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JEWISH MERCY FOR ARAB MURDERERS—Some of the Arabs charged with the murder of Jews during the August outbreaks in Palestine have been sentenced to death, but there are those among the Jewish survivors who would ask that not justice but mercy be meted out to their persecutors. According to the *Jüdische Rundschau*, official organ in Berlin of the German Zionist Federation, the Jewish Agency for Palestine is considering petitioning the Palestinian Government that the death sentences pronounced on Arabs for participating in the Jewish massacres be not put into effect. A minority is opposed to this act of generosity on the ground that an example should be made of these guilty Arabs. But, comments *The American Hebrew* (New York):

“Jews do not seek vengeance, despite the opinion commonly held in certain quarters that the God of the Jews is a God of vengeance. We repudiated this concept of God and religion since the days when Joshua established the cities of refuge, and have entirely outgrown it since the days of the Bible prophets. The Lord, the Lord God, as it is written, is merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. We believe that the contemplated petition to the Palestinian Government will disarm even the Arab protagonists. Upon the Arab population it will have an electric effect. To all the world it will bear witness that the Jews in Palestine mean peace and tranquillity, and the brotherhood of understanding without which the Holy Land can not be rebuilt and rehabilitated. We stand with the majority proponents of the ennobling suggestion, and trust that the counsel of forgiveness, mercy, and loving-kindness will prevail.”