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NO BLOCKADE RUNNERS CARRYING 15,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE PASS THROUGH BOSPORUS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 28. (JTA) - The Palestine immigration ships, Pan York and Pan Crescent, carrying more than 15,000 visaless Jews between them, passed through the Bosporus today after clearance by Turkish port authorities.

The vessels, each of which are 4,570 tons and fly the Panamanian flag, left the Black Sea port of Burgas, Bulgaria, yesterday. The largest transport ever to attempt to break the British blockade of Palestine, the ships sailed despite definite instructions to the contrary from the Jewish Agency, which countermanded the vessels' sailing orders after the U.N. partition decision.

The vessels arrived at Constanza, Rumania, from the United States early in October and were converted for passenger use. Until the Agency ordered the cancellation of departure, extensive preparations for the migration had been made by Jewish organizations and the individuals concerned. Considering that the migrants, getting ready for the voyage, had sold their belongings, given up their homes and resigned from their jobs, Jewish leaders in Rumania felt that calling off the trip would involve grave problems. They therefore decided to clear the transport, against the Agency's instructions.

A special train last Wednesday took the migrants to Burgas from Bucharest and from provincial Rumanian towns and villages. The empty vessels had already proceeded to the Bulgarian port from Constanza.

The immigrants had Rumanian travel documents, Bulgaria transit visas and entry visas for South American countries. There were 5,000 Chalutzim, 7,000 deportees, of whom 4,000 were orphans who had been inmates of charitable institutions, and 3,000 workers, members of all Zionist groups. The embarkation went smoothly, with no accidents reported.

(Unconfirmed reports reaching here from Jerusalem tonight said that Dr. Moshe Smeh had resigned his post on the Jewish Agency executive in protest against the Agency's refusal to sanction the departure of the Pan York and the Pan Crescent. Dr. Smeh was in Rumania last month. Upon his return he addressed the Jewish Journalists Association in Palestine, warning that the British and the Jews would come into conflict on the questions of immigration and security, and urged friendlier relations between the Zionists and the Soviet Union.)

IMMIGRANT SHIP WITH 700 ABOARD INTERCEPTED OFF PALESTINE BY BRITISH NAVAL PATROL

HAIFA, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- An immigrant ship carrying more than 700 passengers was intercepted tonight outside Palestinian waters and is being brought into Haifa under escort by a British naval patrol.

Jewish informants here, who revealed the number of visaless Jews aboard the vessel, said that she was called the "29th of November," the date that the U.N. General Assembly voted partition. Her port of origin is not yet known, nor the nationality of her passengers.

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ARABS KILLED AS HAGANAH SEEKS TO UNCOVER HEADQUARTERS OF BAND TERRORIZING OLD CITY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- One Jew and five Arabs were killed today, and three Jews and seven Arabs wounded during a clash in the mixed Arab-Jewish Romema quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

An Arab band which attempted to break into the Neve Shalom quarter of Tel Aviv, in the district bordering Jaffa, was repulsed by Haganah reinforcements. Meanwhile, Dr. Hugo Lers, a Jew, who was director of the government hospital for contagious diseases at Bet Safafa, southwest of Jerusalem, was killed by an Arab sniper while walking on the hospital grounds.

Country-wide attacks on Jewish convoys continued, as funeral services were held in Jerusalem for seven persons killed on Friday while travelling in convoys. Jewish Agency and Haganah officials are growing increasingly restive as a result of the government's failure to furnish adequate protection to inter-urban traffic, particularly along the vital Jerusalem-Tel Aviv route.

The Romema fight developed when several Haganah members entered the home of the Romema mukhtar, accusing him and his sons of being in contact with an Arab band which has set up headquarters in the district and has been terrorizing the Jewish residents. When the mukhtar and his sons displayed resistance, the militiamen fired, killing two of the sons and the mukhtar.

The Haganah unit was then attacked, as it sought to retreat, by gunmen firing from three neighboring houses. Taking up positions outside the houses, the Jews returned the fire, and a sharp exchange continued until the arrival of police who fired "into the air," killing a 16-year-old Jewish youth. A crowd of Jews then attacked a British sergeant whom they accused of killing the boy, but were dispersed by the police.

Mourners at Funeral for Convoy Victims Menaced by Arab Bullets

Hundreds of mourners attending services for the convoy victims could hear the whiz of the bullets and the sound of shots, but the services were not disrupted. The cortege was preceded by Haganah units followed by shock troops in mufti. A brief eulogy was delivered by Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel, who paid tribute to the Jewish spirit of resistance and self-sacrifice.

Among those buried was Abraham Zinger, a young Hebrew University student, and expert in the Hebrew and Assyrian languages, who was killed during Arab attacks yesterday in the Katamon quarter, where both Jews and Arabs live. An Arab damaged a Jewish children's home there and demolished a bookshop belong to a Jewish war veteran. In a series of clashes which developed, an Arab gang leader was killed. Police then searched the quarter, arresting 16 Haganah members, but not molesting the Arabs.

Similar action was taken this morning in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa battle, when a British armored car entered the Neve Shalom quarter, and began searching for arms among the Haganah defenders, while ignoring the Arab attackers. Meanwhile, one Jewish settler was missing and five suffered serious wounds when Arabs attacked Kfar Yavetz, north of Tel Aviv.

The violence in Haifa and the surrounding area diminished during the week-end, although one Jew was killed on Saturday when Arab Legion troops joined in attacks on

ewish vehicles. The Legionnaires claimed that the Jews had fired first, but the police established that their story was false. However, nothing was done to remove the Arab troops from their post.

Haganah-British Clash Feared if Govt. Fails to Protect Jewish Convoys

A Jewish Agency spokesman commented today, with some bitterness, that the government had promised that it would have the situation on the roads "well in hand" by last Thursday evening. He reiterated that the authorities were not protecting Jewish traffic and that the government should make up its mind to do so, or allow the Haganah to take over. He pointed out that Arab convoys travel under heavy escort of British troops and Arab Legionnaires.

Informed observers feel that if the present situation continues, a clash between the British and the Haganah is inevitable, since under no circumstances can the Agency permit the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway to be cut. The spokesman also attacked the government's failure to halt the increasing number of robberies and the desertion of Arab police with their arms.

The most recent robbery occurred last midnight when a train was held up 40 miles south of Haifa and 131 sacks of mail destined for Jerusalem and Tel Aviv were seized, as well as large quantities of beans, cereals and cement, and also the arms of the Arab police escort.

Two Jews Killed Fighting Off Attack on Negev Water Line

A large Arab band late yesterday attacked a group of Jews guarding a water pipeline to the Negev near the village of Amara. Shots were exchanged, resulting in casualties on both sides. Jewish reinforcements beat off the Arabs after a two-hour battle in which two Jews were killed and two were wounded. Later, British troops arrived and arrested all of the Jewish guards, including the wounded. No Arabs were arrested.

After a day of firing from the Salameh section of Jaffa into the Hatikvah section of Tel Aviv, a Haganah unit last night in a surprise move attacked an Arab band, inflicting many casualties at close-range fighting. The other Arabs fled, abandoning their arms. There were no Jewish casualties.

Yesterday, the Haganah also attacked a Bedouin encampment near Mt. Carmel which has been serving as an assembly center for Arab gangs intent on hampering Jewish traffic. One Arab child was killed and several Arabs were wounded. In another incident, yesterday, ten armed Arabs attacked a police station and made off with numerous rifles and uniforms.

Jerusalem was a battleground early Saturday when Arabs launched several simultaneous attacks in various parts of the city, beginning in the Old City and ending in the Beth Israel quarter. Fourteen Jews were wounded in the attacks, several seriously. The Haganah then launched several counter-attacks, with the first one concentrated on the village of Silwan, outside Jerusalem, where five houses were destroyed. One Arab child was killed and two were wounded. Silwan was attacked, a Haganah spokesman declared, because its inhabitants menace convoys from the Dead Sea and continually engage in sniping at Jewish funerals.

Armed Arabs ambushed a convoy of six Jewish trucks in the Gaza section late last night, wounding several Jews. The convoy withdrew, opening fire on the Arab vehicles as it moved off. Two Arabs were reportedly killed and nine wounded, according to an official announcement.

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ARAB LEAGUE STUDIED BRITISH PLAN FOR ANNEXATION OF PALESTINE/ARAB STATE BY ABDULLAH

CAIRO, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Nuri Pasha es-Seid, ex-Premier of Iraq and now President of the Iraq Senate, submitted to the recent meeting of Arab state premiers a plan worked out by British officials providing for the annexation by King Abdullah of Transjordan of the projected Arab part of Palestine, to be set up under United Nations auspices as a separate state, it was learned here.

The Arab part of Palestine, under the British plan, would then be used as a British advance base in the Middle East. It would be linked to Britain by the new treaty embracing Iraq, Transjordan and Egypt. The project would automatically eliminate the Mufti and the Arab Executive from the picture since King Abdullah would not allow opposition in his sphere.

Nuri Pasha's plan, however, met with vigorous resistance from Abdul Rahman Izzam Pasha, secretary general of the Arab League, out of fear that the new combination would undermine Arab unity.

The British Foreign Office, it is alleged, confirmed reports that Britain would soon enter treaty negotiations with Egypt, Iraq and Transjordan to "streamline and consolidate her policy throughout the Middle East."

NEED FOR HIGHLY-SKILLED TECHNICAL WORKERS IN PALESTINE STRESSED BY KAPLAN IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Palestine's need for highly-skilled technical workers from the United States, England and other countries was stressed today by Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, in an address before the annual meeting of the Professional and Technical Workers of Aliyah (PATWA.)

Expressing the hope that mass immigration of Jews to Palestine will begin very soon, Kaplan said that "the strength of Palestine lies in our ability to develop a modern economy. We must bring skilled workers from other countries to help us in Palestine. In America, proposals to send the necessary technicians to Palestine from all sections of American Jewry are being seriously considered."

Meanwhile, Izzadeen Shawa Boy, head of a Palestine Arab political mission here, told a press conference that more than 2,000 applications from Britons seeking to join the "Arab armies" in Palestine had been received by his group. He said nothing will stop these applicants from proceeding to the Middle East once they have received permission from the country of destination.

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF MAYOR ISRAEL ROKACH TO BE HELD AT N.Y. CITY HALL

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A reception in honor of Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv will be held tomorrow at City Hall, it was announced here. Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund, and Abraham Harzfeld, Palestine labor leader who accompanied Rokach, will also participate in the ceremonies. Rokach and his party arrived by air today at Philadelphia.

TWO JEWS CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT TO MURDER BRITISH FASCIST RELEASED ON BAIL

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Gerald Flamborg and John Winborne, leaders of a Jewish veterans' organization, known as the "43 Group," were released on bail over the week-end after an appeal to Justice Jenkins of the High Court.

The two were arrested on Tuesday on a charge of shooting "with intent to murder" John Preen, British fascist agitator. They were freed after posting \$8,000 bail.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE SALTZMAN WILL DISCUSS 'DP' PROBLEM AT USNA MEETING

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Charles E. Saltzman, Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Areas, who has just returned from Europe, will address the annual meeting of United Service for New Americans which will be held at the Comodore Hotel here on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 10 and 11, 1948, it was announced today by Edwin Rosenberg, president of USNA.

Secretary Saltzman will discuss the displaced persons problem and immigration to the United States at a dinner meeting of the board of directors of USNA on Saturday evening, Jan. 10. The addresses by Mr. Saltzman and by other governmental leaders who will speak at a public session on Sunday afternoon are expected to be of special significance, Mr. Rosenberg said, in view of the plans now being considered by Congress to admit a larger share of displaced people to this country as an emergency humanitarian measure.

Speakers on Sunday afternoon will include Representative William G. Stratton of Illinois; U.S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Watson B. Miller; Major General Walter A. Wood, Jr., Chief of the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization, and William Rosenwald, honorary president of USNA and national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Rosenberg will preside at this session, which will be on the subject "Haven in America: Forecast and Review."

Hundreds of civic leaders and welfare executives from communities throughout the country will participate in the deliberations at the annual meeting. They will review the work of United Service in meeting the needs of 38,000 refugees who have arrived here since the end of the war, and will plan for the agency's \$13,600,000 welfare program for 2,000 newcomers expected to arrive each month in 1948.

SENATORS IVES AND MAHONEY, TEL AVIV MAYOR, SPOPE TO ADDRESS SILVER DINNER TONIGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Leaders of American public opinion and of world Zionism will address the testimonial dinner tomorrow night honoring Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the eve of his departure for Palestine, it was announced today.

Speakers who will pay tribute to Dr. Silver for his successful leadership of the Jewish cause before the United Nations include: U.S. Senator Irving M. Ives, of New York; U.S. Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, of Wyoming; Israel Rokach, mayor of Tel Aviv, Palestine; Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists; Rabbi Meyer Berlin, leader of the World Mizrahi Organization; and Herbert Bayard Swope, prominent civic leader. Dr. Emanuel Neumann will preside.

Delegates to the United Nations, including Professor Enrique Rodriguez Fabregat, of Uruguay and Dr. Jorge Garcia Grenados, of Guatemala will be among those present.

DR. SAMUEL GOLDENSON, RETIRING RABBI OF TEMPLE EMANU-EL, PREACHES FAREWELL SERMON

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El of New York for the last 14 years, who will retire from his pulpit at the end of this month, today preached his farewell sermon at a special evening service, which was followed by a reception tendered in his honor by the congregation's board of trustees.

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