

ARABS ASSAULT HEAD OF RED CROSS MISSION

TEL AVIV, Monday.—An extremely severe incident occurred between the Arabs and the International Red Cross. Arab National Guards in Jerusalem stopped Dr. Reynier, head of the Red Cross mission in Palestine, while he was driving his Red Cross car, dragged him out, beat him up, unclothed him and only then released him.

Near Lydda a Red Cross car driven by Dr. Guy, a Swiss, was shot at by Arab soldiers, and a Swiss lady, working with the Red Cross was seriously wounded.

The Red Cross mission was driving to take four Jewish children from the Arabs in exchange for two Arab prisoners held by the Irgun Zvai.

The Mayor of Lydda had personally arranged a cease fire on the front for the transfer. Nevertheless the Arabs attacked the mission.

These incidents were followed by the Arabs barbaric rejection of the Red Cross request to allow the burial of the Jewish victims of Kfar Etzion.

Conference in Tel Aviv

Dr. Steinberg, the Haganah liaison officer with the Red Cross Mission in Palestine, summarised the results of the conference held in Tel Aviv on May 25, which was attended by Red Cross delegations from Nablus, Haifa, Jaffa and Tel Aviv.

The conference decided that the Red Cross delegate from Nablus should proceed immediately to Transjordan to inspect prisoners of war as well as civilian women and wounded personnel held by the Transjordan forces.

The Red Cross delegate in Haifa is to proceed to Lebanon to inspect the Jewish prisoners of war held at Baal Bek. Both delegates will make arrangements that the Geneva Convention be complied with, especially in respect of the following points: general living conditions; medical care; religious care; letters; Red Cross parcels.

P.O.W. Camps

The Jewish authorities undertook to cover the expenses of providing a Red Cross physician for each of the Jewish prisoners of war camps.

The Jewish authorities are also prepared to place a Jewish physician and

a Jewish minister of religion at the disposal of the mission for medical and religious care of the Jewish P.O.W's. The Jewish authorities declared their readiness to comply with the Geneva Convention and general instructions have accordingly been dispatched to the units concerned.

Arab Naval Base Captured

TEL AVIV, Monday.—On the Lebanese border the police station of Rad Ennakura was captured by our forces. The Arab village Tantura, near Zichron Yacov, which was recently turned by the Arabs into a naval base for the smuggling of arms and men into the country was attacked by Jewish forces, who surrounded and captured the place after a long intensive battle.

Hundreds of Arabs were taken prisoner and large quantities of arms and ammunition were seized. The Jewish settlement, Kfar Uriah, between Hartuv and Latrun is being attacked and is surrounded by enemy forces.

The Chairman Banged The Table

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LAKE SUCCESS, Tuesday.—When Faris El Khoury (Syria) asked for a 48-hour extension of the time limit for the cease-fire so that the Arab States could consult, Mr. Andrei Gromyko drily remarked that the Arabs should cease fire first and consult later.

M. Parodi (France), who presided, had to pound the gavel several times in order to silence the applause which broke out in the galleries after Mr. Gromyko's remark.

Mr. Tarasenko (Ukraine) insisted that this be the last extension.

Pnina Salzman—Citizen of Israel

Pnina Salzman, the well-known Palestinian pianist is back again in Johannesburg, not only more mature and widely travelled than she was when she first visited the Union four years ago, but with a new status. She is the first artist of the State of Israel to come to this country and can rightly be regarded as a cultural envoy from the Yishuv.



This, indeed, she told a representative of the "Zionist Record," was the reason why the authorities in Israel allowed her to leave the country.

"They felt that because of the very close ties between the Yishuv and South Africa, such a visit, even at this time of crisis, would be proper and fitting. It is a manifestation of the spirit of the Yishuv that despite a war the cultural life of our people remains unimpaired," she said.

She stated that she had already left her home in Tel Aviv when the first Egyptian air raids took place. She was awaiting a plane at Haifa to take her to South Africa, and although it was heart-breaking for her to say goodbye to her Chaverim she was greatly heartened by the news

of the heroic manner in which her fellow-citizens were "taking it."

Miss Salzman will delight her lovers with many new compositions in her repertoire, including standing work by the well-known Palestinian composer, Ben-Zion. She is due to open her tour at the Plaza Theatre on Sunday night. She can be assured of a very warm welcome.

Miss Salzman is accompanied by her mother.

New Wing For Jewish Aged People



A new wing of the Jewish Aged Home was opened on Sunday. Mr. Steel (on the right) laid the foundation stone

Legislation Against Fascism Is Dangerous Says Professor Laski

SCARBOROUGH, May 19 (by Air Mail).—The resolution urging the Government to enact legislation against Fascism and racialism in Britain was moved at the Labour Party Conference this afternoon by Mr. Bernard Finlay and was received most sympathetically by the crowded conference.

Referring to the speech made by the Secretary for War, Mr. Shinwell, who said that a third war would be an insult to the memory of those who had fought to destroy Nazism, Mr. Finlay asked how much more was an insult to their memory that Fascism should be allowed to go unchecked in this country.

The resolution was seconded and there was a strong feeling that the conference would have unanimously supported it. Professor Harold Laski was then put up by the conference to reply to it.

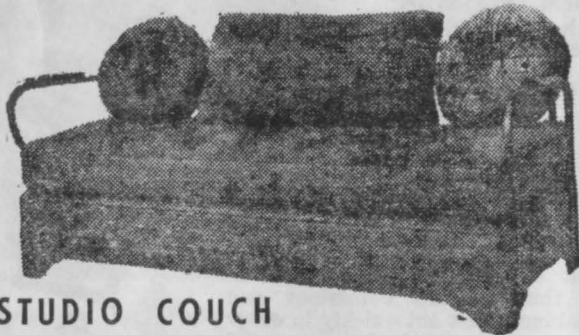
Professor Laski said that he and his colleagues were as bitterly opposed to Fascism as were the speakers to the resolution at the conference. There were, however, great difficulties in implementing a resolution of the kind suggested, firstly, because legislation of this kind was always dangerous and might be used as a weapon in the future against democratic bodies.

Furthermore, Professor Laski continued, he was not persuaded that the movement was as serious as the

speaker to the resolution had pointed out. His information, he said, was that it was not of such a kind as to provoke serious disquiet. They were watching it most carefully, and asked the conference to accept the suggestion that the resolution should be remitted to the National Executive who gave the firmest assurance that they would watch the situation most closely, that they would keep in touch with the Home Secretary, and that, if the occasion arose, they would certainly lose no effort to take steps to render it harmless.

After Professor Laski's statement the proposer and the seconder of the resolution, with the agreement of the conference, accepted this assurance and the resolution was remitted to the National Executive.

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