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ARABS REPULSE ARAB ATTACKS IN JERUSALEM, HAIFA, SAFAD; CURFEW IN TEL AVIV BORDER AREA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Severe fighting between Jews and Arabs took place today in Jerusalem, Haifa and Safad, in a number of settlements in the Sharon district and in Lower Galilee. All Arab attacks were repulsed by the Jewish defense forces.

About 12 Arabs were killed and more than 30 injured when a bomb exploded in the market-place at Ramleh, about ten miles from Jerusalem. Arab sources claimed that the bomb was concealed in a basket of vegetables which was placed inside an Arab's cart by "a Jew dressed as an Arab."

As a result of the repeated Arab-Jewish clashes in the border area between Jaffa and Tel Aviv, the British military commander of the area today declared the zone under curfew "until further notice."

The attacks in Jerusalem took place around the Beth Israel quarter, where two Jews were seriously wounded, and at Ramat Rachel. The Arabs also renewed their attacks today on Jewish traffic proceeding from the Hadassah medical center to the Hebrew University. An electrically-detonated mine exploded under a Jewish ambulance, causing no casualties. One Jewish passenger was killed by Arab gunfire while traveling in a Hadassah bus.

Arabs today opened fire on the Old City where Jewish defense forces last night blew up a building menacing the entire Jewish quarter. The Arabs were beaten off with the aid of British troops, and two Arabs were killed and two wounded in the engagement. Five Arabs were killed by British troops after Arab attackers wounded four soldiers.

Many Killed and Wounded in All-Day Shooting in Haifa

In Haifa shooting continued practically throughout the entire day, resulting in a number of Jews and Arabs killed and wounded. An attack on a Jewish building near Achuta Carmel was repulsed by the Haganah. The Arab Legion participated in attacks on Jewish houses for the third day.

Arab bands operating in Lower Galilee attacked the Ein Hanatsiv settlement, near First Zvi. They also attempted to attack First Zvi again but were beaten off by patrolling British troops. An Arab attack on Hosh Pinah resulted in the destruction of a Jewish house by a bomb, but there were no casualties.

In Safad, the Jewish section of the city was subjected to Arab automatic fire, while a bus carrying Jewish passengers was set afire. Arabs also attacked the Ein Beitin settlement but were repulsed, with no casualties reported. In the Sharon, British troops noticed large Arab armed forces moving toward Petach Tikvah. An attack on the Jewish settlement or another in the vicinity is therefore expected tonight.

Units of the British Navy and the R.A.F. are on the lookout for a vessel carrying Jewish immigrants which is reportedly headed for Palestine.

CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY ON ARMS EMBARGO TO PALESTINE, SECRETARY MARSHALL ANNOUNCES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Secretary of State George C. Marshall, at his press conference today, said that there was no change in U.S. policy with regard to lifting the embargo on shipment of arms to Palestine. The whole Palestine matter is under constant consideration, he added.

(The N.Y. Times, in a report from Washington today, said that there are indications that the United States would be prepared to lift the arms embargo, should the U.N. Palestine Commission, or the Security Council, recommend that member states of the United Nations help arm a Jewish militia, and should the British agree to accept and hold these arms for the Jews until after May 15, when the mandate expires. Washington officials, the report said, estimate that the Haganah is able to hold out for about a year against anything except a major invasion by Arab states, but agree nonetheless that a third force would be necessary to prevent fighting between Jewish and Arab militias after May 15.)

Secretary Marshall revealed that the decision on the instructions to be given to the American delegates to the Security Council regarding Palestine has just about been reached and that the first public announcement of American intentions would be made by the U.S. delegation at the United Nations. He declined emphatically to give any indication of what the instructions will be.

Marshall expressed the opinion that the United Nations would not be destroyed as a result of inability to deal effectively with the Palestine issue, but qualified this by saying that he thought action on Palestine is of vast importance to the effectiveness and existence of the United Nations.

The Secretary was questioned as to whether United States policy will be based on the assumption that the British will leave Palestine on May 15. In some instances he replied that he would not announce either assumptions or instructions.

BRITAIN WILL NOT HELP THE U.N. TO ENFORCE PALESTINE PARTITION, BEVIN TELLS PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Britain will not help to enforce the U.N. partition decision on Palestine, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the House of Commons today. His statement came in reply to a question as to whether Britain, as a member of the United Nations and of the Security Council, would take a positive attitude towards the implementation of the partition plan by making practical and constructive proposals for the establishment of a United Nations armed force.

Replying to other questions, Bevin said that Britain could not leave its troops in Jerusalem to contribute to the defense of the city. This is now the responsibility of the United Nations, he declared.

Secretary for Defense A.V. Alexander told Commons that the British Government will reconsider its present commitments with regard to delivering arms to Arab states under treaty obligations if it is established that these states are diverting the arms to Palestine. Members of Parliament were also told that negotiations are now proceeding between British representatives and the U.N. Palestine Commission for clearing the refugee camps on Cyprus prior to the British withdrawal from Palestine.

There is a serious danger that the Jews of Palestine, relying on the United Nations, will attempt to gain too much and will end up by losing out completely, the Liberal Manchester Guardian warned today in a lead editorial.

Calling on the Security Council, if it can do nothing about the situation in Palestine, to "be honest in its confession" so the Jews will know where they stand, the editorial suggests that in such an event the Jews might be wiser to withdraw from the Negev and concentrate on a smaller area which they could hope to defend by themselves.

BRITAIN WILL NOT VOTE AT U.N. COUNCIL AGAINST SENDING INTERNATIONAL FORCE TO PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The British representative at the U.N. ... Security Council will not vote against a decision to send an international armed force to Palestine, it was indicated here today by British Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones at a press conference. Creech-Jones said that the British Government regards such a force important for the implementation of the U.N. partition decision after the expiration of the Mandate on May 15.

Declaring that Britain has "no wish to create a situation of chaos and disorder in Palestine," the Colonial Secretary reiterated British determination to assume full and undivided authority for security in Palestine up to May 15. He indicated that effective military units are being formed in Palestine and said that serious Arab attacks on Jews could be expected after May 15.

It is up to the Security Council to act since the General Assembly has failed to supply "all tools for doing the job" of partitioning Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, he said. The militia in Palestine would have to be supplied with "security arrangements," he warned. He hinted that Britain may not be ready to supply manpower to an international force, although it may be ready to cooperate by supplying arms.

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL MAY INVITE JEWISH AGENCY TO ITS DISCUSSIONS ON PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie today told a press conference that he had not transmitted to the Security Council the Jewish Agency charges of Arab aggression in Palestine. The Agency called on Lie to take this action on the advice of the U.N. Palestine Commission.

The Security Council has the right to invite the Jewish Agency representatives to participate in the hearing on Palestine next week, U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Arkady Sobolev said at the same press conference.

Lie indicated that he is considering making a personal statement before the Security Council on Palestine, should this be necessary. He denied that he had conferred with President Truman on Palestine, but admitted having had talks on Palestine with British Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones and with Senator Warren R. Austin, head of the American delegation at the United Nations. Both talks, he said, are confidential.

The Secretary-General announced that Pablo Ascarate will head the advance party of six which the Palestine Commission is sending this week to Jerusalem. He also announced that the Security Council will meet in Paris together with the General Assembly, at the next regular session. This would assure close link of the two organs most vitally interested in the outcome of the partition plan, it was pointed out.

Iraq Delegates Attacks U.S. Policy on Palestine at Trusteeship Council

A severe attack on the United States policy with regard to Palestine was made today by the Iraqi representative Awni Khalidi at a session of the Trusteeship Council at which the report on an internationalized Jerusalem was taken up for consideration. Khalidi walked out on the meeting when the Council took up the report.

Charging that the Palestine partition plan "added Palestine to other troubled spots of the world," the Iraqi delegate declared that "the United States and its followers, by insisting on the partition plan, incited an armed conflict which ultimately would lead to world war." Speaking of the creation of the free city of Jerusalem, he stated that, economically and politically, it was impossible to separate the city from the rest of Palestine.

NEW YORK PRESS UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES U.N. COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR PALESTINE FORCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Unanimity over the U.N. Palestine Commission's request for the sending of an international armed force to Palestine to enforce the United Nations Palestine partition decision was expressed in editorials today in New York City's leading newspapers.

The New York Times said: "There is no time to be lost in answering these questions. There should be no disinclination to answer them merely because new and more extreme threats of violence are coming from Arab sources. When the Secretary-General of the Arab League declares, as he did yesterday, that his countrymen will 'fight' any U.N. police force sent to Palestine, he must be told that he is challenging the authority, prestige and very right to existence of the United Nations."

The Herald-Tribune editorial stated: "The Commission's report is as convincing as it is grim. Without a powerful force at its command, the Commission will be unable to perform its task of putting the partition settlement into effect. It is futile to rely simply upon the arming of the Palestinian Jews; even if the British would agree to make it possible, that easy expedient would not serve for establishing the international control of Jerusalem or even delimiting the borders of the proposed states. It would leave the Commission itself powerless and tend only to invite that period of 'uncontrolled, widespread strife and bloodshed' which the Commission foresees as imminent upon Britain's surrender of the Mandate on May 15. If the General Assembly's authority is not to be successfully defied, if the already weakened prestige of the United Nations is not to be destroyed, if the Holy Land is not to be turned finally into an appalling nightmare of civil war the Commission must have 'adequate' force at its own disposal."

The World-Telegram urged that the U.N. force "be an international constabulary of volunteers, preferably limited to citizens of small nations." The paper warned, however, that sending "American troops to Palestine would create even more anti-Semitism in the United States than the death of British soldiers in Palestine has caused in England."

The N.Y. Daily News declared: "An international police force for the Holy Land looks like the only answer, if partition is to take place in reasonable peace and quiet." The N.Y. Post and the newspaper PM have similarly published numerous editorials during the past few days supporting the dispatch of a U.N. force to Palestine."

In the nation's capital, the influential Washington Post, in an editorial published today, said: "It would be the last word in irony if the Mufti were allowed to humiliate the United Nations. The raising of an international police force is the only thing now that has a chance of pacifying the troubled situation in Palestine and of recapturing the warning prestige of the United Nations. The chance to repair the damage is on the American doorstep."

London Times Says Case for U.N. Force is "Unassailable"

LONDON, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Declaring that "there is an unassailable case for establishing an international force in Palestine," the London Times urged editorially today that there should "be general agreement even in those quarters most bitterly opposed to partition that a force is needed to maintain order in Palestine until the successor state or states can emerge."

The paper stated that Palestine "may quickly lapse into a kind of anarchy from which a religious war might emerge, convulsing the entire Middle East." Conceding that Britain's position is "delicate," the Times asserted that the British Government "has a moral obligation to make the transition period as smooth as possible."

I.R.O. SEEKS TO RESTORE PROFESSIONAL STATUS OF REFUGEES WHO LOST THEIR RECORDS.

VIENNA, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- A move which would restore the professional status of physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and others among the displaced persons who lost all records of their skilled backgrounds as a result of the dislocations of the war, was made today by the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization in Austria.

Hundreds of Jews with professional skills have been able to resume their work among the DP camps, but the IRO is concerned with what will happen to them after the DP problem is solved. Few of them were able to hold on to their diplomas and other such records during the war years, which were spent by many of them in concentration camps.

Under the new arrangement, these workers will appear before special boards representing their countries of origin and experts in their particular skills. Two professional examining boards will be established immediately at Salzburg and Linz and, under IRO auspices, they will soon begin examining the professional DP's. First to be examined are some 500 physicians and 500 nurses who have been actively engaged in practicing their professions in the DP camps.

When they have established their skills and their educational backgrounds to the satisfaction of the examining boards, they will be given a "certificate of professional status." With the agreement of the Austrian Government, such certificates will not only be the equivalent of pre-war diplomas in this country, but IRO officials here say they are optimistic over obtaining the same concessions from the governments of whatever countries in which these professional DP's eventually resettle.

GERMAN OFFICIAL DEMANDS GERMAN POLICE BE ALLOWED TO ENTER DP CAMPS TO MAKE ARRESTS

MUNICH, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Bavarian Minister of Justice Josef Muellers issued a statement today demanding that German police be given the right to enter displaced persons camps in order to make arrests.

A conference of 13 Jewish chaplains stationed in the U.S. zones of Germany and Austria concluded today in Frankfurt. Dr. William Habsy, advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. Army, and his assistant, Major Abraham Hyman, participated in the parley. The chaplains discussed arrangements for conducting Passover services for Jewish troops and Jewish DP's in the American area.

Jews OMITTED FROM PLAQUE LISTING VICTIMS OF OSWIECIM CAMP; PROTEST TO POLISH GOVT.

WARSAW, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committee has lodged a protest with government officials over the failure to include in a memorial plaque at Oswiecim the listing of Jews as one of the national groups whose members perished in the notorious death camp. The Committee pointed out that more than 2,000,000 Jews died at the hands of the Germans in the Oswiecim camp.

Disclosure of the omission of the Jews from the memorial tableau erected on the site of the camp, which lists the various nationalities of the victims who died there, resulted from a tour of inquiry being conducted by a Committee delegation. Meanwhile, the Committee announced that a memorial to the Jews who were murdered in the Birkenau concentration camp will be erected shortly.

SETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SURINAM GOOD, EXPERTS COMMISSION REPORTS AFTER SURVEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Prospects for the settlement of thousands of European Jewish refugees on Surinam were described as good today in a report issued here by a commission of five agricultural, colonization and industrial experts who completed an intensive two-month survey of the Dutch possession on behalf of the Free World League.

Pointing out that both the Surinam and the Netherlands Governments have approved the League-sponsored project for settling 30,000 Jews on Surinam, the report emphasized that Jewish refugee settlers could produce most of their own foodstuffs locally, that opportunities for industrial development were satisfactory and that the moderate climate of the area is suitable for Europeans.

The report has been submitted to the Surinam Government, the League said, and after its expected approval, an agreement will be concluded to initiate the immigration of the first group of settlers. Members of the commission who made the survey were: R.C. Roberts, California soil expert; Dr. Atherton Lee, formerly head of the Puerto Rico Tropical Experiment Station; Dr. G. Giglioli, government malariaologist in British Guiana; A.S. Fisher, civil engineer, and Nathaniel Weyl, former Department of Commerce economic adviser.

TRUMAN RECEIVES BROTHERHOOD AWARD FROM NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The National Conference of Christians and Jews today presented President Truman with its first annual award for his furtherance of the causes of brotherhood at home and abroad.

In a ceremony at the White House, Robert P. Patterson, chairman of "Brotherhood Week" and former Secretary of War, gave the President a citation which paid tribute to him "for generous encouragement year by year of Brotherhood Week and other causes of religious significance, for the forward steps toward brotherhood envisaged by the reports of the President's commissions on human rights, education and atomic energy, for consistently maintaining in all international councils the primacy of spiritual values."

N.Y. CITY LAUNCHES ITS DRIVE FOR UJA; MRS. ROOSEVELT ASKS FOR LIFTING OF U.S. EMBARGO

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- New York City's effort on behalf of the \$250,000,000 national United Jewish Appeal campaign was launched today by 2,500 community leaders at the annual Women's Division rally held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Speakers included Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Max Lerner, and Mrs. Jerome I. Udell, chairman of the Women's Division in the 1948 campaign.

Mrs. Roosevelt, a member of the American delegation to the United Nations, told the gathering that "we must ask our government to allow the importation of arms into Palestine and to raise its embargo." She added that "the Arab leaders have done themselves a great harm in saying that they would fight a decision of the United Nations."

FEDERAL AID PLAN TO BIAS-FREE MEDICAL SCHOOLS TO BE PRESENTED IN CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- A \$50,000,000-a-year national medical school-aid program which would be limited to schools which do not promote racial and religious discrimination will be presented in a few weeks to Congress, Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Brown revealed today.