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ARABS, JEWS BOTH SPLIT ON PARTITION AS COMMISSION REPORT NEARS

JERUSALEM, JULY 5. (JTA) -- ARAB RANKS SPLIT WIDE OPEN TODAY OVER ACCEPTANCE OF THE BRITISH PLAN TO PARTITION PALESTINE WHILE TROOPS AND POLICE STOOD BY TO AVERT POSSIBLE DISORDERS WHEN THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT IS ANNOUNCED ON WEDNESDAY.

(WARSAW REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE JEWS WERE ALSO DISAGREED ON ACCEPTANCE OF PARTITION. THE ZIONIST ORGAN, HAIN'T, URGED ACCEPTANCE, WHILE DOS NAIE WORT, LABOR ZIONIST PAPER, AND MOMENT DEMANDED REJECTION OF THE PLAN.)

THE ARAB UNITED FRONT WELDED TOGETHER DURING LAST YEAR'S DISORDERS CRUMBLLED WHEN THE BLOC LED BY RAGHEB BEY NASHASHIBI, WHICH SUPPORTS THE PARTITION PLAN, DECIDED IN A RESOLUTION TO QUIT THE ARAB SUPREME COMMITTEE, HEADED BY THE MUFTI OF JERUSALEM, HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI, AND THE ISTAQLAL PARTY PREPARED TO TAKE THE SAME ACTION.

THE MUFTI, FROM HIS TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS IN SYRIA, CONTINUED INTENSIVE PROPAGANDA FOR OPEN REVOLT AGAINST THE SCHEME TO SET UP ARAB AND JEWISH STATES IN PALESTINE, BELIEVED TO BE THE MAIN RECOMMENDATION OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION. THE MUFTI WAS REPORTED TO HAVE OBTAINED THE AID OF TWO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN ON THIS ISSUE.

THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED FRONTIER AUTHORITIES TO ARREST THE MUFTI, THE HEBREW DAILY, HABOKER, REPORTED, IF HE RETURNED TO PALESTINE BEFORE THE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT IS PUBLISHED.

REPRESENTATIVES OF EMIR ABDULLAH IBN HUSSEIN, ARAB RULER OF TRANSJORDAN AND LEADING CANDIDATE FOR KING OF THE PROPOSED ARAB STATE, ARE IN PALESTINE TO COUNTERACT THE PROPAGANDA OF THE MUFTI.

WITH TROOPS AND POLICE STANDING BY AND GENERAL WEIR, OF THE BRITISH GENERAL STAFF IN CAIRO, PRESENT IN JERUSALEM, HEBREW NEWSPAPERS DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY THAT BRITAIN MIGHT DECLARE MARTIAL LAW IN PALESTINE AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT.

RISEING TERRORISM WAS CLIMAXED WITH AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF MAYOR ISSA BENDAK OF BETHLEHEM, A DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF ABDULLAH, IN WHICH HIS WIFE, LITTLE DAUGHTER AND MAID WERE WOUNDED. TWENTY SHOTS WERE FIRED INTO HIS HOME. IN HEBRON, A CLINIC RECENTLY OPENED BY THE JEWISH PHYSICIAN, DR. RADY, WAS FIRED UPON, AND WINDOWS AND SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS WERE DAMAGED.

TWO DELEGATIONS LEFT TODAY FOR EGYPT TO MEET VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY, PRESIDENT OF THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, AND CONFER ON THE PALESTINE SITUATION. JABOTINSKY IS PREPARING STATEMENTS TO BE ISSUED TO WORLD JEWRY AND THE PALESTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

ONE DELEGATION INCLUDES SEVERAL PROMINENT JEWS, AMONG THEM DR. MAURICE HEXTER, NON-ZIONIST MEMBER OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, RABBI OSTROVSKY AND RABBI ELIAHU BERLIG. THE OTHER CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF JABOTINSKY'S PARTY HERE.

THE NEWSPAPER BEIRUT OF BEIRUT, SYRIA REPORTED DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, HAD AGREED TO THE PARTITION OF PALESTINE. THE DAILY SAID THAT WHILE IN PARIS DR. WEIZMANN HAD INFORMED PRESIDENT EMIL EDDIEH OF LEBANON THAT HE HAD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR PARTITION ON JUNE 22.

BRITAIN SEEN EXPECTING ARAB TERRORISM

LONDON, JULY 5. (JTA) -- THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, COMPLETING PREPARATIONS FOR PUBLISHING THE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT ON PALESTINE THURSDAY, HAS ORDERED THE CRUISER REPULSE TO LEAVE MALTA FOR HAIFA.

THE REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED HERE AS A COMMAND PAPER THURSDAY MORNING. A COPY HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE BRITISH LIBRARY OF INFORMATION IN NEW YORK.

THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO CABLING THE FULL TEXT OF ITS STATEMENT OF POLICY ON THE REPORT FOR RELEASE IN NEW YORK SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH PUBLICATION IN LONDON.

THERE HAS BEEN NO AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF THE REPORT IN ADVANCE BY ANY AGENCY, IT WAS STATED AT THE COLONIAL OFFICE, AND SKEPTICISM WAS EXPRESSED THAT THE OFFICIAL TEXT HAD GOTTEN OUT.

THE LONDON HERALD DECLARED IN AN EDITORIAL THAT THE ORDERING OF THE REPULSE TO HAIFA SUPPORTED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES EXPECTED "RENEWAL OF ARAB TERRORISM AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT TO END THE LONG-STANDING ARAB-JEWISH CONFLICT."

"NOTHING COULD BE MORE HARMFUL TO JEWS AND ARABS ALIKE, AS WELL AS TO THE FUTURE OF PALESTINE," THE HERALD SAID, "THAN RECOURSE TO TERRORISM. BEFORE RESORTING TO VIOLENCE EXTREMISTS IN PALESTINE SHOULD TAKE WARNING THAT GUNS, BOMBS AND MURDER NEVER HAVE SOLVED ANY PROBLEM AND WOULD MERELY ALIENATE SYMPATHY FROM THOSE USING THEM. IF THE ARABS HAVE A CASE THE WORLD WILL LISTEN, BUT ONLY IF IT IS PRESENTED THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL CHANNELS IN A PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC WAY."

THE DAILY EXPRESS, COMMENTING ON PARTITION SAID THAT "ALMOST NOBODY LIKES THE PLAN, AND IT MAY WORK."

PARTITION OF PALESTINE WILL FORCE ARABS INTO AN OPEN CONFLICT WITH GREAT BRITAIN, AN UNNAMED ARAB LEADER IS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD THE JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT OF THE DAILY EXPRESS.

THE ARAB IS QUOTED: "SUCH A SCHEME IS DISASTROUS. IT WOULD MEAN THE ARABS WILL BE FORCED TO RESUME OPEN CONFLICT AGAINST BRITAIN AND THEY MAY EVEN SEEK THE PROTECTION OF ANOTHER POWER, WHICH IN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL CONDITIONS MIGHT BE ITALY."

THE MOUNTING TENSION WAS INCREASED, THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY DECLARED, BY REPORTS OF AN INCREASING ITALIAN CAMPAIGN TO STIR UP ARAB DISCONTENT AGAINST THE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION IN PALESTINE.

ITALIAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS, IT WAS SAID, WERE URGING YOUNG PALESTINE ARABS TO CONTRIBUTE TO A NEW NEWSPAPER IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, WHICH HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO PUBLISH ARTICLES ENTITLED: "ARAB RESISTANCE AGAINST BRITISH IMPERIALISM," "THE ARAB MOVEMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE," AND "ARAB SYMPATHY FOR THE ITALIAN EMPIRE."

ITALY HELD OPPOSING SOVEREIGN STATES

LONDON, JULY 5. (JTA) -- WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF SOVEREIGN ARAB AND JEWISH STATES LOOMING IN PALESTINE, THE EVENING STANDARD REPORTED TODAY FROM ROME THE ITALIAN JEWS WERE FEARFUL BECAUSE THIS TURN IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SITUATION WAS DEEMED ANTAGONISTIC TO FASCIST POLICY.

THE 63,000 JEWS OF ITALY ARE ALARMED LEST PREMIER MUSSOLINI FOLLOW REICHSFUEHRER HITLER'S FOOTSTEPS IN INTOLERANCE, FEARING POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF JEWS' MEMBERSHIP IN THE FASCIST PARTY, WHICH WOULD MEAN PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL RUIN, THE REPORT SAID.

GREAT BRITAIN'S INTENTION OF PARTITIONING THE HOLY LAND IS NOT ONLY OPPOSED TO ITALIAN POLICY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, BUT INCOMPATIBLE WITH IL DUCE'S ANNOUNCED FRIENDSHIP FOR ISLAM, THE STANDARD CORRESPONDENT HELD.

ANTI-SEMITIC FEELING IN ITALY WAS ALSO REPORTED TO BE BASED ON ITALO-GERMAN COLLABORATION, THE NOTICEABLE Dwindling IN JEWS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FASCIST PARTY AND THE SUSPICION THAT JEWS WERE THE PRINCIPLE OFFENDERS IN EVADING ITALY'S STRINGENT REGULATIONS AGAINST TRAFFIC IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES.

POLISH ZIONIST ORGAN BACKS SCHEME

WARSAW, JULY 5. (JTA) -- THE YIDDISH DAILY, HAINT, ORGAN OF THE POLISH ZIONIST FEDERATION, DECLARED TODAY THAT THE PROPOSED PARTITION OF PALESTINE BY GREAT BRITAIN "MUST BE ACCEPTED" BY THE JEWS.

THE ZIONIST PAPER CAME OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE WHILE DOS NAIE WORT, ORGAN OF THE LABOR ZIONISTS, AND THE YIDDISH DAILY, MOMENT OPPOSED THE PLAN.

"IF THE MAJORITY OF THE JEWS REJECT THE PROPOSAL AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CARRY IT OUT, THEN THE POSITION OF PALESTINE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED OR BECOME WORSE," HAINT DECLARED. "OPPOSITION TO PARTITION MEANS OPPOSITION TO A JEWISH STATE. HOWEVER UNPATRIOTIC THIS STATEMENT MAY SOUND IT ALSO MEANS OPPOSITION TO LARGE-SCALE JEWISH IMMIGRATION AND JEWISH INDEPENDENCE, AND MAY LEAD TO DETERIORATION OF THE PRESENT JEWISH POSITION IN PALESTINE AND EVEN CATASTROPHE. WE THEREFORE DECLARE THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR A JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE MUST BE ACCEPTED."

DOS NAIE WORT ASSERTED: "ALTHOUGH ENGLAND IS TOO STRONG TO BE FOUGHT, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE ACT OF UNILATERAL VIOLATION OF A SOLEMN CONTRACT. WE DID NOT EXPECT THE JEWISH STATE TO BE SO MUTILATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO BREATHING SPACE IN IT. IF THE PROPOSED FRONTIERS ARE NOT CHANGED WE WILL START A BITTER FIGHT. OUR EXECUTIVE CAN RELY ON OUR HELP."

MOMENT SAID: "THE BENEFITS CONFERRED ON THE JEWS BY THE PROPOSED JEWISH STATE ARE HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE, WHILE THE DISADVANTAGES OF THE PLAN ARE SO GREAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERLOOK THEM. WHEN THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS ARE UNDERSTOOD, THE JEWS WILL BE FACED WITH A SERIES OF GRAVE PROBLEMS."

DR. WISE CALLS PLAN 'ARBITRARY, UNWORKABLE'

NEW YORK, JULY 5. (JTA) -- DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, SAID TODAY THE PARTITIONING OF PALESTINE WOULD BE "FANTASTICALLY ARBITRARY AND UNWORKABLE" AND "DEEPLY VIOLATIVE OF BRITISH OBLIGATIONS."

DR. WISE'S STATEMENT FOLLOWED A REPORT FROM LONDON THAT THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S FINDINGS RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE COMPRISING THE GALILEE, THE VALLEY OF ESDRAELON, THE GREATER PART OF THE BEISAN AREA AND THE ENTIRE COASTAL PLAIN FROM RASELNAKURA TO BEER TUVIA; A PERMANENT BRITISH MANDATE FOR JERUSALEM, NAZARETH AND BETHLEHEM AND A CORRIDOR FROM JERUSALEM TO JAFFA, AND THE REST OF THE COUNTRY TO BE COMBINED WITH TRANSJORDAN IN AN ARAB STATE.

DR. WISE'S STATEMENT WAS AS FOLLOWS: "THE FORECAST OF THE REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON PALESTINE, PROPOSING THE DISMEMBERMENT OF THE HOLY LAND, IS SO FANTASTICALLY ARBITRARY AND UNWORKABLE AND SO DEEPLY VIOLATIVE OF BRITISH OBLIGATIONS THAT, IN FAIRNESS TO GREAT BRITAIN, WE MUST WAIT UNTIL THE REPORT AND DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE ANNOUNCED BEFORE MAKING ANY COMMENT."

PARTITION CONDEMNED IN U.S. SENATE

WASHINGTON, JULY 5. (JTA) -- THE PARTITION OF PALESTINE WOULD MAKE THE UNITED STATES-GREAT BRITAIN CONVENTION OF 1924 ON THE PALESTINE MANDATE NOTHING MORE THAN A "SCRAP OF PAPER," THE SENATE WAS TOLD FRIDAY BY SENATOR COPELAND OF NEW YORK. THE SENATOR RAISED THE QUESTION ON THE SENATE FLOOR FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A BRIEF DISCUSSION.

ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONVENTION READS: "NOTHING CONTAINED IN THE PRESENT CONVENTION SHALL BE AFFECTED BY ANY MODIFICATION WHICH MAY BE MADE IN THE TERMS OF THE MANDATE, AS RECITED ABOVE, UNLESS SUCH MODIFICATION SHALL HAVE BEEN ASSENTED TO BY THE UNITED STATES."

HITLER INTRODUCES ANTI-SEMITIC LEGISLATION IN UPPER SILESIA

BERLIN, JULY 5. (JTA) -- CHANCELLOR HITLER HAS CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF ANTI-SEMITIC MOVES IN UPPER SILESIA WHERE JEWISH RESIDENTS FORMERLY WERE PROTECTED BY THE GERMAN-POLISH CONVENTION OF MAY 15, 1922.

THE CONVENTION EXPIRES JULY 15 AND THE FUHRER SIGNED A LAW EFFECTIVE ON THAT DATE REMOVING ALL JEWISH OFFICIALS FROM OFFICE ON NEXT AUG. 31. OFFICIALS HAVING ONE JEWISH PARENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN THEIR POSTS UNTIL NEXT DEC. 31. ALL JEWISH NOTARY PUBLICS ARE REMOVED FROM OFFICE AS WELL AS ALL JEWS ADMINSTRATING PROPERTY FOR OTHER PERSONS. LICENSES ISSUED TO JEWISH PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS, VETERNARIANS AND PHARMACISTS SINCE JAN. 30, 1933, ARE CANCELLED EFFECTIVE SEPT. 1937.