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CANTONIZATION SEEN FOR PALESTINE; MARTIAL LAW IN VIEW AS VIOLENCE IS UNCHECKED

JERUSALEM, OCT. 17. (JTA) -- RELIABLE QUARTERS REPORTED TODAY THAT PARTITION HAS BEEN ABANDONED FOR A NEW PLAN WHICH WOULD TRANSFORM PALESTINE INTO A FEDERATION OF FOUR CANTONS, AND ALSO PREDICTED THAT MARTIAL LAW WOULD BE PROCLAIMED IN PALESTINE AFTER WEDNESDAY'S MEETING OF THE BRITISH CABINET.

UNDER THE PLAN BEING CONSIDERED, THESE QUARTERS SAID, THE FOUR CANTONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON ETHNOGRAPHIC LINES AND WOULD ENJOY LOCAL AUTONOMY IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, SUCH AS POLICING. THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN JERUSALEM WOULD ADMINISTER INTER-CANTONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SUCH AS CURRENCY AND CUSTOMS.

A LEGISLATIVE BODY REPRESENTING THE CANTONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED, ITS ACTS SUBJECT TO VETO OF THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, UNDER THIS PLAN. THE MANDATE WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE AND BRITAIN WOULD RETAIN A MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN EACH CANTON. EVERY CANTON WOULD GOVERN ITS IMMIGRATION INDEPENDENTLY.

MARTIAL LAW WILL BE DECLARED, IT WAS REPORTED, IN A FINAL EFFORT TO QUELL THE ARAB UPRISING BEFORE THE PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION ISSUES ITS REPORT AT THE END OF OCTOBER. MILITARY AUTHORITIES WERE REPORTED MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR TRANSFORMATION OF SOME POLICE STATIONS IN HAIFA INTO MILITARY BILLETS.

THESE REPORTS CAME IN THE WAKE OF ANOTHER DAY OF DISORDERS IN WHICH THREE JEWS
WERE KILLED, AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO ASSASSINATE TWO BRITISH POLICE OFFICIALS
AND SEVERAL OTHER PERSONS WERE WOUNDED.

TWO JEWS WERE KILLED AND SIX WERE WOUNDED WHEN MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN SETTLEMENT, KYUTZAT HALUTA NEAR YESSOD HAMAALEH, WHO WERE IN A MOTORBOAT ON THE JORDAN RIVER WERE FIRED UPON FROM BOTH BANKS. THE COLONISTS REPLIED TO THE GUNFIRE, REPORTEDLY INFLICTING CASUALTIES ON THE ATTACKERS.

THE JEWISH CASUALTIES WERE DAVID TABORI OF KFAR GILADI AND BARUCH DIAMOND OF BALUTA, SLAIN; AMICHAI LISHINSKY, 19, DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED; ARIEH LACHMAN, 31, SEVERELY INJURED, AND SIMON NISSANOV, 19, JACOB ALPHASI, 29, BENJAMIN KACHOLI, 18, AND DAVID MIZRACHI, 24, SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

THE THIRD JEWISH FATALITY WAS AARON KARMI, 38, A HUNGARIAN-BORN FOREMAN OF THE ENGLISH CONTRACTING COMPANY, MITCHEL & ROLLINS, WHO WAS KILLED IN HIS OFFICE ON THE CONSTRUCTION JOB NEAR BETH SAFA, WHERE A GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL IS BEING ERECTED. HE LEFT A WIDOW AND TWO CHILDREN.

IN JERUSALEM, WITH THE OLD CITY QUARTER ALREADY UNDER A 24-HOUR CURFEW BECAUSE OF TERRORISM, ARABS FIRED ON AUBREY SILVER, ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF, AND SERGEANT MAGIL, HEAD OF THE JAFFA GATE POLICE POST. NEITHER WAS HIT. TONIGHT CURFEW FROM ! I P.M. TO 5 A.M. WAS EXTENDED TO THE WHOLE CITY. TERRORISTS SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED ABOU RAAF MASHANTI, BROTHER OF THE EDITOR OF AD DIFAA, ARABIC NEWSPAPER. HE WAS TAKEN TO HADASSAH HOSPITAL IN TEL AVIV.

SPECULATION INCREASES IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- WITH THE APPROACHING PUBLICATION OF THE PARTITION COMMISSION'S REPORT, SPECULATION ON THE PROPOSALS FOR PALESTINE'S FUTURE STATUS IS GROWING DAILY. THE LABORITE DAILY HERALD TODAY CARRIED A FORECAST BY A.L. EASTERMAN, ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, THAT THE FUTURE WOULD BRING A TRUNCATED MANDATE WITH A REDUCED JEWISH IMMIGRATION AND PROHIBITION OF LAND SALES, RESULTING IN THE ACTUAL SCRAPPING OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION.

THESE FORECASTS ARE REGARDED WITH THE GREATEST SKEPTICISM IN INFORMED CIRCLES AND ARE OPENLY DERIDED BY THE COLONIAL OFFICE AS "PURE SPECULATION."

MEANWHILE, THE CABINET ON WEDNESDAY WILL DISCUSS COLONIAL SECRETARY MALCOLM MAC-DONALD'S REPORT ON THE PALESTINE SITUATION AND MEASURES FOR RESTORATION OF ORDER, AND POSSIBLY ALSO THE MAIN IMPLICATIONS OF THE AWAITED COMMISSION'S REPORT. NO DECISIONS ON FUTURE POLICY, HOWEVER, WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE THE RE-CONVENING OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AT THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER.

NAZI ORGAN OFFERS SOLUTION

BERLIN, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- FIELD MARSHAL HERMANN GOERING'S NEWSPAPER ESSENER NATIONAL ZEITUNG SUGGESTS A SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINE PROBLEM BASED ON A COMBINATION OF THE IDEAS OF LORD SAMUEL IN HIS HOUSE OF LORDS SPEECH IN JULY, 1937 (AN ARAB-JEWISH BI-NATIONAL STATE WITH JEWISH IMMIGRATION CURTAILED) AND THE RECENT TRAQ PLAN (AN INDEPENDENT STATE, ALLIED BY TREATY TO BRITAIN WITH IMMIGRATION STOPPED AND JEWISH AND MINORITY RIGHTS GUARANTEED).

POINTING OUT THAT BOTH SCHEMES OPPOSE THE PARTITION PLAN, THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE IRAQ PLAN REGARDS AS POSSIBLE THE GRANTING OF CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS AUTHONOMY TO THE DIFFERENT GROUPS. A COMBINATION OF BOTH IDEAS IS THE WAY OUT, THE PAPER SAID, "GUARANTEEING THE BALFOUR IDEAL OF A JEWISH HOME FOR THE ZIONISTS, REFERRING ONLY TO THE IMMIGRANTS ALREADY THERE, BUT NO FUTURE IMMIGRATION, AND DOING JUSTICE TO THE ARAB CLAIM."

U.S. JEWS NOT TO BE EXPELLED, ITALY INDICATES

ROME, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- A comparatively satisfactory reply, taken to assume that Americans will not be expelled from Italy under the edict ordering expulsion of foreign Jaws by March 12, has been made to the United States note of Oct. 5, it was understood today following a meeting between Foreign Minister Galeazzo Ciano and United States Ambassador William Phillips.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE TOLD MR. PHILLIPS THAT WHILE HIS GOVERNMENT WAS UNABLE TO GRANT AMERICAN JEWS COMPLETE EXEMPTION FROM THE ANTI-JEWISH MEASURE, IT WOULD NEVERTHELESS GIVE EACH CASE BROAD, INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION. ACCORDING TO AN ESTIMATE BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON, THERE ARE ABOUT 200 AMERICAN JEWS IN ITALY.

ITALY ARRESTS JEWS AS ANTI-FASCISTS

ROME, OCT. 17. (JTA) -- SPECIAL ITALIAN POLICE UNITS HAVE ARRESTED THE LEADER, ASSERTEDLY OF JEWISH ORIGIN, OF AN ALLEGED ANTI-FASCIST ORGANIZATION DISCOVERED OPERATING IN MORTHERN ITALY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY. THE GROUP WAS UNCOVERED BY THE "O.V.R.A." (SPECIAL SECRET SERVICE WHOSE JOB IS TO DETECT ANTI-FASCIST ACTIVITIES). THE ORGANIZATION WAS SAID TO BE COMPOSED OF SEVERAL CELLS.

THE ALLEGED LEADER OF THE SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT, PROF. EUGENIO COLORNI, WAS SAID BY ITALIAN OFFICIALS TO BE A JEW. COLORNI WAS REPORTED TO HAVE CONFESSED THAT HE HAD MAINTAINED POLITICAL CONTACT WITH OTHER JEWS, BOTH IN ITALY AND ABROAD. HIS REPORTED CONFESSION WAS SAID TO HAVE LED TO THE ARREST OF A NUMBER OF ITALIAN JEWS, INCLUDING FORMER DEPUTY DINO PHILLIPSON OF FLORENCE. THOSE ARRESTED WILL BE TRIED BEFORE A SPECIAL COURT.

175 JEWISH LAWYERS TO BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE IN REICH

BERLIN, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Not more than 175 Jewish Lawyers throughout the Reich Will be Permitted to practice after the court purge Law announced Last Saturday takes effect, it was predicted today by Der Angriff, Nazi Party organ.

IN BERLIN THE NUMBER OF JEWISH LAWYERS IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 40. JEWISH LAWYERS WILL BE DISBARRED IN THE OLD REICH BY NOV. 30 AND IN AUSTRIA BY DEC. 31. THOSE 175 TO BE EXCEPTED WILL BE GIVEN THE TITLE OF "CONSULTANTS" AND WILL BE PERMITTED TO REPRESENT JEWISH CLIENTS ONLY IN CASES WHERE "ARYAN" LAWYERS ARE FORBIDDEN TO REPRESENT "NON-ARYANS." DER ANGRIFF STATES THAT 700 JEWISH LAWYERS ARE NOW PRACTICING IN BERLIN AND 4,600 JEWISH LAWYERS THROUGHOUT THE REICH.

COLOMBIA RESTRICTS JEWISH IMMIGRATION

BERLIN, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- COLOMBIA'S NEW IMMIGRATION LAWS DOUBLE THE LANDING DEPOSITS REQUIRED FROM JEWISH IMMIGRANTS, THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED HERE. INSTEAD OF \$150 FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN JEWS AND \$600 FOR EAST EUROPEAN JEWS, \$300 AND \$1,200 RESPECTIVELY ARE NOW DEMANDED. THE NEW LAW ALSO REQUIRES THAT JEWS' PASSPORTS BE MARKED VALID FOR RE-ENTRY TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

LOTTE LEHMANN'S RECORDS BANNED IN AUSTRIA

BERLIN, OCT. 17. (JTA) -- THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ANNOUNCED A BAN ON RECORDS BY LOTTE LEHMANN, METROPOLITAN OPERA SOPRANO. (SHE RECENTLY TOOK OUT HER FIRST CITIZENSHIP PAPERS IN THE UNITED STATES.) MISS LEHMANN EARLY IN THE NAZI REGIME REFUSED AN ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PRUSSIAN STATE OPERA, DECLARING SHE WOULD NOT SING WHERE HER REPERTOIRE WAS LIMITED TO "ARYAM" AUDIENCES. A VOLUNTARY EXILE FROM GERMANY, SHE HAS FOUR "NON-ARYAM" STEP-CHILDREN WHO ESCAPED FROM AUSTRIA SHORTLY AFTER ANSCHLUSS.

JEWISH STUDENTS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLISH "GHETTO BENCHES"

WARSAW, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Jewish University Students Launched a NATIONWIDE DRIVE TODAY AGAINST EFFORTS OF THE AUTHORITIES TO FORCE THEM TO OCCUPY THE GOVERNMENT-SANCTIONED "GHETTO BENCHES," INSTITUTED IN POLISH UNIVERSITIES LAST YEAR.

AT MEETINGS IN WARSAW, KRAKOW, WILNO, LWOW AMD POZNAN, THE STUDENTS DECIDED TO CONTINUE DISREGARDING THE "GHETTO" REQULATIONS AND NOT TO OCCUPY THE BENCHES ASSIGNED FOR JEWS AT THE LEFT SIDE OF ALL UNIVERSITY CLASSROOMS. SINCE INSTITUTION OF THE "GHETTO" SYSTEM, JEWISH STUDENTS HAVE STOOD IN THE REAR OF CLASSROOMS RATHER THAN OCCUPY THE BENCHES, LEADING TO SERIOUS DISORDERS.

THE NATIONMIDE DRIVE AGAINST THE SYSTEM OF SEGREGATION, WHICH HAS BROUGHT SEVERE CONDEMNATION FROM EDUCATIONAL LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WAS PRECIPITATED BY NOTICES POSTED AT WILNO UNIVERSITY ORDERING JEWISH STUDENTS TO OCCUPY THE BENCHES AND BY WARSAW UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF COMMERCE REFUSING ADMISSION TO THOSE WHO PERSISTED INIGIONOR ING THE ASSIGNED SEATS.

THE AUTHORITIES TODAY PROHIBITED A CONGRESS TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM, CALLED BY THE BUND, JEWISH SOCIALIST PARTY, FOR THE NEAR FUTURE.

CATHOLICS URGE "POSITIVE CAMPAIGN" AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- "A POSITIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE EXCESSES OF ANTI-SEMITISM AS UN-GODLY, UNCHARITABLE AND UN-CHRISTIAN" WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE COMMITTEE FOR CATHOLIC REFUGEES FROM GERMANY.

"In order to counteract the wave of anti-Semitism, pan-Germanism and other manifestations of ultra-nationalism, we urgently suggest that the recommendations of the Holy Father be carried out," the report said. "These recommendations imply a positive campaign against the excesses of anti-Semitism as un-Godly, uncharitable and un-Christian and against the natural and divine law, as well as a warning against an over-emphasis of nationalism to the detriment of the true brotherhood of man, which is the very basis of Catholic ideology."

IN ITS REPORT ON CATHOLIC REFUGEES, THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT "A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE COULD HAVE REMAINED UNHARMED IN GERMANY IF THEY HAD BEEN WILLING TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE FROM THEIR NON-ARYAN PARTNERS. HOWEVER, THEY PREFERRED LOYALTY TO THEIR GOD AND THEIR FAMILY TO MATERIAL ISM."

SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN CANADA URGED

OTTAWA, OCT. 17. (JTA) -- SETTLEMENT OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN VACANT TERRITORY IN CANADA HAS BEEN URGED HERE BY NELLIE MCCLUNG, AUTHOR AND CANADIAN DELEGATE TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. MISS MCCLUNG, WHO IS TOURING ONTARIO IN THE INTERESTS OF REFUGEES, ASSERTED THAT THEY HAD DISPLAYED THEIR VALUE AND ENTERPRISE IN THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE COUNTRIES ACCEPTING THEM AND HAD ILLUSTRATED THAT JEWS CAN WORK ON THE LAND.

HUNGARY ENFORCES ANTI-JEWISH LAW RIGIDLY; 1,000 LOSE JOBS

BUDAPEST (JTA) -- However conservative its authors may have thought it, Hungary's experiment in anti-Semitism - the new 20 per cent restriction Law - is producing radical results in a short time. Only four months old, the Law has already deprived some 1,000 Jews of their means of livelihood, while the administrative acts which have followed it. Indicate clearly that the Government intends to follow a policy of strict enforcement.

WHETHER THE LAW WILL PROVE POPULAR TO HUNGARIANS AS A WHOLE, IT IS TOO SOON TO SAY. ITS COMPLICATED PROVISIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY WORKED OUT IN DETAIL AND ITS IMPACT ON THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, IN CONTRAST TO THE JEWISH SITUATION, IS NOT LIKELY TO BE REALIZED FOR SEVERAL YEARS. IT IS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT MANY HUNGARIAN EMPLOYERS IN THE RETAIL CLOTHING OR TAILORING TRADES, WHERE JEWISH WORKERS ARE PREDOMINANT, DO NOT ENJOY THE NECESSITY OF LOPPING OFF THEIR PAYROLLS JEWISH EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE SERVED THEM FAITHFULLY FOR MANY YEARS.

THROUGHOUT BUDAPEST THE BUSINESS OF PRUNING JEWS FROM PAY-ROLLS IS PROCEEDING APACE. THE 20 PER CENT MAXIMUM OF JEWISH EMPLOYEES ALLOWED TO EACH ESTABLISHMENT WITH MORE THAN TEN WORKERS IS TO BE REACHED IN TEN SUCCESSIVE HALF-YEAR STAGES, THE FIRST STAGE ENDING DEC. 31 OF THIS YEAR.

Some of the dismissed employees have already sought to open establishments of their own in fields where Jewish participation is less than 20 per cent. In this, however, they have been blocked by the Government's refusal to grant them the necessary business licenses. It is, not yet clear whether this refusal is temporary or permanent. In all likelihood the authorities are anxious to prevent the Jews from gaining any new footholds until the chambers of industry and commerce, under which many of the provisions of the law will be administered, are fully organized and at work.

THE GOVERNMENT'S ZEAL FOR STRICT ENFORCEMENT HAS BEEN SHOWN IN OTHER WAYS. THE LAW PROVIDES, FOR INSTANCE, THAT THE CHAMBER OF PHYSICIANS, AS WELL AS THE CHAMBERS OF LAW AND ENGINEERING, SHALL LIMIT NEW JEWISH MEMBERSHIP TO 5 PER CENT YEARLY UNTIL THE JEWISH PROPORTION OF JEWISH "EMPLOYED" DOCTORS IN BUDAPEST -- THAT IS, DOCTORS WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT, INSURANCE COMPANIES ETC. -- CONSTITUTE ONLY 11 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL IN THAT CLASS, WHILE JEWISH PRIVATE PHYSICIANS NUMBER MORE THAN 80 PER CENT. THE GENERAL AVERAGE OF JEWS AMONG BUDAPEST PHYSICIANS, THEREFORE, IS 47 PER CENT. BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO TREAT THE TWO CLASSES SEPARATELY; THE NUMBER OF JEWISH PRIVATE PHYSICIANS WILL BE REDUCED TO 20 PER CENT, BUT NO ONE BELIEVES THAT THE PROPORTION OF JEWS IN THE "EMPLOYED" CLASS WILL CORRESPONDINGLY BE PERMITTED TO RISE TO THE FULL 20 PER CENT.

THIS IS, OF COURSE, FROM THE JEWISH POINT OF VIEW, ONE OF THE WORST PHASES OF THE WHOLE EXPERIMENT. IT IS UNDENIABLY TRUE THAT IN MANY INDIVIDUAL TRADES OR PROFESSIONS JEWS HAVE A VERY LARGE FOOTHOLD. BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE OCCUPATIONS IN WHICH THEY ARE COMPARATIVELY SCARCE WILL PROVE WILLING TO ABSORB THEM. THE LAW IS NOT A MATTER OF CHOPPING JEWS OFF HERE AND ADDING THEM THERE; IT IS SIMPLY WITHDRAWING A LARGE FRACTION OF THEM ENTIRELY FROM THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE NATION.

Despite this, the Jewish community is going ahead with an ambitious program for retraining the dismissed workers and for the vocational training of the 2,000 Jewish young people who graduate from the Hungarian schools yearly and whose economic future, at this juncture, is in Jeopardy. In the Jewish High School in Budapest, vocational classes for young men and women are being greated to supplement the regular academic work.