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### BRITISH BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES OPPOSES PALESTINE HOMELAND CURB; ROOSEVELT TO ACT

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews, at its first Fall session, today adopted a resolution, with none dissenting, which "SUPPORTS THE JEWISH AGENCY IN DECLARING ITS OPPOSITION TO ANY POLICY WHICH MAY ENVISAGE EITHER ARTIFICIAL RESTRICTIONS ON JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE OR RELEGATION OF THE JEWS IN PALESTINE TO THE STATUS OF A MINORITY."

BRITISH JEWRY'S REPRESENTATIVE BODY RECORDED ITS CONVICTION THAT A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINE PROBLEM SHOULD BE BASED ON "THE HISTORIC CONNECTION OF THE JEWS WITH PALESTINE, A RIGHT INTERNATIONALLY GUARANTEED TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE, EMBODIED IN THE MANDATE AND ACCEPTED BY BRITAIN AS A SACRED TRUST." POINTING TO THE DESPERATE NEED OF PERSECUTED JEWISH MASSES IN EUROPE, A RESOLUTION EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT A POLICY OF SUPPRESSING TERRORISM, FULLY AND RAPIDLY IMPLEMENTED, WAS THE WAY BY WHICH A ROAD TO ENDURING ARAB-JEWISH COOPERATION COULD BE PAVED.

DR. ISRAEL FELDMAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S PALESTINE COMMITTEE, IN OFFERING THE RESOLUTIONS, STRESSED THE EXAMPLE OF AMERICAN JEWRY'S ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PALESTINE CRISIS. "WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE STEPS TAKEN BY AMERICAN JEWRY WERE NOT ONLY STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT ALSO AT THE RIGHT TIME," HE SAID.

SIR ROBERT WALEY COHEN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, DENIED THAT UNITY COULD BE ACHIEVED BY "ASKING THE BOARD TO ENDORSE AND SAY AMEN TO WHATEVER THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION SAID." HE CRITICIZED THE RESOLUTIONS AS CONVEYING "AN UTTERLY INADEQUATE EXPRESSION OF THE GREAT, CONSTRUCTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH THE JEWS ARE READY AND ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO PALESTINE." HE SUGGESTED AN APPEAL TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CONVENE IN LONDON A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL FORCES OF GOOD WILL FROM ALL NATIONAL GROUPS IN PALESTINE ON THE GROUND THAT NO FUNDAMENTAL JEWISH-ARAB ANTAGONISM EXISTED.

LIONEL COHEN, ANOTHER VICE-PRESIDENT, SUPPORTED WALEY COHEN, DEMANDING A CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION FOR FUTURE ACTION. LEONARD G. MONTEFIORE PROTESTED AGAINST MAKING THE BOARD "AN ANNEX AND SATELLITE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION."

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ROOSEVELT WILL DO 'ALL IN HIS POWER'

HYDE PARK, N.Y., Oct. 23. (JTA) -- PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT INTENDS TO DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO PERSUADE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT NOT TO CURTAIL JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE, SENATOR ROBERT F. WAGNER ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AFTER A CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT.

SENATOR WAGNER, WHO CAME HERE ESPECIALLY TO ENLIST MR. ROOSEVELT'S AID IN AVERTING WHAT HE CALLED A "TRAGIC THREAT TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN EUROPE," DECLARED THAT THE PRESIDENT COULD DO MORE THAN PROTEST FORMALLY TO BRITAIN AGAINST RESTRICTION OF IMMIGRATION, BUT WOULD NOT SPECIFY THE NATURE OF THE MOVE HE HAD IN MIND.

SENATOR WAGNER SAID HE FELT CERTAIN THAT ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO FORESTALL CONTEMPLATED RESTRICTIONS ON JEWISH IMMIGRATION WOULD SUCCEED.

"THE PRESIDENT IS GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT PALESTINE AND FAVORS ITS CONTINUED USE AS A JEWISH NATIONAL HOME WITHOUT LIMITATION," HE SAID. "HE IS WATCHING THE SITUATION FROM DAY TO DAY AND WILL DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO PREVENT LIMITATIONS FROM BEING PLACED ON IMMIGRATION. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE WILL BE DONE TO PREVENT IT."

ASKED WHAT THIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT DO IN THE MATTER BEYOND THE OVERTURES ALREADY MADE TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, SENATOR WAGNER SAID: "I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE SO SITUATED THAT WE CAN MAKE OUR PROTESTS EFFECTIVE. I AM STILL VERY HOPEFUL AND I CANNOT PERSUADE MYSELF OTHERWISE THAN THAT PALESTINE WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED AS A JEWISH NATIONAL HOME."

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HARTFORD, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, IN A LETTER REPLYING TO MAYOR THOMAS J. SPELLACY'S APPEAL ON PALESTINE, HAS PROMISED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL "CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE SITUATION WITH THE CLOSEST ATTENTION." THE LETTER ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH "THE REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE JEWISH SETTLERS IN THAT COUNTRY" IN THE FACE OF THE DISORDERS AND RESTATED THE LEGAL POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE MANDATE.

SENT FROM HYDE PARK, THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER READ AS FOLLOWS:

"I FULLY APPRECIATE THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY YOU IN YOUR TELEGRAM OF OCT. 13, 1938, REGARDING THE PALESTINE SITUATION. I HAVE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, AS YOU KNOW, EXPRESSED MY SYMPATHY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL HOME FOR THE JEWS IN PALESTINE AND, DESPITE THE SETBACKS CAUSED BY DISORDERS THERE DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS, I HAVE BEEN HEARTENED BY THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE AND BY THE REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE JEWISH SETTLERS IN THAT COUNTRY.

"WE HAVE KEPT CONSTANTLY BEFORE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THROUGH OUR AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, THE INTEREST WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE IN PALESTINE AND I HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THAT GOVERNMENT IS FULLY COGNIZANT OF PUBLIC OPINION ON THE MATTER IN THIS COUNTRY.

"WE WERE ASSURED, IN THE DISCUSSIONS THAT TOOK PLACE IN LONDON A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD KEEP US FULLY INFORMED OF ANY PROPOSALS WHICH IT MIGHT MAKE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE PALESTINE MANDATE. WE EXPECT, THEREFORE, TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED US OF COMMUNICATING TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OUR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO ANY CHANGES IN THE MANDATE WHICH MAY BE PROPOSED AS A RESULT OF THE FORTHCOMING REPORT OF THE PALESTINE PARTITION COMMISSION.

"I UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT, UNDER THE TERMS OF OUR CONVENTION WITH GREAT BRITAIN REGARDING THE PALESTINE MANDATE, WE ARE UNABLE TO PREVENT MODIFICATIONS IN THE MANDATE. THE MOST WE CAN DO IS TO DECLINE TO ACCEPT AS APPLICABLE TO AMERICAN INTERESTS ANY MODIFICATIONS AFFECTING SUCH INTERESTS UNLESS WE HAVE GIVEN OUR ASSENT TO THEM.

"YOU MAY BE SURE THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE SITUATION WITH THE CLOSEST ATTENTION."

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MEETINGS HELD THROUGHOUT NATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- MEETINGS TO PROTEST THE REPORTED THREAT TO THE PALESTINE JEWISH HOMELAND WERE HELD TODAY IN APPROXIMATELY A HUNDRED COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THEY WERE ARRANGED BY LOCAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEES AND WERE ADDRESSED BY PROMINENT SPEAKERS, INCLUDING NON-JEWISH CLERGYMEN, CONGRESSMEN AND OTHERS. AMONG THE CITIES WHERE MEETINGS WERE HELD WERE WASHINGTON, LOS ANGELES, CINCINNATI AND NEW HAVEN. BETWEEN NOW AND NOV. 2, BALFOUR DAY, ANOTHER 350 MEETINGS WILL BE HELD.

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA HAS ADDRESSED A LETTER TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT URGING HIM TO "ENCOURAGE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ACT JUSTLY AND WISELY" SO AS TO KEEP OPEN THE DOORS OF PALESTINE FOR JEWISH REFUGEES. THE LETTER, SIGNED BY GENERAL SECRETARY DR. SAMUEL MCCREA CAVERT, EMPHASIZED THAT CHRISTIANS WERE CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE PALESTINE ISSUE "BUT WITH THE FAR-REACHING HUMANITARIAN ISSUE WHICH IS INVOLVED.

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CANADIAN CLERGYMEN APPEAL TO CHAMBERLAIN

MONTREAL, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- DECLARING THE JEWS' ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN PALESTINE HAD WON THE REGARD OF THE WHOLE CIVILIZED WORLD, SIX CLERGYMEN REPRESENTING THE ANGLICAN, BAPTIST AND UNITED CHURCHES CABLED AN APPEAL TO PRIME MINISTER NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN AGAINST A CHANGE IN GREAT BRITAIN'S POLICY ON PALESTINE AND THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME. THE CABLE WARNED THAT ABANDONMENT OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION WOULD BE AN "IMMENSE BLOW" TO BRITISH PRESTIGE AND WOULD RUIN THE HOPES OF THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS OF "BLIND HATRED" WHO WERE LOOKING TO PALESTINE AS A SOLE REFUGE.

BRITISH EXTEND OPERATIONS IN PALESTINE; 40 ARABS SLAIN

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- BRITISH FORCES TODAY EXTENDED THEIR OPERATIONS, ANNOUNCING ENTRY INTO BANDIT-INFESTED JAFFA AND THE KILLING OF TEN REBELS NEAR JERUSALEM, WHILE CONTINUING THE MOPPING UP OF REBELS IN JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY AFTER LAST WEEK'S OCCUPATION. ARAB CASUALTIES OVER THE WEEK-END TOTALLED 40.

TERRORISM HAD NOT BEEN ENTIRELY SUPPRESSED IN JERUSALEM. AN ARAB EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OFFICE AND HIS BROTHER WERE SHOT DEAD NEAR THE EASTERN GATE. THE BULLET-RIDDLED BODIES OF THREE OTHER ARABS WERE FOUND YESTERDAY. TWO ARABS ATTACKED WITH AN AXE AND CRITICALLY WOUNDED A JEWISH IMMIGRANT FROM GERMANY.

CURFEW WAS REDUCED BOTH IN THE OLD CITY AND NEW CITY OF JERUSALEM. THE DAMASCUS AND JAFFA GATES WERE RE-OPENED FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE LAST SUNDAY, BUT PASSERS-BY WERE SEARCHED.

ONE OF THE STORIES OF HEROISM WHICH EMERGED FROM THE EVENTS IN THE OLD CITY WAS THE ACCOUNT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HADASSAH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION, WHOSE SERVICES IN THE OLD CITY

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WERE RESTORED TO NORMAL TODAY. THROUGHOUT THE PAST WEEK, HADASSAH NURSES, NOTABLY MISS CHAYA ZASLOWSKY AND MISS CHAYA BRORI, BRAVED GUNFIRE TO BRING RELIEF TO THE JEWISH QUARTER AND CARRY ON HEALTH WORK. DURING THE HOTTEST FIGHTING THEY BROUGHT WATER TO TROOPS ON THE BATTLE-LINE, DISTRIBUTED POWDERED MILK FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE FOR INFANTS AND TRIED TO ALLEVIATE THE PANIC AMONG JEWISH RESIDENTS.

JEWS RELIEVED AS CZECHS RETAIN DEMOCRACY; REFUGEES' PLIGHT DESPERATE

PRAHA, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- THE DECISION OF VARIOUS POLITICAL GROUPS TO RETAIN PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION BEING DRAFTED FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AS REPORTED IN NEWSPAPERS, TODAY BROUGHT RELIEF TO THE COUNTRY'S JEWS, WHO FELT THAT THEY WOULD BE COMPLETELY LOST UNDER A FASCIST DICTATORSHIP.

THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES MEANWHILE CONTINUED TO BE DESPERATE. ONE AUSTRIAN EXILE, ALBERT VIOLA, HIS WIFE AND SEVEN-YEAR-OLD CHILD, COMMITTED SUICIDE BY TAKING GAS LAST NIGHT. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED A REVIEW OF ALL WORKERS TO OUST THOSE WORKERS FROM SUDETENLAND WHO GOT THEIR JOBS AFTER MAY 1.

SEARCHLIGHTS GLARED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT ON A SMALL WOODED "NO MAN'S LAND" SOUTH OF BRNO HARBORING 54 TRAPPED JEWISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO HAD BEEN OUSTED BY THE GERMANS FROM RECENTLY OCCUPIED SUDETEN AREAS NEAR BRUSHKY, IN SOUTHERN MORAVIA, AND HAD BEEN REFUSED ADMITTANCE TO CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY. REPORTS REACHING BRNO DECLARED SHOTS WERE FREQUENTLY HEARD DURING THE NIGHT, APPARENTLY FROM THE GERMAN SIDE OF THE WOOD. ONLOOKERS EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THE SHOTS WERE FIRED AT THE REFUGEES.

CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT THE GROUP COMPRISED AUSTRIAN JEWS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY FLED TO THE AREA AND THEREFORE COULD NOT BE ADMITTED. OBSERVERS DENIED THIS, HOWEVER, STATING THAT MANY OF THE REFUGEES HAD CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PASSPORTS INDICATING THAT THEY WERE RESIDENTS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY IN MORAVIA. ANOTHER GROUP OF 100 JEWS FROM THE TOWNS OF MIKOLSBURG AND POHLITZ WERE REPORTED TRAPPED NEAR RAJHRAD. THE "NO MAN'S LAND," WHICH IS A KILOMETER WIDE AND RUNS ALONG THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF MORAVIA, WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL UNTIL THE CZECH-GERMAN BOUNDARY HAS BEEN FIXED.

REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE BRNO POLICE WERE DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT THREATS TO EXPEL 700 AUSTRIAN JEWISH REFUGEES ON OCT. 27. ANSWERING ATTEMPTS TO INTERVENE FOR THE REFUGEES, WHO HAVE NO VISAS AND NO PLACE TO GO, OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY DECLARED: "IF THEY ARE NOT EXPELLED, BRNO MAY WITNESS UNPLEASANT ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATIONS BECAUSE THE MAN IN THE STREET IS DEMANDING A JEW-CLEANUP."

LASKI DENIES JEWS WANTED WAR AGAINST GERMANY

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS TODAY HEARD ITS PRESIDENT, NEVILLE LASKI, REJECT THE "MALICIOUS CALUMNY" THAT THE JEWS WOULD WELCOME WAR AGAINST GERMANY BECAUSE THEY RESENTED NAZI PERSECUTION. HE DECLARED THAT "PEACE FOR THE JEWS IS ESSENTIAL TO THEIR EXISTENCE." MR. LASKI EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TREATMENT OF THE GERMAN JEWS WOULD NOT BE LOST SIGHT OF DURING ANY CONFERENCE ARRANGED BY BRITAIN AND OTHER DEMOCRACIES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING DIFFICULTIES.

A REPORT OF THE JOINT FOREIGN COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES AND THE ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION THANKED PRIME MINISTER NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN FOR HIS EFFORTS TO AVOID WAR, POINTING OUT THAT WAR WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES BY MILLIONS.

ROBERT MOND, INDUSTRIALIST AND SCIENTIST, DIES AT 71

PARIS, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- SIR ROBERT LUDWIG MOND, ENGLISH INDUSTRIALIST, SCIENTIST AND JEWISH LEADER, DIED HERE YESTERDAY AT THE AGE OF 71. HE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO PARIS ON OCT. 14, SERIOUSLY ILL FROM GASTRIC ULCERS, TO SEE A SPECIALIST. FUNERAL SERVICES ARE EXPECTED TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY.

SIR ROBERT WAS AN OFFICER OF SEVERAL CHEMICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN PALESTINE, BOTH IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION AND RESEARCH INTO THE COUNTRY'S CHEMICAL RESOURCES. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE JEWISH COUNCIL FOR BOYCOTTING GERMAN GOODS AND SERVICES, AND IN 1934 VISITED AMERICA IN THE INTERESTS OF THE BOYCOTT AND TO RECEIVE AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM TORONTO UNIVERSITY. HE RECEIVED MANY HONORS FOR HIS SCIENTIFIC WORK. HIS WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS SURVIVE HIM.

DEEMS TAYLOR HITS RACE DISCRIMINATION IN MUSIC

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- STRONG CONDEMNATION OF BANS ON COMPOSERS FOR RACIAL AND POLITICAL REASONS IN TOTALITARIAN STATES WAS VOICED TODAY BY DEEMS TAYLOR, THE COMPOSER AND COMMENTATOR ON MUSIC, SPEAKING OVER THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM DURING THE INTERMISSION OF THE OPENING CONCERT OF THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC-SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. HE DEVOTED THE GREAT-ER PART OF HIS 15-MINUTE TALK TO RIDICULING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN MUSIC, REFERRING PARTICULARLY TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S BAN ON THE PLAYING OF JEWISH COMPOSERS' WORKS.

3 JEWS HURT IN BAGHDAD BOMBING

BAGHDAD, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- IN A REPERCUSSION OF THE CONFLICT IN PALESTINE, THREE JEWS WERE WOUNDED WHEN TERRORISTS THREW A BOMB INTO THE KADOURY CLUB LAST NIGHT. TWO JEWISH DIG-NITARIES DISAPPEARED FOLLOWING SCATTERED ATTACKS LAST NIGHT.

SMETONA URGES WORLD POWERS TO AID JEWS

KAUNAS, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- PRESIDENT ANTONAS SMETONA DECLARED TODAY THAT LITHUANIA HAD GONE TO THE LIMIT OF HER RESTRICTED ABILITY TO FULFILL HER HUMANITARIAN DUTY OF HELPING THE JEWS, BUT GREAT STATES SHOULD DO MORE. HE RECEIVED M. GOLDBERG, LEADER OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS UNION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNION'S ANNIVERSARY.

THE GENERAL WORLD SITUATION HAS CREATED COMPLICATIONS FOR JEWS WHICH IT IS HUMANITY'S DUTY TO SOLVE, PRESIDENT SMETONA SAID. LATER, WHEN JEWISH VETERANS PARADED BEFORE THE PRES-IDENTIAL PALACE, HE SPOKE FROM THE BALCONY, STRESSING THE PART JEWS HAD PLAYED IN FIGHTING FOR LITHUANIA'S INDEPENDENCE. LEADERS OF WAR VETERANS SPOKE IN LITHUANIAN AND YIDDISH ON A SPECIAL PROGRAM BROADCAST BY THE GOVERNMENT RADIO STATION.

3 REFUGEES COMMIT SUICIDE IN SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- FIVE ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE IN A WEEK, THREE OF THEM SUCCESS-FUL -- INCLUDING A 76-YEAR-OLD WOMAN -- SERVED TODAY TO ILLUSTRATE THE FEELING OF HOPELESS-NESS PREVAILING AMONG AUSTRIAN JEWISH REFUGEES, PRESSED BY THE AUTHORITIES TO LEAVE SWITZER-LAND AND UNABLE TO OBTAIN VISAS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. A NUMBER OF REFUGEES, REFUSED EXTENSION OF THEIR STAY IN SWITZERLAND AND UNABLE TO EMIGRATE ELSEWHERE, HAVE ENLISTED IN THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION.