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SHEIKH TALEB GIVES EVIDENCE Counsel Demands Citation Of Palestine Bulletin For Contempt

When the case against Sheikh Taleb Marka, who is charged with being responsible for the Hebron outbreak, was to have been resumed yesterday it was found that prosecuting counsel was not present. The case could not therefore be proceeded with and it was adjourned for some time.

The most striking event in the day's hearing was the evidence of the prisoner himself.

POLICE OFFICER'S EVIDENCE

During the course of the trial a Police Officer gave evidence to the effect that he went round to the Jewish houses in Hebron on Saturday morning. He ordered the Jews to remain in their houses, to lock their doors and to keep all their windows tightly shut.

Counsel for the Defence: "What did that order mean?"

Judge to Counsel: "What do you think it means?"

The Court would not allow a re-cross-examination of Mazal Mizrahi on the ground that the full cross examination had already taken place.

There was a moving scene when a widow, whose husband and son had been murdered in Hebron, gave evidence. She said that after her husband and her son had been done to death by the excited mob, the prisoner urged the crowd to kill her also.

The woman appeared in Court swathed in bandages. Her evidence was punctuated with sobs. Counsel for the Defence gave her a long and critical cross-examination.

A man who was in the Slonim building at the time when the butchery occurred there, was called as a witness. He explained that his own life was saved because he lay under a heap of dead bodies. Two people had been killed in his own house, he said, and therefore he had taken refuge in the house of Slonim.

Prisoner's Evidence

The prisoner, having been sworn, gave evidence. He said that he did everything possible to pacify the crowd on Friday. On the following day he was not present at all. "On Friday I was in the shop of Solom ben Hayim, when I heard a boy outside shouting and trying to create trouble. I went out to give the boy a good thrashing. I reported the matter to the Police. When I returned, I found the crowd excited about the supposed riots which had taken place in Jerusalem. I tried to dissuade the crowd from believing the stories that they had heard. I did not incite the crowds to riot. I am not in the habit of making speeches. After the crowd had dispersed and Assistant Superintendent Cafferata appeared on the scene, everything was quiet."

In reply to a question as to whether he knew about the murders of the students in the Jewish College, the prisoner replied that he did know about those murders. He did not think that conditions in Hebron were abnormal. On Friday he did not leave his house. On Saturday morning he

was with Mr. Slonim. He walked with him hand in hand from the hotel and then went into a shop. He sat there until 11 o'clock, from 8.30 in the morning. The prisoner said he was not among those who attacked the house of the Slonim family.

In reply to questions put to the prisoner by the Court, Sheikh Taleb Markah said that he was a friend of the Jews.

Mr. Justice Corrie: "Why do people who are friends of your's charge you with instigating?"

The prisoner: "The story is an invention of outsiders not of Hebron Jews. No Moslem leaders support the idea of riots."

It was pointed out to the prisoner that his testimony did not agree with that of Assistant Superintendent Cafferata, and he was asked whether that witness was not telling the truth.

The prisoner gave evidence to the effect that on Friday he saw a car carrying twenty Moslems with swords which was bound for Jerusalem. The prisoner says that he dissuaded them from proceeding, but Superintendent Cafferata told them they might go on. This incident, said the prisoner, was curiously enough not included in the evidence given by Assistant Superintendent Cafferata. The Sheikh added that the Jews of Hebron were extremely grateful to him for what he had done. Mr. Justice De Freitas: "Why did you, an Elder and a member of the Arab Executive, hide yourself in a shop at the time when there was great unrest and danger? Why did you not go to the District Officer, and why did you make no attempts to do anything at all on that morning? Did you realize that there was a great responsibility laid upon you?"

The prisoner, when he had answered a question, looked each time towards his counsel. The Court requested him to look at the Judges when answering.

THE PALESTINE BULLETIN CRITICISED IN COURT

When the afternoon session on the previous day was opened, Counsel for the Defence made an application to the Court that the Palestine Bulletin be cited for contempt of court on the alleged ground that the Palestine Bulletin had referred to Asst. Superintendent Cafferata's evidence as "wonderful" which is a term which might prejudice the Court and also on the ground that the prisoner had been referred to as a ringleader and not as the alleged ringleader.

The Court failed to find the word "wonderful" in the Palestine Bulletin (the word was not used) and therefore could not arrest the editor of the Palestine Bulletin on that score.

With regard to the word "alleged" which was alleged to have been omitted in a headline, His Honour pointed out that newspapers often omit the word. At the same time he advised responsible editors to use the word more in future when a prisoner has not been convicted.

Herbert Samuel On Relations Between Jews and Arabs

LONDON, October 17 (P.T.A.)

"If we were but lead by our intelligence and not by our emotions, we would be forced to realise and to remember that when two races live in the same land they must find means of living peaceably together. It is the duty of thoughtful men of both races to adopt such measures as will promote reconciliation and good fellowship among the people. This end can perhaps best be brought about by the Hebrew University." These memorable words were spoken by Sir Herbert Samuel, ex-High Commissioner of Palestine, at a meeting of the Friends of the Hebrew University here today. At the same meeting Lord Melchett said that enlightenment emanating from Mount Scopus would materially help to improve the relations between Jews and Arabs. Jewish educational institutions in Palestine were always opened to Arabs, he said. The Jews always worked for the benefit of the entire community.

If The Jews Left Palestine

Were the Jews to leave Palestine, Lord Melchett said, the Palestine Administration would go bankrupt. Higher education would cease. Agricultural development would not progress. Commerce would dwindle. Industry would die out. The country would return to that deplorable state under which it was when the British Administration rescued it from the hands of the Turks.

PRISONER ESCAPES

It is reported that the alleged ringleader of the Safed attack escaped last night from prison.

ALLEGED PERJURER ARRESTED

An Arab worker of Mr. Miller of Haifa who is charged with murder was arrested yesterday. It has been ascertained it is alleged that the Arab gave perjured evidence against Mr. Miller.

CONTRADICTORY EVIDENCE IN CASE AGAINST PERSIAN JEWS

3 Jews were yesterday brought before the Examining Magistrate, Mr. Camp, on a charge of burning and looting. The complainant, an Arab, had a house in the Bukharian quarter. He gave evidence that he saw smoke coming from his house from a distance, and saw a Persian Jew carrying sacks out of his house to the house of the first accused. The complainant saw the second and third prisoners carrying sacks on their backs from his own house to their houses. The witness also said that he could see all these things from a distance which is about equal to that from the Court to the Post Office. He could even describe the colours of the clothes which the accused wore at that time. The daughter of the previous witness gave evidence and corroborated her father, but she said that they left their house on Saturday—the birthday of the Prophet—while her father alleged that they left it on Tuesday before the riots. The case is adjourned till today.

JEWISH MERCHANTS INTERVIEW THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Strong Measures Against Boycotters

A deputation of Jewish merchants of Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa composed of Messrs. Hooftien, Perlman and Kaspi, yesterday interviewed H. E. the High Commissioner in connection with the boycott movement. Mr. Sacher was present at the interview.

It is stated that the deputation was promised that strong measures would be taken against the boycotters.

EIGHTH ARAB CONGRESS TO MEET

The Arab Executive is calling a session of the Eighth Arab Congress shortly. Representatives of neighbouring Arab countries will be invited to participate in its proceedings.

One of the main questions on the agenda of the Congress will be that of the Wailing Wall.

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SUMMONED

According to "Falastin" the Sheikh Mahmud Al Nattib has secured permission to bring an action against Mr. Kusa, the Public Prosecutor of Haifa, for causing the release of the Jews arrested at Grands Moulins. The Sheikh alleges that he was fired at from the Grands Moulins.

TEACHERS WHO WENT ON STRIKE

According to "Davar," the Government intend to take measures against the Arabs teaching in the Government schools who participated in the general strike.

Curiously enough, on the day of the Strike the Arab as well as the Jewish labourers engaged in the building works at the new house of the Grand Mufti, on the Mount of Scopus, came to work as usual. Similar works were carried out in the neighbourhood by Arab workers.

New King Of Afghan

BOMBAY, October 17 (P.T.A.—R.)

The National Assembly at Kabul has elected Nadir Khan as King of Afghanistan.

STIMSON TO BE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

WASHINGTON, October 18 (P.T.A.—R.)

President Hoover has decided that Mr. Stimson, the Secretary of State, shall head the United States delegation to London as representative at the Naval Conference which is to be held the third week in January next.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN GENERAL ARRESTED

NANKING, October 15 (P.T.A.—R.)

It is announced that the Governor of Shansi has made a prisoner of the Christian General Feng Yuliang (who was his guest) "for the preservation of peace and order in North China."

LORD THOMSON AND R 101

Proposed Flight To India

Lord Thomson, Secretary for Air, hopes to make a flight to India in the airship R 101, if his public engagements permit. Until the home trials of the airship are completed, however, the date cannot be arranged.

The airship was not brought from her shed at Cardington yesterday, owing to the prospect of unfavourable weather.

WAITING IN THE AIR

The R 101 is being besieged with applications for employment and not a few of them are from women. Many women are eager to join the crew of the leviathan airship as stewardesses and requests have even come from hairdressers.

At the moment the airship is carrying no passengers. As soon as it does the chief steward will consider the choice of waitresses. They will have to be equipped with proper air-oring legs!

LABOUR TRIUMPH IN AUSTRALIA

What It Means For World Peace

MELBOURNE, Thursday (P.T.A.—R.)

Mr. Scullin, interviewed by Reuter, said that the fact that Labour was ruling simultaneously in England and Australia would prove most beneficial to both countries and would materially assist in grappling with matters of mutual concern. Australian Labour, he said, would work in harmony with Great Britain in peaceful overtures to America and other countries, and would most heartily support Great Britain's practical steps for a reduction of armaments, which he hoped would lead to universal disarmament and world peace. The Labour party when it took over the reins of Government would conscientiously work to carry out its established programme.

LEADER OF JUGOSLAVIAN SOCIETY TO BE SHOT

ROME, October 17 (B.T.I.O.)

The case against Vladimir Goten, the leader of the Yugoslavian Society, which, as was reported in The Palestine Bulletin, is attempting to wrest the provinces of Istria from Italy, has been found guilty of attempting to start a terrorist revolt against Italy, and has been ordered to be shot. He is asking that the prerogative of mercy should be exercised in his favour. Four of his accomplices have been sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment.

A STORM IN A ROYAL TEA-CUP

BERLIN, Thursday. — Messages from Bucharest

say that a sensation was caused in the country by an episode during the Rogeny crisis. According to the newspapers, Queen Marie intimated her desire to join the Rogeny Council, and the Government agreed provided Prince Nicholas resigned. The Queen retorted vigorously refusing to consider such "paltry bargaining" and pointing out that she was actuated solely by the desire to give Prince Nicholas advisory support and not to gain a predominating role on the Council for the royal family.

Government circles declare that the attitude of the Dowager Queen is unprecedented and that Parliament has been insulted by a member of the royal family not holding an official position, and that more is likely to be heard of the incident.

BERLIN, Friday. — Further messages from Bucharest state that the original proposal for Queen Marie to join the Regency Council emanated from the Premier, M. Maniu and not from Queen Marie herself.

The newspaper "Universal" states that following the death of Doctor Buzdugan the Government indirectly suggested that Queen Marie should replace Prince Nicholas and as compensation that she should nominate a further two members to the Council.

Misstatements Lead To Excitement In Syria and Transjordan

The report, for which there was no foundation whatever, alleged to have been broadcast by the Moslem Wailing Wall Committee that the Government has turned the pavement in front of the Wailing Wall into a synagogue, caused a deal of excitement in Syria. There might have been troublesome demonstrations in Beirut had not the High Commissioner, according to a report, asked the Arab Executive to correct this inaccurate story. Trouble was also feared in Transjordan. Much is being made of the consultation between the High Commissioner and the British Resident in Transjordan. It is believed that as a result the Arab Executive made a denial of the untrue report and sent it to Amman which quietened feeling in Transjordan.

SPREADING FALSE NEWS

The Deputy District Commissioner has sent a statement to "Al Jamea Al Arabia" denying the recent report of the paper that Jews travelling in a car near Ein Al Zarka in Galilee on September 23 fired at Arabs. Mr. Keith-Roach states that as a result of a thorough investigation by the Police it has been proved that the above report was absolutely unfounded.

BAN ON PAPERS WITHDRAWN

"Al Ahrar" of Beirut and "Al Shura" of Cairo which had previously been banned from Palestine, are now allowed again to enter the country.

Lord Allenby Regrets Destruction Of Melnikoff's Studio

Lord Allenby was very sorry to hear of the attack on Mr. Melnikoff's studio when informed of it. He recalled that he sat for the artist for his statue which was erected by the Palestine Government at Beersheba and referred to Mr. Melnikoff as a great artist and a good Palestinian.

Lord Allenby said to a representative of the "Palestine Bulletin" in London:

"I am sorry to hear of the attack on Mr. Melnikoff's studio. I had the honour of sitting for him, and I consider him a great artist and a 'good Palestinian.'"

Lord Allenby added that it was impossible for him to make a statement on the general situation in Palestine.

It will be remembered that Melnikoff was working on the memorial in Metullah at the time of the riots. On his return to Jerusalem he found his studio in ruins and the work of years smashed to pieces.

ARAB PHYSICIANS SEND MEMORANDUM TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS

The Arab Physicians Association at Haifa, according to Al Blag, is sending a comprehensive memorandum on the Palestine events to the League of Nations. Special attention is paid in the memorandum to the number of Arab dead.