Arab bullets wounded the sergeant and the Legionnaires retreated only after British reinforcements arrived."

Jewish members of the Palestine police in Jerusalem have been asked whether they desire to remain in the international police force in Jerusalem after partition, or whether they desire to transfer to the Jewish state police. It is understood that they have all chosen to remain in Jerusalem.

WEIZMANN SAILS FOR ENGLAND TODAY; U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS TO LEAVE FOR JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann will sail tomorrow for England, en route to Palestine. The veteran Zionist leader, who spent several months in this country, postponed his departure from the United States in order to be able to address the national conference of the United Jewish Appeal which took place during the week-end in Atlantic City.

Members of the Jewish Agency executive, including Moshe Shertok, Dr. Abba Hiel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, are expected to sail soon for Palestine, to participate in the Zionist Action Committee meeting which is to take place in Jerusalem, and at which important decisions will be taken in connection with the establishment of a Jewish State.

IS JEWISH STATE MUST BE ESTABLISHED SOON TO PREVENT UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS AT U.N.

PARIS, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A Jewish state must be created immediately in Palestine "lest anything unforeseen occur" at the next session of the U.N. General Assembly, scheduled for September, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, said here, addressing a victory meeting called by the French Zionist Federation.

Stressing that the first task of the Palestine Jews is agreement with the Arabs, Dr. Goldmann said the "world will judge us by our treatment of the Arab minority in the Jewish State." He counselled the Jews against forgetting their debt to Britain, and said that after Britain withdraws from Palestine good relations must be established with it, although the new state must not be within the British orbit but belong to the entire Middle East.

TRAINING COURSE FOR KIBBUTZ LEADERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD OPENS IN ITALY

ROME, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A five-month training course for prospective kibbutz (collective settlement) leaders from all parts of the world opened here this week at Kibbutz Dror, in Soriano near Rome. Students include youths from the U.S., Belgium, Holland, France, the countries of Eastern Europe and North Africa.

EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENT GETS BILL TO OUTLAW ZIONIST PROPAGANDA AND ORGANIZATIONS

CAIRO, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A bill introduced in parliament today by 25 deputies would make the dissemination of Zionist propaganda or the establishment of Zionist societies a punishable offense.

If adopted, the measure would force dissolution of the Egyptian Zionist Association and might result in persecution of prominent Zionists here.

UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER CHARTER FOR JERUSALEM AT FEBRUARY MEETING

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The United Nations Trusteeship Council named February 9 as the date when it will reconvene to approve a government charter for the city of Jerusalem in a partitioned Palestine.

The Council adjourned today but two committees of experts will carry on the work of implementing the decision of the General Assembly to set up Jerusalem under international status. The Council will consider their reports when it reconvenes.

In commenting on this phase of the work of the Trusteeship Council, Council President Francis B. Sayre, of the United States, said: "The task of administering Jerusalem will be one of extraordinary difficulties and delicacy. I have every confidence that the Trusteeship Council will measure up to the task."

NAZIS CHARGED WITH MURDERING MILLIONS AT OSWIECIM PLEAD NOT GUILTY IN POLISH COURT

WARSAW, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Forty Nazi administrators and foremen at the Oswiecim death camp who are on trial at Cracow charged with responsibility for the murder of 3,000,000 persons, including 1,500,000 Jews, have pleaded not guilty and insist they do not remember ever having ordered the execution of any Jews.

The diary of one of the defendants carries a notation that what took place at Oswiecim would make Dante's "Inferno" a comedy. The diary was kept by Dr. Paul Krem, a U.S. physician who is charged with using inmates as human guinea pigs and with being present when prisoners were beaten to death merely to check on how much torture a man could endure before he perished.

Witnesses have testified that following the arrival in the prison yards of every transport of deportees a Red Cross truck would bring up a sufficient quantity of poison gas to murder the prisoners. It was also stated that the prisoners were subjected to systematic starvation so that men and women who were finally gassed to death weighed little more than children.

A five-man delegation headed by Col. James L. Harbough is observing the trial for the American military government which extradited many of the Nazis to Poland.

CATHOLICS IN HUNGARY ASK ORT TO ACCEPT SOME CATHOLIC STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS, FARMS

GENEVA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Catholic educational authorities in several areas of Hungary have approached the ORT and asked that some Catholic students be accepted in ORT training farms and vocational schools, the ORT Union headquarters here today revealed. A number have already been admitted to the ORT Engineering College in Budapest and the Jews have promised to accept some Catholics on at least one model farm.

The organization also reported that an ORT training school will be opened in Berlin, with the British and American occupation authorities cooperating. The students will be drawn from the 16,000 displaced and resident German Jews in the four sectors of the city.

INFLUX OF EASTERN JEWS INTO AUSTRIA HALTS AS HUNGARY TIGHTENS BORDER CONTROLS

VIENNA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The influx into Austria of Jews from Eastern Europe has virtually stopped as a result of tightened border controls on the Hungarian-Austrian and Hungarian-Rumanian frontiers. Hungarian police have orders to return all Rumanian Jews to their homeland.

The first arrivals from Rumania in three weeks reached here this week, including two Hungarian police. The 300 men, women and children, in two groups, reported that others who had left Rumania with them had been arrested in Budapest and returned home.

Establishment of a committee composed of government representatives and Jewish leaders to settle outstanding problems such as restitution and rehabilitation was urged here by Ernest Stiasny, a representative of the World Jewish Congress, at a dinner celebrating the establishment of a Jewish state. Government and U.S. Army representatives attended.

ROMANIAN WAR CRIMINAL WHO MURDERED 70 JEWS IN 1941 ARRESTED TRYING TO FLEE TO POLAND

BUCHAREST, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Ladimer Russu, a Rumanian war criminal responsible for the murder of at least 70 Jews in 1941, has been arrested trying to cross the Polish border in a repatriation train.

During the Russian retreat from northern Bucovina Russu organized a seven-man band which raided Jewish homes in the village of Sadagura and rounded up 72 Jews, including several known as "close friends" of Russu. The Jews were taken to a nearby wood where 70 of them were shot and killed and two escaped.

The Bucharest police, with the assistance of the two survivors, are investigating the case prior to handing Russo over to the Russian authorities who, under International War Crimes Commission regulations, will try him at the scene of the crimes.

LONDON JUDGE FINES TWO JEWS FOR "INSULTING" FASCIST SPEAKER, BELABORS FASCIST MEETINGS

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Geoffrey Raphael, a London magistrate, today fined two Jews for using insulting language to a speaker at a fascist open-air meeting, and at the same time delivered a scathing criticism of the police for providing protection for people who "make speeches at public meetings which are really nothing more than Jew-baiting."

Before sentencing the Jews, Harold Cowan and Percy Samuels, Magistrate Raphael declared that giving the fascist salute at a public meeting is an act of insulting behavior likely to cause a breach of the peace. He added that such actions should be dealt with by police as a crime.

At the Home Office, a spokesman declared that if a breach of the peace is caused by giving the fascist salute the police are justified in taking "preventive action."

AUSTRIAN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL CONSIDERING BAN ON JEWISH RITUAL SLAUGHTERING

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The provincial council of Vorarlberg, Austria, is considering legislation barring Jewish ritual slaughtering of food animals, it was reported here today by the Agudas Israel, which has received protests from the Jewish communities and displaced Jews in the area.

An Agudah representative who met with Austrian Foreign Minister Karl Gruber, who is now in London in connection with the Conference of Foreign Ministers, was told that the Austrian Government will provide "adequate protection" for the Vorarlberg Jews.

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL SETS UP "PLAN OF OPERATION" FOR ITS \$250,000,000 CAMPAIGN

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A "plan of operation" setting up campaign machinery blanketing the entire country and mobilizing all communal forces within American Jewry to raise the unparalleled sum of \$250,000,000 for the United Jewish Appeal in the coming year, was mapped here today by U.J.A. leaders following the conclusion of the five-day conference yesterday.

The country has been divided into 30 geographical regions, within which will be mobilized the local leadership in an intensive, decentralized campaign. A committee of ten will serve as an advisory body to assist during the campaign.

Isidore Sobeloff of Detroit, addressing the closing session last night, called for "psychological parity" in conducting the campaign. He said that the Jews of America, in supporting the \$250,000,000 quota will again channel their drives through the local welfare funds. The local funds will offer the following four-point program:

1. To promote the creation and development of a Jewish State in Palestine.
2. To maintain and rehabilitate the 1,250,000 Jews of Europe until governmental aid, economic improvement, or emigration relieves their situation.
3. To receive, assist and integrate into American life the displaced persons and other refugees fortunate enough to be admitted to the United States.
4. To support domestic and local agencies in the fields of health, welfare, recreation, care of the aged, youth work, education and community relations.

"In effect," Mr. Sobeloff said, "the campaigns, by using psychological parity to embrace all these four points, will serve as a basis for a rounded out program at home and abroad. They will provide the financial underpinning to activities on which American Jews have agreed as a common platform."

J.W.B. CUTS BY TEN PERCENT AMOUNT IT WILL SEEK FROM U.S. JEWS DURING 1948

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board announced today that it has cut by ten percent the amount it will seek from the American Jewish community in 1948. Its revised budget totals \$1,324,900.

This reduction results from the fact that USO, which ceases active operations on December 31, 1947, has undertaken to give J.W.B. in 1948 the sum of \$152,900 to carry out in 1948 former USO operations already provided for in JWB's 1948 budget. J.W.B. has therefore subtracted this anticipated sum of \$152,900 from the original amount it planned to raise.

SECOND INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS AFFILIATES SCHEDULED IN FEBRUARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The second world-wide meeting of the affiliates of the World Jewish Congress will be held at Montreux, Switzerland, February 15, 1948, it was announced here today by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Leon A. Kubowitzki, President and secretary-general respectively of the W.J.C.

Representatives of communities and organizations in 61 countries which constitute the Congress are expected to attend the session, which will discuss further implementation of the Congress' international program for Jewish survival.

PROSKAUER ASKS CONGRESS TO ACT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The recent report of the President's Commission on Higher Education, was praised as "a courageous and forthright appraisal of some of the weaknesses in American higher education," in a wire sent to President Truman today by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, who urged Congressional action on the Commission's recommendations.

The wire stressed the report's "utter rejection of discriminatory admission policies as maintained by many American colleges and universities," and lauded the declaration in the report that "the time has come to make public education at all levels equally accessible to all, without regard to race, creed, sex or national origin." AJC termed the report "a fitting complement" to the recent report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights, and declared that "the implementation of these principles and contemporary charters of democracy will have a profound effect on the strength of the democratic system in the United States and throughout the world."

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ASKS U.N. TO INFORM AGENCY IT SPEAKS ONLY FOR PALESTINE JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- In a wire to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, the American Council for Judaism has asked that the United Nations make clear to the Jewish Agency that it does not speak for all the Jews of the world.

The Council, taking cognizance of the Agency's recent request that it be heard by the Security Council as representing the interests of the Jewish community in Palestine and Jews throughout the world, stated that "our sole representative before any agency of the United Nations is the duly constituted representatives of the U.S. Government."

The Council's message concluded: "We consider it of the utmost importance that the status of people of Jewish faith who do not wish their national status to be other than that of the countries of their citizenship, that in response to this recent request of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and in any subsequent negotiation with it, you or your proper deputy make clear to the Agency that it is not considered as speaking for 'all the Jews of the world.'"

CONGREGATION EMANUEL IN NEW YORK OPPOSES UAHC JOINING CONFERENCE SUCCESSOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The annual meeting of Congregation Emanu-El, influential New York temple, went on record last night as opposing affiliation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations with the proposed successor organization of the American Jewish Conference.

In a resolution, the congregation stated that a religious body such as the UAHC, which is the central body of Reform congregations, should not confer authority on any organization to speak for it on matters of domestic and foreign policy affecting the interests of Jews.

COLOMBIAN JEWS DECIDE TO RAISE \$500,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JEWISH STATE

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The recently-concluded National Zionist Emergency Convention here decided to raise 1,000,000 Colombian pesos (approximately \$500,000) for the development of the Jewish State. There are only 8,000 Jews in the country.