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GENERAL UPRISING FEARED AS MUFTI FLEES, LEAVING INCITING MANIFESTO; DISORDERS SPREAD

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- OFFICIAL CIRCLES TODAY ADMITTED FEARS OF A GENERAL ARAB UPRISING AS DISORDERS WHICH BEGAN LAST THURSDAY ASSUMED A WIDESPREAD CHARACTER RESEMBLING THE 1936 REVOLT AND THE DEPOSED GRAND MUFTI, HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI, FLED HIS SANCTUARY IN THE MOSQUE OF OMAR LEAVING BEHIND HIM AN INFLAMMATORY MANIFESTO.

THE MANIFESTO, WHICH HAS ALREADY ACHIEVED WIDE CIRCULATION THROUGHOUT PALESTINE, CALLS ON ARABS NOT TO DESPAIR AND URGES THEM TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST THE JEWS AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. FINAL LIBERATION, IT PROMISES, IS COMING DESPITE "JEWISH INFLUENCE OVER GREAT BRITAIN."

COINCIDENT WITH THE MOSLEM LEADER'S FLIGHT, REPORTEDLY TO SYRIA, THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS OCCURRED YESTERDAY AND TODAY:

A JEWISH BOY OF 11, NAMED SHARABI, WAS MURDERED IN HIS SLEEP BY FIVE ARABS WHO FIRED INTO HIS BEDROOM IN THE YEMENITE QUARTER OF NESS ZIONA.

AN ARAB NOTABLE, KEMAL ALAMI, A RELATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT ADVOCATE WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED HIS POST, WAS SHOT DEAD IN THE CHRISTIAN QUARTER OF THE OLD CITY.

FIRE PARTIALLY DESTROYED THE STRATEGIC LYDDA AIRPORT, WHICH HAD NOT YET BEEN ENTIRELY COMPLETED, CAUSING DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$35,000. THE IMMIGRATION OFFICES AT THE AIRPORT, A POLICE STATION, A HOTEL AND OFFICES OF THE DUTCH K.L.M. AND POLISH LOT AIRLINES CONTAINING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AND CREWS' PASSPORTS WERE GUTTED. WIRELESS APPARATUS AND THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE WERE ALSO DESTROYED.

THE DEAD BODY OF OSCAR STRAUSS, 35-YEAR-OLD GERMAN JEW, WAS FOUND ON THE SHORE OF KESSARIA, BUT WHETHER HE WAS MURDERED OR HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISHED.

AN ARAB WOOD PRODUCTS FACTORY NEAR THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN JERUSALEM WAS SET AFIRE.

AN AUTOMOBILE CARRYING JEWISH PASSENGERS WAS FIRED ON AND OVERTURNED, SERIOUSLY WOUNDING TWO OF THE OCCUPANTS AND SLIGHTLY INJURING TWO OTHERS. AN EGGED BUS WHICH CAME TO TAKE THE WOUNDED TO A HOSPITAL WAS FIRED UPON.

SAMUEL GUTMAN, A HUNGARIAN JEW WAS STABBED AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED WHILE WALKING IN THE KEREM ABRAHAM QUARTER OF JERUSALEM.

GANGS OF ARMED ARABS, NUMBERING 200, TRIED TO SLIP ACROSS THE SYRIAN BORDER INTO PALESTINE BUT WERE STOPPED BY THE FRONTIER FORCE.

OTHER INCIDENTS INCLUDED BOMBING OF THE ANGLO-PALESTINE BANK BRANCH IN JAFFA, DYNAMITING OF A BRIDGE ON THE JERUSALEM-TEL AVIV ROAD, SHIPING ON JEWISH COLONIES AND THE TOWNS OF KALANDIA, ATAROTH, NEVE YACOB AND MT. CANAAN.

GOVERNMENT ACTS TO CRUSH DISORDERS

THE GOVERNMENT RETALIATED WITH RIGOROUS MEASURES TO SUPPRESS THE SPREADING DISORDERS. MAJOR-GENERAL A.P. WAVELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF BRITISH MILITARY FORCES IN PALESTINE, ORDERED DESTRUCTION OF SEVERAL ARAB HOUSES IN LYDDA, SCENE OF THE AIRPORT FIRE, AND IMPOSED A 23-HOUR CURFEW ON THE VILLAGE. THE AUTHORITIES DECIDED ALSO TO COLLECT A \$25,000 COLLECTIVE FINE ASSESSED AGAINST THE VILLAGE DURING THE 1936 DISORDERS, BUT WHICH HAD BEEN DROPPED AFTER COLLECTION OF ONLY \$1,250.

CURFEW WAS CONTINUED IN JERUSALEM, POSTED PLACARDS ANNOUNCING ALSO PROHIBITION OF STREET GATHERINGS AND CARRYING OF KNIVES, STICKS, STONES OR OTHER SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS.

SHEIKH AMIN EFFENDI OF THE SUPREME SHARIA COURT AND MANY OTHER ARAB NOTABLES, SHEIKHS AND MOSLEM LEADERS IN HEBRON WERE REMOVED TO ACRE.

THE MUFTI WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SLIPPED OUT OF HIS REFUGE IN THE MOSQUE OF OMAR UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS AND ESCAPED TO SYRIA, WHERE, THE REPORT SAID, HE PRESENTED HIMSELF UNDER THE NAME AHMED JAFFARI TO THE BEIRUT POLICE AND THEN LEFT FOR DAMASCUS.

THE FIRST INTIMATION THAT HE HAD FLED CAME WHEN IT WAS NOTED THE MUFTI FAILED TO DELIVER HIS USUAL SABBATH SERMON IN THE MOSQUE YESTERDAY MORNING. ONE REPORT HAD IT THAT THE OUTBREAK OF DISORDERS WAS ARRANGED TO DRAW ATTENTION FROM HIS DEPARTURE.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE WAQF (MOSLEM RELIGIOUS ESTATES), WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER THE MUFTI'S CONTROL, WAS PLACED BY THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT UNDER THE CONTROL OF A THREE-MAN COMMISSION INCLUDING A JUDICIAL OFFICER, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

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TIMES SEES DISORDERS PART OF CONCERTED PLOT

LONDON, OCT. 17. (JTA) -- THE TIMES CHARGED IN AN EDITORIAL TODAY THAT THE PALESTINE DISORDERS WERE PART OF A CONCERTED ARAB PLOT AND DEMANDED THAT THE AUTHORITIES STRIKE HARD AT THE TERRORISM.

THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN REPORTED THAT WILLIAM D. BATTERSHILL, ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER, HAD HELD A NUMBER OF CONFERENCES WITH POLICE AND ARMY CHIEFS AND HAD DECIDED NOT TO INTRODUCE MARTIAL LAW UNLESS THE SITUATION BECAME CONSIDERABLY WORSE.

UNDEVELOPED LANDS CHIEF HOPE OF GERMAN-JEWISH EMIGRATION, MAX WARBURG HOLDS

BERLIN, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- PALESTINE CAN ABSORB ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF GERMAN JEWS AND THE FUTURE OF GERMAN-JEWISH EMIGRATION DEPENDS LARGELY ON SETTLEMENT OF UNDEVELOPED OVERSEAS COUNTRIES, THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE HILFSVEREIN DER JUDEN IN DEUTSCHLAND WAS TOLD TODAY BY MAX WARBURG, PRESIDENT.

MR. WARBURG REVEALED THAT WHILE SINCE 1933 A THIRD OF THE GERMAN JEWISH EMIGRANTS HAD GONE TO PALESTINE, DURING THE CURRENT YEAR ONLY A FIFTH AND POSSIBLY ONLY A SIXTH OF THEM WILL HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SETTLE THERE. HE DECLARED THE ATTEMPT TO SETTLE GERMAN JEWS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAD FAILED.

DR. MARK WISCHNITZER, DIRECTOR OF THE HILFSVEREIN, ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT ONLY IN SPARSELY SETTLED AND UNDEVELOPED COUNTRIES LAY THE CHIEF POSSIBILITY FOR FUTURE GERMAN-JEWISH EMIGRATION. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT EMIGRATION OF GERMAN JEWS TO THE UNITED STATES HAS INCREASED.

THE HILFSVEREIN, DR. WISCHNITZER DISCLOSED, ASSISTED 5,543 JEWS TO EMIGRATE FROM GERMANY DURING 1936. OF THIS NUMBER, 4,806 EMIGRATED OVERSEAS, THE REMAINDER GOING TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO TRAIN IN CENTERS MAINTAINED FOR PERSONS DESIRING TO SETTLE IN PALESTINE. DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1937, HE SAID, THE HILFSVEREIN AIDED 2,614 JEWS TO LEAVE GERMANY. AN ESTIMATED 40,000 HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY HELPED DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HE REPORTED.

DR. WISCHNITZER PAID TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO GERMAN-JEWISH CHILDREN'S COMMITTEES FOR HELPING 370 GERMAN-JEWISH CHILDREN SETTLE IN AMERICA. HE ALSO WARMLY PRAISED THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, THE COUNCIL FOR GERMAN JEWRY, THE JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION AND OTHER GROUPS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE.

THE CONFERENCE WAS INFORMED THAT OF THE 1936 BUDGET OF 1,973,000 MARKS, EMIGRANT AID CONSUMED 1,549,000 MARKS.

DOCTOR, FACING "RASSENSCHANDEN" CHARGE, REPORTED SUICIDE IN FRANKFORT

BERLIN, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- A JEWISH PHYSICIAN, DR. SCHWABE, HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE IN FRANKFORT-ON-THE-MAIN BY THROWING HIMSELF FROM A WINDOW, IT WAS REPORTED HERE TODAY, AFTER HE HAD BEEN THREATENED WITH PROSECUTION FOR "RACE DEFILEMENT" ON CHARGES OF HAVING RELATIONS WITH AN "ARYAN" WOMAN.

POLISH ENGINEERS' UNION WOULD BAR JEWS FROM BUILDING INDUSTRY

WARSAW, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- ONLY PERSONS OF POLISH NATIONALITY WOULD BE GRANTED BUILDING PERMITS UNDER A DEMAND FRAMED TODAY BY THE UNION OF POLISH ENGINEERS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNMENT. REALIZATION OF THE PLAN WOULD MEAN ELIMINATION OF JEWS FROM THE BUILDING INDUSTRY, IT WAS STATED.

A CONFERENCE OF YOUNG POLISH DOCTORS AT POSEN ADOPTED A RESOLUTION DEMANDING THE GOVERNMENT PROHIBIT JEWS FROM PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND INTRODUCE A NUMERUS NULLUS IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS AND PHARMACY COLLEGES.

COMPETITION ON PALESTINE RULED OUT BY J.D.C.; SEPARATE DRIVES FOR POLAND ASSAILED

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- JOSEPH C. HYMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, DECLARED HERE TODAY THE J.D.C. HAD NO DESIRE TO COMPETE WITH ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION IN PALESTINE AID AND ALSO CONDEMNED THE "SEPARATE AND COMPETITIVE" CAMPAIGN OF THE FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS FOR THE JEWS IN POLAND.

ADDRESSING THE EASTERN CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, MR. HYMAN DEFINED J.D.C. POLICY AS "NON-POLITICAL" AND "NON-PROPAGANDIST," AND DENIED THAT THE J.D.C. AND THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE "ARE ONE AND THE SAME ORGANIZATION."

HE SAID THE J.D.C. WAS DEDICATED TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PROPOSAL THAT JEWS, LIKE OTHER ELEMENTS IN THE POPULATION, HAVE A RIGHT TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRIES OF THEIR BIRTH AS "PART AND PARCEL, BONE AND SINOW OF THEIR NATIVE COUNTRIES," BUT ADDED THAT "WE CANNOT AFFORD TO OVERLOOK ANY POSSIBLE OUTLET THROUGH WHICH SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF THE JEWISH POPULATIONS MAY GO TO GAIN A FOOTHOLD FOR EXISTENCE ELSEWHERE."

HE SAID IT WOULD BE NECESSARY IN 1938 TO SUPPORT INSTITUTIONS AIDING THE JEWS ECONOMICALLY "ON A MUCH LARGER SCALE THAN EVER BEFORE," TO COOPERATE WITH CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, TO COLLABORATE WITH ORGANIZATIONS FOR TRAINING JEWISH YOUTH FOR PRODUCTIVE OCCUPATIONS AND TO "GIVE OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT" TO IMMIGRATION POSSIBILITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

MR. HYMAN'S STATEMENT THAT THE J.D.C. "HAS NO DESIRE TO SUBSTITUTE FOR OR COMPETE WITH THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY ANY OTHER COMPETENT, RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION" IN PALESTINE WAS INTERPRETED AS A REPLY TO RUMORS THAT NON-ZIONISTS PLANNED A CAMPAIGN FOR PALESTINE IN COMPETITION WITH THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ZIONISTS AND NON-ZIONISTS IN THE JEWISH AGENCY COUNCIL.

REFERRING TO "CONFUSION THAT HAS CREPT INTO SOME MINDS" REGARDING THE J.D.C.'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PALESTINE, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE J.D.C. WAS NOT ZIONIST, NON-ZIONIST OR ANTI-ZIONIST AND DECLARED THE J.D.C. HAD ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEN OF DIFFERING OUTLOOK ON PALESTINE.

REGARDING THE POLISH FEDERATION, MR. HYMAN CALLED ITS CAMPAIGN "UNWISE AND UNDESIRABLE" AND DECLARED THAT THE "RELATIVELY SMALL SUMS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED ARE FREQUENTLY COLLECTED AT THE EXPENSE OF MUCH LARGER POTENTIAL INCOME OF THE J.D.C."

"THEY SEEK TO DUPLICATE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE," HE ASSEPTED, "IN CAMPAIGNS HERE AND IN SERVICE ABROAD. THEY CREATE UNFOUNDED HOPES ABROAD. THEY TEND TO DIVIDE AND CONFUSE COMMUNITIES. THEY SET AN UNWHOLESOME PRECEDENT FOR SEPARATIST ACTION ON THE PART OF ANY GROUP THAT MAY BE DISSATISFIED WITH THE BUDGETARY ALLOTMENTS OF THE ONE AGENCY, THE J.D.C., WHICH HAS SOUGHT TO DO EVEN-HANDED JUSTICE, NOT ALONE TO THE JEWS IN EASTERN EUROPE, BUT TO THE JEWS IN OTHER LANDS OF DISTRESS AND SUFFERING."

MR. HYMAN ALSO REVIEWED THE JEWISH SITUATION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND ANALYZED J.D.C. EXPENDITURES.

LATE PALESTINE NEWS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- IT WAS LEARNED TODAY THAT THE BAND OF 200 ARMED ARABS, WHICH HAD BEEN HALTED AT THE SYRIAN BORDER, HAS SUCCEEDED IN CROSSING INTO PALESTINE IN SMALL GROUPS. FORTY-EIGHT PROMINENT LYDDA ARABS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH SATURDAY'S AIRPORT FIRE. A BOMB THROWN IN THE CENTRAL POLICE STATION AT JAFFA DID HEAVY DAMAGE, DESTROYING SEVERAL POLICE CARS. THE OFFICES OF ADIFAA, ARAB DAILY, ALSO WERE BOMBED