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BALFOUR FOREST ON FIRE; SPORADIC DISORDERS PERSIST

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- FIRE BROKE OUT TODAY IN THE BALFOUR FOREST ON THE SLOPES OF THE HILLS OF NAZARETH -- ONE OF THE LARGEST FORESTS IN PALESTINE. THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAINED.

A STRONG WIND HINDERED POLICE AND JEWISH SETTLERS FROM JEZREEL VALLEY COLONIES IN BATTLING THE BLAZE.

THE BALFOUR FOREST CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY A QUARTER OF A MILLION TREES, PRINCIPALLY PALESTINE PINE, EUCALYPTUS AND CYPRESS. THE TREES WERE PLANTED BY CHALUTZIM ON LAND OWNED BY THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND. THE DEDICATION WAS IN 1931, NOT LONG AFTER THE DEATH OF ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR, WARTIME BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY AND AUTHOR OF THE JEWISH HOMELAND DECLARATION WHICH BEARS HIS NAME.

A BRITISH SOLDIER ATTACHED TO THE JERUSALEM GARRISON WAS IN A SERIOUS CONDITION TODAY AS A RESULT OF WOUNDS RECEIVED UNDER UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES. A BOMB EXPLODED BEFORE THE HOME OF A JEWISH CONSTABLE IN SAFED. NO DAMAGE WAS REPORTED.

POLICE ARRESTED HAMED EFFENDI HUSSEINI, RELATIVE OF THE FUGITIVE MUFTI OF JERUSALEM AND FORMER HEAD OF THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST LEAGUE OF PALESTINE.

AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT SAID FRENCH POLICE IN SYRIA HAVE ARRESTED AN ARMENIAN WHO HAS ALLEGEDLY CONFESSED MURDERING LEWIS YELLAND ANDREWS, GALILEE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER WHOSE ASSASSINATION IN NAZARETH LAST MONTH CLIMAXED NEW ARAB DISORDERS AND RESULTED IN STRONG REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST ARAB POLITICAL LEADERS.

PALESTINE AND TRANSJORDAN, ENGLISH-ARAB WEEKLY WHOSE EDITOR, FUAD SABA, HAS BEEN DEPORTED, WAS TODAY SUSPENDED FOR THREE MONTHS.

THE WEEKLY ALLEGEDLY CHARGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S LATEST REPRESSIVE MEASURES WAS AIMED TO SILENCE THE VOICE OF THE ARABS AND CONDEMNED THE ADMINISTRATION'S "MISCHIEVOUS" PARTITION POLICY. ENGLAND, THE MAGAZINE DECLARED, WOULD SOON LOSE PALESTINE AS IT LOST IRELAND AND EGYPT.

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ZIONIST COUNCIL TO MEET IN JERUSALEM NOV. 11

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) --THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL WILL MEET HERE NOVEMBER 11, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY, TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL SITUATION AFTER HEARING REPORTS BY DAVID BEN-GURION AND MOSHE SHERTOK.

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WAUCHOPE RETURNING TO POST NOV. 5; REPORTS OF REPLACEMENT PERSIST

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR ARTHUR WAUCHOPE TODAY LEFT A NURSING HOME WHERE HE HAD BEEN UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR AN EYE AILMENT. HIS CONDITION IS REPORTED CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND HE WILL SAIL NOVEMBER 5 TO RESUME HIS DUTIES IN JERUSALEM.

MEANWHILE, REPORTS THAT SIR ARTHUR WILL BE REPLACED AS HIGH COMMISSIONER PERSIST. IN WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES, IT IS STATED THAT HE WILL NOT SERVE THROUGH THE ENTIRE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, DURING WHICH TRIPARTITION OF PALESTINE WILL BE EFFECTED AND THE REGIME SUCCEEDING THE PRESENT MANDATE IS INSTALLED.

THE GOVERNMENT IS REPORTEDLY STUDYING THE QUESTION OF SIR ARTHUR'S SUCCESSOR, THE LIKELIEST CHOICE RESTING BETWEEN FIELD MARSHAL SIR PHILIP CHETWODE, WHO IS FAVORED BECAUSE OF HIS KNOWLEDGE OF PALESTINE CONDITIONS, AND SIR JOHN ANDERSON, FORMER GOVERNOR OF BENGAL.

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INDIAN LEADER WARNS BRITAIN ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- GREAT BRITAIN HAD WARNING TODAY, SERVED BY A PROMINENT INDIAN LEADER, THAT UNLESS SHE SOLVED THE PALESTINE PROBLEM TO THE SATISFACTION OF MOSLEMS SHE WAS "SETTING UP A SORE WHICH WILL NEVER HEAL."

THE CAUTION WAS OFFERED BY SIR ZAFRULLAH KHAN, HEAD OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION TO THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE, FORMERLY OF THE INDIAN ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE AND INDIA'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CORONATION, IN THE COURSE OF AN ADDRESS ON "WORLD EVENTS AND ANGLO-MOSLEM FRIENDSHIP."

SPEAKING AT A MEETING YESTERDAY IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS COMMITTEE ROOM, PRESIDED OVER BY LORD LAMINGTON, SIR ZAFRULLAH CONTENDED PALESTINE WAS NOT ONLY A QUESTION OF ARABS AND JEWS BUT WAS BOUND TO BECOME A MOSLEM QUESTION AND ASSERTED THAT MOSLEMS WOULD NEVER AGREE TO THE HOLY LAND BEING SUBJECTED TO ANY RULE BUT MOSLEM.

SIR ZAFRULLAH SUGGESTED A CONFERENCE OF ALL INTERESTS INVOLVED, PREFERABLY TO BE HELD OUTSIDE OF PALESTINE, TO INVESTIGATE A PLAN UNDER WHICH PALESTINE WOULD BE ADMINISTERED ON A GENERAL BASIS WITH ARABS HAVING THE DOMINATING POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT AND JEWS HAVE THE SECURITY OF MINORITY RIGHTS.

SIR ZAFRULLAH EMPHASIZED HE HARBORED NO HOSTILITY TOWARD THE JEWS AND SPOKE TO GREAT BRITAIN AS A FRIEND.

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CATHOLIC POLICY ON PARTITION TO BE FRAMED SOON

ROME, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- POLICY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON THE BRITISH PROPOSAL TO CREATE INDEPENDENT JEWISH AND ARAB STATES THROUGH THREE-WAY PARTITION OF PALESTINE WILL BE DETERMINED AT DISCUSSIONS TO BE LAUNCHED AT AN EARLY DATE, IT WAS LEARNED HERE TODAY.

SUBSTANCE TO THE EXPECTATION IS GIVEN BY THE PRESENCE IN ROME OF THE CHALDEAN PATRIARCH OF BAGHDAD, THE SYRIAN PATRIARCH AND PROMINENT LEBANESE ECCLESIASTICS, WHILE CATHOLIC PATRIARCH BARLASSINA OF JERUSALEM IS EXPECTED SOON.

THE CHALDEAN PATRIARCH, IT WAS LEARNED, IS SCHEDULED TO CONFER WITH POPE PIUS AND CARDINAL PACELLI ON NEAR EAST REPERCUSSIONS OF THE PALESTINE SITUATION AND THE POSITION OF HOLY PLACES.

STREICHER FETED BY FASCISTS IN ROME

ROME, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- FASCIST LEADERS WERE BUSY TODAY ENTERTAINING JULIUS STREICHER, GERMANY'S LEADING ANTI-SEMITIC, AND OTHER NAZI LEADERS WHO HAVE COME HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE FASCIST REVOLUTION'S FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

LAVORO FASCISTA, ORGAN OF THE FASCIST SYNDICATES, DESCRIBES STREICHER AS A LEADING EXPONENT OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM BUT FAILS TO MENTION HIS ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES.

STREICHER WAS A LUNCHEON GUEST YESTERDAY OF ACHILLE STARACE, SECRETARY OF THE FASCIST PARTY. THE NAZI DELEGATION IS HEADED BY RUDOLF HESS, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY.

DANZIG LIMITS JEWS' USE OF PUBLIC BATHS

DANZIG, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- THE DANZIG MUNICIPALITY ANNOUNCED REGULATIONS TODAY UNDER WHICH JEWS ARE PERMITTED TO USE PUBLIC BATHS ONLY ONE DAY EACH WEEK, AND THEN ONLY DURING SPECIFIED HOURS.

POLISH LIBERAL EDUCATORS BALK AT "GHETTO BENCHES"

WARSAW, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- SYMPATHY WITH JEWISH STUDENTS IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST "GHETTO BENCHES" IN THE UNIVERSITIES IS SPREADING AMONG LIBERAL EDUCATORS.

IN LWOW, PROF. KULCZYNSKI, RECTOR OF LWOW UNIVERSITY, HAS FLATLY REFUSED ENDEK DEMANDS THAT THE BENCHES BE INTRODUCED. INAUGURATING THE ACADEMIC YEAR, THE RECTOR CONDEMNED TERRORISM, DECLARING IT WAS "DISGRACING AND HARMING SCIENCE AND MORALS." HIS STAND BROUGHT ENDEK STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE CITY'S STREETS, WITH PARTICIPANTS SHOUTING SLOGANS AGAINST HIM, JEWS AND UKRAINIANS.

TWO PROFESSORS IN WARSAW SCHOOLS HAVE ALSO DEMONSTRATED THEIR SYMPATHY WITH JEWISH STUDENTS. PROF. SNITZ, AGED INSTRUCTOR IN THE STOMATOLOGICAL ACADEMY, JOINED HIS JEWISH STUDENTS IN STANDING WHEN THEY REFUSED TO OCCUPY THE "GHETTO BENCHES" PROVIDED FOR THEM. "IF MY STUDENTS WON'T SIT," HE DECLARED, "I WILL ALSO STAND." THE AGED PROFESSOR REMAINED STANDING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE LECTURE.

PROF. KAWEL, OF THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, HAS REJECTED ENDEK DEMANDS THAT JEWISH STUDENTS BE FORBIDDEN TO STAND DURING LECTURES RATHER THAN OCCUPY THE "GHETTO BENCHES." HE DECLARED THE STUDENTS COULD NOT BE FORCED TO USE THE SPECIAL SEATS.

MEANWHILE, PRESSURE AGAINST JEWS CONTINUED IN OTHER EDUCATIONAL QUARTERS. JEWISH APPLICANTS TO THE STATE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AT LWOW WERE INFORMED THAT JEWS AND GREEK CATHOLICS WOULD NOT BE ADMITTED. JEWISH PUPILS IN ALL LUBLIN STATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO PARTICIPATED IN LAST TUESDAY'S ANTI-GHETTO PROTEST STRIKE WERE ORDERED NOT TO RETURN TO SCHOOL PENDING DECISION OF THE AUTHORITIES ON DISCIPLINARY MEASURES. THE SAME SITUATION WAS REPORTED PREVAILING IN A NUMBER OF OTHER PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS. ONE WARSAW SECONDARY SCHOOL HAS REFUSED ADMISSION TO 100 JEWISH PUPILS ON THE SAME GROUND.

MRS. JACOBS RALLIES WOMEN ZIONISTS TO NEW EFFORTS AS HADASSAH OPENS 23RD PARLEY

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- MORE THAN 2,000 DELEGATES TO HADASSAH'S TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION WERE URGED TONIGHT BY THE ORGANIZATION'S RETIRING PRESIDENT TO RALLY ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES "FOR THE STRUGGLE THAT LIES BEFORE US." THE CONVENTION MARKS THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HADASSAH'S FOUNDING.

MRS. ROSE G. JACOBS, OPENING WHAT WAS TERMED THE LARGEST ZIONIST CONVENTION EVER HELD IN THE UNITED STATES, DECLARED THE POLITICAL SITUATION "DEMANDS OF US INCREASED EFFORT ON BEHALF OF VITAL, CONSTRUCTIVE WORK IN PALESTINE."

"THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT FOR US, AS JEWS, TO CONTINUE OUR WORK IN PALESTINE," SAID THE RECENTLY-ELECTED MEMBER OF THE JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE. "WE MUST RALLY ALL OUR AVAILABLE RESOURCES, MATERIAL, INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL, FOR THE STRUGGLE THAT LIES BEFORE US."

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAID: "I WISH TO EXTEND MY SINCERE FELICITATIONS UPON THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF HADASSAH AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE HIGH IDEALS OF PUBLIC SERVICE WHICH CHARACTERIZE THE ORGANIZATION MAY CONTINUE TO PREVAIL."

MESSAGES WERE RECEIVED ALSO FROM GOVERNOR LEHMAN, HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR ARTHUR GRENFELL WAUCHOPE, DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, MENACHEM M. USSISHKIN, THE WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE, AND MANY ORGANIZATIONS.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM INCLUDED ADDRESSES BY MISS HENRIETTA SZOLD, FOUNDER OF HADASSAH, AND DR. STEPHEN S. WISE. MISS SZOLD ARRIVED FROM PALESTINE THIS WEEK TO TOUR THE COUNTRY IN BEHALF OF THE YOUTH ALIYAH CAMPAIGN.

THE DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION REPRESENT MORE THAN 300 CHAPTERS OF HADASSAH IN 46 STATES WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF MORE THAN 60,000. MRS. ALEXANDER LAMPORT OF NEW YORK, CONVENTION CHAIRMAN, SAID ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE UNPRECEDENTED ATTENDANCE WAS THE ANXIETY OVER THE CRITICAL SITUATION IN PALESTINE. THE SESSIONS ARE BEING HELD AT HOTEL CHELSEA.

THE ENLARGEMENT OF HADASSAH ACTIVITIES IN PALESTINE WAS REFLECTED IN A REPORT OF MRS. ETTA LASKER ROSENZONN, THE TREASURER, WHICH SHOWED THAT THE RECORD TOTAL OF \$679,925 HAD BEEN SENT TO THE HOLY LAND IN THE YEAR 1936-37. TOTAL COLLECTIONS IN THE SAME PERIOD WERE \$628,456.

THE PRINCIPAL NEW PROJECT OF HADASSAH IS THE ROTHSCHILD-HADASSAH-UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, ON WHICH \$179,545 WAS EXPENDED. A SPECIAL REPORT ON THE PROJECT URGED THAT A FINAL FUND-RAISING EFFORT OF \$100,000 BE LAUNCHED TO COMPLETE THE BUILDING.