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PALESTINE RAPIDLY PROGRESSING SAYS SIR ALFRED MOND

Expects ICA Aid, 28,000 Settlers Annually Needed

By radio, S. S. Berengaria, September 21 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency). Palestine is progressing with American rapidity, but needs most of all more American settlers, Sir Alfred Mond, financier and member of Parliament, who is bound for America on the Berengaria declared in an interview with the representative on board, of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Sir Alfred said he was glad to learn Louis Marshall, Herbert Lehman and other American Jews proposed starting an investment bank for Palestine, fathered by a group of American Jews on the recent visit of Dr. Chaim Weizmann to the United States. He will confer with these men during his brief stay in the United States.

Sir Alfred declared that even non-Zionist Jews of Britain had consented to enter the Jewish Agency through the Economic Board and work for Palestinian reconstruction. There was also reason to hope that the wealthy ICA Foundation (Jewish Colonization Association) founded by the late Baron deHirsch would participate in the Agency, he stated.

"More American blood among the Palestine settlers, with its initiative and resourcefulness would revolutionize that land", he declared. The Arab difficulties have been greatly exaggerated. The Arab agitators", he asserted, "are really using anti-Zionism as a smoke screen to make their anti-British propaganda. The Arab delegation left London absolutely unsuccessful", he said.

"The success of the Zionist undertaking hinges entirely on bringing into Palestine a yearly minimum of 25,000 settlers", Sir Alfred Mond stated. Sir Herbert Samuel, High Commissioner of Palestine whom he had seen recently was tired of his task, which was made difficult by the fact that the British Government must reckon with seventy million Mohamedans. If it had not been for Samuel, the Government might have been inclined to throw over Zionism, he said.

Mond also paid tribute to Dr. Weizmann. It was the confidence and affection entertained for him by the government that led to the Balfour declaration, he stated.

It was easy to criticise, he concluded, but the Zionist situation both in Palestine and London was improving and it was the duty of Jews to support Dr. Weizmann "who had created such a powerful position that even the anti-Semites were forced to respect it".

PALESTINE TEACHERS COLLEGE HASN'T PLACE FOR EVEN ONE JEW.

JERUSALEM, Sept 21, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The Arab director of the Governmental Teachers College has turned down the only Jewish applicant for entrance into the school. The reason officially given by the Director is that there is no vacancy in the school.

While there are a number of Jewish teachers' colleges the fact that the governmental school, under Arab direction has turned down the single Jewish applicant, has evoked great indignation in Jewish circles.

POLISH FASCISTI PLAN OVERTHROW OF GOVERNMENT.

WARSAW, Sept. 21, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Polish Fascisti and monarchists are waiting their turn to overthrow the government and seize the reins themselves, according to the "Kurjer Poranny".

The Fascisti have organized themselves in a thoroughly military fashion, and several divisions of their forces are available in Warsaw ready for instant action when the military coup is finally sprung. The movement is supported by the "Rozwoj".

The monarchist propaganda is conducted by Prince Zdzislaw Lubomirski and monarchist circles have lately shown a feverish activity.

STORRS GIVES PARTY IN HONOR OF SIR HERBERT'S RETURN.

Vaad Leumi Legalized, But Right To Levy Taxes Refused.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Sir Herbert Samuel returned to his post after his vacation spent in England and the continent. He was greeted by leading officials of the Government and on Tuesday evening last a garden party was held in honor of the High Commissioner at Governor Storr's house. Four hundred persons, representing all the communities were present.

It is learned that Sir Herbert brings the consent of the Colonial Office for the legalization of the Vaad Leumi and the Jewish communities, without the taxation privilege however.

PALESTINE RAIL WORKERS WANT SATURDAY REST DAY.

HAIFA, Sept. 21, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The conference of Palestinian railwaymen which is being held here went on record as favoring Saturday as the day of rest for all railroad workers.

The workmen demand to be given the normal remuneration for the day. They also decided to promote organizational and cultural work among Arab workers employed in the Palestine railways, telephone and telegraph.

The shipping companies pay the mixed company a commission on every ticket sold. In addition, the companies pay the Government a special tax of \$5 for each immigrant and emigrant. The mixed company also pays all ordinary taxes levied by the Government.

The agreement holds up to December 31, 1924.

ARAB DELEGATION LEAVES LONDON; TO PUBLISH PROCLAMATION.

LONDON, Sept. 21, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The Arab delegation left London this week and will arrive in Palestine on September 26th.

It is understood that immediately on their arrival they will publish a proclamation detailing the situation from their view point.

CUT TAXES, ARAB FARMER CONGRESS DEMANDS.

HAIFA, Sept. 21, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The Arab Agricultural Congress which is meeting here adopted resolutions protesting against the "asher" (present tax system) and demanding the reduction of the taxes and the elimination of some of the governmental departments in order to cut down expenses.

LITHUANIA RATIFIES LEAGUE GUARANTEE TO MINORITIES.

KOWNO, Sept. 21, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) The Lithuanian Government has ratified the League of Nations guarantee for the rights of minorities.

Much satisfaction is expressed in Jewish circles over the ratification.

CANVASS FOR \$400,000 DEFICIT FOR N.Y. FEDERATION.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21, (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) Plans for raising funds to eliminate the \$400,000 deficit in the three and a half million dollar budget of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies were announced by Arthur Lehman, president, at a luncheon of the Business Men's Council of the Federation at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called by Percy S. Straus and Felix Warburg, co-chairmen of the Business Men's Council. All of the various trades will be canvassed for the money.
