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## Horrifying Evidence In Hebron Examinations

### ELEVEN YEARS OLD WITNESS "He Killed My Father"

Examination in the case against the Hebron murderers was continued yesterday by the examining magistrate. Among those who gave evidence was a boy of eleven years, who stated that he recognised the murderer of his father. Pointing one of the prisoners, he said, "he killed my father." He answered the questions put to him with the greatest clarity. He was able to give a detailed account of what took place, which greatly impressed the Court.

### RABBI'S WIDOW GIVES EVIDENCE Murderers Demanded Money

A tragic figure appeared before the examining magistrate today. She was the widow of Rabbi Kastel, who, it will be remembered, was murdered at Hebron. Four Arabs are charged with being implicated in the murder. Mrs. Kastel spoke scarcely above a whisper and her voice was broken from time to time by sobs. Again and again she found it difficult to speak and at one moment put her hands over her eyes as if she were trying to hide from herself the sight of what she had seen on the fatal Saturday. The widow stated that the murderers first demanded all the money, jewelry and other valuable objects, promising faithfully that their lives would be spared. When they did return later they were armed with knives and iron headed sticks. They murdered the Rabbi and wounded his wife.

### HEBRON RINGLEADER BEFORE EXAMINING MAGISTRATE

Sheikh Taleb Marka stood before the Examining Magistrate this morning to undergo examination in connection with the Hebron murders. Four re-witnesses, people who have been living for many years in Hebron, gave evidence against the prisoner. They charged him with, on the one hand, instigating people to take part in the riots, on the other as being the leader of the rioters when the attack was made on Hebron.

The Examining Magistrate decided after hearing the evidence produced before him to charge Sheikh Taleb Marka under Article 170 of the Criminal Code under which the penalty of death is to be inflicted.

### NAIVE ARAB PROPAGANDA

It was the Jews of Hebron who murdered the students of the Slabodka Yeshiva. They did this, you must understand, in order to evoke the sympathy of American Jewry.

It is with such naive propaganda as this that certain disreputable Arabs hope to better their position in the eyes of the world. An Arab paper alleges that the above statements were made by the American Consul, Knabenshue, after his visit to Hebron. It need hardly be said that Mr. Knabenshue promptly denied the idiotic report. Arab propaganda seems to work according to plan. Only three weeks ago the Times of London, in a leading article, criticising the document officially issued by the Arabs in explanation of their part in the riots remarked, "The Arabs will soon be saying the Jews of Hebron killed one another." The remark of The Times was of course ironical. Apparently even such absurdities are possible when primitive propaganda gets to work.

## No Admirals Travelling With Macdonald

### Ishbel Travelling with her Father

LONDON, September 24 (P.T.A.—R.)

Comment is freely being made here on the fact that no naval experts are accompanying Mr. Ramsay Macdonald on his visit to the United States when he is to confer with President Hoover on the question of Naval Disarmament. His daughter Ishbel is accompanying him. She was with her father on his previous visit to the United States and actually made a speech for him at one of the largest meetings ever held in the States when Mr. Macdonald was suddenly taken ill. Sir Robert Vansittart, who was at one time First Secretary to the Foreign Office and who has held high diplomatic rank in many capitals, will also accompany the Prime Minister.

Thomas Jones, who is the Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet, will also travel to New York with Mr. Macdonald, as will Mr. R. L. Craigie who is head of the American Department in the Foreign Office.

His secretary, Miss Rosenberg, will also sail to America with the Prime Minister.

Lord Arnold will unofficially accompany the party.

### MACDONALD TO BE GUEST AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, September 25 (P.T.A.)

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, it is officially stated, will be entertained as the guest of President Hoover at the White House from Saturday till Tuesday. Miss Ishbel Macdonald will also be entertained at the White House.

### SOVIET ENVOY ARRIVES

M. Dovgalevsky, the Soviet envoy sent by Russia to negotiate with Mr. Henderson the Foreign Minister arrived yesterday. As he stepped into his car inside the station scarcely anyone noticed his arrival. He wasted no time however but paid a visit immediately on his arrival to the Foreign Office.

In an interview which M. Dovgalevsky gave to the Press he said, "I am very glad the misunderstandings between my country and Great Britain have apparently been cleared up. The point of view of the Soviet towards Great Britain is perfectly clear. I am convinced therefore that my conversations with Mr. Henderson will reach a successful conclusion. I also hope that they will be reached promptly. Of course, all that I am here to see about is that the formalities in connection with the procedure should be settled. The actual negotiations cannot take place until there has been a restoration of normal diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Russia. As soon as that is done negotiations will be completed."

### FALL OF LITHUANIAN DICTATOR

KOVNO, September 24 (P.T.A.—R.)

Professor Valdemaras, one of the most famous dictators of Europe since the War, has fallen. A concatenation of events which he was unable to control have driven him to retire. Currency fell on the foreign exchanges as soon as the news of Valdemaras's fall reached the financial capitals of the world. Doctor Tubelis has formed a new Ministry with himself as Premier.

## Manufacture Of Private Arms

GENEVA, September 24 (P.T.A.—R.)

Round after round of cheers greeted Viscount Cecil when speaking at the Assembly he announced that the British Government intended signing the convention dealing with the private manufacture of arms and ammunition.

For a long time one of the gravest scandals in connection with the war propaganda has been the secret part played by armament firms throughout the world. Ever since the last war it became obvious that some steps would have to be taken to prevent private firms making means of butchery for profit. The Third Committee has proposed a convention whereby firms will be limited in their power of manufacturing arms and ammunition. The tragic observatory on the private manufacture of arms became obvious when international armament manufacturers produced ammunition which would be used against themselves, or rather against those who lived in their own countries. The adherence of Great Britain to the convention to put a stop to this scandal means a great stride in the way of international peace. Viscount Cecil also mentioned the fact that thirteen States had signed the Optional Clause outlawing war and he hoped that other countries would follow the example of Great Britain and ratify the Arms Convention.

### MANDATE FOR PALESTINE ONE OF GREAT RESULTS OF WAR

LONDON, September 25 (P.T.A.)

"I have always considered one of the greatest results of the world war was the establishment of a Home in Palestine for the Jewish People." This was the statement made this afternoon by the Minister of Mines, Mr. Ben Tillett. He was speaking on behalf of the Palestine Workers Relief Fund.

### Friendly Relations Between Two Nations

"I have always felt that it was a great privilege for the British nation to be entrusted with the task of restoring Palestine for the Jewish people. The unfortunate events in Palestine will not deter the Labour Government from doing all in its power to help on the realisation of the aspirations for the National Home. The Labour Government of course will secure justice for Arabs. We want to see just and friendly relationship between the two nations. We feel sure that amity can be established. The great Jewish people will not I feel certain, grow panicky after what has happened. You may be assured that Palestine will become a place where Jews will be always honoured and respected. Work, toil, create, reconstruct; that is what the Jewish people have to do now. My innermost belief is that those who toil will reap the fruit of their labours."

### PALESTINE MANDATE SOCIETY ISSUES FORTNIGHTLY BULLETIN

LONDON, September 23 (P.T.A.)

The Palestine Mandate Society, an organisation of non-Jews who are interested in the well-being of Palestine under a British Mandate, is issuing a fortnightly bulletin which is being sent to all Members of Parliament of all shade of opinion. It is hoped in this way to supply public opinion with unbiased information regarding Palestine and to put a true picture of work and endeavour in Palestine before the British public.



## FIVE YEARS FOR LOOTING

A house in Haifa was for a long time suspected of being a place where people had been seen late at night paying visits to this house. When the police searched it, they found a large collection of goods, even large pieces of furniture which had been stolen from Jewish houses during the attack on Haifa. The owner of the house was arrested and today charged with having stolen the property. He pleaded not guilty and tried to show that, when the property was brought to his house he had no knowledge that the goods had been stolen. The evidence, however, went clearly, to show that he himself had a large hand in stealing goods from houses. The occupants left them because of the riot. The judges treated the matter as a very serious one and sentenced the prisoner to five years' hard

## SENTENCES FOR CARRYING ARMS

Sentences of one year's imprisonment have been passed on two Jews of Rehoboth, found guilty of being in possession of arms. For the defence it was stated, that, even though the possession of arms had been proved, which was not the case, it was nevertheless obvious that since Rehoboth was liable to immediate attack by Arabs on the night of August 24, it was only a matter of self-defence that the prisoners should carry arms. The judge in passing sentence pointed out that the day in question the military were responsible for public security and it was therefore totally unnecessary for the prisoners to be in possession of arms and that they must therefore go to prison for twelve months.

A charge of possessing arms an Arab was sentenced to one year's imprisonment by the Jaffa District

## PRISON FOR INSTIGATORS

Two Arabs have been tried at Acre on charges of instigating others to riot and loot. All were found guilty and varying sentences were passed upon them. Four received two months' imprisonment, two received one month imprisonment, three were made to pay a fine of L.P. 10, and L.P. 5.

## NEZ ZIONA LOOTER SENTENCED

Musa Abidin found with a revolver in a Jewish house outside Nes Ziona has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

## COMMISSIONER ASKED TO DISMISS BENTWICH

A petition signed by certain Arabs in Safed has been sent to the High Commissioner asking that Attorney General, Mr. Norman Bentwich be removed from his post and driven out of the country.

## ATTEMPT TO BOMB AERODROME

A suspicious character was noticed walking up and down near the aerodrome of Kalandia. At first it was thought that he was merely interested in the work that was going on there. When, however, he discovered that people noticed him he disappeared only to return somewhat later in a different part of the aerodrome. He was arrested and was found to be carrying a bomb. Charged with carrying a bomb with the intent to set fire to the aerodrome, he was found guilty and sent to prison for twelve months.

## ARAB SHEIKHS LAMENT LEAVING THEIR PROPERTY

The sheikhs of the village of Chuaren are bitterly lamenting the fact that they are having to leave the small strip of land which they have sold to the Jews. The land in question was sold at an exorbitant price and the money has been received. Nevertheless the sheikhs feel that it is a little unfair, having pocketed the money, that they should now be requested to go.

## WORK ON TRANSMISSION LINES RENEWED

Work on the erection of the transmission lines for electricity from Hedera to Tel Aviv, which had been stopped as a result of the general disturbances, has now been renewed.

## TEL-AVIV BEACH CROWDED WITH BATHERS

The bathing season in Tel-Aviv is drawing to a close and evidence of the return to normal life in this country was shown by the immense crowds which gathered on Tel-Aviv beach over the week end and enjoyed one of their last chances this year of bathing.

## ATTACK ON JEWS OF REHAVIAH

Jewish workers were at their work yesterday morning in the Rehavia quarter when two Arabs fired at them. The Arabs were fortunately badly shot and failed to hit the workmen. The police arrived late. No arrests have yet been made.

## THE GATES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS HOSPITAL

The directors of the Shaare Zedek Hospital have now the signature of Sir John Chancellor in their Visitors' Book. Sir John has written, "I have been very favourably impressed by what I have seen of the arrangements of the hospital." This was written after his visit to the Jewish wounded who are being attended at the Hospital. The visitors' Book contains one of the most interesting collections of signatures of the world's celebrities to be found anywhere.

## SEVENTH PIONEERS FOR PALESTINE

Seven pioneers left here today for Palestine. This is the third party that has left for Palestine since the outbreak of the disturbances in Palestine. Hours before the train was due to leave hundreds of people gathered upon the platform of the station. One hour before the train started the station was packed with people eager to say goodbye to the departing pioneers. The pioneers were all young men and looked particularly fit. They waved their hands from the windows as the train left the station whereupon the whole crowd now numbering several thousands broke into song, singing the Hatikvah.

## GOVERNMENT DESIRES REFUGEES TO RETURN HOME

The Government is extremely anxious, it is stated, for the refugees to return to their homes at once. Representatives of various Jewish institutions, however, are unwilling to recommend any return unless the Government undertakes full responsibility for the safety of their lives.

The Central Relief Committee was informed that a reassuring statement with regard to the safety of the refugees if they return home would be issued by the Government. Till now no such statement has been made.

## GOVERNMENT DISCONTINUING RATIONS TO REFUGEES

In order to encourage refugees to return to their homes immediately, the Government intends to issue no further rations to the refugees. Many of them are still nervous about returning home, particularly those who live in the suburbs of Bat Yehon and Hashiloach.

## WORLD BANK FOR JEWS

VIENNA, September 24 (P.T.A.—R.) The World Congress of Orthodox Jews, which is sitting here, today resolved to found their own bank at Amsterdam with a branch at Warsaw.

## For The Planting Season

SAPLINGS of all KINDS of VEGETABLES, FLOWERS, and TREES.

Obtainable at the Girls' Nursery, Rehavia, Jerusalem. Very reasonable prices.

## Mutilation

The Palestine Bulletin considers the whole question of mutilations as thoroughly unsavoury and reports upon the same more fit for a journal than for a daily newspaper. The reports, however, of the Jewish doctors' has again in the Hebrew press and the general public given rise to an immense amount of interest in the Arab press. The doctors' report is published here.

## JEWS DOCTORS' REPORT

Following is the report on the exhumation at Hebron on September 11, 1929, of corpses murdered on August 24, 1929. When the exhumation was begun, the chairman of the English committee stated that the examination of the bodies would be made in the following manner: the Jewish delegation was to examine them first and report to the English physician in each case in which they considered mutilation occurred; the English physicians would then examine such cases, to the Arab physicians for examination, and they themselves would come to a decision.

A question was put by the Arab delegation as to the idea of mutilation

had been outlined, the chairman then read out from the written instructions given to the English committee the following sentences: "In connection with the following sentence of the Chief Secretary's letter; the word mutilation is commonly used in connection with murderous assault in the sense of an act of mutilation of the body which was not necessary to the commission of the crimes and as indication of ferocity or abnormal cruelty—I am instructed to inform you that this shall be the meaning of the word mutilation for the purpose of your inquiry." The chairman added verbally that by mutilation is meant any injury which was not necessary in order to cause death.

### Rape

Professor Getzova asked the chairman whether rape was included within the meaning of the word mutilation. The reply was: "You will confine yourself to the definition." Prof. Getzova stressed his point, "violation before death is a mutilation which is not necessary in order to cause death." The chairman and Dr. Orr Ewing agreed with Prof. Getzova's opinion.

The corpses were brought on stretchers in the order in which they lay in the grave and placed singly on the examination table. They were all male corpses. The attendants cut open their garments over breast and abdomen, and also, when specially requested to do so, over the extremities.

The backs of these corpses were not examined by anyone; neither by ourselves nor by the Arab committee, nor by the government physician of Hebron, who had examined the wounds.

### Corpse Entirely Dismembered

Of the 14 corpses buried in the first grave, 11 were exhumed and examined on the table. In connection with corpses No. 5 (Chaim Krasner) the grave diggers announced that they could not raise it, because of its being entirely dismembered the same with regard to corpse No. 8 (Dov Cheichel) and 11 (Moshe Reisman), which were also examined within the open grave.

We hereby submit fragmentary notices as dictated while the corpses were examined.

1. Moshe Grodzansky.— Left eye missing, eyelids show blood extravasation, and are outlined by their colour from the surrounding, lower lid well preserved. Upper lid retracted, very mushy and friable to touch. In the depth of eye socket a scanty doughy dark coloured mass.

2. Israel Lazarowsky.— Scalp partly macerated. Left ear missing, meatal opening exposed, skin of surrounding area macerated. Eyelids intact. Eyes not retracted.

3. Abraham Schapiro.— Genital organs missing, advanced decomposition.

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