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ARABS, 7 JEWS DIE IN PALESTINE AS VIOLENCE FLARES AFTER SHORT PERIOD OF QUIET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- At least 20 Arabs and seven Jews died in Palestine this week-end as the uneasy quiet which reigned throughout most of last week ended in staccato blasts of submachine guns and the roar of bombs. In addition two Jewish officers were shot down on a crowded Jerusalem street this afternoon and are in a hospital in a critical condition.

Eight Arabs died and 16 were wounded today when Jews fired at an Arab bus which failed to halt at a Haganah road block between Ramleh and Ramallah. The Haganah was operating in that vicinity following a number of attacks this morning on Jewish vehicles during which two Jews were murdered. The two, Gideon Gelotter, 25, and Moshe Possek, 28, were stabbed and beaten to death when an oil tank truck which they were driving was captured by an Arab band. In another attack on the same road four Jewish settlement policemen escorting a convoy were wounded when Arab guerrillas opened fire.

The Jewish hospital in Safad was attacked by Arabs who had taken up positions in a nearby building. They were eventually beaten off after one of their number was killed and several were wounded. Two Jewish guards were injured, but none of the hospital staff nor any patient was hurt. The building from which the Arabs attacked, the highest in the town, was occupied by the Arab Legion several days ago. A curfew was imposed on Safad.

Max Schneider, a Jewish police sergeant, was shot and killed by a Legionnaire last night. The shooting took place near the Allenby police barracks. Robert Stern, an employee of the Palestine Information Office and a former Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, was shot dead tonight as he walked from his office.

Irgun Shoots British Soldiers in Revenge for Rape of Jewish Girl

The shooting of the two British soldiers in this city was acknowledged by the Irgun tonight, which stated that the attack was in reprisal for the rape of a Jewish girl by British soldiers last week. The underground group pointed out that it had carefully chosen members of the Lifeguard Regiment, of which the attackers of the girl were members. The Haganah immediately denounced the Irgun attack as a "provocation."

A Haganah unit raided the Arab village of Deirajoub, damaging several houses without injuring no one. The Arabs were told that the raid was a warning and not a reprisal for the killing of a Jew in the area last week. If further attacks occur, the Jewish militia stated, the Arabs will suffer more severe damages and casualties.

In the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border area last night the Haganah blew up several Arab strongholds, killed a number of Arabs and a British soldier. A Haganah spokesman apologized for the death of the soldier, asserting that he was mistaken for an armed

The Haganah also issued an apology to the Arabs of the village of Khisas for accidental killing of five children during a raid on the headquarters of a guerilla band which had murdered several Jews.

Two British armored cars were fired upon by a gang of Arabs near Tulkarm, northeast of Tel Aviv, tonight and one soldier was shot in the chest. When the cars halted and the Arabs recognized the Britons they apologized, saying that they thought the occupants of the cars were Jews.

Chief Rabbi Asks Attlee to Aid Jews in Aden

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog last night appealed to Prime Minister Clement Attlee to immediately aid the Jews of Aden who, he said, were threatened by a renewal of Arab attacks. Over 75 Jews were killed by Arab rioters in the British colony earlier this month.

The Arab executive has appealed to the Arabs in the Western Hemisphere for financial aid, pointing out that "the Arabs expect from you the same sacrifice that African Jews are making for the Jewish state." The appeal was issued in view of the failure of fund-raising drives in the Middle East, which is hampering preparations for an all-out attack on the Jews.

Acting Commissioner of the Gaza district, E.F. Clemens, warned tribal leaders and Bedouin sheiks to prevent further attacks by their clansmen on Jews. Blaming tribal elders for recent bloodshed in the Negev area, Clemens said he believes the Arab executive does not want disturbances. Meanwhile, road communications between the Negev and the rest of the country have been re-opened partially under strong police guard.

Jewish women detained in Bethlehem prison went on strike today, protesting the refusal by the authorities to remove them from Bethlehem where they are surrounded by Arabs, their lives in constant danger. After promising them that their request would be considered, the chief warden succeeded in persuading the women to return to their cells.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES ADOPTS RESOLUTION WELCOMING U.N. PARTITION OF PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews at a meeting today unanimously adopted a resolution welcoming "in common with the Jews of Palestine and the whole world the historic decision of the United Nations in favor of the establishment of a Jewish state in the Holy Land in fulfillment of the age-long yearning of the Jewish people."

Pointing out that it was Britain which issued the Balfour Declaration and helped in the development of the Jewish National Home, the resolution hoped "that this fulfillment of Jewish hopes would be accompanied by strengthening of ties between the British and Jewish peoples." The board also adopted a report of its Palestine committee referring to the deteriorating situation in Palestine, opposing the continued use of the Arab Legion in Palestine and stressing the urgent need for increased immigration in accordance with the wishes expressed in the U.N. partition resolution.

DANISH GOVERNMENT NAMES FORMER MINISTER TO SERVE ON U.N. PALESTINE COMMISSION

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Danish Government this week announced the appointment of Per Federspiel as its representative on the U.N. Implementation Commission on Palestine. Federspiel is a former cabinet minister and was a partisan leader during the occupation of Denmark.

24 JEWS IN U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY GET SHORT JAIL SENTENCES FOR DISRUPTING MOSLEM MEETING

MUNICH, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Twenty-four displaced Jews in the U.S. zone of Germany were this week-end convicted of charges of disorderly conduct and sentenced to two weeks in jail by an American military court at Ulm, Bavaria. The Jews were arrested last month while en route to disperse a demonstration of Moslems near their camp.

The defense council protested the sentences, asserting that the Jews had reacted justifiably to the Moslem's anti-Jewish acts and statements at the meeting, which culminated a week of clashes following the U.N. decision to partition Palestine. In effect the DP's will be freed because they have already spent more than two weeks in prison waiting for their trial.

BRITISH MILITARY COURT SENTENCES DP JEW TO JAIL FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

VIENNA, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A British military court has sentenced Henock Gossier, a 19-year-old displaced Jew, to three-and-a-half years imprisonment on charges of illegal possession of arms and unlawful entry into the British zone, it was reported here during the week-end.

The prosecution failed to prove its original charge which was that Gossier attempted to blow up a British troop train. The Jew was arrested last summer after an unsuccessful attempt had been made to blast such a train.

JEWS IN HUNGARY START ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION; ESTABLISH CREDIT AID COOPERATIVES

BUDAPEST, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Implementing its decision to change the emphasis of its program in Hungary from relief to reconstruction, the Joint Distribution Committee, in cooperation with the Jewish community, this week established two credit cooperatives, it was reported at a press conference here by Noel Aronovici, J.D.C. representative.

A recently-established Reconstruction Advisory Committee, composed of J.D.C. representatives and community leaders, this week-end mapped plans for the creation of a series of producer cooperatives as the best means of aiding Jews who have still not found their place in the economic set-up and to fit in best with the country's three-year plan. Aronovici stated that the plan has the approval of Zoltan Vas, general secretary of the powerful Supreme Economic Council.

BRITISH GOVT. CHANGE OF ATTITUDE ON STRONGER LEGISLATION TO CURB ANTI-SEMITISM SEEN

LONDON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Indications were seen here this week-end that the government which up to now has been content to attempt to control anti-Semitic agitation within the framework of existing legislation is about to change its attitude.

It was announced that the Labor Party's national executive has asked Home Secretary James Chuter Ede to receive a delegation from the executive on the matter of curbing fascist activity. Observers point out that it is extremely unlikely that the executive would have asked for the meeting unless the government had already decided on a new course of action because included on the executive are Prime Minister Attlee and other Cabinet members including Herbert Morrison, Philip Noel Baker, and Emanuel Shinwell.

UNITY ACHIEVED IN RANKS OF POLISH JEWS; TWO CENTRAL BODIES REACH AGREEMENT

WARSAW, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- After prolonged negotiations, the Council of Jewish Communities has decided to join the Central Committee of Polish Jews, it was announced here today. The Council is the central body dealing with religious affairs. Its affiliation with the Committee unifies Polish Jewry.

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DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION DEPRIVES JWS OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, TRUMAN COMMISSION SAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Discrimination against Jewish and Negro students in obtaining higher and professional education is assailed by the President's Commission on Higher Education as depriving them of equal opportunity with non-Jewish students in certain fields of advanced study.

In the second volume of its report to President Truman, "Equalizing and Expanding Individual Opportunity," released today, the Commission declares the situation has been aggravated in recent years and recommends the removal from application of educational institutions "of all questions pertaining to religion, color, and national or racial origin."

Terming the Negro "the most frequent victim of racial discrimination," the report cites the experience of Jewish students as "a second significant body of illustrative evidence regarding discrimination."

"It is well to repeat the warning," the report states, "that in determining opportunities for education, it is not sound democratic doctrine to invoke the argument of maintaining the same ratios of minority group numbers enrolled in colleges to total population numbers. One only defensible basis is that total ability and interest rather than quotas or ratios, however determined, be the criteria of admission to institutions of higher learning."

The Commission urged compulsory legislation in the form of "Fair Educational Practices Laws," similar to the fair employment practices measures enacted or considered by several states, particularly by New York. Rejecting the idea of voluntary action as inadequate, the report stresses "the urgency" of the issue of discrimination in American national life. It labels a "national phenomenon" discrimination against Negroes, Jews, Catholics, Orientals and others.

Educational institutions, despite private control and support, are acknowledged to have a vital public interest "and as such are morally obligated to abandon restrictive policies."

Report Urges Legislation to Outlaw Bias; Cites N.Y. Proposed Measure

"In order that this mandate of public obligation shall have equal force everywhere," emphasizes the report, "and not lead merely to passage pronouncements by individual colleges, the passage of legislation along lines of the proposed legislation against discrimination in New York seems the logical way. The Commission concludes that to assure a universal and equal regard for a policy of indiscriminate the legal method becomes both fair and practical."

"Moreover a universal legal mandate can be a helpful defense for admission officers against undue pressure of alumni groups and of professional associations which may attempt to influence admissions policies...in accordance with an established tradition."

Citing a decennial study made by the Vocational Service Bureau of B'nai B'rith, the Presidential Commission reported a sharp decline in the percentage of Jewish law students, and a decrease also in the proportion of Jewish engineering, medical and dental students, as well as in teaching, architecture, social work, commerce and fine arts. A sharp rise from 9.1 percent in 1935 to 20.3 percent in 1946 of Jewish students in osteopathy resulted chiefly, according to the report, "from the blocking of opportunity in medicine."

PRESIDENT TRUMAN HAILS ORT ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY; LEHMAN, BACKER REPORT ON PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- President Truman today commended the ORT for its "inestimable assistance" in helping Jewish refugees to "become once again dignified and self-supporting members of society." In a message to the 25th anniversary celebration of the American ORT Federation, the President said that the ORT "bravado and outstanding success they have achieved are examples of the opportunities that exist for useful and constructive work among the people of all faiths who may still be suffering from the terrible effects of war."

Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, addressing the conference, cited the ORT's work in preparing thousands of refugees to help in building the Jewish state. He urged the ORT to intensify its vocational training projects for the thousands of Jews in the DP camps who will have to wait until Palestine is able to receive them.

George Backer, president of the ORT, in reviewing the organization's activities in Europe, South America, South Africa and U.S., declared that by the end of this year 30,000 persons will have been trained in industrial and agricultural vocations, with more than 26,000 of these residing in the DP camps. Other speakers included Dr. Samuel Gringauzt, chairman of the Jewish Central Committee of Germany.

ORT PLACES ITS FACILITIES IN EUROPE AT DISPOSAL OF JEWISH AGENCY IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The 18th annual convention of the HIAS Council of Organizations adopted a resolution today to place at the disposal of the Jewish Agency all HIAS emigration facilities and personnel in Europe to facilitate the speedy emigration of Palestine-bound Jews from Europe.

Isaac L. Asofsky, HIAS executive director, reported that the organization has incurred a deficit of \$700,000, notwithstanding the fact that in 1947 it received more than \$2,000,000 in contributions, the largest amount in its history. Delegates to the conference voted unanimously to double the 1947 allocations in order to enable the HIAS to spend \$4,000,000 in 1948 in carrying out an expanded program.

ADEN JEWS APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY AID; J.D.C. DISPATCHES RELIEF FUNDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Acting on an urgent plea for assistance from the Jews of Aden, about 75 of whom have been killed and more than 100 wounded in recent Arab attacks, the Joint Distribution Committee has forwarded \$11,000 for emergency aid to the British colony in addition to its regular relief program in Aden.

The call for help was relayed in a cablegram from Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University and chairman of the JDC Middle East Advisory Committee, following an Arab attack upon the small Jewish community in the port city of Aden. "Overnight hundreds became homeless and destitute," Dr. Magnes reported. "Schools, synagogues, about 30 buildings and most Jewish shops were burned and looted." He said the violence has "totally paralyzed" Jewish business in Aden, and most of the Jewish community there is now living on relief.

TWO-DAY CONFERENCE OF RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY ON JEWISH EDUCATION OPENS TODAY IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The second annual Rabbinical Assembly Conference on Jewish Education will open here tomorrow and will continue through Tuesday. Representatives of more than 350 congregations in the United States and Canada will participate in the conference.

The meeting will be the first of its kind to be held since the United Nations decision to partition Palestine and considerable discussion will be devoted to the question of the effect of the future Jewish State on Jewish education in the U.S.

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