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### BRITAIN REPORTS TO LEAGUE ON PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION

LONDON, June 10. (JTA) -- The British Government made public today its report to the League of Nations on its administration of Palestine under the League's mandate during 1935.

Rendering account of its stewardship of the troubled Holy Land, the report analyzes the current restlessness, ascribing it in part to the contagion of the Italo-Ethiopian war and the Egyptian unrest and to Arab discontent arising from Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews.

Although public security was well maintained, the report states, the latter part of the year was not free of tension and Arab discontent arising from Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews.

This condition was constantly manifested, it declares, by vehement speeches and strongly worded articles in the press which reached their climax following the death of Sheikh Iz-ed-din, who was slain by police in a battle with brigands.

Announcement of the legislative council plans of the Government, according to the report, exercised a tranquillizing effect.

The report reveals that 61,854 Jewish immigrants entered the Holy Land in 1935, of whom 6,309 are capitalists, bringing with them a minimum of \$5,000 each. A total of 1,557 persons were found to have entered the country illegally, of whom 565 Jews were sentenced and recommended for deportation. Of the total illegal immigrants, 1,079 were deported, 245 of them being Jews.

Jewish immigrants, the report declares, continued to gravitate mostly to the towns, but there was a slight movement at the year's end to the settlements.

Unemployed Jews in December totalled 6,000.

Reviewing Jewish affairs, the report states the differences between the Vaad Leumi (Jewish National Council) and the Agudath Israel, extreme orthodox organization, were noticeably less acute. A similar improvement is noted in the relations between the Histadruth, Palestine labor federation, and the Revisionists, right-wing Zionists.

Analyzing Arab affairs, the report describes the crystallization of the Arab political organizations into parties and the development of a degree of harmony in their representations to the Government.

Revenue during the year ending March, 1936, is put at £57,939,270.

Sales of land during the year totalled 187,000 dunams, valued at £11,720,000. Citrus planting area was increased by 28,000 dunams. Bank deposits amounted to £16,000,000 as the year ended.

Local industries continued to make progress although some were closed temporarily on account of foreign competition, resuming operations in 1936 under the tariff protection.

"The prosperity enjoyed by the Jewish community in 1934," the report states, "was sustained during 1935 and manifested itself in a widening of activities until towards the year-end the uncertainty communicated by the international situation led to a general restriction and contraction of investment building and industry."

"The municipal council continued to function satisfactorily," the report continues, and the urban administration is tending to improve.

An increase in crime is noted in the report.

"European crooks in Tel Aviv," it states, "are indulging in crimes almost unknown in Palestine a few years ago, such as counterfeiting, safe-breaking, passport and visa forgeries, and bank frauds."

Communist activity, the report says, continued to demand constant police surveillance.

#### SEVERAL ARABS REPORTED WOUNDED IN BATTLE WITH SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- Disregarding the arrival of the eighth battalion of British troops today, and the presence of another cruiser at Haifa, Arab rebels in many parts of the country continued their campaign of guerilla warfare against Government forces and the Jews.

A pitched battle was fought between Arab bands and troops along the railway line at Beisan, near the Jordan River. The Arabs retreated in the direction of Jenin and the hills and are believed to have taken with them several wounded.

Five persons were injured, one of them seriously, when police fired into an Arab crowd at Hebron, dispersing a demonstration during the funeral of one of the victims of Monday's bomb explosion at the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem. The demonstrators stoned the police.

More British troops arrived from Egypt today to cope with continuing Arab revolutionary disorders which since April 19 have claimed nearly eighty lives.

Including today's reinforcements, the second battalion of the Dorsetshire Regiment, the British garrison in Palestine now comprises eight battalions, an air corps, tanks and artillery units, numbering in all close to 8,000 men and officers. In addition there are more than 3,000 regular policemen under arms and about 1,000 special policemen.

An unidentified German settler was stabbed by an Arab at Beit Lahm.

Bombings were reported at Safed, where a woman was slightly injured, on the outskirts of Tel Aviv and in Gaza.

The Lord Allenby statue at Beersheba, in Southern Palestine, was slightly damaged by a bomb.

A Jewish automobile convoyed by a detail of Jewish police was ambushed by Arabs last night in the Valley Jezreel, near Kfar Ezekiel. The driver was wounded.

The guard fought its way through the ambushade, with the Arabs firing from all sides. Police and troops later dispersed the rebels.

More than 9,000 vines were uprooted last night near the colony Zikron Jacob. This is the twentieth instance of such vandalism in the district which to date has caused damages of more than \$75,000.

Davar, labor daily, reports that the rumor of Ragheb Bey Nashashibi's resignation from the Arab Supreme Council is unfounded.

Shots were fired at the army barracks in Nablus. Sporadic shooting occurred in the Jerusalem suburbs of Motza and Mekor-Haim and in Kfar Etzyon.

A group of Pullman cars on the railroad tracks at Lydda were set on fire.

According to an official communique, Jerusalem Jews destroyed a carload of vegetables bought by a Jew from Arabs.

Josef Tabori, wounded Jewish driver of an automobile that was ambushed near Kfar Ezekiel last night, was taken to the Hadassah Hospital at Haifa.

The second Arab among a group of twenty-five Arabs and Armenians injured when a bomb exploded at Jaffa gate yesterday died.

An Arab was shot by soldiers at Majdal when he neared a railroad track despite a warning to stay away from it. A fire destroyed 1,000 trees at the Balfour Forest.

A communique said that aside from violators of curfew regulations, 1,495 persons have been arrested since disorders broke out on April 19. These include 1,313 Arabs, of whom 754 have been convicted, 226 acquitted and 333 remain to be tried; and 182 Jews of whom 104 have been convicted, seventeen acquitted and sixty-one remain to be tried.

#### ARAB COUNCIL SAYS IT WILL CONTINUE FIGHT

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- The Arab Supreme Council issued a proclamation today announcing that it will not yield to Government measures, including the concentration of Arab leaders, and will continue the fight against Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews.

Members of the Action Committee of the World Zionist Organization who live in Palestine will meet here Monday to discuss the situation. The meeting has been called by the Zionist Executive.

Professor Pick, a leader of the Mizrachi, extreme orthodox organization, will leave tomorrow for London in connection with the disturbances.

The question of establishing a political committee at London will be discussed here tomorrow at a special joint session of leaders of the General Zionists and the Mizrachi.

#### MAYOR KHALIDI WILL ATTEND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- Mayor Hussein Khalidi, Arab mayor of this city, promised the authorities today henceforth to attend every session of the municipal council, thus bringing to an end a municipal crisis precipitated by the absence of Arab councillors. Mayor Khalidi, together with the Jewish councillors, will constitute the quorum necessary to transact official business.

The authorities permitted construction of a Jewish abattoir near Mea Shearim, Jewish quarter of Jerusalem, because of repeated attacks on the municipal slaughter house on the outskirts of the city.

#### ARMY ENGINEERS PUT IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN PHONES

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- The Royal Engineers were today put in charge of the international telephone system, which has been barred to newspaper correspondents.

All firms and individuals permitted to use the system are being asked to sign pledges that they will not transmit news to the press.



Thus far use of the foreign telephone service has been permitted only to the Government, military forces, the Jewish Agency for Palestine, banks and larger mercantile enterprises, and tourist agencies.

#### REPORT ARAB TERRORIST GROUPS FORMED

LONDON, June 10. (JTA) -- The Daily Telegraph reports today that young Arab terrorists have organized three secret societies to continue the anti-Government and anti-Jewish violence.

#### 2 JAILED FOR INSTIGATING DISORDERS IN POLISH TOWN

WARSAW, June 10. (JTA) -- Two of twenty members of the anti-Semitic National Democratic Party (Endeks) on trial for instigating anti-Jewish disorders at Odrzywol last November today were sentenced to eighteen months each in prison. They were specifically charged with having disarmed policemen who attempted to defend the Jews.

Three others were acquitted and the remaining fifteen were given suspended sentences.

The disorders for which the Endeks stood trial broke out when a mob of peasants surrounded the town after rumors that Jews were torturing priests. Police fired into the mob, wounding several persons.

Der Moment, Yiddish daily, reports today that anti-Semitic hooligans attacked and seriously injured Rabbi Isaac Heller in the city of Lodz. Rabbi Heller was reported paralyzed as a result of his injuries.

#### EDMONDSON CASE DEFERRED TO FRIDAY

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- The arraignment of Robert E. Edmondson, anti-Semitic propagandist, on criminal libel charges contained in a summons issued by Mayor LaGuardia was adjourned today until Friday in Tombs Court. Magistrate Bernard Mogilesky granted the stay to John S. Wise, Jr., who appeared as attorney for Edmondson. Many spectators hissed Wise, others applauded, as he left the courtroom.

#### REPORT OPPOSITION TO WORLD CONGRESS FROM 200 CITIES

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- James N. Rosenberg, attorney and prominent among those who oppose the forthcoming World Jewish Congress, reported today that he had received communications from organizations and persons -- many of whom represent organizations -- in more than 200 cities expressing opposition to the congress.

He said he hoped that Dr. Stephen S. Wise "will, in the interests of democracy, tell the meeting in Washington (the electoral conference next week-end to select an American delegation to the congress) the extent of the opposition throughout the country." He added that

Dr. Wise has "literally been deluged with letters and telegrams" voicing opposition to the congress.

Among the cities in which persons and groups communicated with Mr. Rosenberg are Akron, O.; Cleveland, New York, Detroit, Richmond, Va.; Boston, Louisville, Indianapolis, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Denver, San Antonio, Tex.; Baltimore, Cincinnati, Newark, Washington, Galveston, Tex.; Dayton, O., and Scranton, Pa.

He made public a letter signed by twenty-two Cleveland Jewish leaders expressing disapproval "as individual Jewish citizens" of the world congress.

Abraham Kraditor, commander-in-chief of the Jewish War Veterans of U.S., was quoted in an order to constituent groups:

"It is hereby ordered and directed that no unit of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., and no individual in his capacity as a representative of the Jewish War Veterans may in any way participate in any such meeting, conference or election of delegates, or act as a delegate, in such a world congress."

The Reconstructionist, monthly edited by Prof. Mordecai M. Kaplan, says in a leading editorial in its issue dated June 12 that it is opposed to the immediate convening of a world congress.

#### RABBI SILVER BACKS ROTHENBERG FOR ZOA PRESIDENCY

BOSTON, June 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish Advocate today made public a letter from Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland in which he states that he is not a candidate for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America and expresses the hope that Morris Rothenberg will be re-elected.

"The present incumbent of the office, Mr. Morris Rothenberg," Rabbi Silver says, "has made an excellent president. He has brought to his position fine qualities of devoted and quiet leadership, integrity and a spirit of conciliation. His Administration this year was particularly successful. His tour through the middlewest and the west in behalf of the Zionist cause was eminently successful and made a host of friends for Palestine."

The letter adds: "I trust that the Zionists of America will have the wisdom to re-elect him at the forthcoming Convention."