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### REPORT BRITAIN TO PROCLAIM MARTIAL LAW IN PALESTINE OVER WEEKEND

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Great Britain will proclaim martial law in Palestine within a week by an order in council to end 22-week-old disorders, it was reported today following a meeting of the Cabinet which considered the situation.

Added confirmation of the report was given by the Morning Post, which said the draft of the order, approved at yesterday's cabinet session, grants High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope full emergency powers, including authority to proclaim martial law, unless the Arabs unconditionally end their general strike and terrorism.

Great Britain and the East, which mirrors Colonial Office policy, will state in an editorial tomorrow that a system of cantons in Palestine is one of the proposals which will be considered by the Royal Commission in its investigation of disorders in the Holy Land.

Reports that the oil pipeline section of Palestine would be converted into a crown colony are ridiculed as a "fatuous suggestion." The editorial states that under a canton scheme the areas reserved for British rule would not have a colonial, but a mandatory status.

The editorial stresses that order must be restored before the commission proceeds with its inquiry.

The idea of dividing Palestine into cantons, along the general lines of the Swiss federal system, was revived early this year when it appeared that Arabs and Jews could not cooperate in the representative legislative council proposed by the Palestine Government.

### Reinforcements Arrive in Haifa

HAIFA, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The first contingent of British troop reinforcements numbering 1,400 men, dispatched here by the British Cabinet to end the Arab rebellion disembarked today.

The soldiers, including 700 officers and members of the headquarters general staff, were immediately sent on three special trains to different sectors of the embattled land. Two trains had orders to proceed to Lydda and the third to Emek Jezreel.

Another troop-ship, the Dorsetshire, was to arrive this afternoon with an estimated 1,300 effectives,

### English Officer Slain in Battle

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Several casualties were reported among Arab rebels who caused the death of a British soldier in an attack on three military lorries near Mara, an Arab village near Rosha Pina. Lance Corporal Merry of the York Lancaster regiment died today of wounds received in yesterday's engagement.

A skirmish between a naval railroad-patrol and Arabs occurred near the Beisan railroad station.

Marauders uprooted 2,300 trees in Gan Yavne and 500 in Kfar Bachoresh.

### PALESTINE, WORLD JEWRY MOURN DEATH OF MAYOR DIZENGOFF

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- More than 10,000 citizens of this all-Jewish city paid homage today at the bier of their mayor, Meier Dizengoff, who died this morning of pneumonia. He was 75.

Government officials sent condolences to the Tel Aviv municipality. High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchops telegraphed that he had lost a personal friend and voiced the hope that Dizengoff's spirit would live forever in the city which, he said, would remain forever a monument to his high qualities.

Other messages were received from Chief Secretary John Hathorn-Hall, judges, consuls and directors of the various Government departments.

Tel Aviv public institutions were closed and flags flew at half-mast as thousands filed past Mr. Dizengoff's body, which lay in state in the great hall of the Museum, his residence.

Officers of the municipality met in the Museum at five o'clock this morning, forty minutes after the death, and issued an official proclamation to the inhabitants announcing that the funeral would take place at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Friends, relatives and city officials were at his bedside when he died. Shortly after midnight, he lost consciousness and was revived with oxygen and an injection. He asked for tea, then lapsed into a coma again.

Mr. Dizengoff was taken ill with pneumonia of the left lung last Saturday, which was later complicated by a cardiac condition. By last night physicians had given up hope for his recovery.

In a generally weakened condition since a serious illness in January, 1935, Mr. Dizengoff was strained by exertions in connection with current Arab disorders.

Mr. Dizengoff, who was a widower, is survived by a niece, Mrs. Averbuch, and a step-niece, Gita Dizengoff.

### Career Linked with Palestine's Growth

Meier Dizengoff's 30 year career in Palestine was linked with the growth of the Holy Land into a modern, westernized country.

Coming here as a refugee from Russian anti-Semitism, he helped to found Tel Aviv on a sandy tract along the Mediterranean, and watched it spring into a metropolis of 150,000 population -- the largest city in Palestine.

Last January, Mr. Dizengoff, impatient with what he called the Government's "negative attitude" to Tel Aviv's expanding needs, declined to serve again as mayor, but was drafted.

One of his fondest dreams was realized last May when a seaport was established for the first time at Tel Aviv. It was only a temporary jetty, but to him it signified the beginning of a maritime trade for the Jews. Against the advice of physicians, he left the hospital to attend dedication ceremonies.

For many years, Mr. Dizengoff had turned over his entire salary to projects not municipally financed, such as the Tel Aviv Orchestra, a fire brigade and various public improvements. He was independently wealthy, holding interests in several business enterprises. He acted as consul for several foreign countries, including Belgium.

He was one of the most influential of Jewish leaders in Palestine, a member of the Jewish National Council, the Zionist Council, a former member of the Zionist Executive and a frequent delegate to Zionist congresses. His influence went beyond the borders of Palestine. On a visit to the United States some years ago he succeeded in negotiating a \$350,000 loan for his city.

In a sharply-worded letter last August, Mayor Dizengoff charged that the Government's policy was responsible for the continuation of the current disturbances.

The Levant Fair, bringing together examples of Palestine's progress in industry and commerce, owed its success largely to Mr. Dizengoff's efforts. He was chairman of the arrangements committee for the fair.

In connection with the celebration of Mr. Dizengoff's seventy-fifth birthday last March 10, the Palestine Government allocated \$25,000 for creation of a public park in his name called Gan Meior. The British and Yugoslavian governments awarded him decorations.

Meier Dizengoff was born March 10, 1861, in a Bessarabian village. He studied at a local Hebrew school and a yeshivah. Later, when his family moved to Kishineff, he attended a State school and served in the army, reaching the rank of assistant manager of the regimental office and editing the regiment's newspaper.

While in the army, he became interested in Nihilism. He was arrested and imprisoned for eight months for propagating his views. During this confinement he did considerable reading on the Jewish question, and on his release abandoned Nihilism to enter Jewish public life. Returning to Kishineff, he founded the first Hovevei Zion Society (Lovers of Zion).

After a trip to Palestine in 1891, during which he tried unsuccessfully to establish a glass factory for Baron de Rothschild, Dizengoff returned to Russia to take up the battle against the assimilationist movement among the Jews. In 1905, during the pogroms that followed the first Russian revolution, he left Russia to settle permanently in Palestine.

In the seaport city of Jaffa he laid the foundations for his career. As agent for the Geulah Society he purchased lands that later made possible the founding of Tel Aviv. During the World War, Mr. Dizengoff and other Tel Aviv Jews were banished to Northern Palestine by the Turks. There he undertook relief work and became the spokesman for the exiled Jews, frequently jeopardizing his life by vigorous representations to the government of Jamal Pasha.

With the war ended and Palestine under a British mandate, Tel Aviv experienced a boom and shot up into a great metropolis, the more remarkable because it was the only all-Jewish city in the world. Mayor Dizengoff's prestige rose in proportion, and the Jewish community came to look to him as a person of great sagacity and business sense. He combined practical genius with idealism.

#### Jewish Agency to Hold Service

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The passing of Meier Dizengoff evoked today expressions of sorrow from Jewish circles all over the world.

The London branch of the Jewish Agency for Palestine closed its offices during the morning as a sign of a mourning and lowered its flag to half-mast. A special convocation to commemorate his death is being arranged under the auspices of the Agency.

In Warsaw, the news of Dizengoff's death spread rapidly. All Zionist institutions lowered their flags. Jewish newspapers appeared with black borders.

#### NAZIS ARREST 2 MORE ZIONIST LEADERS

BERLIN, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Gestapo, secret State police, today arrested two more Zionist leaders, Franz Meyer and Benno Cohen, members of the German Zionist Federation's council.

As in the case of Rabbi Emil Bernhard Cohn, 55-year-old Zionist scholar and writer who was seized Sunday, no reasons were given for the detentions.



The arrests have had no visible effect on the offices of the Federation, which are working normally. Rabbi Cohn's arrest is the second in the space of a year. He was seized on Dec. 20, 1935 and held for eighteen days on a charge of criticizing the Nuremberg "ghetto" laws in an address at Koponick.

BRITISH DEPUTIES ASK \$50,000 TO DEFEND JEWS AGAINST DEFAMATION

LONDON, Sept. 23, (JTA) -- An appeal for an emergency fund to be used in defending the Jewish community here against defamation and slander was issued today by the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The statement declared that the sum which had been already raised was inadequate in view of the urgency of the task and urged launching of a campaign immediately to raise \$50,000.

Signatories to the appeal included Neville Laski, president of the board, Sir Osmond E. D'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Leonard Montefiore and Sir Robert Waley Cohen.

RUMANIAN JEWS FEAR NEW IMPORT RULE MAY BE USED AGAINST THEM

BUCHAREST, Sept. 23, (JTA) -- Jewish business circles expressed concern over a Government order, effective today, requiring the personal approval of Valerius Pop, anti-Semitic Minister of Industry and Commerce, on all import permits.

Applications for the permits, under the order, must set forth the name and surname of the applicant as well as complete data on the financial status and personnel of the firm.

Jewish circles, pointing out that Pop is known for his anti-Semitic tendencies and is a former leader of the anti-Jewish Cuzist Party, expressed fears that the order might be used to discriminate against Jewish firms.

Anti-Semites won a complete victory today in the election of the Medical Council in Constanza. As a result, Jewish physicians stated that it would be virtually impossible for them to establish practice in the city.

JEW BEATEN BY RUMANIAN MOB; JAILED FOR CREATING DISTURBANCE

BUCHAREST, Sept. 23, (JTA) -- A Jewish merchant in the town of Turnu Severin who got into an altercation with a taxi driver over a dollar was beaten and his house damaged by an angry crowd today and he was arrested afterward for creating a disturbance.

During the dispute, the Jew, Nathan Bercu, struck the driver. The driver's friends gathered a crowd of 1,000 which attacked Bercu and his home. The merchant, seriously injured in the ensuing disorders, was jailed by the police.

REPORT 700 POLISH JEWS MAY BE BARRED FROM PALESTINE

WARSAW, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Havas News Agency reported that 700 Jewish emigrants, including 200 students, who left here today for Palestine, faced danger of being held up at the end of their journey. The British Government had not granted permission for the emigrants to enter the Holy Land during October, it was learned.

JEWISH REFUGEE, UNABLE TO GET PALESTINE VISA, FACES DEPORTATION TO REI

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A man without a country, Max Bleucher today faced death or imprisonment in Germany unless he secures a visa for Palestine.

Bleucher, a German-Jewish refugee, was apprehended with two others by Canadian immigration authorities for entering the country illegally. His companions, Chaim Rosenberg and Bernhard Brenner, were allowed to re-enter the United States, where they will remain until their visitors' permits expire.

Meanwhile, Bleucher, granted a month's stay to secure permission to sail for Palestine, has less than two weeks left. Whether he will get it was doubtful since he has no valid passport from Germany. According to the immigration law, before a visa can be issued to anyone a valid passport from the place of origin must be presented.

Bleucher has strong support from his co-religionists. His application has been made through Samuel Factor, member of Parliament; A.J. Freiman, Zionist leader, and Rabbi J. Schwartz.

U.P.A. SPENDS \$1,000,000 IN SIXTEEN WEEKS FOR PALESTINE RECONSTRUCTION

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A record total in excess of \$1,000,000 was spent for reconstruction activities in Palestine in the sixteen weeks from April 1 to July 31 of this year, it was announced today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, acting chairman of the United Palestine Appeal. The exact expenditures totalled \$1,007,225, representing the combined budgets of various Palestine funds.

70 YESHIVAH STUDENTS STRICKEN AFTER NEW YEAR MEAL

KAUNAS, Lithuania, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Studies were suspended today at the Slabodka Yeshivah after 70 students had suddenly taken ill following a New Year dinner which they had all attended.

CHRISTIAN CRUSADER AGAINST RACE HATRED TO LECTURE HERE

VIENNA, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Irene Harand, editor of Gerechtigkeits ("Justice"), and a non-Jewish crusader against anti-Semitism will leave shortly for the United States on a lecture tour designed to fight spread of race hatred.