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HULL PLEDGES TO PROTECT U.S. INTERESTS IN PALESTINE; STRESSES SUPPORT OF HOMELAND

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL TODAY PROMISED TO TAKE "ALL NECESSARY MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN RIGHTS AND INTERESTS IN PALESTINE" IN VIEW OF THE CHANGES IN POLICY PLANNED BY GREAT BRITAIN, AND HE EMPHASIZED AMERICA'S INTEREST IN THE JEWISH HOMELAND.

THIS GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PRESENT TO BRITAIN ITS VIEWS REGARDING ANY CHANGES IN THE MANDATE AFFECTING AMERICAN RIGHTS, AND WHILE THE UNITED STATES CANNOT PREVENT MODIFICATION OF THE MANDATE, IT CAN REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE THE APPLICATION OF SUCH CHANGES UNLESS ASSENTED TO BY WASHINGTON, MR. HULL SAID IN A STATEMENT REPLYING TO "A LARGE NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS."

AMERICAN INTEREST IN THE JEWISH HOMELAND WAS EMPHASIZED IN THE EARLY PART OF THE STATEMENT, WHICH CITED THE EXPRESSIONS BY ALL PRESIDENTS SINCE WILSON AND BY CONGRESS OF SYMPATHY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL HOME -- "A PROJECT IN WHICH AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE AND CAPITAL HAVE PLAYED A LEADING ROLE."

MR. HULL'S STATEMENT WAS ISSUED AFTER A REPRESENTATIVE JEWISH DELEGATION, LED BY PRESIDENT HENRY MONSKY OF B'NAI B'RITH, HAD PRESENTED TO HIM A PLEA FOR AMERICAN INTERCESSION WITH BRITAIN TO PREVENT A RADICAL REVISION IN PALESTINE POLICY WHICH WOULD HARM THE HOMELAND. THE PLEA WAS BASED ON THE NECESSITY OF (1) SAFEGUARDING PALESTINE POLICY, IN WHOSE SHAPING THE UNITED STATES PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE, (2) AVERTING WIDESPREAD SUFFERING IN THE HOLY LAND AND DESPAIR AMONG REFUGEES, ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL, (3) PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF AMERICAN NATIONALS IN PALESTINE.

TEXT OF SECRETARY HULL'S STATEMENT

SECRETARY HULL'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

WITHIN THE PAST FEW DAYS THIS GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED A LARGE NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE PALESTINE SITUATION, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED POSSIBILITY OF APPLICATION BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF A NEW POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THAT COUNTRY. IT IS OBVIOUSLY IMPRACTICABLE TO REPLY SEPARATELY TO THE MANY COMMUNICATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND THIS STATEMENT IS THEREFORE BEING ISSUED IN LIEU OF INDIVIDUAL ANSWERS.

AS IS WELL KNOWN, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE FOR MANY YEARS TAKEN A CLOSE INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE. BEGINNING WITH PRESIDENT WILSON EACH SUCCEEDING PRESIDENT HAS ON ONE OR MORE OCCASIONS EXPRESSED HIS OWN INTEREST IN THE IDEA OF A NATIONAL HOME AND HIS PLEASURE AT THE PROGRESS MADE IN ITS ESTABLISHMENT. AMERICAN SYMPATHY IN A JEWISH HOMELAND IN PALESTINE WAS FURTHER MANIFESTED BY THE JOINT RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS, SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1922, RECORDING THE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD SUCH A HOMELAND. IN SUBMITTING THE RESOLUTION, THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPORTED THAT IT "EXPRESSES OUR MORAL INTEREST IN AND OUR FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT IN PALESTINE OF A NATIONAL HOME FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE. IT COMMITS US TO NO FOREIGN OBLIGATION OR ENTANGLEMENT."

IT IS IN THE LIGHT OF THIS INTEREST THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE HAVE WATCHED WITH THE KEENEST SYMPATHY THE DEVELOPMENT IN PALESTINE OF THE NATIONAL HOME, A PROJECT IN WHICH AMERICAN INTELLECT AND CAPITAL HAVE PLAYED A LEADING ROLE.

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THIS GOVERNMENT HAS BROUGHT ITS VIEWS REGARDING THE RIGHTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS NATIONALS IN PALESTINE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. AS RECENTLY AS 1937 A FORMAL EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE TOOK PLACE, AND THE FOLLOWING SELF EXPLANATORY PARAGRAPH IS QUOTED FROM THE CONCLUDING NOTE, DATED AUGUST 4, 1937, COMMUNICATED BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON TO THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE:

"IN EXPRESSING SATISFACTION AND APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSURANCES FURNISHED THAT HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO KEEP THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FULLY INFORMED OF ANY PROPOSALS WHICH MAY BE MADE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE PALESTINE MANDATE, I AM INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST THAT THESE PROPOSALS MAY BE COMMUNICATED TO MY GOVERNMENT IN AMPLE TIME TO ENABLE IT TO DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANY, OBSERVATIONS IT MAY DESIRE TO MAKE WITH A VIEW TO THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN RIGHTS IN PALESTINE."

IT IS EXPECTED, THEREFORE, THAT THIS GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT ITS VIEWS TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO ANY CHANGES AFFECTING AMERICAN RIGHTS WHICH MAY BE PROPOSED IN THE PALESTINE MANDATE. THESE RIGHTS, WHICH ARE DEFINED BY THE AMERICAN-BRITISH MANDATE CONVENTION OR TREATY OF DECEMBER 3, 1924, COMPRISE NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT IN MATTERS OF COMMERCE, NON-IMPAIRMENT OF VESTED AMERICAN PROPERTY RIGHTS, PERMISSION FOR AMERICAN NATIONALS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN EDUCATION, PHILANTHROPIC AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS IN PALESTINE, SAFEGUARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE JUDICIARY, AND, IN GENERAL, EQUALITY OF TREATMENT WITH ALL OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS.

THE RIGHTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CHANGES IN THE TERMS OF THE PALESTINE MANDATE ARE SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 7 OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TREATY, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

"NOTHING CONTAINED IN THE PRESENT CONVENTION SHALL BE AFFECTED BY ANY MODIFICATION WHICH MAY BE MADE IN THE TERMS OF THE MANDATE, RECITED ABOVE, UNLESS SUCH MODIFICATION SHALL HAVE BEEN ASSENTED TO BY THE UNITED STATES."

THIS ARTICLE IS SUBSTANTIALLY IDENTICAL WITH CORRESPONDING ARTICLES INCLUDED IN EIGHT OTHER EXISTING AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BY THIS GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE MANDATED TERRITORIES OF SYRIA AND THE LEBANON, THE FORMER GERMAN ISLANDS IN THE NORTH PACIFIC, FRENCH CAMEROONS, FRENCH TOGOLAND, BELGIAN EAST AFRICA, BRITISH CAMEROONS, BRITISH EAST AFRICA AND BRITISH TOGOLAND. NONE OF THESE ARTICLES EMPOWER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO PREVENT THE MODIFICATION OF THE TERMS OF ANY OF THE MANDATES. UNDER THEIR PROVISIONS, HOWEVER, THIS GOVERNMENT CAN DECLINE TO RECOGNIZE THE VALIDITY OF THE APPLICATION TO AMERICAN INTERESTS OF ANY MODIFICATION OF THE MANDATES UNLESS SUCH MODIFICATION HAS BEEN ASSENTED TO BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION, WHICH WAS APPOINTED SOME MONTHS AGO TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PARTITION, WILL MAKE ITS REPORT TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND THAT NO DECISION WILL BE REACHED BY THAT GOVERNMENT ON THE SUBJECT UNTIL AFTER AN OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN HAD TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THAT REPORT. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON OCTOBER 6, 1938, MR. MACDONALD, THE BRITISH COLONIAL SECRETARY, IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WOULD NOT BE IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO CONFIRM OR REJECT A DECISION ALREADY TAKEN AND PUT INTO OPERATION BUT WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF CONSIDERING THE POLICY BEFORE IT WAS ADOPTED AND PUT INTO OPERATION BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN RIGHTS AND INTERESTS IN PALESTINE.

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EMBASSY GIVES U.S. VIEWS TO BRITAIN

LONDON, OCT. 14. (JTA) -- THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGARDING ANTICIPATED MOVES OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON PALESTINE'S FUTURE STATUS HAVE BEEN MADE KNOWN TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY.

THESE VIEWS WERE UNDERSTOOD TO BE: (1) THE UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH NOT A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, IS ENTITLED, UNDER THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON PALESTINE OF 1924, TO BE CONSULTED REGARDING ANY CHANGES IN THE MANDATE BEFORE THEY ARE CARRIED OUT, AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED IN SUCH CHANGES PRIOR TO THEIR BEING CARRIED OUT. (2) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED NOW IN PALESTINE FROM THE HUMANITARIAN POINT OF VIEW AS A COUNTRY ABLE TO ABSORB JEWISH REFUGEES.

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IS KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE PALESTINE PROBLEM. THE FRENCH, POLISH AND ROMANIAN EMBASSIES ARE ALSO CLOSELY WATCHING THE SITUATION. POLISH AMBASSADOR COUNT. EDWARD RACZYNSKI MADE OFFICIAL INQUIRY AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE TODAY ON BRITAIN'S PALESTINE POLICY, POINTING OUT THE DEEP ANXIETY OF POLISH JEWRY ON THE FUTURE OF JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE.

THE COLONIAL OFFICE, IN A STATEMENT TO THE J.T.A., DENIED AS "FANTASTIC AND ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE" THAT THE COLONIAL OFFICE HAD DECIDED UPON A TWO-YEAR SUSPENSION OF JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO APPEASE THE ARABS, AS WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED BY FOREIGN MINISTER TEWFIK ES-SUWAIDI OF IRAQ IN A COMMUNICATION TO ARAB LEADERS IN CAIRO.

ZIONIST CIRCLES HERE EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE MOVEMENT IN AMERICA AGAINST CURTAILMENT OF THE JEWISH HOMELAND, WHICH IS FINDING A CONSIDERABLE ECHO IN LEADING LONDON NEWSPAPERS. HOWEVER, ALL ZIONIST LEADERS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MEETING OF THE BRITISH CABINET NEXT WEDNESDAY WHEN COLONIAL SECRETARY MALCOLM MACDONALD IS EXPECTED TO REPORT ON PALESTINE. IT WAS LEARNED THAT DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH AGENCY, IS SEEKING TO SEE MR. MACDONALD BEFORE THE CABINET MEETING.

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MASSACRES WILL NOT HALT ZIONISM, ARABS TOLD

JERUSALEM, OCT. 14. (JTA) -- REPLYING TO AN ARAB WARNING THAT "DIRE CALAMITIES" AWAITED THE JEWS THROUGHOUT THE EAST UNLESS THE PALESTINE JEWISH HOMELAND WAS ABANDONED, THE JEWISH AGENCY ASSERTED TODAY THAT "THE RETURN OF THE JEWS TO PALESTINE IS DICTATED BY HISTORICAL NECESSITY, AND NO DANGERS OR THREATS WILL DEFLECT THE JEWISH PEOPLE FROM THEIR PATH OR STIFLE THEIR URGE FOR FREEDOM."

MASSACRES OF JEWS WILL NOT PREVENT THE REALIZATION OF ZIONISM, ASSERTED MOSHE SHERTOK, HEAD OF THE AGENCY'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, IN A TELEGRAM TO THE ARAB COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF PALESTINE IN DAMASCUS, WHOSE CHAIRMAN, NABIH EL AZME, HAD WIRED DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN THE ULTIMATUM.

"WE REGRET YOUR COMPLETE MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, WHICH HAS ALWAYS DERIVED STRENGTH FROM PERSECUTIONS AND MASSACRES OF JEWS AND WILL NOT BE DETERRED BY FURTHER KILLINGS, AS ELOQUENTLY TESTIFIED BY PALESTINE JEWRY'S STAND FOR THREE YEARS," THE REPLY SAID. "THE RESORTING TO MASSACRES BY THE ARABS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WILL NOT PREVENT THE REALIZATION OF ZIONISM AND WILL ONLY DISGRACE THEMSELVES, JUST AS TIBERIAS WILL ALWAYS REMAIN A SHAMEFUL STAIN ON THE PALESTINE ARAB MOVEMENT.

"WE SEE THE POSSIBILITY OF FULL AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN A PALESTINE EMBRACING JEWS AND ARABS AND THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, BUT ESSENTIAL TO THAT IS THE RECOGNITION OF THE BASIC JEWISH RIGHTS IN PALESTINE, WHOSE REALIZATION WILL NOT HARM BUT ONLY BENEFIT THE PALESTINE ARABS. THE RETURN OF THE JEWS TO PALESTINE IS DICTATED BY HISTORICAL NECESSITY, AND NO DANGERS OR THREATS WILL DEFLECT THE JEWISH PEOPLE FROM THEIR PATH NOR STIFLE THEIR URGE FOR FREEDOM."

A JEWISH YOUTH AND TWO ARABS WERE ADDED TODAY TO THE MOUNTING DEATH TOLL.

CITY COUNCIL URGES INTERCESSION

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- THE CITY COUNCIL TODAY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND SECRETARY HULL TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO BRITAIN TO CONTINUE IMPLEMENTING THE JEWISH HOMELAND POLICY. LATEST JEWISH APPEALS ON PALESTINE WERE FROM THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS, AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS CALLED BY HADASSAH, FREE SONS OF ISRAEL, UNITED GALICIAN JEWS OF AMERICA AND JEWISH NATIONAL WORKERS' ALLIANCE.

ROCHESTER JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS APPEALED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR INTERCESSION. SOME 2,000 HEBREW SCHOOL CHILDREN IN NEW ENGLAND WROTE LETTERS TO WASHINGTON, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY YOUNG JUDEA IN BOSTON. THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS CALLED A RALLY IN CARNEGIE HALL FOR SUNDAY EVENING.

ALTERNATIVE HOMELAND IN CANADA SUGGESTED

OTTAWA, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- THE OTTAWA CITIZEN, SEEING THE DREAM OF A JEWISH PALESTINE APPARENTLY FADED, TODAY SUGGESTED EDITORIALY AN ALTERNATIVE HOMELAND IN CANADA, "WHERE NATURAL RESOURCES ARE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT TWENTY MILLION PEOPLE." THE EDITORIAL SAID THAT "CANADIAN SENTIMENTS MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR MORE EXILED AND PERSECUTED PEOPLE TO FIND A SANCTUARY IN CANADA," EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE ARABS MIGHT PERMIT PALESTINE TO REMAIN A CULTURAL HOME OF THE JEWS.

MUNICH PARLEY HOLDS FATE OF CZECH JEWS

BERLIN, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- THE FATE OF THE 30,000 SUDETEN JEWS WAS TO BE DETERMINED TODAY DURING CONFERENCES AT MUNICH BETWEEN CHANCELLOR HITLER AND FOREIGN MINISTER FRANTISEK CHVALKOWSKI OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. SOME QUARTERS EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE MEETING MIGHT DECIDE NOT ONLY THE FUTURE OF THE SUDETEN JEWS, BUT THE 340,000 OF ALL CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

OFFICIAL DISPATCHES INDICATED THAT DR. CHVALKOWSKI ASSURED CHANCELLOR HITLER OF PRAHA'S "LOYAL ATTITUDE" TOWARD GERMANY AND THAT THE STATEMENT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE REICHS-

FUEHRER "WITH SATISFACTION." WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES HERE WERE CONVINCED THAT GERMANY WOULD DEMAND A REDUCTION OF JEWISH INFLUENCES AS PART OF THE PRICE FOR RESUMPTION OF FULL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE REQUEST TO ELIMINATE "COMMUNIST AND MARXIST ELEMENTS" DIRECTLY EFFECTS THE JEWS SINCE THEY ARE INDISSOLUBLY BOUND TOGETHER IN THE FUEHRER'S MIND.

BUERCKEL BLAMES 'JEWS' PROVOCATION' FOR ATTACK ON INNITZER

BERLIN, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- BITTERLY ATTACKING CARDINAL INNITZER AND CHARGING THAT CZECHS' AND JEWS' PROVOCATION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RAIDS ON THE CARDINAL'S PALACE LAST FRIDAY, COMMISSIONER JOSEPH BUERCKEL OF AUSTRIA DECREED IN A BROADCAST LAST NIGHT THAT ALL CZECH JEWS AND CZECHS WHO ARE "COMPROMISED" MUST LEAVE VIENNA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

EDITOR ARRIVES TO PRESENT PLIGHT OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- OSCAR GRUEN, EDITOR OF THE JEWISH PRESS AGENCY OF ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, HAS ARRIVED IN NEW YORK TO PRESENT THE PLIGHT OF JEWS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

REICH JEWS HOPE 600 DOCTORS WILL BE CERTIFIED

BERLIN, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- JEWISH MEDICAL CIRCLES VOICED THE HOPE TODAY THAT 600 JEWISH PRACTITIONERS WOULD BE CERTIFIED UNDER THE NEW MEDICAL LAW, WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT OCT. 1, RATHER THAN 400 AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. OF THE TOTAL, 400 TO 450 WOULD BE ALLOTTED TO BERLIN. IT WAS HOPED THAT AT LEAST ONE JEWISH DOCTOR WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO PROVINCIAL JEWISH COMMUNITIES WITH A JEWISH POPULATION OF THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED. UNDER THE LAW, NO JEWISH PHYSICIANS WERE TO BE CERTIFIED EXCEPT WHERE THERE WERE JEWISH HOSPITALS AND OTHER JEWISH INSTITUTIONS.

SIR ROBERT MOND SERIOUSLY ILL IN PARIS

PARIS, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- SIR ROBERT LUDWIG MOND, ENGLISH SCIENTIST AND JEWISH LEADER, WAS TAKEN TO PARIS FROM DINARD TODAY TO SEE A SPECIALIST. SIR ROBERT, WHO IS 71 YEARS OLD, IS SERIOUSLY ILL, SUFFERING FROM GASTRIC ULCERS. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE JEWISH COUNCIL FOR BOYCOTTING GERMAN GOODS AND SERVICES, TREASURER OF THE PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND AND OF THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY.

JEWISH HISTORIAN QUILTS ITALIAN SOCIETIES

LONDON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- DR. CECIL ROTH, WELL-KNOWN HISTORIAN AND JOURNALIST, TODAY NOTIFIED THE ACADEMIA COLOMBARIA OF FLORENCE AND THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VENICE THAT HE IS RESIGNING HIS HONORARY AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIPS IN THOSE SOCIETIES BECAUSE OF ITALY'S ANTI-JEWISH POLICY. THE MEMBERSHIPS HAD BEEN GRANTED DR. ROTH IN RECOGNITION OF HISTORICAL STUDIES.

PALESTINE IMMIGRANTS TO BE PERMITTED TO CROSS RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- THE INTERIOR MINISTRY HAS NOTIFIED THE PALESTINE OFFICE HERE THAT JEWS GOING TO PALESTINE FROM POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE BALTIC STATES WILL HENCEFORTH BE PERMITTED TO CROSS RUMANIA PROVIDED THEY HELD IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES AND STEAMSHIP TICKETS. THE FLOW OF IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE VIA RUMANIA HAD BEEN HALTED BY A BAN ON ISSUANCE TO JEWS OF TRANSIT VISAS.