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MARTIAL LAW PONDERED BY LEADERS AT JAFFA PARLEY AS VIOLENCE CONTINUES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- MAJOR-GENERAL ARCHIBALD P. WAVELL, COMMANDER OF BRITISH FORCES IN PALESTINE, CALLED DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS TO JAFFA TODAY AND DISCUSSED THE ADVISABILITY OF DECLARING MARTIAL LAW TO STAMP OUT SPREADING ARAB TERRORISM.

AS THE CONFERENCE WAS IN SESSION, REPORTS REACHED JERUSALEM OF A SPECTACULAR ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN AN ARAB BAND OF 50 AND POLICE ATTACHED TO A POST AT DAHIRIYA, TWELVE MILES FROM BEERSHEBA.

THE BAND, WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN CONDUCTING DEPREDACTIONS IN THE BEERSHEBA AREA, ATTACKED BEFORE DAWN. AFTER A TWO-HOUR BATTLE, THE ARABS INVADDED THE POST'S COURTYARD. THE POLICE DEFENDERS CONCEALED PART OF THEIR ARMS AND AMMUNITION, RETREATED TO THE HOUSE AND WIRELESSED AN S.O.S. REINFORCEMENTS SPED TO THEIR AID, BUT THE BAND, WARNED BY LOOK-OUTS, ESCAPED WITH PART OF THE CONCEALED POLICE ARMS TO THE DESERT.

A MILITARY PLANE LOCATED THE BAND AT DAWN MIDWAY BETWEEN TEL-EL-LEIN AND BIR-EL-SOB. TROOPS ARE PURSUING.

WIVES AND CHILDREN OF BRITISH AND ARAB OFFICIALS IN HEBRON EVACUATED FROM THE TOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT WERE LODGED TODAY IN THE JERUSALEM Y.M.C.A. THE GOVERNMENT WARNED THE INHABITANTS OF HEBRON, ACCORDING TO ARAB NEWSPAPERS, THAT A COLLECTIVE FINE WOULD BE IMPOSED IF TERRORISM THERE DID NOT HALT.

FOLLOWING THE BOMBING OF THE JAFFA POLICE STATION, TWO BOMBS EXPLODED NEAR THE POST OFFICE AND ANOTHER NEAR THE JAFFA-TEL AVIV CROSSROADS, NONE CAUSING DAMAGE. MEMBERS OF THE NASHASHIBI FAMILY, MODERATE ARAB LEADERS, DISCOVERED TWO UNEXPLODED BOMBS NEAR THEIR JAFFA HOME, WHICH WERE REMOVED BY POLICE.

A BRIDGE ON THE JERUSALEM-JERICO ROAD WAS DYNAMITED AND DAMAGED. RUNNING FIRE WAS EXCHANGED FOR A HALF-HOUR BETWEEN ARABS AND BRITISH FORCES ON THE JERUSALEM-BETHLEHEM ROAD. FIRST REPORTS GAVE NO DETAILS OF THE ENGAGEMENT.

A BRITISH DETACHMENT DISCOVERED IN A DESERTED ARAB INN IN THE HILLS NEAR NABLUS SUPPLIES FOR ARAB BANDS AND A PORTABLE RADIO APPARATUS. TWO MOUNTED ARABS APPEARED FOR FOOD, BUT SEEING THE BRITISH ARMORED CARS ATTEMPTED TO FLEE. THEY WERE CAPTURED.

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A GIRLS' FARM NEAR AFULEH WAS HEAVILY FIRED UPON, BUT JEWISH GHAFIRS (WATCHMEN) BEAT OFF THE ATTACK WITH NO CASUALTIES. A STRONG ATTACK ON RAMAT RACHEL LASTING AN HOUR WAS ALSO REPULSED BY JEWISH GHAFIRS.

WITH THE ATTACKS INDICATING THAT TERRORISM WAS SPREADING, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE HISTADRUTH, JEWISH LABOR FEDERATION, WARNED JEWS NOT TO GO TO PREDOMINANTLY-ARAB JAFFA FOR ANY REASON UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

AN ARMENIAN ITERANT PHOTOGRAPHER, EVIDENTLY MISTAKEN FOR A JEW, WAS SHOT AT IN FRONT OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN JERUSALEM. A GROUP OF ARAB WORKERS WAS FIRED UPON AND ONE OF THEM SLIGHTLY INJURED.

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IRAQ, SYRIA ASKED TO CURB OR DEPORT MUFTI AND AIDES

JERUSALEM, OCT. 18. (JTA) -- THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT WAS UNDERSTOOD TODAY TO HAVE ASKED SYRIA AND IRAQ EITHER TO RESTRAIN THE ANTI-BRITISH ACTIVITIES OF HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI, DEPOSED PRESIDENT OF THE MOSLEM SUPREME COUNCIL WHO LAST WEEK FLED PALESTINE, AND HIS COLLABORATORS, OR DEPORT THEM.

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TRIUMVIRATE NAMED TO DIRECT WAQF

JERUSALEM, OCT. 18. (JTA) -- THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE WAQF (RELIGIOUS ESTATES COMMITTEE) WAS HENCEFORTH TO BE ADMINISTERED BY A TRIUMVIRATE COMPRISING JUSTICE GREEN, GALILEE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ALEC SEATH KIRKBRIDE AND SHEIKH HUSSAM JARPALLAH. THE TRIUMVIRATE REPLACES HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI, WHO WAS DEPOSED BOTH AS PRESIDENT OF THE MOSLEM SUPREME COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WAQF.

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MUFTI WARNS ENGLAND OF FINISH FIGHT WITH MOSLEMS

PARIS, OCT. 18. (JTA) -- THE GRAND MUFTI OF JERUSALEM, HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI, INTERVIEWED TONIGHT BY A NEAR EAST CORRESPONDENT OF THE PARIS SOIR, WARNED ENGLAND AGAINST "INVOLVING ITSELF TO THE DEATH" WITH THE ARAB-MOSLEM WORLD, AND DECLARED THE ARABS WILL NEVER COMPROMISE IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO JEWS IN PALESTINE, THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

HAJ AMIN REPORTEDLY TOOK THE ATTITUDE THAT BRITISH PROMISES TO ESTABLISH A JEWISH HOMELAND IN PALESTINE COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT BECAUSE THE COUNTRY BELONGS TO THE ARABS.

"WE ALONE HAVE BEEN MASTERS OF THIS COUNTRY FOR 13 CENTURIES," THE GRAND MUFTI IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID. "WE INTEND TO REMAIN SO. NO COMPROMISE SOLUTION WILL SATISFY US.

"NOTHING WILL DO BUT COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE, WHICH WOULD PERMIT US TO END THE INVASION BY ZIONISTS, WHO NOT ONLY CLAIM THE RIGHT TO INSTALL THEMSELVES ON OUR LANDS, BUT DESTROY OUR MOSQUES AND HOLY PLACES!

"ENGLAND'S PROMISES TO THE JEWS DO NOT INTEREST US. ENGLAND COULD NOT PROMISE THEM SOMETHING SHE DOES NOT OWN -- OUR COUNTRY!

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"BUT LET THE ENGLISH BE ON THEIR GUARD. THE POLICY THEY ARE FOLLOWING IN PALESTINE IS ALIENATING THE SYMPATHIES NOT ONLY OF THE ARABS OF PALESTINE BUT OF ALL COUNTRIES OF ARAB RACE AND OF THE ENTIRE MOSLEM WORLD."

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FRENCH PRESS HITS SYRIA FOR HARBORING MUFTI

PARIS, OCT. 18. (JTA) -- PARIS NEWSPAPERS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION TODAY WITH THE HARBORING IN FRENCH-MANDATED SYRIA OF GRAND MUFTI HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI. LE JOURNAL, IN A LEADING ARTICLE, TERMED THE MUFTI "A TROUBLESOME PEST" AND WARNED THAT THE PRESENCE OF SO MANY PALESTINE REBELS IN SYRIA CONSTITUTED A MENACE TO SYRIA'S SECURITY. LE TEMPS DECLARED RECENT REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST ARAB AGITATORS IN PALESTINE MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON JEWISH AND PEACEFUL ARAB CIRCLES, ADDING THAT THE MUFTI'S FLIGHT WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT'S PACIFYING TACTICS.

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ENGLAND "SOWING MASSACRE," MUSSOLINI PAPER CHARGES

ROME, OCT. 18. (JTA) -- PREMIER MUSSOLINI'S NEWSPAPER, POPOLO D'ITALIA, ACCUSED GREAT BRITAIN TODAY OF "SOWING MASSACRE AND DESTRUCTION IN THE HOLY LAND."

CLIMAXING ITALIAN PRESS CRITICISM AGAINST BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE, THE NEWSPAPER, WHICH FREQUENTLY MIRRORS THE VIEWS OF THE ITALIAN DICTATOR, SAID THAT THE NEWS OF THE DYNAMITING OF HOUSES IN LYDDA "MUST AROUSE THE SENSE OF HORROR OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD."

WHILE DEMONSTRATIONS IN SYMPATHY WITH THE PALESTINE ARABS WERE HELD BY MOSLEMS THROUGHOUT ITALIAN TERRITORY, THE ROME PRESS CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE ITALY'S FRIENDSHIP FOR ISLAM, WHICH HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY AVOWED BY PREMIER MUSSOLINI.

(THE LONDON DAILY HERALD REPORTED FROM JERUSALEM THAT GRAND MUFTI HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI, NOW UNDER ARMED GUARD IN A LEBANESE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE FOLLOWING HIS ESCAPE FROM PALESTINE, PLANNED TO VISIT ITALY, PRESUMABLY TO SEEK PREMIER MUSSOLINI'S SUPPORT FOR HIS PLANS TO HARASS BRITISH AUTHORITIES IN PALESTINE.)

THE NEWSPAPER IL MESSAGERO CHARGED THAT THE TOWN OF LYDDA HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO "RUTHLESS REPRISALS" FOLLOWING THE DAMAGING OF THE AIRPORT THERE BY TERRORISTS. IT SAID BRITISH "HUMANITARIANS" PROBABLY WOULD REMAIN SILENT BECAUSE THE REPRISALS WERE CARRIED OUT BY BRITAIN.

INDISCRIMINATE PROTESTS ON PERSECUTION HELD MENACE BY MONTEFIORE

LONDON, OCT. 18. (JTA) -- WARNING AGAINST INDISCRIMINATE REPRESENTATIONS ABROAD ON BEHALF OF PERSECUTED JEWS WAS VOICED TODAY AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS BY LEONARD G. MONTEFIORE IN PRESENTING A REPORT OF THE JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE.

TWO DANGERS MUST BE AVOIDED IN MAKING REPRESENTATIONS, MR. MONTEFIORE POINTED OUT. HE CITED REPRESENTATIONS MADE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION ON APPARENTLY MINOR MATTERS, DECLARING THESE, MADE ON EVERY POSSIBLE OCCASION, BEGIN TO LOSE THEIR WEIGHT. THE SECOND DANGER STRESSED BY MR. MONTEFIORE WOULD BE FAILURE TO KEEP THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY INFORMED ON THE SUFFERING AND PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN COUNTRIES WHERE THEY ARE OPPRESSED. THIS, HE DECLARED, WOULD BE AN EQUALLY FATAL BLUNDER.

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CONTINUING, MR. MONTEFIORE ASSERTED:

"WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT WHERE A GREAT POWER IS INVOLVED, ONLY THE THREAT OF WAR IS LIKELY TO INFLUENCE ITS POLICY, WHETHER DOMESTIC, AS WITH GERMANY, OR FOREIGN AS WITH JAPAN."

THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT THE JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE HAS BROUGHT THE ATTACK ON JEWS BY PATRIARCH MIRON CRISTEA, SUPREME HEAD OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN RUMANIA, TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH AUTHORITIES. THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO TAKEN STEPS, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF OFFICIAL QUARTERS ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES IN POLAND WHICH ARE DESCRIBED AS CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF THE POLISH CONSTITUTION.

ROME JEWS ELECT UNITED SLATE, SETTLING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ZIONISTS, NON-ZIONISTS

ROME, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- AN EXPECTED CONFLICT BETWEEN ZIONISTS AND NON-ZIONISTS FAILED TO MATERIALIZE TODAY AS BOTH FACTIONS UNITED TO PRESENT ONE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR POSTS ON THE ROME JEWISH COMMUNITY EXECUTIVE BOARD.

THE LIST, WHICH INCLUDED SOME OF ITALY'S OUTSTANDING PERSONALITIES WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED. PEACEFUL OUTCOME OF A CRITICAL INTERNAL SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY'S AFFAIRS, PRECIPITATED BY SEMI-OFFICIAL CRITICISM OF ZIONISTS AS LACKING IN PATRIOTISM TO ITALY, WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORTS OF CHIEF RABBI DAVID PRATO.

ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE WERE: LIONELLO ALATRI, GRANDSON OF THE FAMOUS PHILANTHROPIST, SAMUELE ALATRI; GENERAL ANGELO DI NOLA; ENGINEER GUISEPPE RECANATI, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY; ETTORE BASSAN, CHIEF OF THE FASCIST MILITIA, AND ADVOCATE PIO TAGLIA-COZZA, HEAD OF THE JEWISH ORPHANAGE.

LUNCHEON FOR MRS. ROOSEVELT LAUNCHES \$150,000 DRIVE FOR JERUSALEM GIRLS' HOME

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A \$150,000 DRIVE TO BUILD A HOME FOR IMMIGRANT GIRLS IN JERUSALEM WAS LAUNCHED TODAY BY THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR PALESTINE WITH A LUNCHEON AT THE HOTEL ASTOR IN HONOR OF MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, IN WHOSE NAME A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CLASS-ROOM WAS DEDICATED TODAY IN THE PROJECTED HOME IN JERUSALEM.

MRS. ROOSEVELT IN AN ADDRESS TO MORE THAN 1,100 WOMEN WHO ATTENDED THE LUNCHEON, PRAISED THE TRAINING WHICH THE JEWISH PIONEER GIRLS WERE RECEIVING IN PALESTINE AS "A TREMENDOUS HELP." SHE LAUDED THEM AS "PIONEERS, JUST AS THE PIONEERS WHO CAME TO THIS COUNTRY," ADDING THAT "THEIR PROBLEMS ARE NOT SO DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF GIRLS HERE." VOCATIONAL TRAINING WORK IN PALESTINE IS NECESSARY, MRS. ROOSEVELT SAID, BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO BE "STARTING OUT IN A NEW LIFE WITH THE FEELING THAT YOUR TOOLS ARE INADEQUATE." A COMMENSATIVE PLAQUE WAS PRESENTED TO MRS. ROOSEVELT.

MAYOR LA GUARDIA SAID HE WISHED SOME ONE HAD THOUGHT TO PROVIDE SUCH FACILITIES IN PIONEER AMERICA AS WERE BEING PROVIDED IN PALESTINE. LAUDING THE ZIONISTS AS "BRINGING BACK THE OLDEST CIVILIZATION IN THE WORLD" TO PALESTINE, HE CALLED THE JEWISH HOMELAND "AN EXAMPLE TO THE WHOLE WORLD IN FORTITUDE AND COURAGE SUCH AS HAS NEVER BEEN WITNESSED BEFORE."

MRS. WILLIAM PRINCE, PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE, PRESIDED. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE RABBI ISRAEL LEVINTHAL, MRS. HESIA KUPERMINTZ, OF THE PALESTINE WORKING WOMEN'S COUNCIL, AND MRS. ISAAC GILMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS. AT \$6 PER PERSON, AN ESTIMATED \$5,000 WAS RAISED THROUGH THE LUNCHEON, BESIDES PLEDGES.