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WADING ARAB GUERRILLAS ENTRENCHED IN SAMARIA, BRITAIN INFORMS U.N. COMMISSION

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Great Britain notified the U.N. Palestine Commission late today that 1,400 Arab guerrillas are entrenched in the Samaria district of Palestine and are "increasingly exercising considerable administrative control over the whole area."

The British reported to the Commission that on the night of January 29, 700 guerrillas invaded northern Palestine across the Syrian frontier under the command of Fawzi el Kawakji who, the British say, has been assigned to command the Arab Liberation Army. The British note says that the Arabs are controlling the Samarian area "with a surprising degree of discipline" and although they have been dispersed, constitute a cohesive force.

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U.N. TO SEND ADVANCE PARTY TO JERUSALEM; WILL PREPARE WAY FOR IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie today authorized the formation of an advance party of six - four officials and two staff members - to go to Palestine at an "early date" to make preparations for the arrival of the Palestine Commission which is to implement the partition decision of the General Assembly.

At his press conference today, Lie said that he looks upon the Palestine question as a very serious one for the United Nations. He denied a report that during his recent stay in London he told British Minister of State Hector McNeil that a special session of the General Assembly is necessary because of an alleged deadlock in the Palestine Commission. The report appeared in Palestine newspapers. "Never has there been a deadlock in the Commission," he declared.

The Secretary-General acknowledged receipt of the Jewish Agency memorandum asking him to transmit charges of Arab aggression to the Security Council. He said he would decide in a day or two whether to comply with the Agency request.

Assistant Secretary-General Arkady Sobelov told the press conference that the Palestine Commission will include in its report to the Security Council the threatening letter addressed by the Palestine Arab Higher Committee last week to the United Nations. The report to the Security Council will be ready in about three days.

Jewish National Council Asks U.N. to Speed Up Protection for Jerusalem

The Jewish National Council of Palestine today submitted a memorandum to the U.N. Palestine Commission reviewing the effects of Arab violence in Jerusalem and emphasizing that "the intervention of either the Security Council or the Trusteeship Council for maintenance of law and order cannot be delayed," in view of the great importance attached to Jerusalem by the three major religions.

The memorandum asks the Palestine Commission to request the Security Council "at once" to install a special force in Jerusalem under a temporary commander to be responsible to the Commission, so that law and order may be maintained and the Holy Places protected. Alternatively, it considers imperative the appointment of the U.N. Governor of Jerusalem and the establishment of the special police force provided for in the partition resolution of the General Assembly. The Trusteeship Council, which will take over the administration and the responsibility for security of Jerusalem, is asked "to speed up preparations for the establishment of security forces" for the city.

The Jewish National Council points out in its memorandum that Jerusalem has become "the scene of internecine strife, studiously fomented by Arab politicians, who hope to frustrate the partition resolution adopted by the U.N. General Assembly by staging a war in the capital of Palestine, the seat of its central administration."

emphasizes that sniping attacks on Jewish quarters in the outlying parts of the city "have become a daily occurrence," precipitating counter-measures by Jewish defense forces.

Many Jewish educational institutions, including the Hebrew University and the centers of religious learning, have become inaccessible through persistent Arab attacks on vehicles going to them, the memorandum reports, adding that the Wailing Wall and Rachel's Tomb have also become inaccessible. The ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives has repeatedly been desecrated "in the vilest manner" and funeral processions have come under heavy Arab fire, the document says.

The memorandum charges the British security forces in Jerusalem with adopting an attitude of "benevolent neutrality in favor of the Arabs." It also points out that besides failing to discharge the duty of affording security to the people of Jerusalem, the city's administration "is virtually in a state of disintegration" with the general post office practically not functioning, telephone service curtailed and many other government-operated services discontinued.

QUANTITATIVE CURFEW IMPOSED ON JEWS IN GALILEE; 650 VISALESS JEWS TRANSFERRED TO CYPRUS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Jewish settlements in the Galilee were isolated from the rest of the world today when the government clamped an around-the-clock quantitative curfew on them to continue until Friday. An official announcement explained that the measure was taken because the Jews in the area had "taken the law into their own hands," referring to a Haganah reprisal against an Arab village from which Jewish convoys were attacked, resulting in the death of four Jews and the wounding of six and the destruction of seven trucks.

Meanwhile, a blockade-runner, "Besieged Jerusalem," carrying 650 visaless Jewish immigrants, was brought to Haifa under British escort and it is expected that transfer of the refugees to Cyprus will begin tonight. The vessel was spotted by R.A.F. planes and was seized without opposition.

A government spokesman announced today that negotiations among Christian, Jewish and Moslem religious leaders to declare the Old City an open city were nearing completion. The spokesman added that the government would welcome the quick approval of the U.N. draft statute for Jerusalem, which would transform it into an international demilitarized city.

Arabic-speaking Haganah members touring the mixed Arab-Jewish Talbieh quarter from a loud-speaker truck warned all Arabs to evacuate the quarter immediately. The same warning was also sent to the owner of the Jasmine House, a prominent hotel which serves as headquarters for foreign correspondents here. Some 60 Christian Arab families in Talbieh began to move out of the quarter, while the Jasmine House is planning to close down, it was reported.

David Kagan, a Jewish youth, was sentenced to eight years imprisonment by a military court for carrying arms and explosives. Five Arabs received one-day sentences for the same offense.

GOVERNOR OF PAKISTAN URGED BY MUFTI TO TAX SUBJECTS TO FINANCE ARAB WAR ON JEWS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Governor-General of Pakistan, has been asked by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem to impose a ten percent levy on the income of every Pakistan Moslem to help finance the Arab war against the Jews in Palestine, it was learned here today. According to informed sources, Jinnah has urged the ruler of Hyderabad, Indian princely state, to make a large contribution to the Arab fund.

U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT U.N. PALESTINE DECISION, SECRETARY MARSHALL ANNOUNCES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Secretary of State George C. Marshall told his weekly news conference today that the American Government has not changed its policy on Palestine in any respect and continues to support the procedure consequent to the United Nations decision.

Asked whether the United States would support the U.N. Palestine Commission's anticipated recommendation to the Security Council for an international police force, the Secretary said he did not know what the Commission would finally recommend and that this government has not received formal notification of what the Commission will say.

Asked about reports that he had been in communication with British Foreign Minister Bevin on possible plans for Palestine following the end of the Mandate, Marshall denied the truth of these reports.

Senator Herbert O'Connor, of Maryland, in a speech to the Senate, called for lifting of the embargo on arms shipments to Middle Eastern countries. He warned that if the Arabs were allowed to continue to fight the Palestine partition decision "the very existence of the United Nations might be imperilled."

The embargo is an "unneutral" gesture, O'Connor said, because it prevents the Jews from procuring arms to protect their lives and the land which has been declared to be rightfully theirs. "Under the terms of the arms embargo, adjoining states friendly to the Arab cause can procure the implements of war from this country and then supply them to the Arabs in Palestine," he declared.

No statement on Palestine is contemplated by President Truman, Presidential press secretary Charles G. Ross, said today. Asked at a news conference whether the President planned to issue a statement on Palestine, Ross said none was contemplated.

U.S. MILITARY TURNS OVER NAZI LOOT TO INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORG; JEWS TO GET 90 PERCENT

GENEVA, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Gold stolen by the Nazis from gas chamber and concentration camp victims in gold teeth, watches and trinkets has been flown to London to pay for rehabilitation of survivors, it was announced here today by William H. Tuck, head of the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization. The value of the gold was estimated at \$728,000.

This first shipment of non-monetary gold was turned over to the Preparatory Commission by the military authorities in the U.S. zones of Germany and Austria and was sold at the established price of \$35 an ounce. The Commission is distributing the proceeds to voluntary agencies in accordance with Article VIII of the final act of the Paris Conference on Reparations and the Five Power agreement of June 14, 1946, for the rehabilitation and resettlement of Nazi victims.

Ninety percent is allocated for assistance to Jewish victims since the gold comes chiefly from Jews, while the remaining ten percent will be used for assistance to non-Jewish racial and political persecutees.

Under the treaty terms both the British and French occupation authorities are required to make similar transfers of Nazi loot to the Preparatory Commission. Twenty-five million dollars from Nazi assets in neutral countries plus an indeterminate amount from the funds of heirless Nazi victims in banks throughout the world have also been designated for reparations to Nazi victims through the Commission.

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10 JEWS SHOT AT ROMANIAN FRONTIER; SEVERAL ARRESTED AND RETURNED TO BUCHAREST

VIENNA, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Two Rumanian Jews were shot last week by Rumanian frontier guards while attempting to cross the Rumanian-Hungarian border at a point between Arad and Nagyvarod, it was reported here today by Jewish refugees from Rumania who succeeded in evading the frontier patrols.

Several Jews were arrested and brought back to Bucharest, where they have been imprisoned, the Jews said. Meanwhile, the influx of Rumanian Jews into Austria has practically ceased because of severe winter conditions as well as the strict border patrols.

According to well-informed sources, Rumanian Jews are now waiting to leave the country for Palestine by way of Rumanian ports, rather than make the difficult overland route through Europe.

JEWISH DP PROBLEM IN AUSTRIA STABILIZED, INFILTRATION FROM EAST HAS CEASED, HABER REPORTS

MUNICH, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Jewish displaced persons problem in Austria at present is "pretty stabilized" and there is practically no infiltration of Jewish refugees from the Balkans and Poland, Dr. William Haber, advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. Army, said today following a tour of inspection in Austria.

The only new development in the Jewish DP situation in Austria, Haber reported, is that the Army is planning to close down the "New Palestine" camp near Salzburg and transfer the camp's 500 inhabitants to other camps in the same area, but no final decision on this has been reached.

Haber said that he had received assurances that displaced Jews who are now forced to work in the Austrian economy--following an Army ruling that they are subject to the country-wide compulsory work law--would not be employed in any kind of "degrading work." He asserted that displaced Jews in Austria are now registering for work in line with the new regulation, which stipulates that every displaced person must work or else lose his special DP status. Haber expressed the belief that the Jewish refugees would be assigned to work of a constructive nature.

JEWS IN BOLIVIA PERTURBED OVER ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA; DELEGATION MEETS WITH PRESIDENT

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The President of Bolivia, Dr. Enrique Hertzog, today received a delegation of Jewish leaders who told him of the alarm felt among Jews in the country as a result of the violent campaign against the admission of Jewish immigrants into Bolivia now being conducted by newspapers opposing the present government.

The delegation told the President that as a result of this campaign several anti-Jewish incidents have occurred in the streets of La Paz. The windows of a Jewish center were broken when the building was stoned in one of these incidents, it was revealed.

The President assured the delegation that all inhabitants of Bolivia enjoy equal rights, regardless of race or religion. He emphasized that the authorities would be instructed to protect the property and security of every resident, without making any distinction between Jews and non-Jews.

MORE CANADIANS FAVOR ARAB CASE IN PALESTINE THAN JEWISH, GALLUP POLL REVEALS

MONTREAL, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Twenty-three percent of the Canadian people sympathize with the Arab case in Palestine, while only 19 percent favor the Jewish side and 58 percent have no particular sympathies, according to a Gallup Poll whose results were released here today.

A special section of the survey, dealing with the province of Quebec, where anti-Semitic propaganda has been particularly rife, disclosed that 30 percent of the population favored the Arabs, 15 the Jews, while 55 percent were "neutral." The pro-Arab sentiment is being nurtured by a large part of the press, said to be inspired by the British Information Bureau, in an attempt to force the government to reverse its attitude on the partition of Palestine.

SIR ISAAC ISAACS, FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA, DIES; RABBI TO CONDUCT FUNERAL

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, first native-born Governor-General of Australia, who held the post from 1931 to 1936, died here early today at the age of 92.

Born near here, the son of a poor Jewish tailor, Sir Isaac was the only surviving member of the Federal Convention of 1897 which framed the Australian Constitution. He held numerous high posts in the government and at one time served as Attorney-General, Justice of the High Court and was a member of Parliament for many years.

News of his death was broadcast over the national radio networks, and high tribute was paid him by Premier Joseph Chifley and Herbert V. Evatt, Minister for External Affairs. The government announced that it was arranging swift air passage for Rabbi Jacob Dangelow, who is now in New Zealand, to return here to officiate at the funeral, in accordance with Sir Isaac's last wishes. A state funeral will be held for him on Friday.

Sir Isaac was a strong opponent of political Zionism. Last October he told a meeting that although he supported "religious and cultural Zionism," he was "constrained by a sense of duty to the Empire" from following the lead of the "political Zionists." He believed that neither the Arab nor the Jewish claims in Palestine were valid, and expressed the hope that the two peoples would set up a joint legislative and administrative body, with Britain serving as arbiter and protector.

COL. JULIUS KLEIN, NATIONAL COMMANDER OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS, NAMED BRIGADIER-GENERAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Col. Julius Klein of Chicago, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, has been appointed to the rank of Brigadier-General and placed in command of the 109th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade, a newly-activated component of the Illinois National Guard embracing all coast and anti-aircraft artillery units in the State.

"GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT" AND "FOCUS" BANNED BY LARGE NEW YORK HIGH SCHOOL

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Two popular novels attacking anti-Semitism in America have been banned from the library of one of New York's largest high schools, it was learned here today. "Gentleman's Agreement," by Laura Z. Hobson, was banned from DeWitt Clinton High School, in the Bronx, because "it makes light of extra-marital relations," and "Focus," by Arthur Miller, was rejected by the school because "it is offensive to the Roman Catholic Church," according to a statement by John B. Walsh, principal.