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GENERAL STRIKE CLIMAXES MOVE TO SAVE PALESTINE YOUTH DOOMED TO HANG TODAY

JERUSALEM, JUNE 28. (JTA) -- A GENERAL STRIKE WHICH SHUT ALL JEWISH SHOPS IN JERUSALEM TONIGHT CLIMAXED A MOUNTING NATION-WIDE MOVEMENT OF PROTEST AGAINST TOMORROW MORNING'S SCHEDULED EXECUTION OF 25-YEAR-OLD SHLOMO BEN JOSEF -- THE FIRST JEW TO BE EXECUTED IN HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF PALESTINE HISTORY -- FOR SHOOTING AT AN ARAB BUS.

POSTERS SIGNED BY THE CHIEF RABBINATE, CALLING FOR STOPPAGE OF WORK AND PRAYERS IN SYNAGOGUES WERE PUT UP THROUGHOUT THE CITY, AND WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES EVERY SHOP, RESTAURANT, CAFE AND CINEMA UNDER JEWISH OWNERSHIP WAS CLOSED AND SHUTTERED.

TENSE CROWDS FILLED THE MAIN STREETS, AND LARGE DETACHMENTS OF STEEL-HELMETED POLICE WERE ON HAND TO PRESERVE ORDER. THE CHIEF RABBINATE AND THE JERUSALEM JEWISH COMMUNITY ISSUED APPEALS FOR SELF-RESTRAINT.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION, STRIKES AND DEMONSTRATIONS MARKED THE NATION-WIDE MOVEMENT IN PROTEST AGAINST THE SCHEDULED EXECUTION OF THE POLISH-BORN YOUTH, WHO WAS SENTENCED BY THE HAIFA MILITARY COURT. HIS CASE BECAME A CAUSE CELEBRE FOR ALL OF JEWISH PALESTINE.

FEELING AMONG JEWS WAS AT A HIGH POINT AS AN ORDER NISI TO SHOW CAUSE WHY BEN JOSEF'S EXECUTION SHOULD NOT BE POSTPONED WAS REJECTED BY THE PALESTINE CHIEF JUSTICE. PREPARATIONS WERE COMPLETED AT ACRE PRISON FOR THE YOUTH'S HANGING TOMORROW MORNING BETWEEN EIGHT AND NINE O'CLOCK, AND THE WARDEN ASKED THE CHIEF RABBI OF HAIFA TO ADMINISTER LAST RITES.

BEN JOSEF WAS SEIZED WITH TWO OTHER YOUNG JEWS ON APRIL 21 IN POSSESSION OF ARMS AND BOMBS AFTER AN ATTACK ON AN ARAB BUS, IN WHICH NO ONE WAS KILLED OR INJURED. ONE OF HIS COMPANIONS WAS ADJUDGED INSANE. MAJOR-GENERAL ROBERT H. HAINING LAST WEEK COMMITTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT THE DEATH SENTENCE OF THE SECOND, ON THE GROUND HE WAS UNDER AGE, BUT CONFIRMED THE DEATH PENALTY OF BEN JOSEF.

A PROTEST MOVEMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN GATHERING MOMENTUM SINCE THE TRIAL ENDED AT HAIFA EARLY THIS MONTH, REACHED A CLIMAX TODAY, FOLLOWING WIDESPREAD DEMONSTRATIONS YESTERDAY, SYNAGOGUE SERVICES, GENERAL STRIKES IN PETACH TIKVA AND OTHER JEWISH COLONIES AND EARLY CLOSING OF CAFES AND CINEMAS IN JERUSALEM.

AT ACRE PRISON, JEWISH PRISONERS LAUNCHED A HUNGER STRIKE IN PROTEST AT THE SCHEDULED HANGING. ZIONIST REVISIONISTS, AFTER PRAYERS IN A SYNAGOGUE, STAGED A DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE TEL AVIV CITY HALL. THEY WERE DISPERSED BY POLICE, FOUR OF THE DEMONSTRATORS BEING INJURED, TWO SEVERELY. SEVERAL ARRESTS WERE MADE.

POLICE ARRESTED THREE WOMEN IN DISPERSING A CROWD WHICH TRIED TO CALL OUT GIRL PUPILS FROM A JERUSALEM SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN A DEMONSTRATION AT THE RESIDENCE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR HAROLD ALFRED MacMICHAEL. A SPONTANEOUS WALKOUT EMPTIED ALL SCHOOLS IN TEL AVIV.

DR. PHILIP JOSEPH, THE YOUTH'S COUNSEL, A CANADIAN CITIZEN AND NATIVE OF MONTREAL, ADDRESSED A MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL HAINING, ASKING A NEW TRIAL ON THE GROUND OF NEW EVIDENCE BY A WITNESS HITHERTO UNAVAILABLE. IF THE NEW TRIAL COULD NOT BE GRANTED, THE MEMORANDUM ASKED RECONSIDERATION OF THE CONFIRMATION, CITING THE CASE OF A GAZA ARAB WHOSE DEATH SENTENCE HAD BEEN CONFIRMED BY LIEUT.-GENERAL WAVELL, GENERAL HAINING'S PREDECESSOR, ONLY TO BE COMMUTED AT THE LAST MOMENT TO A TEN-YEAR PRISON TERM UPON ADVICE OF THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES THAT THE ARAB COMMUNITY IN THAT REGION HAD BEEN COMPOSED OF PEACEFUL CITIZENS.

IF THE PROTESTS AND APPEALS ARE UNAVAILING, BEN-JOSEF WILL BE THE FIRST JEW LEGALLY EXECUTED IN PALESTINE IN PEACE TIMES, NOT ONLY UNDER THE BRITISH MANDATORY REGIME, BUT AS FAR AS IS KNOWN, UNDER THE 400 PREVIOUS YEARS OF TURKISH RULE. THE ONLY JEWS OFFICIALLY PUT TO DEATH IN THE HOLY LAND WERE THOSE KILLED BY TROOPS OF THE TURKISH GENERAL, JAMAL PASHA, DURING THE WORLD WAR, ON SUSPICION OF AIDING THE ALLIED CAUSE.

THREE ARABS CONVICTED OF MURDER BY THE CIVIL COURTS DIED ON THE GALLOWES TODAY AT THE JERUSALEM PRISON.

CHIEF RABBI ISAAC HERZOG TESTIFIED TODAY AT A CLOSED HEARING OF THE PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION.

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YOUTH'S MOTHER CABLES PLEA FOR REPRIEVE

LUCK, POLAND, JUNE 28. (JTA) -- RACHEL TABACZNIK, 60-YEAR-OLD MOTHER OF SHLOMO BEN JOSEF, TODAY CABLED A PLEA FOR A STAY OF THE EXECUTION OF DEATH SENTENCE ON HER SON, SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW MORNING, TO SIR HAROLD ALFRED MacMICHAEL, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN PALESTINE.

"I, A SEXUAGENARIAN MOTHER, IMPLORE YOU TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO SEE MY SON TO BID HIM FAREWELL BEFORE THE EXECUTION," SHE SAID IN THE MESSAGE. A FEW DAYS AGO SHE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM HER DOOMED SON, SAYING: "TRY TO FORGET, AND IF YOU REMEMBER, BE PROUD."

BEN JOSEF WAS BORN IN THIS TOWN. HE CHANGED HIS NAME FROM TABACZNIK TO BEN JOSEF WHEN HE WENT TO PALESTINE, IN KEEPING WITH THE CUSTOM OF PALESTINE SETTLERS OF SUBSTITUTING HEBREW NAMES FOR THEIR DIASPORA NAMES.

REPLIES TO U.S., BRITAIN ON GOERING DECREE PROTESTS HELD NOT ALTERING BASIC NAZI POSITION

BERLIN, JUNE 28. (JTA) -- THE GERMAN REPLIES TO THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH PROTESTS REGARDING APPLICATION TO THEIR NATIONALS OF FIELD MARSHALL HERMANN GOERING'S DECREE FOR REGISTRATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY ARE NOT INTERPRETED HERE AS REPRESENTING THE SLIGHTEST ALTERATION OF THE NAZI FUNDAMENTAL POSITION RESPECTING THE LAW.

INFORMED OBSERVERS POINT OUT THAT ALL THE REPLIES HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IS TO NARROW THE FIELD IN WHICH FOREIGN NATIONS MAY HAVE A PRACTICAL CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT. THE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE PRESENT NAZI POSITION ARE, FIRST, FOREIGN JEWS RESIDING OUTSIDE THE REICH ARE EXEMPT FROM THE LAW; SECOND, FOREIGN JEWS RESIDING WITHIN THE REICH ARE DEFINITELY NOT EXEMPT, AND THIRD, NEWLY-NATURALIZED FOREIGN JEWS RESIDING ABROAD WHO ARE "POLITICAL" EMIGRES FROM THE REICH SINCE 1933 ARE DEFINITELY NOT EXEMPT.

FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF FOREIGN NATIONS, THE FACT THAT ANY NON-GERMAN JEWS ARE AFFECTED REPRESENTS A BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, PARTICULARLY IF, AS IS FEARED, THE REGISTRATION IS FOLLOWED BY SOME TYPE OF CONFISCATORY MEASURES.

APART FROM THIS THE NAZI POSITION STILL NEEDS CLARIFICATION, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES, REGARDING, FIRSTLY, WHAT DATES IN 1933 THE NAZIS HAVE IN MIND, AND, SECONDLY, WHAT IS MEANT BY A POLITICAL EMIGRE. THE BELIEF IS STRONG THAT THE NAZIS WILL LUMP ALL JEWS WHO EMIGRATED FROM THE REICH SINCE THE ADVENT OF THE NAZI REGIME AS POLITICAL EMIGRES, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY LEFT OR WERE FORCED TO LEAVE FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RACIAL REASONS.

COMPARATIVELY FEW AMERICAN AND BRITISH JEWS ARE RESIDENT IN THE REICH AND FEW OF THOSE WHO EMIGRATED FROM GERMANY SINCE 1933 ARE ALREADY AMERICAN AND BRITISH CITIZENS. BOTH OF THESE FACTORS TEND TO MINIMIZE THE SPECIFIC CASES FOR COMPLAINT BY WASHINGTON AND LONDON.

IN SOME QUARTERS IT IS HELD THAT THE NAZIS DO NOT INTEND TO EXERCISE PRESSURE AGAINST NATIONALS OF THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPEAN POWERS. ACCORDING TO THESE OBSERVERS, HOWEVER, JEWISH NATIONALS OF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY POLAND, ARE CONSIDERED BY THE NAZI GOVERNMENT AS LEGITIMATE PREY. IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST 55,000 POLISH JEWS IN THE GREATER REICH. WHILE MOST OF THEM ARE POOR, THEY CONTROL, AS A GROUP, A SUM GREAT ENOUGH TO INTEREST THE REGIME.

LONDON GETS NAZI ANSWER

LONDON, JUNE 28. (JTA) -- THE FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCED IN A COMMUNIQUE TODAY THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT ALTHOUGH BRITISH JEWS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER THEIR PROPERTY IN GERMANY, THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES WILL REFRAIN FROM REGISTRATION IN CASES OF BRITISH NATIONALS RESIDING ABROAD, UNLESS THEY ARE EMIGRES. REGARDING THE UTILIZATION OF JEWS' PROPERTY, IN EACH CASE AN EXAMINATION WILL BE MADE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE ANGLO-GERMAN COMMERCIAL TREATY ARE OBSERVED, THE REICH INFORMED THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

HUNGARY STARTS ENFORCING ANTI-JEWISH LAW; ASKS DATA BY 2 CLASSES

BUDAPEST, JUNE 28. (JTA) -- THE GOVERNMENT TODAY BEGAN EXECUTION OF THE NEW LAW LIMITING JEWISH PARTICIPATION IN HUNGARIAN ECONOMY TO TWENTY PER CENT BY ISSUING A DECREE CALLING FOR SUBMISSION OF DATA BY PROFESSIONALS AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

ALL MEMBERS OF LAWYERS', PHYSICIANS' AND ENGINEERS' CHAMBERS ARE NOTIFIED TO SUBMIT PERSONAL INFORMATION BY JULY 20 TO ENABLE THE CHAMBERS TO COMPILE LISTS OF THE MEMBERS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNMENT. ONLY FIVE PER CENT OF JEWS WILL BE ALLOWED AMONG NEW CANDIDATES TO THESE CHAMBERS SO LONG AS THE PERCENTAGE OF JEWS IN THE CHAMBERS IS HIGHER

THAN TWENTY PER CENT. ADMISSIONS, WHICH ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED IN VIEW OF THE PRELIMINARY STEPS TO INTRODUCE THE PROPORTIONATE RESTRICTION, WILL BE RESUMED AUG. 15.

THE SECOND PART OF THE DECREE OBLIGES PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH EXCLUSIVELY RELIGIOUS AIMS, TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSAR FOR INTELLECTUAL EMPLOYMENT BY JULY 31 OF THE NUMBER OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, THE RELIGION OF THE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR SALARIES, AS A STEP TO CARRYING OUT THE PROPORTIONATE RESTRICTION. ORDERS FOR REALIZING THE RESTRICTION, WILL BE ISSUED SEMI-ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSAR.

FINALLY, THE DECREE PROVIDES FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSARS FOR ENTERPRISES NOT COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW.

80% OF JEWS EXAMINED LOSE RUMANIAN CITIZENSHIP; FACE BUSINESS OUSTER

BUCHAREST, JUNE 28. (JTA) -- PARTIAL RESULTS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S REVISION OF JEWISH CITIZENSHIPS, PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, SHOW THAT 80 PER CENT OF THOSE INVESTIGATED HAVE BEEN DENATURALIZED. (FIGURES PUBLISHED ON JUNE 6 SAID THAT 395,183 HAD BEEN CALLED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REVISION.)

THOSE DEPRIVED OF CITIZENSHIP ALSO LOSE THE RIGHT TO DO BUSINESS IN RUMANIA. THE CZERNOWITZ MUNICIPALITY HAS ORDERED THOSE DENATURALIZED TO LIQUIDATE THEIR BUSINESSES WITHIN A FORTNIGHT.

MEXICAN LABOR LEADER DENIES CTM IS ANTI-SEMITIC; CHARGES NAZIS SUBSIDIZE PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, JUNE 28. (JTA) -- CHARGES THAT GERMAN NAZIS CONDUCT A LATIN AMERICAN ESPIONAGE NETWORK AND FINANCE ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA IN MEXICAN NEWSPAPERS WERE MADE YESTERDAY BY VINCENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE MEXICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR (CTM), WHO ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO DENY THAT ANY SECTION OF THE MEXICAN LABOR MOVEMENT WAS ANTI-SEMITIC.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS A CHAIN OF NAZI ESPIONAGE CENTERS OPERATING BETWEEN MEXICAN AND LATIN-AMERICAN PORTS, WITH CENTERS IN SAN DIEGO, LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO THE MEXICAN LABOR LEADER SAID. HE DECLARED A LATIN-AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM WERE PROPOSED TO OFFSET NAZI PROPAGANDA AGAINST DEMOCRACY.

REGARDING ANTI-SEMITISM, SENOR LOMBARDO TOLEDANO SAID IT WAS CARRIED ON SYSTEMATICALLY BY CERTAIN CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPERS "WHICH TAKE MONEY FROM THE NAZIS AND WHICH POSE AS FRIENDS OF THE WORKERS."

DENYING REPORTS THAT ANY SECTION OF MEXICAN LABOR WAS ANTI-SEMITIC HE SAID THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THE ARTIFICIAL SILK INDUSTRY IN MEXICO ACTED AS "BOOTLEGGERS" AGAINST THE LABOR LAWS AND THAT SOME OF THE EMPLOYERS IN THIS INDUSTRY WERE JEWS.

OFFICIAL PRESS NOT INVOLVED IN ATTACKS

MEXICO CITY, JUNE 28. (JTA) -- REPORTS PUBLISHED ABROAD THAT THE OFFICIAL MEXICAN PRESS AND THE CTM HAD LAUNCHED AN ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN WERE AUTHORITATIVELY DENIED HERE. THE ANTI-SEMITIC PRESS ALONE IS ATTACKING THE JEWS.

CONGREGATIONS URGED AT RABBIS' PARLEY TO SPONSOR INDEPENDENT ADULT EDUCATION UNITS

TANNERSVILLE, N.Y. JUNE 28. (JTA) -- "THE JEWISH ADULT MIND OF OUR AGE IS NOT NOW EQUAL TO THE JEWISH PROBLEMS OF OUR AGE," DR. ISRAEL GOLDMAN, OF PROVIDENCE, TODAY TOLD THE 38TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY AT A SESSION DEVOTED TO STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF ADULT EDUCATION.

URGING CONGREGATIONS TO SPONSOR ADULT EDUCATION UNITS AS INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS, DR. GOLDMAN SAID THE AIM OF ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION MUST BE "TO FAMILIARIZE THE ADULT JEW WITH THE THOUGHT LIFE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE AS EXPRESSED IN ITS CLASSIC TEXTS. IT MUST JUDAIZE THE MIND OF THE JEWS SO THAT HE SHALL KNOW WHO HE IS AND WHAT HE IS AND THEREBY BE MADE SPIRITUALLY WHOLE."

RABBI SAMUEL M. BLUMENFELD WARNED AGAINST "EXAGGERATED FORMS OF DENOMINATIONALISM" IN ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION. DR. SIMON GREENBERG, REPORTING ON A QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL, SAID THAT SYNAGOGUE BUDGETS DID NOT ALLOT SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR EDUCATIONAL WORK, AND URGED FORMATION OF "A WELL FINANCED NATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION" SPONSORED BY THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE, WITH ITS WORK UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF A JOINT COMMITTEE REPRESENTING THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY, THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE AND THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

REPORTING FOR THE SEMINARY COMMITTEE, DR. BEN-ZION BOKSER SAID THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY MUST REDEFINE ITS FUNCTION AS AN INSTITUTION "CHARGED WITH PRACTICAL LEADERSHIP IN JEWISH LIFE," AS WELL AS EDUCATION. HE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFORMATION SERVICE ON JEWISH LIFE, FORMATION ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE SEMINARY OF LOCAL SYNAGOGUE CHESTS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS JEWISH CAUSES.

DR. ROBERT GORDIS, RETIRING CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, URGED RABBIS TO SET ASIDE ONE SABBATH FOR DISCUSSION OF A SOCIAL QUESTION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF JUDAISM.

REFUGEE-AID PROPOSALS BACKED BY C.C.A.R.

ATLANTIC CITY, JUNE 28. (JTA) -- THE 49TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS, WHICH CLOSED HERE SUNDAY, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUGEE-AID PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE OF MAX C. CURRICK, ONE OF WHICH WAS THAT THE HELP OF CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE SOUGHT TO AID THE JEWS IN PERSUADING THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO ASSIST IN CARING FOR THE THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS AND HELPLESS JEWS UNDER EUROPEAN DICTATORSHIPS.

BULLETIN10-HOUR CURFEW IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, JUNE 28. (JTA) -- HIGH COMMISSIONER MACMICHAEL LATE TONIGHT REJECTED A FINAL DEFENSE PETITION IN BEHALF OF SHLOMO BEN JOSEF, DECLARING HE SAW NO REASON TO INTERFERE WITH THE DECISION OF THE GENERAL OFFICER IN COMMAND. GENERAL HAINING TOLD ATTORNEY PHILIP JOSEPH IN A LETTER THAT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO RECONSIDER THE CASE AND CHANGE HIS ATTITUDE. DR. JOSEPH MADE A LAST-MINUTE TELEPHONE APPEAL TO LONDON. CURFEW FROM EIGHT P.M. TO SIX A.M. WAS DECLARED IN JERUSALEM FOLLOWING DEMONSTRATIONS BY CROWDS LEAVING SYNAGOGUES AFTER PRAYERS FOR BEN JOSEF HAD BEEN BROKEN UP BY POLICE, WITH SEVERAL DEMONSTRATORS BEATEN AND ARRESTED. SHORTLY AFTER THE CURFEW, FIVE BRITISH CONSTABLES, BRANDISHING AXE HANDLES AND SHOUTING "THE JEW WILL BE HANGED AT EIGHT O'CLOCK!" BEAT UP A WELL-KNOWN JEWESS, REGINA PROCK, IN FRONT OF HER DOOR.