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AGENCY GROUPS CONFER TO AVERT SPLIT; COMPROMISE RESOLUTION SOUGHT

ZURICH, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- JEWISH AGENCY COUNCIL GROUPS CONFERRED TODAY TO AVERT A SPLIT OVER BRITISH PROPOSALS TO PARTITION PALESTINE AND ESTABLISH A JEWISH STATE. A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION WAS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED AT A PLENARY SESSION SATURDAY NIGHT.

DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE AGENCY AND THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, MET PRIVATELY WITH FELIX M. WARBURG, WHO EARLY THIS MORNING LED AMERICAN NON-ZIONISTS IN WALKING OUT OF THE COUNCIL'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

THE AMERICANS, MINIMIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THEIR DEPARTURE, EXPLAINED LATER IT WAS MEANT MERELY AS A PROTEST GESTURE AGAINST THE CHAIRMAN'S REJECTION OF THEIR PLEAS FOR POSTPONEMENT OF A VOTE ON THE ZIONIST RESOLUTION FAVORING NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE.

THE RESOLUTION BACKING THE ZIONIST STAND, ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE AFTER THE AMERICAN NON-ZIONISTS HAD LEFT, WAS EXPECTED TO BE SCRAPPED IN FAVOR OF A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION INCORPORATING ALSO NON-ZIONIST VIEWS.

THIS RESOLUTION MAY FOLLOW THE GENERAL LINES OF AN AMENDMENT OFFERED BY PROF. NORMAN BENTWICH, BRITISH NON-ZIONIST, PROVIDING FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ARABS FOR COOPERATION IN AN UNDIVIDED PALESTINE, AS WELL AS APPROVING PARLEYS WITH BRITAIN REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE.

WITH SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONCILIATION PERVADEING INTER-FACTIONAL DELIBERATIONS, AMERICAN AND BRITISH NON-ZIONISTS MET TO DISCUSS THE TEXT OF A RESOLUTION ON WHICH ZIONISTS AND NON-ZIONISTS COULD AGREE, TO BE SUBMITTED SATURDAY NIGHT.

WEIZMANN TO BACK PARITY DEMAND

ANOTHER PHASE IN THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO SECTIONS OF THE AGENCY APPEARED TO BE NEARING SETTLEMENT WHEN DR. WEIZMANN WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE PROMISED MR. WARBURG TO USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH OTHER ZIONIST LEADERS TO OBTAIN FOR THE NON-ZIONISTS EQUAL REPRESENTATION IN THE JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE.

AS NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDED ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE, THE AMERICAN NON-ZIONISTS MET AND WERE EXPECTED TO INSIST ON PARITY OF REPRESENTATION. THE EXECUTIVE AT PRESENT COMPRISES TEN ZIONISTS AND THREE NON-ZIONISTS.

THE CONFLICT OVER PALESTINE PARTITIONING WAS CRYSTALLIZED IN THE TWO RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE LAST NIGHT -- THAT BACKING THE ZIONIST CONGRESS AND, AN ALTERNATIVE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARAB-JEWISH STATE IN AN UNDIVIDED PALESTINE.

THE OPINION WAS VOICED PRIVATELY THAT A MORE TACTFUL HANDLING OF THE SITUATION BY PROF. SPEYER, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, MIGHT HAVE AVERTED THE WALKOUT. IT WAS STATED THAT THERE WAS NO NECESSITY FOR AN IMMEDIATE VOTE, ESPECIALLY SINCE MR. WARBURG AND DR. WEIZMANN WERE IN THE MIDST OF CONFERENCES AIMED AT A COMPROMISE.

THE COUNCIL'S ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE THIS MORNING ADOPTED A RESOLUTION URGING THE AGENCY EXECUTIVE TO CREATE A COMMITTEE OF ZIONISTS AND NON-ZIONISTS TO ADAPT THE AGENCY'S BY-LAWS TO THE PRESENT SITUATION.

DR. MAGNES LEFT FOR PARIS TODAY. HE IS BEING MENTIONED AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE.

AGUDATH ISRAEL THREATENED WITH RIFT ON PARTITION ISSUE

MARIENBAD, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A SERIOUS SPLIT TODAY THREATENED THE WORLD CONGRESS OF THE AGUDATH ISRAEL, ORTHODOX JEWISH ORGANIZATION, ON THE ISSUE OF BRITISH PROPOSALS TO PARTITION PALESTINE AND ESTABLISH A JEWISH STATE.

A REPORT WAS AWAITED FROM THE RABBINICAL COUNCIL, WHICH WAS EXAMINING THE PROBLEM FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF HEBRAIC LAW. THE COUNCIL WAS DIVIDED, IT WAS LEARNED, BUT THE ANTI-PARTITION SENTIMENT WAS EXPECTED TO PREVAIL.

STORMY SCENES OCCURRED ON THE FLOOR WHEN YANKELEVITCH, PALESTINIAN LEADER OF THE POALE-AGUDAH, ORTHODOX WORKERS' GROUP, ATTACKED THE AGUDATH ISRAEL EXECUTIVE FOR NEGOTIATING WITH VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY, HEAD OF THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, FOR A UNITED FRONT TO OPPOSE PALESTINE PARTITIONING.

PROF. AKZIN, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEW ZIONISTS, LEFT MARIENBAD LAST NIGHT AFTER LONG NEGOTIATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE AGUDAH EXECUTIVE. IT WAS LEARNED THE AGUDAH REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN A JEWISH ASSEMBLY SUGGESTED BY JABOTINSKY BECAUSE OF PROPOSED WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN ELECTION OF DELEGATES, BUT AGREED TO A JOINT CONFERENCE WITH THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION.

NEW ARAB REVOLT BEING FORMENTED, PALESTINE REVIEW SAYS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- ANOTHER ARAB REVOLT IN PALESTINE IS BEING DRUMMED UP THROUGHOUT THE NEAR EAST OVER THE ISSUE OF PARTITION OF THE HOLY LAND, ACCORDING TO AN EDITORIAL TO APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S PALESTINE REVIEW, ENGLISH LANGUAGE PERIODICAL PUBLISHED HERE.

CITING THE INCREASINGLY FREQUENT ACTS OF TERRORISM BY ARABS AS EVIDENCE OF THE INSECURITY OF PEACE IN PALESTINE, THE MAGAZINE SOUNDS THE ALARM AGAINST THE PREDICTED REBELLION, DECLARING THAT THE LEADERS OF ARAB ARMED BANDS WHICH CARRIED ON GUERRILLA WARFARE IN THE 1936 REBELLION HAVE REASSEMBLED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE NEAR EAST IN DAMASCUS.

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"THERE IS NO REASON TO DOUBT REPORTS THAT ALL RECENT OUTRAGES ARE MERELY THE PERPETRATORS' PRELIMINARY TRIALS OF STRENGTH," THE REVIEW SAYS. "AT THE SAME TIME AGITATORS ARE INCITING ARAB VILLAGERS TO DEFEND LANDS AGAINST SEIZURE WHEN THE PARTITION PLAN IS PUT INTO EFFECT."

MOSLEMS DEMONSTRATE IN JAFFA

JAFFA, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- HEAVY POLICE DETACHMENTS PATROLLED THIS ARAB CITY'S STREETS TODAY AS A MOSLEM RELIGIOUS CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF NEBI (PROPHET) REUBEN WAS CONVERTED INTO A HUGE ARAB NATIONALIST DEMONSTRATION.

SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS, TO EMPHASIZE ARAB OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED TRIPARTITION OF PALESTINE, WERE HELD IN THE NEARBY TOWN OF RAMLEH. MOSLEM MOSQUES HERE AND IN RAMLEH WERE THE FOCAL POINTS FOR THE THROGS OF DEMONSTRATORS.

JEWISH-OWNED BUSES TRAVELED THEIR ACCUSTOMED ROUTES CONSPICUOUSLY EMPTY OF PASSENGERS DURING THE DEMONSTRATIONS.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY SCIENTIST CLAIMS UNIVERSE IS SHRINKING

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A YOUNG JEWISH PHYSICIST WHO FOR YEARS HAS PURSUED A QUIET AND INCONSPICUOUS CAREER AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM, TODAY STARTLED THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD BY PRODUCING EVIDENCE THAT THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE IS SHRINKING.

THE PALESTINE SCIENTIST, DR. S. SAMBURSKY, 36 YEARS OLD, PUBLISHED HIS PAPER IN THE PHYSICAL REVIEW HERE. IT WAS RECEIVED AS A THEORY AS STARTLING AS EINSTEIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SPACE IS CURVED OR DE SITTER'S HYPOTHESIS OF AN EXPLODING UNIVERSE.

ACCORDING TO DR. SAMBURSKY'S DEMONSTRATION, EVERY PART OF THE UNIVERSE IS SHRINKING, DOWN TO THE SMALLEST UNITS OF MATTER AND THE UNITS OF MEASUREMENT OF SPACE AND ENERGY.

THE DATA ON WHICH HE BASED HIS CALCULATIONS WERE RECENT DISCOVERIES MADE WITH THE 100-INCH REFLECTOR TELESCOPE AT MOUNT WILSON, CALIFORNIA, LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

SPECTROSCOPIC PHOTOGRAPHS MADE WITH THIS INSTRUMENT, ANALYZING THE LIGHT OF THE MOST DISTANT NEBULAE THAT COULD BE SEEN, SHOWED A "RED SHIFT" IN THEIR SPECTRA, EXPLAINED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THEY WERE MOVING RAPIDLY AWAY FROM THE EARTH. THE DISTANT NEBULAE ARE ISLAND UNIVERSES OF STARS AT THE UTMOST LIMITS OF OBSERVABLE SPACE, AND ON THE BASIS OF THEIR APPARENT "RUNNING AWAY" AT SPEEDS CALCULATED AS HIGH AS 25,000 MILES A SECOND, IT WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT THE UNIVERSE IS EXPANDING WITH EXPLOSIVE VELOCITY.

RECENT OBSERVATIONS DID NOT FIT INTO THIS PICTURE. TODAY DR. SAMBURSKY OFFERED THE FURTHER EXPLANATION WHICH APPEARED TO GATHER IN ALL THE LOOSE ENDS. BY MATHEMATICAL DEMONSTRATION HE POINTED OUT THAT THE "RED SHIFT" WOULD ALSO BE NOTED PROVIDED EVERYTHING BETWEEN THE EARTH AND THE NEBULAE WAS SHRINKING SLOWLY AND UNIFORMLY.

AMONG THE ITEMS WHICH ARE SHRINKING, DR. SAMBURSKY SAYS, ARE THE RADIUS OF THE ELECTRON, SMALLEST OBSERVED PARTICLE OF MATTER, AND THE MEASURING ROD OF ENERGY, A UNIT KNOWN TO SCIENTISTS AS "H", FIRST DESCRIBED BY MAX PLANCK.

THE SHRINKING "H," HE ADDS, OFFERS A NEW EXPLANATION OF GRAVITY, WHICH HE PROMISES TO GIVE IN FULL IN A LATER PAPER.

JEWISH OWNERS OUSTED FROM WERTHEIM'S DEPARTMENT STORE IN BERLIN

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- THE SCHEDULED "ARYANIZATION" OF WERTHEIM'S, WORLD-FAMOUS BERLIN DEPARTMENT STORE, HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL NAZI ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTED IN A DISPATCH FROM BERLIN TO THE NEW YORK TIMES TODAY. THE PRINCIPAL OWNERS, GEORG WERTHEIM AND FRITZ STERNBERG, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MANAGEMENT WHAT WAS ANNOUNCED AS FOLLOWING "A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE CONCERN'S CAPITAL OWNERSHIP."

THE OWNERS DID NOT SUBMIT WITHOUT A STRUGGLE, BUT WERE FINALLY FORCED TO GIVE UP WHEN, UNDER NAZI LEADERSHIP, THE EMPLOYEES DECLARED THEY COULD NOT CONTINUE WORKING IN A SHOP THAT COULD NOT SHOW THE SWASTIKA FLAG ON MAY DAY. TODAY, THE TIMES SAID, A SWASTIKA FLEW FROM THE STORE'S LONG-EMPTY FLAG STAFF.

SALES OF ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT PAY COST OF INQUIRY

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- THE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT ON PALESTINE HAS PROVED TO BE SUCH A BEST SELLER THAT SALES OF THE 404-PAGE VOLUME HAVE COMPLETELY DEFRAYED THE COSTS OF THE SIX-MONTH INQUIRY AND LEFT A PROFIT.

THE FIRST PRINTING OF 10,000 COPIES, OFFERED FOR SALE JULY 8 AT SIX SHILLINGS SIXPENCE, WENT IN PRACTICALLY NO TIME. A SECOND PRINTING OF 10,000 IS PLANNED AND ORDERS FOR 14,000 COPIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED. THE PALESTINE INQUIRY COST 2,000 POUNDS (ABOUT \$10,000).

"IT IS THE ONLY PROFIT TO ANY PARTY FROM THIS UNFORTUNATE BUSINESS," COMMENTS THE LONDON JEWISH CHRONICLE.

REFUGEES FROM UPPER SILESIA, DANZIG INCREASE

PARIS, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A GREAT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JEWISH REFUGEES FROM GERMAN UPPER SILESIA AND FROM DANZIG WAS RECORDED TODAY IN THE REPORT FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1937 ISSUED BY THE PARIS BUREAU FOR LEGAL AID TO JEWISH REFUGEES.