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### AGENCY COUNCIL WEIGHS MAGNES RESOLUTION FOR BI-NATIONAL STATE

ZURICH, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- THE COUNCIL OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE HAD BEFORE IT TODAY A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER THE BEST METHODS OF ESTABLISHING AN ARAB-JEWISH BI-NATIONAL STATE IN AN UNDIVIDED PALESTINE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED IN THE NAME OF A GROUP OF NON-ZIONISTS BY DR. JUDAH L. MAGNES, PRESIDENT OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM, WHO WARNED THAT CREATION OF A JEWISH STATE WITHOUT THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE ARABS WOULD LEAD TO AN ARAB-JEWISH WAR.

DR. MAGNES' RESOLUTION SAID THAT THE JEWISH AGENCY, BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE MANDATORY POWER (GREAT BRITAIN) AS THE APPROPRIATE PARTY TO NEGOTIATE ON PALESTINE, SHOULD APPOINT A COMMITTEE COMPRISING ZIONISTS AND NON-ZIONISTS IN EQUAL NUMBER TO CONDUCT THE PARLEYS.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED AS THE COUNCIL, WHICH IS DIVIDED EQUALLY IN MEMBERSHIP BETWEEN ZIONISTS AND NON-ZIONISTS, ENTERED THE SECOND DAY OF ITS FIFTH BIENNIAL MEETING, FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF PASSING ON THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE.

DR. MAGNES WARNED THAT THE CREATION OF SUCH A STATE WITHOUT ARAB CONSENT WOULD CREATE A POWERFUL ARAB IRREDENTISM IN THE JEWISH STATE WHICH WOULD LEAD TO AN ARAB-JEWISH WAR.

"I DO NOT HAVE HESITATION IN SAYING I AM AFRAID OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF A JEWISH STATE -- AFRAID FOR MY PEOPLE," HE DECLARED. "I DO NOT WANT TO SEE A JEWISH STATE BORN AND CONCEIVED IN WARFARE."

THE JEWISH STATE, HE MAINTAINED, WOULD NOT SOLVE THE JEWISH PROBLEM IN POLAND AND RUMANIA AND WOULD STIMULATE FALSE HOPES AMONG THE JEWS.

### PEACE EFFORTS FRUITLESS, WEIZMANN STATES

DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, AGENCY PRESIDENT, WHO AT THE OPENING SESSION HAD INDICATED THERE WOULD BE NO RETREAT FROM THE ZIONIST STAND ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN, RETURNED TO THE PODIUM IN THE EVENING TO RESTATE HIS VIEWS AND TO REPLY TO THE NON-ZIONIST SPEAKERS.

EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ARABS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN FRUITLESS. HE QUOTED PROMINENT ARAB LEADERS AS HAVING DECLARED AT GENEVA RECENTLY THAT EVEN THE "PALLIATIVES" SUGGESTED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION AS ALTERNATIVE TO PARTITION WERE NOT AGREEABLE. THEY REFUSED THE ZIONIST LEADER ASSERTED, TO SHARE PALESTINE WITH ANYONE.

IF THE AMERICANS ALSO SHARED THE ARAB VIEWPOINT, DR. WEIZMANN SAID, "OUR ROADS MUST PART."

DECLARING BI-NATIONALISM WAS AN EMPTY FORMULA AND COULD NOT PROVIDE A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, HE CONTINUED:

"IT IS EASY FOR THE AMERICANS TO NEGOTIATE BECAUSE FOR THEM PALESTINE IS ANOTHER COLONIZATION CENTER, LIKE BIRO-BIDJAN, BUT FOR US PALESTINE IS A NATIONAL HOME."

THE SUGGESTED JEWISH STATE AND THE NATIONAL HOME WERE TO HIM SYNONYMOUS, DR. WEIZMANN ASSERTED.

THE ZIONIST LEADER DECLARED HIS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE PROVIDED FOR IN DR. MAGNES' RESOLUTION. HE REVEALED THE ZIONIST EXECUTIVE WAS TO REPORT TODAY TO THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED POLITICAL COMMITTEE ON ITS EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ARABS AND SAID HE WAS WILLING TO SURRENDER HIS MANDATE IF THE COMMITTEE FOUND THE EXECUTIVE HAD NOT DONE ALL POSSIBLE.

IF THE NON-ZIONISTS, HE CONCLUDED, WISHED TO ACCEPT A POLICY OF A JEWISH MINORITY IN PALESTINE, "OUR PATHS MUST DIVERT."

#### ALEXANDER KAHN BACKS ZIONISTS

OTHER SPEAKERS AT LAST NIGHT'S SESSION INCLUDED ALEXANDER KAHN, ONLY AMERICAN NON-ZIONIST WHO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE ZIONIST DECISION; MOSHE SMILANSKY, PALESTINE FARM LEADER, AND JACOB LESTSCHINSKY OF POLAND, ECONOMIST AND STATISTICIAN.

MR. KAHN URGED ACCEPTANCE OF THE ZIONIST RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN ON THE PROPOSED JEWISH STATE, CONTENDING THE RESOLUTION PROVIDED FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ARABS.

MR. SMILANSKY ARGUED THAT PEACE WITH THE ARABS COULD NOT BE REACHED AT THE PRESENT TIME AND THAT A BI-NATIONAL STATE COULD NOT BE CREATED FROM A ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE. HE SAID THE JEWISH STATE WOULD BE ABLE TO ABSORB 3,000,000 JEWS.

MR. LESTSCHINSKY STRONGLY FAVORED PARTITION, BUT SAID HE WOULD PREFER, IF IT WAS INEVITABLE, THAT THE JEWISH PART REMAIN UNDER BRITISH MANDATE.

#### \$1,825,000 BUDGET APPROVED

THE COUNCIL TODAY APPROVED THE BUDGET OF 365,000 POUNDS (ABOUT \$1,625,000) VOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE FOR THE COMING YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE BUDGET COULD BE INCREASED TO 600,000 POUNDS (ABOUT \$3,000,000) TO COVER EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENTS.

#### WAVELL SAILS FOR PALESTINE TO REPLACE DILL AS MILITARY CHIEF

LONDON, AUG. 19. (JTA) -- MAJOR-GENERAL ARCHIBALD P. WAVELL SAILED TODAY FOR PALESTINE TO REPLACE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL JOHN G. DILL AS COMMANDER OF BRITISH FORCES IN PALESTINE AND TRANSJORDAN. HE SUCCEEDS GENERAL DILL ON AUG. 31.

LONDON JUDGE FLAYS, FINES 2 ANTI-SEMITES

LONDON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- "YOU REALLY WANT A GOOD SOUND HIDING," POLICE MAGISTRATE METCALFE SAID TODAY IN SENTENCING A WINDOW CLEANER AND A VENEERER TO FORTY SHILLINGS FINE OR A MONTH'S JAIL SENTENCE FOR USING INSULTING WORDS AND BEHAVIOR TOWARDS JEWS.

"JEWS ARE AS MUCH ENTITLED TO LIVE IN PEACE AND QUIETUDE AS A COUPLE OF MISERABLE BOYS LIKE YOU," THE MAGISTRATE TOLD THOMAS BROOKS, 28, THE WINDOW-CLEANER, AND ALBERT WELLS, 17, THE VENEERER, IN OLD STREET COURT.

THE TWO WERE CHARGED WITH STICKING ON A LAMP-POST A POSTER SAYING, "BRITONS AWAKE! JEWS ARE STEALING YOUR COUNTRY!" AND WITH MAKING INSULTING NOISES AND GESTURES TO JEWS PASSING BY.

AGUDIST GROUP BALKS AT PROPOSED LINK WITH JABOTINSKY

MARIENBAD, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- STRONG OPPOSITION TO A CONTEMPLATED TIE-UP WITH VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY'S NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION DEVELOPED TODAY AT A PLENARY SESSION OF THE WORLD CONGRESS OF THE AGUDATH ISRAEL, RELIGIOUS NON-ZIONIST ORGANIZATION.

AGUDIST WORKERS FROM PALESTINE THREATENED TO LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION IF NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONTINUED. AN OFFICIAL NEW ZIONIST DELEGATION IS ATTENDING THE CONGRESS WITH PROPOSALS FOR JOINT ACTION.

RUMANIAN CHURCH LEADER PRINTS ATTACK ON JEWS; JEWISH EXODUS WOULD HURT NATION, FILDERMAN HOLDS

BUCHAREST, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- JEWISH CIRCLES WERE SERIOUSLY DISTURBED TODAY OVER A VIRULENT ANTI-JEWISH STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN THE BUCHAREST DAILY, CURENTUL, ATTRIBUTED TO PATRIARCH MIRON CRISTEA, SUPREME LEADER OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF RUMANIA.

THE CHURCHMAN, WHO HAS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS MADE ANTI-SEMITIC UTTERANCES, DECLARED IN A STATEMENT:

"THE JEWS HAVE CAUSED AN EPIDEMIC OF CORRUPTION AND SOCIAL UNREST. THEY MONOPOLIZE THE PRESS, WHICH, WITH THE AID OF FOREIGN HELP, CONTINUALLY FLAYS ALL THE SPIRITUAL TREASURES OF THE RUMANIANS. ONE FEELS LIKE CRYING WITH PITY FOR THE GOOD RUMANIAN NATION, WHOSE VERY MARROW HAS BEEN SUCKED FROM ITS BONES BY THE JEWS.

"TO DEFEND OURSELVES IS A NATIONAL AND PATRIOTIC DUTY, NOT ANTI-SEMITIC. LACK OF MEASURES TO GET RID OF THIS PLAGUE WOULD INDICATE THAT WE WERE LAZY COWARDS WHO LET OURSELVES BE CARRIED ALIVE TO OUR GRAVES.

"WHY SHOULD THE JEWS ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE OF LIVING LIKE PARASITES UPON OUR BACKS? WHY SHOULD WE NOT GET RID OF THESE PARASITES WHO SUCK RUMANIAN CHRISTIAN BLOOD? IT IS LOGICAL AND HOLY TO REACT AGAINST THEM.

"TO DISLOCATE ARABS FROM THEIR HOMES IN PALESTINE FOR THE SAKE OF THE JEW IS NEITHER RIGHT NOR HUMANE. THE DUTY OF A CHRISTIAN IS TO LOVE HIMSELF FIRST AND TO SEE THAT HIS NEEDS ARE SATISFIED. ONLY THEN CAN HE HELP HIS NEIGHBOR IF HE APPROACHES HIM WITH A CLEAN SOUL AND IN A SPIRIT OF GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS."

ALL NATIONALIST NEWSPAPERS REPRINTED THE STATEMENT ON THEIR FRONT PAGES.

CURRENTLY ALSO PUBLISHES ANSWERS BY DR. WILLIAM FILDERMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF ROMANIAN JEWS, TO A QUESTIONNAIRE IT SUBMITTED.

DR. FILDERMAN WARNS A MASS EMIGRATION OF JEWS WOULD CREATE AN ECONOMIC CRISIS AND AN INDUSTRIAL COLLAPSE IN ROMANIA. POINTING OUT THE JEWS COMPRISE FIVE PER CENT OF THE POPULATION AND OTHER MINORITIES 22 PER CENT, HE ASKS WHY THE JEWS SHOULD BE FEARED AND NOT THE GERMANS AND MAGYARS WHO OUTNUMBER THEM THREE TO ONE.

STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF PALESTINE FOR ROMANIA, DR. FILDERMAN DECLARES ROMANIA OCCUPIES THIRD PLACE AS A COUNTRY OF EXPORT TO THE HOLY LAND, AFTER GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

#### MOVE TO "GHETTO-IZE" BERLIN SEEN IN PARK-BENCH SEGREGATION

BERLIN, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- THE FIRST OFFICIAL MOVE TO "GHETTO-IZE" BERLIN APPEARED TODAY IN THE FORM OF A STENCILED INSCRIPTION ON 92 PARK BENCHES IN TEUTOBURGER PLATZ IN THE NORTHEASTERN PRENZLAUERBURG DISTRICT: "JEWS PROHIBITED." EIGHT BENCHES REMAINING WERE RESERVED FOR JEWS.

APPLICATION OF A SIMILAR RESTRICTION IN OTHER BERLIN PARKS AND SQUARES WAS URGED IN DER. ANGRIFF, ORGAN OF PROPAGANDA MINISTER PAUL JOSEPH GOEBBELS.

JEWS WERE FORBIDDEN TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES, IN A DECREE ISSUED BY MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR WILHELM FRICK. APPLICATIONS FOR NAME CHANGES WILL BE GRANTED, UNDER THE DECREE, TO PERSONS OF "ARYAN" BLOOD OR WITH A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF JEWISH ANCESTRY BUT IF THE APPLICANT IS JEWISH OR HALF JEWISH, THE REQUEST WILL BE REFUSED.

ANOTHER DECREE BY DR. FRICK RESTRICTED THE PATRONAGE OF JEWISH BOOK SHOPS TO JEWS AND FORBODE THE SHOPS FROM SELLING WORKS OF GERMAN "ARYAN" WRITERS. JEWISH BOOKSELLERS MAY SELL ONLY THE WRITINGS OF JEWS AND FOREIGNERS, DR. FRICK DECREED, AND MUST DISPLAY A POSTER ANNOUNCING THEIR JEWISH OWNERSHIP AND SELL ONLY TO CUSTOMERS PRODUCING DOCUMENTS CERTIFYING THAT THEY ARE JEWS.

#### CHARGES POLISH JEWS IN GERMAN UPPER SILESIA ARE PERSECUTED

WARSAW, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- DEPUTY EMIL SOMMERSTEIN PROTESTED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY THAT JEWS OF POLISH NATIONALITY WERE BEING PERSECUTED IN GERMAN UPPER SILESIA, WHICH WAS RESTORED TO THE REICH PROPER ON JULY 15 WITH THE EXPIRATION OF THE POLISH-GERMAN MINORITIES CONVENTION.

#### FIRE RAZES 4 JEWISH HOMES IN POLISH TOWN; ARSON SUSPECTED

WARSAW, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- FOLLOWING THREE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS AT INCENDIARISM IN A MONTH FOUR JEWISH-OWNED HOUSES BURNED DOWN TODAY IN THE TOWN OF CZYZEW IN A FIRE OF SUSPICIOUS ORIGIN.

A JEWISH DELEGATION FROM THE TOWN, SCENE OF RECENT ANTI-JEWISH RIOTING, CAME TO WARSAW TO SEEK THE AID OF THE AUTHORITIES AGAINST VIOLENT ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA BEING CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

#### DR. S. MOSES RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF GERMAN ZIONIST FEDERATION

BERLIN (JTA) -- DR. SIEGFRIED MOSES HAS RESIGNED FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF THE GERMAN ZIONIST FEDERATION TO TAKE UP HIS DUTIES AS MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE HAABARAH, LTD., IN PALESTINE, UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS NAMED, THE DUTIES OF PRESIDENT ARE BEING ADMINISTERED BY DR. BENNO COHN AND DR. HANS FRIEDENTHAL.