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BRITAIN URGES LEAGUE TO ACCEPT PARTITION PRINCIPLE, HOLDING DETAILS UNSETTLED

GENEVA, JULY 30. (JTA) -- ARGUING THAT ARAB AND JEWISH ASPIRATIONS IN PALESTINE WERE IRRECONCILABLE AND INCOMPATIBLE, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TODAY URGED THE PERMANENT MANDATES COMMISSION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AT THE OPENING OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TO ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF PARTITION LAID DOWN BY ITS ROYAL COMMISSION.

"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE MAKE CLEAR AT THE OUTSET THAT HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAVE NOT COMMITTED THEMSELVES IN DETAILS TO THE PARTICULAR SCHEME OF PARTITION OUTLINED IN THE FINAL CHAPTERS OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT," DECLARED COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, SPOKESMAN FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

PRESENTATION OF THE SCHEME, INVOLVING ESTABLISHMENT OF ARAB AND JEWISH STATES AND A BRITISH-MANDATED CORRIDOR, WAS MADE BY MR. ORMSBY-GORE AT A CLOSED SESSION FOLLOWING A PUBLIC MEETING THAT LASTED THREE-QUARTERS OF AN HOUR.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE COMMISSION MEMBERS WISHED MR. ORMSBY-GORE TO SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC MEETING, BUT THE COLONIAL SECRETARY EMPHATICALLY REFUSED.

THE GALLERIES WERE PACKED FOR THE OPEN SESSION. AMONG THE SPECTATORS WERE FIVE JEWISH AND TWO ARAB DELEGATIONS, HERE TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED DIVISION OF THE HOLY LAND.

MANY ITALIAN CORRESPONDENTS WERE PRESENT IN THE PRESS SECTION TO KEEP ITALY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING VITALLY ITS INTERESTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. THE HALL WAS DECORATED WITH TWO LARGE MAPS OF PALESTINE, ONE SHOWING THE HOLY LAND AS IT IS NOW AND THE OTHER AS IT WOULD BE UNDER THE PARTITION PLAN.

TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

OPENING THE SESSION, PIERRE ORTS OF BELGIUM, CHAIRMAN, ANNOUNCED THE COMMISSION DEFINITELY WOULD SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE BRITISH SCHEME TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE LEAGUE COUNCIL.

"SUCH PROCEDURE, HOWEVER," HE ADDED, "DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER REFERENCE TO THE MANDATES COMMISSION AFTER THE COUNCIL'S SEPTEMBER SESSION, SHOULD THE COUNCIL CONSIDER THIS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE."

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AN AGENDA PROVIDING FOR EXAMINATION OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT OF POLICY ACCEPTING THE PARTITION PROPOSAL.

BEFORE TAKING UP THOSE TWO POINTS, HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION WILL EXAMINE POINTS LEFT BY THE PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT FOR 1935, THE 1936 REPORT, SUBMISSION OF WHICH HAD BEEN DELAYED PENDING COMPLETION OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE 1936 ARAB REVOLT, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF PETITIONS.

MARQUIS ALBERTO THEODOLI, OF ITALY, ALONE OF THE MANDATES COMMISSION'S ELEVEN MEMBERS WAS ABSENT FROM TODAY'S MEETING. THE COMMISSIONERS ACT AS EXPERTS AND NOT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS.

ARABS ASK INDEPENDENT STATE

THE DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE ARAB SUPREME COMMITTEE SUBMITTED A MEMORANDUM TO THE MANDATES COMMISSION ASKING ABOLITION OF THE PALESTINE MANDATE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT ARAB STATE IN PALESTINE UNDER A TREATY WITH GREAT BRITAIN SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH IRAQ HAS.

THE MEMORANDUM REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE JEWS HAD ANY PROPRIETARY RIGHTS IN PALESTINE "JUST BECAUSE 2,000 YEARS AGO THEIR ANCESTORS LIVED THERE." BRITISH PROPOSALS FOR ENDING ARAB-JEWISH DIFFERENCES WERE DESCRIBED AS BEING "AGAINST LAW AND EQUITY." EMPHASIZING ITS VIEW THAT OBLIGATIONS TO ESTABLISH A JEWISH HOMELAND IN PALESTINE AND TO PROTECT ARAB RIGHTS AND POSITION THERE ARE INCOMPATIBLE, THE ARAB DELEGATION SAID:

"SINCE THESE OBLIGATIONS ARE OPPOSED, ONE OF THEM SHOULD DISAPPEAR, AND IT WOULD BE UNJUST TO GRANT THE JEWS THE HOMELAND OF OTHERS ONLY BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY IS NOT CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THE FAMOUS BALFOUR DECLARATION, WHICH IN ANY CASE HAD SHOWN ITSELF TO BE ABSOLUTELY INAPPLICABLE."

ANOTHER ARAB DELEGATION IS HEADED BY RAGHEB BEY NASHASHIBI, FORMER JERUSALEM MAYOR, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO FAVOR PARTITION AND HAS BEEN SEEKING TO WIN THE SYRIAN DELEGATION TO ITS VIEWPOINT.

THE FIVE JEWISH DELEGATIONS PRESENT INCLUDE A GROUP OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS HEADED BY DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, THE OTHERS REPRESENTING THE PALESTINE JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL, THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND THE AGUDATH ISRAEL, NON-ZIONIST RELIGIOUS BODY.

ZIONIST CONGRESS STAND SEEN BIG FACTOR IN LEAGUE DECISION

GENEVA, JULY 30. (JTA) -- THE IMPRESSION WAS CURRENT IN LEAGUE CIRCLES TODAY THAT THE FATE OF PARTITION WAS LARGELY DEPENDENT ON THE ATTITUDE WHICH THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS IN ZURICH WOULD ADOPT NEXT WEEK, SINCE FIRM OPPOSITION TO THE PLAN WOULD PROBABLY HAVE A STRONG INFLUENCE ON THE MANDATES COMMISSION.

BRITAIN URGED TO 'GO SLOW' ON PARTITION

LONDON, JULY 30. (JTA) -- SLOWING-DOWN OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DRIVE FOR PARTITION OF PALESTINE WAS URGED TODAY BY THE DAILY HERALD IN VIEW OF REPORTS FROM THE HOLY LAND THAT JEWS AND ARABS THERE MAY REACH SOME ACCORD.

AN EDITORIAL URGED COLONIAL SECRETARY ORMSBY-GORE TO RESTRAIN HIS DESIRE TO HURRY MATTERS BEFORE THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. THERE IS A DISTINCTLY GROWING POSSIBILITY, THE PAPER DECLARED, THAT PARTITION, IF NOT HURRIED, MAY PROVE UNNECESSARY, AND IT IS PLAINLY WISE TO GIVE THE NEW MOVE TOWARDS A NEW DEAL IN PALESTINE A CHANCE.

THE RECENT DECLARATION BY COLONEL HENRY MACMAHON THAT HIS WORLD WAR PROMISES TO THE ARABS AS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT AND LATER AS BRITISH COMMISSIONER ON THE MIDDLE EAST INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION IN 1919 HAD NOT INCLUDED ANY OFFER OF PALESTINE, WAS THE SUBJECT OF THREE LETTERS PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE TIMES.

BARON LAMINGTON URGED PUBLICATION OF ALL THE MACMAHON CORRESPONDENCE. JAMES MALCOLM, FORMER CANADIAN MINISTER OF TRADE, DECLARED THE PALESTINE QUESTION WAS SETTLED BY THE TREATY BETWEEN THE LATE KING FEISAL OF IRAQ AND THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE.

BEAKLES WILSON, WHO SERVED IN THE INTELLIGENCE CORPS IN PALESTINE IN 1918, DECLARED THAT "IT IS NOT GOING TOO FAR TO SAY THAT AT THE CLOSE OF THE WAR PALESTINE WAS REGARDED BY ALL AS THE FUTURE JEWISH HOME, AND THAT THE ARAB POPULATION REALIZED AND ACQUIESCED IN THIS."

A CARTOON GIBE AT PARTITION BY DAVID LOW WAS PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE EVENING STANDARD. THE SKETCH, UNDER THE CAPTION "STANDING ROOM ONLY," DEPICTED A WORRIED JEW BALANCING WITHIN A TINY SPACE ON A MAP OF PALESTINE, WITH ORMSBY-GORE DRAWING LIMITS AROUND HIS FEET AND SAYING: "AFTER ALL, IT DOES GIVE YOU NATIONAL STANDING."

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JEWISH STATE PARTY REJECTS PARTITION

PARIS, JULY 30. (JTA) -- THE WORLD CONGRESS OF THE JEWISH STATE PARTY, A MINORITY GROUP WITHIN THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, TODAY CATEGORICALLY REJECTED THE BRITISH PROPOSAL TO PARTITION PALESTINE AND DEMANDED CREATION OF A JEWISH STATE WITHIN THE HOLY LAND'S HISTORIC BORDERS.

THE DECISION WAS TAKEN AFTER TWO DAYS OF BITTER DEBATE, CLIMAXED BY THE RESIGNATION FROM THE PARTY OF TWO LEADERS, RICHARD LICHTHEIM AND S. SOSKIN, WHO ARGUED FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL. LEADING THE FIGHT FOR REJECTION WERE MEIR GROSSMAN OF PALESTINE, HEAD OF THE PARTY, AND ROBERT STRICKER, OF VIENNA.

CONGRESS DELEGATES NEGOTIATE ON NEW ZIONIST EXECUTIVE

ZURICH, JULY 30. (JTA) -- NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE WERE CONDUCTED TODAY AMONG ZIONIST PARTIES. ADDRESSING A CONFERENCE OF LABORITE DELEGATES LAST NIGHT, DAVID BEN-GURION, HEAD OF THE JERUSALEM EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, REPORTED ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN GENEVA, LONDON AND JERUSALEM. HE ALSO ANALYZED THE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT.

THE LABORITES NUMBER 46 PER CENT OF THE CONGRESS DELEGATES, IT WAS POINTED OUT BY JOSEPH SPRINZAK, OF PALESTINE.

ARABS TO HOLD CONFERENCE TO 'COUNTERACT' ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, JULY 30. (JTA) -- AN ARAB CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN DAMASCUS, SYRIA, NEXT WEEK TO COUNTERACT THE EFFECTS OF THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS, ARAB NEWSPAPERS REPORTED TODAY.

THE PROVISIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE ESTABLISHED TO FUNCTION WHILE THE CONGRESS IS IN SESSION, WHICH INCLUDES ISAAC BEN-ZVI, BERNARD JOSEPH AND FELIX ROSENBLUETH, MET TODAY WITH MOSHE SHERTOK, HEAD OF THE AGENCY'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, AND VISITED HIGH COMMISSIONER WAUCHOPE.

STRONG MILITARY FORCES ARE PATROLLING PALESTINE'S NORTHERN FRONTIERS DAY AND NIGHT, CHECKING TRAFFIC AND SEARCHING FOR ARMS. VIOLENCE AND SABOTAGE DIRECTED AGAINST THE PALESTINE ELECTRIC CORPORATION BROUGHT DOWN COLLECTIVE FINES ON TWO ARAB VILLAGES. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER HUGH MACKINTOSH FOOT FINED THE VILLAGE OF UMAFACH FOR AN ARMED ATTACK ON A SUPPLY WORKS OF THE CORPORATION, AND THE VILLAGE OF KASRA FOR WIRE-CUTTING.

FATE OF GERMAN COLONIES IN JEWISH STATE DISCUSSED BY CONSUL

JERUSALEM, JULY 30. (JTA) -- THE FUTURE OF GERMAN COLONIES IN PALESTINE WHICH WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED JEWISH STATE UNDER BRITAIN'S PARTITION PLAN WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WHEN CHIEF GOVERNMENT SECRETARY WILLIAM D. BATTERSHILL RECEIVED THE GERMAN CONSUL-GENERAL.

POLISH JEWISH GROUPS DENOUNCE LORD SAMUEL'S PLAN

WARSAW, JULY 30. (JTA) -- THE PLAN OFFERED BY VISCOUNT SAMUEL, AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR PARTITION OF PALESTINE, WAS DENOUNCED TODAY AT A JOINT CONFERENCE OF MANY JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF WIDELY-DIVERGENT CHARACTER.

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PROPOSAL CONDEMNED BY LITHUANIAN ZIONISTS

KAUNAS, JULY 30. (JTA) -- ALL ZIONIST PARTIES IN LITHUANIA TODAY SENT A TELEGRAM TO VISCOUNT SAMUEL PROTESTING AGAINST HIS PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN ARAB CONFEDERATION WITH THE JEWS AS AN AUTONOMOUS MINORITY.

POLISH PREMIER PROMISES TO HALT ESTABLISHMENT OF "GHETTO MARKETS"

WARSAW, JULY 30. (JTA) -- PROMISES TO PUT A STOP TO THE CREATION OF "GHETTO MARKETS" IN MANY POLISH TOWNS, INTO WHICH JEWISH MERCHANTS ARE HERDED AND THEN SURROUNDED BY ANTI-SEMITIC PICKETS, WERE MADE TODAY BY PREMIER SKLADKOWSKI.

THE PREMIER RECEIVED DEPUTY EMIL SOMMERSTEIN, WHO CALLED TO HIS ATTENTION THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "GHETTO MARKET" AT KALISZ. GENERAL SKLADKOWSKI PROMISED TO INSTRUCT THE CITY GOVERNMENT TO BAN THE PRACTICE AND TO DISCONTINUE INTIMIDATION OF THE JEWS.

A DELEGATION OF JEWISH SMALL TRADERS RECEIVED BY THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR POINTED OUT THAT THE ANTI-SEMITIC EXAMPLE SET IN KALISZ HAD BEEN FOLLOWED BY OSTROW-MAZOWIECKI, DLUGOSIOLLO AND OTHER TOWNS. THE MINISTER PROMISED TO SETTLE THE MATTER.

MEANWHILE SEVERAL CASES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWS WERE REPORTED. A JEWISH FUNERAL WAS STONED AT HANDOWKA, NEAR MODZEJOW. ATTACKS ON JEWS AND SMASHING OF WINDOWS OF THEIR HOMES WERE REPORTED FROM KONSK AND MODZEJOW.