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ISRAELI FORCES FIGHTING IN STREETS OF RAMLEH; JEWS MASSING FOR SEVERAL OFFENSIVES

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- Israeli forces today fought their way into the streets of Ramleh, major Arab town athwart of the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem supply route and less than 15 miles from the Israeli capital. The penetration of Ramleh follows yesterday's capture of the Lydda airport, near Ramleh, by the Jews.

Meanwhile, other Jewish troops were consolidating their positions in the Lyda-Ramleh-Ben Shemen area in preparation for a thrust against Arab towns and strategic positions on the central coastal plain. At the same time, the Jews in Jerusalem were marshalling their forces for an all-out push against the Arab Legion units in the walled Old City and in the suburbs surrounding Jerusalem.

Until now possession of Ramleh has given the Arabs an important wedge in the Tel Aviv area and has forced Jewish supply convoys headed for Jerusalem to take long detours on back roads in order to avoid the Arab blockade. In both this battle and yesterday's surprisingly swift seizure of the airport the Jews used large numbers of heavy tanks.

For the third time since the truce expired Friday morning Tel Aviv was bombed from the air today. However, like the previous raids this one was ineffective with the Egyptian pilots jettisoning their missiles from a great height and making no attempt to hit military targets. It was revealed that a special children's colony at Ben Shemen which was cut off for the last seven months and supplied by air was finally liberated yesterday during the early stages of the Jewish push.

Jews Take Initiative; Arabs Surprisingly Inactive

The military events of the last 36 hours--especially in the Lyda-Ramleh area--have surprised military observers here who expected three Arab offensives as promised by the Arab League states during the week preceeding the end of the truce. Instead, it is the Jews who have concentrated a great supply of weapons and have taken the initiative. This is true along the entire length of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road, where Arab Legion troops have not fought unless attacked by the Jews. In the north and northeast, Israeli planes have been active and the Arabs have held their offensive action down to artillery barrages with no infantry concentrations in evidence except in the south.

In Jerusalem the first 24 hours of fighting (a local truce extended the U.N. cease-fire for a portion of a day) saw little change in the strategic positions occupied by either the Jews or the Arab Legionnaires. However, Jewish forces have blasted a number of empty buildings standing in the way of an assault against several gates to the Old City, apparently preparing the way for an offensive at a later time. An artillery duel was fought for a long time yesterday between Arab six-pound cannon and the Jews Palestine-manufactured heavy mortars known as "King David." In

the Arab suburb of Ein Karem, the Jews have captured a number of houses held by Arab snipers and the civilian population has begun to evacuate the village.

In that city the Haganah, Irgun and Stern Group have again reunited for purposes of continuing the battle. The overall command is in the hands of the Haganah, but on the local scene each unit has its own commander. It was announced today that four Britons held by the Irgun for "intelligence with the enemy" will be tried shortly by that organization. Although the men were captured and held in Jerusalem, it is expected that they will be tried in Tel Aviv.

After restraining themselves for most of the duration of the U.N. truce and for 36 hours after the cease-fire expired, Jewish troops in the Nazareth area finally went after Fawzi el Kaukuji's guerrillas in earnest yesterday. The Israelis penetrated Arab defenses around the city and shelled a police station on the edge of Nazareth, from which about 1,000 irregulars have been attacking various Jewish positions.

In the south the Jews fought off attacks by the Egyptians and Sudanese against Be'ga, evacuated Kfar Darom and repulsed a mechanized attack from the direction of Majdal, major Egyptian invasion base. Jewish planes also bombed Majdal. In the north the Jews and Arabs locked in battle at Mishmar Hayarden, while Israeli planes bombed Kuneitra, a base in Syria.

British Troops Fire on Cyprus Detainees; One Jew Wounded

HAIFA, July 11. (JTA) -- One Jew was wounded on Cyprus yesterday when British troops opened fire on interned immigrants, a report received here from the island stated.

The shooting resulted from the detainees' resentment against British troops who guard them pending their screening and transfer to Israel. The British authorities have refused to permit any man of military age to leave the island, despite the fact that the U.N. truce has expired.

BERNADOTTE EXPECTED TODAY TO REPORT ON PALESTINE SITUATION TO U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL

LAKE SUCCESS, July 11. (JTA) -- While U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte was en route here by plane today to report tomorrow to the Security Council on the latest Palestine developments, an Israeli Government spokesman took Bernadotte to task for "minimizing the scale and character" of the Arab rejection of Bernadotte's proposals for a truce. The spokesman also called on the Security Council to apply sanctions against the Arab aggressors according to the terms of the U.N. Charter.

Asserting that Bernadotte's characterization of the Arab attacks as "impudence" or his suggestion that the "Arabs had some reason for saying no" amounts to an "apology for aggression," the Israeli representative declared that such an attitude "does not augur well for any successful resumption by the mediator of his mission." He also revealed that Israel has urged the Security Council to inform all governments that the truce is at an end and that the Council's request to them to assist in implementing it is no longer in force.

The U.N. Secretariat yesterday revealed the rejection by the Arab League States of Bernadotte's latest request for a ten-day truce extension. The Jews accepted, except for his demand to demilitarize the oil centers of Haifa. The Arab reply, signed by Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League, stated that Bernadotte "can still have some useful work to do in trying to find a just and lasting solution to the Palestine problem."

ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT TURNS OVER HEIRLESS JEWISH PROPERTY TO COMMUNITY FOR RELIEF AID

BUCHAREST, July 11. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government this week-end issued a decree turning over to the Federation of Jewish Communities heirless property of Jews who were killed during the war-time pro-Nazi regimes. The proceeds of the property will be used by the Federation for the relief of needy Jews.

The decree fulfills one of the chief demands of Rumanian Jewry since the liberation. It is expected that the measure will have its greatest effect in Northern Transylvania from which practically the entire Jewish population was deported to Nazi death camps in 1944.

NAZI WAR CRIMINAL WHO ENGINEERED MURDER OF 2,500,000 JEWS IN POLAND SENTENCED TO DEATH

WARSAW, July 11. (JTA) -- Joseph Buehler, former chief administrative officer of the Nazi occupation government in Poland, was yesterday sentenced to death by the Supreme National Tribunal here for the murder of millions of Jews and Poles.

Buehler, one of the most important Nazi war criminal apprehended and tried by the Polish Government, was accused of responsibility for the planning and execution of an annihilation program under which 2,500,000 Jews were murdered. He was also found guilty of responsibility in the deportation of some 2,000,000 Poles and Jews.

ANTI-ZIONIST TRENDS APPEARING IN TWO ROMANIAN POLITICAL PARTIES WITH JEWISH FOLLOWING

BUCHAREST, July 11. (JTA) -- Anti-Zionist trends have recently come to the surface in two popular Rumanian political parties with a large membership among the Jewish population.

At the latest meeting of the central committee of the National Popular Party Dr. Constantin Dimitriu, secretary-general of the party, warned the Jewish members "not to fall for propaganda which is attempting to appeal to their nationalist feelings for a noisy recrudescence of Zionism." Dr. Dimitriu added that the only solution for the Jews of Rumania lies in cooperating with the entire working class of the country. This statement followed a resolution adopted by the Rumanian Workers Party which committed party members to "fighting energetically the nationalist-reactionary tendency among the Jewish population."

EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF GENERAL ZIONISTS MEETS; DELEGATES FROM 14 COUNTRIES ATTEND

PARIS, July 11. (JTA) -- A meeting of the European Council of the General Zionists opened here this week-end with delegates from 14 countries on the Continent attending.

In his opening address Dr. Nahum Goldmann, diplomatic representative of Israel told the parley that it must be expected that any concessions made by the Israeli Government will be denounced by the extremists in Israel. He declared that a middle of the road party was needed in Israel. Reviewing the role of the United States in the Israeli situation, he asserted that the United States is likely to become "less pro-Zionist in the future because of oil" diplomacy. Prof. Selig Brodetsky, member of the Jewish Agency branch in London, and Ignacy Schwartzbart, World Jewish Congress leader, also spoke.

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ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE TO U.S. ASKS LIFTING OF EMBARGO AND EXTENSION OF LOAN

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA) -- Eliahu Epstein, special Israeli representative to Washington, this week-end urged the United States to lift the embargo against Israel and to give material assistance to Israel by loans for reconstruction and resettlement of immigrants.

Epstein, who spoke at a press conference, also urged the U.S. to keep the embargo against the Arabs in effect, and to take the leadership in the United Nations action against them. He said that "America was the first to recognize Israel and as a result of American leadership, and other states, Israel was established."

He urged the U.N. to put an end to the war in Palestine and to "stamp the Arabs as aggressors." He stated that the "open aggression" in Palestine gives the U.N. sufficient grounds for sanctions against the Arabs. "The seven Arab states," he said, "with the help of England, were unable to conquer us before the truce and they will surely be unable to do this against the U.N. So long as the Arabs see a vacillating U.N. policy or see the possibility of a change in U.N. policy, they will continue to fight."

DR. NEUMANN PLEDGES SUPPORT OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS TO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT LEADERS

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, re-elected president of the Zionist Organization of America, this week-end addressed the pledges of support on behalf of his organization to the leaders of the Jewish state of Israel in cables to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President; David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister and Moshe Shertok, Foreign Minister of the Provisional Government of Israel.

The message to Dr. Weizmann extended greetings and an expression of respect and high esteem. In his cable to Ben Gurion, Dr. Neumann pledged "our continued unstinted support in the great struggle you are having to ensure security and stability of the Republic of Israel." The cable to Shertok said in part: "We shall continue to follow with deepest interest and admiration your skilful efforts to pilot the Republic of Israel through the political storms and shoals to safe anchorage. More strength to you."

U.S. JEWS CONTRIBUTED MOST OF MONEY USED FOR IMMIGRATION PURPOSES IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- Jews in the United States contributed more than 75 percent of a total of over \$125,000,000 spent in Palestine during 1946 and 1947 for immigration and national development, Dr. Israel Goldstein, United Palestine Appeal national chairman declared here over the week-end. He stated that the "unprecedented needs of the current year, when Israel is confronted with the supreme responsibility of resettling 75,000 destitute immigrants including 24,000 orphaned children," will involve an expenditure of more than \$100,000,000 for immigration alone.

Dr. Goldstein said that the total budget of the U.P.A. agencies, in addition to immigration--covering agricultural and urban development, land acquisition, housing and similar projects--will amount to \$283,000,000 in 1948. At least half this sum will be provided by American Jewry through the U.J.A. \$250,000,000 nation-wide campaign and the balance will have to be raised by campaigns in other countries as well as in Israel itself, and from other sources.

He disclosed that private capital totalling \$1,000,000 was invested in 88 Jewish-owned companies in Palestine during December, 1947, and January, 1948. The new enterprises will produce leather goods, textiles, tools, machinery, bakelite products, fountain pens and canned foods.

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