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# MEMORIAL TO STATE- BUILDER

## ANNIVERSARY OF ARLOSOROFF MURDER

A memorial meeting, marking a decade since the assassination of Dr. Haim Arlosoroff in Tel Aviv, was held at the Jewish Agency Offices yesterday afternoon. All members of the Executive were present; Mr. M. Shertok, who succeeded Dr. Arlosoroff as head of the Political Department, was the only speaker.

Describing the personality of Dr. Arlosoroff, Mr. Shertok said that his emergence on the Jewish political scene had been one of the miracles wrought for a persecuted people struggling for rebirth; his death had been one of the great personal calamities, which had overtaken the Jewish people in this generation.

As a state-building movement, Zionism required state-building forces, and abilities derived from the people itself: cultural, historical, emotional; an embodiment of the people's hopes for redemption. In a movement encountering universal statesmanship, varied and complex, the helmsman had to be fully alive to realities and have at their disposal knowledge and capacity, in keeping with their duties.

### Spark of Prophecy

In Arlosoroff the Zionist movement had discovered a synthesis of both: he had combined the best qualities of Zionism and humanitarianism, had been equipped with the necessary tools, and, above all, there had glowed in him the spark of prophecy.

In all modesty, he had realized his worth. But he had recognized his mission as well, and that is what had given him that self-confidence and poise which never failed him. He had prepared himself for his task, and in the 20 months of his activity on the Jewish Agency had given something to the community of lasting worth. This period was indeed the crowning chapter in the life of this state-builder.