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PARTITION FOES FORM BUREAU TO LEAD FIGHT AGAINST PROPOSAL AT CONGRESS

ZURICH, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- ZIONIST OPPONENTS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO PARTITION PALESTINE BANDED TOGETHER TODAY TO FIGHT ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLAN BY THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS, OPENING TUESDAY NIGHT.

AN INTER-FACTIONAL BUREAU WAS ESTABLISHED TO LEAD THE ANTI-PARTITION FORCES AT THE CONGRESS. THE MEMBERS INCLUDE MENACHEM M. USSISHKIN, WORLD PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND; RABBI MEIR BERLIN, WORLD PRESIDENT OF MIZRACHI, AND BERL KATZNELSON, ZIONIST LABOR LEADER.

DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, REPORTED AT A MEETING OF THE AGENCY EXECUTIVE ON THE CHANGED POLITICAL SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE BRITISH DECLARATION AT GENEVA THAT THE DETAILS OF PARTITION HAD NOT BEEN FINALLY ACCEPTED. DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, LEADING MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, WAS AMONG THE PROMINENT ZIONISTS WHO HEARD THE REPORT.

DR. WEIZMANN WILL LEAVE FOR WARSAW AT THE END OF AUGUST, IT WAS LEARNED, TO DISCUSS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE ATTITUDE OF POLAND TOWARD PARTITION AND OTHER QUESTIONS. HE WILL ALSO VISIT THE VILLAGE WHERE HIS FATHER IS BURIED.

LABORITE FACTIONS, UNTIL A LATE HOUR YESTERDAY, WERE STILL DIVIDED ON THE PARTITION QUESTION. THE OPINION THAT PARTITION WAS UNAVOIDABLE AND SHOULD BE MADE THE BEST OF, WAS GAINING GROUND. THE AMERICAN LABOR ZIONIST DELEGATES, PREVIOUSLY REGARDED AS STRONG OPPONENTS OF PARTITION, WERE BELIEVED TO BE SWINGING TOWARD A MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TO THE BRITISH PROPOSAL.

CONGRESS CIRCLES RECEIVED WITH RELIEF THE STATEMENT OF COLONIAL SECRETARY ORMSBY-GORE IN GENEVA THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT EXPECT A SPEEDY DECISION ON PARTITION AND ALSO THAT IT IS NOT COMMITTED TO A SPECIFIC PLAN. THIS WAS INTERPRETED AS IMPLYING THAT THE IMMEDIATE DANGER WAS REMOVED AND THERE WOULD BE A BREATHING SPELL IN WHICH THE JEWS COULD SEEK MORE EQUITABLE CONDITIONS WHEN PARTITION FINALLY IS APPLIED.

IN VIEW OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, THE PRINCIPAL OPPONENTS OF PARTITION, INCLUDING DR. WISE, AGREED NOT TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE QUESTION FOR THE TIME BEING.

THE VIEW CURRENT AMONG DELEGATES THAT SINCE THE IMMEDIATE DANGER OF PARTITION WAS REMOVED, THE CONGRESS WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. THE FIRST PART WOULD BE CONCERNED CHIEFLY WITH THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE, WHICH WILL HAVE THE TASK OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. AFTER THE ELECTIONS IT WAS BELIEVED THE CONGRESS WOULD ADJOURN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS UNTIL IT WAS CLEAR WHAT THE JEWS WOULD RECEIVE FROM AN AMENDED PARTITION SCHEME.

THE AMERICAN DELEGATION OF 91 ARRIVED HERE TODAY. ONLY TWELVE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA'S DELEGATES FAVOR PARTITION. OTHER DELEGATIONS EXPECTED INCLUDE THOSE FROM ITALY AND GERMANY.

ARAB MODERATES SEEK ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE WITH JEWS ON CANTONIZATION

GENEVA, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- THE ARABS ARE WILLING TO MEET THE JEWS IN A ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE TO SEEK A WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT PALESTINE CRISIS, RAGHEB BEY NASHASHIBI, PRESIDENT OF THE PALESTINE DEFENSE PARTY AND LEADER OF THE MODERATE ARABS, TOLD THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY TODAY.

THE ARAB MODERATES ARE ALSO WILLING TO CONSIDER THE DIVISION OF PALESTINE INTO ARAB AND JEWISH CANTONS, BUT FIRMLY OPPOSE PARTITION, THE EX-MAYOR OF JERUSALEM SAID.

AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PARTITION, HE PROPOSED THAT AFTER A FEDERATION OF ARAB STATES WAS CREATED, THE ARABS WOULD BE WILLING TO PERMIT A 40 PER CENT PROPORTION OF JEWS IN PALESTINE, TO PERMIT JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO THE OTHER STATES OF THE FEDERATION TO THE EXTENT OF 30 PER CENT OR MORE, AND TO GUARANTEE THE JEWS MUNICIPAL AUTONOMY AND THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP THEIR LANGUAGE AND CULTURE AND MAINTAIN THE TRADITIONS OF THEIR ANCESTORS.

MANDATES COMMISSION SEEN NOT CONVINCED OF PARTITION'S INEVITABILITY

GENEVA, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- DISSATISFACTION WITH THE ATTITUDE OF COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE, WHICH SEEMED TO BE THAT PARTITION OF PALESTINE WAS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION, WAS EXPRESSED AT THE MANDATES COMMISSION HEARING YESTERDAY.

IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE BRITISH OFFICIAL HAD STRESSED THE DIFFICULTIES FACING A BOUNDARY COMMISSION AND HAD ADVISED STUDY OF THIS PROBLEM WHEN THE PALESTINE REPORTS FOR 1935 AND 1936, AND THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT HAD NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED.

THE MEMBERS OF THE MANDATES COMMISSION ARE BELIEVED NOT CONVINCED OF THE INEVITABILITY OF PARTITION AND EXPECT THAT IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME BEFORE A DECISION ON THE QUESTION IS REACHED.

IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS FRIDAY MR. ORMSBY-GORE SAID:

"NOT ONLY THE EXPERIENCE OF THE LAST YEAR, BUT THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE MANDATORY POWER IN THE LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS HAVE TO BE REVIEWED. THERE MUST BE A GENERAL STOCK-TAKING AND EXPOSITION OF THE MANDATE.

"IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE AND THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S ARGUMENTS, WE ARE DRIVEN TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE CONFLICT OF ASPIRATIONS OF ARABS AND JEWS IS IRRECONCILABLE AND THE ASPIRATIONS CANNOT BE SATISFIED UNDER THE MANDATE.

"PARTITION IS THE BEST AND MOST COMPLETE SOLUTION OF THE DEADLOCK. HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT PROPOSE TO ADVISE HIS MAJESTY ACCORDINGLY. PARLIAMENT HAS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO EXAMINE A DEFINITE SCHEME WHEN FORMULATED, AND THE SAME APPLIES TO THE MANDATES COMMISSION AND THE LEAGUE COUNCIL.

"PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE SCHEME WILL CARRY US FAR IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ARABS AND JEWS IF THEY ARE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE THE PREPARATION OF THE SCHEME. IT IS NOT GOING TO BE AN EASY TASK, BUT IT MUST BE FACED FOR PEACE, ORDER AND GOOD GOVERNMENT IN THAT PART OF ASIA."

MR. ORMSBY-GORE CLOSED BY STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF A BOUNDARY COMMISSION, WITHOUT WHICH, HE SAID, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FORMULATE A DEFINITE PARTITION SCHEME.

A DELEGATION FROM THE PALESTINE JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL ACCOMPANIED BY DR. NAHUM GOLDMAN, GENEVA REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ZIONIST EXECUTIVE, CONFERRED YESTERDAY WITH THE COLONIAL SECRETARY AND WITH MEMBERS OF THE MANDATES COMMISSION, AS DID ANOTHER DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION.

MEXICO BELIEVED READY TO OPPOSE PARTITION AT GENEVA

MEXICO CITY, AUG. 1. (JTA) -- MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVES AT GENEVA WILL OPPOSE THE PARTITION OF PALESTINE, PROPOSED BY GREAT BRITAIN, AT LEAGUE OF NATIONS SESSIONS, IT WAS BELIEVED TODAY.

PRESIDENT LAZARO CARDENAS SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY GIVING ASSURANCE THAT MEXICAN DELEGATES AT GENEVA WILL EXPRESS OPINIONS "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS OF JUSTICE." THE MESSAGE WAS IN REPLY TO A MEMORANDUM TELEGRAPHED TO HIM BY A RALLY SPONSORED BY LOCAL JEWISH GROUPS IN OPPOSITION TO THE DIVISION OF PALESTINE. THE PRESIDENT'S TELEGRAM SAID:

"THE GOVERNMENT WHICH I HEAD WILL ASK ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPRESS, WHEN THE OCCASION ARISES, AN ATTITUDE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS OF JUSTICE WHICH HAVE ALWAYS INSPIRED THE INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT."

DENY GERMAN COLONISTS WOULD LEAVE PALESTINE AFTER PARTITION

BERLIN, AUG. 1. (JTA) -- A CATEGORIC DENIAL THAT GERMAN COLONISTS WOULD LEAVE PALESTINE AND SETTLE IN LEBANON IN THE EVENT OF PARTITION OF THE HOLY LAND WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE VOELKISCHER BEOBSACHTER, CHIEF NAZI PARTY ORGAN, IN A JERUSALEM DISPATCH.

"WE ARE NOT GOING TO LEAVE OUR LAND AND WORK, WHICH COST THE BLOOD AND LIFE OF THREE GENERATIONS, UNDER ANY SCHEME," THE PAPER DECLARED.

SCHWEITZER, J.D.C. LEADER, NAMED CHEVALIER OF FRENCH LEGION

* PARIS, AUG. 1. (JTA) -- DAVID J. SCHWEITZER, OF NEW YORK, HAS BEEN APPOINTED A CHEVALIER OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY. MR. SCHWEITZER IS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AMERICAN ORGANIZATION.

IN A STATEMENT TO THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, MR. SCHWEITZER SAID THE HONOR WAS BESTOWED UPON HIM AS "AN EXPRESSION OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE IN FRANCE AND ELSEWHERE."

NASHISHIBI SUPPORTER SHOT IN NEW PALESTINE VIOLENCE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- ARAB TERRORISTS SHOT AND WOUNDED THE INFLUENTIAL SHEIK OF THE VILLAGE OF LIFTA, WHO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE INTEREST OF RAGHEB BEY NASHISHIBI, OPPONENT OF THE GRAND MUFTI, AS HE WAS LEAVING THE MOSQUE OF AQFA.

A LARGE GROUP OF TOURISTS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAD THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH ARAB ROAD GENTRY WHEN FOUR JEWISH-OWNED BUSES IN WHICH THEY WERE TRAVELING WERE HELD UP BY AN ARAB BAND ON THE JENIN ROAD. THE TOURISTS WERE ROBBED BUT OTHERWISE UNHARMED. ONE OF THE BUSES, OPERATED BY THE EGGED COMPANY, WAS DAMAGED.

A JEWISH WATCHMAN, ISAAC KIMMELDORF, WAS SENTENCED BY A HAIFA COURT TO TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR SHOOTING AN ARAB ON MARCH 29 IN SELF DEFENSE.

NAZI LABOR FRONT LAUNCHES DRIVE AGAINST JEWS IN REAL ESTATE

BERLIN, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- A DRIVE AGAINST JEWS IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS BY THE OFFICIAL GERMAN LABOR FRONT WAS UNDER WAY TODAY. THE LABOR FRONT, CAMPAIGNING VIGOROUSLY TO "ARYANIZE" THE HOUSE AND ESTATE AGENCY TRADE, FORMED A NEW DEPARTMENT COMPRISING HOUSE OWNERS, ESTATE AGENTS, HOUSE MANAGERS AND TENANTS, DEVELOPING A NETWORK OF INFORMERS AGAINST JEWISH LANDLORDS AND AGENTS.

MEANWHILE THE REICH PROPAGANDA MINISTRY BANNED THE SALE OF "POPULAR RADIO RECEIVING SETS AND PARTS" IN JEWISH-OWNED STORES, ACCORDING TO THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY.

POLICE WARN UPPER SILESIAN JEWS AFTER RIOTS

GLEIWITZ, GERMANY, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- FOLLOWING ANTI-SEMITIC RIOTS IN BEUTHEN, ON THE POLISH BORDER, LAST TUESDAY, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HERE ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE WARNING JEWS OF GERMAN UPPER SILESIA THAT THEY WERE NOW UNDER GERMAN LAW, THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT RIOTS AGAINST JEWISH COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN BEUTHEN AND ETHIOENBURG BROKE OUT LAST TUESDAY AFTERNOON. THEY WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN PROVOKED BY THE ILLICIT RELATIONS WHICH A JEW, WHO HAS SINCE FLED, HAD HAD WITH A GERMAN CHILD.

THE MOB DASHED INTO THE JEW'S SHOP, ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, AND THERE STAGED A VIGOROUS DEMONSTRATION. FOR THIS ACTION PUNISHMENT WILL BE METED OUT TO THE PARTICIPANTS AND ESPECIALLY THE RINGLEADERS, THE COMMUNIQUE STATED, WARNING THAT SUCH DISORDERS WERE IN CONFLICT WITH THE GERMAN PENAL CODE.

HOWEVER, THE COMMUNIQUE ADDED THAT WHILE SUCH ACTION MUST BE AVOIDED AS DETRIMENTAL TO THE GERMAN POPULATION IN UPPER SILESIA, THE SILESIAN GERMANS HAVE BEEN EXEMPLARY IN THEIR CONDUCT TOWARD POLES SINCE THE EXPIRATION ON JULY 15 OF THE POLISH-GERMAN AGREEMENT OF 1922. FURTHERMORE, THE COMMUNIQUE ASSERTED, THIS RESTRAINT HAS BEEN THE MORE COMMENDABLE IN THE FACE OF INTENSIFIED ANTI-GERMAN ACTIVITY IN POLAND.

POLISH RESTAURANT UNION SEEKS BAN ON JEWS

WARSAW, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- A BAN ON JEWISH HOTELS WAS SOUGHT TODAY BY THE UNION OF RESTAURANT KEEPERS. IN A PETITION TO THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, THE UNION ASKED HIM NOT TO GIVE JEWS LICENSES TO OPEN HOTELS IN THE CENTER OF THE CAPITAL, "TO PRESERVE THE POLISH CHARACTER OF WARSAW."