

American Jews Held in Beirut Are Back Home

Arrive on the Marine Carp, Complain of Treatment by Lebanese and U. S. Consul

Fifty-six of the sixty-nine Jews who were interned for six weeks in Lebanon returned yesterday on the Marine Carp, the same American Export Lines vessel from which they had been forcibly removed on May 20 while en route to Palestine. The other thirteen jumped ship on the way back.

Of the sixty-nine, forty-one were Americans, seven of whom quit the vessel after their release in Beirut, along with six foreigners. The ship made calls at Mediterranean ports and Ponta del Gada, in the Azores. In all, she carried 521 passengers when she docked at Pier 84, Hudson River and Forty-fourth Street, at 1:20 p. m.

Eli Kalm, twenty-seven, of 2076 Bryant Avenue, the Bronx, one of those who had been interned, spoke for the returning Americans. He also handed out a statement which said that the group had not been going to Palestine to fight, as was charged by the Lebanese authorities. He also protested bitterly about the food and living conditions during the internment and alleged that the American government "failed to protect us."

The United States, the statement said, "allowed insult and indignity to be heaped upon American citizens by a fifth-class country which has jailed us on a flimsy and unsubstantiated charge."

The Americans, Mr. Kalm said, were going to the Holy Land either to visit relatives, study or on business. He and his group, ranging in age from seventeen to fifty-six,

were vitriolic towards John B. Faust, American Consul in Beirut. They attributed numerous anti-Semitic statements to him. "You'll do all right back in New York, just as the Negroes do in the South," Mr. Kalm quoted Mr. Faust as saying. The Americans, Mr. Kalm said, "were allowed to languish in a concentration camp."

Even as the ship arrived, the American Jewish Congress announced that it contemplated asking the United States government to demand indemnification from Lebanon for the Americans who had been jailed. "It is shocking to realize the complaisant attitude taken in this case by the State Department," Rabbi Irving Miller, executive committee chairman of the A. J. C., said.

The State Department made two protests to Lebanon.

Among the other passengers on

the Marine Carp was Mrs. Lillian Geberer, twenty-seven, widow of Milton Geberer, also twenty-seven, American Army veteran who was killed while fighting with Haganah in May. Mrs. Geberer, who returned with her five-year-old son, Harold, and her brother-in-law, Harlow Geberer, will live with her father, William L. Meyer, at 2609 Briggs Avenue, the Bronx.

British Memorial to U.S. Army

HIGH BEECH, Essex, England, July 13 (AP).—Mrs. Lewis W. Douglas, wife of the American Ambassador, unveiled a wooden plaque on Lippitts Hill here today to commemorate the United States Army's part in the defense of London. It was here that the first American guns came into action against German aircraft. The wooden plaque will be replaced with a permanent memorial.

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