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HA'FA ARMED CAMP AS DEATH TOLL MOUNTS TO 28; 2 WARSHIPS BRING TROOPS

HAIFA, JULY 7. (JTA). -- THIS CITY WAS AN ARMED CAMP TODAY AS ARABS AND JEWS BEFORE DAWN BURIED 23 DEAD, THE TOLL IN YESTERDAY'S 30-MINUTE PITCHED BATTLE WHICH HAD TRANSFORMED A NEW BUSINESS CENTER INTO A SHAMBLES RESEMBLING SHANGHAI AND MADRID.

FIVE MORE DEATHS WERE ADDED TO THE TOLL THIS MORNING, WHEN FOUR ARABS WOUNDED YESTERDAY DIED AND A JEW WAS KILLED BY ARABS WHO FIRED INTO A PARTY OF JEWS WALKING NEAR THE BOURGE, A MIXED QUARTER. SEVEN OTHER JEWS WERE WOUNDED IN THE SHOOTING.

THE BRITISH CRUISER EMERALD IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE HERE TODAY WITH REINFORCEMENTS NEEDED IN VIEW OF THE CRITICAL SITUATION. THE BATTLESHIP REPULSE, WITH A COMPLEMENT OF 1,200 MEN, IS EXPECTED TO WEIGH ANCHOR IN HAIFA BAY TOMORROW.

TENSION WAS AT THE BREAKING POINT AS HUNDREDS OF STEEL-HELMETED TROOPS OCCUPIED DANGER POINTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND POSTED MACHINE GUNS ON THE ROOFS OF BIG JEWISH COOPERATIVE APARTMENTS AND A MIDTOWN JEWISH SCHOOL.

AS THIS CORRESPONDENT WATCHED FROM A WINDOW IN BUSY, MODERN KINGS' WAY YESTERDAY'S CLASH DEVELOPED INTO THE GREATEST HOLOCAUST SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE ARAB REBELLION IN 1936. WHEN TROOPS AND POLICE HAD SUCCEEDED IN RESTORING ORDER, WITH CURFEW AND BULLETS, ARABS COUNTED 18 DEAD AND 60 WOUNDED, JEWS FIVE DEAD AND MORE THAN A SCORE WOUNDED. ARAB FUNERALS WERE HELD AT FOUR O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, WITH THE JEWISH BURIALS AN HOUR LATER.

THE ENTIRE ACTION LASTED BUT 30 MINUTES, STARTING AT 6.10 P.M. WITH THE TERRIFIC EXPLOSION OF A BOMB THAT HAD BEEN HURLED INTO THE MUNICIPAL VEGETABLE MARKET. THE EXPLOSION PRODUCED A MAJORITY OF THE ARAB CASUALTIES, WHILE SHOTS, KNIVES AND STONES ACCOUNTED FOR MOST OF THE JEWISH DEAD AND WOUNDED.

THE BOMBING WAS FOLLOWED BY A BARRAGE OF STONES LAID DOWN BY ARABS AGAINST A JEWISH-OWNED BUS, WHOSE DRIVER REPLIED WITH SHOTS FROM HIS LICENSED REVOLVER. GUNS APPEARED FROM EVERYWHERE AND THE BATTLE WAS JOINED, WITH ARAB POLICE ADDING TO THE CONFUSION AND TERROR BY FIRING RIFLES AND MACHINE GUNS WILDLY INTO HOMEBOUND CROWDS. THOUSANDS OF OFFICE WORKERS WATCHED FROM NEARBY WINDOWS AS THE BATTLE UNFOLDED. SHRIEKS OF WOMEN SPECTATORS MINGLED WITH THE WHINE OF BULLETS AND THE CRIES OF THE WOUNDED.

JEWISH AND GOVERNMENT AMBULANCES RUSHED THE WOUNDED TO HOSPITALS AS HUNDREDS OF TROOPS AND POLICE OCCUPIED THE STREETS, DRIVING THE CROWDS HOME UNDER THE QUICKLY-IMPOSED CURFEW.

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BREAK IN JEWS' DISCIPLINE DEPLORED IN COMMONS

LONDON, JULY 7. (JTA) -- COLONIAL SECRETARY MALCOLM MACDONALD TODAY PRAISED PALESTINE JEWRY'S "ADMIRABLE RESTRAINT THROUGHOUT DIFFICULT TIMES," BUT VOICED REGRET THAT IT HAD BROKEN DOWN IN SOME CASES RECENTLY "THUS INCREASING THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE SITUATION."

SPEAKING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN REPLY TO A QUERY BY JOHN MCGOVERN, INDEPENDENT LABORITE, ON THE RECENT EXECUTION IN PALESTINE OF SHLOMO BEN JOSEF, MR. MACDONALD DECLARED THE LARGE MAJORITY OF THE JEWS CONTINUED TO SHOW SELF-RESTRAINT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THEIR LEADERS.

MR. MCGOVERN TERMED BEN JOSEF'S EXECUTION (THE FIRST OF A JEW IN HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF PALESTINE HISTORY) "PERFECTLY OUTRAGEOUS." REPLYING, MR. MACDONALD ADMITTED THAT HE WAS "NOT AWARE THAT ANY PERSONS HAD BEEN INJURED" IN THE SHOOTING FOR WHICH BEN JOSEF WAS HANGED.

ASKED BY COL. JOSIAH WEDGWOOD, LABORITE, WHETHER THE FACT THAT THE AUTHORITIES WERE UNABLE TO PROTECT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN FIXING SENTENCE, MACDONALD REPLIED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO COMMENT.

40 PRIVATE REFUGEE BODIES FORM UNITED FRONT AT EVIAN

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, FRANCE, JULY 7. (JTA) -- DELEGATIONS OF 40 PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN REFUGEES CREATED A UNITED FRONT HERE TODAY, AS A DEPUTATION OF PROMINENT AUSTRIAN JEWS ARRIVED TO PRESENT TO THE 32-NATION CONFERENCE THE PLEA OF THE AUSTRIAN JEWS FOR FACILITATION OF EMIGRATION.

THE 40 DELEGATIONS, REPRESENTING JEWISH, CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT AND NON-SECTARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, MET UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PROFESSOR NORMAN BENTWICH, OF THE COUNCIL FOR GERMAN JEWRY, AND NAMED A 14-MEMBER COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO UNIFY THEIR ACTIVITIES AND ARRANGE THE ORDER OF THEIR APPEALS BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE.

THE AUSTRIAN JEWS' DELEGATION COMPRISES PROFESSOR HEINRICH NEUMANN, THE FAMOUS EAR SPECIALIST; DR. JOSEF LOEWENHERZ, PRESIDENT OF THE VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY, AND BERTHOLD STORFER, A BANKER. A SIMILAR DELEGATION IS ARRIVING FROM BERLIN.

THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE DEVOTED THE ENTIRE MORNING TO EXAMINATION OF DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS, AND IN THE AFTERNOON HELD A PUBLIC SESSION AT WHICH STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DELEGATES.

THE DELEGATION OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, IN A PRESS STATEMENT, EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION WITH THE SPEECHES AT THE OPENING SESSION YESTERDAY, PARTICULARLY WITH THE ASSERTION BY AMERICAN DELEGATE MYRON C. TAYLOR AND BRITISH DELEGATE LORD WINTERTON THAT GERMANY AND OTHER EMIGRATION COUNTRIES MUST PERMIT EMIGRANTS TO TAKE OUT CAPITAL.

A RISING SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM REGARDING THE CONFERENCE'S OUTCOME WAS NOTICED AMONG DELEGATES FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S SESSION, BASED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE UNANIMITY AMONG DELEGATES THAT GERMANY MUST BE MADE IN SOME WAY TO PERMIT HER EMIGRANTS TO TAKE WITH THEM SOME OF THEIR PROPERTY. NO WORDS WERE BEING SPARED IN CONDEMNATION OF NAZI BRUTALITY IN DUMPING REFUGEES ON OTHER COUNTRIES.

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ALL THREE PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AT THE OPENING SESSION WERE QUITE FRANK IN EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT ANY GOVERNMENT PERSECUTING ITS MINORITIES COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED CIVILIZED. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT MENTION THEM BY NAME, MR. TAYLOR LEFT NO ROOM FOR DOUBT THAT SUCH COUNTRIES AS POLAND, RUMANIA AND HUNGARY WERE IN HIS MIND WHEN HE REFERRED TO "MILLIONS, ACTUALLY OR POTENTIALLY, WITHOUT A COUNTRY." IN THE SAME VEIN, LORD WINTERTON CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO SOUND A WARNING TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN GERMANY WHICH "MAY BELIEVE THAT A POLICY OF PRESSURE AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES COULD FORCE OTHER COUNTRIES TO OPEN DOORS TO THE VICTIMS."

MR. TAYLOR'S ADDRESS MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION, SHOWING AS IT DID THAT AMERICA WAS DETERMINED REALLY TO HELP THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS OF PERSECUTION, FIRSTLY, BY ADMITTING MORE THAN 27,000 YEARLY, AND, SECONDLY, BY SUGGESTING ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY TO HANDLE THE PROBLEM.

THE LATTER, UPON WHICH THE RESULT OF THE ENTIRE CONFERENCE MAY HINGE, THUS FAR IS OPPOSED BY THE BRITISH, THE SCANDINAVIAN AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE INCLINED TO BE CONTENT WITH THE LEAGUE HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO DOUBT IN THE MIND OF MOST OBSERVERS HERE THAT THE PROPOSED MACHINERY WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

VIENNA JEWS FAST

VIENNA, JULY 7. (JTA) -- VIENNA'S JEWS FASTED YESTERDAY AND TODAY AS THE INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE-AID CONFERENCE, ON WHICH THEY BASE ALL THEIR HOPES, GOT UNDER WAY IN EVIAN-LES-BAINS, FRANCE. PROCLAMATIONS ANNOUNCING THE FAST WERE READ IN ALL SYNAGOGUES ON TUESDAY, ON THE EVE OF THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE, AND THOUSANDS WENT WITHOUT FOOD YESTERDAY. MANY OTHERS, INFORMED TOO LATE TO FAST YESTERDAY, OBSERVED THE FAST TODAY INSTEAD.

VIENNA MERCHANT, HUSBAND OF AMERICAN OPERA STAR, COMMITS SUICIDE

VIENNA, JULY 7. (JTA) -- GEORGE STRAKASCH, 45, THE JEWISH HUSBAND OF THE FORMER RENEE BULLARD OF BOSTON, AMERICAN OPERA SINGER, KILLED HIMSELF TODAY AFTER LOSING HIS FORTUNE AND BEING FACED WITH LOSS OF LIBERTY UNDER AUSTRIA'S NAZI REGIME. HIS WIFE, WHO IS NOW IN BOSTON, HAS BEEN WAITING FOR HIM TO JOIN HER.

STRAKASCH, FORMERLY PRESIDENT OF ONE OF AUSTRIA'S LARGEST SUGAR CONCERNS, WAS EN ROUTE TO INDIA WITH HIS WIFE AT THE TIME OF AUSTRO-GERMAN ANSCHLUSS LAST MARCH, AND RUSHED BACK TO VIENNA BY AIRPLANE TO SALVAGE HIS FORTUNE, SENDING HIS WIFE TO THE UNITED STATES. HIS WIFE, ALTHOUGH THE HOLDER OF AN AMERICAN PASSPORT, IS CONSIDERED HERE TO BE OF REICH NATIONALITY. SHE IS A NATIVE OF MILWAUKEE, HAS SUNG IN THE VIENNA STATE OPERA HOUSE AND HAS APPEARED IN LONDON WITH RICHARD TAUBER.

THE STRAKASCH CONCERN WAS PLACED UNDER A NAZI COMMISSAR IN THE EARLY DAYS OF ANSCHLUSS. STRAKASCH HIMSELF WAS HELD FOR FIVE DAYS AND WAS UNDER DAILY FEAR OF ARREST.

ROTTENSTREICH, AGENCY LEADER, DIES IN PALESTINE AT 56

JERUSALEM, JULY 7. (JTA) -- DR. FISHEL ROTTENSTREICH, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, DIED TODAY AT THE AGE OF 56. HE WAS A DEPUTY IN THE POLISH SEJM BEFORE COMING TO PALESTINE SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND WAS DIRECTOR OF THE BANK FOR COOPERATIVES IN LWOW. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST POLISH SENATE.

DR. ROTTENSTREICH WAS AN EXPERT ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. AS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE, HE DESCRIBED TO THE ZIONIST CONGRESS IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, LAST YEAR

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THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES OF PALESTINE'S JEWS RESULTING FROM AN ADVERSE TRADE BALANCE. HE HAD ALSO SOUGHT ESTABLISHMENT BY THE ZIONIST EXECUTIVE OF A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION TO DEAL WITH LABOR TROUBLES AND GUIDE JEWISH TRADE.

BEFORE COMING TO PALESTINE, DR. ROTTENSTREICH WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST-INFORMED MEN ON FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN POLAND. HE SERVED ON THE SENATE BUDGET COMMISSION IN 1922, AND WAS AUTHOR OF MANY ARTICLES ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HE WAS LISTED ON THE STAFFS OF MANY JEWISH NEWSPAPERS.

ORTHODOX RABBIS HIT "UNCERTAIN" PALESTINE POLICY; BACK 5-DAY WEEK

BELMAR, N.J., JULY 7. (JTA) -- THE CONVENTION OF THE RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA CLOSED TODAY WITH THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE "UNCERTAIN POLICY" OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN PALESTINE, WHICH WAS BLAMED FOR THE TROUBLED SITUATION THERE. THE MORE THAN 50 ORTHODOX DELEGATES DRAFTED A PROTEST TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AGAINST LIMITATION OF IMMIGRATION IN PALESTINE AND DEMANDED THAT THE MANDATORY POWER ADHERE TO ITS PLEDGES TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE. THE CONVENTION ALSO SENT A CABLE TO THE EVIAN REFUGEE-AID CONFERENCE REQUESTING THAT A SPECIAL EFFORT BE MADE TO OPEN THE DOORS OF PALESTINE AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE CONFERENCE FOR ITS EFFORTS TO AID REFUGEES.

THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FIVE-DAY WEEK AS "AN IDEAL SOLUTION TO OUR SABBATH PROBLEM," AND CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO ALLOW JEWISH EMPLOYEES TO OBSERVE THE SABBATH. IT URGED THE NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AT ALBANY TO ADOPT A PROVISION EXEMPTING OBSERVERS OF THE SATURDAY SABBATH FROM OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY LAWS AND TO GIVE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES THE BENEFIT OF THE FIVE-DAY WEEK. RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN, NEW YORK, WAS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

ITALIAN PAPERS IGNORE EVIAN PARLEY

ROME, JULY 7. (JTA) -- THE ITALIAN PRESS STUDIOUSLY IGNORES THE EVIAN REFUGEE CONFERENCE, THE SOLE REFERENCE TO IT BEING IN THE TURIN NEWSPAPER LA STAMPA WHICH DENOUNCES THE MEETING AS A "JEWISH EFFORT TO ARRAIGN HITLERISM." LA STAMPA ASSERTS THAT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE IS BEING BROUGHT AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN TO OPEN THE GATES OF PALESTINE AND WARNS OF THE "IMPRACTICABILITY" OF INCREASING JEWISH IMMIGRATION.

AFTER A TWO-MONTH SUSPENSION, THE ANTI-SEMITIC WEEKLY IL GIORNALISSIMO HAS REAPPEARED, FEATURING AN INTERVIEW WITH COL. ULRICH FLEISCHAUER, ANTI-SEMITIC NAZI PUBLISHER, WHO IS IN ROME CONFERRING WITH LEADING ANTI-SEMITES, AMONG THEM GIOVANNI PREZIOSI, EDITOR OF THE ITALIAN EDITION OF THE SPURIOUS "PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION." THE PAPER'S REAPPEARANCE IS TAKEN IN MANY CIRCLES AS A PRELUDE TO A REVIVAL OF AN ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN BY A LARGE SECTION OF THE ITALIAN PRESS.

DOCTORS LOSE POST WHEN GESTAPO CLOSES HOSPITAL

LONDON, JULY 7. (JTA) -- MANY JEWISH PHYSICIANS IN VIENNA HAVE LOST THEIR LIVELIHOOD BY THE CLOSING OF THE FAMOUS LOEW-SANITORIUM BY THE GESTAPO, IT WAS REPORTED HERE TODAY. THE AUTHORITIES HAVE CONFISCATED THE VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY'S GOLDSMIDT FOUNDATION BUILDING, HOUSING THE OFFICES OF THE UNION OF AUSTRIAN JEWS, THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND OTHER JEWISH INSTITUTIONS. THE JEWISH ASSOCIATIONS WERE ORDERED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. IN ADDITION, MANY JEWISH FAMILIES IN SOME DISTRICTS OF VIENNA HAVE BEEN GIVEN TWO WEEKS TO VACATE THEIR FLATS.