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ARABS SURRENDER CONTROL OF HAIFA TO JEWS; ACCEPT TRUCE TERMS UNCONDITIONALLY

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- Haifa today became the second large Palestine city to be controlled completely by Jews as the local Arab leadership accepted unconditionally Jewish terms for peace in the city. The Arab capitulation took place after more than 24 hours of fighting during which the Jews took over every position of major strategic importance in the port city.

The battle broke out yesterday on the heels of the British evacuation of all parts of the city except the port and dock area in which are located the foreign oil installations and in which evacuating troops will be assembled prior to embarkation. The truce was mediated by British officials at the request of the Arabs.

The terms laid down by the Haganah and accepted by the Arabs provide: 1. The Arabs will cease all firing and will lay down their arms; 2. Surrender of all foreign Arab fighters to the Haganah for deportation; 3. Surrender of all Nazi Germans fighting with the Arab forces; 4. Agreement that all security zones outside the British areas will be manned by the Haganah and that Haganah orders will be binding on both Jews and Arabs.

The Jews pledged that all persons would be permitted to return to their normal pursuits and that the Arabs would be permitted to carry on their work and live as free citizens enjoying all municipal services.

At the first signs of Arab sniping in the wake of the British withdrawal heavily armed Jewish militia units moved from Mt. Carmel down into the central portions of the city and took possession of its communications centers, railway station, main police station, post office, road bridges leading into the city and many strategic positions throughout the city. By early today the Jews had also established control over most of the Arab parts of the city.

20,000 Arabs Reported To Have Left the City

Until late in the day Haifa was cut off from the rest of Palestine, but there were a number of reports stating that some 20 Arabs had been killed and over 100 wounded. The wounded were said to have taxed the Arab hospital facilities to the limit and caused the transfer of a number of patients to the government hospital. Many Arab women and children were evacuated by sea to Acro, some 20 miles north along the coast. One report stated that over 20,000 of the city's 60,000 Arabs had left the city within the past week.

The battle, probably the largest yet to be fought in Palestine, was practically over by mid-afternoon. There were, however, several scattered pockets of resistance on which the Jews were concentrating with mortars and heavy machine guns. One of the hottest spots in the city remained the jail which was occupied yesterday by an Arab Legion unit after the British evacuated the building.

The central railway building was badly wrecked as were a number of other buildings against which the Jews had used a new devastating weapon to which they have given the name of "David, King of Israel."

BRITISH FORCES IN JERUSALEM ALERTED FOLLOWING HAIFA VICTORY; FEAR HAGANAH RAID ON CITY

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- All British military and police personnel were alerted today as news of the Jewish victory in Haifa reached this city. Some quarters expressed the belief that Haganah might be planning a similar drive on Jerusalem.

The Palestine Government's Immigration Department offices, located in the central section of the city, were occupied today by armed Jews. The offices were vacated several days ago.

British troops remaining in Palestine between May 15, when the Mandate ends, and August 1, will have the same status as occupation troops, British military headquarters announced here today.

The announcement, in the form of a communique, also stated that the British will be responsible for the Arab Legion only until May 15. After that time the British military commander, Lt. Gen. Gordon H.A. MacMillan, will assume no responsibility for the crack Transjordan soldiers.

From time to time, the communique said, the British commander will announce which areas remain under British control. The British have no intention of interfering with the normal life of the Palestine population, nor do they wish to assume control of any local administrations, the communique continued, but they will not permit any activities which might hamper the orderly withdrawal of British troops from the country or endanger their safety. Military courts will be established to try persons charged with interfering with the military evacuation of the British.

Haganah Raids Arab Bases In Nablus Area; Losses Heavy

A 250-man Haganah force today raided the Arab villages of Zerim and Muris, which have been serving as bases for Fawzi el Kaukaji's "Liberation Army" in the Nablus area. Early reports said that 50 Arabs and 20 Jews were killed, and many on both sides wounded, but there was no confirmation here.

The Haganah men, in a surprise offensive, penetrated the villages' outer defenses, with heavy losses, and succeeded in ousting a strong Iraqi detachment. A second Haganah unit outside the villages cut off all possible retreat to the fleeing Iraqi forces, indicating that the Arabs have suffered a major defeat. The Jews withdrew from the area after demolishing all military installations.

Reports from lower Galilee today indicated that large numbers of Arab families in the Tiberias and adjoining sectors are evacuating their homes and crossing the Jordan into Transjordan. Arabs in Migdal, near Tiberias, today asked the Jewish commander in that city, from which all Arabs withdrew earlier, to permit them to leave the country peacefully. The Jews agreed and even provided the Arabs with buses which brought them to the banks of the Jordan.

Arabs battling Haganah forces for control of the Nebi Yousha police station, overlooking the Lebanon-Palestine highway in northern Galilee, retreated across the border today after a fierce battle in which 21 Jews and an equal number of Arabs were killed. The Arabs staged an assault on the nearby Jewish settlement of Ramat Naphtali, but were repulsed after an eight-hour exchange of fire.

A dispatch from Damascus said today that the Syrian defense minister, alarmed by recent Arab setbacks in Palestine, is conferring with King Abdullah in Transjordan to map plans for full-scale aid to the Arab forces in Palestine.

Six twin-engined Jewish airplanes, part of a "mysterious squadron" reportedly based in various Mediterranean airdromes, are expected to land in one of Palestine's airports today, Jewish sources revealed.

AUSTRALIA ASKS U.N. TO REAFFIRM PARTITION; FRANCE WANTS IMMEDIATE ACTION ON JERUSALEM

LAKE SUCCESS, April 22. (JTA) — The U.N. General Assembly was asked today to reaffirm its Palestine partition decision and proceed immediately with the creation of militia and the establishment of Provisional Councils of Government in a resolution distributed this morning by the Australian delegation at this morning's session of the Political Committee.

At the same time, French delegate Alexandre Parodi presented a resolution to the Committee emphasizing that "the maintenance of order and security in Jerusalem is an urgent matter." He urged the Trusteeship Council to study and, through consultations with the Mandatory Power and the principal interested communities, take the necessary steps "to insure protection of the city and of its inhabitants."

Parodi also made a special plea for the immediate cessation of fighting in Jerusalem by transferring to the Trusteeship Council — as a matter of the highest priority — the task of selecting a governor for the city and recruiting an interim police force. "Whatever regime the General Assembly may finally adopt, the recruiting of a police force is a binding necessity," he said.

Dr. T.F. Tsiang, chairman of the Political Committee, said that while he was not excluding the introduction of resolutions now, none would be voted on until the general debate was completed. This was taken as an indication that the American resolution to have the Trusteeship Council consider the details of its Trusteeship Plan will not be put to a vote until the end of the general debate.

Dr. Silver Serves Notice that a Jewish State Will Begin to Function May 16

Addressing the Political Committee, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver served notice that no matter what the General Assembly may decide, the Jewish State will begin to function May 16. "Partition is a substantial reality in Palestine today," he said. "The crux of the issue is not how to implement the Assembly resolution, but how to enjoin and prevent" the Arab States from "violating their Charter obligations and from defeating the will of this international tribunal."

Dr. Silver urgently requested the British Government not to permit its arms and equipment to fall into the hands of the Arab invaders, and to ensure that the British-officered Arab Legion will not intervene in the struggle. "Having been unwilling to implement the decision of the United Nations, Britain should at least refrain from abetting, however indirectly, the tragic conflict," he declared.

It is too late now for trusteeship, Dr. Silver asserted, adding that the people of Palestine want independence and "will have it." The apparent receptiveness of some Arab spokesmen to the idea was a "purely tactical maneuver to defeat partition," he said. If force would be needed to enforce trusteeship, admittedly not a final solution to the problem, "why should it not be used to enforce partition?" he asked.

Dr. Silver reaffirmed the Jewish Agency's "unqualified rejection" of any trusteeship plan. He said that partition was already to a large extent a political and economic reality in Palestine, and gave some examples. It would be an almost impossible task, he declared, for an outside regime to establish a centralized authority or to obtain the allegiance of Arabs and Jews.

Any attempt to impose trusteeship, Dr. Silver said, would necessarily involve violent effort to suppress all forms of independent national life, "which the

people will not relinquish without a struggle." Was it the "purpose of the United Nations to deprive people of their freedom?" he asked.

The Czech, Yugoslav and Ukrainian delegates today lashed out at the trusteeship proposal and reaffirmed their governments' support of partition as the only feasible solution of the Palestine problem. The Brazilian and Yemenite representatives both suggested that the American plan deserved careful study, while the Brazilian added that an essential prerequisite for the success of the plan was agreement among the powers directly responsible for its enforcement. The Greek, Argentinian and Pakistan representatives were non-committal on the trusteeship issue, but the Greek and Pakistan speakers opposed partition.

A British statement of great importance is expected tomorrow. It is predicted in U.N. circles that the United Kingdom speaker will indicate his government's agreement to joining a three-power group to enforce trusteeship.

TRUMAN SAYS HE HAS POWER TO SEND TROOPS TO PALESTINE WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, April 22. (JTA) — President Truman today told his press conference that as commander-in-chief of the United States armed forces he has the power to send U.S. troops to Palestine without prior Congressional approval.

He pointed out that the U.S. had offered to send troops to Palestine as part of an international police force, not unilaterally. The President's statement came in reply to criticism in the House yesterday of Sen. Warren Austin's announcement to the U.N. that the U.S. was prepared to supply troops for a Palestine police force.

At almost the same moment, Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was telling the Senate that he had not been consulted before Austin made his commitment of U.S. troops to the U.N. Tuesday. Vandenberg replied to questions raised by Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine, whether any "competent" member of Congress had been consulted and whether in Vandenberg's opinion Congressional authorization was required before troops could be sent.

Vandenberg declined to state definitely whether sending American troops to Palestine either expressly to protect American lives and property or whether as part of a U.N. force, would require prior authorization by Congress. He pointed out that the President had sent American troops abroad in over 100 cases during the last 150 years and that the limit of Presidential authority in this field had never been clearly defined.

Both Senators Brewster and Claude Pepper of Florida criticized the Administration for reversing its Palestine policy. While Brewster pointed out that "several thousand" young men had volunteered to go to Palestine as part of a special U.N. police force but that Truman had never seen fit to take up this offer of voluntary assistance, Pepper called on the government to recognize the Jewish Provisional Government.

Meanwhile, Rep. Andrew Somers of New York introduced a resolution into the House calling for U.S. recognition of the new Jewish state. The resolution asks the U.S. to make available economic and military supplies to the Jewish state and to press for its admission to the U.N.

DR. MAGNUS ARRIVES IN NEW YORK; SAYS ICHUD FAVORS AMERICAN TRUSTEESHIP PROPOSAL

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) — "Ichud is in favor of the policies put forward by the American plan, especially a truce in Palestine and an interim policy based on trusteeship," Dr. Eliezer L. Magnus, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, declared today upon his arrival at La Guardia Field.

PASSOVER USHERED IN TONIGHT; WILL BE MARKED BY WORLD-WIDE INTEREST IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- The traditional Passover prayer "Next Year in Jerusalem" will assume a concrete meaning for the first time in hundreds of years tomorrow evening when Passover is ushered in with seders at which the story of the exodus of the Jews from bondage in Egypt is retold and the first successful blow struck against slavery and persecution is commemorated.

The eyes of the Jews throughout the world will this Passover be directed to Palestine where Arab-Jewish fighting continues, and to New York where the United Nations is now in session to decide on the future fate of Palestine. Prayers will be held in synagogues of many lands for the restoration of order in the Holy Land and for United Nations reaffirmation of its earlier decision to establish a Jewish state there this year.

Continuing a 30-year tradition the Jewish Welfare Board has made arrangements for Jewish servicemen in all parts of the world and veterans in various Veterans Administration hospitals and sanatoria to participate in the world-wide celebration. U.S. troops in Korea, Japan and Honolulu will have mass seders under sponsorship of the JWB; one chaplain has been flown to Alaska and a second to Bermuda to lead services in military installations. More than 6,000 packages of Passover matzoehs and 4,000 Haggadahs have been shipped to all parts of the world by JWB.

Saturday has been proclaimed "United Jewish Appeal Sabbath" by the Synagogue Council of America and the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America. The day will be devoted to special prayers and services to ensure the success of the U.J.A. 1948 drive for \$250,000,000.

In every corner of Europe and in lands stretching from Shanghai to Cyprus, nearly 1,000,000 Jewish men, women and children will celebrate Passover with special foods, wine, religious supplies and other assistance provided by the Joint Distribution Committee. Nearly 138,000 European Jewish children will celebrate the holidays as special guests of the J.D.C.

J.D.C. Sent 6,500,000 Pounds of Matzah Products to Jews of Europe

Under the J.D.C.'s Passover program -- the largest in its 33-year history -- Europe's Jews have been forwarded almost 6,500,000 pounds of matzah and matzah flour, 100,000 bottles of wine, cooking fats and other foods -- this in addition to special provisions made in J.D.C. local budgets to enable distressed Jews abroad to purchase Passover foods locally produced.

At the Hotel Marseilles, shelter for recent arrivals aided by the United Service for New Americans, more than 400 persons will participate in a special seder, while U.S.N.A. has also provided special Passover assistance to some 2,000 immigrant families. More than 300 refugee immigrants will celebrate their first Passover in this country at a mass seder at the headquarters of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

Judge Joseph M. Froskauer, head of the American Jewish Committee, issued a Passover message stating in part: "The Passover commemorates the deliverance of our forefathers from bondage. Inherent in its celebration is the glorification of human freedom. In this hour of troubled world conditions the first emotion of every American Jew must be of thanksgiving for the freedom which has come to us in this American land of the free."

Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, in his holiday message said that the American proposal for a U.N. trusteeship for Palestine "will introduce little cheer into the observance of Passover this year. The inmates of the DP camps who are still homeless three years after liberation deserve greater consideration."

SEDER SEDERS WILL BE HELD TONIGHT IN ROME AND MILAN; REFUGEES PROVIDED WITH MATZOHS

ROME, April 22. (JTA) -- At least six pounds of matzo and a bottle of wine have been distributed to all Jewish refugees in Italy by the Joint Distribution Committee for celebration of the Passover holidays. Small cash gifts have also been given to displaced Jews living in DP camps for the purchase of holiday incidentals.

The Central Committee of Jewish Refugee Organizations in Italy announced today that it has arranged public seders to be held in Rome, Milan and other communities. An announcement by the International Refugee Organization disclosed that the organization has made special efforts to secure supplementary vegetable supplies for Passover distribution. The J.D.C. has allocated nearly 1,000,000 lire for Orthodox Jews to enable them to prepare kosher matzo.

6,000 MUNICH JEWS TO PARTICIPATE IN MAMMOTH SEDER; MATZOES BAKED IN GERMANY

MUNICH, April 22. (JTA) -- More than 6,000 displaced Jews in the Munich area will attend a J.D.C.-sponsored mammoth Passover Seder tomorrow evening, it was announced here today by Rabbi Solomon Shapiro, J.D.C. director for religious affairs in Germany, who will officiate. Rabbi Shapiro reported that several hundred similar seders will be held in DP camps and communities throughout Germany.

More than 1,000,000 pounds of Passover matzo and with U.S. Army permission have been distributed to Jewish communities, along with large quantities of kosher margarine, wine and other holiday foods, the J.D.C. office here said.

J.D.C. SUPPLIES ROMANIAN JEWS WITH LARGE QUANTITIES OF MATZOES; DISTRIBUTES CLOTHING

BUCHAREST, April 22. (JTA) -- Romanian Jews have received 1,800,000 pounds of matzo for use during the Passover holidays from the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced here today. Half of the matzo has already been distributed to charitable institutions and orphanages free of charge, while the remainder was bought by the Federation of Jewish Communities at a nominal price for allocation among the country's needy Jewish population.

The government has allotted a special supply of flour to Orthodox Jews who wish to bake their own matzo. The J.D.C. has also made available quantities of clothing and shoes to needy Jews as part of its Passover relief program.

TOTAL NUMBER OF SHANGHAI REFUGEES TO REACH U.S. WILL PASS 6,000, U.S.N.A. REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- The total number of survivors of the Shanghai refugee ghetto reaching the United States will soon pass the 6,000 mark, United Service for New Americans reported today. The figure had exceeded 5,700 at the beginning of April, including several hundred who passed through the U.S. en route to other countries, and were aided by U.S.N.A. while in transit here.

About 6,000 Jewish DP's still remain in Shanghai, the agency pointed out. They are being aided by the Joint Distribution Committee. The 1,000th Shanghai survivor to obtain a visa on the basis of the U.S.N.A. corporate affidavit arrived at San Francisco this week.

BRITISH OFFICIALS JOIN BRUSSELS JEWS IN COMMEMORATING REVOLT OF WARSAW GHETTO

BRUSSELS, April 22. (JTA) -- Government leaders, including Minister of State Louis de Broekere, joined leaders of the Jewish community here today in commemorating the fifth anniversary of the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto. A large meeting at which Prof. Isaac Hershkovitz presided, highlighted the memorial ceremonies.

ON THE PASSOVER HOLIDAYS THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR MONDAY