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HAGANAH REPULSES ARAB ATTACK IN JERUSALEM; TWO JEWS DIE IN BATTLE NEAR JAFFA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A new attack by a large band of Arabs attempting to storm their way out of the Old City of Jerusalem into the Jewish section was repulsed today by the Haganah. Two of the attackers were injured.

Two Jews were killed at the settlement of Bat Yam, south of Jaffa, in a battle which has continued intermittently for about a day and a half. The dead men are Yehzek Mizraichi, 30, and Pinchas Reuben, 36. Several others were injured. Four Arabs were wounded when the Haganah threw back an attack on a Jewish house on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border.

Meanwhile Arab attacks on road convoys continue, virtually paralyzing traffic between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Six Jews and one non-Jew were injured in an attack on a British-escorted convoy in the vicinity of Ramleh. David Ben Gurion, who was in one of the cars, was unharmed. The non-Jew, Harold Hagge, is a Swedish correspondent. About a half-hour earlier, High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham, escorted by a strong armored detachment, passed safely through the area.

Mourners at the funeral of Robert Stern, former Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, who was shot and killed by Arabs Sunday, were forced to run a gauntlet of fire as they motored up the Mount of Olives to the Jewish cemetery. Among the mourners were a number of foreign correspondents and Richard Stubbs, head of the Palestine Information Office, in which Stern was employed at the time of his death.

Several freight trains were held up by armed Arab bandits today. One was loaded of a large quantity of cement, but the robbers were driven off before they could carry away anything from the second.

Over 1,000 Killed and Wounded in Palestine Since Outbreaks Began

Official figures on casualties since the U.N. partition decision today passed 1,000 for killed and wounded. Private sources place the figures at 1,300. The government listed 134 Jews killed, 173 Arabs and nine Britons. Sixty members of the security forces were among the injured.

Jewish institutions today made representations to the government opposing the Jerusalem district commissioner's suggestion that the Jewish merchants clear out of the business section, because it is "hard to protect." The Jewish Agency has also turned down an unofficial suggestion that the Negev colonies, which are also "hard to protect," be abandoned.

The Lebanese delegation which last week called on King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan to enlist his support for the creation of a "Christian National Home" in Lebanon, if and when a Greater Syria is established, has been placed under arrest in Beirut, it was learned here today. The head of the Maronite (Catholic) Church in Lebanon, significantly, has been the one religious leader in the country not to issue a statement opposing the partition of Palestine.

JEWISH AGENCY DELEGATION MEETS WITH CREECH-JONES ON PALESTINE SECURITY SITUATION

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A Jewish Agency delegation met this morning with British Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones to discuss the security situation in Palestine, future activities of the U.N. Implementation Commission and other related matters. There was no announcement as to the details of the talks.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann arrived at Southampton today and will remain in Britain until some time next month when he will continue his journey to Palestine by air. Commenting on the situation in Palestine he said that he thought that on the whole the situation was "quite stable." The disturbances "have certainly not assumed the dimensions hoped for by the Arab instigators," he added.

VISALESS IMMIGRANTS TRANSSHIPPED TO CYPRUS FROM HAIFA WITHOUT INCIDENT

HAIFA, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Eight hundred and fifty-one visaless Jewish immigrants intercepted aboard the blockade runner "You Can't Frighten Us" last night were brought into Haifa this morning and transhipped to Cyprus this afternoon. Seven women, one man and one child were hospitalized here and 18 of their relatives remained with them.

An official communique announced that the British boarding party met no resistance this morning and that the only casualty was a British sailor who fell and fractured a thigh bone. Meyer Levin, American novelist and former Jewish Geographic Agency correspondent in Palestine, was among four newspapermen who made a journey with the refugees, many of whom are from the Balkan countries. All four have been detained. Two babies were born while the ship was at sea.

Meanwhile, 300 Jewish orphans arrived here from Cyprus internment camps and will be taken to Jewish agency hostels. Jewish passengers on the Rumanian vessel Pennsylvania who asked permission to visit relatives and friends in Haifa when the vessel halted here were forbidden to land.

PLANS MAPPED FOR ELECTION OF FIRST PROVISIONAL JEWISH PARLIAMENT IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- All preparations have been made to hold elections soon for the Assefath Hanivcharim, the Palestine Jewish National Assembly, which will function as the first provisional Jewish Parliament, David Remez, chairman of the Jewish National Council, said tonight.

Remez stated that the Provisional Jewish Government which is to be set up next spring in accordance with the U.N. partition decision, will be based on the National Assembly and the Zionist Actions Committee until a permanent parliament and a permanent government are established.

He added that the question of which Zionists abroad would be included in the Provisional Government has not yet been decided, but "logic dictates that the tasks should be entrusted to those living here and knowing the situation, although the advice of our colleagues abroad is always desired and welcomed." Remez said that the Jewish National Council would surrender all of its functions to the Provisional Government, while the Jewish Agency would retain part of its operations until the temporary administration had been replaced by a permanent government.

Reviewing the security situation, the Jewish National Council chairman expressed the opinion that the danger of a double-barrelled attack on the Jewish community--by the British and the Arabs--had been averted, since the government has promised to maintain order, especially on the roads. He warned the Arabs that Palestine was not "another Aden" and that the strength of the Jews had increased since the recent attacks began.

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AMERICAN OFFICIAL AT U.N. DENIES PLAN EXISTS TO SEND INTERNATIONAL TROOPS TO PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A report that American military experts are working plans for the formation of an international army to enforce the U.N. partition of Palestine was "categorically" denied here today by a spokesman for the U.S. delegation at the United Nations.

The report, published in a New York newspaper, quoted "reliable sources" as stating that the work of drafting the plans is being carried on in New York and Washington, and parallels secret negotiations between the State Department and various other nations which are allegedly being asked to contribute forces to maintain order in Palestine. "The American Government," the report said, "is acting on the probability that some nation will ask the Security Council early in January to declare Palestine a threat to international peace and security."

In denying the report, the American spokesman said that no talks on the possibility of sending an international army to Palestine have been suggested by the U.N. delegation and that includes the American delegates to the U.N. military staff committee. However, he added that he could not speak for any discussions that may have taken place in Washington, of which he might not be informed.

The report said that the United States objective in general has been to obtain troops from areas far removed from Palestine. The role of the U.S. was described as being limited principally to furnishing advisers or supplies and transport, or both. "Highly placed officials" were given as the source of the information.

IMMEDIATE CLEARING OF PALESTINE SEAPORT FOR JEWISH IMMIGRATION DEMANDED BY NEUMANN

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The necessity of immediately clearing an adequate area in the territory of the proposed Jewish state, including a seaport, and removing it from the administrative control of the Palestine Government, as provided in a United Nations resolution, was emphasized here tonight by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, addressing a meeting of 250 Zionist leaders at Hotel Barbizon-Plaza.

"The principal purpose of this provision," he said, "was to ensure the beginning of a substantial Jewish immigration at the earliest possible moment." He stressed the fact that the displaced Jews are still waiting and enduring their third winter in camps since their "liberation." "If the U.N. provision is not carried out promptly, we must expect a new wave of so-called 'illegal' immigration and new tragedies on the high seas paralleling or exceeding the tragedy of the Exodus 1947," he warned.

Daniel Frisch, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America and member of the World Zionist Actions Committee, warned against the "mushroom growth" of investment groups in this country that are seeking to attract capital for investment purposes in the new Jewish state.

The Zionist leader emphasized the importance of immediately entrusting responsibility to the ZOA "for the task of channelizing and supervising planned investments in Palestine." He explained that the enthusiastic readiness of the average American Jew to help in private initiative in Palestine "will be gravely endangered by attempts of self-seeking individuals and groups attempting to capitalize on such projects."

Mr. Frisch stressed that private initiative in Palestine is of vital importance for the success of the pending Jewish state and urged American Jews "to consult with the Zionist Organization of America before taking any steps in investments in Palestine."

MARRIAGE ISSUE CAUSES DISAGREEMENT AMONG JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS IN GERMANY

STUTTGART, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A split is developing among the Jewish communities in Germany on the basis of a series of resolutions concerning membership administration of the communities adopted at a recent quadri-zone meeting of representatives of various Jewish communities throughout Germany.

At a meeting here yesterday of a group of leaders of communities in the American zone, headed by Dr. Philip S. Auerbach, Bavarian Commissioner for Persecution, strenuous objections were raised to several of the resolutions. The Auerbach group, which represents roughly half of the communities in the U.S. zone, took issue with a measure to bar from voting membership in Jewish communities all Jews who married non-Jews since the end of the war. It also opposed a resolution which would remove from office in the community the children of a mixed parentage who were not raised within the Jewish religious tradition, unless a rabbinical dispensation is obtained.

In the first ruling of its kind, a Munich municipal court today awarded custody of a child to its Jewish father who divorced his non-Jewish wife following her refusal to raise the child in the Jewish faith. The court insisted that it is the father's right to determine the faith and education of his children.

GESTAPO LEADERS HANGED IN POLAND FOR ORDERING EXECUTION OF 60,000 JEWS

WARSAW, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Gestapo leader Piotr Leideritz, convicted of responsibility for the mass execution of 60,000 Jews in Kolomeja, Galicia, was hanged here today following President Boleslaw Beirut's rejection of his plea for clemency. He was sentenced to death by a Warsaw court.

During the trial, it was established that three weeks after he had been appointed by the German occupation authorities as commandant of Kolomeja, Leideritz ordered the mass slaughter of Jews and the deportation of others to crematoriums. Under his personal supervision all children at the Kolomeja Jewish orphan asylum were machine gunned by a unit of Gestapo men who broke into the institution in the early hours of the morning when the children were still in their beds.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT GETS NEW DEMAND TO TIGHTEN LAW GOVERNING ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Home Secretary James Chuter Ede today told a delegation of the National Council of Civil Liberties that the government was considering whether it would be desirable to tighten the laws against fascist and anti-Semitic propaganda in view of the recent acquittal of James Caunt, editor of a weekly which printed an incitement to violence against Jews during last summer's riots.

However, he hedged on the delegation's demand that new legislation be passed to prohibit the spreading of fascist doctrines, pointing out the dangers inherent in attempting to suppress expressions of political opinion. He added that if subversive activities endangered the safety of the state, it would then be the duty of the government to seek further powers.

JUDGE LEVINTHAL RETURNING TO U.S.; COMPLETES TERM OF SERVICE AS ADVISOR ON JEWISH AFFAIRS

MUNICH, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Judge Louis E. Levinthal, retiring Jewish advisor to the American military staff in Germany, is scheduled to leave for the U.S. by plane Dec. 28, it was revealed here today, and his successor, Prof. William Haber, is expected to arrive here by Jan. 15.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Judge Levinthal paid tribute to the understanding of Jewish problems shown by American military leaders in Germany and Austria. He said the displaced Jews were particularly grateful to the U.S. Government for its role in finding a solution to the Palestine problem.

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PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN JEWISH EDUCATION IN U.S. OUTLINED BY RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY PARLEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A series of resolutions aimed at strengthening the resources of Jewish education in America were adopted today at the concluding session of the second annual Rabbinical Assembly Conference on Jewish Education, which was held at the Jewish Theological Seminary. The 117 delegates to the Conference placed themselves on record as:

1. Hailing the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine as a great revivifying influence upon Jewish education throughout the world.
2. Opposing the introduction of sectarian teachings and practices in the American public school system.
3. Defining the goal of Jewish education to be the development of the child as a citizen builder of American democracy, and at the same time a loyal adherent to his Jewish faith.
4. Presenting a program for the achievement of this goal through a system of Jewish education which begins with pre-school training for children between three and six years of age and offers curricula adapted to the needs and interests of every age group including the Jewish adult.

The Conference also adopted a resolution urging the expansion of facilities for the training of Jewish teachers "so that a comprehensive and effective system of Jewish education may be maintained."

J.D.C. SPENT \$300,000,000 IN ITS 33 YEARS OF ACTIVITY, EDWARD WARBURG ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has spent some \$300,000,000 during its 33 years of activity in behalf of millions of distressed Jews throughout the world, Edward M.M. Warburg, J.D.C. chairman, announced in a statement issued here today in connection with the 33rd annual meeting of the organization which will be held at the Hotel Commodore January 4.

Reports on conditions of the Jews overseas and on the organization's activities will be made by Judge Louis E. Levinthal, retiring advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. military staff in Germany; former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, ex-Director-General of UNRRA and a J.D.C. vice-chairman; and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the J.D.C. European executive council. Following the election of the board of directors and the national council members, Moses A. Levitt, executive vice-chairman, will report on the J.D.C.'s 1947 activities and its proposed program for 1948.

U.N. DECISION MAY BECOME "SCRAP OF PAPER" IF NOT IMPLEMENTED SOON, AGUDAS ISRAEL SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The United Nations must give "immediate practical implementation" to its decision to create a Jewish state in Palestine, otherwise this plan is "a mere scrap of paper," it was declared at a press conference here today by Rabbi Isaac M. Lewin of Jerusalem, chairman of the world executive of Agudas Israel and president of the Agudas Israel of Palestine.

Rabbi Lewin demanded that the special five-man U.N. Implementation Commission come to Palestine immediately to determine how best to mitigate the "very serious and complicated" situation that has arisen. He charged that lower-ranking British officers are "effectively helping" Arab bands in their program of violence. These Arabs, he said, are mostly imported hoodlums from neighboring countries, with instructions from the Mufti to provoke the Palestinian Arabs to a general uprising.

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20 YOUNG HUNGARIAN JEWS ARRIVE IN VIENNA EN ROUTE TO PORTS OF EMBARKATION FOR PALESTINE

VIENNA, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Five hundred Hungarian Jews between the ages of 17 and 20 arrived here today en route to Mediterranean ports to embark for Palestine as homeless immigrants.

JEWISH LEADERS TO GIVE DR. SILVER TESTIMONIAL DINNER BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish leaders will tender a testimonial dinner to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for his successful leadership of the Jewish cause before the U.N. The dinner will take place Dec. 29, on the eve of Dr. Silver's departure for Palestine.

Among the members of the sponsoring committee for the testimonial are Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Dr. Israel Goldstein, national president of the United Palestine Appeal; former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman; and Herbert Bayard Swope, prominent civic leader.

PROF. EINSTEIN WITHDRAWS SPONSORSHIP OF AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE SICK FUND

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein has announced his withdrawal from the American Committee for the National Sick Fund of Palestine, a group affiliated with the Revisionists in Palestine, it was announced here. In his brief statement, Prof. Einstein said: "My endorsement had been given on the grounds of the incorrect assurance that it is dealing with a non-partisan, purely humanitarian institution."

PROF. BUBER, DR. AGUS AWARDED PRIZES FOR BEST JEWISH BOOKS OF THE YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Prof. Martin Buber and Dr. Irving Agus have been awarded the annual \$400 prizes given by the Louis Lamed Fund for the best Jewish books of the year published in English, it was announced today by the jury composed of Dr. Solomon Grayzel, Ludwig Lewisohn and Dr. N. R. Glazer.

Prof. Buber was given the award for his "Tales of the Hassidim" published by Schocken Books. Dr. Agus received the prize for his volume on Rabbi Meir of Rotenburg published by Dropsie College.

HISTADRUTH IVRITH TO TRANSLATE BIALIK'S POETRY INTO ENGLISH; FIRST VOLUME OUT NEXT MONTH

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The complete poetical works of the great Hebrew poet Hayim Nachman Bialik will be translated into English, it was announced here by the Histadruth Ivrit of America. The translation will be accomplished under the editorship of Dr. Israel Efron, professor of Hebrew at Hunter College and a noted Hebrew poet. The first of two volumes will be issued next month.

RABBI IRVING REICHERT RESIGNS PULPIT AT SAN FRANCISCO CONGREGATION AFTER 17 YEARS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving F. Reichert has resigned as rabbi of the Congregation Emanu-El of this city where he served as spiritual leader for more than 17 years, the congregation announced. Rabbi Reichert, who has been named rabbi emeritus of the congregation, has been active in communal affairs and will continue to serve in a number of communal and national organizations.

BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON FRIDAY