

What Revisionism Still Believes In.

A Last Experiment at Whole-Hearted Co-operation
With British Government.

London, September 9th.

The Revisionist Movement still believes in the joint interest of the British Empire and Zionism in the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. Mr. M. Grossman said at a Press Conference arranged in order to clarify a number of matters in connection with the recent Revisionist World Conference in Prague, which, he said, appeared to be none too clear. While adhering to a British orientation, he continued, the conference sounded a warning that the present state of affairs could not continue indefinitely; that an attempt was to be made during the period now setting in to bring Great Britain to a realisation of that joint interest; and that this period was to be regarded as the last experiment at whole-hearted co-operation with the British Government. The need for a last experiment lay in the fact that the British Government could not alone be held responsible for what had happened during the last 12 years. The failure of the Jewish leadership had also to be taken into account. It was to a new Zionist leadership that an opportunity to make that last experiment must be given.

Attitude of Jewish Agency.

It was no true that the conference had decided to advise or initiate any interruption in the colonisation work in Palestine. Nor was it true that it was proposed to discontinue the collections for the Zionist funds. Opinions were expressed that owing to the obstacles put in our way by the British Administration, and as a result of evidence regarding the present state of affairs in Palestine there was a danger that a certain slowing down of our colonisation work was setting in. If this slowing down of our work actually occurred, then it was the duty of the Zionist movement to utilise that period for the creation of financial and human reserves and the preparation of new political contacts and factors for the next forward move.

Regarding the Jewish Agency the Prague Conference had merely confirmed that there could be no Revisionist participation in the mixed Agency in its present form. Should a Revisionist Executive be entrusted with the conduct of the Zionist Organisation it would either suggest the entire reform of the present Agency to convert it into a democratically elected body or give the notice of dissolution of partnership, for which the agreement with the non-Zionists provided.

The Revisionist Organisation remained as before an integral part of the Zionist Organisation; but in this, as in the attitude of Britain, the conference made it clear that this state of affairs could not be continued indefinitely. A growing organisation like the Revisionists, with continually extending branches of activity, could not for ever be doomed to a state of opposition without opportunity to exert its influence on the practical execution of Zionist work. Unless the next Congress brought a change in leadership and policy, the Revisionist World Union might be compelled to reconsider its present position within the World Organisation.

Peace With Arabs.

The conference paid particular attention to the Arab problem, and came to the conclusion that the Jewish objective may be attained through peaceful colonising without displacement of the Arab population. It made it clear that in its view of the land problem it contemplated a statesmanlike solution of advantage both to the immigration which was to make possible a Jewish majority and of the labouring Arab masses. It made it clear, however, that the political aspiration of the Jewish people in Palestine did not coincide with the political aspiration of the Arab national movement, and that the Arab imperialism and egotism which endeavoured to hold as much territory as possible without being able to develop it should be exposed and opposed. This would not prevent friendly co-operation in the economic field, especially as there were vital economic interests mutual to Jew and Arab in Palestine.

The Revisionist members on the Actions Committee went to Berlin to participate in the session without any enthusiasm and without expecting any definite results, particularly as the Committee had since the formation of the mixed Agency no effective power. They had gone to Berlin just to fulfil their Zionist duty. On the fourth day they had heard an uncalled-for sensational statement by Dr. Weizmann, amounting to a complete negation of Zionism. It was not only a denial of the Jewish State idea, but also a disheartening prognosis that a Jewish majority was improbable. The whole tone and style of the speech had revealed one thing: that the Zionist leadership had not remained true to the Zionist idea, nor had it any constructive plan or scheme for the continuance of Zionist effort. An Actions Committee, which, after hearing Dr. Weizmann's speech, had asked him to retain his position of President of the Organisation could not dissociate itself from responsibility for the results which must follow.

A Succoth Poem

Shif'ath Rebibim.

A Prayer for Rain.

By SOLOMON IBN GABIROL.

Translated from the Hebrew by THEODORE HERZL GASTER.

Send He now the showers,
Pour them from the height;
Oh, let the seed now flower
And earth with fruit be dight!

Little rains and larger,
Pour with drops of dew;
Let the trees be verdant
The leaves be verdant, too!

Oh, send the Little Roebuck
Ere, the shadows flee;
Abraham—the gardener,
Remember thou to me!

Make the closed garden
Once again to blow,—
The pomegrante-orchard
Its tender shoots to show!

Oh, build again the city
Where David camped of yore;
Uproar the mighty stronghold
Of his men that went to war!

Now unto the palace,
Gleaming snowy-white,
Come again; behold it
Fill'd with sweet delight!

Builded up in beauty,
There the trophies gleam,
A thousand bucklers hang thereon;
And thither nations stream!

MR. JOEL MEYERSON.

Mr. Joel Meyerson, the talented South African tenor, has returned to Johannesburg from his world tour and appeared at the City Hall concert on Sunday evening last. He drew a large gathering of admirers, who were pleased to note that his voice is in excellent condition and is even greatly improved.

In view of the popularity of last Sunday night's concert, Mr. Meyerson will sing again on Sunday evening next at the City Hall. He will give a programme of arias from Italian Opera and will also sing Kol Nidrei from the opera of that name. Popular prices will prevail.

JOHANNESBURG HEBREW CIRCLE.

On Saturday evening, the 20th ult., a debate was held under the auspices of the above at the Doornfontein Communal Hall, on "The Significance of the Festivals and Their Importance in Jewish History." Rabbi I. M. Gervis presided and described particularly the Jewish festivals from a religious and a national point of view. He also traced the origin of several festivals. An interesting debate took place before a large audience.

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