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REQUEST FOR ADDED PALESTINE DEFENSE FUND STIRS STORM IN COMMONS

LONDON, March 8. (JTA) -- ANGRY SCENES TODAY MARKED ATTEMPTS TO CONVERT A HOUSE OF COMMONS VOTE ON SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES OF £423,000 (ABOUT \$2,115,000) FOR PALESTINE DEFENSE INTO A GENERAL DEBATE ON BRITISH POLICY IN THE HOLY LAND.

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE (INDEPENDENT) ASSERTED THAT PALESTINE "DISTURBANCES ARE ENTIRELY DUE TO MATTERS OF POLICY" AND THE HOUSE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO VOTE SUMS FOR TROOPS WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSES, WHILE MORGAN JONES (LABORITE) ATTACKED THE PROCEDURE OF SENDING A SECOND COMMISSION TO PALESTINE.

IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION WILLIAM G.A. ORMSBY-GORE, COLONIAL SECRETARY, REVEALED THAT THE BRITISH GENERAL STAFF WAS CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF THE DEFENSIBILITY OF FRONTIERS OF THE PROPOSED JEWISH STATE, TO BE ESTABLISHED IF THE THREE-WAY PARTITION PLAN FOR PALESTINE IS CONSUMMATED.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY DECLARED THAT ONE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN SENDING TO PALESTINE THE PARTITION COMMISSION WAS TO COMPLETE UNPREPARED DATA, ADDING THAT HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS WERE BEING PUSHED IN PALESTINE AND TRANSJORDAN.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION, MR. ORMSBY-GORE DECLARED THAT THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF PALESTINE WAS NOW THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO FULL BRIGADES WITHOUT ARTILLERY.

WHEN THE ESTIMATES WERE PREPARED IN THE SPRING, 1937, THE COUNTRY WAS IN A BETTER STATE AND APPEARED TO BE SETTLING DOWN, MR. ORMSBY-GORE SAID, BUT A RECURRESCENCE OF TROUBLE IN AUTUMN NECESSITATED THE USE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS THE COST OF WHICH THE PRESENT SUPPLEMENTARIES COVER.

HE ADDED THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR A HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY WERE NECESSARY IF THE PARTITION COMMISSION WAS TO HAVE DATA ON IRRIGATION POSSIBILITIES FOR A JUDGMENT ON PARTITION.

REPLYING TO LLOYD GEORGE'S INTERPELLATION, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY ADMITTED THAT THE ESTIMATES DID NOT COVER THE COST OF EXAMINING THE DEFENSIBILITY OF THE SUGGESTED FRONTIERS. HE REVEALED THAT "THE MATTER IS BEING GONE INTO BY THE GENERAL STAFF" AND THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD OBTAIN THE NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM MILITARY EXPERTS BEFORE STARTING ITS REPORT.

Mr. Jones opened the attack with a blunt statement that he had listened to Mr. Ormsby-Gore carefully, but could not discover whether the Government had any policy at all to announce on Palestine. The Colonial Secretary interjected that policy was not discussed under supplementaries.

Mr. Jones then asked what the soldiers were doing in Palestine. "They aren't there for love and must be there for some purpose," he asserted. He questioned the right of the House to vote the sums if it believed that alteration of policy would make the presence of large forces unnecessary. The Speaker intervened, declaring the House could not take up the whole policy question.

Mr. Jones later criticized the whole procedure of sending a second commission. He declared that the delay in settling the Palestine question was causing doubt and uncertainty in Palestine.

WEIZMANN PLACES ENTRY CURBS FOR ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES

LONDON, MARCH 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, last night attacked immigration restrictions as the cause of Palestine's economic difficulties, while Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the Zionist Organization of America, urged Britain to implement its Jewish National Home promise.

Addressing a reception for Zionist leaders gathered here from many parts of the world for a meeting of the Zionist General Council, Dr. Weizmann declared that the present low immigration quota was "purely arbitrary, unwarranted and unjustified by any economic fact."

The entry curbs have not deterred nor satisfied those defying the constituted authorities in Palestine, Dr. Weizmann said. The more that is surrendered to the destructive forces, the more they grow, he asserted, adding that the Arab peasant was sick of the situation and heartily desired peace, but that there were so-called spontaneous movements carefully organized and well financed.

While destructive forces have slowed down the development of the country, the Zionist leader said, "they have not stopped it and won't stop it."

Dr. Weizmann referred to Jewish restraint despite the "inhuman provocation," and added: "We bear our share in defense of the country and if a greater opportunity were given we could take our place in tens of thousands to join the forces of law and order."

Dr. Wise, declaring he was speaking on behalf of American Jewry, referred to the proposed partition of Palestine and said that "Britain dare not make a proposal to us the acceptance of which by Zionists would constitute a betrayal of the Jewish past and a surrender of the Jewish future."

He urged Britain to implement its promise to establish a Jewish National Home and not to give the world reason to believe that the mandate was a clever substitute for British annexation of Palestine.

The Jews, Dr. Wise added, ask only of England what England is bound to grant, the possibility of a Jewish National Home on terms making possible immigration "dictated by the bitter necessities of Jewish life in Eastern Europe."

HERBERT MORRISON, LABORITE AND LEADER OF THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL, AND CAPT. VICTOR CAZALET, CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, URGED THAT IF PALESTINE IS PARTITIONED, THE JEWISH STATE BE GIVEN BOUNDARIES MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND ITSELF. MR. MORRISON ASSERTED THAT THE BOUNDARIES SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR DEFENSE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMPATIBLE WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF JEWISH DISTRESS IN EASTERN EUROPE. HE STRESSED THE NEED OF FIRMNESS ON THE PART OF THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT AND URGED THAT IMMIGRATION BE GOVERNED BY THE PRINCIPLE OF ECONOMIC ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY.

MURDER OF PRIEST BY POLISH COMMUNIST LEADS TO WIDESPREAD ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS

WARSAW, MARCH 8. (JTA) -- REPORTS REACHED HERE TODAY OF ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF A CATHOLIC PRIEST IN LIBON, POZNAŃ PROVINCE, ALTHOUGH THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED BY A CHRISTIAN POLISH COMMUNIST.

NATIONALIST NEWSPAPERS ASSAILED "JEWISH MOSCOW" AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER. THE POLISH-LANGUAGE JEWISH DAILY, NASZ PRZEGLAD, WAS CONFISCATED FOR REPORTING ANTI-JEWISH DISORDERS IN WARSAW YESTERDAY IN WHICH 47 JEWISH SHOPS WERE DAMAGED.

NAZIS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST JEWS IN VIENNA

VIENNA, MARCH 8. (JTA) -- TWO THOUSAND NAZIS SHOUTING ANTI-SEMITIC SLOGANS DEMONSTRATED TONIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY. THEY WERE DISPERSED BY THE POLICE.

"PROTOCOLS" HELD "VILE AND INCITING" IN SWISS COURT DECISION

BERNE, MARCH 8. (JTA) -- THE BERNE CANTONAL COURT HAS HELD THAT WHILE THE "PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION," DISCREDITED RECORD OF A PURPORTED JEWISH PLOT FOR WORLD DOMINATION, IS NOT IMMORAL WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE CANTONAL LAW, IT IS "VILE" AND "INCITING." THE COURT MADE PUBLIC THE TEXT OF ITS DECISION LAST NOV. 1 CANCELLING FINES METED OUT TO TWO NAZIS AND OVERRULING THEIR CONVICTION UNDER ARTICLE 14 OF THE CANTONAL CODE FOR DISTRIBUTING COPIES OF THE "PROTOCOLS."

"HOWEVER, ATTACKS SUCH AS CONTAINED IN THESE WRITINGS ARE PARTICULARLY VILE," THE DECISION ASSERTED, "NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY ATTACK JEWISH BELIEFS OR CERTAIN JEWISH ATTITUDES, BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE DIRECTED AGAINST A RACE. BECAUSE THE COURT RECOGNIZES THE INCITING CHARACTER OF THE WRITINGS DISTRIBUTED BY THE ACCUSED, IT REFUSES TO AWARD THEM DAMAGES, DESPITE THE ACQUITTAL."

THE "PROTOCOLS" SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS IMMORAL LITERATURE IN THE STRICT SENSE OF THE CANTONAL PENAL CODE, THE COURT HELD, BECAUSE THE LAW APPLIES ONLY TO LITERATURE TENDING TO CORRUPT MORALS.

DR. HERTZ'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS CHIEF RABBI MARKED HERE

NEW YORK, MARCH 8. (JTA) -- DR. JOSEPH H. HERTZ'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS CHIEF RABBI OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE WAS CELEBRATED BY THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TODAY WITH A BROADCAST OVER STATION WHN. RABBI HERTZ WAS THE SEMINARY'S FIRST GRADUATE.

DR. ELIAS L. SOLOMON OF CONGREGATION SHAARE ZEDEK, DR. EMANUEL LIBMAN OF MT. SINAI HOSPITAL AND RABBI DAVID DE SOLA POOL OF THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE, SPOKE ON DR. HERTZ'S CAREER AND ACHIEVEMENTS. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM BRITISH AMBASSADOR SIR RONALD LINDSAY AND OTHERS WERE READ.

JEWISH POPULATION DROPS IN REICH PROVINCE

PRAFA, MARCH 8. (JTA) -- A DRASTIC DECLINE IN THE JEWISH POPULATION OF BADEN, GERMANY, WAS REVEALED IN A REPORT OF THE BADEN COUNCIL OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES, WHICH SHOWED THAT FROM 20,617 IN 1933 THE NUMBER OF JEWS SHRANK IN 1937 TO 13,900, OR A DECLINE OF ONE-THIRD.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE REDUCTION IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EMIGRATION AND MORTALITY. THE NUMBER OF BIRTHS IN 1937 TOTALLED 48 AGAINST 331 DEATHS. OF A TOTAL 120 JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN THE PROVINCE, 17 WERE DISSOLVED IN 1937.

MORE THAN HALF OF THE BADEN JEWISH POPULATION IS CONCENTRATED IN MANNHEIM AND KARLSRUHE. AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF THE POPULATION SHRINKAGE IS AFFORDED BY THE RECORD OF THE PLAUVEN JEWISH COMMUNITY, WHICH DROPPED FROM 802 IN 1933 TO 381 AT THE BEGINNING OF 1938.

NEW CHIEF MAGISTRATE FOR PALESTINE NAMED

LONDON, MARCH 8. (JTA) -- THE COLONIAL OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF S.W. WELDON, FORMER JUDGE IN IRAQ, AS CHIEF MAGISTRATE OF PALESTINE. MISS F.H.B. LOVEGROVE WAS NAMED VICE-PRINCIPAL OF THE WOMEN'S TRAINING COLLEGE OF THE PALESTINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

THIRD MACCABIADE TO BE HELD IN PALESTINE NEXT SPRING

PARIS, MARCH 8. (JTA) -- THE NINTH CONGRESS OF THE WORLD MACCABI UNION, JEWISH SPORTS ORGANIZATION, DECIDED TODAY TO HOLD THE THIRD WORLD MACCABIADE (JEWISH OLYMPIC GAMES) IN PALESTINE IN THE SPRING, 1939. THE CONGRESS PLEDGED TO CONTINUE ITS FIGHT FOR THE REGENERATION OF JEWISH YOUTH AND TO INTRODUCE A BASIC SYSTEM OF PHYSICAL AND CULTURAL EDUCATION WITHIN THE MOVEMENT. LORD MELCHETT, BRITISH INDUSTRIALIST, WAS UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED HONORARY PRESIDENT.

PAN-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM PLANNED

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY (JTA) -- CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM AND RACIALISM AS THE ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY, A CONFERENCE OF DEMOCRATIC GROUPS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AN EIGHT-POINT PROGRAM FOR A PAN-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT THEM. PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF VIRTUALLY ALL THE POLITICAL PARTIES IN URUGUAY.

THE PROGRAM WAS PROPOSED BY PROF. ALVARO GUILLOT MUNOZ, SECRETARY OF THE ARGENTINE COMMITTEE AGAINST RACIALISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM. IT PROVIDED FOR A CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANTI-DEMOCRATIC MEASURES IN CERTAIN SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES; ORGANIZATION IN ALL AMERICAN NATIONS OF COMMITTEES TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM; FORMATION OF A CENTRAL AGENCY TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON THE RACIALISM CAMPAIGN, AND SETTING OF A WORLD "DAY FOR SOLIDARITY OF THE HUMAN RACES."

AT THE SAME TIME, THE INTERIOR MINISTRY STRUCK A BLOW AGAINST SPREAD OF HATE PROPAGANDA WITH A DECREE PROHIBITING RADIO STATIONS FROM BROADCASTING ANY MATERIAL INCITING AGAINST PEOPLES, RELIGIONS, RACES OR NATIONALITIES.

AARON WALDHEIM, ST. LOUIS JEWISH LEADER, DEAD

ST. LOUIS, MARCH 8. (JTA) -- AARON WALDHEIM, LEADING JEWISH CITIZEN AND PHILANTHROPIST OF ST. LOUIS, DIED YESTERDAY AT THE AGE OF 74. HE ORGANIZED THE \$2,500,000 JEWISH HOSPITAL, GAVE \$335,000 TO THE HOSPITAL AND TENS OF THOUSANDS TO LOCAL JEWISH CHARITIES AND OVERSEAS RELIEF.