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BRITISH FORCES PRESS DRIVE AGAINST ARAB AGITATORS; MUFTI'S SUPPORTERS SEEK STRIKE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- ARAB UNREST MOUNTED TODAY OVER THE SUPPRESSION OF ARAB POLITICAL GROUPS AND ARREST OR DEPOSITION OF LEADERS WHILE BRITISH FORCES PRESSED "MOPPING UP" OPERATIONS AGAINST AGITATORS AND TERRORISTS.

AGITATION FOR A NATION-WIDE STRIKE WAS LAUNCHED BY ADHERENTS OF GRAND MUFTI HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI, DEPOSED PRESIDENT OF THE MOSLEM SUPREME COUNCIL. TWELVE YOUTHFUL AGITATORS WERE ARRESTED. THE MUKHTAR (VILLAGE CHIEF) OF BEDOUINS DWELLING IN THE HAIFA BAY AREA WAS SHOT DEAD. SAFED WAS THROWN INTO PANIC WHEN NUMEROUS SHOTS WERE FIRED INTO THE JEWISH QUARTER. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

A SECRET \$500,000 FUND WAS REPORTED UNCOVERED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITORS EXAMINING THE ARAB BANK, WHOSE AMERICAN MANAGER, TOUKAN BEY SHOUMAN, WAS AMONG THE ARABS ARRESTED FRIDAY FOR EXILE TO THE SEYCHELLES ISLANDS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE FUND WILL BE CONFISCATED, IT WAS SAID.

OFFICES OF LOCAL ARAB NATIONALIST COMMITTEES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WERE SEARCHED AND HEADS OF THE YOUNG MOSLEM ASSOCIATION WERE ARRESTED. POLICE SEARCHED THE OFFICE OF THE KADI (MOSLEM RELIGIOUS HEAD) OF JAFFA AND CONFISCATED DOCUMENTS. THE KADI FLED.

THE GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED BANKS THAT THE SERVICES OF HUSSEIN KHALIDI, ONE OF THE EXILED ARAB LEADERS, AS MAYOR OF JERUSALEM, TERMINATED SEPT. 30 -- THE DAY BEFORE HIS ARREST. EDGAR SHELLY, PRESIDENT OF THE JERUSALEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WILL REPLACE HIM TEMPORARILY, IT WAS LEARNED.

GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH ARAB AGENCY

THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT, HAVING SUPPRESSED THE ARAB SUPREME COMMITTEE, WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE STARTED PREPARATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARAB AGENCY, SIMILAR TO THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BRITISH ROYAL COMMISSION.

THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY REQUESTED LEBANON, THE REPUBLIC BORDERING PALESTINE ON THE NORTH, TO AUGMENT ITS CONTROL OVER PALESTINIANS THERE.

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A STRICT CENSORSHIP PREVENTED LOCAL NEWSPAPERS FROM PUBLISHING A WORD OF THE EXTENSIVE REPORTS AND REACTIONS ABROAD ON THE STRINGENT STEPS TAKEN FRIDAY. TELEPHONE SERVICE WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES REMAINED SUSPENDED, ALTHOUGH SERVICE WAS FUNCTIONING WITH DISTANT COUNTRIES.

STRONG MEASURES WERE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO GUARD AGAINST DISTURBANCES IN THE WAKE OF THE COUP. POLICE AND MILITARY DETACHMENTS GUARDED ALL ROADS AND PATROLLED THE STREETS OF IMPORTANT POPULATION CENTERS. A STRONG GUARD CONTINUED TO SURROUND THE MOSQUE OF OMAR, WHICH THE MUFTI CONTINUED TO OCCUPY PROTECTED BY A BODYGUARD OF FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS.

THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE ANNOUNCED THAT THE MUFTI IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE MOSLEM RELIGIOUS COURTS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, IN REPLY TO THREATS VOICED BY ARAB NOTABLES THAT THEY WOULD ELECT HIM TO THAT POST AS DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND IN PROTEST AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION.

NASHASHIBI'S ASCENDENCY SEEN OPENING WAY TO COMPROMISE

MEANWHILE, ANOTHER ARAB LEADER, AHMED HILMI PASHA, WAS ARRESTED YESTERDAY AT GAZA AND TAKEN TO HAIFA ON A ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANE. THERE HE JOINED FOUR OTHER ARAB LEADERS IN CONFINEMENT ON THE BRITISH CRUISER SUSSEX TO AWAIT EXILE.

WHILE JEWS HAILED THE COUP, THE MUFTI'S ADHERENTS WERE DEPRESSED. THE GENERAL OPINION WAS THAT RAGHEB BEY NASHASHIBI, FORMER MAYOR OF JERUSALEM, AND BITTER OPPONENT OF THE MUFTI, WOULD SUCCEED HIM AS THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURE IN PALESTINE ARAB LIFE. HIS ACCESSION TO THE LEADERSHIP WAS EXPECTED TO OPEN THE WAY TO ARAB-JEWISH-BRITISH COMPROMISES, PARTICULARLY ON THE PARAMOUNT QUESTION OF PROJECTED PARTITION OF THE HOLY LAND.

ARAB NOTABLES TELEGRAPHED ARAB RULERS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES PROTESTING THE ARRESTS AND DEPORTATIONS OF THEIR COLLEAGUES. THE HEBREW DAILY HAARETZ DECLARED IN AN EDITORIAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT FINALLY TOOK THE STEP DEMANDED AND EXPECTED BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND BY THE WORLD.

ARMY GETS FULL POWER TO SUPPRESS REVOLT

LONDON, OCT. 3. (JTA) -- THE BRITISH CABINET HAS GIVEN "UNLIMITED POWERS" TO THE MEN ON THE SPOT TO DEAL WITH ANY EMERGENCY IN PALESTINE ARISING FROM ARRESTS OF ARAB LEADERS, THE DAILY EXPRESS REPORTED TODAY. THE BRITISH ARMY IN PALESTINE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE ON ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITY FULLEST MILITARY MEASURES TO SUPPRESS ANY NEW ATTEMPT AT A REVOLT, THE REPORT SAID.

THE SUNDAY TIMES PRAISED THE BRITISH ACTION IN PALESTINE, ALTHOUGH IT CRITICIZED THE DELAY IN TAKING IT. AN EDITORIAL WARNED THAT THE TASK WAS NOT COMPLETED UNTIL THE GUNMEN WERE CAUGHT, AND SAID LENIENCY TOWARD TERRORISM WOULD ENCOURAGE IT TO GROW LIKE A PRAIRIE FIRE.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH AND MANCHESTER GUARDIAN ALSO PRAISED THE MEASURES.

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"ABUSE OF MANDATE" SEEN IN ROME

ROME, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS FEATURED TODAY THE BRITISH MEASURES AGAINST ARAB AGITATORS IN PALESTINE. LA STAMPA CRITICIZED THE "DRACONIAN MEASURES" AS "ABUSE OF THE MANDATE." IT DESCRIBED THE "TRAGIC DILEMMA" OF THE ARAB POPULATION AND CONCLUDED WITH THE QUESTION OF WHAT WOULD BE THE EVENTUAL REACTION OF THE MOSLEM WORLD.

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NEW YORK TIMES APPLAUDS MEASURES

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- THE NEW YORK TIMES YESTERDAY APPLAUDED THE STRINGENT MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST ARAB LEADERS WITH AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "BRITAIN DETERMINES TO GOVERN," WHICH SAID: "AT LAST GREAT BRITAIN IS MEETING TERRORISM IN PALESTINE AS IT SHOULD."

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WARSAW JEWISH PRESS EXPRESSES APPROVAL

WARSAW, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- JEWISH NEWSPAPERS ACCLAIMED THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT'S NEW POLICY IN SUPPRESSING ARAB TERRORISM. NASZ PRZEGLAD COMMENTED: "IF THE CHANGE OF POLICY HAD COME EARLIER, REVISION OF THE MANDATE WOULD BE UNNECESSARY." HAJNT AND MOMENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE THE NEW POLICY OF GIVING MODERATE ARAB OPINION A CHANCE TO ASSERT ITSELF.

REPORT "GHETTO BENCHES" TO BE INTRODUCED IN WARSAW HIGH SCHOOLS

WARSAW, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- CERTAIN POLISH NEWSPAPERS REPORTED TODAY THAT RECTORS OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOLS WOULD SHORTLY ANNOUNCE SEPARATE "GHETTO BENCHES" FOR JEWISH STUDENTS. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT.

LEAGUE SUBCOMMITTEE ASKS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES

GENEVA, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- A SUBCOMMITTEE ON REFUGEES HAS SUBMITTED TO THE SIXTH COMMISSION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSEMBLY A REPORT SUGGESTING THAT THE ASSEMBLY EMPOWER THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR GERMAN REFUGEES IN COOPERATION WITH THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL TO CALL AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT THE BEGINNING OF 1938 TO WORK OUT A CONVENTION FOR GERMAN REFUGEES, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE GENERAL REFUGEE PROBLEM BE CONSIDERED BY THE ASSEMBLY IN 1938.

POINTING OUT THAT THE REFUGEE PROBLEM WILL NOT BE SETTLED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR, THE REPORT URGES THE LEAGUE ON THAT ACCOUNT TO CONTINUE THE WORK ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES FOR A FURTHER STATED PERIOD. IT FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL, TOGETHER WITH THE HEAD OF THE NANSSEN OFFICE AND THE HIGH COMMISSION DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES AFTER DEC. 31, 1938, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS NOT LATER THAN MAY 15, 1938.

60 ARRESTED IN CLASHES AS FASCISTS PARADE IN LONDON; 18 INJURED

LONDON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- SIXTY PERSONS WERE ARRESTED TODAY IN CLASHES BETWEEN ANTI-FASCISTS AND SIR OSWALD MOSLEY'S BRITISH UNION OF FASCISTS, THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY REPORTED. EIGHTEEN PERSONS WERE INJURED.

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DURING A FASCIST PARADE LASTING SEVERAL HOURS AND AFTER A FASCIST MEETING, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR BERMONDSEY IN SOUTHEAST LONDON BUT TRANSFERRED TO SOUTHWARK, THE FASCISTS AND ANTI-FASCISTS FOUGHT IN STREET DISORDERS SUCH AS TRANQUIL OLD LONDON HAS SELDOM SEEN.

SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS WERE CLUBBED BY THE POLICE IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO HALT THE FIGHTING BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS A BARRAGE OF FIRE-CRACKERS HURLED AT THE MOUNTED OFFICERS PROVOKED A NEAR PANIC AMONG THE STRUGGLING CROWDS.

4,067 JEWS AIDED TO EMIGRATE FROM GERMANY IN FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1937

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN GERMANY HELPED 4,067 PERSONS TO EMIGRATE DURING THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1937, ACCORDING TO A REPORT RECEIVED BY JOSEPH C. HYMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE. THE HILFSVEREIN DER JUDEN IN DEUTSCHLAND GAVE SERVICE DURING THE SEVEN MONTHS TO 2,284 PERSONS WHO EMIGRATED TO NORTH, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND OTHER OVERSEAS COUNTRIES, AND 329 PERSONS WHO WENT TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF GERMANY. THE PALESTINE AMT ASSISTED 1,082 PERSONS TO EMIGRATE TO PALESTINE FROM JANUARY THROUGH JULY, 1937. THE JEWISH MIGRATION COMMITTEE ASSISTED 372 JEWS, LONG RESIDENT IN GERMANY TO RETURN TO THEIR NATIVE COUNTRIES.

OUTSIDE OF GERMANY FROM JANUARY THROUGH MAY, 1937, HIAS-ICA EMIGRATION ASSOCIATION ASSISTED APPROXIMATELY 600 PERSONS, FORMER CITIZENS OR RESIDENTS OF GERMANY, TO EMIGRATE TO EUROPEAN AND OVERSEAS COUNTRIES. VARIOUS OTHER REFUGEE AID COMMITTEES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ASSISTED 134 PERSONS, ALSO FORMER GERMAN CITIZENS OR RESIDENTS, IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE YEAR, TO EMIGRATE TO OTHER LANDS FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT.

NAZI PROPAGANDA PROTESTED AT BRAZILIAN RALLY

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT ORGANIZED A HUGE DEMONSTRATION YESTERDAY IN PROTEST AGAINST INFILTRATION OF NAZI DOCTRINES INTO BRAZIL, THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY REPORTED. A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ASSERTED SCHOOLS AND ATHLETIC CLUBS IN THE SOUTH OF BRAZIL WERE BEING INUNDATED WITH FASCIST-NAZI PROPAGANDA.

JUSTICE BLACK DENIES PREJUDICE; SEES CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM LEADING TO BIGOTRY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3. (JTA) -- DISCLAIMING ANY ANTI-JEWISH, ANTI-CATHOLIC OR ANTI-NEGRO PREJUDICE, HUGO L. BLACK, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, WARNED THE AMERICAN NATION FRIDAY NIGHT THAT THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM FOR HAVING JOINED THE KU KLUX KLAN WOULD, IF CONTINUED, "REINFECTION OUR SOCIAL AND BUSINESS LIFE WITH THE POISON OF RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY."

IN A SPEECH BROADCAST BY ALL MAJOR NETWORKS, MR. BLACK REPLIED DIRECTLY FOR THE FIRST TIME TO THE CHARGES GROWING OUT OF DISCLOSURES THAT HE HAD JOINED THE KU KLUX KLAN. HE SAID: "I DID JOIN THE KLAN. I LATER RESIGNED. I NEVER REJOINED."

THE ADDRESS WAS PERVADED WITH DISAVOWALS AND DENUNCIATIONS OF BIGOTRY. MR. BLACK CITED HIS SENATORIAL RECORD TO REFUTE PREJUDICE CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND SAID THE "PLANNED AND CONCERTED CAMPAIGN" LAUNCHED AGAINST HIM WHILE HE WAS ABROAD "FANS THE FLAMES OF PREJUDICE AND IS CALCULATED TO CREATE RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HATRED."