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Status of American Citizens under White Paper, 1944.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

April 21, 1944

My dear Mr. Segal:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated April 6, 1944 enclosing a clipping from the April 5, 1944 issue of the Jewish Day relative to Palestine. You inquire as to the effect of the British White Paper of 1939 upon American citizens who wish to go to Palestine or who wish to purchase land there.

The status of American citizens under the White Paper is the same as that of nationals of countries which are members of the League of Nations. Any question of the emigration of American citizens to Palestine does not appear to be a pressing one since, in view of present travel conditions, it is not believed possible for American citizens may purchase land in Palestine subject to the Palestine land transfer regulations.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) GORDON P. MERRIAM  
Chief, Division of Near Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Louis Segal,  
General Secretary  
Jewish National Workers' Alliance  
45 East 17th Street  
New York City

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April 24, 1944

Mr. Louis Segal, General Secretary  
Jewish National Workers' Alliance  
45 East 17th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Segal:

Thank you very much for the copy of a  
letter which you have received from the Department  
of State, and included in your letter of the 22nd.

This information is certainly of value and  
we are making copies of it for our various offices.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro  
Director

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