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MACHACHAEL IN LONDON FOR VITAL PALESTINE TALKS; WEIZMANN, MACDONALD CONFER

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- THE PALESTINE PROBLEM DREW ATTENTION IN PARLIAMENT AND PRESS TODAY AS BRITAIN'S HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THE HOLY LAND ARRIVED IN LONDON TO CONFER WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS ON FUTURE POLICY AND COLONIAL SECRETARY MALCOLM MACDONALD SAW DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH AGENCY, REGARDING THE PALESTINE SITUATION.

SIR HAROLD A. MacMichael ARRIVED AT CROYDON AIRPORT AT 4:25 P.M. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD HE WAS SUMMONED FROM JERUSALEM TO DISCUSS THE WHOLE PALESTINE SITUATION IN VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING PUBLICATION OF THE WOODHEAD COMMISSION'S REPORT.

GOVERNMENT CIRCLES WERE UNDERSTOOD TO BE GRAVELY CONCERNED OVER THE ADMITTED "SERIOUS DETERIORATION" IN THE SITUATION, WHICH IS RESULTING IN PARALYSIS OF THE PALESTINE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION. THE CABINET SEEMS DETERMINED TO END THE PRESENT DEADLOCK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF THE EFFECT OF THE ARAB REBELLION ON BRITISH PRESTIGE, NOT ONLY IN THE NEAR EAST, BUT IN EUROPE. CHANCELLOR ADOLF HITLER'S CONTEMPTUOUS REFERENCE, IN HIS BERLIN SPEECH OF SEPT. 26, TO THE STATE OF CHAOS EXISTING IN "THE JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE" IS STILL BORNE IN MIND.

THE GOVERNMENT IS RUSHING PLANS FOR PUBLICATION OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT AND A STATEMENT OF POLICY. STEPS WILL BE TAKEN SPEEDILY TO IMPLEMENT THE REPORT, BOTH THROUGH PARLIAMENT AND THROUGH THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

ASSURANCE THAT PARLIAMENT WOULD NOT BE PRESENTED WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI WAS GIVEN IN COMMONS TODAY BY MR. MACDONALD. LABORITE H.L. NATHAN ASKED ASSURANCES THAT NO STEPS BE TAKEN ALTERING PALESTINE'S POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL STATUS UNTIL PARLIAMENT HAD BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY OF EXPRESSING ITS OPINION. HE ASKED THAT COMMONS NOT BE PUT IN A POSITION OF BEING FORCED TO CONFIRM OR REJECT A DECISION ALREADY TAKEN AND PUT INTO OPERATION. HE INSISTED THAT THE HOUSE BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THE POLICY BEFORE ITS ADOPTION BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY REPLIED THAT THE HOUSE MUST CONFIRM ANY ARRANGEMENT AS TO FUTURE POLICY AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT COMMIT COMMONS UNTIL IT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PASS JUDGMENT. HE SAID HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE A GOVERNMENT DECISION BEFORE THE HOUSE RE-ASSEMBLED IN NOVEMBER.

THE GOVERNMENT IS MEANWHILE CARRYING ON CONSULTATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TEWFIK SUWAIDI OF IRAQ, WHO IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE PROPOSING A CANTONIZATION SCHEME WITH THE APPROVAL OF KING IBN SAUD OF SAUDI ARABIA. SUWAIDI HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED THE PLAN WITH LORD HALIFAX, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, AND WAS SCHEDULED TO SEE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TODAY. HE WAS ALSO REPORTED TO BE CONFERRING WITH DR. WEIZMANN.

THE JEWISH AGENCY WAS PROMPTED TO ISSUE A STATEMENT WHICH SAID: "WE STATE UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE REJECT ANY SOLUTION CONDEMNING THEM TO A MINORITY STATUS IN PALESTINE." THE STATEMENT ADDED THAT THE JEWS REMAINED READY TO COOPERATE WITH THE ARABS FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE COUNTRY.

ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, THE IRAQ PLAN PROVIDES FOR CONVERSION OF THE COUNTRY INTO AN INDEPENDENT STATE ALLIED BY TREATY TO BRITAIN AND GOVERNED UNDER A CONSTITUTION TO BE DRAWN UP BY A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WHICH WOULD GUARANTEE FULL CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS TO ALL COMMUNITIES. LOCAL AUTONOMY WOULD BE GRANTED TO ARAB AND JEWISH TOWNS ON EDUCATIONAL AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS. NO FURTHER JEWISH IMMIGRATION WOULD BE PERMITTED, AND RIGHTS OF THE SEPARATE ARAB AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES WOULD BE GUARANTEED BY BRITAIN FOR THE DURATION OF THE ANGLO-PALESTINE TREATY.

IRAQ, AND ALSO EGYPT, CAME UP IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY IN CONNECTION WITH PALESTINE. GEOFFREY MANDER, LIBERAL, DEMANDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO BAGHDAD AND CAIRO TO END WHAT HE CALLED INTRIGUES AGAINST THE PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION. FOREIGN UNDERSECRETARY RICHARD A. BUTLER SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS SATISFIED THAT THE ATTITUDES OF THE IRAQI AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS WERE ENTIRELY CORRECT.

NEWSPAPERS, MEANWHILE, DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE PALESTINE SITUATION, ALL OF THEM STRESSING ITS SERIOUSNESS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEARING IT UP WITH ALL DISPATCH.

THE TIMES ASSERTED THAT THE ARAB REVOLT HAD PASSED THE BRIGANDAGE STAGE AND WAS ASSUMING THE ASPECT OF A REBELLION BY A UNITED ARAB PEOPLE. DECLARING THE REBEL "GOVERNMENT" WAS COMPLETELY IN CONTROL OF ALL PALESTINE EXCEPT SAMARIA AND LARGE SECTIONS OF THE GALILEE, THE EDITORIAL SAID THE REBELS WERE WINNING INCREASING SUPPORT FROM THE EFFENDIS (LANDOWNERS) AND TOWNSPEOPLE, WHILE THE MANDATORY POWER WAS HANDICAPPED BY ITS SENSE OF FAIRNESS, ITS BELIEF IN DEMOCRATIC RULE AND ITS PROMISES TO ENSURE THE WELFARE OF THE GOVERNED.

ONLY THE PROMISES TO THE JEWS AND THE PATHETIC URGENCY OF THE JEWISH PLIGHT, THE TIMES SAID, HAVE PERSUADED BRITAIN TO ATTEMPT WHAT UNDER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE REGARDED BY BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION AS AN UNJUST ATTEMPT TO MAKE A PEOPLE ACCEPT A STATE OF AFFAIRS WHICH THEY BELIEVED INIMICAL TO THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS. THE JEWS CANNOT BE LEFT IN THE LURCH, THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED, BUT UNLESS THE JEWS ARE PREPARED TO RIDE ROUGHSHOD OVER PALESTINE'S MAJORITY, THEN SOME OTHER WAY MUST BE FOUND TO SOLVE THE JEWISH PROBLEM AND THE PALESTINE PROBLEM OTHER THAN BY BEATING A PEOPLE INTO SUBMISSION.

BOTH THE DAILY TELEGRAPH AND THE DAILY MAIL URGED STRONG AND IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO COUNTERACT THE THREATENED CONCERTED ARAB UPRISING. THE TELEGRAPH SAID THE POSITION WAS NOT ONE WHERE ACTION COULD AWAIT THE FINDINGS OF A COMMISSION. THE MAIL DECLARED THAT ONCE THE GOVERNMENT REACHED A SOLUTION WHICH WAS FAIR AND FINAL AND ANNOUNCED THAT IT MEANT TO IMPOSE IT "WITHOUT NONSENSE FROM ANYBODY," THE PALESTINE TERRORISM WOULD FADE.

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2 MORE JEWS SLAIN; ARAB TOLL 120 IN 2 DAYS' FIGHTING

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- BRITISH TROOPS TODAY INFLICTED 50 CASUALTIES ON AN ARAB BAND ATTACKING THE NAHARIA COLONY AFTER IT HAD SLAIN TWO JEWISH TRUCK-DRIVERS IN AN AMBUSCADE. THE ARAB TOLL IN TWO DAYS OF CLASHES WITH GOVERNMENT FORCES TOTALLED 120.

THE AMBUSCADE OCCURRED NEAR ZIB VILLAGE ON PALESTINE'S NORTHERN COAST, WHERE THE BAND HALTED THREE TRUCKS WITH A ROAD BARRICADE. THE ARABS DESTROYED TWO TRUCKS, KILLING DRIVER ZALMAN SCHWARTZ, 18, WHO WAS BORN IN TEL AVIV, AND A DRIVER KNOWN AS SHMUEL, 23, AN IMMIGRANT FROM GERMANY. A DRIVER'S ASSISTANT, ZVI BIRENZWEIG, WAS WOUNDED, AND ANOTHER, SAMUEL STEINKIN, 35, AN IMMIGRANT FROM POLAND, WAS MISSING.

THE ARABS THEN MOVED TO NAHARIA AND 'SUBJECTED' THE COLONY TO AN HOUR'S ATTACK. TROOPS AND WARPLANES WHICH WERE RUSHED TO THE SCENE ENGAGED THE ATTACKERS, INFLICTING THE 50 CASUALTIES.

THREE ARMED ARABS YESTERDAY INVADED THE GOVERNMENT SUB-DISTRICT OFFICES ON SULEIMAN ROAD IN JERUSALEM, SET FIRE TO FILES AND ESCAPED.

THOUSANDS SEEN ADDED TO RELIEF ROLLS AS REICH JEWS PREPARE WINTER CHARITY DRIVE

BERLIN, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- THE ANNUAL WINTER RELIEF CAMPAIGN FOR GERMAN JEWRY WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THOUSANDS OF NEEDY CASES WILL BE ADDED TO THE 77,000 JEWS ASSISTED BY LAST YEAR'S CAMPAIGN, AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT PURGE OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND SALESMEN.

EIGHTY PER CENT OF THE FUNDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RAISED BY A MONTHLY TAX OF MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, BASED ON INCOME, 13 PER CENT BY A SERIES OF ONE-MEAL DAYS AND THE REMAINDER BY SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN BERLIN WITH A MEETING TO BE ADDRESSED BY DR. LEO BAECK, PRESIDENT OF THE REICHSVERBAND, AND DR. HEINRICH STAHL, PRESIDENT OF THE BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY.

2 FRANKFORT LEADERS ARRESTED

BERLIN, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- RABBI J. HOROVITZ, LEADER OF THE FRANKFORT ORTHODOX CONGREGATION, AND HANS POMERANZ, SECRETARY OF THE FRANKFORT ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND A MEMBER OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY BOARD, WERE UNDER ARREST TODAY ON CHARGES OF ATTEMPTING TO ASSIST AUSTRIAN JEWISH REFUGEES ACROSS THE BORDER.

IT WAS REPORTED FROM DUESSELDORF THAT A MAJORITY OF THE 40 AUSTRIAN JEWISH REFUGEES RECENTLY IMPRISONED THERE AFTER THEIR DEPORTATION FROM HOLLAND AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO RETURN TO VIENNA.

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES WERE NOT HELD IN THE SYNAGOGUE AT KREMS, A SMALL TOWN IN AUSTRIA, BECAUSE THE BUILDING WAS TURNED OVER TO SUDETEN REFUGEES AFTER THREE HOURS' NOTICE. THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WAS PERMITTED TO REMOVE HOLY OBJECTS FROM THE SYNAGOGUE BUT WAS FORCED TO DEMOLISH ITS BENCHES, LIGHTS AND OTHER FIXTURES. NAZIS SUPERINTENDED THE WORK OF DESTRUCTION AND ORDERED JEWISH WOMEN TO SCRUB THE WALLS AND FLOORS.

REPORT 700 REFUGEES ORDERED TO QUIT CZECH TOWN

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- THE NEWS-CHRONICLE REPORTS FROM PRAHA TODAY THAT AS A RESULT OF GERMAN PRESSURE 700 AUSTRIAN REFUGEES RESIDING IN BRNO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE BY NEXT WEDNESDAY.

AUSTRALIAN JEWS LAUNCH \$250,000 DRIVE TO AID IMMIGRATION

MELBOURNE, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A campaign to raise \$250,000 to facilitate settlement of Jews in Australia was launched today at the first Australian Jewish conference on immigration. The sum of \$75,000 has already been pledged, it was announced. The conference discussed several specific settlement projects and appealed to overseas organizations to help in financing them.

Meanwhile, the federal authorities at Brisbane posted warnings against immigrants seeking to enter with tourist visas. Admission was refused to 27 Jews, who were supplied with funds and tourist visas, arriving on the S.S. Nieuw Holland. The measure was declared not to constitute discrimination but necessary to regulate immigration. Jewish organizations are negotiating with the authorities for admission of the group.

The authorities also announced that they had warned steamship lines against selling tickets unless the proper landing permits were produced.

BOOKS BY 114 JEWISH AUTHORS BANNED IN ITALIAN SCHOOLS; CENSUS SHOWS 70,000 JEWS

ROME, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The Education Ministry issued a circular today banning textbooks by 114 Jewish authors in Italian schools. Meanwhile, the Fascist Grand Council met and was expected to adopt a series of sweeping anti-Jewish measures.

Incomplete results of the recent census reveal the Jewish population of Italy totals 70,000, it was announced. The figure is expected to be exceeded when the final results are known.

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HEAD OF BUDAPEST ITALIAN INSTITUTE, JEW, FIRED

BUDAPEST, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The secretary of the Budapest Italian Institute, Dr. George Kreilisheim, a Jew, has been dismissed without notice in connection with Italy's anti-Semitic policy, it was learned today.

Dr. Kreilisheim has instituted suit to recover salary due him in lieu of the proper dismissal notice, contending he served the institute loyally for the past three years and the Hungarian law does not recognize religious and racial grounds as reason for discharge without notice.

TOM GIRDLER, STEEL MAGNATE, LINKED TO SILVER SHIRTS BY EDITOR AT HOUSE HEARING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Testimony said to link Tom Girdler, board chairman, and R.J. Wysox, president of Republic Steel Company, with the activities of the anti-Semitic Silver Shirts of America, was presented today by Arnold Gingrich, editor of Ken magazine, to the Dies House committee investigating un-American activities.

The names of Girdler and Wysox were mentioned in a letter from Spencer Warwick, a silver shirt leader, to Miss Susan Sterling, a German-American of Lakewood, Ohio. The letter asked Miss Sterling to aid arrangements for a conference between silver shirt leaders and the Republic Steel officials.

The letter read: "We hope when we come that you will be able to ascertain whether Mr. Girdler and Mr. Wysox will be in Cleveland, so that we can have a private conference with them."

GINGRICH SAID INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN ISSUED TO NAZI AGENTS AND SYMPATHIZERS TO DISCREDIT CONDITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND TO MAKE LIFE IN GERMANY SEEM ENVIABLE. THE PURPORTED INSTRUCTIONS READ: "IT WILL THEREFORE BE TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE REICH TO COOPERATE SECRETLY WITH ALL PERSONS OR GROUPS WHO CRITICIZE THE AMERICAN SYSTEM, REGARDLESS ON WHAT GROUND."

YESTERDAY, JOHN G. METCALFE, COMMITTEE INVESTIGATOR, TESTIFIED THAT THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND WAS SEEKING TO CONSOLIDATE ALL FASCIST ELEMENTS IN AMERICA INTO ONE MOVEMENT WHICH THE "HITLER-INSPIRED BUND" WOULD LEAD. HE ALSO SAID THE BUND PLANNED TO SET UP PISTOL AND RIFLE RANGES FOR ALL BUND STORM TROOPS.

#### BRITISH NOVELIST SEES ENGLAND "GONE FASCIST IN ITS SLEEP"

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- "ENGLAND HAS GONE FASCIST IN ITS SLEEP" AND THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS DEFINITELY PRO-NAZI, IT WAS CHARGED YESTERDAY BY PHYLLIS BOTTOME, ENGLISH NOVELIST, ARRIVING IN NEW YORK TO LECTURE HERE. MISS BOTTOME, WHO IS THE AUTHOR OF "THE MORTAL STORM," A NOVEL DEPICTING NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWISH INTELLECTUALS, HAS BEEN DEVOTING EFFORTS TO AIDING JEWISH REFUGEES IN LONDON AND IN AIDING JEWS TO ESCAPE FROM AUSTRIA. SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF A DOCUMENT, "J'ACCUSE," WHICH ACCUSES THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF SHUTTING ITS EYES TO THE MENACE OF HITLERISM.

#### FLEGENHEIMER, NOTED SWISS ARCHITECT, DEAD IN GENEVA AT 58

GENEVA, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- JULIEN FLEGENHEIMER, SWISS-JEWISH ARCHITECT WHO DESIGNED SOME OF EUROPE'S OUTSTANDING BUILDINGS, DIED HERE YESTERDAY AT THE AGE OF 58. HE WAS BORN IN GENEVA. A GRADUATE OF THE ECOLE DES BEAUX ARTS IN PARIS, DR. FLEGENHEIMER DESIGNED THE PARIS COURTHOUSE, THE FAMOUS TRIETZ DEPARTMENT STORE IN STRASBOURG AND OTHER NOTED BUILDINGS IN BELGIUM AND ITALY.

#### WORLD JEWS TOTAL 16,630,000; DECLINE SEEN IN RATE OF INCREASE

WARSAW (JTA) -- CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT, A JEWISH MONTHLY PUBLISHES AN ARTICLE BY MENACHEM LINDER, A MEMBER OF THE JEWISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE (YIVO), IN WHICH HE GIVES THE NUMBER OF ALL THE JEWS IN THE WORLD AT THE END OF 1937 AS AMOUNTING TO 16,630,000, AN INCREASE OF 320,000 AS COMPARED WITH 1935. THIS 10 PER CENT INCREASE, MR. LINDER STATES, SHOWS A DECLINE IN THE NATURAL INCREASE IN THE JEWISH POPULATION, BUT, COMPARED WITH OTHER EUROPEAN PEOPLES, IS STILL SO LARGE THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE, IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR, PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST PROLIFIC PEOPLES IN EUROPE.

AN INTERESTING FACT IS THAT WHILE 50 OR 60 YEARS AGO THE MAJORITY OF THE JEWS LIVED IN EUROPE (ABOUT 99 PER CENT IN 1880), ONLY 60.5 PER CENT OF ALL THE JEWS IN THE WORLD LIVE IN EUROPE TODAY. IN AMERICA, THERE ARE ALREADY ONE-THIRD OF ALL THE JEWS OF THE WORLD, AND MORE THAN 5 PER CENT OF ALL THE JEWS IN THE WORLD ALREADY LIVE IN PALESTINE.

THE LARGEST JEWISH POPULATION IN ANY SINGLE COUNTRY IS THAT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHERE THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR AND A HALF MILLION JEWS. THE SECOND PLACE IS OCCUPIED BY POLAND WITH THREE AND A QUARTER MILLION JEWS. NEXT COMES THE SOVIET UNION WITH THREE MILLION JEWS AND RUMANIA WITH MORE THAN ONE MILLION JEWS.