

## Latest Cables

# Palestine Land Regulations.

Announcement by Mr. MacDonald.

## Strong Criticism in House of Commons.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. MacDonald, announced in the House of Commons on Wednesday that the High Commissioner for Palestine had been authorised to issue regulations controlling the transfer of land from Arabs to non-Arabs in certain areas.

It is intended to create two zones where land sales are restricted: one including the hills, and certain areas such as Gaza and Beersheba, where the transfer to Jews is forbidden; the second including the Plain of Jezreel, Eastern Galilee, and the plain between Haifa and Tantura, between the southern boundary of Ramleh sub-district and Beertuvia, and the Negev, where transfers to Jews are not permitted without the sanction of the High Commissioner under specific conditions. [Presumably in the rest of the country the sale of land will be free.—Ed.]

The regulations are accompanied by a covering letter to the League General Secretary and a Memorandum explaining that the Ordinance was necessary in order to avoid increase of Arab landlessness.

Major Attlee charged the Government with seeking to present the Council with a fait accompli. Mr. MacDonald replied that the regulations had been published because of the delicate situation in Palestine. The Government would give the most serious attention to the Council's views.

Col. Amery warned against the creation of a more delicate situation if the League decided that the action was not in accordance with the Mandate.

Sir Archibald Sinclair referred to the Mandates Commission's attitude.

Capt. Cazalet asked why at this moment when both sections in Palestine were peacefully co-operating for the first time this measure was being introduced, thereby exasperating the Jewish population of Palestine and the world over.

### Mr. MacDonald's Reply.

Mr. MacDonald replied that the non-introduction of land control might pre-

judice peace. Nothing was likely to contribute as much to renewed bitterness and violent disorders as the existence of a considerable landless Arab population; therefore, the High Commissioner had been authorised to proceed with the land regulations.

These restrictions would not prevent further development of the Jewish National Home, and land purchases could be continued on a considerable scale in many areas.

The regulations were not fixed for all time, and the High Commissioner could review and modify the position.

Major Attlee announced that he was putting down a motion of censure on the Government's statement. The Liberal Opposition intends to support the motion.

### STATEMENT BY JEWISH AGENCY.

The Jewish Agency has issued a statement that the regulations are a mockery of the Mandate and that the Government is reproducing in Palestine the root evils of the dispersion. They appealed to the British public to support the struggle against the policy, and called upon Jews to work firmly and unitedly for the day when the rule of right would be re-established all over the world.

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Jerusalem.

Mr. Ben Gurion has sent a letter to Sir Harold MacMichael, the High Commissioner, warning him that the Jewish people would not submit to the conversion of the Jewish National Home into a Ghetto.

The smaller Actions Committee is meeting on Friday.

they may offer their services solely to members of their own race.

## Palestine Volunteers in France.

Paris.

The first batch of volunteers from Palestine to join the British Expeditionary Force in France, arrived at a French port on Wednesday. There are 700 of them—about 75 per cent. Jews and the rest Arabs.

They will be attached to the auxiliary military pioneer corps and will work on lines of communications as unskilled labourers.

## Italian Jews Banned from Professions.

As from Friday, Jews will be excluded from most of the professions in Italy. These include the professions of journalists, doctors, chemists, lawyers, accountants and engineers. Some are exempted but

## Refugees in Various Countries.

London.

The House of Commons on Thursday unanimously approved of the £180,000 grant for refugees.

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Mr. Kaiser, of the Jewish Polish Relief Fund, returned from Vilna and disclosed that the Lithuanians were negotiating with Germany and Russia about the transit of emigrants and were also considering the issue of travelling documents instead of passports.

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Ciudadtrujillo.

The Dominican Congress has ratified the 500 families settlement contract. M. Van Zeeland has arrived and conferred with the Government.

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Santiago.

The Chilian Government has introduced Bills to restrict the immigration and occupation of refugees, meanwhile prohibiting residence in the capital.

## Huberman to Visit South Africa.

### FOUNDER OF PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

The celebrated violinist and conductor, Bronislaw Huberman, will arrive in South Africa in April to make a concert tour of the principal cities in the Union.

He is one of the most famous musicians in the world. He was born in Poland and



MR. BRONISLAW HUBERMAN,

became a concert artist in 1893 at the age of eleven, and for almost half a century has delighted audiences in Europe, America and Australia.

Huberman was the founder of the Palestine Orchestra, composed largely of refugees from Germany.

He had been deeply impressed by the musical appreciation of the Yishuv during his earlier visits to Palestine. Many exiled musician from Germany of outstanding brilliance were enrolled in the Orchestra, which the great Toscanini conducted on two occasions.

Huberman is at present in Palestine on a concert tour. After his first successful tour of the season in Tel-Aviv, he said in an interview for the first time with Arab and Jewish representatives together: "I hope my music will assist Arab-Jewish rapprochement."

His South African tour has been arranged by African Consolidated Theatres Limited.

## Youth Aliyah Thanks S.A. Jewry.

London.

The Youth Aliyah Executive in London has cabled to the Youth Aliyah Head Office in South African as follows:—

"On behalf of 6,000 children now leading constructive lives, the Executive takes the opportunity of the sixth anniversary of the arrival of the first group of children in Palestine to thank South African Jewry for their magnificent support in this great work."