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ZIONISTS PRESSED BY MANDATES BODY TO GIVE PARTITION STAND BY SATURDAY

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, August 2. (JTA) -- THE ZIONIST decision on the BRITISH PLAN TO PARTITION PALESTINE MUST BE GIVEN NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY TO THE PERMANENT MANDATES COMMISSION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, NOW SITTING IN GENEVA IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TO CONSIDER THE SCHEME.

THIS BECAME KNOWN HERE TODAY FOLLOWING A BRIEF SESSION OF THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL, ON THE EVE OF THE CONVENING OF THE TWENTIETH BIENNIAL WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS.

OPENING AT TONHALLE HERE TOMORROW NIGHT, THE CONGRESS WILL SEAT 483 DELEGATES, OF WHICH 230 REPRESENT LABORITE GROUPS. THE DELEGATES, FOR THE MOST PART CHOSEN BY BALLOT, REPRESENT AN ESTIMATED 1,250,000 JEWS IN MORE THAN 50 COUNTRIES.

THE MANDATES COMMISSION, IT BECAME KNOWN FOLLOWING THE GENERAL COUNCIL'S MEETING, IS PRESSING DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, FOR A DEFINITE STATEMENT ON THE JEWISH ATTITUDE TOWARD PARTITION. THIS STATEMENT MUST BE DELIVERED PRIVATELY BY DR. WEIZMANN BY THE END OF THE WEEK, IT WAS STATED.

TO ENABLE COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANDATES COMMISSION'S REQUEST, DR. WEIZMANN WILL ASK THE CONGRESS TO CLARIFY ITS STAND NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER DR. WEIZMANN WILL PROCEED TO GENEVA TO REPORT TO THE LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS.

USSISHKIN NAMED CONGRESS PRESIDENT

AT THE ZIONIST COUNCIL'S SESSION, MENACHEM M. USSISHKIN, 76-YEAR-OLD ZIONIST PIONEER, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS ON NOMINATION OF DR. WEIZMANN.

DR. WEIZMANN, IT WAS ANNOUNCED, WILL DELIVER HIS PRESIDENTIAL REPORT IN TWO SECTIONS. THE FIRST, ON TUESDAY EVENING, WILL DISCUSS WORLD JEWRY'S POSITION; THE SECOND, THE FOLLOWING MORNING, WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE QUESTION OF PARTITION.

ANTI-PARTITION DELEGATES TODAY MUSTERED THEIR FORCES SEEKING TO FORM A BLOC TO OPPOSE PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION FAVORING ANY FORM OF PARTITION. A CONFERENCE OF ANTI-PARTITIONISTS MAPPED PLANS FOR THE BATTLE AGAINST THE SCHEME ON THE CONGRESS FLOOR. PARTICIPATING IN THE SESSION WERE MR. USSISHKIN, BERL KATZNELSON, PALESTINE LABOR LEADER AND EDITOR, AND RABBI MEIR BERLIN, WORLD LEADER OF THE MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION, RELIGIOUS ZIONIST GROUP.

A CONFERENCE OF THE MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION ADOPTED A RESOLUTION AGAINST ANY FORM OF PARTITION.

U.S. DELEGATES TO ACT AS INDIVIDUALS, NOT UNIT, ON VITAL ISSUE

A CONFERENCE OF THE 91 AMERICAN DELEGATES TO THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS WAS TURNED LAST NIGHT INTO A "MINIATURE CONGRESS" AT WHICH WORLD ZIONIST LEADERS HEATEDLY DEBATED THE QUESTION OF ACCEPTING PARTITION.

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION DECIDED TO ABANDON A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA BINDING THEM TO OPPOSE PARTITION AND WILL VOTE AT THE CONGRESS AS INDIVIDUALS, EACH REPRESENTATIVE ACCORDING TO HIS CONVICTIONS.

LED BY RABBI BARNETT R. BRICKNER, OF CLEVELAND, AND ELIHU D. STONE, OF BOSTON, A GROUP OF TWELVE DELEGATES DECLARED THEY WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE FOR ACCEPTANCE PROVIDED LARGER TERRITORY WAS SECURED FOR THE PROPOSED JEWISH STATE.

TO OBTAIN VIEWS PRO AND CON THE AMERICAN DELEGATION INVITED EXPRESSIONS OF VIEWPOINTS FROM DAVID BEN-GURION, LABORITE AND LEADING MEMBER OF THE WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE, WHO FAVORS PARTITION; MR. USSISHKIN AND RABBI MEIR BERLIN, PRESIDENT OF THE MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION, WHO OPPOSE THE PLAN TO DIVIDE PALESTINE.

IN A PASSIONATE ADDRESS, MR. USSISHKIN DECLARED PARTITION WOULD SPELL CALAMITY FOR THE PALESTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY FROM EVERY ANGLE -- STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL. HE APPEALED TO THE AMERICANS, THE SECOND LARGEST DELEGATION, TO VOTE AGAINST PARTITION PROPOSALS.

"CURSED WILL BE THE JEWISH HAND WHICH SIGNS PARTITION," DECLARED THE 76-YEAR-OLD ZIONIST VETERAN.

MR. BEN-GURION SPOKE VIGOROUSLY IN FAVOR OF PARTITION AS OPPOSED TO CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT PALESTINE MANDATE. RABBI BERLIN SUPPORTED MR. USSISHKIN, ADVISING THE AMERICANS TO JOIN THE ANTI-PARTITIONISTS AT THE CONGRESS, WHICH OPENS TUESDAY NIGHT.

COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATES TO THE CONGRESS IS AS FOLLOWS: LABORITES, 230; GENERAL ZIONISTS, GROUP A, 120; GENERAL ZIONISTS, GROUP B, 40; MIZRACHI, 83; JEWISH STATE PARTY, 10.

BULLETIN

WEIZMANN FAVORS PARTITION

ZURICH, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN CAME OUT TODAY IN FAVOR OF PARTITIONING PALESTINE, IN HIS FIRST PRONOUNCEMENT ON THE ISSUE. DR. WEIZMANN PLEADED FOR APPROVAL OF THE BRITISH PLAN BEFORE A MEETING OF DELEGATES OF GROUP A OF THE GENERAL ZIONISTS. HIS STAND WAS SUPPORTED BY DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN AND PROF. SELIG BRODETSKY.

MANDATES COMMISSION BROADENS PARTITION INQUIRY TO INCLUDE OTHER PLANS

GENEVA, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- THE ENTIRE PALESTINE QUESTION WAS LAID WIDE OPEN TODAY BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATES COMMISSION, WHICH REDUCED GREAT BRITAIN'S PLAN FOR PARTITIONING THE HOLY LAND TO THE STATUS OF ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE TROUBLES THERE.

DESPITE THE CONTENTION OF BRITAIN'S COLONIAL SECRETARY, WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, AND THE ROYAL COMMISSION THAT THE PRESENT PALESTINE MANDATE IS UNWORKABLE, THE MANDATES COMMISSION ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD DECIDE THE QUESTION FOR ITSELF AFTER MAKING ITS OWN STUDY, AND THAT IT WOULD NOT LIMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL TO THE BRITISH ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT PROPOSING PARTITION.

AT TODAY'S SESSION MR. ORMSBY-GORE WAS QUESTIONED AT LENGTH ABOUT DETAILS OF THE PARTITION PLAN, AND WAS REQUESTED TO REMAIN IN GENEVA FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING. HE PROMISED TO STAY UNTIL THURSDAY.

THE COMMISSION DECIDED THAT IT WAS COMPETENT TO EXAMINE THE PALESTINE QUESTION ANEW IN ALL ITS RAMIFICATIONS. IN ITS OFFICIAL STATEMENT THE COMMISSION ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL FIRST EXAMINE THE RECORD OF THE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION IN THE HOLY LAND. THIS WILL INVOLVE STUDYING THE 1935 AND 1936 REPORTS OF THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT, COVERING THE PERIOD OF THE ARAB REBELLION.

NEXT, THE COMMISSION ANNOUNCED, IT WILL ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE MATERIAL NOW AVAILABLE IS SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE THE LEAGUE COUNCIL TO FORM AN OPINION ON THE PROBLEM AS A WHOLE AS WELL AS ON THE VARIOUS SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE COMMISSION PLACES BRITAIN'S PARTITION PROPOSAL FORMALLY ON A PAR WITH VARIOUS OTHER SCHEMES FOR SETTLING THE PALESTINE PROBLEM. FURTHER, THE COMMISSION INDICATES THAT IT DOES NOT TAKE THE ELABORATE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT AS THE LAST WORD ON THE SUBJECT.

FINALLY, THE COMMISSION ANNOUNCED, IT WILL ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE MANDATE IS IN FACT UNWORKABLE, AS BRITAIN CONTENDS. SINCE THIS IS THE BASIC BRITISH ARGUMENT, THE MANDATES BODY THUS GAVE EVIDENCE THAT THE ENTIRE QUESTION IS AS MUCH OPEN TO DISCUSSION AS IT WAS BEFORE MR. ORMSBY-GORE MADE HIS ARGUMENT.

GEN. SMUTS NOT SURE PARTITION IS WISE

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, AUGUST 2. (JTA) -- GRAVE MISGIVINGS AS TO THE WISDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN'S PROPOSAL TO PARTITION PALESTINE WERE VOICED TODAY BY GENERAL JAN CHRISTIAN SMUTS, MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

IMPLIED CRITICISM OF THE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION IN PALESTINE WAS CONTAINED IN A MESSAGE GENERAL SMUTS SENT TO THE SIXTEENTH ZIONIST CONFERENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA, MEETING HERE, IN WHICH HE SUGGESTED THAT THERE IS "ALWAYS THE ALTERNATIVE OF FIRM GOVERNMENT" RATHER THAN PARTITION OF THE HOLY LAND.

"THE POLICY OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME AND THE MEANING OF THE MANDATE TO GREAT BRITAIN WERE DECIDED AS MATTERS OF FIRST CLASS IMPORTANCE," GENERAL SMUTS DECLARED, "ON CONSIDERATIONS OF HIGH INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND FAR-REACHING STRATEGY.

"THE PRESENT CLASHES BETWEEN THE JEWS AND ARABS ARE SMALL IN COMPARISON WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS, THE IMPORTANCE OF WHICH IS INCREASED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SITUATION. THERE IS ALWAYS THE ALTERNATIVE OF FIRM GOVERNMENT IN CASE OF FURTHER TROUBLE."

GERMAN JEWS FAVOR PARTITION, RABBI PRINZ REVEALS

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- MOST GERMAN JEWISH GROUPS -- INCLUDING THE ASSIMILATIONISTS -- FAVOR THE PARTITION OF PALESTINE IN PRINCIPLE, RABBI JOACHIM PRINZ, GERMAN ZIONIST LEADER WHO ARRIVED YESTERDAY TO SETTLE HERE, SAID TODAY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE. HE ADDED THAT THE GERMAN ZIONISTS, IMPELLED BY THE "REALPOLITISCHE" NECESSITY OF EMIGRATION, WOULD "FIND IT EASIER TO DISCUSS" PARTITION IF THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES OF THE JEWISH STATE WERE ENLARGED TO INCLUDE THE NEW CITY OF JERUSALEM AND THE NEGEV.

MAYOR OF PANCIU AIDED POGROMISTS, BUCHAREST HEARS

BUCHAREST, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- CHARGES THAT MAYOR JOSEF SOICA AIDED ANTI-JEWISH RIOTERS IN THE TOWN OF PANCIU LAST SUNDAY, EVEN TO PROVIDING A BRASS BAND FOR THEM, WERE LODGED HERE TODAY.

THE MAYOR SENT THE POLICE CHIEF OUT OF TOWN BEFORE THE DISORDERS, WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, THE CHARGES SAID, AND HE ARRANGED THE ATTACKS IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE JEWS FROM VOTING.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE BAND PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE DISORDERS. ALL JEWISH HOUSES AND SHOPS WERE INDELIBLY MARKED WITH SWASTIKAS THE PREVIOUS NIGHT AND ONLY JEWISH PROPERTY WAS DAMAGED, IT WAS STATED.

EIGHTEEN PERSONS ARRESTED DURING THE DISTURBANCES WERE ALL RELEASED ON GROUNDS OF LACK OF EVIDENCE. SOME OF THE ARRESTED WERE GERMANS AND HUNGARIANS WHO SPOKE NO RUMANIAN.

SEVENTY JEWISH BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AND A NUMBER OF JEWISH TRADERS AND SMALL MANUFACTURERS WERE FINANCIALLY RUINED. M. SARATENU, SECRETARY OF THE UNION OF RUMANIAN JEWS, LEFT FOR PANCIU TO INVESTIGATE THE RIOTS.

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PLEDGED TO KILL JEW, BESSARABIAN PEASANT DINES THEN ATTACKS OLD FRIEND

BUCHAREST, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- AFTER TREATING HIS VICTIM WITH CAKE AND WINE, A BESSARABIAN PEASANT IN THE TOWN OF COJUSNA, WITH TEARS IN HIS EYES, ATTACKED WITH A KNIFE AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AN OLD JEWISH FRIEND BECAUSE HE HAD PLEDGED TO KILL AT LEAST ONE JEW, IT WAS REPORTED HERE TODAY.

THE PEASANT, BASIL POGREBNO, INVITED MOSES SCOLOVICH, A JEWISH MERCHANT, TO HIS HOME, AND AFTER THEY HAD PARTAKEN OF CAKE AND WINE CONFESSED TEARFULLY HE WAS SWORN TO KILL HIM. HE ATTACKED THE MERCHANT WITH A LARGE KNIFE, BUT THE JEW, AFTER A DESPERATE FIGHT, MANAGED TO ESCAPE BADLY WOUNDED.

THE PEASANT IS A MEMBER OF AN ANTI-JEWISH ORGANIZATION.

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URGES JEW-LESS ZONES AROUND RUMANIAN CITY'S CHURCHES

BUCHAREST, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- ESTABLISHMENT OF "PURE RUMANIAN ZONES" AROUND ALL CHURCHES IN THE CITY OF JASSY WAS URGED UPON THE MAYOR TODAY BY PROFESSOR NICOLAE JORGA, PRESIDENT OF THE SEMI-OFFICIAL CULTURAL LEAGUE, ORGANIZATION FOR EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA.