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SIR ARTHUR WAUCHOPE TO TESTIFY BEFORE ROYAL COMMISSION

Jerusalem, November 2nd.

SIR ARTHUR WAUCHOPE, the High Commissioner, is to be the first witness to give evidence before the Royal Commission. He will give evidence only and will submit no proposals.

The various Jewish parties will appear separately before the Royal Commission, although they will all represent one common front.

The Greek, Armenian and English patriarchs are also to appear before the Royal Commission to lodge a complaint against the profanation of the Holy Land.

Dr. Weizmann to Appear.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the World Zionist Organisation, will, after addressing a meeting in Basle on November 10, proceed to Palestine on the 14th. Dr. Weizmann's visit is in connection with the Royal Commission, before which he is expected to appear as one of the principal Jewish witnesses.

TROOPS RETURNING TO ENGLAND

Jerusalem, November 2nd.

THREE thousand reservists that joined the Palestine forces are sailing for England next Saturday on the "Laurentic."

TEL-AVIV MAYORALTY

Protest Against High Commissioner's Nominee

Jerusalem, November 1st.

THE Hebrew press to-day demands that Mr. Rokach should not accept his appointment as Mayor of Tel-Aviv. "Haaretz" declares that the appointment of Mr. Rokach by the authorities being contrary to the wish of the majority of the Municipal Council, represents the first attempt to infringe the autonomy of the Tel-Aviv municipality. It is therefore the duty of Mr. Rokach to refuse the appointment.

"Davar" describes the nomination by the High Commissioner of Mr. Rokach as a public insult unprecedented in the history of Tel-Aviv. It is impossible, the paper says, for the Government to foist representatives convenient to itself upon them, but not to the liking of the majority.

The "Palestine Post" advocates acceptance of the appointment in view of the present political situation in the country and demands that everything be done to avoid dissension.

JEWISH WINNER OF NOBEL PRIZE FOR MEDICINE

Vienna, October 30th.

PROFESSOR OTTO LOEWY, who together with Sir Henry Hallet Dale won the £8,000 Nobel Prize for medicine and physiology for 1936, is a member of the Jewish Religious Community of Graz. His wife, nee Goldschmidt, is also a Jewess and his children have been brought up as observing Jews.

Professor Fried Barany, one of the candidates for the Nobel Prize and a member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, is also a Jew.

HANDEL'S "JUDAS MACCABEUS" ARYANISED

Berlin, November 1st.

HANDEL'S famed oratorio, "Judas Maccabeus" has been "Aryanised."

The Nazi poet, Herman Burte, working under the instructions of the Ministry of Propaganda, has completed a new text for oratorio which is henceforth to be known in Germany as "Hero and Peace."

The Catholic paper "Germania," reporting the news, protests against the mutilation of this work and declares: "Is the figure of Judas Maccabeus only a matter of the Jewish people. Is not this figure a clear example of sincere religious heroism which should be shown to all human beings?"

ARAB PROPOSALS TO ROYAL COMMISSION

Jerusalem, October 30th.

THE Arab paper "Al-Liwa" reports that two proposals will be presented to the Royal Commission by British statesmen. One proposal will be that of dividing Palestine into cantons, and the second proposal will be that of limiting Jewish immigration so as to ensure a permanent Arab majority in Palestine. The Arab propaganda office in London has presented a proposal to the Royal Commission in favour of a federation of Arab States in which Palestine should be included.

THE REVOLT IN IRAQ

Jerusalem, October 30th.

THE coup d'etat in Iraq has created a deep impression in Arab nationalist circles. They fear a change in the attitude of the Iraq Government towards Palestine. It is reported that the Mufti has sent a telegram to the commander of the Iraq army who is the leader of the revolt, asking him to follow the policy of the former Governments and to continue to support the Arabs in Palestine. The Arab nationalists are openly suggesting that the coup d'etat was inspired by a foreign power, hinting at the German Consulate in Baghdad, which is the centre of Nazi propaganda in the Middle East, as being responsible.

THE "TIMES" FLAYS MOSLEY'S BLACKSHIRTS

London, November 2nd.

DISCUSSING the need for "remedial legislation" to deal with the Fascist anti-Jewish provocations in the East End, the "Times" condemns in no unmeasured terms the anti-Semitic agitation introduced by Sir Oswald Mosley's blackshirted gangsters.

"The Fascists," the "Times" declares, "have cultivated with skill, and applied with ferocity, the art of the bully. A particularly unpalatable feature of the policy vividly revealed during last month's disturbances in the East End is the encouragement of vindictive hostility towards the Jews. Two years ago Sir Oswald Mosley, in a public exchange of letters, wrote: 'We have given our pledge that no racial or religious persecution will occur under Fascism in Britain.' But he did not—wisely, as it now appears—state to whom the pledge had been given. Anti-Semitism is ugly in principle and too often revolting in practice; Englishmen in general will not tolerate the persecution of Jews who have made their home in this country. But in certain parts of the East End racial prejudice can be, and lately has been, fanned into racial hatred by the specious, bitter slanders of the Fascists; though even in the East End it is significant that the would-be terrorists obtain their response almost exclusively from the lowest class."

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY Opening of New Academic Year

Jerusalem, November 1st.

THE opening ceremony of the new academic year of the Hebrew University took place this morning in the presence of a large assembly of visitors and students. The Rector, Dr. J. L. Magnes, paid tribute to the six students and two lecturers who were killed during the disturbances. He also referred to five students who had been wounded, but have since recovered from their injuries.

Professor Hugo Bergmann surveyed the scientific activities of the University and the great extension effected during the year. Important measures, he said, were adopted to establish a Medical Faculty. The requisite means had been made available for the foundation of the first Chair of Agriculture. A Chair of English Literature, in the memory of Moses Montefiore, was also being founded thanks to the financial aid of the English Moses Montefiore Memorial Committee. One year courses in Jewish History and Studies on Palestine will shortly be opened to foreign graduates.

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