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PALESTINE

The Fourth lecture in the series on "Where Brave Men Are
Fighting" and "What Brave Men are Fighting For."

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The Temple



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It is interesting to note that there isn't a single Jew fighting in the Axis army. All Jewish fighting men are in the armies of the United Nations. They are all on one side of the struggle. That was not the case in the last war, you will remember. The Jews were fighting in the armies of the Allied Nations as well as in the armies of the Central Powers. Today the Jewish people more than any other people in the world is single-minded and single-hearted in this war.

Hitler has proclaimed his war of aggression to be a war upon world Jewry and upon communism. That has been his battle cry by which he had hoped he would actually succeed in beguiling and confusing nations so that they would not detect the old Prussian imperialism and the old lust for world conquest and world domination behind a new slogan of saving the Aryan world from the menace of Jewish contamination.

Between 1939 and 1941, the period of the Reich-Soviet pact, Hitler had to abandon his propaganda against communism and made a pact with the sworn enemies of mankind. During that period the war was exclusively a war against the Jews and the so-called plutocratic democracies dominated by them. Since 1941, after Hitler broke his pact with Stalin, the Nazis propaganda has returned to its original line. His war is again a war of the Aryan world against Judea and against Judea-dominated Moscow.

The term Aryan has suffered a wide fluctuation in recent years. It has had to be adapted to new political alliances and emergencies which appeared from time to time. At first, in the early days of Nazi propaganda it was restricted to the Nordics,,,who would be rulers of the world. Then when Hitler made a pact with Mussolini, he naturally had to include the Latins within the frame of the Aryans. So the Italians, the despised and contemptible people in the eyes of the Nazis were brought into the sacred confines of the new definition of the Aryan people. In 1929 he made peace with the Slavs, so the

Slavs were given the great honor of being nominated thereafter as Aryans. Then of course came the Japanese, the yellow race. These powerful allies of the Nordics certainly can not be left out and not included, so all the yellow races perhaps with the possible exception of the Chines are now to be regarded as Aryans. More recently, the Semites, not the Jewish Semites, but the Arab Semites in the British Empire whom Hitler would like to win away from the British Empire. So now he has officially proclaimed that this anti-Semitism is not aimed against the Arab Semite -- they are all right -- but exclusively against the Jewish Semite.

So finally the whole world by definition is divided into two classes -- on the one hand two billion, white, black, brown, yellow Aryans and on the other hand fifteen million Jews. So great is the power of these fifteen million Jews that all the two billion Aryans in the world must unite to destroy their power. That is indeed a great compliment to the fifteen million Jews. What a gross piece of Aryan stupidity all this racialism has turned out to be.

And Hitler has declared war upon the Jews, upon the Communists. That is a camouflage. And so he has aroused not only two hundred million Slavs who are draining his armies white on the Steppes of Russia -- Leningrad and Stalingrad, and he is now being trapped again into another winter of war in Russia. He is now fighting not only fifteen million Jews but from seven hundred to eight hundred million other peoples -- the Chines, the English, the Americans, the Free Dutch, the Free French, the Free Belgians, the Free Poles -- in fact, most of the people in the world who have not been trapped by his cheap race propaganda which was nothing more than a camouflage, ⁱⁿ an attempt of Prussian militarism to take over the whole of the European world.

Hitler has thrown down the gauntlet to the Jews of the world especially. And they have taken up the gauntlet. The Jews are in this war to the hilt, to the finish. They know themselves to be doubly menaced, so they are doubly resolved to help rid the world of the curse of Fascism and Nazism. The Jews

understand very well what is involved in the struggle.

I have received many letters from soldiers in the service, both here and abroad, particularly from our own boys. They know what they are fighting for... Our American soldiers, for example, our Jewish boys in the American Army are fighting not only because they are Americans, because their great country is in a very grave hour of peril and they have eagerly responded. They are fighting because of their profound gratitude for all that this beloved country has meant to them and to their people. They are fighting not only to avenge the wrongs which the Nazis have perpetrated against the innocent men, women and children in so many conquered and occupied countries who have been tortured, maimed and slain, whose blood cries to Heaven for vengeance. They are fighting this war also because they understand that the basic things, the things of destiny which are involved in this war are the very things which their people through the ages have proclaimed to the world and through the long centuries have taught to the world -- the rights of individual man, the ideals of justice for all, strong and weak, one law for native born and stranger, the idea of human brotherhood and international peace. They understand that that is worth shedding blood for. That is the very essence and genius of Israel. And so the Jews, along with so many other peoples of the world are fighting today all over the world.

They have heard a great deal of the suffering -- we have heard a great deal of the suffering Jews, not enough of the fighting Jews. They have heard of ~~the Jews~~ suffering so horrible, so shocking, that it has aroused the moral sensibilities of the world. People have spoken of it and are speaking of it. But Jews are doing more than being innocent victims, sufferers. They are fighting, hundreds of thousands of them are fighting gallantly and valiantly in all the free armies of the world. Hundreds of thousands of them are in the armies of Russia, of England, Canada, Austria, New Zealand, the United States of

America, in the legions of Free Poland, Free France, Free Holland, Free Czechs. Our sons fight today before Stalingrad, Egypt, the Middle East, in the Solomons, on the five continents and on the seven seas, and they are making an excellent account of themselves. These fighting Jews the Nazis have come to know -- not the defenseless and helpless civilians whom these very chivalrous Nazis take such delight in massacring and torturing. These are the Jews whose hands are on machine guns, who hold hand grenades or drive tanks or who pilot bombers -- who give blow for blow, who are helping to puncture the myth of Nazi invincibility, who, among others, are helping to clear the way for the final day of retribution and reckoning.

All over the world Jews have been fighting. Many of them have occupied the highest positions and have been singled out for bravery under fire. Fighting Jews! We are not merely being victimized by them.

In the little country of Palestine there are 550,000 Jews, occupying one of the most important strategic points of the far flung war, menaced more than once by invasion. That is one corner of the world where the Jews as Jews have been able to demonstrate how they feel about this war. And the whole population of Palestine, almost from the day war was declared, mobilized itself as one man -- the whole economic life of the Yishuv -- which Jews have built up, the whole industrial skill, the technical skill, the scientific skill of the Jews of Palestine -- thanks to Hitler -- that vast aggregate of skill in Palestine today among the refugees from every country of Europe -- all that has been put in the service of the Allied Nations. Since the war, four hundred new factories, large and small have been built in that country to build munitions of war, and thousands of others converted to war efforts. It is not only an important contribution to the armies of the Middle East but helps to reduce shipping tonnage of which the allies are so desperately short. The Jews of Palestine have been tugging at the leash eager to do more than the Mandatory Government wants them to do.

Seventeen thousand Palestinian Jews have already seen service in the British Army, Navy and Air Force in Greece, Crete, France, Libya and Abyssinia. Their commanding officers have paid them the highest tribute for their bravery. One of them publicly announced that he "could not wish for better soldiers. Their discipline is of a very high order and they would go through hell's fire without flinching. If I had to go into action, I would as soon take these men as any soldiers I know."

Two thousand more of Palestinians are fighting in the armies of the Free Poles, and the Free Czechs which are stationed in the Near East. Some 12000 Jewish women of Palestine enlisted in the Palestine Auxiliary known officially as the Pats. there are In addition/some 7000 police auxiliaries who have become part of the military force of Palestine and there are some 16000 special constables on guard helping to protect that very critical corner which may become perhaps the decisive battle ground of the Second World War.

The Mandatory Government has not been very helpful it must be said regretfully in helping Palestine to arm. It has looked with disfavor on independent Jewish units. Fear of the Arabs, fear of what Jewish people may do after the war reasons and other/altogether unworthy of a great empire have denied the Jewish people in their own homeland the same right given to the Free Poles, the Free French, etc. to fight under their own flag.

There has been much discussion by Jews on this subject and much confusion and misunderstanding. The Jews of Palestine occupy a different status from the Jews of America. American Jews are Americans. Their country is the United States of America and their flag is the stars and stripes. When they fight they fight as Americans. There is no Jewish army in the United States. There is no need for it. Palestine is recognized by international law as a nation and Palestine has been recognized by the Balfour Declaration as the Jewish Homeland. They have no other country but their own and no other flag but their own, and no other status

but that of a Jewish people living in their own homeland, therefore demanding the right of a people to fight as a people under its own flag -- to fight as a people. Whatever they achieve in this war they want credited to the Jews of Palestine because there will be a great reckoning after the war.

They are the only loyal group that the United Nations have in that part of the world, the only one. Not a single native population in Syria, in Iraq, in Arabia or Egypt has shown any loyalty to the Allied Nations. Many have shown open sympathy to the Nazi cause. Only the 550,000 Jews are one hundred percent pro-Ally in this war. The Native population of Burma and Malay have turned against Great Britain in this war. The native population of Palestine is likely to turn against Great Britain if Great Britain suffers defeat in that part of the world. The only group that is loyal is the Jewish group because its very life depends on the winning of the war.

Although the Jewish people have been disappointed in not having been allowed to organize fully as a Jewish army in Palestine, it has not at all discouraged their recruiting and their readiness and eagerness to serve. They are prepared to fight for every inch of that country. They are fighting not only for themselves. They understand what they are fighting for, too. They are fighting for the Jewish people after the war. An Allied peace for which we all pray, will not solve the Jewish problem. They will receive Jewish rights to citizenship & undoubtedly. But formal political rights as we well know are not enough. The Jews had those rights in Central and Eastern Europe after the last war. In spite of that anti-Semitism developed and victimized the Jewish communities. Europe will be ravaged as a result of this war. The economies of those countries will be shattered. Everywhere there will be severe problems of reconstruction. There will be less jobs than people who need them. There will be less food than people who want that food. There will be widespread misery for

a long time in that kind of a world in spite of constitutionally accredited rights. It is clear that a million or two million Jews of Central and Eastern Europe will have to emigrate, provided they are still alive. They will have to go elsewhere. Whither? Where are they to go to? What country will they go to? Every country will have its own problems of reconstruction which they will not wish to irritate by admitting vast numbers of soldiers. Where are hundreds of thousands of our people to go to? Unfortunately the statesmanship of the world has been amazingly silent about this desperate problem. They have promised vindication and restitution to every people of the world. But nothing has been said about the Jewish people of Europe which has been the greatest sufferer and has been now for two decades after the war. The Jews of the Europe are in danger of coming out of this war completely shattered, unrequited, no hope for a better day to come. There is only one place to which they can go and should go and to which all help of statesmen and well-intentioned government should be directed -- that is the place prepared by the Jews for sixty years. The land is available and their brothers await them -- Palestine.

Twenty-five years tomorrow there was issued the now famous Balfour Declaration which for the first time in two thousand years recognized the problem of Jewish minorities scattered throughout Europe and other countries and proclaimed that now the time had finally come to solve the millennial problem to make it possible for those Jews of the world who wish to return to their own national home to do so. On November 2, 1917 The Balfour Declaration was issued by His Majesty's Government viewing with favor the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of it."

Perhaps the greatest mind in the British Empire today, John Christian Smuts, who spoke with such eloquence in the House of Commons said about the Balfour Declaration: (quotation)

This Declaration was not issued to satisfy the romantic yearnings of a few nationalistically-minded Jews, or the political concerns of some Jews, but it was to right an ancient wrong, to put an end to wrong and greed and suffering and the besetting dangers and disabilities of the Jews of Europe. That Balfour Declaration became part of the Mandate endorsed by the United States of America in 1922. Both the House and the Senate passed a resolution of approval signed by President Harding. From that time on every President spoke of it with great approbation and enthusiasm as a means of building and re-establishing Palestine as a home for the Jewish people.

Since the last war the Jewish population of Palestine has increased ten-fold from 50,000 to 550,000. The Jews have build more than three hundred colonies and settlements, have taken desert land and by their own labor, sweat and tears built the most progressive land in the Middle East today. They built cities, towns and hospitals and universities. What they have done there has evoked commendation of scientists and experts all over the world.

Now what the Jews want is to have this Balfour Declaration carried out in letter and in spirit and to be given an uninterrupted chance to build. They want no charity, no favor. They want no interference. They want to build the country. They want to defend the country, to open its doors wide so that millions of their unfortunate brethren broken and impoverished can come to the Jewish homeland.

This second world war must complete the task which the first world war began. The first gave the Balfour Declaration. The second world war must make possible its completion. You will not be able to solve the Jewish problem after the war by the creation of a new dispersion, the scattering of Jews in South Africa, Africa. You cannot solve ~~national~~ major dispersion by creating new dispersion. Only by ingathering of the dispersed can the problem be solved.

It is time now to end the immemorial crucifixion of our people. How long is that to go on? Time and again we have been stretched upon the rack for other people's sins....Are the Jews to live forever on the crumbs of world sympathy, forever

doomed to thoughts of refugees, asylums and relief? Is the Jewish people as a people never to find its equilibrium, its ultimate security in the world -- as all other people fewer in number, less significant as far as their contribution to civilization is concerned, will receive after this war?

The world is reaching out today for a new charter of liberties, for a new social order to rectify wrong and to pave the way for enduring and lasting peace. There can be no peace in the world as long as there are unhappy and suffering minorities in the world. There is to emerge from this war a new charter of liberties for all men and for all nations and the Jews must receive that same charter of liberty. They must have the same right to live where they are born as any other person born in that land. That is an indispensable right of every man. The Jew as an individual, just as any other man regardless of race, color or creed must receive the right as an individual to live as a free individual wherever he is born, to earn his livelihood. The same right must finally come to the Jewish people qua a people in its national homeland... With right kind of statesmanship of an exalted order and an enlightened public opinion among Jews and non-Jews that will come to pass. And the voice that will be most decisive will be the voice of the country which has made the most decisive contribution to the winning of the war -- the United States of America....

3/ Well, having declared war upon Crim. & Jewry - H. was caught
in this Kamuff - not only 200 M. Slaves - who are drawing
his name white - not only Jews - but some 700-800 M
of the men - Chuvens - English - Americans - Dutch Whites
- In fact most of the people, the earth who did not fall into
the trap of his cheap socialistic propaganda ^{propaganda} ~~instigated~~ by Pakistan
withstand to ^{achieve} ~~achieve~~ its vicious full objectives to rule the
world.

4/ Jews have taken up the challenge!.
They are in this war to the hilt and to the finish!
They are doubly menaced & they are thus decidedly determined.
to help rid world of curse of Fasc - Nazism.

Letters of Soldiers - not only as Americans - sons of peril -
loyal & patriotic - grateful for all -

But as Jews - not only be - they have would to avenge
the innocent - wounded - tormented - slaves -

~~not only be~~ ^{not only be} ~~but~~ ^{but} no hope for them - in a Nazi - dominated world

But - the basic values - the things of destiny - are
the very ideals which their people proclaimed - &
thru the ages - taught manhood.

They are the very essence & genius of Jewry - It is
the order - the Andazat - which the no - pagans are
seeking by war to destroy to-day.

5/ And so Jews are fighting to-day all over the world.

(3)

War talk - only suffering - suffering & our helpers and allies
in Nazi-occupied countries - so terrible & so often forgotten
It - mark - the fighting Jews in the war -

a) Hundred, thousands - with destructions - armies &
Russia - England, the U.S. Canada, Australia, I. Africa
the U.S. - the League, Free Poland, Free France,
Free Holland - Free Gulls -

b) Before Stalingrad - Egypt - Solomon Island are
J. men - fighting under the flag, their countries where
free citizens they are - along with their fellow citizens -
and giving an excellent account, thousands -

c) There are not defenders - civilians where the "chivalry
heroic" warheads. tortures + shot free to do their own
work. There are men whose hands are on machine
guns, or hold hand grenades, or dark tanks, or
jet bomber - who are helping to an end to the
dates by Nazi ^{with an eye on the future} ~~misdeeds~~, who are helping to perpetrate the
myth of Reich's invulnerability - and who are clearing the way
of the day of ~~the peace and rehabilitation~~.

6). In the J. Homeland - in Pal - a key-position - & the Japanese
menaced by invasion - the Jews have defended as one
man to the call, war.

The entire Jewish of 550,000 - is on war taxes - Economy
400 New Factories for War Production - entirely - se. & other - resources
they have been suffering at the bank - to do more in the war
& the Mandate is prepared to allow them.

There are 17,000 Pol. J. in the ^{British} Army, many of this Free ^{Independent} (Jish) - 2,000 more, Pol. J. students are in other forces - Polish - Greek.

Some 1200 J. women serving in the Army - Polish - Aux. Terr. Service

In addition 7000 Police Auxiliaries, who have become part of the military forces - and some 16,000 Special Constables - Home Guard

Many more - 60,000 more - for active service - 4-6 divisions -

7/ Mandatory - not very helpful - Arabs - After the war.

Not encouraged recruiting - Offered to J. units.

Those which have been organized - little effective military training - as if not intended to take part in real fighting - ~~Excluding those in the~~

8/ J. Army ^{Unique Status} J. People - J. Homeland - Their own Flag - Whatever they achieve - credited to their people - for a great victory must take place after the war -

9/ The on Byzal point in the Middle East - at that most strategic point -

on Aug. last - Secy. ; State for has - announced in Commons

that a Pol. Regiment, consisting of separate J. & Arab in panther Battalions, would be formed

that has not been fully implemented - Training &

Equipment inferior - to be used only for limited services

10/ But J. will not do his best & disappointment -

Fighting not only for Eas - for justice after the war.

Mass emigration - Whither? Who wants them? ^{Autos. after the war}
The Jewish Problem - Exchange of Pops - "with whom will Jews be ex-
changed?" - Vindication - charged!
Conspiracy & Silence - ^{restoration of freedom & all peoples} - was - ^{no wrong right}
Suffered most - ^{unregimented} - ^{Very principled in this war - our father an officer that?}

11/ 25 yrs. ago. Balfour Declaration. Nov. 2 - 1917 ^{Sum 5}

- Not a p.d. concert - satisfy romantic yearnings of a nation-minded
- Right an ancient wrong - Put an end to a hellish Treaty
- In response to pressing urgency of instant and current suffering & besetting dangers and disabilities of Jewry

- National Homelessness - "His Majesty's Gov. view with favor the establishment in P. of a national home for the J. people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of their object"

→ To act as a guide
- Endorsed by U.S. in 1922. - House & Senate adopted a joint resolution & approval signed by Pres. Harding.
- Approved by every Pres. since

- Since - Pop. ten-fold. 50,000 - 550,000.

- Do deal with ⁽²⁷⁶⁾ Balamahar
- Mrs. Industry. Shows - Health - ^{Unwilling}. Most prosperous
- Haven during Hitler persecution

12/ What it does! White Paper - 1/3 - ^{Comm. Ministry}
Winston Churchill ^(Just)

13/ This 2nd world war must complete the task -
no new dispersion! But a final ingathering!
It is time to end the unmemorial cruelties & sorrows!

[Time & again stretched upon raids for other people's sins
" " " made the whipping boy for blundering faults -
scapegoat for defeat in war - misery in depression
or conflict bet. econ. classes

How long is it to last? Are we poorer to live on
world's crumbs & sympathy - poorer to stand in need
& defenders - doomed to those / Refugees - asylums
and relief?

Are we never to find our equilibrium, ^{not} ~~mis~~ ^{not} ~~secure~~
in the world?

14/ World is reaching out - new Charter, Charter - for
individual - for minorities - for values
of all peoples - are we alone to be left behind?

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Fighting Power of Palestine Jews

By ISRAEL BEER

ALMOST half the Jewish population of Palestine (48.9%) falls within the most virile and active age group of 20-44 as compared with 38% for England and Wales, 31% for Egypt, 33% for Poland, etc. This is an exceptionally high percentage, making Jewish Palestine, which has expanded through immigration, into one of the most youthful and vigorous populations in the world. Since the male section of the Jewish population of over 500,000 represents slightly more than 50% of the total, the available manpower for military service of the 20-44 age group may therefore be estimated at 100-120,000. For practical purposes, however, and making full allowance for home defense, A.R.P., vital industrial and agricultural work, etc., a force of 60,000 could be raised for immediate active service. This is the equivalent of about 4-6 divisions. Though this number may seem small, it should be remembered that even in this war of millions four or six fully mechanised divisions available at a focal strategic point may be an element of great value.

Unrivalled Contribution

Even from the purely numerical point of view, therefore, the contribution which Jewish Palestine can make to the common cause is by no means negligible. Moreover, under conditions of modern mechanised warfare it is the general intelligence, technical aptitude and even more, the morale and fighting spirit of each single soldier which counts. From this point of view Jewish Palestine is perhaps unrivalled in the Middle East.

With regard to previous military experience Jewish Palestine is well placed, as a comparatively large number of the older men saw service in the last war whilst most of the younger immigrants served their military term in various post-war European armies. In addition, during the disturbances of 1936-9 a large number of young Jewish men were engaged in all kinds of security work, and received their basic military training in various formations and corps raised to assist the British army and police forces.

Jewish Soldiers' Record

The technical skill and fighting spirit of the Jewish soldier has been amply demonstrated by the record of the units already on active service with the British Army. The 100 officers and the 10,000 N.C.O.s and men mobilised up to date by the Jewish National Home are serving at present with 40 units of the R.A.M.C. They form the larger part or the whole strength of five Companies of the R.A.S.C., two Companies of the Royal Engineers, one Port Operation Company, two Companies of the Royal Signal Corps, two Companies of the Royal Artillery, seven Companies of the Royal Signal Corps, two Companies of the Royal Artillery, seven Companies of Infantry (The Buffs), and eight Companies of Pioneers. It will be seen therefore that the bulk of the Jewish soldiers are either serving with technical branches of the Army or with such units as require special qualifications or craftsmanship. The fighting morale of the Jewish soldier is best reflected in the record of the first two pioneer units raised in Palestine in the early stages of the war when the only opportunity for service for Jewish soldiers was offered in these labour formations. Although not intended for the fighting line these units became known in the Battles of France, Libya, Abyssinia, Greece and Crete as "The Fighting Pioneers." In the withdrawal of British troops from France the Pioneers were called upon to play an active part. They were armed and held a front of 20 miles until, the last unit to leave St. Malo, they were finally evacuated. Their courage, skill and resourcefulness were highly commended, their C.O. declaring in an interview "I could not wish for better soldiers. Their discipline is of a very high order and they would go through hell's fire without flinching. If I had to go into action, I would as soon take these men as any soldiers I know."

Suicide Squads

It was from the ranks of these men that the first Pal-

estine "Commandos" or "Suicide Squads" were raised as picked shock troops employed especially for daring enterprises, proceeding ahead of the forward parties in every attack and bearing the brunt of the opening phases of the battle. Jewish soldiers on all fronts from Abyssinia to Tobruk, have shown the same spirit. More recently the same valour and initiative were shown by the Jewish volunteer detachments which served as guides and advance shock parties in the initial stages of the allied advance into Syria.

THE record of the Jewish units already serving with the British forces thus provides impressive proof of the high professional and moral qualities which can be expected of the larger forces of which they will form the nucleus if the National Home is called upon to give full service. As may be observed from the enumeration of the units in which they are serving, Jewish soldiers are represented in all essential arms: Infantry, Artillery, Engineers, Signals, Rear and Maintenance services, the R.A.F. ground staff, and specialised services, such as drivers, stevedores, fitters and mechanics.

They thus represent the first cadres of a mechanised force which could be substantially enlarged and expanded, growing from companies to battalions, brigades and divisions until they form the framework for the military utilisation of the entire manpower of Jewish Palestine which would be only too proud to be allowed to strengthen the barrier to Hitler's progress in the East.

Home Defense Reserves

From the point of view of home defense, Jewish Palestine can make a substantial contribution, as there is already in existence a large and well-organised nucleus of local security forces consisting of additional and supernumerary police formations raised by Government during the disturbances. The Jewish rural areas are protected by the Jewish Settlement Police whose strength has lately been substantially increased. This is a body of well trained and seasoned men with a thorough knowledge of the terrain, organised in dispersed posts and mobile patrols in all parts of the country.

The Jewish Settlement Police, if given appropriate additional training and armament, would represent an excellent framework for the development of a proper home guard.

Other local security forces in addition to the Jewish Settlement Police include seven Railway Guard detachments, organised for the responsible task of safeguarding vital communications, and the Temporary Additional Police, a force intended to give direct assistance to the regular police. Their main duty in war-time is the guarding of Government buildings and property and public utilities and services such as electric power stations, ports, telegraph and telephone exchanges, etc., against possible sabotage. Altogether these various Jewish police units number some 5,400 men. Whenever an emergency arises they can draw on ample reserves from the special constabulary, a body of men who have received elementary training and been sworn in for emergency needs.

There are at present some 14-17,000 men in the special constabulary. If all these bodies were to be adequately organised, staffed, trained and equipped on the model of the British Home Guard, they would be able, if war were to approach nearer this country, to render services of vital importance to home defence and also to cooperate effectively with the highly efficient A.R.P. services which have already proved themselves in the various raids on Haifa and Tel Aviv. The proper organisation of this Home Defence Force on the lines of the Home Guard is one of the most urgent of present requirements. One of its important incidental effects would be to release British, Allied and locally raised military manpower from garrison duties in Palestine and free them for service abroad.

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Editorials

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If German Women Had Rebelled

J. B. PRIESTLY suggests that if German women had asserted themselves long ago, and turned against Kinder-Kirche-Kueche, the war might have been averted. His words, from a recent broadcast from London deserve wide dissemination:

"I've been having a kind of holiday. I've been down to a rambling old farmhouse where my wife took some rooms not far from the nursery hostels that we run.

"Well, one condition of our having those rooms was that we did all our own work. I said I'd be delighted to do my share of the housework. And let me tell you that I've done my share! I had practically a week of women's work, and women can have it as far as I'm concerned.

"I've often declared that men, who are at once lazier and more inventive than women, would quickly abolish most of this sort of work if they were all suddenly condemned to do it for six months. They'd think of some ingenious method of cheating such drudgery out of existence.

"In the same way, I've often declared that *about two-thirds of so-called politics is nothing really but large scale housekeeping*, and calls for realism and common sense, not rhetoric and debating tricks. I'd willingly hand over all that part of public life to women—middle-aged women who had brought up a family.

"Just think what might have happened if German women had suddenly rebelled about ten years ago: if they'd all come storming out of their kitchens and invaded the government offices! Where would Hitler have been then, and where would the world have been now? I've often felt the lunacy of Germany, its rage to destroy both others and itself will not be ended until German women stop taking orders from their bullying menfolk and begin asserting themselves."

Women will take over government and run it like a household and men will take over housework and revolutionize it—what could be better? Each should enjoy the novelty of the change.

One complains of Jews intruding everywhere, but they only strive after *superiority* because they are denied *equality*. —MAX NORDAU.

Mintzer To Preside On Jewish Conciliation Board

George J. Mintzer, former U. S. Attorney and current nominee for the Supreme Court judgeship, for Bronx and Manhattan counties, on the Republican ticket and endorsed by the Executive Committee of the American Labor Party, will sit as one of the presiding judges at the next session of the Jewish Conciliation Board of America, to be held on Wednesday, October 7th, at the Educational Alliance, 197 East Broadway.

Mintzer has been actively identified with the American Jewish Committee, the United Palestine Appeal, National Refugee Service as well as the Federation of Jewish Charities. At the present time he is the Impartial Chairman, acting as arbitrator of disputes between labor (International Ladies Garment Workers Union) and management, since 1938. Partly due to his wisdom and fairmindedness, not one work day has been lost through strikes, in this particular field. He has also directed patriotic groups in uncovering Nazi and Fascist activities.

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in their present tribulations, by attending their religious service. He came down dressed in full regalia, attended by his escorts, and remained in the Synagogue to the end of the service.

Later the King was reported to have said that Denmark had no Jewish problem. "The Jews are my people," he declared. "They shared the fate of the entire country."

The Nazis in Denmark were horrified by the King's act which was naturally interpreted in the country as a public demonstration against Nazism. It is believed in Denmark that the King wanted to make clear to the Nazis that they would not succeed in introducing their anti-Jewish persecution laws in Denmark as they did in most other Nazi-occupied countries.

This is not the first time that the King of Denmark has publicly demonstrated his sympathy with the Jews and opposition to the anti-Jewish measures of the Nazis. Early this year, when the Nazis attempted to introduce anti-Jewish racial laws in Denmark against the will of the Parliament, the King threatened to abdicate the throne, and that stopped the Nazis.

You say, a Jew who is no Zionist is no Jew. Correct, indeed, but I add, a Zionist who is no Jew is no Zionist.

—ISAAC JACOB REINES.

Many Americans in Palestine Join British Forces

A large number of American Jews residing in Palestine have volunteered for military service with the British armed forces in the Middle East. The Americans volunteered following an announcement that U. S. citizens can now enlist in the British forces without taking an oath of allegiance to the King.

Balfour Declaration

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outside Palestine, to that vast, unhappy mass of scattered, persecuted, wandering Jews whose intense, unchanging, unconquerable desire has been for a National Home. . . . I cannot believe that the task to which we set our hand 20 years ago in Palestine is beyond our strength, or that faithful perseverance will not, in the end, bring that task through to a glorious success."

BY FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT:

"Out of the World War came a matter of great spiritual significance - the establishment of a Homeland for the Jewish people, recognized as such by the public law of the world. In the realization of this aim the United States played a leading role. I know how close it was to the wish of President Wilson. The formal terms of its expression during the War, the so-called Balfour Declaration, had his personal approval, and he did much to have it written into the peace treaty. The subsequent unanimous endorsement of the Balfour Declaration by both Houses of the United States Congress gave further proof of the deep interest of the American people in the purposes of the Declaration and in the fulfilment of the moral obligation which it involved.

Jewish achievement in Palestine since the Balfour Declaration vindicates the high hope which lay behind the sponsorship of the Homeland. The Jewish development in Palestine since the Balfour Declaration is not only a tribute to the creative powers of the Jewish people, but by bringing great advancement into the sacred land has promoted the well-being of all the inhabitants thereof.

I shall personally watch with deep sympathy the progress of Palestine."