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## HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BE FIRST WITNESS BEFORE ROYAL COMMISSION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope will be the first to testify when the British Royal Commission arrives here on Nov. 11 to inquire into recent disorders and the Arab and Jewish grievances, it was learned tonight.

He will give evidence about the disturbances which took more than 300 lives and resulted in \$15,000,000 property damage in six months, but will make no proposals, it was reported.

Jewish organizations will be represented separately before the six-man commission headed by Lord Peel, but they will follow a united line.

The Greek, Armenian and English patriarchs will appear before the investigating body to complain of alleged profanation of holy sites in Palestine, it was also learned.

An Arab detective and a Jewish policeman were wounded today at the port of Jaffa in a renewal of the disorders which had abated with the end of the recent Arab general strike.

The detective was stabbed and seriously injured by stevedores while searching for arms at the port. The Jewish policeman rushing to his assistance was also wounded and disarmed. Police restored order, arresting several stevedores.

For the first time since the end of the six-month Arab strike on Oct. 12, outlying sections of the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv were fired on. No casualties were reported. Four Arab watchmen were arrested.

The detective was the second Arab police officer to be attacked in two days. A police inspector, Mahmud Habbah, was killed and the driver of an automobile parked nearby was wounded in Jenin yesterday by shots fired by a person identified as an Arab.

Meanwhile, the Arab strike committees protested against the continued internment of Arab agitators at the Government concentration camp at Sarafend. They decided to stage a protest tomorrow, the nineteenth anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, which pledges Great Britain to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

The Havas News Agency said the Arabs are envisaging a three-hour general strike on Monday.

Davar, Laborite Hebrew daily, reported from Arab sources that the Government was planning to triple the railway freight rates to force shippers to use the Jaffa port. Jewish importers and exporters have been boycotting Jaffa, scene of the outbreak of the recent disorders. The freight rate increase would impose additional burdens on shippers in the Jaffa area wishing to export their goods by the northern port of Haifa.

#### DISSATISFACTION WITH PALESTINE SETTLEMENT SEEN FIGURING IN IRAQ REVOLT

LONDON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Cairo correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, reporting on the army coup in Baghdad which unseated the Iraq government, said today the revolutionaries' dissatisfaction with the Palestine settlement was partly responsible for the revolt.

Nuri Pasha as-Said, Iraq's Foreign Minister, has been dropped from the Government because of opposition to his leading part as intermediary between the Palestine Government and the Arabs in settling the recent strike against the Jews and the authorities, the correspondent said.

#### Palestine Arabs Expected Premier's Aid

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Arabs in Palestine expressed disappointment today over the sudden Iraq Cabinet turnabout at the moment when they hoped Premier Yasin Pasha el Hashimi and his Foreign Minister would visit Palestine to help the Arabs in pleading their cause before the British Royal Commission, according to the Havas News Agency.

British troops have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness for military moves which might be precipitated by the Iraq situation.

The Iraq Cabinet resigned after airplanes had dropped persuasive bombs over the Government buildings. One person was seriously injured and 20 suffered minor wounds in the bombing.

#### Nazi Agitation Blamed in Paris

PARIS, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Echo de Paris indirectly charged today that last Thursday's coup d'etat at Baghdad could be traced to German agitation in Iraqi affairs, according to the Havas News Agency.

Recent developments at Baghdad, Jerusalem, Cairo and in other Arab countries were generally attributed by the French press to anti-British and anti-French propaganda systematically undertaken by Soviet German or Italian elements.

"It can be asked," the Echo de Paris noted, "if the hand of Hitlerite Germany, very prompt to use Arab resentment against the pro-Jewish policy of certain English elements, is not found in certain measure behind the coup d'etat which has just overthrown the Anglophile Government at Baghdad."

Le Matin charged that the Comintern (Communist International) was preparing an agitation campaign in the mandated Arab countries. It declared a meeting of the Arab-nations sections of the Comintern was held in Moscow in mid-October at which the Soviet envoy to China and Arab leaders were present.

At this meeting, the Matin declared, it was decided to transfer the Comintern's Arab Affairs Office from Athens to Beirut, under the direction of D.V. Bogomolov, Soviet Ambassador to China. Secret agitators will be sent into the mandated countries, it was declared, to establish new offices in Syria, Palestine and Yemen. Two Soviet ships will debark these agents and quantities of political pamphlets at the various Arab ports, it was charged.

#### ROKACH, NEW TEL AVIV MAYOR, PROMISES COOPERATION WITH LABORITES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope yesterday appointed Israel Rokach mayor of Tel Aviv to succeed the late Meier Dizengoff, disregarding an 8 to 7 recommendation by the all-Jewish city's Municipal Council favoring the selection of Moshe Chelouche, a councillor.

It had been reported earlier that Nathan D. Kaplan, a former Chicago attorney, had been selected by Sir Arthur.

The appointment of Rokach, who was formerly vice-mayor, is in accordance with the municipal election laws by which the Government appoints a mayor after recommendation by the council.

Dov Hos, member of the Municipal Council, was appointed vice-mayor.

Mr. Rokach expressed confidence in an interview today that he would find a means of cooperation with Laborite Vice-Mayor Dov Hos and Laborite Municipal Councillors.

Palestine newspapers were sharply divided in their views on his selection. Davar, Laborite Hebrew daily, described Mr. Rokach's appointment as an attack by the Government on municipal autonomy. The Palestine Post, the Holy Land's only English-language daily, advocated acceptance of the appointment by the population to avoid dissension in view of the national political situation.

#### 3 INJURED IN DISORDERS AT WILNO UNIVERSITY

WARSAW, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Three Jewish students were injured yesterday during anti-Semitic disorders at Wilno University.

The Polish Students Union appealed to the rector of Warsaw University to "clean up the University of criminal terrorist elements."

In Lwow, the City Council passed a similar resolution condemning, "the criminal actions of certain student elements" and called upon students in the name of Christian ethics to oppose "anarchy."

#### WARSAW LAWYER ORGANIZING "MARCH TO PALESTINE"

WARSAW, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Newspapers here reported today that a Jewish lawyer is organizing a spectacular "march to Palestine" of men and women who wish to emigrate from Poland regardless of whether they have the requisite certificates of admission.

#### JEV WOUNDED NEAR DANZIG FOR SHOUTING BOYCOTT SLOGAN

WARSAW, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- A Jewish trader named Mai was wounded by a Nazi yesterday in the town of Nituch near Danzig for shouting a slogan in support of the anti-Nazi boycott.

While Danzig police looked on, refusing to intervene, organized Nazi bands beat a number of Jewish merchants at a fair on the outskirts of the Free City Friday and then sacked their homes, according to reports received by the Havas News Agency.

Many Jews were said to have been injured.

A demand by the Polish High Commissioner to Danzig for an immediate investigation of the incident revealed tonight that several Polish citizens had been attacked in the Free City, Havas said.

Police did not molest the Nazis, but arrested one of their victims, it was said. Polish newspapers heatedly declared tonight that the incident proved the need of vigorous intervention by Warsaw.

#### PRESS TO BE RESTRICTED TO RUMANIANS UNDER REPORTED NEW LAW

BUCHAREST, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- An allegedly rigorous law being drafted by the Rumanian Government caused lively interest throughout the capital today, according to the Havas News Agency.

According to newspapers the law will demand that the capital and origin of newspapers be Rumanian. Receipts would be strictly controlled with heavy fines facing any publications violating the law, it was said.

#### JAILED ANTI-SEMITES ELECTED HEAD OF RUMANIAN STUDENTS

BUCHAREST, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- A theological student in jail with seven other youths pending trial on charges of assassinating Michael Stulescu, Rumanian Crusader leader, as he lay ill in a hospital last July 16, was yesterday elected president of the National Union of Rumanian Students. He is Jon Caratanescue, who has achieved local notoriety as an anti-Semitic agitator.



Seven student adherents of the anti-Semitic Iron Guard were arrested today at the University of Cluj for the attempted murder of Jon Gheorgiu, a police officer. Gheorgiu was in serious condition in the hospital after he had been beaten up.

#### CORNERSTONE LAID FOR JEWISH HOSPITAL IN BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish society Sperantza laid the cornerstone today for a new consumptives' hospital open to all sufferers, regardless of race or religion, supported by funds from American Jews.

Senator Jacob Niemirower, the chief rabbi of Bucharest, and William Filderman, president of the Union of Rumanian Jews, paid tribute to the American donors who made the hospital possible through the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

#### MONTEFIORE ASSAILS GOERING FOR BERLING SPEECH

LONDON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Reich Air Minister Goering's address in Berlin last Thursday night blaming the Jews and the allies for Germany's state was attacked today by Leonard J. Montefiore, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, at a meeting of the association.

"Critics in Germany are easily satisfied," he said. "Those who aren't are safely behind the bars of concentration camps."

He urged support of the fund-raising drive for "non-Aryan" Christian children in Germany.

#### GERMAN CLERICS PROTEST STUERMER'S DRIVE AGAINST OLD TESTAMENT

BERLIN, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Bishop Meiser of Bavaria, a number of priests and other clergymen joined today in vigorous protest against a campaign being conducted by Julius Streicher's pornographic anti-Semitic weekly, Der Stuermer, to have study of the Old Testament dropped from the schools because it is "full of dirty, sinful stories which can have only a demoralizing effect on Germany's youth."

Bishop Meiser, carrying the protest directly to Streicher, declared the Stuermer's editors reveal "a painful lack of knowledge of the Old Testament."

The Stuermer replied that it would continue its campaign, asserting "German youth doesn't need the Old Testament as an example of national self-consciousness."

Meanwhile, the Lufthansa administration posted an order forbidding its employes to read the Stuermer on its premises or to erect Stuermer displays. The order warns the staff not to discuss the racial origin of General Milch, who is second in command of Germany's air fleet and largely responsible for developing the country's air mail system. General Milch is of German origin.

### HANDEL'S "JUDAS MACCABAEUS" NOW "HERO AND PEACE"

BERLIN, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Handel's majestic oratorio, "Judas Maccabaeus," has been "Aryanized," newspapers reported today, by the Nazi poet Herman Burte working under the order of the Ministry of Propaganda and Enlightenment, and the new text is entitled, "Hero and Peace."

The Catholic newspaper Germania protested against the "mutilation" of the oratorio, declaring:

"Is the figure of Judas Maccabaeus only a matter of the Jewish people? Is not this figure a clear example of sincere religious heroism which should be shown to all human beings?"

### FIRST GHETTO MARKET TO BE ESTABLISHED IN GERMAN TOWN

BERLIN, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Germany's first ghetto market in recent history, to be known as "the Jew market," will be established in Schramberg, Wuerttemberg, by order of the town council, it was reported here today.

Newspapers here said the council took the action because "too many alien Jews are still visiting the market."

### LAST JEW IN GERMAN TOWN LEAVES FOR AMERICA

NUREMBERG, Germany, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Newspapers reported today the nearby city of Sulzbach "judenrein" (empty of Jews) following the departure for America of David Prager, its last remaining Jewish resident.

### TIPPER LINKS BELGIAN FASCIST TO GERMAN NAZIS

BRUSSELS, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Charges linking Leon Degrelle with the German Nazi Party were reiterated today by Midi-Journal, which insisted the young semi-Fascist leader had received "an envelope" from Reich Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels in Berlin on Sept. 27, according to the Havas News Agency.

The newspaper described Degrelle's visit to the "anti-Comintern," allegedly on the premises of the Fascist International Union in Berlin, as "highly natural." Categorically challenging Goebbels, Midi-Journal declared: "Did you or didn't you meet Degrelle on Sunday Sept. 27? You can't deny it!"

### MANDATES COMMISSION SCANS PALESTINE PETITIONS

GENEVA, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- A subcommittee of the League of Nations Mandates Commission continued yesterday the examination of petitions from Arab and Jewish inhabitants of Palestine, British-mandated territory. The commission was expected to consider the petitions at the end of its current session.