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BRITISH TROOPS OCCUPY 25 ARAB VILLAGES TO CRUSH TERRORISM; COMMISSION HEARS RUTTENBERG

JERUSALEM, MAY 20. (JTA) -- THE AUTHORITIES TODAY ANNOUNCED MILITARY OCCUPATION OF 25 ARAB VILLAGES TO COMBAT TERRORISTS, AS BRITAIN'S PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION HELD AN IN CAMERA SESSION AND PREPARED TO OPEN FORMAL HEARINGS NEXT WEEK.

THE VILLAGES WERE OCCUPIED, AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID, "BECAUSE OF THE PERSISTENCE OF INSECURITY IN THE GALILEE AND SAMARIA," WITH THE AIM OF COMBATING RECENT TERRORISTIC TACTICS OF ATTACKING UNPROTECTED ARAB VILLAGES.

THE STAGES OF OCCUPATION WERE, FIRST, BILLETING OF TROOPS AND COMMANDEERING OF HOUSES, SECOND, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTINUOUS PATROL, AND, THIRDLY, ROAD-BUILDING, TO MAKE THE VILLAGES ACCESSIBLE. REPORTS THAT MARTIAL LAW HAD BEEN PROCLAIMED WERE OFFICIALLY DENIED, AND IT WAS STATED THAT CIVIL GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING.

PINCHAS RUTTENBERG, POWER MAGNATE AND FOUNDER OF THE JORDAN HYDROELECTRIC WORKS, TESTIFIED BEFORE THE PARTITION COMMISSION, MEETING IN CAMERA. THE JORDAN PLANT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE ARAB STATE UNDER THE PARTITION PLAN SUGGESTED BY THE PEEL ROYAL COMMISSION, AND RUTTENBERG WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE SUGGESTED SOME MODIFICATION OF THE PLAN THAT WOULD KEEP THE PLANT IN THE JEWISH STATE.

EARLIER THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TOOK LUNCH WITH DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, AT HIS HOME IN REHOVOTH. THE VISIT WAS MARKED BY AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION LASTING AN HOUR.

ARAB TERRORIST BANDS, MEANWHILE, CONTINUED DEPREDACTIONS IN NORTHERN PALESTINE. THEY DESTROYED LARGE SECTIONS OF THE NORTHERN FRONTIER ROAD NEAR SAFED, FORCING SUSPENSION OF TRAFFIC.

MOHAMED RASHID, ARAB NOTABLE WOUNDED IN A TERRORIST RAID ON THE VILLAGE OF SIF, DIED THIS MORNING. HIS BROTHER WAS KILLED IN THE SAME ATTACK. THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE PROMINENT NASHASHIBI FAMILY, OPPONENTS OF THE EXILED FORMER MUFTI OF JERUSALEM, HAJ AMIN EL HUSSEINI.

NINE JEWS ARRESTED IN PETACH TIKVAH YESTERDAY DURING A DEMONSTRATION OF UNEMPLOYED IN THE LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICES WERE RELEASED ON BAIL TODAY.

FIRE RAZES JEWISH SECTION ON JAFFA BOUNDARY

TEL AVIV, MAY 20. (JTA) -- FIRE STARTING IN A CARPENTRY SHOP IN THE ABUCHADRA QUARTER ON THE TEL AVIV-JAFFA BOUNDARY TODAY DESTROYED SEVERAL SMALL FACTORIES AND 15 WOODEN TENEMENT BARRACKS. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$75,000.

EGYPTIAN PREMIER HINTS AT SOLUTION TO PROBLEM

CAIRO, MAY 20. (JTA) -- PREMIER MOHAMMED MAHMOUD PASHA TOLD THE EGYPTIAN SENATE TODAY: "WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A SOLUTION (OF THE PALESTINE QUESTION) TO THE ADVANTAGE OF PALESTINE; WE ARE AUTHORITATIVELY INFORMED THAT A SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND SATISFACTORY TO THE ARABS GENERALLY AND TO THE EGYPTIANS PARTICULARLY."

THE PREMIER'S STATEMENT WAS MADE IN REPLY TO THE QUESTION OF SENATOR MOHAMMED EL-GININDI. IT CALLED TO MIND THE PROPOSAL RECENTLY MADE BY AN EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER THAT PALESTINE BE COMBINED WITH EGYPT, WITH CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS GRANTED TO ARABS AND JEWS, JEWISH IMMIGRATION RESTRICTED AND BRITISH MILITARY INTERESTS GUARANTEED.

MEANWHILE, YOUSUF CATTAWI, THE POLITICAL LEADER, SENT A LETTER TO THE PREMIER DENYING AN ALLEGATION FEATURED BY THE NEWSPAPER EL MOKKATAM THAT THE PALESTINE JEWS COVETED THE MOSLEM HOLY PLACES.

CANTONIZATION PLAN SEEN REPLACING PARTITION

LONDON (JTA) -- POSSIBILITIES OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE STATES IN PALESTINE ARE DECREASING RAPIDLY AND THE ALTERNATIVE CANTONIZATION PROPOSAL MAY GAIN FAVOR, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE EAST, INFLUENTIAL PERIODICAL.

"IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO PROPHECY AT THIS JUNCTURE, BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE A DEFINITE FEELING AMONG INTELLIGENT OBSERVERS IN PALESTINE THAT THE CHANCES FOR INTRODUCTION OF A SCHEME FOR THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY INTO SEPARATE STATES ARE GROWING PERCEPTIBLY SMALLER AND THAT AN OBVIOUS ALTERNATIVE WHICH MAY GAIN FAVOR LATER ON IS THE CANTONIZATION PLAN," THE CORRESPONDENT STATES. "THE CANTONIZATION PROPOSAL, IT IS ARGUED, HAS ALL THE ADVANTAGES AND FEW OF THE DRAWBACKS OF AN OUT-AND-OUT PARTITION, ABOUT WHICH THE MOST OBJECTIONABLE FEATURE TO ITS NUMEROUS CRITICS IS THE FINALITY OF ITS EFFECT.

"IT MIGHT NOT BE INDISCREET, MOREOVER, TO SUGGEST THAT SOME OF THE ADMINISTRATORS ON THE SPOT ARE NOT AVERSE FROM CONSIDERING FAVORABLY THE ATTRACTION OF A SCHEME OF CANTONS, EACH ENJOYING LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT, BUT RESPONSIBLE TO AND POSSIBLY REPRESENTED IN THE FEDERAL AUTHORITY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF WHICH WOULD NOT BE CIRCUMSCRIBED BY THE RIGIDITY OF PARTITION."

IN AN EDITORIAL, THE PERIODICAL WARNS AGAINST THE BELIEF THAT ALL THE TERRORISM IN PALESTINE IS DUE TO OUTSIDE SOURCES.

"ALL INFORMED OBSERVERS RECOGNIZE," THE PAPER STATES, "THAT WHATEVER STIMULUS MAY BE GIVEN TO THE PALESTINE TERRORISTS FROM OUTSIDE, THE ROOT TROUBLE IS IN PALESTINE ITSELF. THOSE WHO ASCRIBE ALL THE UNREST IN PALESTINE TO FOREIGN AGENTS ARE OF THE SAME TYPE WHO ASCRIBES ALL LABOR TROUBLES TO BOLSHEVIST AGENTS. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY CANNOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE POT AND THE STIRRERS OF THE POT."

"PITILESS BOYCOTT" OF JEWS URGED BY VIENNA PAPER

PRAGA, MAY 20. (JTA) -- DEUTSCHES VOLKSBLATT OF VIENNA URGES A "PITILESS ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTT" UNTIL THE LAST JEW IS FORCED TO EMIGRATE FROM AUSTRIA, INDICATING THAT THIS IS THE COURSE DEMANDED BY MARSHAL HERMANN GOERING, GERMANY'S ECONOMIC DICTATOR, IN HIS LAST VIENNA SPEECH, WHICH WAS NOT PUBLISHED.

IT IS LEARNED RELIABLY THAT THE REPORT OF THE DEATH OF HERMANN LEOPOLDI, THE JEWISH COMEDIAN IN AUSTRIA IS UNFOUNDED. LEOPOLDI INTENDS TO PERFORM IN JUNE AT THE TRENCIN-TEPLITZ RESORT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

LARGE CROWDS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE ATTENDED THE FUNERAL OF EDMUND EYSLER, THE FAMOUS JEWISH COMPOSER, WHO DIED IN AUSTRIA AT THE AGE OF 64. HE COMPOSED SEVERAL OPERAS AND OPERETTAS, AND ALSO SONGS AND DANCES.

JONAS EISLER, THE JEWISH OWNER OF THE LARGEST AUSTRIAN CANNING FACTORY, DIED SUDDENLY.

ENGLISH BISHOP CONDEMNS PERSECUTION OF JEWS, "ABSURD HITLERIST RACIALISM"

LONDON, MAY 20. (JTA) -- DR. HENRY WILSON, BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD, DECLARED TODAY IT WAS THE DUTY OF CHRISTIANS TO HELP THE JEWS, WHOSE "LIFE IS EVEN WORSE THAN THAT OF DOGS" IN GERMANY. WRITING IN THE DIOCESAN CHRONICLE, HE STRONGLY CONDEMNED PERSECUTION OF JEWS AND "ABSURD HITLERIST RACIALISM."

"THE HEARTS AND CONSCIENCE OF A GREAT MANY, IF NOT ALL OF US MUST BE SERIOUSLY TROUBLED BY THE PERSECUTION TO WHICH NON-ARYANS ARE SUBJECTED IN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA," DR. WILSON SAID. "I CANNOT STATE TOO STRONGLY HOW FIRMLY I BELIEVE IT IS OUR PLAIN DUTY TO HELP THE MEMBERS OF THESE BITTERLY, SAVAGELY PERSECUTED RACES."

REFERRING TO THE "FICTION" OF "ARYAN BLOOD," HE SAID, "SCIENTISTS RIDICULE THIS ABSURD THEORY, WHICH, HOWEVER, COMBINED WITH THE NATURAL HATRED AND JEALOUSY OF THE JEWS, WHOSE INTELLECTUAL AND FINANCIAL ABILITY ARE PREEMINENT, MEANS THAT LIFE IS NOT WORTH LIVING FOR ANYONE OF JEWISH PARENTAGE AND GRANDPARENTAGE IN GERMANY; THEIR LIFE IS EVEN WORSE THAN THAT OF DOGS. ONE CANNOT BUT FEEL THAT THIS KIND OF THING BRINGS ITS PUNISHMENT WITH IT."

POLISH UNITY PARTY AIRS JEWISH EMIGRATION PLANS AT PARLEY

WARSAW, MAY 20. (JTA) -- THE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNMENT PARTY, CAMP OF NATIONAL UNITY, IN CONFERENCE TODAY, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE DISCUSSED PROPOSALS TO SPUR ITS DRIVE FOR JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM POLAND AND FOR "POLONIZATION" OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED A SUGGESTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT ACQUIRE TWO SHIPS TO TRANSPORT JEWISH EMIGRANTS OVERSEAS FREE OF CHARGE, NEWSPAPERS SAID, AND ALSO A PROPOSAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT STRENGTHEN CHRISTIAN LOAN BANKS BY SUBSIDIES TO FIGHT THE JEWISH LOAN BANKS SUBSIDIZED BY THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, WHICH THE PARTY CONSIDERS TO BE THE CHIEF OBSTACLE TO "POLONIZATION" OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, TO BE PUBLISHED SATURDAY NIGHT, WHOSE CONTENT IS MATERIALLY THE SAME AS THE DECLARATION OF COL. ADAM KOC, FOUNDER OF THE PARTY, ON FEB. 27, 1937, WHICH CONDEMNED ANTI-SEMITIC VIOLENCE BUT BACKED THE "POLONIZATION" CAMPAIGN, IT WAS LEARNED. THE CONFERENCE OPENED YESTERDAY, AND TODAY'S SESSION WAS REPORTEDLY DEVOTED TO THE JEWISH QUESTION.

QUEBEC FASCISTS SPLIT; ARCAND AIDES OUSTED FOR "INSUBORDINATION"

MONTREAL, MAY 20. (JTA) -- THE RANKS OF QUEBEC FASCISM WERE SPLIT WIDE OPEN TODAY FOLLOWING EXPULSION BY FUEHRER ADRIEN ARCAND OF TWO OF HIS PRINCIPAL AIDES ON CHARGES OF "INSUBORDINATION." THE EXPELLED ASSISTANTS, J.E. LESSARD AND DR. J.G. LAMBERT, WHO RANKED RESPECTIVELY SECOND AND THIRD IN COMMAND OF ARCAND'S NATIONAL SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY, IMMEDIATELY ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF A RIVAL GROUP. THEY CLAIMED MOST OF THE ARCAND PARTY'S UNIFORMED FASCISTS WERE ON THEIR SIDE.

THE OUSTED LEADERS HAD PROTESTED ARCAND'S ONE-MAN RULE, HOLDING IT CONTRARY TO ACCEPTED FASCIST PRINCIPLES AS PRACTICED IN ITALY WHICH, THEY SAID, WAS GOVERNED BY A FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL WITH THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENT HEADS ADVISING IL DUCE.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY, WHICH IS VIOLENTLY ANTI-SEMITIC AS WELL AS FASCIST, HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED FROM 20,000 TO 150,000. A NATIONAL CONVENTION IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 30 AT KINGSTON, ONTARIO.

SO. AFRICAN NATIONALISTS WIN 26 SEATS, GAIN OF 6; UNITED PARTY GETS BIG MAJORITY

CAPETOWN, MAY 20. (HAVAS) -- WITH WEDNESDAY'S GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS REPORTED FROM ALL BUT ONE DISTRICT, PRIME MINISTER J.B.M. HERTZOG'S UNITED PARTY TODAY HELD 111 SEATS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN LOWER HOUSE, REPRESENTING A MAJORITY OF 73 OVER THE COMBINED STRENGTH OF THE NATIONALISTS, DOMINION PARTY, LABORITES AND SOCIALISTS.

THE NATIONALISTS LED THE MINORITY WITH 26. THE DOMINION AND LABOR PARTIES TRAILED WITH 8 AND THREE, RESPECTIVELY. ONE SOCIALIST WAS RETURNED.

THE NATIONALISTS, LED BY DR. D.F. MALAN, WHOSE PROGRAM HAS A "RACIALIST" ANTI-MONARCHICAL TREND, MADE A STRONG SPURT IN THE LATEST RETURNS. COMPARED WITH THE LAST PREVIOUS RESULTS, THE MALANITES WON EIGHT MORE SEATS, WITH AN ADVANCE OF ONLY FIVE FOR THE GOVERNMENT PARTY, GIVING THE NATIONALISTS SIX MORE SEATS THEN THEY HOLD IN THE PRESENT LEGISLATURE.

ERIC LOUW, NATIONALIST AND FORMER MINISTER TO PARIS, WAS RETURNED FROM THE BEANFORT WEST DISTRICT. THREE INDEPENDENTS LOST THEIR SEATS.

BOYCOTT OF AGGRESSOR STATES URGED AT WORLD TRADE UNION PARLEY IN OSLO

OSLO, MAY 20. (HAVAS) -- A PROPOSAL THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS DECLARE A BOYCOTT ON DELIVERY OF MERCHANDISE TO AGGRESSOR STATES WAS PUT FORWARD AT THE FEDERATION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HERE TODAY BY LEON JOUHAUX OF FRANCE AND OPPOSED BY SIR WALTER CITRINE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

CALLING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ANTI-FASCIST EFFORT, JOUHAUX, WHO IS HEAD OF THE FRENCH GENERAL LABOR CONFEDERATION, DECLARED: "WE HAVE NO OTHER WEAPON EXCEPT THE BOYCOTT. WE SHOULD REFUSE TO DELIVER MERCHANDISE WHICH THE AGGRESSORS NEED FOR THEIR AGGRESSION.

"IF WE DO NOTHING," HE WARNED, "FASCISM WILL PURSUE ITS EXPANSION. IF SPAIN IS VANQUISHED, FRANCE IS THREATENED, AND IF FRANCE IS VANQUISHED BY FASCISM YOU WILL ALL BE VANQUISHED SOME DAY, ONE AFTER THE OTHER.

"IF THE SOVIET UNION DRAWS CLOSE TO GERMANY, EVERYTHING WHICH STILL RESISTS HITLERISM IS GOING TO DISAPPEAR. I HOPE THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN, BUT ALL THE SAME, WE MUST FACE THE POSSIBILITY. AND WHAT WILL BE THE POSITION THEN OF A COUNTRY LIKE SWITZERLAND OR THE NETHERLANDS?"

JOUHAUX'S APPEAL WAS SUPPORTED BY SPAIN AND MEXICO, BUT OPPOSED BY CITRINE, PRESIDENT OF THE TRADES UNIONS INTERNATIONAL.

DECLARING THAT THE BRITISH UNIONS WERE IN NO POSITION TO BACK UP SUCH A BOYCOTT, CITRINE DECLARED THAT "IF FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS OR CZECHOSLOVAKIA TRIED TO BOYCOTT GERMANY, IT WOULD GIVE HITLER THE BEST POSSIBLE PRETEXT FOR ACTION AGAINST THEM.

"WE WOULD BE RENDERING THE WORST DISSERVICE TO THE TRADES UNIONS INTERNATIONAL BY ASKING IT TO VOTE A RESOLUTION ABOUT SOMETHING WHICH COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED. THAT WOULD ONLY DISPLAY OUR POWERLESSNESS."

\$1,000 DAILY SET ASIDE BY J.D.C. FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF OF AUSTRIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, MAY 20. (JTA). -- EXPENDITURE OF \$1,000 A DAY AS THE FIRST AMERICAN APPROPRIATION FOR URGENT EMERGENCY AID TO THE JEWS OF AUSTRIA WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY BY THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE. I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER, TREASURER, DECLARED:

"FRIGHTFUL DISTRESS HAS BEEN GROWING AT AN ALARMING RATE AMONG THE JEWISH AND 'NON-ARYAN' POPULATION OF AUSTRIA, MOST OF WHICH IS IN THE CITY OF VIENNA.

"AN ADDITION 3,000 PERSONS DAILY ARE BESIEGING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WELFARE OFFICES IN VIENNA. AT LEAST \$1,000 A DAY IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE THE MINIMAL NEEDS OF THESE PEOPLE AND KEEP THEM FROM STARVATION AND FROM THE TERRIFYING FEELING OF BEING UTTERLY FORSAKEN AND HELPLESS.

"THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF EXTENDING AID TO THE JEWISH POPULATION IN AUSTRIA ARE FORMIDABLE. FOR THE PRESENT THE ONLY AID WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE TO EXTEND IS EMERGENCY AID. ONE OF THE EMERGENCY MEASURES WHICH IS BEING SUPPORTED WITH THE FUNDS SENT BY THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE IS A SERIES OF 8 SOUP KITCHENS, ONE OF WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE CONDUCTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF FRIENDS ON A NON-SECTARIAN BASIS. OVER 9,000 PEOPLE ARE FLOCKING DAILY TO THE JEWISH SOUP KITCHENS FOR FEEDING.

"IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT BEYOND THIS EMERGENCY PROCEDURE THE MAJOR PROGRAM OF THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE OVERSEAS CONTEMPLATES BASIC RECONSTRUCTIVE MEASURES FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS OVERSEAS. THE CONSTRUCTIVE WORK, THE ECONOMIC AID, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, BASIC EDUCATION, MAINTENANCE OF HEALTH STANDARDS AND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS ARE ALL BEING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE. CONSTRUCTIVE WORK NATURALLY MUST FOLLOW THE COMPLETION OF EMERGENCY AID EVERYWHERE.

"THE EMERGENCY IN AUSTRIA COMES AS AN ADDED BURDEN. AS SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT, A RECONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM WILL BE WORKED OUT AND APPLIED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE JEWS OF AUSTRIA. FOR THE PRESENT THE PROBLEMS OF ACTUALLY KEEPING PEOPLE ALIVE ARE SUCH AS TO MAKE IT NECESSARY TO POSTPONE ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS."

BOOKS BY JEWS ORDERED OFF VIENNA SCHOOL SHELVES; 3 MERCHANTS SEIZED

VIENNA, MAY 20. (Havas) -- THE HIGHER SCHOOL COUNCIL TODAY ORDERED ALL SCHOOL LIBRARIES TO REMOVE ALL BOOKS BY JEWISH AUTHORS, AND ALL BOOKS OF ORIGIN IDENTIFIABLE AS MARXIST COMMUNIST, PACIFIST, MASONIC, PRO-LEAGUE OF NATIONS, ATHEIST, ULTRA-MYSTIC, INCLUDING WORK BY THE SECT OF SCRUTATORS OF THE BIBLE, SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, OR CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS.

THREE JEWISH BUSINESSMEN WERE ARRESTED TODAY. JELLINEX, KNOWN AS "VIENNA'S SHOE KING," WAS ACCUSED OF HAVING DEBTS OF 60,000 MARKS (NOMINALLY \$24,000), AND ABRAHAM MENDEL DIRECTOR OF A WOMEN'S APPAREL SHOP, OF HAVING "GIGANTIC DEBTS." M. TEICHERT, A HATTER WAS CHARGED WITH FRAUDULENT PRACTICES.