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LORDS DEBATE PARTITION; BIG CHANGES BARRED; SAMUEL OFFERS ALTERNATE

LONDON, JULY 20. (JTA) -- THE HOUSE OF LORDS, DEBATING PROPOSED PARTITION OF PALESTINE FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY, WAS BLUNTLY INFORMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ENTERTAIN A "LARGE, SUBSTANTIAL VARIATION" FROM THE PLAN OUTLINED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION UNLESS JEWS AND ARABS JOINTLY MADE PROPOSALS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE STATEMENT WAS MADE FOR THE GOVERNMENT BY LORD DUFFERIN AND AVA, WHO REPLIED TO OPENING ARGUMENTS AGAINST PARTITION BY LORD SNELL, SPEAKING FOR THE LABOR PARTY.

COUNTERING LORD SNELL'S IMPUTATION OF GOVERNMENT WEAKNESS IN HANDLING THE PALESTINE SITUATION, LORD DUFFERIN DECLARED THE POSITION IN THE HOLY LAND HAD BECOME "INTOLERABLE TO OURSELVES AND A MENACE TO THOSE WHOSE INTEREST WE ARE TRYING TO PROTECT."

TO CONTINUE THE PRESENT SITUATION, HE SAID, WOULD BE "FUTILE OBSTINACY."

VISCOUNT SAMUEL'S PLAN

AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN TO PARTITION, WHICH HE CONDEMNED AS AN "EXTRAORDINARY PATCH-WORK" FEATURING THE "MOST AWKWARD PROVISIONS" OF THE VERSAILLES TREATY APPLIED TO A COUNTRY THE SIZE OF WALES, WAS OFFERED DURING THE DEBATE BY VISCOUNT SAMUEL, FIRST HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE AND NEWLY RAISED TO THE PEERAGE.

VISCOUNT SAMUEL'S PLAN EMBRACES THE FOLLOWING GENERAL FEATURES:

1--LIMITATION OF JEWISH IMMIGRATION WITH THE POLITICAL PRINCIPLE REPLACING ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY AS THE MEASURING ROD, THE JEWS AGREEING TO LIMIT THEMSELVES FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME TO FORTY PER CENT OF THE GENERAL POPULATION;

2--RECOGNITION BY THE JEWS OF THE "REALITY OF ARAB NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS;"

3--ARAB CONSENT TO OPENING OF TRANSJORDAN TO JEWISH IMMIGRATION.

VISCOUNT SAMUEL DECLARED THE PLAN HE OFFERED WAS NOT IMPROVISED, BUT HAD BEEN DEEPLY CONSIDERED IN CONSULTATION WITH "MANY PERSONS." HE ADMITTED IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED, BUT MAINTAINED THAT IT WAS AN IMPROVEMENT ON PARTITION.

EXPANDING ON HIS SCHEME, HE SAID:

"JEWS MUST BE READY TO MAKE A SACRIFICE AND MUST CONSENT TO LIMITATION OF IMMIGRATION OTHER THAN ON A PRINCIPLE OF ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY. THEY MUST ACCEPT THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL THAT THE POLITICAL PRINCIPLE MUST BE BROUGHT IN.

"JEWS MIGHT WELL BE ASKED TO CONSENT TO AN AGREEMENT COVERING A PERIOD OF YEARS, WHEREIN THE JEWS WOULD NOT EXCEED A GIVEN PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION; IT MIGHT BE FORTY PERCENT."

URGES BRITAIN TO HELP CREATE ARAB CONFEDERATION

DECLARING THE JEWS MUST RECOGNIZE THE "REALITY OF ARAB NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS, WHICH ARE ENTITLED TO THEIR RESPECT AND COOPERATION," VISCOUNT SAMUEL ADVISED GREAT BRITAIN TO HELP IN CREATION OF AN ARAB CONFEDERATION.

SUCH A CONFEDERATION, TO BE ESTABLISHED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FRANCE AND THE "FULL COORDINATION" OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, WOULD COMPRISE ARABIA, SYRIA, LEBANON AND PALESTINE, AND WOULD GIVE PALESTINE A "HINTERLAND MARKET."

THE SAMUEL PLAN PROPOSES THAT ISLAM'S HOLY PLACES BE GUARANTEED BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND THAT JEWISH AND ARAB COMMUNAL ORGANIZATIONS BE CREATED TO CONTROL THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE. IT SUGGESTS A CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL BE ESTABLISHED TO REPRESENT BOTH COMMUNITIES WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS ACTING IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY.

LORD SNELL OPENS DEBATE

THE OPPOSITION'S OPENING GUN IN THE DEBATE WAS FIRED BY LORD SNELL, WHO IN 1930 WAS THE ONLY DISSIDENT MEMBER OF THE SHAW COMMISSION WHICH INVESTIGATED THE 1929 ARAB ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS.

(ALTHOUGH HE SIGNED THE COMMISSION'S REPORT, THE THEN MR. SNELL DID SO WITH A NOTE OF RESERVATION IN WHICH HE DECLARED HE WAS UNABLE TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH SOME OF ITS CRITICISMS AND CONCLUSIONS WITH REFERENCE TO THE JEWS AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RIOTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE ARAB POLITICAL LEADERS.)

PUTTING THE LABOR PARTY ON RECORD TODAY AS OPPOSED TO PARTITION, LORD SNELL CHARGED THE ROYAL COMMISSION WITH YIELDING TO DESPAIR.

THE COMMISSION, HE DECLARED, HAD HANDED OVER THE PATIENT FOR A "SURGICAL OPERATION WHICH WAS MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE DISEASE" AND HAD ARRIVED AT THE CONCLUSION THAT PALESTINE COULD NOT BE UNITED UNTIL IT HAD BEEN DIVIDED.

THE SPEAKER SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT FOR RUSHING ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT WITHOUT CONSULTING PARLIAMENT.

"WE ARE NOT YET," HE SAID, "A FASCIST STATE. PARLIAMENT OUGHT TO COUNT FOR SOMETHING."

PARTITION TERMED "VIVISECTION"

LORD SNELL EXPRESSED WONDER AT THE CAUSES MOTIVATING THE GOVERNMENT TO RUSH PARTITION AND ASKED IF THE UNITED STATES HAD CONSENTED TO THE "VIVISECTION" OF PALESTINE. HE DESCRIBED THE DROPPING OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATE (IN FORCE SINCE 1920) AS A "NATIONAL HUMILIATION."

REFERRING TO DETAILS IN THE PROPOSED PARTITION AMONG JEWS, ARABS AND BRITISH, HE ATTACKED THEM AS UNFAIR TO THE JEWS AND DEMANDED THAT THE SOUTHERN TERRITORY OF NEGES, WHICH THE ROYAL COMMISSION PROPOSAL GIVES TO THE ARAB STATE, BE RETAINED UNDER A MANDATE FOR DEVELOPMENT BY THE JEWS AND ARABS.

LORD SNELL DECLARED A "TOY KINGDOM" MIGHT GIVE THE JEWS A CULTURAL HOME BUT WOULD NOT TOUCH THE JEWISH PROBLEM.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ASKS ARAB-JEWISH CONFERENCE

CONVOCATION OF AN ARAB-JEWISH CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER SETTLEMENT ALONG SOME OTHER LINE THAN PARTITION WAS SUGGESTED BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY. THE ARCHBISHOP AGREED WITH THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S CONCLUSIONS THAT AN ULTIMATE DEADLOCK WAS INHERENT IN THE TERMS OF THE PALESTINE MANDATE.

EMPHASIZING THE PLIGHT OF JEWS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, BARON MELCHETT POINTED OUT THAT THE MAIN OBJECT OF A JEWISH NATIONAL HOME WAS TO RELIEVE THEIR SUFFERINGS. HE DEMANDED THAT THE PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION GOVERN WITH A FIRM HAND WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD ALONE MAKE CONCILIATION POSSIBLE.

THE EARL OF LYTTON COMPLAINED THAT THE ROYAL COMMISSION AND GOVERNMENT HAD BOTH ACCEPTED PARTITION TOO READILY, AND BARON LAMINGTON ADVISED THAT A PROPOSAL BE CONSIDERED FOR SETTLING JEWS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD TO RELIEVE PRESSURE IN PALESTINE.

BARON LUGARD, BRITISH MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE MANDATES COMMISSION, ADVISED THE LORDS TO APPROVE PARTITION, DECLARING IT THE ONLY SCHEME WHICH COULD LEAD TO A FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT. HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT HAD ALLOWED THE GRAND MUFTI TO CARRY ON INTRIGUES AGAINST BRITISH RULE.

THE DEBATE WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS WAS FILLED FOR THE DEBATE, WHICH WAS ON A MOTION FOR AN EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT UPON ITS PALESTINE POLICY. THE MOTION WAS EXPECTED TO BE CARRIED BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WILL DEBATE THE ISSUE TOMORROW, ALSO ON A QUESTION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT, WITH THE SAME RESULT EXPECTED.

ORMSBY-GORE, 2 AIDES TO PLEAD FOR PARTITION AT GENEVA JULY 30

LONDON, JULY 20. (JTA) -- ASSURED THAT THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS WILL QUICKLY TAKE THE FIRST STEPS WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED PARTITION OF PALESTINE, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TODAY HURRIED THE PLAN TOWARD FRUITION.

PLEAS FOR DELAY AND REPORTS OF TROUBLE IN PALESTINE WERE SHUNTED ASIDE BY COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, WHO ANNOUNCED TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE THE MANDATES COMMISSION TO ARGUE FOR PARTITION. MR. ORMSBY-GORE ALSO PARTIALLY CONFIRMED RUMORS OF A SHAKE-UP IN THE PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL.

HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT BRITAIN INTENDS TO KEEP PRESSING PARTITION SPEEDILY THROUGH ALL THE FORMALITIES NECESSARY FOR LEAGUE APPROVAL, WHEN HE TOLD COMMONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE MANDATES COMMISSION REPORT TO THE LEAGUE COUNCIL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

WHAT BRITAIN WANTS, Mr. ORMSBY-GORE SAID, IS A REPORT BY THE COMMISSION IN TIME FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE PRELIMINARY STEPS TOWARD PARTITION, SUCH AS THE MARKING OUT OF THE EXACT BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED ARAB AND JEWISH STATES BY A BOUNDARIES COMMISSION.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY ANNOUNCED HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED TO THE MANDATES COMMISSION MEETING BY JOHN HATHORN-HALL, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT, AND J. M. MARTIN, SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON PALESTINE.

WITH REGARD TO CHANGES IN THE PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION'S PERSONNEL, Mr. ORMSBY-GORE SAID THE QUESTION WAS BEING "CLOSELY WATCHED" AND THAT CERTAIN CHANGES HAD ALREADY BEEN AUTHORIZED.

MANDATES COMMISSION TO REPORT ON PARTITION BY SEPTEMBER

GENEVA, JULY 20. (JTA) -- GREAT BRITAIN'S PROPOSAL TO PARTITION PALESTINE WILL BE TAKEN UP BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATES COMMISSION ON JULY 30, IT WAS OFFICIALLY DISCLOSED TODAY, SO THAT THE COMMISSION CAN GIVE ITS OPINION IN TIME FOR THE LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

U.S. WAITING TO SEE HOW BRITAIN "IMPLEMENTS" PARTITION, SAYS HULL

NEW YORK, JULY 20. (JTA) -- THE UNITED STATES WILL WITHHOLD JUDGMENT ON BRITAIN'S PLAN TO PARTITION PALESTINE UNTIL IT SEES "THE MANNER IN WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO IMPLEMENT THAT POLICY," SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL DECLARED IN A LETTER TO THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF AMERICA, MADE PUBLIC HERE TODAY.

REPLYING TO A TELEGRAM JULY 8 ASKING Mr. HULL TO INTERCEDE AGAINST PARTITION UNDER THE 1924 TREATY ACKNOWLEDGING THIS COUNTRY'S INTEREST IN PALESTINE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE DECLARED THAT PRIOR TO ITS RECEIPT "THE ATTENTION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD AGAIN BEEN DRAWN TO THE INTEREST AND CONCERN FELT IN THE PALESTINE QUESTION BY LARGE GROUPS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS."

"WE SHALL CONTINUE TO GIVE, AS WE HAVE GIVEN FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, OUR FULL AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE PALESTINE PROBLEM," Mr. HULL WROTE.

MUFTI EITHER SEIZED OR ARREST PENDING, JERUSALEM HEARS

JERUSALEM, JULY 20. (JTA) -- RUMORS THAT THE GRAND MUFTI OF PALESTINE HAD BEEN ARRESTED OR WAS ABOUT TO BE ARRESTED, TONIGHT SWEEPED THROUGH THIS CITY, BUT WERE DENIED IN SEMI-OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT CIRCLES.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT SUBHI AL KHADRA, MANAGER OF THE OFFICE OF THE ARAB EXECUTIVE, WOULD BE TRIED FOR REBELLION IN UPPER GALILEE. KHADRA HAS CLASHED WITH BRITISH AUTHORITY BEFORE, WHEN, IN 1930, HE WAS EXILED FROM JERUSALEM FOR A YEAR TO SAFAD, IN THE GALILEE REGION, AS A "DANGEROUS PERSON" FOR HIS PART IN FOMENTING THE 1929 ARAB RIOTS.

MEMBERS OF THE ARAB BLACK-HAND, TODAY SHOT TO DEATH TWO ARABS ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE THEY HAD ACTED AS AGENTS IN THE SALE OF LAND TO JEWS. ONE OF THE KILLINGS TOOK PLACE IN HAIFA, THE OTHER IN JAFFA.

A VALISE CONTAINING WEAPONS AND MANY ROUNDS OF ITALIAN-MADE AMMUNITION WAS DISCOVERED IN THE HAIFA PORT AREA. POLICE ARE HUNTING ITS OWNER.