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### MACMICHAEL ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM; ROUTE FROM HAIFA HEAVILY GUARDED

JERUSALEM, MARCH 3. (JTA) -- SIR HAROLD ALFRED MACMICHAEL, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS FAMILY, ARRIVED HERE FROM ENGLAND TODAY TO REPLACE SIR ARTHUR GRENFELL WAUCHOPE AS HIGH COMMISSIONER. GREETED AT THE RAILWAY STATION BY OFFICIALS AND DIGNITARIES INCLUDING CROWN PRINCE TALLAL OF THE TRANSJORDAN, HE WENT DIRECTLY TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH BY CHIEF JUSTICE HARRY H. TRUSTED.

SPECIAL GUARDS HAD BEEN POSTED EVERY KILOMETER ALONG THE ROUTE FROM HAIFA, WHERE SIR HAROLD HAD BEEN BROUGHT BY H.M.S. ENTERPRISE, TO JERUSALEM. THREE COACHES OF SOLDIERS WERE COUPLED TO HIS TRAIN. THE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOLLOWED A MINE EXPLOSION ON THE TRACKS YESTERDAY BETWEEN HARTUV AND DIR ES-SHEIKH, IN WHICH THE JERUSALEM TRAIN WAS DAMAGED.

A JEWISH AND AN ARAB POLICEMAN WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED YESTERDAY IN HAIFA WHEN FIRED UPON IN THE MARKET PLACE. THE AREA WAS IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDED BY POLICE, BUT NO TRACE OF THE ASSAILANTS WAS FOUND. THE JEWISH POLICEMAN IS ALFRED KUVLIN, AND THE ARAB, YACOB MENAKHA.

THE SUPREME COURT YESTERDAY FREED JULIUS SILVERMAN, GERMAN JEW WHO WAS ARRESTED LAST JULY AT HAIFA AND WAS CONVICTED IN JANUARY OF SMUGGLING ARMS INTO PALESTINE. THE COURT OVERRULED HIS CONVICTION.

### TROUBLE "DEEPEATED, WIDESPREAD," ORMSBY-GORE TELLS COMMONS

LONDON, MARCH 3. (JTA) -- COLONIAL SECRETARY WILLIAM ORMSBY-GORE ADMITTED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT THE TROUBLE IN PALESTINE IS NOW "DEEP-SEATED AND WIDESPREAD." REPLYING TO QUESTIONS, HE SAID THE MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES IN THE HOLY LAND HAD BEEN REINFORCED.

MR. ORMSBY-GORE DISCLOSED THAT THERE HAD BEEN ONE MURDER, THREE ARMED ROBBERIES, SEVERAL CASES OF SABOTAGE AND SNIPINGS IN THE LAST WEEK, BUT SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS. HE SAID SPECIAL MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN AGAINST THE ATTACKS, OF WHICH 30 HAD OCCURRED IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS.

THE PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING IN LONDON, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY SAID, AND WILL PROCEED WITH ITS BUSINESS SO AS TO ARRIVE IN PALESTINE AS SOON AS THE EASTER CEREMONIES ARE OVER.

DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, TONIGHT ADDRESS-  
ED A MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PALESTINE COMMITTEE.

TORTURED IN SOVIET PROVINCE, REFUGEES REPORT ON ARRIVAL IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- FROM THE INNER RECESSES OF ASIA, SMALL GROUPS OF RAGGED, HALF-STARVED JEWISH REFUGEES ARE ARRIVING IN PALESTINE WITH TALES OF TERROR AND PHYSICAL TORTURE WHICH IN GRUESOME DETAILS RIVAL STORIES OF THE MIDDLE AGES.

THE METHODS OF THE MEDIEVAL INQUISITION ARE BEING USED BY SOVIET RUSSIAN OFFICIALS AGAINST THE JEWS OF BOKHARA, RUSSIAN PROVINCE BORDERING AFGHANISTAN, NORTH OF INDIA, ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNTS OF THESE FUGITIVES. ABOUT 200 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM BOKHARA HAVE REACHED PALESTINE. MOST OF THOSE ARRIVING IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE BEEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN, SEEKING THE HUSBANDS AND FATHERS WHO FLED BEFORE THEY DID.

THE BOKHARIAN JEWS' TROUBLES WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, RECOUNTED TO THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY BY NISSIM YONOSSOF, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE BOKHARIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY HERE, BEGAN WHEN JOSEF STALIN ASCENDED TO THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE U.S.S.R. PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD NOT BEEN MOLESTED BY THE SOVIET REGIME UNDER THE LATE NICOLAI LENIN, MR. YONOSSOF SAID. THE JEWS IN THE CITY OF BOKHARA, WHOSE FOREBARS HAD COME FROM BAGHDAD, WERE ALMOST ALL PROSPEROUS MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS, AND SOME WERE VERY WEALTHY, HE SAID.

FROM THE TIME STALIN BECAME DICTATOR OF THE U.S.S.R., MR. YONOSSOF ASSERTED, THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES BEGAN DEMANDING THAT THE JEWS TURN OVER THEIR POSSESSIONS TO THE STATE. ACCORDING TO HIS ACCOUNT, THEIR HOMES AND SHOPS WERE SEARCHED. SOME OF THE JEWS HID AWAY GOLD AND JEWELS, DRAWING A BIT OUT FROM TIME TO TIME TO PURCHASE FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES. OGPU (SOVIET SECRET POLICE) SPIES VISITED THE COMMUNITY AND PURCHASED SOME OF THE JEWELS, IN THIS WAY DISCOVERING THOSE WHO HAD HIDDEN BELONGINGS. SOON AFTERWARD THE COMMUNITY WAS RAIDED AND THOSE WHO HAD BEEN THUS DETECTED WERE ARRESTED.

SOME REFUSED TO DISCLOSE THE HIDING PLACE OF THEIR VALUABLES. THESE, MR. YONOSSOF SAID, MEN AND WOMEN ALIKE, WERE BEATEN TO FORCE THEM TO SPEAK. THOSE WHO STILL REMAINED SILENT WERE FORCED TO SIT ON HOT PRIMUS STOVES. OTHERS WERE STRIPPED NAKED, MANACLED & HAND AND FOOT AND THROWN INTO THE MID-WINTER SNOW TO FREEZE TO DEATH. THEIR BODIES WERE THEN DELIVERED TO THEIR FAMILIES WITH A WARNING THAT A SIMILAR FATE AWAITED THOSE WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE AUTHORITIES' WISHES.

ONE MERCHANT, SIMON BEN YAHUDA, WHO HAS NOW ESCAPED INTO PALESTINE, A MAN OF RUGGED PHYSIQUE AND GREAT POWERS OF ENDURANCE, WITHSTOOD THE PRIMUS STOVE TORTURE WITHOUT SPEAKING, MR. YONOSSOF SAID. HE WAS THEN SUBJECTED TO THE "WATER CURE," IN WHICH THE VICTIM'S NOSE IS HELD CLOSED AND HE IS FORCED TO GULP GREAT QUANTITIES OF WATER, ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNT.

THOSE FLEEING FROM THIS REIGN OF TERROR, MR. YONOSSOF SAID, FOUND REFUGE AT FIRST IN AFGHANISTAN. THE AFGHANS, WHO CLAIM DESCENT FROM THE TEN LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL, WELCOMED THE FUGITIVES FOR A TIME, BUT LATER THIS WELCOME GREW COLD, AND OTHER EMIGRANTS WERE DRIVEN BACK. THEY TURNED TOWARDS PALESTINE AS THEIR ONLY HOPE.

REFUGEES BEGAN TREKKING THE 1,800 MILES FROM BOKHARA TO THE HOLY LAND, PART OF THE WAY BY DONKEY, PART ABOARD TRUCKS, PART AFOOT. THEY TRAVELED VIA BAGHDAD, TRAVERSING IN THEIR JOURNEY THE TURKOMAN REPUBLIC, PERSIA, IRAQ, SYRIA AND LEBANON, CROSSING DESERTS AND MOUNTAINS. THE FEW PERSONAL BELONGINGS THEY HAD MANAGED TO CARRY WITH THEM WERE STOLEN ON THE WAY OR TAKEN BY ARAB SMUGGLERS AS THE PRICE OF TRANSPORTING THEM TO PALESTINE.

AMONG THE REFUGEES, IS ABBA SIMKHIALYOFF, AT ONE TIME ONE OF THE WEALTHY MEN OF CENTRAL ASIA, OWNER OF A WOOL FACTORY, AN OIL REFINERY AND A SOAP FACTORY. HE IS AT PRESENT MORE FORTUNATELY SITUATED THAN MOST OF HIS PEOPLE, FOR HIS FATHER, WHO CAME TO PALESTINE MANY YEARS AGO, BUILT A HOUSE IN JERUSALEM, AND SIMKHIALYOFF NOW LIVES ON THE RENTALS. MOST OF HIS FELLOW-FUGITIVES LIVE IN POVERTY, WORKING AS PORTERS AND IN OTHER LOW-PAID JOBS WHEN THEY CAN FIND EMPLOYMENT. THE BOKHARIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY HELPS THEM AS MUCH AS IT CAN, AND A FEW RECEIVE SMALL SUMS FROM RELATIVES IN EUROPE AND AMERICA.

#### JEWISH LAWYERS BARRED FROM OATH TO NEW RUMANIAN CHARTER; FACE PRACTICE BAN

BUCHAREST, MARCH 3. (JTA) -- THE BAR COUNCIL TODAY INSTRUCTED ALL LAWYERS, EXCEPTING THOSE OF JEWISH ORIGIN, TO TAKE THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE NEW CONSTITUTION. JEWISH ATTORNEYS' GROUPS PROTESTED AGAINST THEIR NOT BEING PERMITTED "TO SHOW LOYALTY TO THE THRONE AND FATHERLAND BY TAKING THE OATH."

LAWYERS FAILING TO TAKE THE OATH BY MARCH 6 WILL BE STRICKEN OFF THE BAR REGISTER AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE. JEWISH BARRISTERS WILL BE STRICKEN OFF THE REGISTER PENDING THE REVISION OF JEWISH CITIZENSHIPS, AFTER WHICH THEY MUST APPLY ANEW FOR REGISTRATION.

EXCEPTIONS ARE MADE FOR THOSE JEWISH LAWYERS WHO ARE WAR INVALIDS, OR HAVE BEEN DECORATED FOR EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY ON THE BATTLEFIELDS, OR WERE REGISTERED BEFORE DEC. 1, 1918. THESE WILL BE PERMITTED TO TAKE THE OATH IMMEDIATELY.

FOR OTHER JEWISH LAWYERS, WHO MUST AWAIT COMPLETION OF THE CITIZENSHIP REVISION, IT IS HIGHLY PROBLEMATICAL WHETHER THEY WILL BE READMITTED TO THE BAR. CONCERN IS FELT IN JEWISH PROFESSIONAL CIRCLES REGARDING SUSPENSION OF RIGHTS PENDING THE REVISION SINCE PROFESSIONAL UNIONS HAVE DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT JEWS, THUS DEPRIVING THEM OF THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUING THEIR OCCUPATIONS EVEN AFTER THE REVISION HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

#### AUSTRIAN ANTI-SEMITIC UNION SPLIT AS NAZIS QUIT

VIENNA, MARCH 3. (JTA) -- A SPLIT IN THE RANKS OF THE ANTISEMITEN BUND (ANTI-SEMITIC UNION) TODAY FOLLOWED THE DISMISSAL OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF ITS STAFF AND THE RESIGNATION OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, PRACTICALLY ALL OF THEM NAZIS, QUIT THE ORGANIZATION.

THE NAZIS WERE EXPECTED TO ATTEMPT ESTABLISHMENT OF A BODY SIMILAR TO THE BUND, BUT IT WAS CONSIDERED DOUBTFUL WHETHER THE AUTHORITIES WOULD PERMIT SUCH AN ORGANIZATION, SINCE IT COULD BE UTILIZED TO CAMOUFLAGED NAZI PROPAGANDA.

#### SHOLOM SCHWARTZBARD, SLAYER OF PETLURA, FOUND DEAD IN CAPE TOWN

CAPE TOWN, MARCH 3. (JTA) -- SHOLOM SCHWARTZBARD, WHO IN 1936 ASSASSINATED IN PARIS SEMION PETLURA, UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST LEADER WHOM HE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ANTI-JEWISH MASSACRES OF 1918 AND 1919 IN THE UKRAINE, WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM HERE EARLY THIS MORNING. HE WAS 52 YEARS OLD.

SCHWARTZBARD, FOUND NOT GUILTY BY A PARISIAN JURY AFTER A SENSATIONAL TRIAL IN 1927, WAS IN SOUTH AFRICA ON A MISSION IN BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSAL YIDDISH ENCYCLOPEDIA.

A WATCHMAKER BY TRADE, AND POET BY AVOCATION, SCHWARTZBARD WAS A FRENCH CITIZEN AND HAD SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN THE WORLD WAR. AT HIS TRIAL, HE READILY ADMITTED SHOOTING PETLURA. DECLARING HE HAD PLANNED AND EXECUTED THE ASSASSINATION ALONE AND WAS NOT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY GROUP, ORGANIZATION OR PARTY, SCHWARTZBARD EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS DEED AND AFFIRMED HIS BELIEF THAT PETLURA BORE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MASSACRES IN WHICH MANY OF HIS RELATIVES HAD PERISHED.

U.S. JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS OPPOSE PARTITION, SURVEY HOLDS

NEW YORK, MARCH 3. (JTA) -- OVERWHELMING SENTIMENT AMONG AMERICAN JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS AGAINST THE PROPOSED PARTITION OF PALESTINE IS REPORTED BY THE LONDON JEWISH CHRONICLE, BASED ON FIRST RESULTS OF A SURVEY OF JEWISH LEADERS ON THE QUESTION.

MORE THAN 450 RABBIS AND HEADS OF RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WERE POLLED BY LOUIS RITTENBERG, THE LONDON WEEKLY'S AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT. OF THE 103 WHO HAVE REPLIED TO DATE, 87 OPPOSED PARTITION, SIX FAVORED IT WITH RESERVATIONS AND TEN WERE LISTED AS "WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN FAVOR."

THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE POLL, MR. RITTENBERG SAID, WILL ALSO INCLUDE NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEADERS, SINCE THE OPINIONS OF 400 NON-RELIGIOUS JEWISH LEADERS HAVE BEEN SOLICITED. THE POLL "MAY BE SAID TO REFLECT A CROSS SECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE JEWISH OPINION IN AMERICA," MR. RITTENBERG DECLARED.

THE CHRONICLE, IN POLLING JEWISH LEADERS, MADE KNOWN ITS OWN EDITORIAL ATTITUDE ON PARTITION. IT DECLARED THAT CRYSTALLIZATION OF OPINION AGAINST PARTITION IN AMERICA MIGHT BE "THE COMPELLING IMPETUS TO THE CONTINUANCE OF THE MANDATE."

LEADER OF YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT PARTY ASSURES JEWS ON RIGHTS

BELGRADE, MARCH 3. (JTA) -- ANTI-SEMITISM IS ALIEN TO THE NATIONAL SPIRIT OF THE SERBS AND THE JEWS WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY FULL SECURITY IN YUGOSLAVIA, DR. RAGOLJUB TODOROVIC, VICE-MAYOR OF BELGRADE AND PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE YUGOSLAV RADICAL UNION, GOVERNMENT PARTY, DECLARED TODAY.

HIS STATEMENT, MADE TO A CONFERENCE OF BELGRADE JEWS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT PARTY CONVOKE IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT ANTI-SEMITIC MANIFESTATIONS, WAS RECEIVED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION BY THE JEWISH POPULATION.

ANTI-SEMITISM "LOATHSOME," SOUTH AFRICAN EDUCATION MINISTER ASSERTS

JOHANNESBURG, MARCH 3. (JTA) -- J.H. HOFMEYR, MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE, TOLD THE SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF EDUCATION TODAY THAT ANTI-SEMITISM WAS "UTTERLY VILE, LOATHSOME AND INIMICAL TO THE GENERAL INTERESTS OF THIS LAND IN WHICH WE LIVE."

"SHOULD ANTI-SEMITISM EVER BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY, I FEEL THAT I, AS A REAL SOUTH AFRICAN, TOGETHER WITH MANY OTHERS, WOULD HANG OUR HEADS IN SHAME," HE ASSERTED. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVILIZATION.

PASSENGER-LANDING EQUIPMENT AT TEL AVIV TO BE READY IN TEN DAYS

TEL AVIV, MARCH 3. (JTA) -- EQUIPMENT IN PREPARATION FOR LANDING OF PASSENGERS HERE WILL BE COMPLETED IN TEN DAYS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE PORT AUTHORITIES. THE PORT WAS FORMALLY OPENED TO PASSENGER TRAFFIC ON FEB. 23, BUT ACTUAL DISEMBARKATION WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.

QUEBEC IN NO DANGER OF FASCISM, PREMIER HOLDS

MONTREAL, QUEBEC, MARCH 3. (JTA) -- PREMIER MAURICE DUPLESSIS TOLD THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE TODAY THAT "QUEBEC IS IN NO DANGER FROM FASCISM AND NEVER WILL BE." THE PREMIER, WHO HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF HARBORING FASCIST TENDENCIES, DENOUNCED WHAT HE TERMED "A CAMPAIGN IN THE UNITED STATES DIRECTED AGAINST THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC."