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BRITAIN LISTS DUTIES, SCOPE OF NEW PALESTINE BODY; TO NAME MEMBERS LATER

LONDON, JAN. 4. (JTA) -- The British Government issued a White Paper today defining the scope and duties of a new commission which will be named in "due course" to explore the practical possibilities of partitioning Palestine into Arab and Jewish states and a British-mandated area.

Contrary to fears expressed by Zionists the world over, no change in British policy on Palestine is indicated in the White Paper, which reproduces a dispatch from William G.A. Ormsby-Gore, the Colonial Secretary, to Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, British High Commissioner for Palestine, dated Dec. 23, containing the commission's terms of reference.

The Government stresses that it is not committed to the specific partition plan recommended by the Peel Royal Commission, particularly as regards compulsory transfer of Arabs from the proposed Jewish state, and declares a more precise and more detailed scheme is required.

Britain, which holds the League of Nations mandate for Palestine, was authorized at the last meeting of the Council to explore the partition plan. If the investigations, which are expected to take many months, result in a practical, equitable scheme, the Government will submit it to the Council, the White Paper points out.

It may be necessary, the statement adds, for the Government to consider the League Mandates Commission's suggestion of temporary cantonization of Palestine or separate mandates for Arab and Jewish areas. At any rate, the White Paper points out that "it is obvious, therefore, that for some time to come any action taken will be only of an exploratory nature."

The new body will act as a technical commission and its "functions will be confined to ascertaining the facts and to considering in detail the practical possibilities of the scheme of partition." However, it has full liberty to suggest modifications of the Peel plan, including variation of the areas recommended for retention under mandate.

It is officially declared that the new commission will not contain members of political bodies.

The commission's duties, as set forth in the White Paper, are:

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1-- To RECOMMEND BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED ARAB AND JEWISH AREAS AND THE PERMANENT MANDATED ENCLAVES WHICH AFFORD A REASONABLE PROSPECT OF EVENTUAL ESTABLISHMENT, WITH ADEQUATE SECURITY, OF SELF-SUPPORTING ARAB AND JEWISH STATES, AND ENABLING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATORY RESPONSIBILITIES.

2-- To EXAMINE AND REPORT ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN PARTITION, INCLUDING ALLOCATION AMONG THE AREAS OF PUBLIC ASSETS AND DEBTS; ASSURANCE OF THE FULFILLMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIONS' FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS; ADMINISTRATION OF RAILWAYS, PORTS, POSTAL, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SERVICES, CURRENCY AND CUSTOMS; ASCERTAINMENT OF THE BUDGETARY PROSPECTS OF THE VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS; PROTECTION FOR CIVIL SERVANTS; INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER CONCESSIONS; THE POSSIBILITY OF VOLUNTARY EXCHANGES OF LAND AND POPULATION; AND PROVISION OF EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS FOR RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL MINORITIES.

NINE PAGES OF THE WHITE PAPER ARE DEVOTED TO SUMMARIES OF RECENT DECLARATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF POLICY BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LEAGUE.

RUMANIA TO PRESS DRIVE ON JEWS, CUZA STATES; JEWISH DOCTORS TO LOSE HEALTH POSTS

BUCHAREST, JAN. 4. (JTA) -- THE NEW RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT YIELD THE "SLIGHTEST PART" OF ITS ANTI-SEMITIC PROGRAM, IT WAS ASSERTED TODAY BY PROF. ALEXANDER CUZA, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AND CO-LEADER WITH PREMIER OCTAVIAN GOGA OF THE ANTI-SEMITIC PRO-NAZI NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PARTY.

CUZA'S STAND WAS MADE PUBLIC IN A STATEMENT IN PORUNCA VREMI, PARTY ORGAN, PRESUMABLY TO DISSIPATE AN IMPRESSION THAT THE NEW CABINET WILL MOVE SLOWLY WITH ITS ANTI-JEWISH PROGRAM.

SERVING FURTHER TO DISPEL SUCH AN IMPRESSION WERE ACTIONS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND A STATEMENT BY NICHIFOR ROBU, ANTI-SEMITIC PREFECT OF THE CZERNOWITZ PROVINCE, CENTER OF A LARGE JEWISH POPULATION.

THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCED THAT JEWISH DOCTORS WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND REPLACED BY CHRISTIAN PHYSICIANS. THE MINISTRY ALSO ORDERED REVISION OF MEDICAL DIPLOMAS OBTAINED ABROAD SINCE 1919, MOST OF WHICH ARE HELD BY JEWS COMPELLED TO STUDY IN FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES BECAUSE OF DISORDERS AND THE NUMERUS CLAUSUS AT RUMANIAN SCHOOLS.

THE PREMIER'S OFFICE PRESSED THE CAMPAIGN TO "ROMANIZE" THE NATION'S NEWSPAPERS, ISSUING A CIRCULAR ORDERING ALL PAPERS IMMEDIATELY TO SUBMIT LISTS SHOWING ETHNICAL ORIGIN OF ALL EMPLOYEES.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAPERS SUPPRESSED SINCE ACCESSION OF THE GOGA REGIME LAST MONTH CANNOT AS YET BE ASCERTAINED, CHIEFLY BECAUSE THE QUESTION HAS BEEN LEFT TO DISCRETION OF LOCAL PREFECTS, BUT PORUNCA VREMI ESTIMATES THAT IN BUKOVINA PROVINCE ALONE 14 JEWISH-OWNED PAPERS HAVE BEEN BANNED.

CURENTUL, BUCHAREST NATIONALIST DAILY, QUOTES A STATEMENT BY PREFECT ROBU OF CZERNOWITZ IN WHICH HE DECLARES THAT THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES TWO DIVISIONS OF MINORITIES IN RUMANIA. ROBU LISTS IN THE FIRST, "PRODUCTIVE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTS TO WHOM THE GOVERNMENT SHOWS GOOD WILL," AND IN THE SECOND "THE PARASITIC JEWISH ELEMENT FOR WHICH ELIMINATION IS THE ONLY SOLUTION."

THE GOVERNMENT DENIED THAT AN ORDER HAD BEEN ISSUED FORBIDDING JEWS TO EMPLOY CHRISTIAN SERVANTS, A MEASURE WHICH WOULD BE ONE OF THE NUREMBERG LAWS IN GERMANY. REPORTS THAT NATIONAL CHRISTIAN STORM TROOPERS HAD BEEN STATIONED IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO BAR ENTRANCE OF JEWS ALSO WERE OFFICIALLY DENIED.

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PRAHA DENIES INFLUX FROM RUMANIA

PRAHA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, JAN. 4. (JTA) -- THE AUTHORITIES TODAY DENIED REPORTS OF A MASS INFLUX OF JEWS FROM RUMANIA, DECLARING STRONG MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PROTECT THE HOME LABOR MARKET.

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YUGOSLAV MEASURES TO BAR ENTRY DENIED

BELGRADE, JAN. 4. (HAVAS) -- NO SPECIAL MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY YUGOSLAVIA TO HALT MASS EMIGRATION FROM RUMANIA AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT CREATION OF THE ANTI-SEMITIC GOVERNMENT OF PREMIER OCTAVIAN GOGA, YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL QUARTERS DECLARED TODAY.

PALESTINE HOPES FOR POLITICAL SOLUTION TO END ECONOMIC STAGNATION, INSECURITY

JERUSALEM, JAN. 4. (JTA) -- THE HOLY LAND IS ENTERING THE NEW YEAR LOOKING ANXIOUSLY FORWARD WITH THE HOPE THAT SOME POLITICAL SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND TO END THE ECONOMIC STAGNATION AND INSECURITY IN WHICH IT WAS Mired DURING 1937.

DESPITE THE DEEPENING DEPRESSION, MANY BELIEVE SLIGHT ENCOURAGEMENT WOULD SERVE TO START AN UPSWING, POINTING TO NOTABLE PROGRESS MADE BY THE EXPORT TRADE LAST YEAR WHICH, DESPITE CONDITIONS, WAS THE LARGEST IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY, BEING ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN £5,700,000 (ABOUT \$28,500,000) AS AGAINST £3,625,233 IN 1936. IMPORTS FOR THE YEAR TOTALLED SOME £16,000,000 COMPARED TO £14,000,000 THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

OUTSTANDING WAS GERMANY'S RISE TO FIRST PLACE AS A SOURCE OF PALESTINE'S IMPORTS, SUPPLANTING THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH AN ELEVEN-MONTH TOTAL OF £2,418,291 AGAINST £2,325,979.

BANK DEPOSITS AS OF OCTOBER 31 TOTALLED £16,394,000 COMPARED TO £17,081,000 THE YEAR PREVIOUS. OUTSTANDING CREDIT ROSE FROM THIRTEEN TO FOURTEEN MILLION POUNDS. MONTHLY AVERAGE OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR THE TEN-MONTH PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31 IN JERUSALEM, JAFFA, HAIFA AND TEL AVIV, THE FOUR PRINCIPAL CITIES, DROPPED TO LESS THAN £50,000 FROM MORE THAN £60,000 IN 1936.

GOVERNMENT REVENUE FOR THE YEAR ENDING NEXT MARCH IS ESTIMATED AT £5,000,000, OF WHICH £2,200,000 WILL BE DERIVED FROM CUSTOMS. EXPENDITURES ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT EQUAL.

ON SEPTEMBER 30 LAST THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JEWS IN THE COUNTRY WAS OFFICIALLY PUT AT 389,504 IN A GENERAL POPULATION OF 1,328,072, BUT THERE ARE CONCEDED TO BE AT LEAST 10,000 MORE JEWS. JEWISH IMMIGRATION FOR THE YEAR TOTALLED 11,000 AS AGAINST 30,000 IN 1936, REFLECTING CURBS RESULTING FROM ARAB DISORDERS.

DURING THE YEAR, 15 NEW JEWISH SETTLEMENTS WERE ESTABLISHED AND 500,000 TREES PLANTED COVERING SOME 1,300 DUNAMS (ABOUT 260 ACRES). JEWS INCREASED THEIR LANDHOLDINGS BY 25,000 DUNAMS, MOSTLY THROUGH PURCHASES BY THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND, ZIONIST LAND-PURCHASING AGENCY.

WAUCHOPE BACKS \$1,500,000 LOAN TO PALESTINE FARMERS

TEL AVIV, JAN. 4. (JTA) -- HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR ARTHUR GRENFELL WAUCHOPE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY WHILE VISITING HERE THE APPROVAL OF A \$875,000 LOAN FOR PUBLIC WORKS, AND ALSO THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO THE BRITISH COLONIAL OFFICE APPROVAL OF A \$1,500,000 LOAN FOR FARMERS.

REPORTS OF ANTI-SEMITIC VIOLENCE IN IRELAND DENIED BY JEWISH LEADERS

DUBLIN, JAN. 4. (JTA) -- RECENT NEWSPAPER REPORTS ALLEGING ATTACKS AND THREATS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWS ARE BASELESS, THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY WAS INFORMED BY A NUMBER OF PROMINENT JEWS HERE, INCLUDING REV. GUDANSKI, SENIOR MINISTER OF THE DUBLIN HEBREW CONGREGATION, ROBERT BRISCOE, M.P., PROF. J. BAKER, AND ARTHUR NEWMAN, AMONG OTHERS.

MR. BRISCOE SAID THERE WAS "NOT A SINGLE CASE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWS" AND THE ANTI-SEMITIC MOVEMENT WAS "SO INSIGNIFICANT THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT DEEM IT WORTHY OF NOTICE." THE SO-CALLED IRISH CHRISTIAN PROTECTION ASSOCIATION HAS FEW ADHERENTS AND IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE, HE SAID.

KRUK, OTHER LABOR LEADERS FREED BY POLAND

WARSAW, JAN. 4. (JTA) -- JOSEF KRUK AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE DISSOLVED INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM THE KARTUZ-BEREZA CONCENTRATION CAMP, WHERE THEY WERE INTERNEED LAST MONTH.

2 ARABS TO HANG JAN. 11 FOR MURDER OF JEW

JERUSALEM, JAN. 4. (JTA) -- HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR ARTHUR GRENFELL WAUCHOPE TODAY CONFIRMED DEATH SENTENCES PASSED BY THE CRIMINAL ASSIZES COURT AGAINST TWO ARABS FOR THE MURDER LAST FEBRUARY OF MENDEL MINTZ, A JEWISH TRUCK DRIVER. DATE OF EXECUTION WAS SET FOR JAN. 11 AT ACRE.

A COLLECTIVE FINE IMPOSED ON RESIDENTS OF THE JARINA QUARTER IN HAIFA FOR MURDER OF AN ARAB NOTABLE LAST MONTH IS BEING COLLECTED FROM JEWS AS WELL AS ARABS, IT WAS REVEALED TODAY. ARAB TERRORISTS WERE THE ASSASSINS.

ANTI-NAZIS LISTED IN "NATION" HONOR ROLL OF 31

NEW YORK, JAN. 4. (JTA) -- ANTI-NAZIS RECEIVE A PROMINENT PLACE AMONG THE 31 CITATIONS OF GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS CONTAINED IN THE TENTH ANNUAL "HONOR ROLL" PUBLISHED IN THE NATION, LIBERAL WEEKLY.

WILLIAM E. DODD, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY, IS MENTIONED FOR PROTESTING AMERICAN REPRESENTATION AT THE NUREMBERG NAZI CONGRESS; CARDINAL MUNDELEIN, FOR "EXPRESSING THE BEST ELEMENTS OF HIS CHURCH IN HIS CONDEMNATION OF PERSECUTIONS IN NAZI GERMANY," AND THE TOWN COUNCIL OF SOUTHBURY, CONN., "FOR SETTING AN EXAMPLE OF STUBBORN LOCAL OPPOSITION TO THE ADVANCE OF THE NAZI TRAINING CAMPS IN AMERICA."

JEWS NAMED IN THE HONOR ROLL ARE: SIDNEY HILLMAN, FOR HIS UNION ACTIVITIES; MORRIS L. ERNST, FOR FIGHTING "THE HAGUE DICTATORSHIP IN JERSEY CITY," JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK FOR A RECENT FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURT DECISION AND ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYS.