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### GOVERNMENT COMBATS DEMONSTRATIONS AS BEN JOSEF DIES ON GALLOWS

JERUSALEM, JUNE 29. (JTA) -- THE GOVERNMENT CALLED DRASTIC CURFEWS AND POLICE CLUBS INTO PLAY TODAY TO COMBAT INDIGNANT DEMONSTRATIONS SURGING OVER JEWISH PALESTINE AS SHLOMO BEN JOSEF DIED ON THE GALLOWS FOR SHOOTING AT AN ARAB BUS -- THE FIRST JEW TO BE EXECUTED OFFICIALLY IN HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF PALESTINE HISTORY.

CITY-WIDE CURFEW FROM SEVEN P.M. TO FIVE A.M. WAS IMPOSED ON TEL AVIV, WHERE POLICE HAD DISPERSED TWO STORMY DEMONSTRATIONS BY FIRING INTO THE AIR AND BEATING TWELVE MARCHERS, INJURING ONE OF THEM SERIOUSLY. ELEVEN-HOUR CURFEW, BEGINNING AT SEVEN P.M., WAS PROCLAIMED IN JERUSALEM.

AMID THE UNPRECEDENTED NATION-WIDE TENSION, THE 25-YEAR-OLD ZIONIST-REVISIONIST STOICLY MOUNTED THE GALLOWS IN GRIM ACRE PRISON AT EIGHT O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, WEARING THE BLUE-TRIMMED BROWN UNIFORM OF THE BETAR, OR BRITH TRUMPELDOR, MILITANT ZIONIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION, WHICH WAS PERMITTED HIM AS A LAST REQUEST.

"I'LL DIE LIKE A MAN AND A BETAR," HE HAD TOLD VISITORS YESTERDAY. "I'M PROUD TO BE THE FIRST VICTIM FOR THE JEWISH NATION AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE."

THE FORTRESS PRISON, BUILT BY THE CRUSADERS, WAS CLOSELY GUARDED DURING THE EXECUTION. TROOPS AND POLICE BARRICADED ALL ROADS TO THE PRISON AS THE POLISH-BORN YOUTH STEPPED ON THE GALLOWS. NO RABBI ATTENDED HIM AND NO JEWS WERE PRESENT IN THE DEATH CHAMBER.

THE TRAP WAS SPRUNG BY AN ENGLISH EXECUTIONER OF CONCEALED IDENTITY. WHEN THE YOUTH, OFFICIALLY DESCRIBED AS "PRISONER 3118," WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD, A BLACK FLAG WAS HOISTED OVER THE PRISON, ANNOUNCING THE EXECUTION TO A GREAT CROWD OF JEWS WAITING IN THE HEAVILY-GUARDED ACRE SQUARE.

ABSENCE OF A RABBI TO ADMINISTER THE LAST RITES WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE FACT THAT TODAY IS ROSH HODESH, THE FIRST DAY OF THE HEBREW MONTH. THE AUTHORITIES HAD REFUSED AN APPEAL BY CHIEF RABBI ISAAC HERZOG TO POSTPONE THE EXECUTION. LAST MINUTE APPEALS BY DEFENSE COUNSEL, THE CHIEF RABBINATE AND REPRESENTATIVE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS FOR RETRIAL OR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE HAD LIKEWISE BEEN REJECTED.

OFFICIAL WITNESSES IN THE DEATH CHAMBER WERE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, THE PRISON SUPERINTENDENT, AN ARAB PHYSICIAN IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE ARRESTING OFFICER.

AT 9:15 A.M. BEN JOSEF'S BODY WAS TURNED OVER TO SIX BETARIM, HIS FORMER COMRADES. WITH OTHER FRIENDS AND MOURNERS BANNED, AND UNDER HEAVY MILITARY GUARD, THE YOUTHS ESCORTED THE COFFIN TO ROSH PINA, WHERE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD THIS AFTERNOON. PERMISSION TO CONDUCT THE SERVICES IN TEL AVIV WAS REFUSED.

JEWISH PALESTINE, MEANWHILE, WAS SEETHING WITH TENSION. AS YESTERDAY, GENERAL STRIKES WERE CALLED IN JERUSALEM, HAIFA, TEL AVIV AND OTHER CITIES. JERUSALEM STREETS WERE THROGGED, MANY JEWS CARRYING BLACK FLAGS OF MOURNING, WHICH THE POLICE BEAT DOWN. IN TEL AVIV, EVEN BANKS, THE HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND CITY HALL WERE CLOSED, ALL MUNICIPAL AND JEWISH ORGANIZATIONAL BUILDINGS DISPLAYING BLACK FLAGS.

THE JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL AND THE CHIEF RABBINATE TELEPHONED TO JEWISH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT PALESTINE THE FOLLOWING MANIFESTO: "THE ENTIRE YISHUV (JEWISH COMMUNITY) MOURNS THE LOSS OF A SON OF ISRAEL. LET US BEAR THE PAIN QUIETLY AND WITH RESTRAINT SUITABLE TO THE DIGNITY OF A PEOPLE STRUGGLING FOR LIFE." A SIMILAR PROCLAMATION WAS ISSUED BY THE TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY.

ALTHOUGH THE AUTHORITIES HAD CAUTIONED THE HEBREW PRESS NOT TO SAY ANYTHING TO INCREASE THE TENSION, EDITORIAL COMMENT REFLECTED THE JEWISH PUBLIC'S DEEP FEELINGS. THE LABORITE DAVAR SAID: "HUNDREDS OF MURDERS HAVE GONE UNPUNISHED. HUNDREDS OF JEWS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND WOUNDED BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S IMPOTENCE. A FAULTY SYSTEM, THEREFORE, IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR CARRYING OUT THE VERDICT, ADDING TO THE BLOOD OF INNOCENTS THAT OF BEN JOSEF." THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED WITH A PLEA FOR SELF-RESTRAINT AND RESISTANCE TO PROVOCATION. THE INDEPENDENT HAARETZ WARNED THE JEWISH COMMUNITY NOT TO LOSE ITS EQUILIBRIUM "DURING THIS TERRIBLE UNPRECEDENTED ORDEAL."

PUBLIC EMOTION OVER THE EXECUTION WAS STIMULATED STILL FURTHER BY DETAILS CONCERNING BEN JOSEF'S LAST HOURS AND THE UNFLINCHING MANNER IN WHICH HE MET DEATH. A POLICEMAN GUARDING THE YOUTH WAS HEARD TO DECLARE: "I NEVER SAW SUCH A STRONG GUY." ARAB AND BRITISH POLICEMEN OUTSIDE THE PRISON TOLD BYSTANDERS THAT THEY HAD HEARD HIM SINGING IN HEBREW AS HE WALKED FROM THE DEATH CHAMBER TO THE GALLOWS.

IN A LETTER TO HIS MOTHER IN POLAND, WHO HAD APPEALED VAINLY TO THE AUTHORITIES FOR A STAY IN EXECUTION TO PERMIT HER TO SAY FAREWELL IN PERSON, BEN JOSEF WROTE: "BE STRONG, FORGET YOUR SORROW. NOT EVERY MOTHER IS HONORED BY BEARING A SON WHO, IN DYING, GIVES AN UNIMPORTANT LIFE FOR HIS PEOPLE." HE ALSO WROTE A FAREWELL LETTER TO VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY, REVISIONIST LEADER IN LONDON.

MEANWHILE, SEVEN PERSONS WERE INJURED IN TIBERIAS TODAY WHEN A JEWISH WEDDING WAS BOMBED. IN ANOTHER QUARTER OF TIBERIAS, AN ARAB MOB STONED JEWS.

#### TROOPS, PLANES GUARD FUNERAL

ROSH PINA, JUNE 29. (JTA) -- A FULL BATTALION OF BRITISH TROOPS OCCUPIED THIS JEWISH SETTLEMENT TODAY AND TWO ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES CIRCLED OVERHEAD ALL DAY AS SHLOMO BEN JOSEF WAS BURIED IN A PLOT OVERLOOKING THE SEA OF GALILEE AND OVERSHADOWED BY SNOW-CAPPED MT. HERMON.

STRONG DETACHMENTS OF HEAVILY-ARMED POLICE AND TROOPS STOOD WATCH WHILE THE COFFIN, DRAPED IN ZIONIST BLUE AND WHITE, WAS LOWERED INTO THE GRAVE. ROSH PINA RESIDENTS, WHO ATTENDED THE FUNERAL SERVICES IN MASS, MARCHED TO THE LOCAL SYNAGOGUE THROUGH STREETS LINED BY TROOPS. SOLDIERS WERE POSTED ON EVERY ROOF TOP.

THE TROOPS CLOSED ALL ROADS TO THE COLONY. LINES OF CARS ON THE WAY TO THE FUNERAL FROM JEWISH COLONIES WERE HALTED. PROFESSOR BENJAMIN AKZIN, ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE ORGANIZATION WERE TURNED BACK.

BEN JOSEF LEFT ON HIS CELL WALL IN ACRE PRISON THE HEBREW INSCRIPTION, "LAMUTH O L'ICHBOSH ET HAARETZ" ("TO DIE OR TO CONQUER THE LAND"), IT WAS REVEALED BY DR. YUNICHMAN, CHIEF OF THE BRITH TRUMPENDOR FOR THE GALILEE, DURING THE FUNERAL ORATIONS. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE ISAAC EPHRON, PRESIDENT OF THE ROSH PINA COUNCIL; MEIER FELDMAN, ROSH PINA'S OLDEST INHABITANT, AND BEN COOPER, BEN JOSEF'S CLOSEST COMRADE, WHO RECITED "KADDISH" (THE MEMORIAL PRAYER). BEN JOSEF'S GRAVE IS NEXT TO THE ONE OF ISRAEL LIEBERMAN, A YOUTH WHO WAS SLAIN BY ARAB TERRORISTS EARLIER THIS MONTH.

#### POLISH JEWS IN MOURNING

WARSAW, JUNE 29. (JTA) -- MEMBERS OF THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, REVISIONIST GROUP, WERE REQUESTED TODAY TO WEAR BLACK ARMBANDS IN MOURNING FOR SHLOMO BEN JOSEF. OFFICES OF THE N.Z.O. AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WERE CLOSED AS A SIGN OF MOURNING. LAST NIGHT THE N.Z.O. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CABLED BEN JOSEF AS FOLLOWS: "HAPPY IS HE WHO STANDS IN THE SHADOW OF THE GALLOWES, FACING A RISING GLORY OF JEWRY. HAPPY ART THOU TO HAVE BEEN WORTHY OF THIS."

#### DEMONSTRATION IN KAUNAS

KAUNAS, JUNE 29. (JTA) -- DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTING THE HANGING IN PALESTINE OF A JEWISH YOUTH TODAY SMASHED WINDOWS OF THE BRITISH CONSULATE HERE.

#### 42 AUSTRIAN REFUGEES ARRESTED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

BRNO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, JUNE 29. (JTA) -- CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY CROSSING THE FRONTIER, 30 AUSTRIAN REFUGEES WERE ARRESTED ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, IT WAS LEARNED HERE TODAY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY HAD REGISTERED WITH THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE. TWELVE OTHERS, AMONG THEM TWO DOCTORS, WERE ARRESTED TUESDAY, ALTHOUGH APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF EXPIRED RESIDENCE PERMITS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE AUTHORITIES BY THE COMMITTEE. THE MEASURES WERE TAKEN IN VIEW OF THE INCREASED INFLUX OF REFUGEES. ALL THOSE ARRESTED HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY RELATIVES AND THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE AND WERE IN NO DANGER OF BECOMING A PUBLIC BURDEN.

#### AUSTRIA REPUDIATES DISMISSAL OF JEWISH EMPLOYEES

LONDON, JUNE 29. (JTA) -- THE TIMES REPORTS FROM VIENNA TODAY THAT OFFICIAL CIRCLES HAVE REPUDIATED AN ORDER DISMISSING ALL JEWISH EMPLOYEES IN AUSTRIA, EXPLAINING IT WAS AN UNAUTHORIZED ACTION BY A MINOR OFFICIAL AND THAT NO ONE COMPETENT TO ISSUE SUCH AN ORDER HAD DONE SO.

#### NAZI DEMONSTRATORS DEMOLISH SYNAGOGUE IN NEMEL

KAUNAS, JUNE 29. (JTA) -- NAZI DEMONSTRATORS IN NEMEL LAST NIGHT ATTACKED AND DEMOLISHED A SYNAGOGUE. ARMED POLICE PREVENTED FURTHER EXCESSES.

ROOSEVELT SEEKS WIDE SCOPE FOR EVIAN CONFERENCE, INCLUDING CHRISTIANS, SPANIARDS

PARIS, JUNE 29. (JTA) -- PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DEFINITELY WISHES THAT THE REFUGEE-AID CONFERENCE OPENING NEXT WEDNESDAY AT EVIAN-LES-BAINS NOT CONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF JEWISH EXILES ALONE, BUT THE QUESTION OF REFUGEES AS SUCH, INCLUDING CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS IN GERMANY, REFUGEES FROM SPAIN AND OTHERS.

THE AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE PREPARED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, A COPY OF WHICH WAS OBTAINED TODAY BY THIS CORRESPONDENT, AND THE NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS HELD BETWEEN THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, CATHOLIC AND OTHERS, THROW LIGHT ON THE PRESIDENT'S INTENTIONS REGARDING THE CONFERENCE.

THE AGENDA, WHICH HAS BEEN SENT BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, CONTAIN FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 -- THAT THE CONFERENCE CONSIDER MEASURES TO FACILITATE SETTLEMENT OF POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM GERMANY AND AUSTRIA UNDER WHICH AS POLITICAL REFUGEES WILL BE CONSIDERED NOT ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT THE REICH, BUT THOSE WHO WISH TO LEAVE;

2 -- THAT THE CONFERENCE WORK OUT MEASURES FOR ASSISTING URGENT CASES WITHIN EXISTING IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE NATIONS, WITH EACH GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO SUBMIT TO THE CONFERENCE A CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON ITS IMMIGRATION POLICY AND LAWS, STATING HOW MANY AND WHAT KIND OF IMMIGRANTS IT WOULD BE READY TO ADMIT;

3 -- THAT THE CONFERENCE AGREE ON A SYSTEM OF PROVIDING PAPERS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS TO THOSE REFUGEES WHO ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY;

4 -- THAT THE CONFERENCE ESTABLISH AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE IN SOME EUROPEAN CAPITAL TO FORMULATE AND CARRY OUT A LONG-RANGE PROGRAM FOR SOLVING THE REFUGEE PROBLEM, NOT ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH GERMANY BUT IN THE LARGER SENSE;

5 -- THAT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ABOVE SUBJECTS AND OTHERS WHICH THE CONFERENCE MAY DISCUSS BE SUBMITTED TO THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS IN THE FORM OF RESOLUTIONS.

THAT THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IS FAR FROM BEING ENTIRELY JEWISH WAS INDICATED BY GEORGE N. SHUSTER, EDITOR OF THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC ORGAN, 'COMMONWEAL'. MR. SHUSTER, WHO IS NOW SURVEYING THE CATHOLIC REFUGEE SITUATION IN EUROPE, AND WHO CONFERRED WITH THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE, SAYS THAT 100,000 CATHOLICS MUST LEAVE AUSTRIA AS PERSECUTED. OTHER NON-JEWISH DEPUTATIONS APPEARED BEFORE THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AND ALSO EMPHASIZED THE PRECARIOUS SITUATION OF THE CATHOLICS IN AUSTRIA.

THE 30 GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE ARE: ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CUBA; DENMARK, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS; MEXICO, THE NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NICARAGUA, NORWAY, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, SWEDEN, URUGUAY, UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA. NON-IMMIGRATION COUNTRIES HAVE NOT BEEN INVITED.

BRITAIN ASKED TO LIFT PALESTINE CURBS

LONDON, JUNE 29. (JTA) -- THE MANCHESTER ZIONIST COUNCIL TODAY URGED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ANNOUNCE AT EVIAN THAT IT IS PREPARED TO ADMIT TO PALESTINE WITHOUT DELAY GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN JEWS TO THE FULL ECONOMIC ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY. A RESOLUTION TO THAT

EFFECT WAS FORWARDED TO PRIME MINISTER NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, COLONIAL SECRETARY MALCOLM MACDONALD, THE TWO BRITISH DELEGATES TO THE EVIAN CONFERENCE AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

### IMMIGRATION TO DOMINIONS URGED

OTTAWA, JUNE 29. (JTA) -- THE CANADIAN PRESS LONDON CORRESPONDENT, GEORGE HAMBELTON, REPORTS IN A LENGTHY ARTICLE THAT THE OVERSEAS SETTLEMENT BOARD HAD "RECOMMENDED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN WITHOUT LOSS OF TIME TO ENCOURAGE MIGRATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO DOMINIONS." THE REPORT SUGGESTS A REGULATED FLOW OF FOREIGN IMMIGRATION OF ASSIMILABLE TYPES IF THE UNITED KINGDOM CANNOT SUPPLY SUFFICIENT IMMIGRANTS.

### RETURN GERMAN TO REICH FOR EVERY JEW EXPELLED, URGES WICKHAM STEED

LONDON, JUNE 29. (JTA) -- WICKHAM STEED, NOTED JOURNALIST, PROPOSES THAT THE UNITED STATES AND ALL "CIVILIZED NATIONS" IN EUROPE RETURN ONE "ARYAN" GERMAN TO GERMANY FOR EVERY JEW THAT COUNTRY EXPELS AND PLUNDERS.

ADDRESSING AN ALL-PARTY MEETING AT FRIENDS HOUSE LAST NIGHT, THE FORMER TIMES EDITOR PREFACED HIS PROPOSAL WITH SHARP REPROVAL OF PRIME MINISTER NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN AND FOREIGN SECRETARY LORD HALIFAX FOR FAILING EITHER TO ATTEND THE RALLY, HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE BRITISH SECTION OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, OR TO SEND A MESSAGE ON THE "ABOMINABLE PERSECUTION" OF THE JEWS.

"THE JEWS," HE SAID, "HAVE OUTLIVED OPPRESSORS IN THE PAST AND WILL OUTLIVE THEIR PRESENT TRIALS. THERE IS ONE THING THAT COULD BE DONE AND THAT IS, FOR EVERY JEW SENT AWAY AND ROBBED BY GERMANY, THE CIVILIZED NATIONS IN EUROPE, AND THE UNITED STATES, SHOULD SEND ONE 'ARYAN' GERMAN TO GERMANY, DEDUCTING FROM HIS WEALTH THE PROPORTION NEEDED TO HELP THE JEWISH DESTITUTE. HOW LONG WILL FREE, CIVILIZED MEN AND WOMEN GO ON SITTING AND WATCHING HELPLESSLY THE GREATEST ABOMINATION OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY?"

### RABBIS SEEK \$100,000 TO SAVE SEMINARY FROM CURTAILMENT

TANNERSVILLE, N.Y. JUNE 29. (JTA) -- THE 90 CONSERVATIVE RABBIS ATTENDING THE 38TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY PROMISED TODAY TO EXERT EFFORTS TO RAISE \$100,000 TO SAVE THEIR PARENT INSTITUTION, THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA, FROM THE NECESSITY OF CURTAILING ITS CURRICULUM.

THE ACTION WAS TAKEN AFTER DR. LOUIS FINKELSTEIN, PROVOST OF THE SEMINARY, HAD TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAD DECIDED THAT THE SEMINARY COULD NOT BE CONDUCTED ON A DEFICIT BASIS AND WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE ONE OR MORE OF ITS DEPARTMENTS UNLESS SUFFICIENT FUNDS WERE RAISED DURING THE COMING YEAR.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MACHINERY TO SURVEY THE WORK OF "FREE LANCE" RABBIS AND TO CHECK THE ABUSES RESULTING FROM THERE BEING UNQUALIFIED MEN IN THE RABBINATE WAS PROPOSED BY RABBI JACOB FREEDMAN, OF FALL RIVER, MASS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE SUPERVISION BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA, CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF ALL RABBINICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

RABBI FREEDMAN SAID THAT "FREE LANCE" RABBIS WERE OFFICIATING IN MANY AMERICAN COMMUNITIES WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM ANY CENTER OF JEWISH LEARNING AND WITHOUT ANY SUPERVISION OF THEIR QUALIFICATIONS TO LEAD AND TEACH.