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PALESTINE OFFICIAL DIES; MURDER SUSPECT SLAIN TRYING TO ESCAPE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- WALTER S.S. MOFFATT, Acting District Commissioner in Jenin, today succumbed to gunshot wounds received yesterday, while an Arab identified as his assailant was killed in attempting to escape from a military camp.

The 45-year-old Government official, who had served in Palestine continuously since 1925, died in the Government hospital in Haifa after a blood transfusion and emergency operation. He was the most important British official to die at the hands of Arab terrorists since the murder of Lewis Y. Andrews, District Commissioner for the Galilee, in Nazareth last September.

Troops and police, throwing a cordon around Jenin, captured an Arab who answered the description of the assailant given by Mr. Moffatt on his deathbed. Identified by eye-witnesses to the attack, the Arab was imprisoned in a military camp. He was shot while attempting to escape and later died.

As Mr. Moffatt was buried this afternoon in Haifa, female inhabitants of Jenin were taken to the mosque and males to the police courtyard to be searched. Houses and shops were searched and a quantity of arms and ammunition was discovered. This morning inhabitants were evacuated to one kilometer of the town and a number of houses were marked to be dynamited. Major-General Robert H. Haining, General Officer Commanding British forces in Palestine, proceeded to Jenin to direct operations.

The Government censor today prohibited the local press from publishing any references to or comments on activities of police, military forces and rebels, except as contained in official communiques.

Meanwhile, 35 men and women of the communal settlement of Ein Hamifratz, composed of members of the Shomer Hatzair, Zionist youth organization, from Polish Galicia, were secretly moved at dawn from Kiriath Haim to the southern shore of the Naaman River, two miles from Acre, in a completely Arab region infested by bandits. The settlers will drain 8,000 dunams (about 1,600 acres) of salt-marsh land owned by the Jewish National Fund preparatory to colonization by the settlers remaining at Ein Hamifratz and at two other colonies.

HIGH COMMISSIONER LAUDS AUSTER'S SERVICES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR HAROLD A. MACMICHAEL TODAY RECEIVED DANIEL AUSTER, ACTING MAYOR OF JERUSALEM SINCE THE ARAB MAYOR, HUSSEIN EL KHALIDI, WAS EXILED LAST OCTOBER, WARMLY THANKED HIM FOR HIS SERVICES IN THE MAYORALTY AND ASSURED THE JEWISH MUNICIPAL LEADER THAT HIS FORTHCOMING REPLACEMENT BY AN ARAB UNDER A GOVERNMENT DECISION DID NOT REFLECT ON HIM PERSONALLY.

DANZIG NAZIS PRESS MASS ARRESTS OF JEWS

DANZIG, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- DANZIG'S NAZI REGIME TODAY PRESSED A CAMPAIGN OF MASS ARRESTS OF JEWS BASED ON CHARGES OF "RACE DEFILEMENT" AND CURRENCY SMUGGLING. THE VICTIMS INCLUDED A NUMBER OF PROMINENT JEWS.

FOUR HUNDRED JEWISH-OWNED HOUSES ARE BEING OFFERED FOR SALE AS RESULT OF THE FREE CITY SENATE'S DECISION TO CALL MUNICIPAL MORTGAGES GIVEN TO JEWS ON OCT. 1. THE INABILITY OF JEWS TO REDEEM THE MORTGAGES UNDER EXISTING CONDITIONS IS RESULTING IN MANY FORECLOSURES. AMONG THE FORECLOSED PROPERTIES IS THE JEWISH PEOPLE'S HOUSE, WHICH, IT IS REPORTED, WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY THE HITLER YOUTH ORGANIZATION AS HEADQUARTERS.

HUNGARY HALTS ISSUANCE OF TRADE LICENSES IN DRIVE AGAINST JEWS

BUDAPEST, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- GRANTING OF NEW TRADE LICENSES WAS SUSPENDED TODAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE BY A GOVERNMENT ORDER WHICH REFERRED TO THE "JEW LAW." THE ORDER IS CONSIDERED BY BUSINESS CIRCLES AS THE FIRST STEP IN INTRODUCING THE 20 PER CENT NUMERUS CLAUSUS FOR JEWS IN TRADE LICENSES TO PREVENT A MASS INFUX OF DISMISSED JEWISH EMPLOYEES INTO INDEPENDENT TRADE IN COMPETITION WITH NON-JEWISH MERCHANTS.

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NEW ANTI-NAZI PAPER FOUNDED

BUDAPEST, Aug. 25 (Havas) -- DETERMINED TO CHECK NAZI INFLUENCE IN THIS COUNTRY, ALEXANDER PETHO, HUNGARIAN PUBLICIST AND DIRECTOR OF THE MAGYARSAG UNTIL IT PASSED INTO NAZI HANDS, TODAY FOUNDED A NEW NEWSPAPER WITH NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEANINGS, THE MAGYAR NEMZET (HUNGARIAN NATION), IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE.

THE NEMZET IS CONSERVATIVE IN POLICY AND CLEARLY HOSTILE TO ANY DOMINATING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INFLUENCE OF GERMANY HERE. THE NEWSPAPER, MOREOVER, IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE SYMPATHETIC WITH THE ANGLO-FRENCH POINT OF VIEW IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. PETHO'S MAGYARSAG AT ONE TIME REPRESENTED LEGITIMIST CATHOLIC TENDENCIES BUT ITS CHANGED POLICY WAS NOTED LAST MAY WHEN IT CAME UNDER THE CONTROL OF MAJ. FERENC SZALASY, NAZI LEADER.

ROMANIA RESTRICTS DENATURALIZED JEWS IN BUSINESS

BUCHAREST, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- JEWS WHO HAVE BEEN DENATURALIZED UNDER THE RECENT CITIZENSHIP REVISION WILL BE RESTRICTED IN BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. ACCORDING TO NEW COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS DRAFTED BY A COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS, COMMERCE WILL BE RESERVED TO ROMANIAN CITIZENS, WITH EXCEPTIONS TO BE GRANTED ONLY TO THOSE FOREIGNERS WHO CAN PROVE THAT THE SAME PRIVILEGES ARE GRANTED TO ROMANIANS IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

BRITAIN URGED TO TAKE LEAD IN AIDING REFUGEES

LONDON, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- THE LABORITE DAILY HERALD DECLARED EDITORIALY TODAY THAT "THE BRITISH EMPIRE IS FITTED BY ITS STANDING IN THE WORLD TO TAKE THE LEAD IN GIVING AN EFFECTIVE OPPORTUNITY TO REFUGEES TO LEAD HAPPY AND VALUABLE LIVES."

"LET US NOT SHAME THE TRADITIONS OF BRITISH DEMOCRACY BY TELLING PEOPLE TO BURN, DROWN, SUFFER AND GO ANYWHERE, SAVE KNOCK AT OUR DOOR," THE PAPER SAID, DISCUSSING THE ALLEGED ALIEN INFLUX INTO ENGLAND. "EVERY NATION MUST DO ITS SHARE. PARTS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE ARE UNDEVELOPED AND UNDERPOPULATED."

CATHOLIC CONGRESS HITS EXAGGERATED NATIONALISM

THE HAGUE, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCING EXAGGERATED TOTALITARIAN NATIONALISM, THE HAGUE CATHOLIC CONGRESS, ATTENDED BY 60 DELEGATES FROM 10 COUNTRIES, TODAY DEPLORED SUPER-NATIONALISM AS PREVENTING MANKIND FROM REALIZING THAT "JURIDICAL ORDER WHICH IS FOUNDED ON THE UNITY OF THE SPECIES, ON THE EQUALITY IN NATURE AND THE SOLIDARITY IN MEN."

SOUTH AFRICA WARNED ON NAZIS IN MANDATED TERRITORY

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 25 (Havas) -- STRONG MEASURES TO RESTRAIN NAZI PROPAGANDA IN SOUTHWEST AFRICA, FORMERLY A GERMAN COLONY, WERE URGED ON PREMIER J.B.M. HERZOG IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TODAY BY MORRIS KENTRIDGE, A GOVERNMENT SUPPORTER. KENTRIDGE DECLARED THE SITUATION IN SOUTHWEST AFRICA, WHICH IS HELD BY THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA UNDER MANDATE, IS TENDING TO BECOME SIMILAR TO THAT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

CANADIAN ACCOUNTANTS URGE LIBERAL ENTRY POLICY

HALIFAX, N.S., Aug. 25 (JTA) THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DOMINION ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS TODAY URGED AN IMMIGRATION POLICY, CAREFULLY PLANNED AND WELL FINANCED, WHICH "WOULD DEVELOP CANADA IN SUCH A MANNER THAT ITS VERY ESSENCE WOULD RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT." FRANK NIGHTINGALE, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARED THAT "OUR COUNTRY NEEDS POPULATION FOR THE UTILIZATION OF ITS RESOURCES, BOTH NATURAL AND MANUFACTURED."

GOLDMAN SAILS FROM PALESTINE

HAIFA, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- RABBI SOLOMON GOLDMAN, OF CHICAGO, PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, SAILED TODAY ON THE S.S. ESPERIA AFTER A ONE-WEEK SURVEY OF THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE.

SOVIET SUSPENDS ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COLLECTIVES IN BIRO-BIDJAN

MOSCOW (JTA) -- NO NEW SETTLEMENTS ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE JEWISH AUTONOMOUS REGION OF BIRO-BIDJAN UNTIL THE EXISTING COLLECTIVE FARMS ARE RUNNING SATISFACTORILY, N.S. BIGLER, MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE OF BIRO-BIDJAN, ANNOUNCED AT A CONFERENCE OF JEWISH WRITERS HELD HERE TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL PROBLEMS OF THE REGION. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SPECIAL GOVERNMENT RECRUITING AGENTS ARE AT PRESENT VISITING DIFFERENT PARTS OF RUSSIA TO RECRUIT EMIGRANTS FOR BIRO-BIDJAN.

THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM FACING THE JEWISH REGION AT THE PRESENT TIME, MR. BIGLER SAID, WAS THE STRENGTHENING OF THE COLLECTIVE AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENTS. "AGRICULTURE IS AND WILL REMAIN IN FUTURE THE BASIS OF BIRO-BIDJAN'S NATIONAL ECONOMY," HE DECLARED.

ACCUSING THE "ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE" OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE OF MANY SETTLEMENTS IN THE JEWISH NATIONAL REGION, MR. BIGLER SAID THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE REGION DECIDED NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SETTLEMENTS UNTIL THE EXISTING COLLECTIVE FARMS HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED.

"THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT," MR. BIGLER CONTINUED, "HAS ADOPTED A SPECIAL RESOLUTION REGARDING IMMIGRATION INTO THE JEWISH AUTONOMOUS REGION. BUT NEITHER THE COMMISSARIAT FOR AGRICULTURE NOR THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAS CARRIED OUT THIS DECISION. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOW DECIDED TO REQUEST THE COMMISSION OF SOVIET CONTROL TO FIND OUT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR IGNORING THEIR DECISION AND TO PUNISH THEM."

THE COMMISSARIAT FOR AGRICULTURE WHICH IS CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF ORGANIZING THE EMIGRATION OF AGRICULTURISTS, MR. BIGLER STATED, HAS NOW SENT RECRUITING AGENTS TO THE UKRAINE, WHITE RUSSIA, THE WESTERN DISTRICT AND OTHER REGIONS TO RECRUIT EMIGRANTS FOR THE COLLECTIVE FARMS OF THE JEWISH AUTONOMOUS REGION.

AFTER ENUMERATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BIRO-BIJAN IN THE CULTURAL SPHERE, MR. BIGLER APPEALED TO JEWISH CULTURAL WORKERS TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN THE UPBUILDING OF BIRO-BIJAN. "WE ARE SHORT OF MEN," HE STATED. "WE HAVE NOT ENOUGH INTELLECTUAL WORKERS. WE APPEAL TO THE JEWISH INTELLIGENTSIA TO JOIN FORCES WITH US AND HELP US IN THE BUILDING OF BIRO-BIJAN."

B. OLEVSKI, THE JEWISH POET FROM BIRO-BIJAN, STRESSED THE LACK OF CULTURAL FORCES IN THE JEWISH REGION. IN THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF BIRO-BIJAN, HE POINTED OUT, THE STUDIES ARE CARRIED ON IN RUSSIAN, BECAUSE THERE ARE NO SPECIALISTS WHO KNOW YIDDISH. IN THE RAILWAY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, JEWISH LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE ARE NOT TAUGHT BECAUSE THERE ARE NO TEACHERS. THE SAME DIFFICULTY WAS EXPERIENCED BY THE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN STALINSK, THE BIRO-BIJAN CITY LIBRARY AND THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

THE OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED DAVID BERGELSON AND PERETZ MARKISCH, THE JEWISH WRITERS, AND GOLDBLATT, MANAGER OF THE BIRO-BIJAN JEWISH STATE THEATRE, WHO DEMANDS THAT THE JEWISH WRITERS AND ARTISTS TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE BUILDING UP OF THE JEWISH AUTONOMOUS REGION.

ANTI-SEMITISM SEEN AS WORLD DANGER BY BRITISH WEEKLY

LONDON (JTA) -- ANTI-SEMITISM AS A WORLD DANGER IS DISCUSSED IN A LONG LEADING ARTICLE IN TIME AND TIDE, THE NON-PARTY WEEKLY OWNED BY LADY RHONDA.

"ANTI-SEMITISM," THE PERIODICAL STATES, "IS AN ABOMINATION TO ALL FREE AND CIVILIZED NATIONS. IT DESERVES -- OR, RATHER, IT DEMANDS -- THE IMPLACABLY HOSTILE ATTENTION OF ALL DECENT PEOPLE, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE."

THE JOURNAL POINTS OUT THAT ANTI-SEMITISM IS SPREADING IN PROPORTION AS GERMAN INFLUENCE INCREASES. DISCUSSING NAZI ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE IT STATES: "THERE IS A HORROR ABOUT ALL ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE, A FOULNESS, A THINLY-VEILED OBSCENITY; A CONCENTRATED MALICE THAT CANNOT BE HIDDEN BY ANY PROFESSIONS OF OBJECTIVITY (MANY ANTI-SEMITES CLAIM THAT THEY ARE NOT ANTI-SEMITES AT ALL, BUT MERELY 'OBJECTIVE')."

"THE SHORTCOMINGS OF THE JEWS ARE NOT THE CAUSE OF ANTI-SEMITISM. ON THE CONTRARY. IT IS THEIR FINER CHARACTERISTICS THAT INCITE A CERTAIN TYPE OF POLITICAL BLACKGUARD TO ANTI-SEMITIC EMOTION."