

Dr. Weizmann's Letter in London "Times."

Success of Jewish Settlement in Palestine.

INSPIRED BY NATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS FERVOUR.

A news item in Monday's "Cape Argus" dealing with a letter by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency, and an editorial on Palestine in the London "Times" gave the impression that extracts quoted were from Dr. Weizmann's letter. We have received by cable the text of Dr. Weizmann's letter, as published below, from which it appears that the extracts quoted were from the "Times" editorial and not from Dr. Weizmann's letter.—(Editor, S.A. Jewish Chronicle.)

"There is a wealth of suggestions for the solution of the problem of Jewish Refugees and in view of their plight no responsible person can reject any chance of salvation. But it is wrong to accept every proposal as a certainty. New settlement in undeveloped territories is difficult even with proved possibilities; only after lengthy and costly experiment often *afonds perdu* can mass settlement be attempted. Jewish settlement in Palestine started 60 years ago and the success of mass emigration only ten years ago. Even if Jews were settled ultimately in other countries with the same success this would not satisfy the immediate needs of German Jews. The idea of settling Jews in countries other than Palestine is not new. Vast sums for Jewish colonisation have been sunk in the Argentine which has excellent land and extensive areas, but it has not progressed, while the results in Biro-Bidjan are pitiable.

"The success in Palestine is not due to methods of settlement but because Palestine is the Homeland of the Jewish people. British workers are better suited for agriculture than Jewish traders and professionals divorced from the soil for 2,000 years, yet many attempts at British settlement overseas have failed because there is no national and religious fervour to overcome the formidable difficulties of an undeveloped country. Jewish settlement in Palestine has succeeded because it is a sanctified act of national redemption, and of a clinging to the soil because conscious of belonging to it. Every possible relief to refugees must be provided, but are Jews to be kept out of the land of their acknowledged right where 100,000 can be settled immediately and many more ultimately; or must they risk the remainder of their resources in uncertain experiments incapable of immediate relief and unsupported by the national idea?"

LATEST CABLES.

The Situation in Palestine.

Jerusalem.

A number of Jews and Arabs were killed and wounded during the week. Behor Murash, a Jewish merchant, was shot dead in the heart of Jerusalem on Sunday. Two Jews were wounded while unloading petrol at the Imperial Airways seaplane base on the Sea of Galilee. A Jewish chauffeur was shot dead by two Arab assailants in the Arab quarters of Jerusalem.

A mosque gatekeeper was shot and killed. Two armed Arabs, including a minor gang leader, were shot dead and nine rifles were seized when troops in co-operation with aircraft searched a village in Galilee. An Arab wearing a uniform was shot dead when troops surrounded a gang at night near Tulkarem.

A soldier was killed and five wounded when a landmine exploded under a military trolley near Ramleh.

A Jerusalem military court sentenced to death a French-Algerian Moslem, Mustafa Aljezairo, who was convicted of being accessory to the carrying of firearms.

One Arab was shot and several arrested during a search by troops in Tulkarem, where the police station was attacked.

The Kofar Hayishub offices have been wrecked by two bombs.

Statement by Vaad Leumi.

The Vaad Leumi (Palestine Jewish National Council) has issued a statement deploring the alleged renewal of Arab terrorism, involving British, Jewish and Arab victims. The statement declares that renewed terrorism is the result of Government policy, the weakness of which is arousing the belief among terrorists that defiance will have its reward.

The Palestine Conference.

Jerusalem.

The Arab delegation left for London on Tuesday. Under pressure from the British Government, two members of the Nashashibi party were included in the Palestine delegation with the Mufti's consent. Ragheb Nashashibi, however, announced that the delegates did not represent his party and stated that he would boycott the conference unless his party was equally represented with the Mufti's.

A delegation headed by Fakhri Bey Nashashibi visited the High Commissioner

and declared that the National Defence Party would not consider itself represented at the conference by the two Nashashibi delegates appointed by the Mufti.

German Jewry.

Berlin.

No Jewish dispensing chemist, dentist or veterinary surgeon will be allowed to exercise his profession in Germany after January 31, according to an announcement made here.

The Schocken Verlag, one of the largest Jewish-owned publishing firms in the Reich, is planning to move its business and as much of its stock as is permissible to Palestine. The firm, together with all other Jewish publishing houses in Germany, was forced to close its doors here when Nazis ordered the Jewish Cultural Union to take over all Jewish cultural activities.

The Gestapo has confiscated the valuable library at the offices of the Zionist Organisation, which consisted of 40,000 German and Hebrew books presented by Jewish emigrants to the Hebrew University.

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An agreement has been reached between Poland and Germany, by which further deportations of Polish Jews will be discontinued, while the dependants of the deported Jews will be admitted to Poland from Germany with stateless passports.

Hungarian Anti-Jewish Bill.

Budapest.

The Union of Progressive Jews and the Union of Orthodox Jews have sent a memorandum to Parliament appealing for rejection of the anti-Jewish Bill, proclaiming the devotion of Hungarian Jewry to the Fatherland and warning that the Bill will lead to economic chaos.

Yehudi Menuhim to give Concerts for Refugees.

New York.

Mr. Moshe Menuhin, father of the famous violinist, Yehudi Menuhin, told the J.T.A. here that Yehudi is sailing in February on a world tour, which would include at least seven concerts in world capitals, during which he hoped to raise £50,000 for Jewish refugees.

The first concert is to be given at the Royal Albert Hall in London on April 16th.

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