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NEW PALESTINE COMMISSION TO GET TERMS OF REFERENCE SOON, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE TODAY DISPELLED RUMORS THAT GREAT BRITAIN MIGHT POSTPONE INDEFINITELY THE SENDING OF A NEW ROYAL COMMISSION TO PALESTINE TO FRAME A CONCRETE PARTITION PLAN WHEN HE TOLD COMMONS THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY AVOIDABLE DELAY IN SENDING THE COMMISSION.

THE DETAILED CHARACTER AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY, MR. ORMSBY-GORE SAID IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY GEOFFREY MANDER, LIBERAL. MEANWHILE, THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING DETAILS FOR THE COMMISSION'S USE, HE ADDED.

IN GENERAL, CONDITIONS IN PALESTINE ARE SOMEWHAT IMPROVED, MR. ORMSBY-GORE SAID IN REPLY TO A QUERY BY ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE, ALTHOUGH SPORADIC ATTACKS CONTINUE AND SEVERAL GANGS ARE STILL OPERATING, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF PERSONS FROM OUTSIDE PALESTINE ACTING AS LEADERS AND ORGANIZERS. GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE OPERATING ACTIVELY IN THE NORTH AND ELSEWHERE TO COMBAT THE MURDER CAMPAIGN.

CASUALTIES SINCE NOV. 23, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY REPORTED, INCLUDE 10 ARABS KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED, FIVE JEWS KILLED AND 27 WOUNDED, ONE BRITISH CONSTABLE KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED.

TWENTY-SIX ARABS HAVE BEEN TRIED BY MILITARY COURTS, ONE SENTENCED TO DEATH AND EXECUTED, THREE ACQUITTED AND OTHERS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR VARIOUS PERIODS. TWO ARABS WERE RECENTLY SENTENCED TO DEATH BY A CIVIL COURT.

REPLYING TO LABORITE JOSIAH WEDGWOOD, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY SAID £5,000 (ABOUT \$25,000) HAD BEEN RECENTLY SPENT IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF PALESTINE FOR RELIEF, MAINLY PREVENTION OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRESS. COL. WEDGWOOD ASKED WHETHER HE WAS SATISFIED THAT THIS WAS NOT PAYMENT TO PREVENT ARABS FROM CUTTING TELEGRAPH WIRES. MR. ORMSBY-GORE REPLIED HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE PAYMENT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF LAW AND ORDER.

ARMY COURT SENTENCES 3 MORE ARABS; DETECTIVE SLAIN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- THREE ARABS WERE SENTENCED TODAY FOR POSSESSING ARMS AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS REPORTED PREPARING TO RECRUIT ADDITIONAL JEWISH SPECIAL POLICEMEN WHILE CONTINUING TERRORISM TOOK THE LIFE OF AN ARAB DETECTIVE.

THE MILITARY COURT AT NABLUS SENTENCED IBRAHIM KHASSAN OF NASSAR TO DEATH, HAIDIR EL AMUDI TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND HIS FATHER TO FIVE YEARS. RECRUITING OF 650 ADDITIONAL JEWISH SPECIAL POLICEMEN TO PATROL JERUSALEM AND THE VICINITY WILL START IMMEDIATELY, IT WAS RELIABLY LEARNED.

ARAB TERRORISTS SHOT AND KILLED DETECTIVE ZUREIK ABU AYISH WHEN HE CAME TO THE DOOR OF HIS HOME IN A VILLAGE NEAR HEBRON IN RESPONSE TO THEIR KNOCK.

THE MURDERERS OF JEWISH SPECIAL POLICEMAN SHLOMO BINUN, SLAIN SUNDAY NIGHT, WERE REVEALED TODAY TO HAVE TAKEN THE GOLD FROM HIS TEETH BEFORE LEAVING HIS BODY.

PALESTINE NEWSPAPERS WERE FORBIDDEN TO MENTION A VISIT TO HAIFA MADE YESTERDAY BY SIR CHARLES TEGART, DIRECTOR OF THE POLICE DRIVE ON ARAB TERRORISM, DURING WHICH HE INSPECTED POLICE STATIONS AND VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

BEN-GURION DENIES ZIONIST PEACE TALKS WITH ARABS; BANS PARLEYS ON "MINORITY" PLAN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- REPORTED ARAB-ZIONIST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WERE FLATLY DENIED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY BY DAVID BEN-GURION, CHAIRMAN OF THE JERUSALEM EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE.

DECLARING NO PROPOSAL LOOKING TOWARD AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN RECEIVED, MR. BEN-GURION ASSERTED SOME "UNFRIENDLY ENGLISHMEN AND NON-ZIONISTS" WERE NEGOTIATING IN EGYPT, PARIS AND LONDON FOR A SOLUTION OF THE "JEWISH PROBLEM." HE SAID THE AGENCY WOULD NOT ENTER ANY NEGOTIATIONS WHOSE OBVIOUS PURPOSE WAS TO PREVENT JEWS FROM BECOMING A MAJORITY, AND TO MAKE THEM A MINORITY WITHIN AN "ARAB GHETTO" UNDER THE MUFTI (NOW A FUGITIVE IN SYRIA) AND FAWZI BEY EL KAUJAJI, REPUTED LEADER OF THE ARAB TERRORISTS.

MR. BEN-GURION DEFINED THE AGENCY'S PRESENT TASK AS TO FIGHT FOR RIGHTS GUARANTEED UNDER THE MANDATE, TO RESIST CONTINUATION OF THE "POLITICAL MAXIMUM" YARDSTICK FOR IMMIGRATION AND TO PRESS FOR A CONCRETE PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN PART OF THE COUNTRY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NEXT ZIONIST CONGRESS.

POLAND FORBIDS JEWS TO MAKE, SELL CHRISTIAN FAITH OBJECTS; PREMIER SLATES TALK ON JEWS

WARSAW, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- PARLIAMENT TODAY ADOPTED A BILL FORBIDDING JEWS TO DEAL IN CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS OBJECTS WHILE THE SEJM (LOWER HOUSE) HEARD AN APPEAL FOR GOVERNMENT AMELIORATION OF THE JEWS' SUFFERING AND PREMIER SKLADKOWSKI ANNOUNCED HE WOULD SHORTLY MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE JEWISH QUESTION AND GENERAL MINORITY PROBLEMS.

MEANWHILE, EX-PRESIDENT IGNACE PADEREWSKI'S NEW PARTY JOINED THE ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN AS ITS ORGAN, NOWA PRAWDA, UNITED WITH THE NARA (NATIONAL RADICAL) NEWSPAPER, ABC, TO PUBLISH A "CALL TO FIGHT THE JEWS," URGING POLES TO BOYCOTT JEWS AND NOT SELL THEIR PROPERTY TO THEM.

THE SENATE PASSED A BILL PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE SEJM FORBIDDING JEWS TO ENGAGE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF OR TRADE IN CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS OBJECTS. THE SENATE REJECTED THE SEJM'S PROVISION MAKING AN EXCEPTION OF THE EXPORT TRADE.

DEPUTY LEIB MINZBERG, SPEAKING DURING THE SEJM BUDGET DEBATE, CITED THE JEWS' "MORAL TORTURES, PHYSICAL SUFFERING, ECONOMIC EXTERMINATION AND POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION" AND SAID HIS COLLEAGUES IN PARLIAMENT HAD BECOME HELPLESS WITNESSES TO THE WRONGS COMMITTED AGAINST THE JEWS.

INVOKING THE CONSTITUTION HAS BECOME "AN INEFFECTUAL ANACHRONISM," THE JEWISH DEPUTY SAID. HE URGED ABANDONMENT OF MASS EMIGRATION PROJECTS AS A SOLUTION TO THE JEWISH QUESTION AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE JEWS WOULD NOT GIVE UP THEIR RIGHTS.

HE RECALLED THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TWO YEARS AGO WARNING AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH EXCESSES, SAYING, "IT STARTS WITH THE JEWS AND ENDS WITH ANARCHY." HE ASKED WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD DONE SINCE THEN TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION.

BEFORE THE SEJM'S ADJOURNMENT FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, PRIME MINISTER SKLADKOWSKI ANNOUNCED HE WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE JEWISH QUESTION AND GENERAL MINORITY PROBLEMS DURING THE DEBATE ON THE INTERIOR MINISTRY'S BUDGET.

POLISH JEWS WERE URGED YESTERDAY BY A CONFERENCE OF JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS NOT TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR IN VIEW OF THE DIRE NEED OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO PHILANTHROPIC PURPOSES THE MONEY THEY WOULD SPEND ON ENTERTAINMENT.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY THAT THE INDEPENDENT SOCIAL LABOR PARTY HAS BEEN DECLARED ILLEGAL. ONE OF ITS LEADERS, DR. JOSEPH KRUK, WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED AND IS NOW BEING HELD IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMP AT KARTUZ-BEREZA.

COURTS IN CRACOW AND LODZ YESTERDAY SENTENCED MORE THAN EIGHTY NATIONALISTS TO JAIL TERMS FOR VIOLENCE IN CONNECTION WITH PICKETING OF JEWISH SHOPS. FIFTEEN WERE GIVEN FROM THREE TO SEVEN DAYS EACH BY A CRACOW COURT. FOUR WERE SENTENCED TO ONE MONTH EACH IN LODZ, WHILE 67 OTHERS WERE PLACED UNDER PREVENTIVE ARREST OF TWO TO SEVEN DAYS EACH.

"GHETTO BENCHES" SEEN BY TIMES AS STEP TOWARD TOTALITARIANISM OF NAZI, FASCIST COLLEGES

NEW YORK, DEC. 22. (JTA) -- THE NEW YORK TIMES WARNED POLAND IN AN EDITORIAL TODAY THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF "GHETTO" BENCHES "IS A STEP ON THE ROAD TO THE BLEAK INTELLECTUAL TOTALITARIANISM WHICH HAS ENGULFED THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES."

THE EDITORIAL DECLARES POLAND CANNOT RISK ALIENATING PUBLIC SENTIMENT IN THE FREE COUNTRIES IF SHE WISHES TO PURSUE A POLICY OF BALANCE AND NEUTRALITY. IT URGES POLAND TO UTILIZE THE "OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE THE IMAGINATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC WORLD" BY RESISTING SEGREGATION OF JEWISH STUDENTS.

COMMENTING ON THE APPEAL OF NEARLY 200 AMERICAN NON-JEWISH EDUCATORS AGAINST "GHETTO" BENCHES, THE EDITORIAL STATES: "IT IS NOT AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP ALONE THAT SPEAKS. THE SAME FEELING DOMINATES IN THE LEARNED WORLD OF GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE. IN OTHER WORDS, POLAND'S TENTATIVE STEP TOWARD A HITLERISM OF HER OWN IS REGARDED WITH SORROW AND REPUGNANCE IN THE GREAT SISTER DEMOCRACIES TO WHOM MODERN POLAND OWES HER EXISTENCE."

FASCIST WRITERS TERM EDEN PROTEST ON PROPAGANDA AN "ALIBI"

ROME, Dec. 22. (Havas) -- Two of the most authoritative Fascist commentators tonight accused Great Britain of using the "ALIBI" of Italian propaganda in Palestine to avoid reaching a settlement with Italy, and of attempting to temporize until the British rearmament plan is completed. Virginio Gayda, in *Giornale d'Italia*, and Maurizio Maraviglia, in *La Tribuna*, both retorted sharply to statements made in the House of Commons by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden to the effect that resumed Italian radio propaganda sent to the Holy Land was preventing further discussions of a new Anglo-Italian agreement.

ARRESTED ITALIAN JOURNALIST CALLED "JEW" BY FASCIST PAPER

ROME, Dec. 22. (Havas) -- The Fascist newspaper, *Il Tevere*, today published a violent attack on the well-known Italian journalist Giovanni Engely, and declared he had been arrested "for treason." Engely disappeared three days ago. A Government communique issued yesterday described him as an "ex-journalist" and said he was under arrest for spreading "confidential news abroad."

Il Tevere, which publishes frequent articles attacking Italian Jews, recalled that some time ago Engely's name was included in a list of Jews published by the newspaper.

JEWISH COLLECTIVE FARMS COVER 392,000 ACRES IN CRIMEA

MOSCOW, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Jewish collective farmers in the Crimea occupy 157,027 hectares (about 392,000 acres), it was announced today. Collective farmers in the Crimea are organized in 85 farms, owning the land in perpetuity. The number of children under sixteen of Crimean Jewish collective farmers is 7,000. Conditions of the Jewish farmers are described as very prosperous.

PALESTINIANS, HAVING NO ALTERNATIVE, ACCEPT PARTITION, MRS. HALPRIN HOLDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Palestinian Jews are willing to accept partition, feeling that since Great Britain will not implement the mandate there is no alternative, Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, former president of Hadassah, said today. She arrived on the Aquitania yesterday, after living in Palestine three years, for a two-month nation-wide lecture tour under Hadassah auspices.

KEREN HAYESOD SPENT \$31,000,000 SINCE 1921, MEETING TOLD; AIDED SETTLEMENT OF 175,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- In the five-year period from 1933 to 1937 the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) aided in the immigration and settlement in Palestine of more than 175,000 Jews from Poland, Germany and other lands, it was announced tonight at the Fund's annual meeting at the Hotel Astor; since 1921 the Fund has spent \$31,000,000 for the economic and agricultural development of the Jewish National Home. It was pointed out that American Jewry, which has contributed approximately \$15,000,000 to the total sum raised by the Fund, would be called upon to provide the major share of the funds supplied by world Jewry for the future upbuilding of Palestine.

The meeting was attended by more than 800 members and guests. Speakers included Dr. Solomon Goldman of Chicago, honorary vice-chairman of the United Palestine Appeal; Charles Ross, secretary of the Palestine Foundation Fund, who presented the financial report; Dr. Maurice B. Hexter, member of the Jewish Agency's Jerusalem Executive, Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Palestine Foundation Fund, who presided, and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, national chairman of the U.P.A., who brought greetings of the campaign's officers.