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## 41 JEWS LYNCHED AT HAIFA OIL REFINERY AFTER IRGUN BOMBS KILL SIX ARABS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Forty-one Jews were stabbed, kicked and beaten to death today in Haifa by an angry Arab mob numbering hundreds after two bombs flung from a speeding auto into a crowd of Arabs killed six of them and wounded over 40. The bombing is believed to be the work of the Irgun which yesterday killed 13 Arabs at the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem in a similar action.

The bombs, which set off the worst massacre in the month-old "war," were thrown into a line of about 100 Arab laborers filing through the gates of the Consolidated Refineries to go to work. Within a short time other Arab workers, estimated by some to be as many as 1,800, sought out every Jew they could find on the oil company property and lynched him. The mob used tractors to break down the doors of the company's main offices and dragged out several Jewish clerks barricaded there.

At least seven Jews were wounded in the same action. Private sources estimate that the official casualty figures are far too low. About 400 Jews were employed at the refinery.

The milling mob was eventually brought under control by a hastily summoned company of British troops who charged the mob repeatedly before dispersing it. The plant was temporarily closed and unharmed Jewish workers were escorted to their homes by police and troops.

Responsible Jewish quarters were quick to condemn the attack on the Arabs. One source pointed out that relations among the workers in the plant had always been of the best, even during the 1936-1939 riots. "It was a silly, murderous political crime, causing damage to our struggle besides costing so many Jewish lives," the same source said.

## Jew and Policeman Killed by Arabs Sniping At Funeral Corteges

Three British policemen were killed in Jerusalem today, it was officially announced. Two, in plainclothes, were killed by hand grenades hurled by unidentified persons near the large Machne Yehuda marketplace. The third constable was killed by Arab snipers while guarding mourners at the funeral of Dr. Hugo Lehr, who was murdered by Arab gunmen Sunday. A fourth policeman was wounded by the snipers.

Arab snipers also attacked the funeral cortege of four other Jews killed within the last two days. At one point Arab Legionnaires encamped on Mt. Scopus fired on the funeral parties. Escorting police returned the fire and are believed to have inflicted some casualties on the Transjordan soldiers. A Jewish gravedigger, preparing Dr. Lehr's grave, was killed in the exchange of shots and two other Jews, one the father of one of the dead men, were wounded.

Sporadic outbursts of rifle fire were heard tonight from all of Jerusalem's suburbs and a bomb exploded in the Katamon quarter. An unidentified Jew who was

caught by an Arab mob on a side street leading from the center of the city was dragged several blocks under the eyes of British constables and shot dead.

Sixteen Jews were wounded, four seriously, this morning, when Arab snipers raked a Jewish bus outside Jerusalem with automatic fire. The bus was proceeding up Mt. Scopus to the Hadassah Hospital and the Hebrew University, and was said to be full of nurses, doctors, medical workers and college instructors on their way to work. The snipers were entrenched in houses in the Sheik Jarach quarter near a police pillbox. Four doctors narrowly escaped injury there yesterday when they abandoned their car under Arab and British police gunfire and raced to shelter.

Despite a government ban, Jews began using armored cars on the run from the center of Jerusalem to the hospital or the university shortly after this attack, the latest in a long series.

Three separate battles raged in the outskirts of the city last night as Haganah units lashed out at Arab bands preparing to attack Jewish homes. The Jewish attack, which threw the raiders off balance and eventually scattered them, resulted in the death of several Arabs and the wounding of others. All Jewish militiamen returned safely to base. Guerrilla fighting and patrol actions also took place on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa front.

#### Rail Robberies By Arabs on the Increase; Entire Freight Train Looted

Arab train robberies have increased in number and audacity to an almost unbelievable point during the present period. Two robberies occurred during the daylight hours today. One took place near Gaza where a strong band of hold-up men calmly halted a freight train and leisurely emptied it of all its cargo. In the second, near Jerusalem, four cars full of flour and the contents of a mail train were stolen.

Moshe Shertok, Jewish Agency political chief, arrived at the Lydda airport today from the United States. He immediately set out for Tel Aviv where he will have a private conversation with Agency Chairman David Ben Gurion.

Meyer Levin, former Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, and two other newspapermen who arrived in Palestine aboard a blockade runner last week were released from arrest after posting \$4,000 bail each. A fourth member of the group, a Frenchwoman, was released earlier.

The production of two-seater airplanes for the Hamaof Company here was begun today. The designer of the plane formerly built planes for the Caproni Company of Italy. Meanwhile, work has begun near Tel Aviv on an airfield which will cost \$120,000 to complete.

#### U.S. WILL NOT PUBLISH MUFTI LINKS WITH NAZIS BEFORE CLEARING WITH BRITISH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The documents in possession of the State Department relating to the collaborationist activities of the ex-Mufti with the Nazis will not be published at the present time regardless of the Mufti's political activities, it was said today by Under-Secretary of State Robert Lovett at a press conference.

The Department's policy regarding publication in general of seized German documents, according to Lovett, is to release them when their translation is completed and when they have been cross-checked with the British. Asked whether in view of the small staff working on the documents, they might not be published for from five to ten years, Lovett said that this estimate was way off. Certain documents relating to the fairly recent past ought to be ready within a matter of months and not of years, he said, adding that he did not know whether any of these relate to the ex-Mufti.

DELAY IN BRITISH WITHDRAWAL FINED AS RESULT OF VIOLENCE; GOVT. WON'T LEGALIZE HAGANAH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Withdrawal of the British civil administration in Palestine, which is slated to be completed by May 15, may be delayed as a result of the current Arab-Jewish violence, a highly placed official indicated today. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns that some phases of the evacuation are already behind schedule.

The official said that while the British do not want to be drawn into implementing partition and "are trying to remain as impartial as possible," British security forces are already stretched almost to the breaking point. The Palestine Administration, he said, is "extremely dissatisfied" with the present series of reprisals and counter-reprisals and is doing everything possible through political means to bring the outbreaks to an end.

He disclosed that the government is not contemplating legalizing the Haganah since it would be compelled to recognize Arab armed forces. The official said that the government feels that the Jewish Settlement Police are able to give only limited protection to Jewish villages and colonies.

BRITISH NAVY REPORTED SHADOWING BLOCKADE RUNNERS PAN YORK AND PAN CRESCENT

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Dispatches reaching here from Athens report that British naval craft are shadowing the Palestine blockade runners, Pan Crescent and Pan York, which are in the Aegean Sea en route to Palestine, with nearly 15,000 visaless Jews aboard.

A letter from 14 Labor MP's appearing in the Times this morning appeals to Britain not to shirk its responsibilities if it is called upon by the United Nations to put down violence in Palestine.

The letter points out that should the Security Council decide to invoke the Article of the U.N. Charter which deals with breaches of the peace, it would be compelled to call on member nations for aid, since it has no armed forces of its own. The MP's suggest that the British delegation at Lake Success make clear immediately that "we mean business when we say that ~~we are seeking to base our foreign policy upon~~ the United Nations."

FIVE-MAN U.N. PALESTINE COMMISSION NOW COMPLETE; WILL HOLD FIRST MEETING ON JAN. 9

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The five-nation U.N. Palestine Committee was completed today with the appointments of Dr. Karel Lisicky as the Czechoslovak representative and Raoul Diaz de Medina, as the Bolivian delegate.

Immediately after the disclosure of the appointments, the U.N. Secretariat announced that the Committee will hold its first meeting at Lake Success on Friday, January 9, instead of January 7, as originally scheduled.

The composition of the Committee is as follows:

Bolivia - Dr. Medina, who is Minister-Counsellor to the Bolivian Embassy in Washington.

Czechoslovakia - Dr. Lisicky, a member of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine.

Denmark - Per Federspiel, delegate to the General Assembly, former Danish Cabinet member and underground Nazi fighter.

Panama - Dr. Eduardo Morgan, former Minister of Education.

Philippines - Sen. Vincente Francisco, majority floor leader of the Philippine

GROMYKO DEMANDS "SPEEDIEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE" IMPLEMENTATION OF PARTITION DECISION

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A demand for measures to insure the "speediest and most effective implementation" of the United Nations decision to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states was voiced here tonight by Andrei Gromyko, permanent Soviet delegate to the United Nations, addressing a "United States-USSR-Palestine Friendship Dinner" arranged by the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists at the Hotel Commodore.

More than 1,000 guests attended the dinner, which was also addressed by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America. Messages expressing the hope that peace will come to Palestine and that all members of the United Nations will cooperate in carrying out the partition decision were received from Prof. Albert Einstein, Eleanor Roosevelt, Moshe Shertok, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and others.

In emphasizing that the execution of the partition plan brooks no delay, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister pointed out that the U.N. Security Council "is ready, in case of necessity, to deal with this question" in order to assist in getting quick action on the partition decision. Successful realization of this decision, he said, requires the cooperation of Great Britain with the United States and with the implementation commission "not in words but in deeds." Formal British cooperation is "absolutely insufficient," he declared.

Wants Implementation Commission to Proceed Soon to Palestine

"It would be an abnormal situation," Gromyko stated, "if the Commission, for instance, spent a considerable part of its time at Lake Success instead of going to Palestine and getting acquainted with the state of affairs existing there and carrying out on the spot the tasks entrusted to it."

The Soviet diplomat regretted the fact that following the U.N. partition decision, clashes between Arabs and Jews in Palestine have increased. "These incidents," he said, "are the consequences of the actions of some irresponsible elements attempting to hamper the realization of the partition plan. Such actions cannot prevent the final fulfillment of this decision. We cannot agree with the assertions which imply that the partition decision is aimed against the Arabs and Arab countries. It is our deep conviction that this decision corresponds to fundamental national interests of both the Jews and the Arabs."

Declaring that the partition decision is not "too radical and too bold" but is "the only possible and workable solution," Gromyko said that partition "is dictated by the interests of the maintenance of peace." He reiterated that the decision "meets the legitimate aspirations of the Jewish people for the creation of their own state" and that "it would be utterly unjust not to take into account these aspirations" especially after what the Jews have suffered in Europe during the Nazi regime.

Dr. Neumann lauded the cooperation on the Palestine issue between the United States and the USSR during the General Assembly. Answering the question "What will be the orientation of the new Jewish State?" the ZOA president said it will be oriented primarily to the United Nations in whose future effectiveness it will have a vital stake.

SILVER LEAVES FOR PALESTINE; WILL JOIN IN SETTING DATE OF WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver today left for Palestine where he will participate in the meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee which opens in Jerusalem on Feb. 8, to deal with problems arising out of the partition decision of the United Nations. The Actions Committee will also decide the date and the place of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

GERMAN CAMP COMMANDANT SENTENCED TO DIE IN LAST OF NAZI MASS TRIALS IN U.S. ZONE

DACHAU, Germany, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The last of the mass trials of German concentration camp officials and guards in the U.S. zone of Germany was completed here today with the sentencing of one man to death, 14 other defendants to prison terms ranging from five years to life imprisonment and the acquittal of four others.

Hans Moeser, former commandant of the Norkhausen camp, received the death sentence. He was convicted of responsibility in the systematic beating and starving to death of Jewish and other camp prisoners employed in manufacturing the "V-Bomb."

Members of the prosecution staff and even some Americans assigned to assist the defense have expressed surprise that the sentences were so light. One remarked: "There is no defense like this."

FIVE-MAN PRAESIDIUM OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF LIBERATED JEWS RESIGNS

BRUCHTESGADEN, Germany, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The five-man praesidium of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the American zone of Germany, which is headed by David Treger, resigned today in a dramatic climax to a two-day meeting here of the Committee.

The resignations came after heated inter-party political battles among the various Zionist groups. The political situation has been chaotic since a recent split in the Poale Zionist Party, and has been complicated by the fact that elections to the Central Committee are slated for next month. Efforts were being made tonight to persuade the praesidium to stay in office until new elections are held.

AMERICAN JEWISH ASSEMBLY WILL BE NAME OF GROUP SUCCEEDING AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The name of the new permanent organization which will be established to succeed the American Jewish Conference will be the "American Jewish Assembly," it was learned here today following a meeting of the interim committee of the Conference.

The meeting decided to set up a preparatory committee composed of 20 Jewish leaders, to carry out the decisions of the recent Chicago conference. The preparatory group is to submit a preliminary report to the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference by March 1, 1948.

The meeting agreed to appoint the following bodies: 1. a committee on elections which shall supervise the voting for delegates to the American Jewish Assembly; 2. a committee on national organizations which shall determine the eligibility and representation of these groups in the permanent body; 3. a committee on community relations which shall determine the eligibility of local communal bodies and supervise the election of delegates within the communities; 4. a committee on constitution which shall draft a constitution to be submitted to the first convention of the American Jewish Assembly; 5. a committee on ways and means which shall secure funds for the budget of the Preparatory Committee and to meet current expenditures of the American Jewish Conference.

WORLD UNION OF AGUDIST YOUTH HOLDS FIRST PARLEY; OUTLINES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

ANTWERP, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The first conference of the World Union of Agudist Youth, attended by many delegates from almost all European countries, concluded here after outlining a comprehensive educational program.

Herman Treisser, vice-president of the Agudah Youth Council of America, told the delegates that the Agudist youth of the world will give all aid to the efforts of Agudist youth in Palestine to build the new state in the "spirit of the Torah." The parley also decided to establish a central office in Antwerp.

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JLC MEDICAL TEAM RECOMMENDS UNIFIED PROGRAM IN PALESTINE TO PREPARE FOR CYPRUS JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The establishment of a coordinating executive body by the major Jewish institutions in Palestine to provide a unified program for meeting the needs of the Cyprus internees when they arrive in Palestine is recommended in a report of a J.D.C. psychiatric group which studied the visaless Jews on the Mediterranean island for two months this summer. The report, released today by the J.D.C., is signed by Dr. Paul Friedman, chief of the mission, and Mildred J. Buchwalder and Sadi Oppenheim, both prominent psychologists and members of the research team.

The report also recommends that the Palestine Jewish organizations preparing for the refugees should draw up a comprehensive program of education and information to assist the Cyprus DP's adjust themselves to their new life in Palestine, and that several mental hygiene units be formed to assist in the adjustment of young people as they arrive in the country.

In reference to improving conditions before the refugees are permitted to complete their migration, the psychiatric team suggests that vocational training activities already begun by the J.D.C. should be extended in cooperation with the Jewish Agency; that housing, sanitation, furnishings and other physical requirements be improved in the internment camps. The team also endorses previous recommendations, since accepted by the British, that priority in immigration be given to children under 18.

After its study and work on the island, where it also conducted classes for group leaders and adult discussion groups, the team proceeded to Palestine where it studied the mental health of some of the refugees who had been permitted to enter from Cyprus. It also made specific recommendations for the organization and operation of a mental health program for the Cyprus Jews after their arrival.

UNITED NATIONS TO CIRCULATE FILM ON GENOCIDE AMONG ALL MEMBER STATES

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A film on genocide will be released to all member states of the United Nations after January 1, it was reported here today.

The film, prepared by the U.N. Film Division, and entitled "Genocide - The Greater Crime," compares genocide to homicide, pointing out that the lesser crime is vigorously punished, while no legislation exists for punishment for the destruction of a people.

"GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT." FILM ON ANTI-SEMITISM, VOTED BEST MOTION PICTURE OF 1947

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- "Gentleman's Agreement," a film dealing with anti-Semitism, was yesterday voted the best English-speaking film of 1947 by the New York Film Critics. The motion picture, based on the best-selling novel of the same name by Laura Hobson, was directed by Elia Kazan.

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR FREE PALESTINE SAYS GILLETTE REMAINING AS PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The American League for A Free Palestine today announced that former Senator Guy Gillette "has no intention of withdrawing from the presidency of the League at this time."

The announcement said that Gillette will issue a statement next week outlining his plans for future work with the League. The statement was issued in connection with press reports from Iowa quoting the former Senator as stating that he planned to resign as of January 1st.

BECAUSE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON FRIDAY