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### ITALY AGAIN WARNED ON ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA IN PALESTINE, EDEN TELLS COMMONS

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- A SHARP WARNING TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT CONTINUING ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA IN PALESTINE WOULD MAKE IMPROVEMENT IN ANGLO-ITALIAN RELATIONS IMPOSSIBLE WAS DISCLOSED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY BY FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY EDEN.

DECLARING THE ITALIAN PROPAGANDA WAS STILL CONTINUING DESPITE FREQUENT PROTESTS BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE, MR. EDEN SAID:

"I RECENTLY INFORMED THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THIS PROPAGANDA AND ADDED THAT UNLESS PUT TO AN END IT WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE TO IMPROVE MUTUAL RELATIONS."

COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE, REPLYING TO A QUERY BY LABORITE JOSIAH WEDGWOOD, DECLARED HE HAD NOT RECEIVED A REPORTED REQUEST BY LOYAL ARABS AND JEWISH FARMERS IN PALESTINE FOR THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS IN SELF-DEFENSE. HE ADDED THAT ISSUANCE OF ARMS LICENSES IN ALL APPROVED CASES HAD NOT BEEN SUSPENDED. ASKED BY COL. WEDGWOOD WHETHER APPLICATIONS WERE BEING MADE TO THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT AND "HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALLOW TO BE MURDERED BEFORE ALLOWING THEM TO DEFEND THEMSELVES," MR. ORMSBY-GORE SAID PERMITS HAD BEEN GRANTED IN ALL CASES WHERE THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THEY WOULD NOT BE ABUSED OR FALL INTO THE HANDS OF TERRORISTS.

### ARAB POLICE INSPECTOR SLAIN IN HAIFA; JEW DIES OF WOUNDS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- ARAB TERRORISTS TODAY SHOT AND KILLED SADUA RAB, 40, ARAB POLICE INSPECTOR IN HAIFA. RAB WAS SHOT DOWN FROM AMBUSH AND DIED INSTANTLY.

A JEW NAMED GLOBERSON, WHO WAS WOUNDED LAST WEEK, DIED THIS MORNING. THE BULLET-RIDDLED BODY OF SHLOMO BINUN, 27-YEAR-OLD JEWISH SPECIAL POLICEMAN WHO WAS SLAIN BY A BAND OF 15 ARABS YESTERDAY, WAS FOUND NEAR SEJERA TONIGHT.

GENERAL ARCHIBALD P. WAVELL, AFTER CONFIRMING SATURDAY THE DEATH SENTENCE IMPOSED BY A MILITARY COURT ON ASSAD KHALIL, GAZA ARAB, FOR POSSESSION OF ARMS, TONIGHT COMMUTED THE SENTENCE TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

THE TRANSJORDAN FRONTIER FORCE LAST NIGHT ENGAGED AND DISPERSED A BAND OF 20 ARABS NEAR THE PALESTINE-SYRIA BORDER, KILLING ONE. THE ARABS LEFT BEHIND A GERMAN RIFLE AND AMMUNITION. SYRIAN TROOPS WERE REPORTED RUSHED TO THE BORDER TO REINFORCE THE FRONTIER GUARD FOLLOWING REPORTS OF NEW ACTIVITIES BY ARAB BANDS.

OFFICERS OF THE BLACK WATCH REGIMENT LAST NIGHT ENTERED ALL CAFES AND CINEMAS IN JERUSALEM AND ORDERED TROOPS TO REPORT AT CAMP IMMEDIATELY.

A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE ARAB VILLAGE OF SAKIA, DAMAGING AN ARAB ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S HOME.

#### PALESTINE POTASH CO. TO PAY FIRST DIVIDENDS FROM PROFITS

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- THE PALESTINE POTASH COMPANY ANNOUNCED TODAY DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS OUT OF PROFITS RATHER THAN A GUARANTEED FUND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS HISTORY. THE DIVIDENDS, PAYABLE THIS MONTH, WILL TOTAL ABOUT \$52,500, AND ARE FOR HOLDERS OF THE <sup>7 1/2</sup>/<sub>8</sub> 5 1/2% PREFERENCE SHARES.

#### JERUSALEM OFFICIAL CONFERES WITH JEWISH LEADERS ON EDUCATION, HEALTH AID

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- CHIEF SECRETARY W. D. BATTERSHILL TODAY CONFERRED WITH JEWISH LEADERS ISAAC BEN ZVI AND DR. A. KATZNELSON ON QUESTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AID FOR JEWISH EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SYSTEMS. THE PROBLEM OF SECURITY WAS ALSO DISCUSSED.

#### 2,202 LICENSED DOCTORS IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- THERE WERE 2,202 LICENSED PHYSICIANS IN PALESTINE AT THE END OF 1936, ACCORDING TO A HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT TODAY. THE NUMBER OF MIDWIVES IS PUT AT 484.

#### GROSSMAN BOLTS "HONOR COURT" TRIAL FOR CONGRESS DISCLOSURES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- A ZIONIST "COURT OF HONOR" TRIAL OF MEIR GROSSMAN, JEWISH STATE PARTY LEADER, ON CHARGES OF PUBLISHING SECRET DOCUMENTS DURING THE LAST WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS AT ZURICH, CONTINUED HERE TODAY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. MR. GROSSMAN YESTERDAY DEMONSTRATIVELY LEFT THE TRIAL CHAMBER WHEN HIS DEMAND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WAS REJECTED.

#### TSARIST ANTI-SEMITIC EDITOR, A. SUVORIN, SUICIDE IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- A. SUVORIN, WHO WAS EDITOR OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL ANTI-SEMITIC DAILY IN TSARIST RUSSIA, NOVOYE VREMIA, COMMITTED SUICIDE HERE YESTERDAY BY INHALING GAS IN AN OBSCURE HOTEL WHERE HE LIVED IN GREAT POVERTY.

#### LUDENDORFF, REICH WAR LORD, DEAD AT 72; LONG PREACHED ANTI-JEWISH, ANTI-CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES

MUNICH, GERMANY, Dec. 20. (HAVAS) -- FIELD LORD ERICH LUDENDORFF, GERMAN WORLD WAR COMMANDER, DIED IN A CATHOLIC NURSING HOME HERE TODAY AFTER A SEVEN-WEEK ILLNESS. HE WAS 72 YEARS OLD. OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHIES PUBLISHED HERE AND IN BERLIN ALLUDED TO JEWS AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN PRAISING HIS EFFORTS "IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE CONSTANT ENEMIES OF GERMANISM." IN POST-WAR YEARS HE HAD ACTIVELY PREACHED ANTI-JEWISH AND ANTI-CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES.

JEWISH ARTISANS SCHOOL MARKS 50TH YEAR IN WARSAW

WARSAW, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH ARTISANS SCHOOL AND TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR OF ITS PRESIDENCY BY EX-SENATOR RAFAEL SZERESZEWski WERE CELEBRATED HERE. THE SCHOOL HAS AN ENROLLMENT OF 270 STUDENTS, A YEARLY BUDGET OF 120,000 ZLOTYS (ABOUT \$24,000) AND OCCUPIES GROUNDS VALUED AT A MILLION ZLOTYS.

SENATOR SZERESZEWski'S ANNIVERSARY ALSO MARKS HIS FORTY-FIFTH YEAR IN PUBLIC LIFE. IN 1892, HE WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE JEWISH HOSPITAL AND A MEMBER OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE WHICH FOUNDED THE JEWISH COOPERATIVE LOAN AND SAVINGS BANK. DURING THE WAR HE WAS ACTIVE IN HELPING JEWISH WAR SUFFERERS. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SINCE HIS ELECTION IN 1908. IN 1922 HE WAS ELECTED TO THE POLISH SENATE.

BRITAIN WOULD DROP PARTITION, WISE TELLS PARLEY OF PALESTINIANS HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, SAID TODAY HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM LONDON THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WISHED TO ABANDON THE PALESTINE PARTITION PLAN AND WAS ONLY DETERRED FROM ANNOUNCING THIS BY THE ATTITUDE OF SOME ZIONISTS.

THE STATEMENT WAS MADE TO THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY TO CLARIFY REPORTS OF AN ADDRESS HE DELIVERED TO THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FEDERATION OF PALESTINE JEWS IN AMERICA AT THE HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA YESTERDAY. DR. WISE SAID:

"IN A COMMUNICATION RECEIVED BY ME ON FRIDAY FROM LONDON, THE WRITER SAID: 'THROUGH A VERY GOOD SOURCE I HAVE LEARNED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WISHES TO ABANDON PARTITION AND ONLY THE ATTITUDE OF SOME ZIONISTS IS DETERRING THEM FROM ANNOUNCING THIS. THEY DO NOT WISH TO SEND A NEW COMMISSION TO PALESTINE.'"

DR. WISE ADDED THAT HE COULD NOT REVEAL THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO WROTE THE LETTER BECAUSE IT WAS PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT ADDRESSED TO HIM.

BECAUSE OF DR. WISE'S DECLARATION, THE CONFERENCE YESTERDAY TOOK NO ACTION ON A RESOLUTION REGARDING PARTITION. OTHER RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED HAILING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST PALESTINE TERRORISM AND ASKING THAT THIS POLICY BE CONTINUED UNTIL PEACE IS RESTORED; PROTESTING IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS; ASKING THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION TO HELP SAVE THE CITY OF SAFED FROM RUIN AND RECOMMENDING THAT A CONFERENCE OF ALL ZIONIST GROUPS BE CALLED TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE SALE OF PALESTINIAN GOODS IN THE UNITED STATES.

ISIDORE BENJAMIN, NEW YORK MANUFACTURER, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT. THE CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 200 DELEGATES FROM MORE THAN 15 STATES. SPEAKERS INCLUDED LEON GELLMAN, AB GOLDBERG AND RABBI I. M. CHARLOP.

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"No FOUNDATION" IS COLONIAL OFFICE COMMENT

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- THE COLONIAL OFFICE TOLD THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY TODAY THAT THERE WAS "NO FOUNDATION" FOR DR. WISE'S STATEMENT. OFFICIAL JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE CIRCLES LIKEWISE DECLARED THEY WERE UNAWARE OF A CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON THE HOLY LAND.

179 NON-JEWISH SCHOLARS ASSAIL "GHETTO" BENCHES; 5 NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS SIGN PROTEST

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- A statement signed by 179 non-Jewish American scholars, warning that "the 'ghetto benches' are the beginning of the regimentation of the academic life of Poland," was made public today by the Institute of International Education, of which Dr. Stephen Duggan is director. The signers include five Nobel Prize winners, eight members of the Committee on International Relations of the American Association of University Professors, 59 university and college presidents and 107 deans and professors.

Condemning segregation of Jews as a violation of minority guarantees, the statement says, "that the Polish Government should have yielded to a campaign of violence by anti-Semitic students and illegal terrorist groups is indeed most alarming."

The statement asserts that "regimentation may commence with oppression of Jewish students but freedom to learn will as surely disappear in Poland as freedom to teach has already disappeared in every totalitarian state."

J.D.C. BOARD ELECTS MRS. WARBURG HONORARY CHAIRMAN, BACKER VICE-CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee's Board of Directors, at its annual meeting today, elected Mrs. Felix M. Warburg honorary chairman to succeed the late Mr. Warburg, and George Backer, a vice-chairman.

Lewis S. Strauss was elected to fill Mr. Warburg's place on the executive committee. Leon Falk Jr. was elected vice-chairman of the national council. Abe Bronfman, of Montreal, and Judge Philip Forman, of Trenton, were added to the board of directors.

National officers elected are Paul Baerwald, chairman; Governor Lehman, James N. Rosenberg, James H. Becker, David M. Bressler, Alexander Kahn, William Rosenwald, Mr. Backer and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, vice-chairmen; Marco F. Hellman and I. Edwin Goldwasser, treasurers; William A. Koshland, associate treasurer; Mrs. H.B.L. Goldstein, secretary, and Joseph C. Hyman, secretary and executive director.

NON-SECTARIAN BODY TO PERPETUATE DEMOCRATIC CONCEPTS FORMED HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Formation of the American Union for Democracy, to perpetuate the concepts of democracy in America was announced at a press conference today by William H. Osborn, president, who said it was non-sectarian and non-political and had the participation of a group of liberals representing many faiths and various sections of the United States.

The union will solicit membership of all people interested in safeguarding and protecting the American civil liberties guaranteed under the Constitutional Bill of Rights, Mr. Osborn said. Charles I. Stewart is secretary of the organization, Dr. Guy Emery Shipler, treasurer, and Ernest Cuneo, general counsel. Among the 29 members of the national board are Herbert Agar, Dr. L.M. Birkhead, Rabbi Edward L. Israel, Marvin Lowenthal, James N. Rosenberg and William Allen White.

RALLY HERE MARKS 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BUND

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- A rally was held at Mecca Temple last night to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Bund, Jewish Socialist Party in Poland. Representatives of various Jewish groups participated, and also M. Czazska, delegate of the Polish Socialist Party, and Henryk Ehrlich, a representative of the Bund in Warsaw.