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2,000 TROOPS BESIEGE JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY IN BATTLE WITH REBELS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) --Two thousand troops of the WORCESTSHIRE AND BLACK WATCH REGIMENTS TODAY BESIEGED JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY AND EXCHANGED VOLLEYS INTERMITTENTLY WITH ARAB REBELS OCCUPYING THE MOSLEM QUARTER BEHIND BARRICADED GATES.

THE BATTLE ASSUMED THE CHARACTER OF A MEDIEVAL SIEGE AS THE MILITARY FORCES TOOK UP POSITIONS ON ROOFTOPS OVERLOOKING THE FOUR-CENTURY-OLD WALLS AND TRADED SHOTS WITH TERRORISTS CONCEALED BEHIND THE RAMPARTS OF THE WALLS. THE ROOF OF THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING, OPPOSITE THE DAMASCUS GATE, WAS ONE OF THE TROOPS' POSITIONS.

THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE ARAB AND JEWISH QUARTERS WAS ALSO A BATTLELINE, WITH POLICE AND JEWISH GHAFIRS (SUPERNUMERARY POLICE) STANDING GUARD TO PREVENT A FORAY INTO THE JEWISH STREETS. THE MISGAB LADACH HOSPITAL WAS STRUCK BY BULLETS DURING VOLLEYS BETWEEN POLICE AND ARABS. IN VIEW OF THE TENSION, THE AUTHORITIES HAVE CONTINUED 24-HOUR CURFEW IN THE OLD CITY AND SIX-HOUR CURFEW, FROM 11 P.M. TO FIVE A.M., IN THE REST OF THE CITY.

A LEADER OF THE JEWISH SELF-DEFENSE CORPS, SHALOM MANSURA, 24, WAS SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED EARLY TODAY WHILE INSPECTING THE BORDER AREA BETWEEN TEL AVIV AND JAFFA.

IN WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE A PREPARATORY STEP FOR MARTIAL LAW, THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES WERE GRANTED SUPERVISION OF THE PALESTINE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE ACTION WAS DISCLOSED IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN A SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE DECLARING THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE HAD BEEN "SUBJECTED TO THE GENERAL OR SPECIFIC DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE GENERAL OFFICER IN COMMAND" OF BRITISH MILITARY FORCES IN THE HOLY LAND.

MARTIAL LAW DOUBTED IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- OFFICIAL CIRCLES TODAY DID NOT CONFIRM REPORTS THAT MARTIAL LAW WOULD BE PROCLAIMED IN PALESTINE AFTER TOMORROW'S MEETING OF THE BRITISH CABINET, POINTING OUT THAT MILITARY FORCES NOW HAD AMPLE POWERS TO DEAL WITH ARAB TERRORISM.

THE EVENING STANDARD SAID MARTIAL LAW WOULD BE PROCLAIMED TOMORROW. THE STAR REPORTED THAT THE CABINET WOULD DROP THE PALESTINE PARTITION PLAN IN FAVOR OF A SCHEME OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT SIMILAR TO THAT IN INDIAN FRONTIER PROVINCES, WITH A "STRONG MAN" ADMINISTRATION.

THE NEWS-CHRONICLE, CHARGING THAT THE PALESTINE SITUATION HAD DEVELOPED INTO A STATE OF WAR AS RESULT OF WEAK HANDLING OF DISORDERS OF THE PAST TWO YEARS, DEMANDED SUPPRESSION OF TERRORISM TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE FRAMING OF A POLICY WHICH WOULD BE APPLIED FEARLESSLY.

U.S. TAKING NO NEW STAND ON PALESTINE, HULL DECLARES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- THIS GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE ON PALESTINE IS CLEAR AND THE UNITED STATES IS NOT TAKING ANY NEW POSITION, SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL TOLD HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY WHEN ASKED ABOUT TELEGRAMS FROM ARAB INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF AMERICAN INTERVENTION IN THE SITUATION.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE ASKS ACTION

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 18. (JTA) -- BOTH SENATE AND HOUSE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED LAST NIGHT A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND SECRETARY OF STATE HULL TO MAKE KNOWN TO GREAT 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."

JEWISH COUNCIL SENDS APPEAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT URGING THAT THE GOVERNMENT USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO PREVENT CURTAILMENT OF PALESTINE JEWISH IMMIGRATION HAS BEEN SENT BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL FOR JEWISH RIGHTS, COMPRISING THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, B'NAI B'RITH AND JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE.

ARABS PROTEST U.S. ACTION

DAMASCUS, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A CABLE DEPLORING AMERICAN INTERVENTION IN THE PALESTINE SITUATION WAS SENT TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TODAY BY THE SYRIAN SECTION OF THE PALESTINE DEFENSE COMMITTEE. IT SAID IN PART: "AMERICA HAS ALWAYS PRACTICED A POLICY OF THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE HOPE THAT IT WILL NOT ACT OTHERWISE TOWARD THE ARABS AND THAT IT WILL NOT GIVE ITS SUPPORT TO A MOVEMENT DESIGNED TO DESPOIL THEIR COUNTRY TO THE ADVANTAGE OF FOREIGNERS."

BAGHDAD, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- THE PALESTINE DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF IRAQ ANNOUNCED TODAY DISPATCH OF A CABLE TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT PROTESTING THE "CRITICAL ATTITUDE" OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE PALESTINE SITUATION. A SIMILAR PROTEST WAS MADE TO THE AMERICAN LEGATION HERE. ARAB NATIONALIST NEWSPAPERS ALSO VOICED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE, ADVISING THE UNITED STATES TO "AVOID ALLOWING ITSELF BEING DOMINATED, LIKE ENGLAND, BY THE ZIONIST YOKE."

NAZIS PLAN BAN ON JEWS IN ALL FIELDS; EDICT, SET FOR JAN. 1, TO PAUPERIZE 500,000

BERLIN, Oct. 18. (JTA) --A DECREE PRACTICALLY FORBIDDING JEWS TO EARN A LIVING IN ANY CAPACITY WHATEVER IS READY FOR PROMULGATION, POSSIBLY ON JAN. 1, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY IN AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS. THE DECREE WOULD TURN A HALF MILLION JEWS, NEARLY HALF OF WHOM ARE NOW ON RELIEF, INTO PAUPERS.

IT IS INDICATED THAT THE ONLY PERSONS WHO WILL ESCAPE THE EDICT ARE A FEW HUNDRED DOCTORS, LAWYERS AND WELFARE WORKERS AND ONLY ENOUGH TRADESPEOPLE TO CATER TO JEWISH NEEDS. THE NAZI BROOM WILL SWEEP AWAY ALL JEWISH FACTORIES, BANKS AND PRESUMABLY WHOLESALE HOUSES.

NO JEW WILL BE PERMITTED TO WORK FOR AN "ARYAN" IN ANY CAPACITY, AND NO "ARYAN" WILL BE PERMITTED TO WORK FOR A JEW. AN INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BUSINESSMEN WILL ESCAPE THE GENERAL BAN BECAUSE THE NAZI PARTY DOES NOT WISH TO FORCE "VOLKS-GENOSSEN" (RACIAL COMRADES) TO DEAL WITH JEWS. THE RETENTION OF JEWISH WELFARE WORKERS IS AIMED AT PRESERVING THE MACHINERY OF EMIGRATION, WHICH IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE DRIVE.

NAZIS DO NOT FEAR THAT THE VIRTUAL STOPPAGE OF JEWISH ECONOMIC ACTIVITY WILL HAVE ANY SERIOUS EFFECTS ON THE REICH'S ECONOMY SINCE THE CREAM OF JEWISH ENTERPRISES HAVE ALREADY BEEN "ARYANIZED." TWO MONTHS REMAIN TO TAKE OVER WHATEVER REMAINING BUSINESSES ARE WORTHWHILE, AND THE REMAINDER WILL SIMPLY BE CLOSED DOWN.

THE DECISION REPRESENTS A VICTORY FOR THE NAZI EXTREMISTS. CERTAIN PARTY QUARTERS HAD BEGUN TO URGE THAT JEWS BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN A PARTIAL HOLD IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY TO PRESERVE VALUABLE FOREIGN CONNECTIONS, BUT THE RAPID "ARYANIZATION" OF THE INDUSTRY APPARENTLY REMOVED ANY GROUND FOR THAT ARGUMENT.

MEANWHILE, WITH ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES INCREASING JEWISH UNEMPLOYMENT, MUNICIPALITIES ARE BARRING JEWS FROM THE DOLE. ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION, PENNILESS JEWS ARE TOLD TO APPLY TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, WHICH IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN WELFARE ACTIVITIES ONLY AS LONG AS THERE ARE JEWS HERE WITH MONEY TO SUPPORT THEM.

REPORTS THAT THE REICH RAILWAYS WILL SOON DECREE SPECIAL COMPARTMENTS FOR JEWISH TRAVELLERS ARE AGAIN PERSISTENT.

ROME PRESS THREATENS NEW ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES IN REPRISAL FOR ANTI-FASCISM

ROME, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- FASCIST NEWSPAPERS TODAY SEIZED UPON THE CREATION IN NEW YORK OF AN AMERICAN JEWISH FEDERATION TO COMBAT COMMUNISM AND FASCISM AND THE DISCOVERY OF AN ANTI-FASCIST CONSPIRACY IN ITALY ALLEGEDLY HEADED BY JEWS TO JUSTIFY THE NEED FOR MORE DRASTIC MEASURES AGAINST ITALIAN JEWS.

"THE DECLARATION OF WAR BY THE NEW YORK LEAGUE MIGHT HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE JEWS ON OUR SOIL," DECLARED GIORNALE D'ITALIA, GOVERNMENT ORGAN, RECALLING PREMIER BENITO MUSSOLINI'S WARNING IN TRIESTE ON SEPT. 18 THAT ITALY'S CONDUCT TOWARD ITS JEWS WOULD DEPEND ON THE CONDUCT OF ENEMIES OF FASCISM ABROAD.

(THE FEDERATION WAS INCORPORATED BY A GROUP OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS WITH NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK. ONE OF ITS FOUNDERS, MILTON SOLOMON, FORMER KINGS COUNTY COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SAID THAT 99 PER CENT OF THE JEWS IN THE UNITED STATES "ARE LOYAL AMERICANS AND AS MUCH OPPOSED TO COMMUNISM AS TO FASCISM IN ANY OF ITS PERNICIOUS FORMS.")

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CHARGING THAT THE JEWS ARRESTED IN AN ALLEGED ANTI-FASCIST PLOT WERE ESPECIALLY CULPABLE BECAUSE THEIR ACTIVITIES WERE BEGUN BEFORE THE NEW RACIAL PROGRAM HAD BEEN INTRODUCED, GIORNALE D'ITALIA DECLARED ANTI-SEMITIC DISCRIMINATION WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. LAVORO FASCISTA ASSERTED THAT "FASCISM WILL END BY TREATING THE JEWS AS FOREIGNERS AND ENEMIES OF ITALY."

A SENSATION WAS CREATED WHEN PROF. NICOLA PENDE, ONE OF THE ORIGINAL 10 FASCIST PROFESSORS WHO HAD SIGNED THE RACIAL DOCTRINE, VIGOROUSLY PROTESTED AGAINST GOING TO "EXTREMES" IN CARRYING OUT THE DOCTRINE. PROF. PENDE'S PROTEST, DIRECTED CHIEFLY AGAINST PROPOSED COMPULSORY STERILIZATION OF INDIVIDUALS OF QUESTIONABLE HEREDITY, ON THE GROUNDS THAT SUCH ACTION IS ANTI-RELIGIOUS AND WITHOUT BIOLOGICAL BASIS, WAS PUBLISHED IN VITA UNIVERSITARIA, OFFICIAL ORGAN OF ROME UNIVERSITY. THE ARTICLE DREW THE PRAISE OF OSSERVATORE ROMANO, SEMI-OFFICIAL VATICAN ORGAN, WHICH DECLARED IT HAD INSPIRED A WAVE OF SYMPATHY THROUGHOUT ITALY. IT WAS VIOLENTLY CRITICIZED, HOWEVER, BY THE FASCIST PRESS.

EDEN DENIES LINK TO ANTI-FASCISTS

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- CAPT. ANTHONY EDEN, FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY, TODAY DENIED ALLEGATIONS THAT HE HAD BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH A GROUP OF JEWS ARRESTED RECENTLY AS ANTI-FASCIST CONSPIRATORS IN ITALY.

ITALY TO SET UP COMMISSION ON U.S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- ITALY'S REPLY TO THE UNITED STATES NOTE PROTESTING APPLICATION OF ANTI-SEMITIC DISCRIMINATIONS TO AMERICANS MAKES PROVISION FOR CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE, SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL TOLD HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY.

ASKED WHETHER HE DISAPPROVED ANY PORTION OF THE ITALIAN NOTE, SECRETARY HULL SAID HE HAD NOT CONSIDERED IT CAREFULLY. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD ASKED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR PERMISSION TO PUBLISH THE DOCUMENT.

NAZI PARTY WINS RECOGNITION IN CUBA; FASCIST GROUP ALSO ASKS LEGAL STATUS

HAVANA, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- THE AUTHORITIES HAVE GRANTED OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO THE RECENTLY ORGANIZED NAZI PARTY OF CUBA, WHOSE ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR LEGAL STATUS HAD BEEN REJECTED BECAUSE IT CONTAINED "LEGAL DEFECTS."

AN OFFICIAL OF THE HAVANA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT DISCLOSED THAT THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN BECAUSE THE PARTY'S PROGRAM CONTAINED CLAUSES ADVOCATING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, WHICH WAS IN CONTRADICTION TO THE CUBAN CONSTITUTION. THE PARTY'S NEW STATUTES OMIT ALL REFERENCE TO RACE.

HEAD AND FOUNDER OF THE NAZI ORGANIZATION IS JUAN PROHIAS, CUBAN JOURNALIST. IN A STATEMENT RECENTLY, HE EXPLAINED THE PARTY ADOPTED THE NAZI LABEL "BECAUSE NAZISM SIGNIFIES THE OPPOSITE EXTREME OF COMMUNISM, WHICH WE PLAN TO FIGHT MERCILESSLY." THE PARTY, WHICH HAS ADOPTED THE WHITE SHIRT AND BLUE NECKTIE AS ITS UNIFORM, PLANS A NATION-WIDE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN TO ELECT DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

IT WAS ALSO DISCLOSED THAT APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION HAS BEEN MADE BY A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE CUBAN FASCIST PARTY. ALTHOUGH NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE ON THE APPLICATION, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY BE APPROVED SINCE THE PARTY'S AVOWED PROGRAM WAS IN CONFORMITY WITH CUBAN DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. THE SAME SPOKESMEN CITED RECENT LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA, WHICH HAD ALWAYS BEEN PROHIBITED, AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE MORE LIBERAL ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

WARSAW YIDDISH DAILY SUSPENDED FOR THREE MONTHS

WARSAW, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- THE YIDDISH DAILY, HAINT, WAS TODAY SUSPENDED FOR THREE MONTHS BY THE AUTHORITIES.

SALVADORI, JAILED AS ANTI-FASCIST IN ITALY, HERE FOR TALKS ON ROME'S RACE POLICY

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- DR. MASSIMO SALVADORI, AN EXPERT ON ITALY, WHO SERVED A YEAR IN AN ITALIAN PRISON FOR HELPING TO LEAD A SECRET ORGANIZATION FOR DEMOCRACY AND SUBSEQUENTLY OBSERVED THE WARS IN ETHIOPIA AND SPAIN, WILL GIVE A SERIES OF LECTURES ON "ANTI-SEMITISM IN ITALY," "ITALIAN AND ARAB IN THE NEAR EAST" AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE FASCIST REGIME, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LEAGUE FOR FAIR PLAY.

SON OF COUNT GUGLIELMO SALVADORI PALEOTTI AND GRANDSON OF THE BRITISH LORD MONKSWELL, DR. SALVADORI GREW UP IN THE AGRICULTURAL REGIONS OF ITALY DURING THE WAR AND POST-WAR PERIOD. HE WAS FOR FOUR YEARS A LEADER OF THE SECRET ORGANIZATION, "GIUSTIZIA E LIBERTA" (JUSTICE AND LIBERTY), WHICH SOUGHT TO REESTABLISH DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN ITALY. AFTER SERVING A YEAR IN PRISON FOR HIS WORK, HE WENT TO EAST AFRICA TO STUDY COLONIAL PROBLEMS AND WAS THERE DURING THE ETHIOPIAN WAR. HE SPENT THE SUMMER OF 1937 IN LOYALIST SPAIN. HE HAS WRITTEN THREE BOOKS AND NUMEROUS MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

TUMULTY, FORMER WILSON AIDE, ASKS ROOSEVELT TO ACT IN PALESTINE CRISIS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- AN APPEAL TO MAINTAIN PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON'S POLICY OF BROADEST POSSIBLE RIGHTS FOR THE JEWS IN PALESTINE WAS MADE TODAY BY JOSEPH P. TUMULTY, PRESIDENT WILSON'S EX-SECRETARY, IN A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. RECALLING THAT PRESIDENT WILSON HELPED TO DRAFT THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND SUBSEQUENTLY EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT OF THE JEWISH HOMELAND, MR. TUMULTY ASKED MR. ROOSEVELT TO INTERVENE TO PREVENT A CHANGE IN BRITISH POLICY THAT WOULD STOP OR CURTAIL JEWISH IMMIGRATION...

LATE PALESTINE NEWS

VIRTUAL MARTIAL LAW IMPOSED IN HOLY LAND

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- PRACTICAL MARTIAL LAW, ALTHOUGH NOT BEARING THAT NAME, WAS IMPOSED THROUGHOUT PALESTINE TONIGHT. POWER TO NOMINATE MILITARY OFFICERS TO TAKE OVER THE DUTIES OF GOVERNMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS, WHO WILL CONTINUE TO ACT AS POLITICAL ADVISERS TO THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION, WAS GRANTED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR HAROLD A. MACMICHAEL TO MAJOR-GENERAL ROBERT H. HAINING, GENERAL OFFICER IN COMMAND OF BRITISH FORCES IN PALESTINE. THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES BEGAN TAKING OVER THE EXECUTION OF MEASURES FOR DEFENCE AND SECURITY.