

MASS MEETING IN SELBORNE HALL

JOHANNESBURG REVISIONISTS PROTEST AGAINST PARTITION

On Sunday evening last a mass meeting was held in the Selborne Hall under the auspices of the New Zionist Organisation to protest against the partitioning of Palestine contemplated by the British Government.

Mr. I. E. Judes, who presided, said that Jews were not going to sell their heritage for a mess of pottage. Palestine is our religion, and those who would allow it to be cut up are abandoning their religion," he added.

The chairman appealed to the British people for fair play and justice regarding to their just claims in Palestine.

Rabbi I. M. Gervis, speaking in Yiddish, declared that the British Government had no right to tear away Eretz Israel from the Jewish people, for every part of Palestine was saturated with Jewish blood.

Mr. J. Blumenthal said that the Jewish people would not be prepared to accept the decision laid down by the Royal Commission, which perpetrated one of the greatest injustices against the Jewish people since the dispersion; it was a crime against the Jewish future.

He (the speaker) believed that the Jewish case was not entirely lost and that the civilised world would still have to say something about the future of Palestine.

Upholding the Balfour Declaration

Rev. Norman Bennett, speaking as a non-Jew, said he was privileged to utter a few words at this auspicious time in Jewish history. For his part he did not look upon this as a political meeting, but one of a religious nature, which had to do with the most sacred aspirations of the Jewish people. Let them remember that the sacred Scriptures were the common heritage of them all.

After referring to Biblical prophecies with reference to return of the Jew to his ancient Homeland. Rev. Bennett said that he had been to Palestine four times—the first time in 1895—and every time he went there he was greatly impressed with

the result of the rejuvenated Jewish life there.

Rev. Bennett said that an Englishman's word was his bond, and therefore the Balfour Declaration, dependent on the honour of Great Britain, must surely stand to-day.

Mr. A. Menkin, who had recently arrived from East Africa, quoted remarks made by General Smuts in 1930 to the effect that the Balfour Declaration must be carried out, that the British debt of honour to the Jews must be discharged in full at all costs. It had not yet been carried out, the Jewish rights in Palestine had been whittled down.

Some Jewish leaders in Palestine were willing to accept a crumb for fear that otherwise they might get nothing. It was this defeatist policy that had allowed the Royal Commission to issue the report it did. The Jews had got a crumb of land. They were offered 1,800 square miles for a Jewish National Home — about equal to a square block of land lying between Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The Resolutions.

In conclusion, Mr. Menkin moved the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

"This meeting of Jewry of Johannesburg and the Reef lodges its emphatic protest against the acceptance by the British Government of the recommendation of the Royal Commission to partition Palestine.

"This meeting further declares that it rejects unconditionally any proposals which aim at depriving the Jewish people of its just and lawful right to recreate Palestine within its historic boundaries as its own State, and calls upon world Jewry to demand that Great Britain should carry on the obligations which it undertook in accepting the Mandate for Palestine from the League of Nations.

"This meeting declares that every Jew or body of Jews that will agree to partition in any form, or will negotiate with the Mandatory on the principle of mutilating any portion of Palestine on both sides of the Jordan, betrays the Jewish people, and does not represent the masses of Jewry."

STRONG CONDEMNATION OF ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT

Statement by Local Zionist Socialists

The following statement has been received from the Central Committee of the United Zionist Socialist Party:

"The United Zionist Socialist Party in South Africa is shocked at the suggestion of the Royal Commission on Palestine to partition Eretz Israel, and they see in this suggestion a minimising of our right and the end of the possibility of emigration for the Jewish masses from oppressed areas. The Central Committee believes that the plan will meet with considerable opposition from the Democratic elements in the British Parliament and in the League of Nations. We appeal to the workers and Socialist opinion to help us in our struggle against this injustice to the suffering Jewish masses."

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION

A number of additional copies of the Summary of the Report of the Royal Commission which was published as a special supplement of the "Zionist Record" have been printed and are available at 6d. per copy from the Literature Department of the S.A. Zionist Federation, P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg.

PARTITION MAP

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A FORTHCOMING BALL IN GERMISTON.

The Max Langerman H.O.D. Lodge are engaged in preparations for their annual ball, which takes place this year on Wednesday evening, August 4th, at the Hotel Alexander, Germiston. The proceeds of the ball are being devoted to the Germiston Hospital, the Jewish Orphanage and the Lodge benevolent fund. The social success of the evening is assured as Charlie Berman's Personal Band will be in attendance. Novelty and exhibition dances as well as other attractive items on the programme will add brightness to the evening.



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