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COMMONS AIRS PARTITION; LABOR PARTY URGES PROBE BY JOINT PARLIAMENT BODY

LONDON, JULY 21. (JTA) -- SOLEMNLY WARNED BY COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE THAT EVERY WORD SPOKEN WOULD BE SCRUTINIZED BY JEWS AND ÁRABS THE WORLD OVER, A PACKED HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY ENGAGED IN A FORENSIC BATTLE ON THE ISSUE OF PROPOSED TRIPARTITION OF PALESTINE.

OPENING THE DEBATE, WITH PRIME MINISTER NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN AND LEADING CABINET MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE, Mr. ORMSBY-GORE DECLARED:

"REMEMBER THAT PRACTICALLY EVERY WORD SAID IN THE DEBATE WILL BE SCRUTINIZED WORD BY WORD, BY BOTH JEWS AND ARABS NOT ONLY IN PALESTINE BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND THERE IS IN THIS PROBLEM OF PALESTINE A PROBLEM NOT CONFINED TO PALESTINE BUT ONE THAT INVOLVES THE WHOLE OF JEWRY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND THE WHOLE MOSLEM WORLD AS WELL."

THE LABOR PARTY'S OPPOSITION AMENDMENT TO SHELVE THE PARTITION PLAN UNTIL AFTER A JOINT PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE HAS "CLOSELY EXAMINED" IT WAS INTRODUCED BY MORGAN JONES, WHO SUGGESTED CALLING OF AN ARAB-JEWISH ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE SIMILAR TO THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN THE CASE OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION.

MR. JONES DISPUTED THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTENTION THAT PALESTINE'S TROUBLES WERE DUE TO INCONSISTENCIES IN THE MANDATE, CHARGING THE CAUSE WAS MALADMINISTRATION. HE DECLARED THE PROPOSED JEWISH STATE WOULD NOT HAVE ANY SECURITY, AND CRITICIZED THE OMISSION FROM IT OF JERUSALEM AND THE RUTTENBERG ELECTRIC POWER STATION.

EXPRESSING SKEPTICISM AS TO WHETHER THE PARTITION PLAN WOULD WORK, MR. JONES URGED THAT PARLIAMENT SHOULD NOT BE COMMITTED TO THE SCHEME AT THIS EARLY STAGE.

SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, LIBERAL, SUPPORTED THE DEMAND FOR AN ARAB-JEWISH ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE. HE DESCRIBED PARTITION AS A DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT IN POLITICAL CHEMISTRY WHICH MEANT SITTING ON THE SAFETY-VALVE OF THE JEWISH PROBLEM IN EUROPE.

TRACES ARAB CLAIMS TO PALESTINE

TRACING CLAIMS THAT PALESTINE HAD BEEN PROMISED TO THE ARABS, MR. ORMSBY-GORE DECLARED THE BALFOUR DECLARATION HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE CABINET AND THE ALLIED POWERS WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF MACMAHON'S (SIR HENRY MACMAHON, THEN BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT) PLEOGE TO THE SHERIF OF MECCA.

MR. ORMSBY-GORE ASSERTED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT NEVER ADMITTED THAT PALESTINE WEST OF THE JORDAN WAS INCLUDED IN THE PLEDGE (MADE IN 1915 BY SIR HENRY). THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF PALESTINE, HE SAID, WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE ARAB DELEGATES TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

No settlement of the question, he declared, was possible without recognizing the interests of Arabs. Jews and Christians.

REFERRING TO THE BALFOUR DECLARATION (PROMULGATED IN 1917) MR. ORMSBY-GORE STATED, "THE PLEDGE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE OTHER ALLIED POWERS WAS NOT PALESTINE AS A HOME FOR THE JEWS, IT WAS A JEWISH NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE, AND THERE IS A DISTINCTION."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY ASSERTED THAT THIS HAD BEEN POINTED OUT TO THE JEWS AT THE TIME.

"THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT AT WAR AT THE TIME," HE DECLARED, "BUT NONE THE LESS PERMITTED RECRUITMENT OF JEWS IN THE UNITED STATES AND ALLOWED THEM TO BE BROUGHT OVER TO FIGHT IN THE BRITISH ARMY ON THE BASIS OF THAT PLEDGE."

Mr. ORMSBY-GORE THEN REMINDED THE ARABS THAT BUT FOR THE TEN THOUSAND BRITISH GRAVES IN PALESTINE, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE THE INDEPENDENCE THEY NOW ENJOY.

MANDATE DEEPENED ARAB - JEWISH BREACH

REFERRING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATE OVER PALESTINE, HE DECLARED THE "MHOLE EFFECT OF THE MANDATE HAS BEEN TO DEEPEN THE BREACH BETWEEN JEWS AND ARBS."

CITING GROWTH OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY SAID PALESTINE AS A RESULT HAD BECOME NOT MERELY THE HOPE OF THE JEW TO BUILD A NATIONAL HOME, BUT A HOPE OF REFUGE FOR THE JEWS OF EUROPE.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONVINCED, HE ASSERTED, THAT CONTINUANCE OF THE MANDATE HELD OUT NO HOPE THAT PALESTINE AS A WHOLE COULD EVOLVE INTO A JEWISH STATE, NO HOPE FOR THE ARRAS OF REALIZATION OF THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT.

He added that the "intolerable burden" of Government could be resolved only by Giving Arabs and Jews sovereign independence, not for the whole of Palestine but each for a Part.

"ONLY PARTITION," THE COLONIAL SECRETARY AVERRED, "CAN REESTABLISH PEACE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONALITIES WHO IN THE FUTURE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP ONE ANOTHER WITHOUT FEAR OF DOMINATION. I BELIEVE OUR CONTINUOUS PRESENCE IN PALESTINE IS VITAL TO AN AMICABLE SETTLING DOWN OF JEW AND ARAS."

AS THE HOUSE OF LORDS RESUMED ITS PARTITION DEBATE, LORD READING DECLAPED THE ROYAL COMMISSION, IN RECOMMENDING THE PLAN, HAD EXCEPDED ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE.

CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT WAS EXPRESSED HERE OVER THE KEYNOTE SPEECH OF THE GOVERNMENT ADVOCATES OF PARTITION IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS, DELIVERED BY LORD DUFFERIN AND AVA, BOTH BECAUSE OF WHAT WAS FELT TO BE HIS SUPERCILIOUS ATTITUDE AND HIS ACCUSATION THAT JEWS WERE EQUALLY GUILTY WITH ARABS OF TERRORISTIC ACTS IN PALESTINE.

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IRAQ NOW SUPPORTS PARTITION, ORMSBY-GORE REVEALS

LONDON, JULY 21. (JTA) -- THE GOVERNMENTS OF TRANSJORDAN AND IRAQ ARE BACKING GREAT BRITAIN IN ITS DECISION TO TRIPARTITION PALESTINE, THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WAS INFORMED TODAY BY COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE.

THE STATEMENT WAS MADE IN THE COURSE OF MR. ORMSBY-GORE'S SPEECH OPENING THE FORMAL DEBATE ON THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT RECOMMENDING DIVISION AS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO ARAB-JEWISH DIFFICULTIES.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY SAID THE TRANSJORDAN GOVERNMENT HAD "EXPRESSED ITSELF STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE REPORT" AND ADDED THAT OTHER PARTS OF THE ÂRAB WORLD WERE "BY NO MEANS UNFAVORABLE."

REGARDING OPPOSITION TO THE SCHEME VOICED IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT HAD BEEN MADE PUBLIC TWO WEEKS AGO, BY IRAQ! PREMIER HIKMET SULEIMAN, MR. ORMSY-GORE DISCLOSED THAT FOREIGN SECPETARY ANTHONY EDEN HAD MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE IRAQ-GREAT BRITAIN ALLIANCE.

"I AM GLAD TO INFORM THE HOUSE," HE SAID, "THAT THE OUTCOME OF THOSE REPRESENTATIONS IS NOW SATISFACTORY. THE IRAQ! PREMIER STATED HE RECOGNIZED THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRAQ REQUIRED THAT HE DOES NOT PURSUE THE LINE OF POLICY PURSUED IN THE PAST."

RADICAL SHAKE-UP IN PALESTINE REGIME LOOMS

LONDON, JULY 21. (JTA) -- A RADICAL SHAKEUP IN THE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION IN PALESTINE WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED TODAY TO BE IMMINENT, AS PARLIAMENT SWUNG INTO THE SECOND DAY OF ITS DEBATE OVER THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO PARTITION THE HOLY LAND.

EARLY REPLACEMENT OF THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE, SIR ARTHUR GREN-FELL MAUCHOPE, WAS EXPECTED. A STRUGGLE WAS GOING ON WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE GOVERNMENT OVER WHO HIS SUCCESSOR SHALL BE.

THE COLONIAL OFFICE WAS UNDERSTOOD TO BE SEEKING APPOINTMENT OF AN EXPERIENCED COLONIAL ADMINISTRATOR, AND THEREFORE BOOSTING SIR HUBERT YOUNG, FORMER FINANCIAL ADVISER TO THE KINGDOM OF IRAO.

THE WAR OFFICE, FOREIGN OFFICE AND ADMIRALTY, INSISTING THE NEXT HIGH COMMISSIONER BE A MAN OF GREAT PERSONAL PRESTIGE, WERE ADVOCATING APPOINTMENT OF FIELD MARSHAL SIR PHILIP CHETWODE, FORMER COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH ARMY IN INDIA, WHO LED AN ARMY CORPS IN THE CAPTURE OF JERUSALEM DURING THE WORLD WAR.

PALESTINE ZIONIST GROUPS UNITE TO FIGHT DIVISION SCHEME

JERUSALEM, JULY 21. (JTA) -- A CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE TO FIGHT GREAT BRITAIN'S PLAN TO PARTITION PALESTINE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AT A SPECIAL MEETING HERE OF ALL JEWISH PARTIES OPPOSING THE PLAN.

IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE COMMITTEE, REPRESENTING THE MAPAI (PALESTINE LABOR PARTY), THE MIZRACHI (ORTHODOX ZIONISTS), GENERAL ZIONISTS GROUP A AND GENERAL ZIONISTS GROUP B, WOULD MEET AT ZURICH BEFORE THE WORLD ZIONIST CORRESS OPENS TO ORGANIZE A BITTER FIGHT AGAINST ACCEPTANCE OF PARTITION.

MENACHEM MENDEL TUSSISHKIN, WORLD PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND, WROTE TO THE GATHERING CONSENTING TO JOIN ITS FIGHT AND TO ADDRESS THE ZURICH CONFERENCE, IF THEY TOOK INTO THEIR CAMPAIGN PARTITION OPPONENTS OF ALL PARTIES.

THOSE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE WERE BERL KATZNELSON AND MR. TOBENKIN, OF THE MAPAI, RABBI BERLIN AND MR. FARBSTEIN, OF THE MIZRACHI, MR. BOGRACHOV AND SHALOM SCHWARTZ OF GROUP B, AND ELIAHU BERLIGNE OF GROUP A.

ZIONIST CONGRESS DELEGATES, SAILING, VOW WAR ON PARTITION

NEW YORK, JULY 21. (JTA) -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF "UNEQUIVOCAL OPPOSITION" TO PARTITION OF PALESTINE HAS BEEN TAKEN BY AMERICAN DELEGATES TO THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS REPRESENTING VARIOUS FACTIONS, DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, ANNOUNCED TODAY AS HE SAILED ON THE BERENBARIA FOR EUROPE AND THE CONGRESS.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE DELEGATES WHO WILL ATTEND THE CONGRESS FOR THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, THE HADASSAH, MIZRACHI AND POALE ZION (LABORITES).

DR. WISE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. WISE AND ROBERT SZOLD, CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE, BOTH DELEGATES TO THE CONGRESS.

THE PALESTINE LABOR DELEGATION, MISS GOLDIE MEYERSON, MISS BEBE LOELSON AND DR. S. ZEMACH, ALSO SAILED, ANNOUNCING THEY WE'RE DETERMINED TO FIGHT PARTITION. AT A FARE-WELL MEETING LAST NIGHT THEY HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT \$400,000 HAD BEEN COLLECTED IN THE UNITED STATES FOR JEVISH LABOR IN PALESTINE.

ANOTHER BERENGARIA PASSENGER WAS GEORGE BACKER, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH TELE-GRAPHIC AGENCY.

"JIM CROW" RAILWAY CARS URGED FOR JEWS PASSING THROUGH REICH

BERLIN, JULY 21. (JTA) -- ISOLATION OF JEWS IN SPECIAL COMPARTMENTS OF SLEEPING CARS ON TRAINS PASSING THROUGH NAZI GERMANY WAS SUGGESTED TODAY BY DAS SCHWARZE KORPS, ORGAN OF CHANCELLOR HITLER'S ELITE GUARD, THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

URGING THE GERMAN RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION TO SHOW MORE "CONSIDERATION" FOR ARYANS, THE PUBLICATION SAID THAT IN THE UNITED STATES "WHITE PEOPLE WILL NOT RIDE IN THE SAME COMPARTMENT WITH BLACKS."

AT THE SAME TIME, IT ADVISED AGAINST PUTTING UP NOTICES AGAINST JEWS, SINCE THEY MIGHT BE SEEN BY FOREIGN TOURISTS.

THE ARTICLE SAID THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR COMPANY IS CONSIDERING THE USE OF SPECIAL CAPS FOR JEWS.