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On the strength of that declaration ^{which} ~~it~~ was approved by the Supreme Council of the Allied Powers at San Remo in 1920 and legally enacted by the Council of the League of Nations in July 1922 the British Government was given the Mandate over Palestine. The specific object of the Mandate was to ~~make the trust for~~ the creation of a National Home for the Jews ^{ish people}.

By the terms of the Mandate England undertook specifically "to facilitate ^{Jewish immigration under suitable conditions and to encourage} the close settlement of ~~the~~ Jews on the land, ^{including State lands and waste lands not required for public purposes}."

Since the acceptance of the Mandate ~~by~~ the British Government ~~has~~ done absolutely nothing in the fulfillment of these pledges. Everything that has been accomplished in Palestine since the war has been accomplished by Jewish initiative and Jewish sacrifices. Not a single acre of land was given to the settlers by the government. Not a single pound was spent by the government to facilitate Jewish immigration into the country. The Jews paid their own way. ^{IT Even the minimum requirement of life and property protection} ~~The least the thousands of settlers who came into~~ ^{by the government} ~~Palestine attracted by the Balfour Declaration, could expect from the~~ ~~Government was protection of life and property. Even that was not forth-~~ ^{demonstrated} coming as the riots of last year clearly indicated. The Palestinian Government ^{take} ~~was found to have failed to~~ ^{do} the most elementary precautions for maintaining law and order in the country. The Mandates Commission of the League of Nations at its last session^U sharply scored the Government for this failure ^{general} ~~of Palestine~~ as well as for its failure to carry out the letter and spirit of ~~the terms of~~ the Mandate. The League Council

approved of this criticism and the British representative, Mr. Henderson ,
was forced by public pressure to give ^{assent} ~~assent~~ to the resolution of the
League Council and to ^{declare} ~~a declaration~~ that it was the intent of his Government
shortly to issue a declaration of the constructive policy to be followed in
Palestine ^{in keeping with the policy of the League.}

This declaration has now been issued. It is ^{a repudiation of its promises} ~~an attempt~~ to the League
of Nations ^{and} ~~even as it is~~ a gross betrayal of the Jewish people. Jewish
immigration into Palestine is practically stopped. The purchase of land by
Jews in Palestine is for all intents and purposes prohibited. Just how
the Jews are to build their National Homeland without land and without people
is not indicated. The British Government still ^{remains silent as to the question} ~~consistently refuses to state~~
~~clearly~~ just what it means or what it meant by a Jewish National Homeland
and what means it ^{proposes to} ~~plans to~~ adopt to "facilitate the achievement of this object,"—
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Jews to be asked to build up the Arab national home before they are allowed
to build up their own? Was this the intent of the Balfour Declaration or the
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Economically, surely, the position of the non-Jewish communities in Palestine ^{has} ~~have~~ been tremendously enhanced by the coming of the Jews. Those who have visited Palestine in the last few years and who recall what Palestine was in the days before the Balfour Declaration will bear testimony to the remarkable progress which the country has made in these few short years.

From a medieval, backward, poverty-stricken province Palestine, through Jewish effort, money and sacrifices, is fast becoming a modern, prosperous, healthy country. Swamps have been ^{drained, waste places irrigated,} ~~irrigated.~~ Malaria has been stamped out. Hospitals ^{as there has been no} ~~on the~~ and clinics dot the country. Colonies, towns and cities have sprung up

as if by magic. Schools, high schools and a great university have been established without a cent of cost to the government and without impinging one inch on the rights of the Arabs. ^{PP} The standard of living has been materially

raised throughout the country and the exploited Felaheen, who up to the coming of the Zionist^s into Palestine slaved for a few ^{piastres} ~~piastros~~ a day, is beginning to profit from the higher standards of wages and living conditions which

Jewish labor introduced into the country. Jewish economic progress could not long continue without permeating Arab life ^{as well} and the whole Arab population has ^{been} ~~felt~~ the economic stimulus. ^{feeling} A million pounds annually are being paid by Jews to Arabs in rentals. Commodities purchased by the Jews annually from the Arabs ^{are} ~~is~~ estimated at four million pounds. For every acre of land that the Jews have purchased from the Arabs they have paid on an average of one hundred dollars.

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