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ORMSBY-GORE VOICES CONCERN ON PALESTINE ECONOMIC POSITION; NO DECISION YET ON ENTRY SCHEDULE

LONDON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The British Government plans to issue a detailed statement soon on its new investigation in Palestine, but has reached no decision yet on an immigration schedule for the interim period, and meanwhile is concerned over Palestine's economic situation.

The Government's views were presented to Commons by William G.A. Ormsby-Gore, Colonial Secretary, in reply to questions today and yesterday by Geoffrey Mander, Liberal; Tom Williams, Laborite, and Sir Percy Harris, Liberal.

Replying to Mr. Mander's question whether it was proposed to permit Jewish immigration on a larger scale in view of the considerable period lying ahead before anything would be done to settle the Palestine problem, the Colonial Secretary said, "that is a matter coming up for consideration by the Government after March 31" (when the present immigration schedule expires).

Replying to Oswald Lewis, Conservative, who asked for a statement of the Government's intentions regarding the future system of Palestine administration, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said he had nothing to add to his statement of yesterday on the Palestine situation. At that time, replying to a written question by Mr. Williams, he said:

"Constant pressure by the military and police has been maintained. There have been successful encounters with armed bands, notably operations in Galilee towns at the end of December, the result of which was dispersion of bands in that district. The economic and financial situation in the country gives rise to anxiety and there has been an increase in unemployment, more particularly in Haifa and Tel Aviv."

Replying to a question by Sir Percy, he said: "I hope shortly to be in a position to make a statement on the personnel and visit to Palestine of the proposed technical commission."

THIRD SOLDIER DIES AFTER PALESTINE BATTLE; 15 ARABS KILLED

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Details of a two-day engagement in which three British soldiers were fatally wounded and 15 Arab terrorists were killed -- termed by army officers the most difficult and warlike battle of the current Palestine disorders -- reached here today. The third British victim was Corporal E.B. Blacken, of the Ulster regiment, who died today of wounds received in the engagement.

TROOPS AND ROYAL AIR FORCE BOMBING PLANES PARTICIPATED IN THE CLASH WITH THE ARAB BAND, WHICH OCCURRED NEAR THE UMM EL FAHM VILLAGE, IN THE SUBDISTRICT OF JENIN, CENTRAL PALESTINE. WITH 15 TERRORISTS OFFICIALLY REPORTED DEAD, MILITARY QUARTERS IN HAIFA EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THE NUMBER WAS LARGER, BUT THE EXACT CASUALTY TOTAL COULD NOT BE ASCERTAINED BECAUSE OF THE HILLY AND WOODED NATURE OF THE COUNTRY.

THE BATTLE STARTED AT NOON MONDAY WHEN A BAND OF 40 AMBUSHED TROOPS, KILLING TWO AND WOUNDING TWO. THE TROOPS TOOK A STRATEGIC POSITION AND WIRELESS HEADQUARTERS FOR PLANES, WHICH WERE RUSHED TO THE SPOT AND HEAVILY BOMBED THE BAND. THE BATTLE RAGED THROUGH THE NIGHT, THE TROOPS USING SEARCHLIGHTS TO SPOT THE BANDITS. AT DAWN, REINFORCEMENTS FROM NATHANIA AND TEL AVIV ARRIVED AND SURROUNDED THE AREA ON A THREE-MILE FRONT, PROGRESSING SLOWLY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF WAR PLANES UNTIL THE AREA HAD BEEN CLEANED UP. ONE PLANE WAS HIT BY ARAB GUNFIRE.

TERRORISM WAS ALSO RENEWED IN THE JERUSALEM DISTRICT AND ELSEWHERE. HEAVY SHOOTING WAS REPORTED AT ATAROTH, BETH HAKEREM AND MIKOR CHAIM, WITH JEWISH GHAFFIRS (AUXILIARY POLICEMEN) REPLYING TO THE GUNFIRE. TWO ARAB GHAFFIRS WERE ATTACKED AND ONE OF THEM SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

A POLICE STATION AT BETHLEHEM, NOT FAR FROM RACHEL'S TOMB, WAS HEAVILY FIRED UPON BY A SMALL BAND OPERATING BETWEEN BETHLEHEM AND HEBRON AND REPORTEDLY LED BY THE NOTORIOUS ASSA BATTAT, SUSPECTED IN THE SLAYING OF J.L. STARKEY, BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGIST. POLICE REPLIED, BUT NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

WITH THE RENEWAL OF WIDESPREAD TERRORISM, GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP MEASURES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY INTENSIFIED. IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL SCRUTINY OF PRESS CABLES, THE AUTHORITIES ARE CENSORING OUTGOING AND INCOMING TELEPHONE CALLS. ACCORDING TO DAVAR, HEBREW DAILY, INCOMING AND OUTGOING MAIL IS BEING OPENED.

THE THREE CHILDREN OF A HEBRON POLICE OFFICIAL WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED BY BROKEN GLASS WHEN SEVERAL SHOTS WERE FIRED AT HIS HOME AT MIDNIGHT. SIMULTANEOUSLY, SHOTS WERE FIRED AT A BRITISH CONSTABLE RETURNING FROM DUTY, BUT HE WAS NOT HIT. A JEWISH SOAP FACTORY WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE. ARSON WAS SUSPECTED.

EZEKIEL ALTMAN, 23-YEAR-OLD JEWISH GHAFFIR, IS BEING TRIED BEFORE THE JERUSALEM MILITARY COURT ON CHARGES OF FIRING UPON AN ARAB TRUCK, THE FIRST JEW TO BE TRIED FOR SUCH AN OFFENCE. HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE FIRED 17 SHOTS FROM HIS SERVICE RIFLE AT A TRUCK ON DEC. 20 IN THE VICINITY OF A JEWISH-OWNED QUARRY ON THE JAFFA-JERUSALEM ROAD.

THREE WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION, INCLUDING A CORPORAL, TESTIFIED REGARDING THE SHOTS AND SAID THE BULLETS HAD CAUSED THE DEATH OF A CHILD. THE CORPORAL SAID HE DISCOVERED ON INVESTIGATING SEVERAL EMPTY CARTRIDGES, THE TRACKS OF A SINGLE PERSON, AND ALSO THE COAT OF THE ACCUSED, WHO WAS ABSENT FROM HIS GHAFFIR'S STATION FOR THREE HOURS. AN EMPTY CARTRIDGE SIMILAR TO ALTMAN'S WAS FOUND ON THE SCENE OF THE SHOTS, THE CORPORAL SAID. THE HEARING IS CONTINUING.

MARSHAL BALBO'S PAPER PRAISES "PROTOCOLS"

ROME, FEB. 2. (JTA) -- THE HITHERTO PRO-JEWISH NEWSPAPER CORRIERE PADANO, OWNED BY MARSHAL ITALO BALBO, TODAY PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE LAVISHING PRAISE ON THE "PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION," DISCREDITED RECORD OF A PURPORTED JEWISH PLOT FOR WORLD-DOMINATION, WHICH HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN AN ITALIAN EDITION.

JEWS BARRED FROM USING GERMAN NAMES; REICH EMPLOYE JAILED FOR HIDING ORIGIN

BERLIN, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- THE ANGRIF, NAZI ORGAN, DECLARES EDITORIALY THAT ALL JEWS WHO "ARYANIZED" THEIR NAMES MAY BE FORCED TO RESUME THEIR OLD NAMES. HEREAFTER, IT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GIVE JEWISH CHILDREN GERMAN FIRST NAMES, THE PAPER SAYS.

THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR RECENTLY ISSUED COMPREHENSIVE RULES BY WHICH AN ASSUMED NAME IS PERMITTED ONLY IF THE ACTUAL NAME IS RIDICULOUS, BUT WHICH WILL NOT PERMIT JEWS TO "ARYANIZE" THEIR NAMES, THE EDITORIAL STATES.

"MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES TO ASSURE THAT NAME CHANGES WHICH TODAY ARE CONSIDERED UNDESIRABLE MAY BE REVOKED BY 1940," THE PAPER ADDS. "A SPECIAL REGULATION CONCERNS JEWISH FIRST NAMES."

ALFRED GRUENSPAN, 48 YEARS OLD, A FORMER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE, HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT BY A BERLIN COURT FOR CONCEALING HIS JEWISH ORIGIN. THE VERDICT SAID, "THE DEFENDANT REPEATEDLY GAVE UNTRUE STATEMENTS IN WRITING THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HE WAS OF JEWISH DESCENT. IT MUST BE CONSTRUED AS A FRAUD IF SOMEONE CONCEALS HIS JEWISH ANCESTRY TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT FROM A MUNICIPAL OR STATE AUTHORITY. SUCH AN ACT DEPRIVES A GENUINE MEMBER OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO FILL THE POSITION."

THE NEUMANN FIRM, OPERATING 100 CORSET AND LINGERIE SHOPS THROUGHOUT GERMANY, HAS PASSED INTO "ARYAN" HANDS.

MEASURES FOR THE COMPLETE SEGREGATION OF JEWISH VISITORS AT THE WEISSERHIRSCH RESORT NEAR DRESDEN HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE GAULEITER (NAZI DISTRICT LEADER). JEWS ARE PERMITTED TO STOP ONLY AT JEWISH-OWNED HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES WHERE THERE ARE NO GERMAN MAIDS UNDER 45 YEARS OF AGE. THEY ARE EXCLUDED FROM SUN BATHS AND PUBLIC READING ROOMS AND ARE PERMITTED TO TAKE THE WATERS ONLY DURING A TWO-HOUR PERIOD.

COMPLETE BAN OF SHECHITA SOUGHT IN POLISH PARLIAMENT

WARSAW, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- THE POLISH PARLIAMENT TODAY HAD UNDER CONSIDERATION A BILL FOR COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF SHECHITA, JEWISH RITUAL METHOD OF SLAUGHTERING ANIMALS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER PARTIAL BAN SINCE 1936.

THE BILL HAS THE SPONSORSHIP OF DEPUTY BUDZINSKI, NOTORIOUS ANTI-SEMITE, WHO WAS RAPPORTEUR ON THE 1936 SHECHITA MEASURE. IN PRESENTING THE NEW BILL, DEPUTY BUDZINSKI SAID IT WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE "PRACTICE HAS SHOWN THAT THE PRESENT SHECHITA LAW HAS NOT ACHIEVED THE RESULTS WHICH PARLIAMENT HAD IN VIEW." THE SAME BILL PROPOSES THAT ONLY FARMERS BE ALLOWED TO TRADE IN CATTLE, THUS ELIMINATING TRADERS COMPLETELY.

THE WILNO AUTHORITIES TODAY CANCELLED ALL SUBSIDIES FOR YIDDISH AND HEBREW SCHOOLS DURING 1938.

ALL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS WERE ORDERED BY GENERAL WILCZYNSKI, DIRECTOR OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS, TO ELIMINATE FROM THEIR STATUTES "ARYAN PARAGRAPHS" WHICH BAR JEWS AS MEMBERS. A CIRCULAR SIGNED BY THE GENERAL DECLARES EXCLUSION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES VIOLATES THE RULES AND SPIRIT OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND IS CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE COUNCIL. "ARYAN PARAGRAPHS" HAD BEEN INTRODUCED BY A NUMBER OF SPORTS UNIONS, AMONG THEM THE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

CZERNOWITZ JEWS ORDERED TO KEEP STORES OPEN ON SABBATH; DOCTORS CURBED

BUCHAREST, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Governor of Czerowitz today ordered Jewish shops to keep open on the Sabbath and all Jewish holidays.

The Bucharest Medical Board decided today not to grant licenses to new physicians, not of "Rumanian ethnical origin" pending revision of citizenships. All doctors were requested to give details concerning where they were born and studied for examination by a special commission.

The Government has concluded an electoral pact with the German party, whose candidates will appear in the Government list in next month's elections. The German party has been allotted fourteen seats in the next Parliament.

THREAT OF TEACHERS' STRIKE ENDS IN PALESTINE; TO ARBITRATE ISSUES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Threat of strike by the Federation of Jewish Teachers, in protest against withdrawal of a \$5 monthly "cost of living" allowance added to teachers' salaries two years ago, has been ended. Negotiations between the teachers and the Jewish National Council, which administers the Jewish school system in Palestine, will be resumed. Points at issue will be submitted to arbitration.

The Government decided today to allot \$10,000 to Tel Aviv Jewish schools to be used in providing meals. The city also received Government permission to float a loan of \$125,000 to be used for public works.

ARABS SINK DIFFERENCES IN FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND AGAINST ZIONISM, OBSERVER FINDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Phelps Adams, member of the staff of the New York Sun, who recently visited Palestine to prepare a series of fifteen articles on "The Truth About Palestine," found the Arabs united in their opposition to Zionism and their determination to win political independence.

"Political opinion is divided among six national parties," Mr. Adams says in his eighth article, "but the internal differences between these have all been submerged in the interests of a united opposition to the Jewish National Home. The hatchet has been buried deeply and sincerely so far as these internal differences are concerned, and the important thing to remember about the Arab community today is that it stands as one man in its determination to win its independence in Palestine at any cost."

The sixth and seventh articles describe sympathetically Jewish life and accomplishments in Palestine, with modern science transforming the ancient land and Jewish youth disregarding obstacles in building the Jewish National Home. Driven by selfless ambition, the Jews make the community, rather than the individual, welfare the theme of their work, Mr. Adams says. He found Jewish labor thoroughly organized and disciplined.

BULETIN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Arab death toll in the two-day engagement near Jenin was found today to have reached thirty when fifteen more corpses were discovered. Caves in which the terrorist band hid out were dynamited by troops. The remnant of the band, split into groups of five and ten, was roaming between Acre and Ras-el-Nakura, continuing their terrorism and launching surprise forays on military forces.