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CURFEW RELAXED IN JERUSALEM; TEL AVIV-JAFFA BORDER BARRICADED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- CURFEW RULE WAS RELAXED HERE TODAY AS A MEASURE OF CALM WAS RESTORED AFTER 48 HOURS OF DISORDERS THE LIKE OF WHICH JERUSALEM HAD NOT EXPERIENCED IN EIGHT YEARS. FOUR AND A HALF HOURS WERE CUT FROM THE CURFEW, THE STREETS BEING CLEARED AT 9:30 P.M. INSTEAD OF THE DRASTIC FIVE O'CLOCK RULE IN EFFECT SINCE SUNDAY.

THE AUTHORITIES, MEANWHILE, TOOK EXTRAORDINARY PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT ARAB-JEWISH CLASHES IN THE VICINITY OF TEL AVIV AND JAFFA. BARBED WIRE BARRICADES WERE ERECTED ON THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES, WHERE SANGUINARY CLASHES SET OFF THE 1936 DISORDERS, AND HEAVILY-ARMED POLICE PATROLS GUARDED THE AREA. POLICE STATIONS ALONG THE BOUNDARY LINE, CLOSED SINCE LAST YEAR, WERE REOPENED.

SPREADING VIOLENCE IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY RAISED THE THREE-DAY DEATH TOLL TO ELEVEN. TWO ARAB TERRORISTS WERE KILLED AND A BRITISH SOLDIER WOUNDED IN A SHARP CLASH BETWEEN AN ARAB BAND AND A MILITARY PATROL NEAR THE VILLAGE OF SHAFRAM IN NORTHERN PALESTINE. AN ARAB PLAIN CLOTHES CONSTABLE WAS SHOT DEAD NEAR THE POLICE STATION AT ACRE.

ANOTHER OF THE ARABS WOUNDED IN SUNDAY'S DISORDERS IN JERUSALEM DIED LAST NIGHT, ADDING TO A TOLL OF SIX ARABS AND ONE JEW KILLED SUNDAY.

A JEWISH SCHOOLBOY, MOSHE ABRAMOV, WHO WAS SEEN ENTERING AN ARAB ORANGE GROVE NEAR TEL AVIV, WAS FEARED TO HAVE MET WITH VIOLENCE. SEARCHES BY POLICE AND FIREMEN, AIDED BY SEARCHLIGHTS, HAVE BEEN FRUITLESS.

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT AFTER SUNDAY'S CLASHES IT INVOKED EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO ARREST 45 JEWS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY -- MEMBERS OF THE ZIONIST-REVISIONIST ORGANIZATION -- OF WHOM 24 WERE ADMINISTRATIVELY SENTENCED TO TERMS AT THE ACRE CONCENTRATION CAMP AND 21 REMOVED TO THE TOWN OF ACRE WHERE THEY WILL BE PLACED UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION. LATER, EIGHT MORE REVISIONISTS WERE ARRESTED AT REHOVOTH AND FIVE AT HAIFA, INCLUDING A HEBREW TECHNICUM TEACHER. THEY WERE SENTENCED TO THREE-MONTH TERMS AT ACRE.

THOSE SENTENCED TO THE CONCENTRATION CAMP HAVE NOT YET BEEN TAKEN AWAY BECAUSE OF OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS THERE. THEY WILL BE HELD IN JERUSALEM OVER NEXT WEEKEND UNLESS ROOM IS PROVIDED BY EXPECTED RELEASE OF 50 ARABS ON NOV. 19. IN THE GROUP IS ERI JABOTINSKY, SON OF VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY, WORLD REVISIONIST LEADER WHO IS BARRED FROM PALESTINE.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL REVISIONIST YOUTHS UNDER 10 WOULD BE RELEASED DURING THE DAY.

YEDIDIA LOCK, HUNGARIAN JEW, WAS REMANDED FOR A FORTNIGHT ON A CHARGE OF PREMEDITATED MURDER OF TWO ARABS IN THE BETH ISRAEL QUARTER ON SUNDAY.

IN ADDITION TO PUNITIVE MEASURES ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, TWENTY EXTRA POLICEMEN WERE STATIONED IN THE REHAVIA SUBURB FOR PATROL PURPOSES AT THE RESIDENTS' EXPENSE. ARAB NEWS-PAPERS EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION AT THE MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST JEWS.

THE MEASURES WERE UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN AS RESULT OF A VISIT TO WILLIAM D. BATTERSHILL, ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER, OF A DELEGATION OF ARAB LEADERS WHO DEMANDED THAT NO DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN ARABS AND JEWS BE PERMITTED IN PENALTIES.

THE DELEGATION ALSO DEMANDED DISARMING OF JEWS AND STRONG ACTION AGAINST "JEWISH ASSAILANTS." MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE RAGHEB BEY NASHASHIBI, EX-MAYOR OF JERUSALEM; YACOB FARAJ AND DR. ELIAS MOGHANNEH, ALL LEADERS OF THE MODERATE PALESTINE DEFENSE PARTY.

JEWISH LEADERS, INCLUDING MOSHE SHERTOK AND ISAAC BEN ZVI, REPRESENTATING RESPECTIVELY THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE AND THE JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL, ALSO CONFERRED WITH MR. BATTERSHILL.

MAYOR ISRAEL ROKACH OF TEL AVIV HEADED A DELEGATION OF COLONISTS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WHO CALLED ON THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND STRONGLY PROTESTED THE ARRESTS OF REVISIONISTS, AMONG WHOM THEY SAID WERE "INACTIVE ORANGE GROWERS, INDUSTRIALISTS, AGRICULTURISTS AS WELL AS BOYS OF FOURTEEN." THE DELEGATION DECLARED THE COLONIES HAD HITHERTO BEEN AMONG THE QUIETEST BUT THAT THE ARRESTS HAD CREATED TENSION IN THE DISTRICT.

ARABS MADE A DARING ATTEMPT TO STEAL THE RIFLE OF AN ARAB SPECIAL POLICEMAN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT IN THE CENTER OF JERUSALEM, BUT WERE DRIVEN OFF BY A POLICEMAN WHO FIRED AT THEM FROM A DISTANCE.

JEWISH AGENCY CONDEMNS REPRISALS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- A STATEMENT STRONGLY CONDEMNING ACTS OF RETALIATION AGAINST ARABS WAS ISSUED TODAY BY THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, LEAGUE-RECOGNIZED SPOKESMAN FOR WORLD JEWRY IN PALESTINE MATTERS. DECLARATIONS AGAINST VIOLENCE WERE ALSO MADE BY THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND AT A CONFERENCE CALLED BY THE JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL.

DESCRIBING AS A "DANGEROUS ILLUSION" THE ASSUMPTION THAT SUCH ACTS ARE LIKELY TO TERMINATE ARAB TERRORISM, THE JEWISH AGENCY STATEMENT DECLARES THEY SIMPLY STRENGTHEN AND PROMOTE THE POLITICAL ENDS OF THE TERRORISTS.

THE STATEMENT EMPHASIZES THAT THE SELF-RESTRAINT EXERCISED BY JEWS DURING LAST YEAR'S DISORDERS EARNED FOR THEM THE RESPECT OF PUBLIC OPINION ABROAD AND RESULTED IN LEGALLY ARMED JEWISH DEFENSE FORCES. IT REFERS TO PAST REPRESENTATIONS AGAINST LAWLESSNESS AND THE RECENT "GRATIFYING CHANGE" IN THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF THE SITUATION, AND DECLARES THE AGENCY WILL CONTINUE TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO PERSEVERE IN THIS DIRECTION.

EFFORTS TO ENABLE JEWS TO PARTICIPATE ADEQUATELY IN LEGAL MEASURES AGAINST THE TERRORISTS WILL BE CONTINUED, THE STATEMENT DECLARES, AND IT ADDS THAT AT THE SAME TIME THE AGENCY WILL OPPOSE TO THE UTMOST RETALIATION AGAINST INNOCENT PERSONS, WHICH "INTENSIFIES ARAB TERRORISM, MARS THE MORAL RECORD OF PALESTINE JEWRY AND HAMPERS AND UNDERMINES ITS POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND SECURITY."

THE AGENCY CONCLUDES WITH AN EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE THAT "ALL RESPONSIBLE SECTIONS OF THE JEWISH POPULATION WILL SET THEIR FACES AGAINST THESE DISGRACEFUL DEEDS AND WITH ALL THE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL STAMP OUT THIS EVIL FROM OUR MIDST."

THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, WITH ACTING MAYOR DANIEL AUSTER PRESIDING, APPEALED TO THE POPULATION TO CEASE ACTS RESULTING IN BLOODSHED OF INNOCENT PERSONS AND ECONOMIC LOSSES.

AT A CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY, ISAAC BEN-ZVI, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL, APPEALED AGAINST REPRISALS. MOSHE SHERTOK, HEAD OF THE JEWISH AGENCY'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, REPORTED AT LENGTH ON THE SITUATION.

MEANWHILE, THE NEWSPAPER HAARETZ REPORTED FROM AMMAN THAT MANY NOTABLES SUSPECTED OF FOMENTING REVOLT WERE ARRESTED FOR EXILE.

EXPULSION OF HAVAS CORRESPONDENT IN BERLIN STAYED

BERLIN, Nov. 16. (HAVAS) -- THE FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION OF BERLIN TONIGHT DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ORDER EXPELLING PAUL RAVOUX, HEAD OF THE BERLIN BUREAU OF THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY, FROM GERMANY, AFTER THE REICH GOVERNMENT, HEEDING DIPLOMATIC ACTION, GRANTED A FOUR-DAY EXTENSION TO THE ORIGINAL ORDER TO LEAVE WITHIN 72 HOURS.

MEANWHILE THE GERMAN PRESS ENERGETICALLY CONTINUED A UNANIMOUS CAMPAIGN OF ABUSE AGAINST RAVOUX AS A "POISONER OF NEWS SOURCES" FOR HIS ALLEGEDLY BIASED REPORTS, PARTICULARLY THAT LAST SATURDAY IN WHICH HE GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE HOOF-AND-MOUTH DISEASE CURRENTLY EPIDEMIC IN SEVERAL FARM DISTRICTS OF THE REICH.

THE STAY IN EXECUTION OF THE EXPULSION ORDER, WHICH HAD BEEN DELIVERED AT RAVOUX'S HOME YESTERDAY, WAS GRANTED AFTER FRENCH AMBASSADOR ANDRE FRANCOIS-PONCET HAD CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER CONSTANTIN VON NEURATH IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDER.

QUOTA EXPORT PACT MAY AID STRICKEN PALESTINE CITRUS INDUSTRY; SHIPPING BEGINS NOV. 20

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- WITH THE CITRUS SHIPPING SEASON OFFICIALLY OPENING NOV. 20, PALESTINE'S MAJOR INDUSTRY, STILL SUFFERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE MOST DISASTROUS YEAR IN ITS HISTORY, 1936-1937, LOOKS TO THE FUTURE A LITTLE MORE HOPEFULLY, THOUGH ITS CHIEF PROBLEMS REMAIN UNSOLVED.

FIRST OF THESE IS THE FINANCIAL PREDICAMENT OF MANY GROWERS. ISAAC ROKACH, PRESIDENT OF THE JAFFA CITRUS EXCHANGE, ESTIMATES THAT AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF THE 5,000 TO 6,000 JEWISH CITRUS GROWERS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MEET THE INTEREST ON THEIR DEBTS FOR ONE OR TWO YEARS.

THE SECOND GREAT DIFFICULTY IS THE CONTINUED DISORGANIZATION OF THE EXPORT TRADE, WITH NON-COOPERATION EXISTING NOT ONLY BETWEEN JEWS AND ARABS, BUT AMONG THE JEWISH COOPERATIVES. THIS SITUATION DEPRESSES THE PRICE ABROAD, AND THEREFORE INCREASES THE GROWERS' TROUBLES.

THE CROP ITSELF THIS YEAR IS A GOOD ONE, ABOUT EQUAL IN SIZE TO LAST YEAR'S -- 9 MILLION CASES OF ORANGES AND 1½ MILLION CASES OF GRAPEFRUIT FOR EXPORT -- AND FAR SUPERIOR IN QUALITY. THERE WILL BE NONE OF THE UNSOUND FRUIT, PRODUCT OF UNSEASONABLE RAINS, WHICH ROTTED IN TRANSIT LAST YEAR.

INFORMATION REACHING THE TRADE HERE SAID THERE MAY BE A SHORTAGE OF SPANISH ORANGES, BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY THE VALENCIA GOVERNMENT, AS A RESULT OF THE WAR, IN OBTAINING SHIPS TO TRANSPORT ITS CROP.

CO-OPERATIVES CONTROLLING THE BULK OF THE JEWISH CITRUS EXPORTS MAY REACH A SHIPPING AND MARKETING AGREEMENT, PARTLY ELIMINATING THE COMPETITION WHICH IN THE PAST HAS CAUSED FOREIGN MARKETS TO BE FLOODED WITH JAFFA ORANGES FROM TIME TO TIME AT "DUMPING" PRICES. IF THE JEWISH EXPORTERS CAN AGREE, THEY CAN DO MUCH TO ALLEVIATE THIS CONDITION, SINCE JEWS CONTROL 55 PER CENT OR MORE OF THE ORANGE EXPORT. NEGOTIATIONS FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT ARE ALREADY FAR ADVANCED, MR. ROKACH TOLD THE J.T.A. AMONG THE PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION, HE SAID, IS ONE MODELED ON THE LINES OF THE CALIFORNIA CITRUS EXCHANGE.

AN AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED ON GRAPEFRUIT SHIPPING WHEREBY EACH EXPORTER HAS BEEN ALLOTTED A MAXIMUM QUOTA FOR THE SEASON, SUBDIVIDED INTO MONTHLY QUOTAS. THE EXPORTERS MUST ALSO DIVIDE THEIR SHIPMENTS IN SET PROPORTIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE CONTINENT, AND ARE FURTHER LIMITED AS TO THE AMOUNTS THEY MAY SEND TO EACH PORT ABROAD.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, IT IS EXPECTED THAT 20 PER CENT OF THIS YEAR'S EXPORTABLE GRAPEFRUIT CROP WILL BE HELD BACK. ONE OR TWO EXPORTERS HAVE NOT YET SIGNED, BUT THE PLAN IS OPERATING, NEVERTHELESS, WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT THEY WILL COME INTO THE FOLD.

EXTENSION OF THE QUOTA SYSTEM TO ORANGE SHIPMENTS IS REGARDED AS REMOTE BY SOME EXPORTERS, AT LEAST FOR THIS YEAR. THEY POINT OUT THAT THE GRAPEFRUIT SITUATION WAS RUINOUS, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO OVERPRODUCTION, THAT THE EXPORTERS WERE PRACTICALLY FORCED INTO LINE BY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THEY FEAR THAT LONG-STANDING RIVALRIES AMONG THE CO-OPERATIVES WILL PREVENT AN AGREEMENT ON ORANGES.

WHILE THERE IS REAL OVERPRODUCTION OF GRAPEFRUIT, LARGELY, BECAUSE GROWERS HAVE MISCALCULATED ON DEVELOPMENT OF A WIDESPREAD TASTE FOR THE FRUIT ON THE CONTINENT, THERE IS NO SUCH SITUATION WITH REGARD TO ORANGES, MR. ROKACH SAID. THE PROBLEM THERE IS RATHER ONE OF UNDERCONSUMPTION, DUE TO ARTIFICIAL RESTRICTIONS SUCH AS PROHIBITIVE DUTIES AND IMPORT QUOTAS.

GERMANY, FOR INSTANCE, BOUGHT 1,500,000 CASES OF JAFFA ORANGES IN 1932, WITH IMPORTS STILL GROWING. PALESTINIAN EXPORTERS ARE SURE THAT NORMALLY GERMAN CONSUMPTION WOULD NOW BE TWO TO TWO-AND-A-HALF MILLION CASES, BUT THE IMPORT QUOTA IMPOSED SINCE HITLER'S ADVENT RESTRICTS JAFFA ORANGES TO 300,000 CASES, AND PAYMENTS LARGELY TO A LIMITED ASSORTMENT OF MERCHANDISE.

THE MAINSTAY OF THE JAFFA ORANGE TRADE IS, OF COURSE, THE BRITISH MARKET. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL ABSORB ANY QUANTITY -- BUT IF IT IS OVERSUPPLIED, THE PRICE DROPS. THE GROWERS' DIFFICULTIES ARE TRACEABLE TO THE "BOOM" OF SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN MANY GROVES WERE PLANTED OR ENLARGED AT THAT TIME WITH FINANCING BASED ON THE EXPECTATION THAT THE HIGH PRICE WOULD HOLD. SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS SITUATION.

ONE GROUP OF EXPORTERS IS GOING TO TRY TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON THE CANADIAN MARKET. THEY HAVE CHARTERED FIVE REFRIGERATOR SHIPS, EACH OF WHICH WILL CARRY ABOUT 25,000 CASES TO CANADA.