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### MAGNES CALLS ON JEWS TO RENOUNCE ALL POLITICAL AMBITIONS IN PALESTINE; SAYS IT MUST BE INTER-NATIONAL HOLY LAND FOR JEW, CHRISTIAN, MOSLEM

Chancellor of Hebrew University Advocates Creation of Cultural Center as Only Goal of Zionism; Calls for Jewish Commission to Study Views of Palestine Jewry on Permanent Understanding with Arabs; Says Balfour Declaration a Handicap Because Obscure; "Doar Ha'Yom" Demands Resignation; Urges Students Not to Attend Classes

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

for Iew. Christian and Moslem alike. the renunciation of all ideas of Jewish political domination, the creation of a cultural center as the only goal of Zionism, the establishment of a Jewish Commission to determine the views of the Palestine Jewish community with regard to a permanent Arab-Jewish regard to a permanent Arab-lewish understanding, were advocated today by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, Chancellor of the Hebrew University, leader of the group of Jewish intellectuals in Palestine who are advocating the establishment of a parliament as a solution of the Jewish-Arab problem.

In a statement today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dr. Magnes re-plied to the proposals of St. John Phil-by, the British journalist who is the author of the parliament plan, by saying that since the initiative in the matter has been taken out of Jewish hands, the Jews must prepare for the negotiations that are bound to come. He proposes that the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem and the Vaad Leumi, the Palestine Jewish National Council, appoint a commission to determine the views of the Palestine Jewish community on this matter, and the creation of a special commission in London to study the problem with the aid of statesmen and political scientists.

Dr. Magnes regards Philby's proposals as a great advance over the usual Arab demands since Philby declares that the Balfour Declaration is not abrogateable and since he accepts the Mandate and grants to the High Commissioner wide powers, including the maintenance of law and order and the right of vetoing any legislative

#### ANTI-SEMITIC EXCESSES OCCUR IN GERMAN UNIVER SITIES IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA Authorities Closes Universities Where Attacks Occurred; 19 Jewish

Students Injured (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, Nov. 19-Nineteen Jewish students among whom were a number of girls, were wounded in the anti-Semitic attacks yesterday on the Ger-

Jerusalem, Nov. 19-Palestine as an action or decision of the parliament, international Holy Land and as a home Dr. Magnes also expressed himself as gratified because Philby agrees to free Jewish inmigration according to the capacity of the country to absorb it, and the right of the Jewish Agency to protect lewish interests.

Dr. Magnes said that he had long felt that the Balfour Declaration was a handicap because it was not clear and because it over-emphasized the Jewish relation to Palestine instead of laying stress on Palestine's position as an international Holy Land. He declared, however, that he accepted the Balfour Declaration only because he did not want the international good faith to which this Declaration gave expression to be discredited through nullification. The Balfour Declaration, Dr. Magnes stated, should be stripped of the extravagant meaning which the British Government allowed it to be

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#### ARABS THREATEN TO DENY JEWS ALL RIGHTS AT WAILING WALL Letter to Rabbi Kook Informs Him

Organized Jewish Worship Will No Longer Be Permitted

(Tewish Telegraphic Agency) Jerusalem, Nov. 19-Chief Rabbi Kook has received a letter from the Society for the Defense of the Mosque, "Aksa," purporting to represent the views of 1,000 Arabs from Palestine. Transjordania and Syria who met in Jerusalem on November 14. They resolved not to permit any further organized Jewish worship at the Wailing Wall.

The letter claims that the Wall is a purely Moslem religious site and while it grants that the Jews, like all other persons, have the right to pay simple visits, it states that "any ceremony or the installation of objects or the raising of the voice constitutes an en-croachment on Arab reliigous rights on the part of either the government or the Jews."

According to this letter the meeting reproved the government's temporary regulations with regard to the Wailing Wall and demanded their cancellation and the establishment "of the previous state of affairs." The letter also threatens that if the Jews disobey, the (Continued on Page 2)

## OUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT PALESTINE GOVERNMENT IN HABIT OF YIELDING TO ARAB THREATS HOTLY DEBATED

Preedy Bitterly Opposes Question to Luke Whether Government, in Prohibit-ing Shofar Blowing, Submitted to Arab Threats; Merriman Stand that It Is Important Key to Mind of Government Sustained by Shaw; Government Communiques and Official Bulletins Subject of Cross Examination; Luke Says Bulletins Were Understatements

# By GERSHON AGRONSKY

(Staff Correspondent, Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

whether or not the Palestine Govern-ment has been in the habit of yielding to the threats of the Arabs, aroused considerable acrimonious discussion yesterday at the hearing before the Commission of Inquiry, which is investigating the recent Arab outbreaks

against the Jews in the country. The question was precipitated when Sir Boyd Merriman, counsel for the Jewish Agency, pointed to the fact that the custom of blowing the Shofar at the end of the Yom Kippur service, followed for thousands of years, had this year not been followed, because the Government had yielded to Arab threats and prohibited it. Since the government had submitted in this question, at a time when troops were in Singer, has intervened with the Min-the country, was it not possible that lister of Education and the police the Government had also yielded to

Jerusalem, Nov. 19-The question of the outbreaks in August, Merriman

asked. The greatest excitement and agitation attended the discussion which followed. Preedy, counsel for the Palestine Government, insisted that the submission of a question concerning the Government's conduct during October, to a Commission inquiring into the immediate causes of the outbreak in August, was unallowable. Merriman insisted that the Commission was inquiring into the Government's attitude of mind, and that there-

fore it was entirely pertinent to show if the Government had yielded to pressure, before, during or after the cyents. Sir Walter Shaw, head of the Commission of Inquiry, ruled that the question might be put. Preedy violently objected, pointing out that Mer-riman is attributing the acts to the

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Arabs will even deny them the right to visit the Wailing Wall.

The letter says in part, "We swear by God to carry our demands into force and place all responsibility which might ensue thereof upon the government. For the sake of peace and public security we deem it a duty to communicate this to you so that you may take steps to prevent the lews from encroaching upon and passing beyond the limits granted by the mg ocyona the limits granted by the Moslems. If you fail to do so the resolution will be carried into force by all legal means."

The letter was signed by Moham-med Said Ul Dash Kaleeb.

#### ANTI-SEMITIC EXCESSES OCCUR IN GERMAN UNIVER-SITIES IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA (Continued from Page 1)

president who assured him that everything would be done to prevent any recurrence of the outbreak. The police were extremely active yesterday in beating off the German students and th Czech Fascists who joined them in the attacks on the home of the Jewish students. The latter have decided not to attend lectures in the German universities.

Prague, Nov. 19-Anti-Semitic excesses have broken out in all German universities in Czecho-Slovakia. The situation is particularly acute in the Medicine Faculty and the Technicum. Incited by the German People's Party, the students fell upon the Jewish students, beating them and wounding many. A number of the anti-Semitic attackers were also wounded. Police intervention was required to disperse the rioters.

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which was given to the Declaration in the White Paper of 1921—an interpretation which the Zionist Organization has thus far not done enough to carry into effect.

Dr. Magnes said that the White Paper ended the dream of ultimate domination but did give the Jews the right to be in Palestine and that this was enough of a basis for the creation of an Achad Ha'amist intellectual center. (Palestine as a cultural center was the main doctrine of Achad Ha'am, the nom de plume of the late Asher Ginsburg, famous Zionist writer and theoretician). He suggested that a committee of historians be delegated to clear up the obscurities of the Mac-Mahon promise to the Arabs in 1915. The High Commissioner should be appointed by the Mandatory power and be confirmed by the League of Nations in order to emphasize Palestine's position as a home for Jew, Christian and Moslem.

He wants a bi-national state established. Pointing out that large groups of Arabs are politically immature, he said that both sides must be generous. The Jews, said Dr. Magnes, must re-nounce all ideas of political domination and the Arabs must recognize Jewish rights in Palestine. Constitutional and legislative forms should be created that would establish Palestine as an international home for all religions and races. This, he said, would satisfy the lew's desire for a spiritual and cultural center.

Palestine belongs to all religions, not only to its inhabitants, said Dr. Mag-nes. He is opposed to the retention of Jewish rights by bayonets in a land where the majority of the inhabitants oppose it. It is better, he concluded; that the Jews wait, than try to establish a National Home on any conditions except those based on mutual understanding.

When Dr. Magnes made his proposal of a parliament before a meeting of of a parliament before a meeting of the Vaad Leumi last week, he was severely criticized. The representative of the Zionist Revisionists left the meeting. The Labor representatives also protested. After a speech deliv-ered by Pincus Rutenberg, President of the Vaad Leumi, the Council adopted resolutions condemning Dr. Magnes's propaganda for a parliament.

Today's issue of the Jerusalem Hebrew\_daily, "Doar Hayom," demands that Dr. Magnes resign from the Hebrew University and appeals to the students not to attend classes at the University as long as he is Chancellor.

The attitude of Dr. Magnes has

created much excitement among Zionists in Palestine. It is frankly admitted in Zionist circles here that the Balfour Declaration has thus far secured no privileges or advantages for The authorities have closed the Universities where the excesses occurred vited Arab hostility. The majority of

given, and that interpretation accepted the Zionists in Palestine desire a peaceful understanding with the Arabs, but they feel that any efforts on their part in this direction now would be taken as a sign of weakness by the Arabs and that the present moment is

not auspicious for such an effort. Besides, even among those who are in favor of opening negotiations, opposition to Dr. Magnes is expressed be-cause they believe that such political action should be left to the proper bodies and that Dr. Magnes's initiative is disrupting Jewish unity at a moment when it is most essential.

# STUDENTS AND REVISIONISTS HISS MAGNES AT OPENING OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY Says National Home Built on Bayonets

of Some Empire Not Worthwhile By HERBERT SOLOW Special Representative.

Jewish Telegraphic Agency Jerusalem, Nov. 19-The Hebrew

University on Mount Scopus opened its winter session yesterday amid considerable excitement. For the first time in the history of the

Hebrew University, the convocation speech of Dr. Judah L. Magnes, Chancellor, was greeted with hisses by students of the University and the Zionist Revisionists. M. M. Ussishkin President of the Jewish National Fund one of several hundred invited guests. interrupted Dr. Magnes, in the midst of his address to remind him that his audience had come to hear a learned address and not a political speech.

What drew fire was Dr. Magnes's statement to the effect: "If the only way of establishing the Jewish National Home, is upon the bayonets of some empire, our whole enterprise is not worthwhile and it is better that the eternal people that has outlived many a mighty empire should possess its soul in patience and plan and wait. It is out of the great civilizing tasks before the Jewish people to try to enter the Promised Land not as Joshua, but bringing peace, culture, hard work sacrifice, love and determination: to do nothing unjustifiable before the conscience of the world."

The stand taken by Dr. Magnes was not unexpected in Jewish circles, rumon having been current for weeks concern ing the attitude of the former Rabbi and Jewish pacifist leader.

Declaring the the Hebrew University is being reopened on the assurance of the High Commissioner that the Police Commandant will protect the Jewis community of Jerusalem and the State and the students, he said: "The He brew University is attempting to ope its sessions under melancholy circum stances. Order has not yet been restored and it is still not clear whether the Administration will be able to tak steps to prevent daily attacks on the life and property of the Jewish com

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## **OUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT PALESTINE** GOVERNMENT IN HABIT OF YIELDING TO ARAB THREATS HOTLY DEBATED

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weakness of H. C. Luke, Chief Secre-Jupset the table at the Wailing Wall. tary of the Palestine Government and Actnig High Commissioner during the outbreaks. Luke, who is the last Government witness to appear before the Commission, Preedy asserted, knows nothing of, nor has he any recollection of Arab threats. Moreover, Preedy stated. Luke is not responsible for the Government since the return of Sir John Chancellor. Merriman retorted: "If my friend (meaning Preedy) thinks that I am charging Luke with personal responsibility, he is mistaken." This question is still hanging fire.

Another issue was presented and settled when Merriman placed before the Commission typewritten copies, and later the original draft, of a telegram, in the handwriting of Assistant Secre-tary Mills, handed by Mills to Braude, acting in behalf of the Palestine Zionist Executive, containing important changes in a telegram drafted by Braude, reporting to the Zionist Executive in London the Moslem demonstration at the Wailing Wall on August 16.

Luke consistently disclaimed any recollection of the conversation with Braude, but did not deny the interview. Sir Walter Shaw refused to accept for the record typewritten copies of the message, until the very end of the sitting, when Merriman produced the original telegram, minimizing events connected with the demonstration, which Luke identified as being in Mills's handwriting.

Several times in the course of the morning session, Luke explained that he had had so many meetings, and so many things had occurred, that he did not recollect even the most important interviews with Jewish and Arab leaders alike. At the same time he made the qualifying statement that he did not deny that these interviews had

taken place.

The first clash between Merriman and Luke developed over the time when Cust, Acting Governor of Jerusalem, informed Luke of the intended Moslem demonstration. Luke asserted that the question had not been referred to him until about noon. Cust. however, on the witness stand, declared that he heard about the demonstration as soon as he arrived at the office and that "naturally without delay" he told

Luke. Merriman submitted that Braude saw Luke on August 17 about the prayer books that had been burned during the Moslem demonstration, and that he agreed to show Luke the cable he was sending the Zionist Executive in London, while Luke showed him the draft of the Government communique on both the Jewish and the Arab demonstrations. Braude objected to demonstrations. Braude objected to the communique, which generally be-littled the outrage, saying among other ing Wall because the Grand Mufti had things that "the pressure of the account." things that "the pressure of the crowd'

The communique also denied that the Moslems broke through the new gate, and described the situation at the Wailing Wall during the Jewish services as perfectly normal.

Luke, in explanation of his communique, said that it was intended to check the very considerable misrepresenta-tions of what had happened at the Wailing Wall on both days and also to help the leaders of both sides to calm the people. The communique was not a judicial document. Graver events which unhappily followed, swallowed

up the preceding events, he testified. The witness stated he had no recollection of seeing the cable of the Palestine Zionist Executive which stated that the Government had permit-ted the Arab crowd at the Wailing Wall; that the crowd had used the new gate; that it had burned the prayer books; and that the Wall was insufficiently policed. In the cable, the Zionists demanded punishment for the desecrators, predicted the outbreak, and urged members of the Zionist Executive to return to Jerusalem.

Endeavoring to refresh Luke's memory, Merriman quoted from and handed around the actual text of the Government's draft, asking: "In the face of this, is it possible that you do not recollect?" Finally Luke admitted it was quite possible that the Government suggested certain alterations, and he "faintly recalls" the conversation, but he still does not remember whether he had drafted or discussed the alter-

native text

The placing into evidence of the draft in Mill's handwriting by Merriman, proved to be one of the bombshells of the entire proceedings before the Commission

Leaving this point, Merriman turned to ask Luke: "Since you are the last Government witness, will you let the Government case close without volunteering information as to to who got up the Moslem demonstration?"

Preedy jumped to his feet, objecting to the question as astounding, declaring that he had never heard of such a question being put to a witness. Sir Walter Shaw sustained Preedy, and instructed Merriman to ask Luke what he knows about the organizers of the

demonstration.

Merriman then read the police reports from Nablus and elsewhere showing that rowdies who never before came to Jerusalem had traveled thence in motor cars to celebrate the Prophet's birthday. Answering Merriman's query whether he could throw any light on the persons providing the cars, Luke said he knew nothing about it. He denied knowledge as to wheth-

erty. He said he recalled a discussion regarding a lamp-post, but not what had happened to the lamp, which was designed to light up the pavement at the Wall, after the removal of all the small lamps previously attached to the buildings, which were removed, under the temporary regulations, leaving the worshippers in the dark.

For thousands of years the Day of Atonement services concluded with the blowing of the Shofar, began Merriman in passing to the point which produced the greatest controversy. The Shofar is as necessary and integral a part of the Yom Kippur services as the blessing at the end of the communion service in the Anglican church, he said. Luke could not remember whether the Shofar had been blown from the Wall in previous years, saytrom the Wall in previous years, say-ing that until the Wall became an issue, political spotlight had not been focused on such matters, but he agreed that he had never heard any objections against Shofar blowing before.

To Merriman's question, "Did the Musti or the Moslem Supreme Council say they would not be responsible for the consequences if the Shofar was blown on Yom Kippur?" Luke answered they objected because it had been blown on Rosh Hashonah. the question, "Do you deny that the Mufti said he would not be responsible for the consequences on Yom Kinpur?" Luke replied that he had no recollection of it.

Merriman then pointed out that the Shofar had not been blown, to which Luke replied "not at the Wall." He explained that the congregation adjourned to the synagogue, where he understood that they heard the Shofar. To Merriman's question: "Was the greatest Government pressure brought to bear on the rabbis to explain to them that the blowing of the Shofar would entail bloodshed?", Luke testified that he didn't know, because he was not present at the conversation with the rabbis.

At this juncture Merriman read a letter from the Chief Rabbinate, concurring in the order not to allow the Shofar to be blown, owing to the pressure of the Arabs. Luke would not say that it was the pressure of the Arabs. He said that the Arabs objected to the Shofar blowing because it was not included in the new regu-

lations.

Here there followed a long consultation between the Commissioners over this question, Shaw remarking that the question assumes that there were threats, whereas the witness had said that he had no knowledge of such threats. After another consultation, Shaw said: "I desire that the question shall be asked." It was then that Preedy objected and Shaw said that Sir Boyd wishes to know the state of the government's mind, and the question is permissible.

Sir Henry Betterton, a member of the Commission, expressed astonishment that Luke had no recollection of such important matters. Merriman

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# QUESTION WHETHER GOVERN-MENT YIELDED TO ARAB THREATS HOTLY DEBATED (Continued from Page 3)

pressed his advantage, saying was it a fact that the Government, in issuing this order, was yielding to threats For if the government could yield to pressure in a matter like this in October with troops in the country, it is obvious that they could yield before August 23. The session then adjourned to consider the question.

When the session was reopened, the Commissioners stated that the question whether the Government yielded to Moslem threats and prohibited the blowing of the Shofar, is not a question of fact, but a deduction from a series of facts, from which the Commission itself must draw, therefore it cannot enforce an answer from Luke to Merriman's question, if Luke objects. Luke replied that he did not obeict, but that he knew of no threats, and that Sir John Chancellor knew of no threats and vielded to none.

Merriman then read a letter by the Rabbinate, stating that they agreed to the mediaeval prohibitions only because of the special difficulties of the situation and wish to avoid trouble and spare the inhabitants of the country from further shock from their ene-The letter continued to say that mies. the Rabbis realize that they have none to rely upon except their Father in

arreed.

"Was an acknowledgment sent to the Rabbis, correcting the impression that the Government ordered the prothat the Government ordered the pro-hibition to save the country from further bloodshed?" Merriman asked Luke. In reply, Luke read a letter tersely acknowledging the Rabbis' com-munication which "His Excellency has duly noted."

Merriman introduced part of Chancellor's statement to the Permanent Mandates Commission in July, in which he stated that the Moslems are trying to invest El Burak with a sanctity never before attached to it. Merriman implied that the Government was as skeptical as the Jews regarding the sacredness of the pavement to the Moslems. Skepticism can't be provoca-tive, for then the Government is tive, mong erfed Aiter a long silence, Luke

Merriman then took up the Government bulletins on the disorders, issued before the return of Sir John Chancellor to the country. "You appreciate the difference between the spasmodic rioting between rival sections of the community and the attack by one sec-tion upon another?" asked Merriman, adding that the bulletins were intended to convey the impression that there was a mutual spasmodic outbreak, not an Arab attack. Luke replied that he himself did not like the bulletins, but there was no specific intention to give an erroneous impression. The state of the country necessitated that the supply of information should not be of an alarmist form, Luke asserted. He said he did not remember that the Palestine Zionist Executive had gener-

ally objected to the communiques, recalling only one exception, and that to the Safed communique, which reported "a small outbreak has been successfully quelled by the arrival of troops." Luke agreed that this description was

an understatement.

Merriman countered: "Isn't it almost an understatement to call this kind of a thing an understatement? By this time, all the people of Palestine knew what was going on. No use-rul purpose was served by such a communique."

Luke refused to answer whether the Jaffa riots were described in the following manner: "A party came into conflict with the police in the Mansieh marter That "three were killed, twenty-four wounded," was an under-statement of the intended Arab attack on Tel Aviv, Luke admitted, again adding the communiques were meant to be reassuring documents, not history.

Regarding Haifa where it was officially reported that "the Arabs and lews again came into conflict at Hadar Ha'Carmel, and were dispersed by the police." Merriman stressed that it gave the wrong impression that there was a mutual clash. Merriman demanded to know why the casualties at Hebron which is administratively not a part of Jerusalem, were bulked with the Jerusalem casualties, and why the Hebron butchery of Jews where no Arabs were injured by Jews was made undistinquishable.

Luke pleaded it could not have been the government's intention to minimize the awfulness of the Hebron attack, yet was unable to explain the communique which said that eight Moslems were killed, ten wounded. without saying that they were killed and wounded by the police after the massacre. Luke was unable to explain why the Haiia communique said that twenty-five rifles were seized whereas the Commission knows of only two rifles, nor why the flour mill prisoners were kept four weeks, why all the Jewish Arab casualties were bulked without distinguishing which casualties were inflicted by the military

Luke disagreed that it was the tendency of the bulletins to make it appear that there was an outbreak of rival factions. "There was no deliberare intention to picture the outbreak as a bilateral series of events," he stated. He said such a conclusion was possible but unintended. It was impossible, he said, to project the mind into the future and contemplate the subsequent effects of the communiques. Merriman then read Chancellor's proclamation pointing to the differences in tones. Preedy replied there is a difference between proclamations and news bulletins.

The police commissioners, Mavro-gardato and Saunders, were questioned in camera aiter the session adjourned.

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munity in Jerusalem and elsewhere." "Will conditions be established making scholarly work possible?" he asked "Shall we be able to leave our houses without the fear of being stabbed as we walk up University hill, without fear of being shot from ambush? In Hebron, the Hadassah clinic was one of the first objects of attack. Is that the fate awaiting the delicately adjusted balances of the microscopes of our laboratories? Up until this moment, the University, together with the whole community, awaits the answer to this elemental question. There is no adequate answer from the government. There is no answer at all from the

Deploring the fact that there is no Arab leadership "of at least humane and high language," and declaring that he does not know enough about the Arabs to pass judgment on the whole people, among whom he does not doubt there are fine and simple Arabs, for example those who protected the Jews, he exclaimed: " But have there been any Arab leaders who had the common humanity to express sorrow at the barbarous methods of their inflamed followers? Let one speak and by him shall be judged the righteousness of his whole people! Are there among them those who understand the international language of learning? know what is meant when one talks of Palestine not as an Arab, not as a Jewish land, but as an international land, whose significance is more important to mankind than to its inhabitants?

"We ask not only of the authorities, but of the civilized world, is this work to continue. The first condition is the establishment of order. And it is the irony of fate that the Commission should investigate the violence of yesterday while no day passes without an outbreak of violence, terrorization and abuse. It is necessary to find ways of living together. But how hard it is made for us to speak in such terms when not only blood is shed in the most primitive religious and nationalistic orgy, but when one finds so little understanding on all sides of the sacred character of this Holy Land. Many of those who yesterday were ready to consider new relations be-tween Arabs and Jews are now frightened of making concessions as ward for the methods employed in Hebron, Saied, Motza and Talpioth. This question is natural and human, yet I say we must not be deterred even by massacre and corruption from facing the problem and giving as far as we can an objective, ethical and intel-ligent answer. We must face it not because of the pogroms, but despite of them; not because of physical pressure from without, but because of spiritual pressure from within. Unless we have the courage to face and the insight and wisdom to solve it, our enterprise has not been put on the firm foundations necessary to its development," Dr. Magnes asserted.