

Premier Cites Palestine In Dispute With India; Afrikaner Warned: Racial Hatred Does Not Promote Prosperity



Not So
Mr. Louw

MR. ERIC LOUW, M.P., back from his tour of Natal—and it is significant that the Nationalists have chosen him every year as the best propagandist to lead the party's "education drive" in this preponderatingly English-speaking province—summarises his impressions in the latest issue of "Die Kruithoring":

"I found that anti-Jewish feeling has increased strongly among the English-speaking people of Natal. And it is not only due to recent events in Palestine! No—just as we do—the English-speaking people regard it as a South African problem which effects the permanent interests of the people of this country."

Reviewing recent terrorist activities in Palestine and the openly anti-British sentiments expressed by the "Jewish Press of England and America—and even of South Africa," he asks why Britain is proving to be so tolerant in the face of all this provocation. The answer, he says, is because Britain is caught between two lines of fire, the great economic power of world Jewry—a power with which she must reckon in her present economic crisis—and the Arab League.

Mr. Louw says that while the Jews in England, South Africa and elsewhere pass resolutions of protest against the deeds of the terrorists they are doing nothing to stop their activities. "I, therefore attach little value to the condemnatory motions of local Jews," he concludes.

Premier's
Decision

GEN. SMUTS'S decision not to go to the United Nations' session, dealing with India and South-West Africa, has evoked widespread comment in all the papers. The Nationalist press says that he is keeping away because he does not want to suffer another personal blow to his prestige.

Deportation And
Naturalisation

THE Ossewabrandwag celebrated its ninth birthday with a mass meeting in Johannesburg which was almost completely ignored, except by "Die Vaderland" and the two Afrikaans Sunday papers.

In the "O.B." criticism is levelled against the fact that while people of German origin in South Africa are being notified of their impending deportation, "a great number of German Jews have achieved Union citizenship. The latest naturalisation figures showed that about 500 people, mostly from Germany, had been naturalised. Their surnames showed that they are Jews . . . Besides the German Jews, many came from Eastern Europe, chiefly from Poland, Lithuania and the Balkans."

The Road
To Prosperity

DR. A. SNOEK, writing in "Volks-handel," the official organ of the Afrikaans Handelsinstituut—which is linked with the Reddingsdaad—says:

"The Afrikaans-speaking people cannot isolate themselves in the business world and trade. It is of mutual advantage to the different

racial groups, who put the interests of South Africa first, to act positively and co-operate instead of fighting one another. All racial groups have their good and bad elements and racial hatred does not promote prosperity."

Labour Delegate
On Palestine

MR. ALEC WANLESS, M.P., for Umbilo, one of the Labour Party's delegation who visited Palestine en route to the International Socialist Conference, as a guest of the Histadruth, has returned to South Africa. The other two delegates, Mrs. Jessie McPherson and Mr. B. Weinbren, are returning early next month. In an interview Mr. Wanless said that the press had created a false impression about Palestine.

He describes the vast concentration of army forces in Palestine, adding that the terrorist organisation can have no more than 600 members. "Military needs, therefore, to deal with the terrorists would require no more than a mobile well-equipped task force of 2,000 and an efficient secret service. The answer to the Palestine problem must, therefore, be sought in another direction, and it is not difficult to find. It is, spelt with three letters—oil."

Mr. Wanless described the attitude of the Jews to the Arabs as a very healthy one, and said there existed no animosity for the Jews among the Arab rank-and-file.

Labour And
U.P. To Fight

PLEADING business reasons, Mr. Morris Nestadt, M.P.C., has withdrawn from the parliamentary fight in the Benoni by-election. The United Party has nominated an industrialist, Col. Guy, to oppose the Labour Party's candidate, Dr. T. W. B. Osborn.

With the withdrawal of Mr. Nestadt and the selection of a new candidate all the evidence points to the inevitability of the United Party and the Labour Party having to fight each other in the forthcoming election. This also means that the two parties will oppose each other in the Langlaagte by-election, and in the Turfontein provincial by-election.

Commenting on these by-elections, the Nationalists' official organ, "Die Kruithoring," says that both Benoni and Langlaagte are strong anti-Nationalist seats.

The Nationalists are still manoeuvring behind the scenes to persuade a Madeleyite or an Independent to intervene in Benoni, promising their full voting strength to any such candidate.

"Die Burger"
Discusses Zionism

"DIE Burger"—Cape Nationalist daily newspaper—published two reviews of the Palestine situation during the past week, as well as a number of letters sympathetic to the Zionist viewpoint.

In the first review "Die Burger" shows to what extent a strongly-organised anti-Semitic organisation in Britain could have exploited the simultaneous occurrence of Britain's economic crisis and the crisis in Palestine. It adds "Many Britons are

ripe for propaganda which pairs the cry 'Britain uppermost' with 'Away with the Jews.'"

This is followed by an examination of the contribution made by the use of anti-Semitism to the strength of Hitler Germany, an argument strengthened by quotations from the writings of Vladimir Jabotinsky.

The second article opens by referring to the various groupings within the Jewish movement, pointing out that for most Gentiles a Jew is a Jew and Jewry a homogeneous mass. "Although the sins of the terrorists are visited upon Jewish shopkeepers in Liverpool the spiritual difference is possibly greater than that between the late Al Capone and Mrs. Roosevelt."

The writer then refers to the arrests of the Revisionist leaders and briefly refers to Revisionist policy, and again to Jabotinsky. Writing of the Revisionists he says: "Their Jewish enemies call them 'fascists' and the Revisionists also get less cold shivers than other Zionists at what the terrorists are doing."

The article, which refers to Bartley Crum's interview with Dr. Weizmann as published in "Behind the Silken Curtain," concludes: "The pressure of Jews wanting to get from Europe to Palestine has the power of a volcano."

VILNA CANTOR FOR YEOVILLE SYNAGOGUE



Cantor Joseph Eidelson, the former "Vilna Shtet Chazan," at present of Rome, Italy, who has been engaged as the Yeville Synagogue cantor, will arrive by air within the next few days.

DEATH OF MR. L. GREEN

JERUSALEM, Tuesday.—The death has occurred of Mr. Louis Green at the age of 79. He came to Palestine in 1926 and lived in Jerusalem. He took a leading part in planning the Hebrew University and the Sieff Institute at Rehovoth, and was a member of the Board of Governors of the University and a director of the "Palestine Post."

PRETORIA J.W.A., WOMEN'S SECTION

The J.W.A. Women's Section, Pretoria, organised a children's mannequin parade under the convenue of Mrs. May Poplak, of "Romande," on Tuesday afternoon, August 19, at the Jewish Memorial Hall, Beatrix Street, Pretoria, at 2.30 p.m. The total proceeds were donated to the S.A. Jewish War Appeal.

A successful "sing-song" was held at the Castle Hotel, Warmbaths, organised by the proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. J. Buskin, as a result of which a handsome contribution was forwarded to the J.W.A. Women's Section.

WHILE Gen. Smuts obviously did not intend to support the 1939 White Paper on Palestine his letter to Pandit Nehru, published this week, unfortunately gives the irresistible impression that he may be in sympathy with the Land Laws enacted under the provisions of the notorious White Paper.

Arguing the case for residential separation Gen. Smuts says:

"The land provisions of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act do not substantially differ from the practice of other members of the United Nations' Organisation in their policies to maintain peace between the different communities in their States. As only one instance may be mentioned the land purchase transactions between Jews and Arabs in Palestine.

"There is no reason why such policies to secure internal peace should be condemned, nor why the Union should be specially singled out for condemnation."

Any reading of this statement fails to provide a condemnation of what has been done in Palestine, or in any way indicates that the Prime Minister personally disapproves of the measures restricting Jewish land-purchases to six per cent. of the total country. It is of course well-known that Gen. Smuts is bitterly opposed to the White Paper and all it stands for, but he has taken no steps to prevent his position being misunderstood in this exchange of letters with Pandit Nehru.

He also makes this further reference to the "land segregation" principle which is upheld both in South Africa and in Palestine:

"If the intervention of UNO should be called for, there should be first an inquiry into such practices among members, and especially such practices as involve racial and economic discrimination. . . ."

Nats. Avoid
Jewish Issue

AN outstanding feature of the Nationalist pre-election campaign continues to be a stoutheaded avoidance of any reference to the Jews, while the Nationalist press continues to express no editorial opinion on recent events in Palestine, although publishing factual reviews of the position in the Middle East and printing sympathetic letters from correspondents supporting the ideals of Zionism.

In their joint campaign of the Free State, which opened at Kroonstad, the leaders of the Nationalist and Afrikaner Parties, Dr. Malan and Mr. N. C. Havenga, have concentrated almost exclusively on the non-European problem, urging segregation as the only alternative to the present "chaotic racial problems" existing in the country.

Speaking at Delmas, Mr. J. E. Potgieter, Nationalist M.P. for Brits, warned that if the Smuts Government were returned to power at the next elections it would mean the end of white civilisation in South Africa.