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Part I

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1. The indirect and direct references to immigration con-

Article 2: the Mandatory shall be responsible for placing the country under such political, administrative and coonomic conditions as well secure the establishment of the Jewish National Home....

Article 6: The Administration of Palestine, while ensuring that the rights and position of other sections of the population are not prejudiced, shall facilitate Jewish immigration under suitable conditions and shall encourage, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency referred to in Article 4, close settlement by Jews on the land, including State Lands and waste lands not required for public purposes.

In the statement of policy issued in 1922, His Majesty's Government in re-affirming the declaration of Movember 2, 1917, laid down as a matter of international concern that the Jewish people should know that it is in Palestine as of right. His Majesty's Government further acknowledged as a corollary of this right that it is necessary that the Jews should be able to increase their numbers in Palestine by immigration to be determined by the economic capacity of the country from time to time to absorb arrivals.

These principles were accepted by the Executive of the Zionist Organisation, but the Executive hold, now as then, that it is both the right and privilege of the Jewish Agency to do everything possible to increase the ompacity of the country to absorb new settlers. They further hold that it is

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a clear corollary to the Mandate that in these efforts the Jewish Agency is entitled not only to the full and constant support of the Mandatory Government, but also to its active cooperation.

2. With reference to the above, the Report of the Paleatime Commission of Enquiry contains the following allegation
(from which Mr. Smell dissents), that "there is incontestable
evidence that in the matter of immigration there has been a
serious departure by the Jewish suthorities from the doctrine
accepted in 1922 that immigration should be regulated by the
economic capacity of Palestine to absorb new arrivals."

This charge is based upon the fact that in 1926 and 1927 there was an undoubted economic crisis following upon large immigration. It is messeary to point out that in those years, as today, the final word in fixing the amount of immigrants rested with the Palestine Administration, and if a miscalculation was made, its responsibility is no less than that of the gionist Organisation. It is also necessary to point out that since those years there has been a resumption of immigration, and Jewish unemployment has been reduced almost to vanishining point. The facts are, therefore, that in the ten years from 1920_to 1930, there was one notprolonged economic crisis, which was overcome almost exclusively by the efforts of the Jews themselves, and during which no single Jew became a direct charge on public funds." But for that orisis the decade has been for Palestine a period of exceptional economic and social progress, primarily derived from Jewish labour and Jewish capital, which are closely linked together, and which immigration makes effective as factors for the development of the country.

3. Subject to the control of Government as to the grant of Immigration Certificates, and again as to the actual entry

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- (e) General: The newly arrived Jewish worker does not replace an Arab worker in the Arab economic system, since the cost of the Jewish in-migrant's labour and the conditions of work which he seeks in accordance with his standard of living and social development are far above those of the Arab worker. These are undisputed facts that it follows that there can be no danger of the Jewish worker squeezing the Arabs out of the Arab labour market.
- oannot bring the Arabs any economic benefit. The stoppage of immigration paralyses the introduction of new capital and industrial initiative. This reduces the sources of income of the Arabs by reducing the communition of their agricultural products, by reducing transportation services, by reducing customs revenue, and by reducing the work of porters, stovedores and lightermen.

 in all of which activities Arabs are actively engaged. The general economic turnover of the country which, as admitted by the Shaw Cosmission, benefits the Arabs more than the Jews, is bound to decline as a result of a stoppage of immigration.
- An examination of the last immigration schedule submitted to the Palestine Government and attached as an appendix to this memorandum, will be found to confirm the argumente set out above as proving that the new immigration is built upon a complex of Jewish capital, Jewish initiative, and Jewish enterprise, which create new possibilities of employment for Jewish workers. The state of unemployment among the Araba (if any) is therefore not relevent to the construction of the immigration schedules, although the Jews are naturally interested in the well-being of the Arab dommunity which in fact benefits indirectly from the great majority of Jewish development projects. It may, however, be observed that while no reliable data are available as to the unemployment which is said to exist among the Arabs, it can be definitely stated that such unemployment, if itdoes exist, has not been caused by Jewish immigration. On the contrary if there were no Jewish immigration and no influx of Jewish ospital

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be deprived of employment as agricultural workers and as growers of vegetables for their Jewish neighbours. An attempt is sometimes made to evade the logic of this argument by suggesting that if there were no Jewish immigration, then the Jewish capital which is directed to Palestine would be available for the employment of the Arabs. This is a false hypothesis, since without the possibility of settling Jewish immigrants in Palestine, the influx of Jewish capital could in no circumstances be maintained.

11. It has been alleged that owing to Jewish immigration, the Government has been constrained to allocate to Jewish labour a disproportionate share of its expenditure on public works. Such an allegation cannot be supported by facts as the following figures show:

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x) See Palestine Government Reports for years 1921-1925, Public Works Section, and Palestine Report for 1925,pp.20-21. See also Administration Reports of the P.W.D. for the tears 1924-25, 1925-26 and 1927. The administrative expenditure itself is deducted from the total.

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Notes

In 1920 and 1921, after the Civil Administration has been established, and when, as a result of the war there was a serious shortage of labour, the help of the Jewish Cooperative Labour Association, consisting mainly of recent immigrants, was sought and appreciated. But soon the percentage of Jewish labour employed began to drop, till in 1925 it was only lo percent. As against of in 1922. The lowest point was reached in 1926. During the period of five years (April 1, 1922 to March 31,1927), out of 5.1,226,000 spent on public works, only 6.32,000,or less than 5 percent represent the share allowed to Jowish labour. It was only after a long and persistent effort on the part of the zionist Exeoutive and of organised Jewish labour, and in view of the widespread unemployment among the Jewish population in 1927, that something was done to remedy this flagrant exclusion of Jewish labour from the public works financed by the Government.

out for the relief of the unemployed were for the most part already on the Government's programme and were merely expedited: the most important item, memely the Jaffa-Retuch-Tikvah road, had for a long period stood first on the Government list of roads to be constructed. Even allowing for the works carried out for the relief of Jewish unemployed, the proportion of public works executed with Jewish labour remains substantially less than the share calculated in relation to the Jewish proportion of the settled population, or to the Jewish contribution to the revenues.

12. The Building Trades; the crisis of 1927 was most severely felt in the building trades in which 4,500 Jewish labourers were engaged at the end of 1926. During the period of economic depression a considerable proportion of these workers were absorbed in the plantation settlements

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and in industry, while a number left the country.

Today only about 2,500 Jewish labourers are working in
the building trades.

In Jeruselem a desire to move out of the Old City has stimulated house construction since the August riote, and it will be several years before this med is satisfied. At Haifs the Jewish population has increased by 12,000 souls in the last nine years, during which period 977 Jewish buildings have been erected. With the additional stimulus of the new harbour works, there is no doubt but that the next few years will see still greater building development in Haifs town. At Tel Aviv. the Township is sued building permits for 2.2,114,419 during the years 1914-1927, when the depression set in. In 1929 there was some revival and approximately 6.100,000 were spent on new buildings. During the first five months of 1930 there has been a further and increasing recovery with a monthly expenditure of \$.15,000 on new buildings.

These facts point to the conclusion that the position and prospects of the buildings trade can be regarded with satisfaction and confidence.

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Part II.

Immigration Machinery & Procedure

This section of the Memorandum is divided into the following chapters:-

- A. The Machinery of the Jewish Agency regarding Immigration.
- B. The Training Abroad of Immigrant Workers.
- C. The Selection of Immigrants Abroad.
- D. Medical Examination of Immigrants.
- Se The Reception and Matablishment of Immigrants in Palestine.
- F. Immigration of non-Labour Categories.

Copies of the following documents are attached as

annexures:-

- (1) Letter No.K/728/30 dated April 27th from the Jewish Agency to the Chief Secretary correcting certain innaccuracies which appeared in the Report of the Palestine Commission of Enquiry in regard to immigration procedure.
- (2) Labour immigration Schedule for the period April 1st to September 30th submitted by the Palestine Executive of the Jewish Agency for the High Commissioners consideration.
- (3) Chief Immigration Officer's letter No. IRM/9/20 dated May 12th, communicating the High Comissioner's approval of 5,300 certificates (including 950 previously granted as an advance).
- (4) Chief Immigration Officer's letter No. DAN/9/20 dated May 16th conveying to the Executive the decision to suspend the entry into force of the Schedule as approved.
- (5) The Jewish Agency's letter No.K/857/30 dated May 21st to the Palestine Government conveying observations on the suspension of the Schedule.

A. The Machinery of the Jewish Agency Resarding Immigration:

The status of the Jewish Agency in relation to the Government of Palestine as regards the management of Jewish immigration into Palestine is defined by the immigration Ordinance, 1925, as follows:-

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- 7 (4) It shall be lawful for the Palestine mionist amountive to notify the Chief immigration Officer in the form shown in Schedule 5 to the Regulations that there is a reasonable prospect of employing a number of persons either named or unmaned in Palestine and to make an aplication for permission for their entry to Palestine, but every such application shall be accompanied by a guarantee to maintain the person or persons in respect of whom it is made for a period of not less than one year.
- tegory 0 who may be admitted to Palestine, Labour Schedules shall be prepared from time to time by the Chief
 Immigration Officer after considering any proposals made
 in that regard by the Palestine Mionist Executive. One
 such Labour Schedule shall be prepared in respect of each
 successive period of six calender months ending alternatively on the 30th of September and the 31st of March, laying
 down the maximum number of persons belonging to the various
 trades, industries and callings, who may be granted immigration certificates under Category 0 during the period
 covered by the said Schedule.
- 9 (2) Each schedule when completed shall be laid down before the High Commissioner at much a date as he shall determine and he shall, if he approves it, signify his approval in writing.

The immigration Department of the Jewish Agency at Jerusalem, which manages Jewish immigration to Palestine, subject to the control of the Government, executes its functions with the aid of the following organs:-

- (1) The Palestine Offices sbroad
- (2) Ammigration Offices in Palestine.
- (3) An Immigration Board (advisory to the Immigration Department).

(1) The Palentine Offices Abroad:

The Immigration Department maintains Palestine Offices abroad in the principal countries of Jewish emigration. Of special importance are the Palestine Offices at Marsaw.

Belin, Kovno, Riga, Bucharest and Aden, and the Port Offices at Trieste and Constanza.

The functions of the Palestine Offices are:-

- (1) To supply information regarding the Immigration Regulations in force in Palestine; conditions of work and life in the country.
- (ii) Selection and approval of immigrants according to the prevailing requirements of work (on the basis of the instructions received from the Jewish Agency) vide para.C below.

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- (111) The registration and census of immigrants and the armagement of visas and travel documents.
- (iv) Representation of the Jewish Agency before the local British Consul, Government Departments and foreign Consulates in regard to matters pertaining to immigration to Palestine.
- (v) Medical Exemination of immigrants before departure (vide para,D below).
- (vi) Assistance for the transfer of personal property and money to Palestine.
- (vii) Assistance to immigrants as to their journey to Palestine, etc.
- (viii) Assistance to immigrants for Palestine in transit through the country where the Palestine Office is situated.

The travel conditions and the transport of the immigrants are governed by contracts between the steamships companies and the immigration Department of the Jewish Agency. In which the interests of the immigrants are safeguarded.

The immigration Department arranges through the instrumentality of the Palestine Offices the transport of the immigrants in special trains or railway charriages, and the immigrants are accompanied to the port of departure and sometimes (in cases of large transports) to the ports of Palestine.

Associated with every Palestine Office there exists a
Palestine Committee the duty of which is to sivise the Palestine
Offices in regard to the selection of the immigrants for
certificates of the Jewish Agency. According to a resolution
of the Elonist Congress, the Palestine Committees are responsible
before the Jewish Agency. They include representatives of the
different parties of the Elonist movement: General Elonists,
Orthodox Elonists (Misrachi) and the various Labour parties
taking part in the Elonist Congress, also the organisation which
trains candidates for immigration (the Hechalutz). The Director
of the Palestine Office who is appointed by the Jewish Agency is also
a member of the local Palestine Committee.

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The Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency
maintains constant touch with all the Palestine Offices.
furnishing them with information as to the situation in
Palestine with special reference to prospective Labour needs.

At intervals, a representative of the immigration Department is sent abroad to inspect the work of the Palestine Offices and the conditions governing the transport of immigrants.

(2) Immigrations Offices in Palestine:

In the Palestine ports (Jaffa-Tel Aviv and Raifa) there are maintained immigration Offices of the Jewish Agency with the following objects in view:

- (1) Meeting immigrants upon arrival and arranging their landing subject to Government control.
- (2) Intervention with the Government in appropriate cases where immigrants are detained by the Port Officer on their arrival for further enquiries.
- (3) Consultation with social institutions dealing with the employment of immigrants in town and country.
- (4) Rendering assistance to immigrants as detailed in Para.S below under the head "Reception and establishment of immigrants."

are hostels where the immigrants are given accommodation and are maintained until they are transferred to work (for the most part this is only for a few days until they recover from the inoculations to which they are subjected on arrival).

(3) The Immigration Boards

Associated with the Imaigration Department of the Jewish Agency is an Immigration Board which acts in an advisory capacity in all matters relating to immigration. This advisory body consists of representatives of the "Yishuv". farmers, industrialists, labourers and also representatives of the Jewish communities (Sephardim, Yemenites). The members of

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The period of agricultural training usually required in order to qualify for immigration to Palestine is two years: in special cases one year is sufficient.

The number of chalutein undergoing training abroad is subject to change and depends on the prospects of immigration into Palestine. According to a recent census, the Hechalute Organisation had the following number of chalutein in training:-

Poland	1.360	Csecho-Slovskia	161
Galicia	775	Austria	70
Roumania	368	Bulgaria	18
Germany	335	Hol land	32
Lithuania	211	France	23
Latvia	150	Russia(estimate)	500
	3,199		804

Total 4,003

The chalutzim for training are selected from within the Jewish Youth Organisations, in which education is commuted in a spirit of Jewish culture and of Zionian, forming a reserve of pioneer immigrants for Palestine. The number of vacancies in the training institutions being far less than the number of candidates, only the best are selected.

In order to control the actual training of the chalutsim abroad, the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency periodically sends experts to Europe to investigate the system of work and to submit proposals for its improvement. In the current year two agronomes from the staff of the Colonisation Department and the Experimental Station of the Jewish Agency have been designated for this purpose. In addition to these pechnical experts, a selected number of experienced agriculturists from Palestine have been sent abroad in order to gaine the Hechalutz activities in conformity with the practical needs of the country at the present time. These delegates

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d. The Selection of Immigrants Abroad:

The selection of the immigrants for Palestine is the first and paramount responsibility of the Palestine Offices abroad, which represent all the Zionist circles interested an the upbuilding of Palestine. These Offices not on the periodical instructions of the immigration Department of the Jewish Agency, which in turn are given after consultation with the immigration Board.

The following are the principal points governing the selection of immigrants:-

- (i) The needs and openings for Jewish labour in Palestins as set forth in the Schedule approved by the High Commissioner.
- (ii) A general but not exclusive priority of selection for those who have undergone a special period of preparation for Palestine in the training institutions of the various Hechaluts Organisations, and have acquired a fair knowledge of the Hebrew language.
- (iii) The individual selection of skilled workers for specific trades for which new workers are needed.
- (iv) The nomination of persons applied for by relatives already settled in Palestine, who can prove their ability to provide for the establishment of the immigrants in the country in a suitable manner.
- The number of persons registered with the Palestine Offices as considence of for immigration greatly exceeds the number of certificates which are put at their disposal, and there is no difficulty in finding suitable persons for nomination. The local Palestine Committees select the best qualified candidates on the basis of instructions issued by the immigration Department of the Jewish Agency at Jerusalem. in conformity with the principles set forth above.

D. Hedical Examination of the Instgrants;

one of the main conditions for the approval of immigrants by the Palestine Office is their qualification for hard
physical work; and in order to assure that desirable and

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healthy elements fit for work in the Palestine climate should gain admission to Palestine under the Labour Schedule, the Immigration Department had laid down the conditions for the examination of the candidates for immigration, for which purpose selected physicians are appointed by the Palestine Offices.

Three medical examinations are conducted:-

- 1) On the registration with the Palestine Offices of a candidate for immigration to Palestine.
- 2) Immediately before leswing for Palestim.
- 3) On arrival in Palestine.

The first two examinations are made by the accredited physicians of the Palestine Offices who issues a certificate on the result of the examination. The third examination is conducted by the Medical Officer of the Eupat-Cholim (Sick Fund of the Labour Pederation), and is in addition to the medical examination carried out by the Medical Officer of the Palestine Government.

Every Labour Schedule immigrant is automatically admitted as a member of the Kupat Cholim by payment of a registration fee on his behalf by the Jewish Agency.

The standing instructions to the accredited physicians for the examination of the immigrants have been prepared by the Vand Habriuth (Health Committee) of the Jewish Agency (Appendix attached).

In addition, special instructions are issued from time to time to the Palestine Offices on the basis of experience and the results of the examinations conducted after the arrival of the immigrants in Palestine.

E. The Reception and Establishment of Immigrants in Palestines

The new arrivals are met by the Immigration Officers at the Jewish Agency in Haifa and Jaffa, and after a stay of a few days in the Immigrations hostels are distributed to places of work in accordance with the labour needs in different control of the contro

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parts of the country, which serve also as a basis for the elaboration of the Labour Schedule. This distribution of immigrants is effected with the assistance of the labour exchange of the General Federation of Labour, and of the Misrachi and Yemenite Workers' Organisations.

The Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency provides the following facilities for the benefit of the immigrants:-

- (1) Assistance in the ports, quarantine stations, etc.
- (2) Haintenance in the Immigrations Rostels of the Jewish Agency Caring the first days after arrival . if necessary.
- (3) Loans for tools and equipment at the places of work.
- (4) Registration in Eupst-Chelim (Sick Fund) and maintenance in case of illness contracted entoute.
- (5) Grant of travel expenses to place of work.
- (6) Mrection of accommodation at the places of work. (barracks and tents).
- (7) Issue of mosquito curtains in places infected with malaria.

paid to the erection of suitable and hydienic housing for the immigrants, on the basis of a report furnished by a commission of physicians and engineers. Special arrangements were made in the workers' comps in Sanaria for protection against and aria.

F. Immigration of non-Labour Categories:

The immigration Department and its institutions also pay attention and afford assistance to immigrants who enter Pales.

time under categories other than the Labour Schedule, although these do not enter under the responsibility of the Jewish Agency.

The categories referred to are:

- (a) Persons with independent means including:
- (i) Capitalists (2P.1000 minimum).
- (11) Persons of Liberal Professions (42.500).
- (111) Persons Skilled in Trade or Graft (EP.250).

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(11) Persons of Liberal Professions (11)

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-) is assured.
- (d) Dependents, i.e. persons applied for by relatives in Palestine who are able to maintain them.

with reference to the immigrants falling under (a) (i) above, the approximate total of such immigrants who have entered Pelestine during the past ten years (including only single men and heads of families, but not dependent members of families) is 9,0001(Figure confirmed by Chief Immigration Officer).

The financial qualification having until quite recently been the possession of a minimum sum of £500, a rought estimate of the capital thus introduced in Palestine will be arrived at by assuming that half of the immigrants possessed only that minimum, while the other half possessed an average of £750 each, which will not be an excessive assumption it being known that an appreciable number of the immigrants were in possession of several thousand pounds.

This gives 4,500 immigrants at \$500 - \$2. 2,250,000 4,500 immigrants at \$750 - \$2. 3,375,000 Total..... \$2.5,625,000

The minimum capital required as a qualification for persons of independent means who intend to engage in commerce industry or agriculture has recently been increased to \$.1,000 as against the \$500 fixed in the Regulations of September 1925, a decision which the Executive feel is not only prejudicial to Jowish immigration as such, but not conductive to the best interests of the development of Palestine. Although the amount of investment generally required for the establishment of a Jewish family in agriculture has been estimated at \$.1,000, the cost of land and equipment included, recent calculations with regard to small holdings in the sone of intensive cultivation have shown the possibility of reducing the capital requirements to a considerably lower figure. Further, experience

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common to all countries of colonisation proves that agricultural settlement heads the scale of capital requirements, and the installations of a middle-class family in an urban occupation could be fixed at a still lower figure.

provide for long-term loans granted by resognised institutions assisting agriculture and industry being included within the \$1,000 minimum, such inclusion does not always provide a solution of the difficulty, since it is not always practicable or sound policy to grant loans or to lease land to intending immigrants before they have proved themselves effective settlers in the country. For these and other reasons it is held that, at the risk of a few failures which are in any case inevitable, a return to the former minimum of \$500 for immigrants of this category is desirable. There is no doubt that the increase of the minimum to \$1,000 is depriving the country of a substantial total of capital which might be smallable for development.

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With reference to the observations on the subject of immigration contained in the Report of the Commission on the Palestine Disturbances of August 1929, attention is invited to pages 80 to 93 of the Memorandum on the above Report is such by the Jewish Agency for Palestine under date of May 1930, and mubmitted to the League of Nations.

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Throughout the sixty generations of the dispersion,

the Jewish Nation has never relimquished its connection with

its ancestral homeland, Palestine, and has in various forms

sought ways and means for a return. During the last two

generations these efforts took systematic form, resulting

in the organisation of definite activities. This evolutionary

change found expression in the "Hechalus" movement, initiated

fifty years ago by the BILU, a word formed from the initial

letters of the appeals— "House of Israel; Arise and let us go!",

and it was the Bilu that laid the foundation of the two

colonies Rishon-le-zion and Gederah.

After the Great War, the Hechalus Movement increased both in extent and intensity, training large numbers of chalusim in many different localities. Apart from the fundamental principles of securing a National Home and a sure place of refuge for the Jewish masses who are suffering in many countries of the Diaspora, the Hechalus movement is pervaded by a deep moral longing for the reconstruction of Jewick life in Palestine on a new basis, the basis of creative work and self-development. The economic and national urge which gave rise to Zioniem, together with the moral and cultural forces of the Hechalus movement, have discovered in the Jewish nation a new practical ability which has brought success to the its constructional activities in Palestine, in agriculture and in industry, and also to its concerted efforts for the revival of Hebrew culture. The Hechalus youth through the process of his preparation for Palestine. culminating in his departure for the country, raises the

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enthusiasm of all sections of Jewry in the country of his origin, stimulating to action their latent desire themselves to participate in the Jewish revival in Palestine.

Immigration to Palestine during the past ten years has attained a figure of 109,000. These immigrants came from every part of the world: the principal contributors being Poland, Russia, Roumania, Lithuania, Germany, Czecho-Slovakia, and the Yemen.

(1) Poland:

In the post-war Polish State there are approximately 3,000,000 Jews. of whom the great majority derive their livelihood from commerce, industry and handicraft. Before the war the Jews, inhabiting these parts of the Russian Rapire which are today included in the Polish State, cultivated commercial relations with the interior of Russia; but with the establishment of the Polish Republic, the great markets of Russia were closed to them and their economic life unformined. This change resulted in an economic surplus of Jews whose commercial vocations had no place in the economic structure of the postwar period. This situation was aggravated by the fact that these simultaneously arose amongst the Poles themselves a movement to enter that field of economic activity which was previously controlled by the Jews. This economic penetration was accompanied by a national economic struggle, in which State and people worked together to eject the Jews from their former economic positions, making considerable use of the cooperative movement for this purpose. All these factors combined to bring ruin upon the Jews of Polami, remiering immigration on a large scale imperative. It is particularly for the Jewish youth of Poland, which aspires to go over to manual labour and productive persuits that Palestine affords the essential solution.

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The number of Jews who emigrated from Poland during the past decade is about 45,000, approximately 40% of the total. Of these a large proportion belong to the category of persons of independent means who invested their capital in industrial and agricultural enterprises. The majority of the younger chalusin who have been absorbed into the economic life of Palestine also came from Poland.

(2) Russia:

In post-war Russia, reduced by vast stretched of territory on her western border, there now live about 2,600,000 Jews, whose economic before the Bolshevik revolution was founded upon commerce, industry and hardiorefts. Under the political and economic committions of the Boviet regime, a considerable proportion of these Jews now find themselves without any legal vocation, while the retarded economic life of the country and the abnormal conditions prevailing, preclude the possibility of their being absorbed in normal productive compations. Thus, throughout this immense economic ruin.

The Sionist movement and Jewish mationalism generally, which before the war had their most vigorous centres within Russian Jewry, making thence a great contribution to Sionism both in spirit and in strength, are today the object of determined persecution under a regime which regards them as counter-revolutionary forces, and as such be ruthlessly eradionted. The Jewish religion also has been singled out for malicious and savage persecution.

Thus for the Jews of Russia the appalling economic conditions to which they have been reduced, and political and religious persecution to which they are continuously exposed, make emigration the only possible alternative to economic extinction on the one hand, and racial and moral degeneration on the other. the control of the co

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Russia. Of these about 2,000 came from warious places of exile throughout Siberia and Asiatic Russia. Many of them had been confined in cells under barbarous conditions as a punishment for their profession of Zionist faith or for attempts to organise chalus activities through the training of the younger generation for agriculture and other work in Palestine. The one favour which the Soviet Government in some cases grants to these young Jews, on the groums that it is synonimous with perpetual banishment from Russia, is permission to leave the country for Palestine.

(3) Romania: With the post-war amexations by Romania of Bessarabia, Bukovina and Transylvania, the Jewish population rose from 960,000 souls, whose economic conditions is aggravated by the fact that a considerable proportion of them - these of Bessarabia - have been out off from their former economic hinterland in Russia. Political depression and periodical anti-semitic excesses are further factors in the Palestine movement among the Jews of this country, where Elonian has been strong since the founding of the first Jewish colonies in Palestine and the inception of modern Elonian.

Immigrants from Roumania during the period under review number 5,000, for the most part young chalusim, and impluding a number of refugees from Russia who had crossed the Roumanian frontier with a view to amigration to Palestine.

(4) Lithuania:

The Jewish population in this new State is about 150,000, but the Palestine movement is strong out of all proportion to this number. The people at large are backward and uneducated, and anti-semitism is strong mong them; it is this factor which determine the policy of the Government

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in its endeavour to squeeze the Jews out of the economic life of the country.

Stimulated on the one hand by rich Jewish and Hebraic idealism, and on the other by critical economic conditions, 3,500 immigrants have entered Palestine during the last ten years from Lithuania.

(5) Western Burger (Germany, etc.)

The Palestine movement in Western Europe, with special reference to Germany, Ozecho-Slovakia, Holland and Austria, finds its strength primarily among the younger generation - graduates of secondary schools and academic institutions. Here the Jewish youth is imbuted with the same ideas as today pervade the great concentrations of Jews further Mast: mamely to make the Jewish people more productive, turning them from commercial occupation and the liberal professions to labour on the soil, in immustry and in construction.

This youth, comprising to a large extent children of well-to-do parents, regards labour as the foundation upon which the life of the Jewish people in Pelestine is to be built, and the countries mentioned have contributed about 5,000 immigrants to Pelestine during the period under review, who for the most part have been abroad in agricultural labour after receiving special training abroad with this end in view.

(6) The Yesen:

This Moslem kingdom, lying at the Southern extremity of the western shore of the Arabian peninsula, has a very primitive form of Government under the autocratic rule of the Imam. Owing to its isolated geographical situation, and the hostility between its ruler and Great Britain, the interior of the Yemen is virtually closed to Europeans.

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The Jewish Community dates back to pro-Islamic times, and estimates as to its numbers vary from forty to sixty thousand souls. These Jews are deprived of all civil rights, while there is in force a monstrous decree that all orphans who are minors become wards of the Iman, and must adopt Islam, a decree which in recent years has been enforced more rigorously than previously. The Jews of the Yemen are for the most part skilled workers in handicrafts or agriculturists, while being bred to life in the Orient they very readily assimilate Falestinian conditions.

The journey from the Temen to the coast of Aden takes twenty days, and is fraught my perils of brigandage and murder, yet by this terrible route some 2,000 Yemenite Jews have entered Palestine since the war. Of these no less than 600 entered during the past year, their departure from the Yemen being largely stimulated by fear of the decree as to the forcible conversion of orphan children. These immigrants are mostly working as agricultural lebourers in the older colonies, while some have been settled separately in agricultural settlements of their own, with the help of the Jewish Agency.

(7) American

have made an important contribution to the upbuilding of
Palestine through the capitalist immigrants who have brought
considerable sums into the country for investment in agriculture
and industry. Latterly, moreover, a chalus movement has made
itself evident among the Jewish youth of both countries,
inspired by the desire to participate in the upbuilding of the
country on a new foundation of work.

Taking both categories together, some 1,500 immigrants have entered Palestine from the North American Continent since the war.

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- 1. To strengthen and intensify educational and cultural activity among the youth in the Diaspora and to inculcate in it ideology of the zionist undertaking, and to train it for its Chalus task in Palestine.
- 2. To visit the places of work, the training farms of Hechalus in every country and to give to the Chalusin and to the Chalusoth the vocational training and guidance best adapted to conditions in Palestine agriculture, as indicated by experience.
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Supplement to Memorandum on Immigration

Importation to Palestine in relation to the Jewish situation in the Diagnora

Throughout the sixty concrations of the dispersion, the Jewish Mation has never reliminished its connection with its encestral homeland, Palestine, and has in various forms sought ways and means for a return. During the last two generations these efforts took systematic form, resulting in the organisation of definite activities. This evalutionary change found expression in the "Mechalux" movement, initiated fifty years ago by the BILU, a word formed from the initial letters of the appeal:- "House of Esrael; Arise and let us go!", and it was the Bilu that laid the foundation of the two colonies Rishon-le-Sion and Godorah.

After the Great War, the Mechalus movement incressed both in extent and intensity, training large members of chaluzin in many different localities. Apart from the fundamental principle of securing a National Home and a sure place of refuge for the Jowish masses who are suffering in many countries of the Diaspera, the Hechalus movement is pervaded by a deep moral longing for the reconstruction of Jowish life in Palestine on a new basis, the basis of creative work and self-development. The economic and national urge which gave rise to Zionisa, together with the moral and cultural forces of the Hochalus movement, have discovered in the Jewish nation a new practical ability which has brought success to its constructional activities in Palestine, in agriculture and in industry, and also to its concerted offorts for the revival of Hebrew culture. The Hechalus youth through the process of his preparation for Palestine, culminating in his departure for the country, raises the

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enthusiesm of all sections of Joury in the country of his origin, stimulating to action their latent desire themselves to participate in the Jouish revival in Palestine.

Immigration to Palestine during the past ten years has attained a figure of 100,000. These immigrants came from every part of the world: the principal contributors being Poland, Russia, Roumania, Lithuania, Ceremay, Czecho-Slovakia, and the Yeson.

(1) Poland:

In the post-war Polish State there are approximately 5,000,000 Jews. of whom the great majority dorive their livelihood from commerce, industry and handieraft. Before the war the Jous, inhabiting those parts of the Russian Empire which are today included in the Folish State, cultivated comercial relations with the interior of Russia; but with the establishment of the Pelish Republic, the great markets of Russia were closed to them and their economic life undermined. This change resulted in an economic surplus of Jews whose commercial vocations had no place in the economic structure of the postwar period. This situation was aggravated by the fact that there simultaneously arose amongst the Poles themselves a movement to enter that field of economic activity which was previously controlled by the Jews. This economic ponetration was accompanied by a national economic struggle, in which State and people worked together to eject the Jaws from their former economic positions, making considerable use of the cooperative movement for this purpose. All these factors combined to bring ruin upon the Jows of Polund, rendering immigration on a large scale imporative. It is particularly for the Jouish youth of Peland, which aspires to go over to manual labour and productive persuits that Palestine affords the essential Bolution.

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(2) Russia:

In post-war Russia, reduced by vast stretched of territory on her western border, there now live about 2,600,000 Jows, whose economic before the Belshevik revolution was founded upon commerce, industry and handicrafts. Under the political and economic conditions of the Soviet regime, a considerable proportion of these Jows now find themselves without any legal vocation, while the retarded economic life of the country and the abnormal conditions provailing, proclude the possibility of their being absorbed in normal productive occupations. Thus, throughout this immense territory Jews find themselves in a condition of hopeless economic ruin.

The Minist movement and Jewish nationalism generally, which before the war had their most vigorous centres within Russian Jewry, making thence a great contribution to Minism both in spirit and in strength, are today the object of determined persecution under a regime which regards them as counter-revolutionary forces, and as such be ruthlessly oradicated. The Jewish religion also has been singled out for malicious and savage persecution.

Thus for the Joss of Russia the appalling communic conditions to which they have been reduced, and the political and religious persecution to which they are continuously exposed, make emigration the only possible alternative to economic extinction on the one hand, and racial and moral degeneration on the other. Russia. Of these about 2,000 came from various places of earlie throughout Siberia and Asiatic Russia. Many of them had been confined in cells under berbarous conditions as a punishment for their profession of Zionist faith or for attempts to organise chalus activities through the training of the younger generation for agriculture and other work in Pulestine. The one favour which the Soviet Government in some cases grants to these young Jews, on the grounds that it is synemiscus with perpetual benishment from Russia, is permission to leave the country for Palestine.

(5) Roumania:

with the post-war amerations by Housenia of Bessarabia, Eukovina and Transylvania, the Jewish population rose from 960,000 souls, whose economic conditions is aggravated by the fast that a considerable proportion of them - those of Bessarabia - have been out off from their former economic hinterland in Russia. Political depression and periodical anti-semitic excesses are further factors in the Palestine movement among the Jews of this country, where Zionian has been strong since the founding of the first Jewish colonies in Palestine and the inception of modern Zionian.

hanigrants from Roumania during the period under review number 5,000, for the most part young chaluzin, and including a number of refugees from Russia who had crossed the Roumanian frontier with a view to emigration to Palestine.

(4) Lithuania:

The Jewish population in this new State is about 150,000, but the Palestine movement is strong out of all proportion to this number. The people at large are backward and uneducated, and anti-semitism is strong among them; it is this factor which determines the policy of the Government

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Stimulated on the one hand by rich Mewish and Rebraic idealism, and on the other by critical economic conditions, 5,500 immigrants have entered Palestine during the last ten years from Lithuania.

(5) Western Europe: (Germany, etc.)

The Falestine movement in Western Europe, with special reference to Germany, Czecho-Slovekia, Holland and Austria, finds its strength primarily among the younger generation - graduates of secondary schools and academic institutions. Here the Jewish youth is imbued with the same ideals as today pervade the great concentrations of Jews further East: namely to make the Jewish people more productive, turning them from commercial occupation and the liberal professions to labour on the soil, in industry and in construction.

This youth, comprising to a large extent dildren of well-to-do parents, regards labour as the foundation upon which the life of the Jewish people in Palestine is to be built, and the countries mentioned have contributed about 5,000 immigrants to Palestine during the period under review, who for the most part have been absorbed in agricultural labour after receiving special training shroad with this end in view.

(6) The Yemen:

of the western shore of the Arabian peninsula, has a very primitive form of Government under the autocratic rule of the Imam. Owing to its isolated geographical situation, and the heatility between its ruler and Great Britain, the interior of the Yemen is virtually closed to Europeans.

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The Jowish community dates back to pre-Islamic times, and estimates as to its numbers vary from forty to sixty thousand souls. These Jows are deprived of all civil rights, while there is in force a monotrous decree that all emphass who are minors become wards of the Jame, and must adopt Islam, a decree which in recent years has been enforced more rigorously than previously. The Jews of the Years are for the most part skilled workers in handicrafts or agriculturists, while being bred to life in the Grient they very readily assimilate Palestinian conditions.

The journey from the Yemen to the coast of Aden takes twenty days, and is fraught by perils of brigandage and murder, yet by this terrible route some 2,000 Yemenito Jous have entered Palestine since the war. Of these no less than 600 entered during the past year, their departure from the Yemen being largely stimulated by fear of the decree as to the fereible conversion of orphan children. These immigrants are mostly working as agricultural labourers in the older colonies, while some have been settled separately in agricultural settlements of their own, with the help of the Jewish Agency.

(7) America:

The United States, and to a less extent Canada, have made an important contribution to the upbuilding of Falestine through the capitalist immigrants who have brought considerable sums into the country for investment in agriculture and industry. Latterly, moreover, a chaluz movement has made it self evident emeng the Jowish youth of both countries, inspired by the decire to participate in the upbuilding of the country on a new foundation of work.

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