

## Moscow Writer On Soviet Attitude To Palestine Problem

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Anti-progressive thoughts expressed in Hebrew do not become 'kosher' because of the language in which they are spoken, just as progressive thoughts expressed in Arabic do not thereby become 'treifa'.

"After the terrible tragedy that the German Jews experienced we still find in Palestine (according to the New York 'Times') a few German Jews who condemn the public worker Golda Myerson for having expressed in the name of the Jewish masses friendly feelings towards the Soviet Union. 'You must direct your eyes not towards the East but towards the West,' declared the representative of the German Jews belonging to the 'Aliyah Chadasha'. Another notable leader of the right-wing of the Zionist movement stressed that the workers of Palestine were part of Western Europe. After the Western European labourites had so defrauded their electors, promising them everything in the world, there is still such strong attachment to the old master that they cannot turn themselves away from him. The gas attacks and the hunting dogs have had no influence on their opinions.

### Naive People

"In America, too, there are similar naive people who think that Gromyko's speech could have been made by Mr. Austin, the American spokesman at UNO. Sholom Asch understood the situation much better when he said: 'The silence of my government is only a symptom of the downhill trend which has been taking place since the death of Roosevelt.' The speech on the Palestine question could have been made only by a representative of a truly just country, of a great liberated people such as the representative of the Soviet

Union. None could make such a speech about the greatest enemy of humanity—Fascism and Imperialism. Nobody could have spoken with such love about the people that suffered most from Fascism. No one could have posed with such clarity the question of the mutual reconstruction of nations.

"Mr. Gromyko's speech is, of course, not to everybody's liking. The Arab nationalists would have liked to turn Palestine into an Arab country, without taking into account the interests of the Jews. The Jewish nationalists would have wished to turn Palestine into a Jewish State, boycotting the interests of the Arabs. The Soviet Government believes that there must be created a common State in which the interests of both nations are to be taken account of in equal measure. If it is impossible to create a common State, Mr. Gromyko declared, there can be talk of dividing Palestine into two States, Jewish and Arab. In both cases the fate of the two nations must be decided by themselves and not through an external Power. This is the essence of the Soviet proposals.

"Not only progressive Jews but the whole progressive world received Gromyko's speech with joy. The true friends of democracy have always known and believed that the Soviet Union remains true to its principles at all times and under all circumstances. Gromyko's speech was received with joy because it came at a moment when the Palestine knot was so entangled that even the biggest optimists lost hope of a solution. With the clarity which is characteristic of the Soviet Union they were told that the Jewish people could attain its aims only through contact with freedom-loving nations and that the road to that aim lies through freedom and democracy, and not through 'agreements' and 'commercial operations' with imperialist cliques.

"Marching in the first ranks of all nations and fighting against reaction, both external and internal, the Jews of Palestine with the support of all progressive Jews will occupy the position which they have long since deserved for their efforts and their creativeness, for their part in the battle against Nazism, and for the suffering which they endured and are still enduring from the English and Anglo-German mandatory philanthropists and gas-humanitarians.

"Against the background of the dark fog which was created around the Palestine problem, Gromyko's speech has truly, in the words of Leivick, appeared as a ray of light. While

praising this ray of light, one must not simultaneously overlook the dark clouds that are gathering all over the world bearing the prosaic name 'Imperialism.' The Soviet representative has emphasised this. Unfortunately, not all who praise and extol the 'ray of light' have followed it up. Whoever wishes to solve the Palestine problem in a purely democratic manner must support the Soviet position which puts an end to the tangle and satisfies the demands of democracy and humanism."

### DISTINCTION FOR JOHANNESBURG DOCTOR

Dr. S. Lopis, of Johannesburg, is one of the six South African doctors selected for post-graduate study under the auspices of the Nuffield Foundation. Dr. Lopis will leave for Britain at the end of the year, and will undergo a year's study course under distinguished professors at various hospitals and universities. The purpose of the fellowship is to enable doctors from the Dominions to obtain instruction and experience which would benefit them as medical teachers and research workers. The six doctors from South Africa were chosen from 76 applicants.

Dr. Lopis, who is the son of Mr. I. Lopis, of Observatory, qualified at the Witwatersrand University, where he is at present Senior Lecturer in Medicine. During the war he served with the S.A.M.C.

### CANTOR B. SCHMUKLER ARRIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA



Cantor Boris Schumkler arrived in South Africa last week from the United States of America, where he spent the last eight years. Cantor Schumkler was born in Riga. He lived in South Africa between 1930-38, serving as Cantor of the Potchefstroom Hebrew Congregation as well as of a number of other South African congregations. While in the U.S.A. he was Cantor and principal of various Hebrew schools.

Cantor Schumkler is a graduate of the Hebrew Teacher's Seminary of Riga conducted by the late Prof. O. Gulack. He is also a graduate of the New York University (Washington Square College).

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## Cultural Federation Banquet



MR. ISAAC GOSS

THE inaugural banquet of the Yiddish Cultural Federation will be held in Johannesburg on Wednesday, August 20. Mr. I. Goss will be the main speaker.

The Federation is a non-political body, its aim being to foster the Yiddish language amongst all sections of the community. Included in its programme is the establishment of a permanent Yiddish Theatre, the publication of a monthly literary journal, the stimulation of interest in Jewish literature through the arrangement of lectures and the distribution of books and periodicals. The Cultural Federation hopes to receive the support of all who are concerned about the disappearance of the great cultural centres in Europe and would like to see the traditions of the Yiddish language maintained in this country.

### DR. RABINOWITZ LEAVING FOR ZURICH

#### To Attend Actions Committee Meeting

Chief Rabbi Dr. L. I. Rabinowitz will be leaving Johannesburg on Monday, the 18th August, by plane for Zurich, Switzerland, where he will attend the meeting of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organisation. Chief Rabbi Rabinowitz is one of the seven Revisionists' representatives of that Committee.

Rabbi Rabinowitz is expected to return to the Union after an absence of two weeks.

### Rabbi and Mrs. I. Freedman Return to South Africa

Rabbi and Mrs. I. Freedman returned to Benoni last week after an extended visit to the United States and Canada. During their tour Rabbi Freedman addressed various communities on the position of Jewry in South Africa.

### Reminder to Oudtshoornites

Will all Oudtshoornites who have received invitations to the Oudtshoorn reunion function at the Coronation Hall on Thursday night, August 28, or those whose addresses are unknown, kindly reply immediately to Mr. B. Borkum, Box 908, Johannesburg, or telephone Mrs. M. Mann, phone 44-8738. The guests of honour will be Madame Mabella Ott-Penetto, opera star, and Miss Sallie Kussel, delegate to the International Council of Women conference at Philadelphia. Dr. I. J. Balkin will preside.

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Furthermore, a favourable agreement has been concluded in respect of the Lease of the premises in which the Colonial Wine and Spirit Company, of corner Church and Van der Walt Streets, Pretoria, conducts its business, and transfer of that business to the Company has now been effected, thus completing transfer of all assets acquired by the Company.

The Directors are applying to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange for a quotation of its shares in terms of the prospectus previously issued.