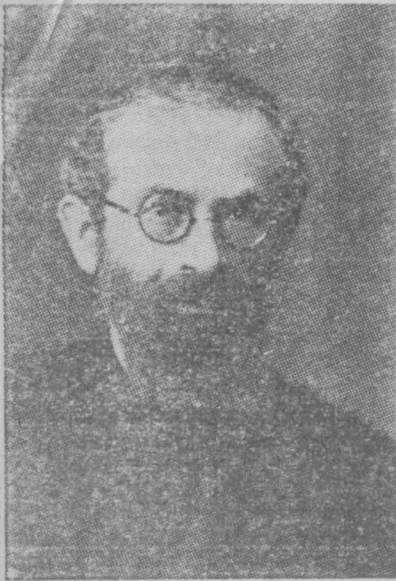


DR. HERZOG'S PLEA FOR PEACE

The Two Main Demands To-day



Dr. ISAAC HERZOG

"I have been informed that the New Zionist Organisation has been and is prepared to attend a round-table conference for the purpose of establishing a united front in relation to Eretz Israel," said the Rabbi.

"At this critical moment of our history, I do not wish to go into details, but I fervently pray that the first move in the direction of Shalom should be taken without delay. As far as I am concerned, I will do everything in my power to promote this aim.

"Palestine must be to us at once a national, spiritual and cultural home and a haven of refuge," Dr. Herzog also declared, and he spoke of the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine as of "a project hanging in the air."

"There would be no difference of opinion among the Jewish people," he said, "if the projected Jewish State were to cover all Palestine. But at the moment I should not like to go into the matter. That does not mean, however, that religious Jewry would not have a say once the question of the establishment of the Jewish State will be ripe for decision.

Religion in The Jewish State

"BUT what we religious Jews are interested in already to-day," Dr. Herzog continued, "is the constitution of the Jewish State. We religious Jews — and I take it for granted that the great majority of our people is rooted in Jewish religion — we want the constitution of our State to be based upon Jewish religious law, upon the Torah. In this respect naturally certain problems will have to be solved and difficulties will arise which without any doubt will be overcome. I am

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absolutely convinced that it is possible to establish a modern Jewish State within the framework of the law of the Torah."

Two Main Jewish Demands

DR. HERZOG went on to formulate Jewish demands in connection with the present state of insecurity prevailing in Palestine. "We Jews," he said, "have come to Palestine in the expectation that we will get full protection of life and property from the Mandatory Power. We have stuck confidently to that expectation. We have made wonderful progress which has been for the benefit also of the Arab population. We have reclaimed for civilisation a country which is one of the most beautiful in the world, but which had fallen into appalling neglect for centuries."

"What is the position at present? Forces of darkness are conspiring to destroy the very foundations of the Jewish National Home, laid by us with such strenuous efforts and such enormous self-sacrifice.

"In the face of savage terror we Jews have shown an unprecedented example of self-restraint and self-control. This was by no means due to cowardice. We repudiated the idea of unjust and indiscriminate reprisals. But when we were attacked, we defended our positions and achievements with heroic courage.

"And now," Dr. Herzog pointed out, "our patience and endurance are overtaxed. This state of terror has lasted far too long. The feeling of every Jew in Palestine is one of utmost amazement. We are aston-

New Premier 'Cellist For Palestine Orchestra

Tel Aviv, September 20th.
MR. THEO SALZMAN, former premier 'cellist in the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, has been engaged in the same capacity by the Palestine Orchestra and will take up his post for the next season.

Salzman, who deputised for the 'cellist Herman Busch (brother of the famous violinist Adolf Busch), entered the Vienna Orchestra at the age of 22 after the directors had heard a radio audition in which he played a 'cello recital by Schumann.

London, September 16th.

AN earnest appeal for "Shalom" (peace) on all sides and, particularly, between the "Old" and "New" Zionists, was made by Dr. Isaac Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Palestine, in an interview with the J.T.A. on the eve of his return to Palestine.

ished to see and we ask ourselves how it has come about that the mighty power of Great Britain has not yet been able to stamp out terrorism and to restore law and order.

"At the moment," Dr. Herzog declared, "there are two demands which are uppermost to us: That Britain should put an end at once to the present lamentable state of things and that it should restore security to life and property. And we also demand that the gates of Palestine should be opened widely to our unfortunate brethren in Germany, Austria and other parts of the world, to whom life is made a veritable inferno and who have nowhere to flee. Palestine must be to us at once a national, spiritual and cultural home and a haven of refuge where Jews shall find safety in times of storm and stress which break out again and again in the course of our history."

ANSWERING a question whether it would not be advisable and possible to organise the moral forces outside Jewry for combating violence in Palestine, the Chief Rabbi declared: "I certainly think it would be possible. But I think the British Government does not need this support. British public opinion, I am convinced, is in full agreement with a policy of stamping out terrorism in Palestine and with establishing conditions for the peaceful upbuilding of the country."

JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM PALESTINE

A Misleading Impression

A STATEMENT appeared recently in the general press to the effect that 500 Polish Jews had returned to Poland from Palestine by the Polish steamer "Polania." From this news item the impression was gained in some quarters that there had been a large exodus of Jews from the Yishuv.

Statistics show that the impression conveyed by the news item is entirely misleading. The figures mentioned in the newspaper statement may have included tourists returning after a visit, but on no occasion this year has such a number of Jewish residents of Palestine returned to Poland.

Actually during the first eight months of the year, the total number of Palestinian residents who left for other countries, whether for Poland or other destinations, was less than 600.

Detailed statistics of Jewish residents of Palestine departing for a period exceeding one year (i.e. not as tourists intending to return) during the period January—August 1938 are as follows:

January 1938	39
February "	38
March "	113
April "	82
May "	95
June "	103
July "	59
August "	64
TOTAL	593

For the information of readers, it may be mentioned that the number of immigrants entering Palestine during the period January—June, 1938 — (a period of greatly restricted immigration) was 5,009.

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