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FOREIGN OFFICE SEEN PRESSING FOR PALESTINE SOLUTION; WOULD SACRIFICE JEWISH INTERESTS

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- FOREIGN OFFICE PRESSURE ON THE COLONIAL OFFICE FOR A SPEEDY SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINE QUESTION, AT THE COST OF SACRIFICING JEWISH INTERESTS, IS THE CHIEF COMPLICATION IN THE PALESTINE POLITICAL SITUATION, IT WAS LEARNED RELIABLY TODAY. ANXIOUS TO CUT ALL INVOLVED INTERNATIONAL KNOTS, AS WAS DONE IN THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN SITUATION, THE FOREIGN OFFICE VIEWS THE PALESTINE PROBLEM FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE THAN THE COLONIAL OFFICE.

THEREFORE, THE NEXT FORTNIGHT, DURING WHICH DELIBERATIONS WILL MOVE TOWARD A CLIMAX, IS CONSIDERED CRUCIAL BY ZIONIST QUARTERS, WHICH BELIEVE THAT THE JEWISH FUTURE IN PALESTINE CAN BE SAVED ONLY BY ORGANIZED JEWISH EFFORTS THE WORLD OVER, ESPECIALLY IN AMERICA. A DETERMINED MANIFESTATION OF THE JEWISH POSITION IS CONSIDERED MOST NECESSARY TO COUNTERACT FOREIGN OFFICE PRESSURE.

THE COLONIAL OFFICE HAS NOT INFORMED THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE OF THE TENOR OF THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN COLONIAL SECRETARY MALCOLM MACDONALD AND PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR HAROLD MACMICHAEL, WHICH ENDED TODAY. IT WAS TO INVITE DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH AGENCY, FOR A VISIT, PROBABLY TODAY, DURING WHICH DR. WEIZMANN MAY RECEIVE AN INDICATION OF WHAT IS IN STORE FOR THE JEWS. SHOULD THIS INDICATION PROVE UNFAVORABLE THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT AN URGENT CONFERENCE WILL BE CONVOCKED IN THE UNITED STATES TO FORMULATE THE JEWISH ATTITUDE PRIOR TO THE COLONIAL OFFICE'S FINAL DECISION.

SIR HAROLD LEFT TONIGHT FOR JERUSALEM AFTER THE WEEK-LONG SERIES OF CONFERENCES WITH MR. MACDONALD IN WHICH THEY "COMPLETED A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION PRELIMINARY TO RECEIPT OF THE WOODHEAD (PARTITION) COMMISSION'S REPORT." ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, "QUESTIONS OF BOTH PROCEDURE AND POLICY HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY EXAMINED." THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID A FURTHER STATEMENT ON POLICY WOULD BE MADE "WHEN THE WOODHEAD COMMISSION REPORT HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS HAD TIME TO GIVE IT CAREFUL STUDY."

FOR THE PRESENT, THE FOLLOWING FACTS ARE KNOWN IN WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES:

(1) THE COLONIAL OFFICE HAS NOT YET MADE UP ITS MIND ON HOW TO MANEUVER BETWEEN JEWISH CLAIMS AND FOREIGN OFFICE PRESSURE.

(2) MR. MACDONALD WILL NOT KNOW THE DECISIONS OF THE WOODHEAD COMMISSION BEFORE OCT. 20.

(3) THE SCHEME OF THE PEEL ROYAL COMMISSION FOR PARTITIONING PALESTINE INTO ARAB AND JEWISH STATES AND A BRITISH-MANDATED CORRIDOR HAS BEEN ABANDONED, BUT SUBSTITUTE PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE MORE DANGEROUS AND MORE DISADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE JEWISH FUTURE IN THE HOLY LAND.

(4) MR. MACDONALD DOES NOT FAVOR THE PLAN BROACHED BY FOREIGN MINISTER TEWFIK ES-SUWAIDI OF IRAQ -- PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARAB STATE IN PALESTINE ALLIED BY TREATY TO BRITAIN, WITH JEWISH MINORITY RIGHTS GUARANTEED -- ALTHOUGH IT WAS THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE WHICH INTRODUCED ES-SUWAIDI TO BRITISH OFFICIALS.

(5) MR. MACDONALD UNTIL TODAY HAD DISCUSSED WITH DR. WEIZMANN ONLY THE QUESTION OF SECURITY IN PALESTINE AND HAD AVOIDED COMMITTING HIMSELF ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

ES-SUWAIDI, BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM LONDON MONDAY NIGHT, ATTEMPTED TO MEET DR. WEIZMANN AGAIN, BUT THE LATTER REFUSED TO CONSIDER THE IRAQ PLAN AND SAID THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

THE JEWISH AGENCY OFFICES HAVE BEEN FLOODED BY MESSAGES FROM MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING AMERICA, URGING A STAUNCH FIGHT FOR JEWISH RIGHTS. IT WAS LEARNED THAT THERE WAS NO LIKELIHOOD OF A SESSION OF THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL, IN LONDON, DESPITE JERUSALEM REPORTS THAT SUCH A MEETING WAS PLANNED.

RESTORATION OF ORDER WAS ADVANCED BY THE TIMES TODAY AS AN OBVIOUS PREREQUISITE TO ANY PRACTICABLE POLITICAL SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINE PROBLEM. UNTIL THE WOODHEAD COMMISSION'S REPORT HAS BEEN MADE, IT DECLARED EDITORIALY, IT IS A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME TO INDULGE IN SPECULATIONS ON ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, RECENT EVENTS IN PALESTINE AND ELSEWHERE HAVE STRENGTHENED RATHER THAN WEAKENED ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PARTITION IN THE SENSE THAT THEY HAVE EMPHASIZED THE DIFFICULTY OF FORMING A PALESTINE NATION COMPOSED OF ARAB AND JEWISH ELEMENTS. THE EDITORIAL COMMENDED A PROPOSAL BY SIR ARNOLD WILSON, CONSERVATIVE M.P., FOR A FEDERATION WHICH WOULD EMBRACE SYRIA, LEBANON, JEWISH AND ARAB PALESTINE AND THE TRANSJORDAN.

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ZIONIST PARLEY APPEALS TO WORLD JEWRY

JERUSALEM, OCT. 12. (JTA) -- WELDED TOGETHER BY THE THREAT TO THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE, ZIONIST GROUPS HERE PRESENTED TODAY A UNITED FRONT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS. A UNITED STAND OF ALL ZIONIST PARTIES WAS REVEALED AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE PALESTINE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL, AT WHICH IT WAS AGREED THAT A STRENUOUS EFFORT HAD TO BE MADE TO PREVENT HINDERING OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME'S DEVELOPMENT.

THE MEETING ADOPTED A RESOLUTION APPEALING TO WORLD JEWRY FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE PRESENT CRISIS AND ANOTHER URGING CONVOCAION OF THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL IN EMERGENCY SESSION.

OPENING YESTERDAY'S MEETING, CHAIRMAN MENACHEM M. USSISHKIN DECLARED THAT RUMORS CONCERNING THE POLITICAL SITUATION MUST NOT IMPEDE THE WORK OF UPBUILDING IN PALESTINE. MOSHE SHERTOK, ZIONIST POLITICAL CHIEF, REPORTED ON MEETINGS BETWEEN COLONIAL SECRETARY MACDONALD AND DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN. HE EMPHASIZED THAT FINAL PROPOSALS HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE AND WERE NOT EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE WOODHEAD COMMISSION'S REPORT. HE ALSO SAID THAT DR. WEIZMANN HAD MET ONCE WITH TEWFIK ES-SUWA'IDI, IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT A SECOND MEETING WAS PREVENTED THROUGH ACCIDENT.

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSISTANCE FROM AMERICAN JEWRY.

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STATE DEPARTMENT TO 'DO WHAT IT CAN'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL TODAY TOOK COGNIZANCE OF RISING SENTIMENT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR PRESERVATION OF THE PALESTINE JEWISH HOMELAND BY TELLING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS GIVING CARE AND ATTENTION TO ALL PHASES OF THE QUESTION, AS TO WHAT IT COULD DO WITHIN ITS FUNCTIONS. NATURALLY, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO.

(THE NEW YORK POST SAID IN A WASHINGTON DISPATCH BY KENNETH CRAWFORD THAT SECRETARY HULL WOULD WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO ISSUE A STRONG STATEMENT URGING THAT PALESTINE BE LEFT OPEN TO JEWISH REFUGEES.)

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT TELEGRAMS SENT TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE ABOUT PALESTINE, MR. HULL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SEVERAL THOUSAND WIRES AND LETTERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED, WHICH WERE BEING EXAMINED AS CAREFULLY AND AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. (THE WHITE HOUSE HAS RECEIVED 2,500 TELEGRAMS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT MORE THAN 5,000, ACCORDING TO STEPHEN EARLY, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PRESS SECRETARY.) PERHAPS IN A DAY OR SO, MR. HULL SAID, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT, AFTER THE COMMUNICATIONS HAD BEEN TABULATED AND THE SUBJECT MATTER DIGESTED.

MR. HULL STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS NOT TAKING ANY ACTION REGARDING FUTURE POLICY IN PALESTINE POSSIBLY UNTIL NOV. 1.

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JEWISH DELEGATION GOES TO WASHINGTON; SENATORS TO SEE ROOSEVELT

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- WITH SENATOR ROBERT F. WAGNER ARRANGING FOR A GROUP OF SENATORS TO SEE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO SEEK UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACTION ON THE PALESTINE QUESTION, A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE PRINCIPAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS WAS PREPARING TODAY TO GO TO WASHINGTON TOMORROW TO EXPRESS TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR SIR RONALD LINDSAY THE CONCERN OF AMERICAN JEWS ABOUT REPORTS OF THREATENED CHANGES IN BRITAIN'S JEWISH HOMELAND POLICY.

THE DELEGATION WILL SEE SIR RONALD AT 10 A.M. IT INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS, AND ALSO THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, B'NAI B'RITH, THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE, THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION. AT 7:45 P.M. THE PLEA TO THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE SUMMED UP TO THE NATION BY DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, SPEAKING FROM WASHINGTON OVER THE BLUE NETWORK OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY ON "THE CRISIS IN PALESTINE."

SENATOR WAGNER, IN ANNOUNCING THAT HE AND A GROUP OF ASSOCIATES WERE ARRANGING TO SEE THE PRESIDENT, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REPORTS THAT BRITAIN PLANNED TO HALT JEWISH

IMMIGRATION. HE DECLARED THAT CONSTITUENTS FROM EVERY PART OF NEW YORK STATE HAD VOICED CONCERN LEST PALESTINE BE BARRED AS A HAVEN TO THE GREAT NUMBER OF JEWS "FOR WHOM A LAND OF SETTLEMENT MUST BE FOUND IF THEY ARE NOT TO BE COMPLETELY DESTROYED."

WHILE THE GROUP OF SENATORS WAS PREPARING TO SEE THE PRESIDENT, NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALSO ACTING. ALL EIGHT U.S. REPRESENTATIVES FROM BROOKLYN, REPRESENTING A CONSTITUENCY OF 2,750,000 PERSONS, HELD A MEETING AND TELEGRAPHED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND SECRETARY OF STATE HULL URGING AMERICAN INTERVENTION WITH BRITAIN TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERNATIONALLY-GUARANTEED PLEDGES TO THE JEWS ON PALESTINE.

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EARLE SENDS MESSAGE TO HULL

HARRISBURG, PA. OCT. 12. (JTA) -- GOVERNOR GEORGE H. EARLE ANNOUNCED TODAY HE HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO SECRETARY OF STATE HULL EXPRESSING DISMAY AT REPORTS OF BRITISH REPUDIATION OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND THE PALESTINE MANDATE. HE SAID THAT OUR GOVERNMENT SUBSCRIBED TO THE PALESTINE DECLARATION, AND SANCTITY OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS SHOULD PREVAIL IN THIS SITUATION."

A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND SECRETARY OF STATE HULL TO MAKE KNOWN TO BRITAIN "THAT THIS COUNTRY LOOKS TO GREAT BRITAIN TO ADHERE TO HER COMMITMENTS AND TO HOLD FAST TO THE TERMS OF THE PALESTINE MANDATE AND TO THE SPIRIT OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION" WAS INTRODUCED IN THE STATE SENATE BY SENATOR RUTH. IT WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY GENERAL. THE RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED AT THE REQUEST OF A COMMITTEE OF JEWISH LEADERS.

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POLISH JEWS CALL PROTEST CONGRESS

WARSAW, OCT. 12. (JTA) -- ALL SECTIONS OF POLISH JEWRY JOINED TODAY IN CONVOKING A PRO-PALESTINE CONGRESS FOR OCT. 23 TO VOICE A UNITED PROTEST AGAINST THREATENED INFRINGEMENT OF "HOLY JEWISH RIGHTS IN THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME." ALL COMMUNITIES, ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS AND THE AGUDATH ISRAEL, NON-ZIONIST RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, WILL PARTICIPATE.

BRITON, 8 ARABS KILLED IN PALESTINE CLASHES

JERUSALEM, OCT. 12. (JTA) -- A BRITISH SOLDIER AND EIGHT ARABS WERE SLAIN TODAY AS DISORDERS WENT ON IN A HOLY LAND GRIPPED BY TENSION OVER THE FORTHCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT OF BRITISH POLICY.

THE SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WAS WOUNDED IN A BATTLE NEAR WALAJA, SOUTHWEST OF JERUSALEM, BETWEEN AN ARAB REBEL FORCE AND A MILITARY PATROL AIDED BY ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES. THE ARABS SUSTAINED SEVERAL CASUALTIES, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

TROOPS CARRIED OUT THEIR FIRST IMPORTANT OCCUPATION OF A PLACE ABANDONED BY THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT. TROOPS OF THE WORCESTSHIRE REGIMENT ESTABLISHED BILLETTS IN BETHLEHEM.

SNIPING IN THE JERUSALEM SUBURBS WAS RESUMED LAST NIGHT, WITH SHOTS BEING FIRED INTO A HOME FOR THE AGED AND AN INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND. RABBI J.L. FISHMAN, A LEADER OF THE MIZRACHI, WAS MET WITH A HAIL OF SHOTS AS HE WAS TAXIFYING HOME FROM A MEETING OF THE PALESTINE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL. HE CROPT OUT OF THE CAB AND CRAWLED FOR A HALF HOUR ALONG THE ROAD UNTIL HE REACHED HIS SUCCAH (BOOTH USED DURING THE SUCCOTH FESTIVAL).

THE JERUSALEM MILITARY COURT, WITHOUT HEARING THE DEFENSE, ACQUITTED HERMAN JOSEPHSBERG, WHO WAS ARRESTED IN RAMLEH ON JULY 26 WHEN HE CAUGHT A BOMB HURLED INTO A JEWISH BUS AND THREW IT OUT INTO THE STREET. ALTHOUGH HIS ACTION PROBABLY SAVED THE BUS AND ITS PASSENGERS, JOSEPHSBERG WAS JAILED UNTIL SEPT. 19, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS RELEASED ON BAIL.

BERLIN PREDICTS ANTI-SEMITIC TURN IN CZECH POLICY

BERLIN, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- REPORTED MEASURES BY PRAHA AGAINST "POLITICAL REFUGEES" WILL BE ONE OF THE CHIEF TOPICS WHEN THE CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES HERE TOMORROW TO DISCUSS FUTURE RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.

MEANWHILE, AS THE NAZIS LAUNCHED AN ELIMINATION DRIVE IN SUDETENLAND, INSTALLING THE AUSTRIAN COMMISSAR SYSTEM, THE ANGRIF and the VOELKISCHER BEOBACHTER, OFFICIAL NAZI ORGANS, PREDICTED A STRONG ANTI-SEMITIC TURN IN THE POLICY OF THE NEW CZECH GOVERNMENT. BOTH NEWSPAPERS REPORTED "A REVOLUTION IN THE ATTITUDE OF THE CZECH PEOPLE TOWARD THE JEWISH PROBLEM," DECLARING THAT CZECH LAWYERS AND PHYSICIANS HELD A MEETING MONDAY AT WHICH THEY DEMANDED APPLICATION OF THE "ARYAN PARAGRAPH" BY PROFESSIONAL CHAMBERS.

THE PAPERS DECLARED THE CZECH PRESS WAS ALREADY ASSUMING AN UNFRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD JEWISH EMIGRANTS FROM SUDETENLAND AND ASSERTED THAT THE CZECHS WOULD NOT COUNTENANCE THE TAKING OVER BY JEWS OF WHATEVER JOBS WERE AVAILABLE. THEY CONCLUDED THAT "IN CONNECTION WITH THE JEWISH PROBLEM, THE RESIGNATION OF DR. EDUARD BENES WILL HAVE FAR-REACHING RESULTS BECAUSE BENES WAS THE PROTECTOR OF THE JEWS WHO SPARED NO EFFORT TO PUT OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF RACIAL PRINCIPLES."

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- THE TIMES REPORTED FROM PRAHA TODAY THAT THERE WERE "DISTINCT SIGNS OF A GROWING NATIONAL AND EVEN RACIAL CONSCIOUSNESS INSIDE DIMINISHED CZECHOSLOVAKIA." SOME CZECH NEWSPAPERS, THE CORRESPONDENT DECLARED, ARE PROCLAIMING THE SLOGAN, "OURSELVES ALONE," WHILE OTHERS SUGGEST THAT PEOPLE "KEEP AWAY FROM GERMAN AND JEWISH SHOPS." A DELEGATION OF CZECH DOCTORS HAS URGED THE GOVERNMENT NOT TO GRANT FACILITIES TO INCOMING JEWS. AN ANTI-JEWISH "SCUFFLE" WAS REPORTED IN ZHILENY.

NAZIS FORCE JEWISH DOCTORS TO DISPLAY "GHETTO" SHINGLES

BERLIN, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- JEWISH PHYSICIANS WHO HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED TO CONTINUE PRACTICE UNDER THE NEW MEDICAL LAW, WHICH DEPRIVED ALL BUT A HANDFUL OF THEM OF THEIR LICENSES AS OF OCT. 1, MAY RESUME WORK IN PRIVATE AND SEMI-PRIVATE INSURANCE PANELS, IT WAS DECREED TODAY. HOWEVER, THEY MAY TREAT ONLY JEWISH PATIENTS AND MUST OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF THE GERMAN PANEL DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION. THE DECREE DOES NOT AFFECT AUSTRIA.

ALL JEWISH PHYSICIANS CERTIFIED TO CONTINUE TREATING JEWS MUST DISPLAY A SHINGLE BEARING A YELLOW CIRCLE SURROUNDING A BLUE SIX-POINTED STAR AGAINST A BLUE BACKGROUND WITH THE LEGEND: "ENTITLED TO HANDLE JEWS EXCLUSIVELY." THE SIGNS MUST NOT BEAR ANY REFERENCE TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, EXCEPT FOR THE WORD "DOCTOR" PREFACING THE NAME. CERTAIN SPECIALISTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR SPECIALTY.

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT ALL JEWS WITH PASSPORTS VALID FOR TRAVEL ABROAD MUST PRESENT THEM BEFORE OCT. 21 TO BE STAMPED WITH A LARGE RED LETTER "J" ON PAIN OF CONFISCATION OF THE PASSPORT PLUS A FINE AND OTHER PUNISHMENT.