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5 ARABS DIE IN INCENDIARY FIRE; 2 POLICEMEN KILLED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- FIVE ARABS DIED AND FIVE WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED TODAY IN AN INCENDIARY FIRE ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, WHILE THE AUTHORITIES CONFIRMED THAT TWO ARAB POLICEMEN OF A PATROL HUNTING ARAB TERRORISTS HAD BEEN KILLED.

AN ARAB BAND SET FIRE TO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STORES NEAR TULKAREM. AN ARAB WATCHMAN'S SON AND FOUR OTHERS DIED IN THE FLAMES. FIVE ARABS, INCLUDING A POLICEMAN, WERE SERIOUSLY BURNED IN FIGHTING THE BLAZE.

CONSTABLE YECHIA ALLAMI, ONE OF A PATROL OF THREE REPORTED MISSING SINCE THEY HAD BEEN SENT TO HUNT AN ARAB BAND WHICH ATTACKED A JEWISH BUS ON THE ACRE-SAFED ROAD, INJURING THREE JEWS, RETURNED AND REPORTED HIS TWO COMRADES SLAIN. THEY WERE SERGEANT SALIM ABU HARTUM AND CONSTABLE ATTAIL JIRIUS, BOTH ARAB CHRISTIANS.

THE PATROL, WHICH WAS MOUNTED, WAS CARRYING ON ITS SEARCH FOR TWO HOURS BEFORE DUSK ON MONDAY WHEN CAPTURED BY AN ARAB BAND AFTER FIRING INTO THE AIR TO DRIVE THE TERRORISTS AWAY. POLICE AND ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES, IN SEEKING THE MISSING PATROL, HAD FIGURATIVELY MARKED OFF A TRIANGULAR AREA AS FAR AS THE SYRIAN BORDER.

MEANWHILE, TROOPS SEARCHING IN THE VICINITY OF SAFED DISCOVERED THAT THE VILLAGE OF ANDUR HAD BEEN DESERTED BY ITS INHABITANTS. AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY REPORTED THAT ALL HAD JOINED AN ARAB BAND. THE FIVE PERSONS REMAINING IN THE VILLAGE, EXCEPT THE MUKHTAR (NATIVE VILLAGE CHIEF) WERE ARRESTED.

A MILITARY COURT TODAY SENTENCED AN ARAB NAMED MOHAMMED SOURCI TO SEVEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR POSSESSION OF ARMS IN THE THIRD CONVICTION FOR CARRYING ARMS SINCE THE ARMY COURTS WERE ESTABLISHED NOV. 18. THE GOVERNMENT WARNED ARAB RAILWAY WORKERS, ESPECIALLY ENGINEERS, THAT PERSONS COMMITTING SABOTAGE WOULD BE TRIED BY THE MILITARY COURTS.

THE SARID COLONY WAS HEAVILY FIRED UPON. GHAFFIRS (SPECIAL GUARDS) REPLIED TO THE GUNFIRE.

✓ NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A new British High Commissioner for Palestine will be announced shortly, Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore told Commons today, to succeed Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, who is resigning early in 1938.

The Government, it was learned unofficially, has decided to appoint a civilian to the post in order to avoid clashes on military policy between the High Commissioner and the Commander of British Armed Forces in Palestine, who is now Major-General Archibald P. Wavell.

This decision eliminates from consideration Field Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, who had been mentioned in some quarters in connection with the appointment, although his advanced age - he is 68 - would be another obstacle to his being named. Sir John Anderson, former Governor of Bengal, is also deemed out of the running because he is believed worn out by his service in India and needs recuperation.

There is deep disappointment in official circles at what is regarded as the bad deterioration of the position in Palestine during the past few years. Foreign propaganda, especially over Italian radio, is held largely responsible, but it is an undoubted and unfortunate fact that there is a fixed impression that the "large amount" of Jewish immigration disturbed the Arabs to such an extent that it has spread uneasiness among British authorities.

STUDENT SEGREGATION SEEN PRELUDE TO GENERAL "GHETTO" DRIVE; WILNO PROFESSORS REBEL

WARSAW, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Jewish members of Parliament, declaring introduction of "ghetto" benches in colleges was only the prelude to a drive for a general ghetto, and asserting the Jewish population would never consent to such a measure, prepared today on interpellation on segregation in universities as the Sejm (lower Parliamentary House) reconvened.

A number of Wilno University professors rebelled, meanwhile, against institution of "ghetto" benches for Jewish students, announcing they would not enforce the rector's decree.

Prof. Wilfred Kridl, of the Polish literature department, went so far as to remove from his lecture room the bulletin announcing the "ghetto" regulations. He told Jewish students to sit where they pleased in the classroom, despite protests of anti-Semitic Nationalist students who had forced institution of the segregation system now in effect in many Polish universities.

The university rector refused to receive a delegation of Jewish students to discuss his decree, which went into effect Nov. 26.

✓ NEW TRIAL ORDERED IN BRZESC SLAYING; DEATH SENTENCE HELD TOO SEVERE

WARSAW, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The High Court today annulled a death sentence against Wolf Szoerowski, 18-year-old Brzesc-Litewski Jewish youth whose slaying of a Polish policeman last Spring set off a pogrom in which 50 Jews were wounded, three of them fatally. A new trial before the Court of Appeals was ordered when the public prosecutor voiced the belief that the death sentence, passed last June, was too severe punishment.

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APPEAL OF PARIS COMMITTEE ATTRACTS ATTENTION IN POLAND

✓ WARSAW, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- POLISH NEWSPAPERS ARE PUBLISHING THE APPEAL RECENTLY ISSUED IN PARIS BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF JEWS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, CALLING ON POLAND TO GRANT JEWS EQUALITY OF RIGHTS WITH OTHER CITIZENS. THE APPEAL WAS SIGNED BY SENATOR JUSTIN GODART, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE, AND 23 OTHER FRENCH LEADERS IN POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL LIFE.

KURJER PORANNY, NATIONALIST DAILY, POINTING OUT THAT THE APPEAL IS COINED IN MODERATE LANGUAGE, DECLARES ITS AUTHORS HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY ONE-SIDED INFORMATION. "THE JEWISH QUESTION," THE PAPER ASSERTS, "CANNOT BE SOLVED BY APPEALS. THE SIGNATORIES MUST OBTAIN ITS SPEEDY SOLUTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM."

JEWS LEADERS DECIDED TO PRINT 100,000 OF THE APPEAL AND TO CIRCULATE IT AMONG POLISH INTELLECTUALS.

19 TO BE TRIED FOR BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY DISORDERS

✓ LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- ANTI-JEWISH DISORDERS WHICH OCCURRED NOV. 16 AT BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY WERE NOT SERIOUS AND WERE QUICKLY SUPPRESSED BY THE POLICE, HUNGARIAN MINISTER CONSTANTIN MASIREVICH STATED TODAY TO THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY. NINETEEN OF FORTY DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED WILL BE TRIED FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE, HE SAID.

"AS REGARDS MY GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TO SUCH INCIDENTS," DR. MASIREVICH DECLARED, "I WOULD EMPHATICALLY ASSURE YOU THAT THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT DEEPLY DEPLORE ANY MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-JEWISH FEELING, AND THE AUTHORITIES HAVE STRICT ORDERS TO SUPPRESS ANY INCIDENTS AND TO PROCEED WITH THE FULL VIGOR OF THE LAW AGAINST THE CULPRITS."

(A J.T.A. BUDAPEST DISPATCH SAID THE DISORDERS TOOK PLACE IN THE PHYSIOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF THE BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY FOLLOWING A RUMOR THAT JEWISH STUDENTS WOULD AGAIN BE ALLOWED TO OBTAIN THEIR DEGREES. A DOZEN STUDENTS ATTEMPTED TO FORCE THEIR WAY INTO THE CENTRAL BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY, BUT THE AUTHORITIES TOOK TIMELY MEASURES TO PREVENT ANY SERIOUS INCIDENTS. MORE SERIOUS ANTI-JEWISH DISORDERS OCCURRED AT THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY. THE ANTI-SEMITIC STUDENTS ATTACKED THEIR JEWISH COLLEAGUES AND SANG NAZI SONGS. NINETEEN ANTI-SEMITIC STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED.)

ENDEKS GO ON TRIAL IN ANTI-JEWISH TERROR PLOT

✓ WARSAW, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- MEMBERS OF A NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WENT ON TRIAL TODAY IN ZAMOSC, IN THE LUBLIN PROVINCE, ON CHARGES OF POSSESSING ARMS AND BOMBS MADE IN GERMANY FOR USE IN DESTROYING JEWISH PROPERTY.

✓ PROF. ROSE, WHO DISSECTED PILSUDSKI'S BRAIN, DIES IN WILNO

✓ WILNO, POLAND, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- MAXIMILIAN ROSE, PROFESSOR OF NEUROLOGY AT WILNO UNIVERSITY, DIED SUDDENLY TODAY DURING A LECTURE. HE WAS 54 YEARS OLD. PROF. ROSE WAS THE SCIENTIST WHO DISSECTED THE BRAIN OF MARSHAL JOSEPH PILSUDSKI.

✓ BILL TO BAR JEWS FROM TURKEY TO BE SHELVED

✓ ISTANBUL, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A BILL THAT WOULD BAN FOREIGN JEWS FROM TURKEY WILL BE SHELVED, IT WAS RELIABLY LEARNED TODAY.

HEARING SCHEDULED ON BILL TO BAR DICTATORSHIP ADVOCATES FROM CITIZENSHIP

✓ WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- THE HOUSE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A HEARING DEC. 8 ON A BILL INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN SAMUEL DICKSTEIN WHICH WOULD DENY CITIZENSHIP TO PERSONS WHO BELIEVE IN OR ADVOCATE GOVERNMENT BY DICTATORSHIP.

NEW MACCABI HEADQUARTERS OPENED IN LONDON

✓ LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- MACCABI HOUSE, NEW LONDON HEADQUARTERS OF THE WORLD JEWISH SPORTS ORGANIZATION, WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TODAY FOLLOWING CEREMONIES AT WHICH LORD MELCHETT, HONORARY PRESIDENT, AND OTHER PROMINENT BRITONS DELIVERED ADDRESSES. DECLARING THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MORE DIFFICULT TIME FOR JEWRY THAN THE PRESENT, LORD MELCHETT SAID NO MOVEMENT PROVIDED A MORE ADEQUATE ANSWER THAN THE MACCABI.

TELEPHONES INCREASE 26 PER CENT IN PALESTINE

✓ JERUSALEM (JTA) -- THE NUMBER OF TELEPHONES IN PALESTINE ROSE FROM 11,412 AT THE END OF AUGUST, 1936, TO 14,452 A YEAR LATER, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 26.6 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO A BULLETIN OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF STATISTICS. REVENUE FROM TELEPHONES, WHICH ARE OPERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, REACHED 151,685 IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1937 AS COMPARED WITH £118,452 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

ISRAEL TAGLICHT NAMED CHIEF RABBI OF VIENNA

✓ VIENNA, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY TODAY NAMED RABBI ISRAEL TAGLICHT AS THE CITY'S CHIEF RABBI.

INTERMYER CALLS EMERGENCY CONFERENCE AFTER APPEAL FROM POLISH JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- MORE THAN 100 LEADERS OF THE NEW YORK JEWISH COMMUNITY HAVE ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF SAMUEL INTERMYER TO ATTEND A SPECIAL EMERGENCY CONFERENCE SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL, TO AID THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE RELIEF OF JEWS IN POLAND. MR. INTERMYER SAID IN HIS LETTER OF INVITATION, HE WAS CALLING THE CONFERENCE AS THE RESULT OF AN URGENT PLEA FOR HELP CABLED LAST WEEK FROM POLAND AND SIGNED BY THIRTEEN OUTSTANDING LEADERS OF POLISH JEWRY.

YEHOASH'S YIDDISH TRANSLATION OF BIBLE BEING PUBLISHED

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- PUBLICATION OF THE YIDDISH TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE BY YEHOASH, THE NOTED POET AND AUTHOR, TOGETHER WITH THE HEBREW TEXT IS BEING PLANNED BY HIS HEIRS, THE YEHOASH FARLAG CEZELSHAFT AND A GROUP OF FRIENDS.

THE FRIENDS HAVE FORMED THE YEHOASH POPULAR-EDITION BIBLE COMMITTEE, HEADED BY DR. CHAIM ZHITLOWSKY, WHICH HAS ISSUED AN APPEAL TO LEARNED SOCIETIES, CHARITY FEDERATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO AID IN THE PROJECT. THE EDITION IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN 1938.