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MR. SHERTOK'S REVIEW IN LONDON

LONDON, Monday — A review by the Jewish Agency's Political Department chief in Jerusalem, Mr. Moshe Shertok, was the central feature of the opening session of the British Palestine annual conference during the week-end.

Mr. Shertok described the political situation, the trials and ordeals of Palestine Jewry during the past three years, coupled with their constant struggle to obtain acceptance of the Jewish participation in the war effort, especially in the military field. Here their contribution was growing and despite the lack of official recognition was gradually being appreciated as an important factor in the Middle East.

Mr. Shertok dwelt on Palestine Jewry's inexpressible concern for their brethren in the Diaspora, and the concentrated efforts for their salvation, and finally stressed the increased strength of the Jewish position in Palestine, the backbone of which was the Labour community.

He further emphasized the need to concentrate on political preparatory work in the Diaspora for the post-war solution of the Jewish problem.

The Yishuv (he said) was proud of the some 50 Jewish units of men and women in the Army as well as of the Jews enlisted in the R.A.F. and Navy.

Referring to the economic war effort, he emphasized the vital importance of labour colonization in agricultural production and the skill and experience gained by industrial Jewish labour which was being utilized throughout the Middle East.

Mr. Berl Locker reported on the political situation in Britain, while messages were read from the British Labour Party and Labour M.P.s.

The conference adopted a number of resolutions, including one placing on record the contribution of the Jewish people to the fight against the Nazis; and an expression of admiration for the struggle of the Soviet Union against the Nazi invader, rejoicing in the heroic part played by Russian Jewry in the defence of their country. The conference also greeted the Histadruth and Labour Party and welcomed the important part which the Palestine Labour Movement was playing in the war effort and all other spheres of Palestine life.

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