

THE RUMOURS ABOUT PARTITION

NEW REPORT IN LONDON "DAILY MAIL"

London, May 24th.

THE "Daily Mail" to-day gives a new version of the proposal to partition Palestine.

"The creation of a Jewish State in Palestine, as a Dominion within the British Empire, with membership of the League of Nations," the paper writes, "is one of the proposals being considered by the Royal Commission appointed to find a solution to the recurring friction between Arabs and Jews in that country.

"Members of the Commission, it is stated, are convinced that the only way to end this friction is for Britain to ask the League to terminate the present Mandate and for the League to agree to the partitioning of the country.

"The partition would be drawn from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea. Territory east of this line would be formed into an Arab State under the sovereignty of the Emir Abdullah of Transjordan, while the Jewish State would be created out of the coastwise districts.

"Haifa would be an international port, and the holy cities of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth would come under a new British Mandate from the League. Britain would be responsible for the defence and internal order in the new Jewish State.

"The proposal to ask the League to admit the new State to membership would give the Jews international status, which many of their race are anxious to obtain.

"No final decision has yet been reached by the Commission on these proposals. Nor have they yet produced plans to safeguard minorities in the proposed states, or offered solutions of problems connected with customs, transport, emigration and public services generally."

PALESTINE AS A BRITISH DOMINION

London, May 23rd.

A NEW forecast is contained in today's "Sunday Despatch" in regard to recommendation favoured by the majority of the Palestine Royal Commission. The plan includes, the paper states, the end of the British Mandate by agreement with the League of Nations, the constitution of the Holy Land as a British Dominion with a Central Government and complete municipal Independence for Jewish and Arab towns (with protection for minorities in such towns). The Arab Jewish ratio of population, the paper states, is to be fixed at a somewhat lower scale than the present and the immigration laws are to be altered regulating the yearly inflow of Jews to meet these conditions. "The new Dominion would become a member of the League of Nations, and peace and protection of the country would be the responsibility of a British garrison for a period of years.

"Such a plan," the paper concludes, "it is contended, would meet the demands of both parties and be conducive to the future welfare of the country and its peoples."

SPECIAL "ZIONIST RECORD" MAP



The above map of Palestine, specially prepared for the "Zionist Record," will enable readers the better to follow the various rumours about partition in Palestine that have been circulated. Only the chief centres affected have been incorporated on the map.

AN ARAB PAPER'S REPORT

Cairo, May 23rd.

"MOKKATAM," the important Egyptian daily, publishes further details of the partition of Palestine, supplied in an interview with Iraq leaders.

The Jewish canton, the paper states, would extend from Tel-Aviv to Hadera and would include the Emek Israel up to the Hills of Judea. The Arab canton would include Jaffa, Gaza and Beersheba up to Rafa. Safad, Haifa and Acre would be proclaimed Crown Colonies, and Jerusalem and Bethlehem would be given international status.

The paper further reports that £5,000,000 of the Palestine surplus would be allotted for the transfer of Arabs, who would desire this, from the Jewish canton.

A Palestine Arab newspaper to-day reports that the Royal Commission will probably restrict Jewish immigration according to the absorptive capacity of the lands bought and colonised by the Jews. The Arab rulers, the paper declares, do not give their consent to Transjordan becoming a part of Palestine or vice versa.

MAPS IN CONNECTION WITH PARTITION?

Jerusalem, May 27th.

IT is reported that 30 British engineers have drawn new maps of Palestine by order of the Royal Commission in connection with the plan to partition the country. It is further announced that the maps have already been sent to England and that according to these maps, the Jewish State, which is to be named Eretz Israel, will include 3,000,000 dunams of land in Galilee, including the hill country up to Gaza. The rest of the country, with the exception of Haifa, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, which are to be international, will be joined to Transjordan under the Emir Abdullah. To meet the Jewish need for intensive colonisation, the Negev, that is to say, the southern part of Palestine, is to be proclaimed a Mandatory area, affected by the Balfour Declaration, where the Jews are to have the right to colonise 5,000,000 dunams of land.

Today

in Jewish History

The Inventor of Pilpul

PILPUL, that peculiar method of argument and discussion connected with the study of the Talmud, is generally said to have been invented by Jacob Pollak, died on June 18, 1541. His new method spread like wildfire throughout the Jewish centres of learning in Eastern and Central Europe. He himself was a member of a wealthy and influential family in Cracow, where he was the head of the local yeshivah and was appointed by the King, Chief Rabbi of Little Poland. However, his life in Cracow was troubled and he had to leave the city. Towards the end of his life he visited Palestine and is said to have died there. Although famous as a Talmudic scholar, Pollak left no writings of consequence.

INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS

Jerusalem, May 27th.

A REPORT is contained in the Cairo newspaper "Ahram" that the British Delegation to the League of Nations have established contact with the delegates from other countries with regard to obtaining the opinions on the proposals of the solution of the Palestine problem.

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"FOR VALOUR" AT THE COLOSSEUM.

A new Tom Walls-Ralph Lynn comedy, "For Valour," is the feature film at the Colosseum Theatre this week. The play, which was written by Ben Travers, commences during the Boer War with Lynn as a Major and Walls as a private. In later years they find the pair of them playing dual roles—as themselves and as the sons. The situations are screamingly funny. Veronica Rose takes the female lead. A Novelty Presentation by Charles Manning and his Orchestra makes the supporting programme particularly pleasing.

CUTHBERT'S FOR GOLF SHOES