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14 JEWS AND 50 ARABS REPORTED KILLED IN BATTLE ON JERUSALEM-TEL AVIV HIGHWAY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A bitter battle on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road today marred the quietest week-end in Palestine since the U.N. partition decision. The encounter, in which several hundred heavily armed Arabs and a large Haganah unit participated, resulted in casualties estimated at eight to 14 and two to 50 Arabs, depending on the sources of the figures.

The clash, which occurred in the Mount Castel area, began at noon when an Arab unit proceeding towards the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Anavim, which it planned to attack in reprisal for the blowing up of a snipers' nest in the vicinity on Friday, was intercepted by the Jewish militia, who are reported to have been a scouting party for a large convoy headed for Jerusalem from Tel Aviv.

The Arabs, who had planned to mine the road ten miles outside of Jerusalem, were surprised before they planted their explosives and a fierce encounter which lasted for five hours ensued. A Haganah source said tonight that the Jews had lost 14 men killed and three wounded and the Arabs 50 killed and a large number wounded. An Arab source claimed that 10 Jews had been killed, while the guerrillas suffered only two dead and four wounded. The Arabs were led by Abdul Kader Hussein, veteran terrorist chieftain. Both sides received reinforcements during the battle, the Jews from the convoy, and the Arabs from neighboring villages.

Convoy Forced to Halt; Arab Guerrillas Got "Victory Reception"

British police, who arrived on the scene after the violence had subsided, advised the convoy to put in at Kiryat Anavim for the night since other Arab units were on the road ahead. The Arabs retreated to Ramallah, where Hussein was given a "victory reception" by hundreds of gun-waving villagers shouting, "Death to the Jews."

At dawn today a Haganah unit attacked the Arab settlement of Yibna, south of Rehovoth, where 11 Jews were killed last week, and blew up between 15 and 20 houses. The raiders found the settlement deserted when they arrived and spent two hours searching the houses for arms. The inhabitants of Yibna have participated in recent attacks on Jewish property in the vicinity.

A battalion of trained troops from Syria arrived yesterday in the Arab town of Habis, which has become the headquarters of the terrorist bands. The guerrillas, estimated at 700, were ceremoniously received and the commander was taken on a tour of the vicinity to map plans for attacks on Jewish settlements.

The troops, who crossed into Palestine from Transjordan, had covered the 230 miles from Damascus, their point of departure, in eight days, according to an Iraqi officer who accompanied them. Their arrival brings to about 2,000 the number of

trained and equipped Arabs who are reported to have infiltrated Palestine within the last few weeks. The new arrivals were split up today and sent as reinforcements to units in different parts of the country.

Jewish Youths Seize Arms Manufacturing Machinery from German Factory

Three Arab houses were blown up in the Manshieh quarter of Jaffa by the Irgun and Leumi. A Jaffa residence was completely demolished by members of the Stern group, but there were no casualties.

Meanwhile, a group of about 20 youths entered the former German-owned "Wagner foundries" factory in Jaffa, bound and gagged the guards and made off with all the machinery which is estimated to be worth tens of thousands of dollars. The machinery had been used during the war for the manufacture of small arms.

Shooting from the Arab Katamon quarter of Jerusalem into the Jewish Rehavia sector continued all day yesterday. One Jewish settlement policeman was wounded, British police stationed in the vicinity looked on without participating throughout the day, and some were heard shouting words of encouragement to the Arabs.

This afternoon, Arab villagers in Ja'uni opened fire on Rosh Pina, but the Jews did not return the fire. There were no casualties.

A Haifa magistrate has issued warrants for 37 Arabs in connection with the Haifa oil refinery massacre in which 39 Jews lost their lives. Seventeen of the Arabs are charged with murder. None of the Arabs have been apprehended, although all of them reside in Balad Eesheikh, just outside the city.

British Delegate Arabs to "Guard" Jewish Building in Old City

The Jewish Home for Incurables, in the besieged Old City which was heavily damaged a few days ago, was evacuated today. It was learned that British troops guarding the building after the departure of its inmates handed the keys to a member of the Arab National Guard who promised to guard the Home "faithfully."

Syrian and Saudia Arabian troops have arrived in Jerusalem to guard their respective consulates.

It is reported that detainees in the Latrun prison camp will be transferred to the Athlit clearance camp as a result of strong pressure on the government by the national Jewish institutions.

The Hashomer Hatzair and L'Achdut Avodah organizations, which merged over the week-end, will be called the United Workers Party, it was announced here. The Hashomer Hatzair's official newspaper, Mishmar, will be renamed Al Hamishmar.

U.N. COMMITTEE ON JERUSALEM SUBMITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 25.(JTA) -- The U.N. Committee on Jerusalem has completed the draft of a 46-point statute for the government of the Holy City. The Charter is being forwarded for approval to the Trusteeship Council, which meets in early February.

MEIRSON, SPEAKING TO CJFWF PARLEY, SAYS PALESTINE JEWS NEED URGENT AID FROM U.S.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Mrs. Goldie Meirson, chief of the Jewish Agency political department in Jerusalem, who has just arrived in the United States, told the 16th annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds that the Palestine Jews are a people upon whom war has been declared by the Arab world and predicted that they will be able to stand their ground if help is forthcoming from the Jews of America. "Jews the world over, particularly Jews in America, must do for us what the United States did for England when she stood alone," she said. "We are at war, but there is not a Jew in the Yishuv who does not believe we will win."

"Time is the most important factor in this issue," Mrs. Meirson continued. "The millions which we will get from American Jews in a few months means very little now. What we can get at once will decide how well we can hold out." She said Palestine's Jews need \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 immediately for defense purposes. She pointed out that the Palestine Jewish community itself has raised over \$16,400,000 for defense purposes. Special voluntary taxes raise \$80,000 monthly now, and will be up to \$100,000 soon.

Slawson, Epstein, Kopkind Report on Fight Against Anti-Semitism

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, warned the 650 delegates that although the organized forces of bigotry and anti-Semitism are presently at a low ebb, social discrimination of the "Gentleman's Agreement" variety is far in excess of what might be expected in a democracy.

Henry Epstein, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, analyzed the recent report of President Truman's Commission on Civil Rights, declaring that the fundamental principles embodied in America's historical documents are weapons with which a democratic people can confront the philosophy of totalitarianism.

Bernard P. Kopkind of New Haven, vice-chairman of the NCRAC, reporting on the activities of his group, said that increasingly effective integration of Jewish community relations work was being brought about through continual strengthening of NCRAC, which is the national coordinating organization for community relations programs.

Stanley C. Myers of Miami was re-elected Council President for 1948. Others re-elected were: vice-presidents, Harold J. Goldenberg, Minneapolis, Robert J. Koshland, San Francisco, Samuel J. Schneirson, New York, and William Rosenwald, New York; secretary, Julian H. Krolnik, Detroit; treasurer, Sylvan Gotshal, New York; and executive director, Harry L. Lurie.

DR. WEIZMANN PREDICTS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN JEWS AND ARABS WILL BE RESOLVED

LONDON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, addressing a meeting of the Joint Palestine Appeal Emergency Campaign in which \$400,000 was raised, said that he was convinced that the differences between the Jews and the Arabs in Palestine and the Arab states will be resolved. "The time will come," he stated, "when Arabs and Jews will meet on common economic and cultural grounds."

He also said that it would be in the interest of Great Britain and the Jewish state if a restoration of good relations between the two could be achieved.

MY PROBE BRITONS' SERVICE WITH ARABS; TRANSJORDAN PREMIER ARRIVES IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Home Office is reported looking into the possibility of whether the Foreign Service Act of 1870, which bars Britons from taking service with foreign powers at war with a country with whom Britain is at peace, can be invoked against former British officers and soldiers who have been recruited for service with Arab forces training for action against the Jews of Palestine.

Meanwhile, the owner of an apartment housing the Arab political mission here has announced that he will refuse to renew its lease since the premises have been used as a recruiting center for volunteers for service in Palestine.

Transjordan Premier Tewfik Pasha Abu el Huda, accompanied by Gen. John A. Elbb Pasha, British commander of the Transjordan Arab Legion, arrived here today to discuss revision of the Transjordan-British treaty and other matters connected with Britain's scheduled withdrawal from Palestine.

The Foreign Office has instituted an inquiry into the sale of 21 worn aircraft to the Jewish Agency by the British Ministry of Supply. It was stated that the Supply Ministry had been instructed not to sell any war surplus to either Jews or Arabs, but the instructions arrived after the sale had been consummated.

Influential members of the Anglo-Jewish Association have approached prominent political figures with the aim of securing government intervention on behalf of the Jewish populations in the Arab states, it was learned today. Further moves will be made in conjunction with the American Jewish Committee and the Alliance Israelite Universelle. The Sephardic community in Britain has contributed funds for this purpose.

The World Federation of Trade Unions has announced that the departure of the mission it planned to send to Palestine has been postponed indefinitely because the British Government has refused to accept responsibility for the mission's safety.

GOLDSTEIN PROTESTS STATE DEPT. "PUNITIVE MEASURES" AGAINST U.S. VOLUNTEERS IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Protesting against the U.S. State Department's announcement that punitive measures will be taken against American volunteers serving with Jewish forces in Palestine, Dr. Israel Goldstein, acting chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, has wired President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall that the action of the State Department is "contrary to the best American traditions.

"As recently as in 1939-40 numbers of American citizens, with the moral encouragement of the American people, volunteered to serve in the defenses of England and France against Axis attack at a time when America was neutral. Surely the same attitude ought to prevail in the present case of Palestine," Dr. Goldstein urged. The Zionist leader pointed out that "Jewish forces are defending United Nations policy while neither the United Nations nor the United States has as yet taken any steps to curb the brazen Arab aggression" against Palestine.

Dr. Goldstein has been re-elected national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal for a second year, it was announced today. As U.P.A. chairman, Dr. Goldstein becomes once again one of the three national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. Mark Sugarman was re-elected chairman of the U.P.A. board of directors.

POLISH MISSION REQUESTS EXTRADITION OF GERMAN OFFICIAL ON WAR CRIME CHARGES

MUNICH, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A spokesman for a Polish military mission in Berlin disclosed yesterday that the Polish Government has requested the extradition of Heinrich Wilhelm Kopf, president of the province of Lower Saxony in the British zone, on charges of being a war criminal.

Lt.-Col. Hubert Meller, press attache of the mission, said that Kopf entered Poland with the German troops in 1939 and administered Nazi-confiscated Polish and Jewish property in Upper Silesia. "Kopf was responsible for sending many thousands of people to the concentration camps," Meller declared.

Col. Meller added that more than 100 tons of gold looted from Polish concentration camp victims had not been returned to Poland, but was still being held by American officials in Frankfurt. He also pointed out that the American-licensed German newspaper in Berlin, Der Tagesspiegel, was still being printed on presses stolen by the Nazis from Warsaw's Jewish newspapers.

AUSTRIAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BARS MOVIE ATTACKING ANTI-SEMITISM

VIENNA, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The provincial government of Vorarlberg in the French zone of Austria has banned in advance the showing of a motion picture dealing with anti-Semitism. The picture, entitled "The Trial," has not yet been completed. It deals with various anti-Jewish incidents, such as a famous ritual murder trial in Hungary at the end of the last century.

The Vorarlberg authorities, who recently announced their opposition to Jewish ritual slaughtering of animals, claim that they were instructed by central authorities in Vienna to ban the picture. However, the Ministries of Interior and Education and the Chancellery deny that any such ban has been issued.

NEW ROMANIAN NATIONAL CENSUS EXPECTED TO REVEAL SIZE OF POST-WAR JEWISH COMMUNITY

BUHAREST, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- All Jewish national organizations, including the left-wing Jewish Democratic Committee, have issued statements urging Jewish residents of Rumania to register in the national census which began today as "Rumanian citizens of Jewish nationality."

This is the first time in the history of Rumania that citizens will be free to indicate their nationality and mother tongue. The Jewish organizations hope that the census will provide accurate figures on the size of the present-day Jewish community, if the Jews register as they have been asked to.

AFGHANISTAN JEWS IN INDIA PERMITTED TO REMAIN UNTIL END OF APRIL, W.J.C. ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A group of 200 Afghanistan Jews who have been living in India on temporary visas following an expulsion order issued last September will be permitted to remain in the country until the end of April, it was announced today by Dr. Robert S. Marcus, acting political director of the World Jewish Congress.

Originally numbering 280, the group came to India after fleeing pogroms in Afghanistan. About 80 of them have already left for Palestine and it is believed that many of the others will follow suit before the end of April.

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DWYER TO PRESENT REPLICA OF STATUE OF LIBERTY TODAY TO U.S.A. OVERSEAS DELEGATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Mayor William O'Dwyer, acting in behalf of the people of New York City, tomorrow will present a gold miniature replica of the Statue of Liberty to members of the United Jewish Appeal overseas delegation for transmission to the "heroic people of the independent Jewish state in Palestine," at a special ceremony in City Hall.

Mayor O'Dwyer's gift will be accepted by former Gov. Herbert Lehman in behalf of the 40 American Jewish leaders from all sections of the United States who are scheduled to arrive here tonight. The delegation will leave for Europe and Palestine on Tuesday aboard a TWA Constellation, named the United Jewish Appeal 'Star of Hope,' to study the relief and reconstruction needs of the remaining Jews of Europe and to survey the requirements of the new Jewish state in Palestine.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE BACKS MARSHALL PLAN IN TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Strong support for the European Recovery Program, to "meet the challenge to our American ideals and to our security," was voiced yesterday by former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on behalf of the American Jewish Committee. Gov. Lehman is honorary vice-president of the American Jewish Committee.

Governor Lehman stated that the American Jewish Committee, "has, through more than 40 years, championed civil and religious rights," and that it has recognized that these rights "are an integral part of human rights for all people of whatever faith or color--that the security and freedom of any man depends upon the security and freedom of all his neighbors in other parts of the world. Democracy and human freedom," he said, "are always jeopardized by economic chaos."

UNSCOP MEMBER CHARGES BRITAIN REFUSING TO ACCEPT UNITED NATIONS DECISION

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados, chief U.N. delegate from Guatemala, tonight told 1,000 guests attending the dedication dinner of the Mizrahi Women's Children's Village located at Raanana, Palestine, that "Great Britain does not wish to accept the U.N. decision on Palestine, nor does she wish to respect it." He condemned the British refusal last week to open a port to Jewish immigration, adding that "this refusal can only encourage those Arab leaders fighting the United Nations."

Rabbi Meir Berlin, world Mizrahi leader who will return to Palestine tomorrow, urged Jewish youth in this country to join the Haganah in "defense of the infant Jewish state." Pointing to the seriousness of the present situation in Palestine, Rabbi Berlin said that American Jewish youths must answer the "Yishuv's call for arms, thus joining in the historic task of rebuilding the homeland."

JEWISH WORKERS ORDER APPEALS TO TRUMAN TO LIFT ARMS EMBARGO ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- An appeal for immediate action to prevent the killing of thousands of Jews in Palestine was sent today to President Truman and the American delegation in the U.N. Security Council by the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order on behalf of its 60,000 members. The appeal stressed the need for the immediate lifting of the arms embargo to the Jews in Palestine.