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LAND CONVENTION POSTPONED

The Emergency Land Convention of the Jewish National Fund scheduled for next Sunday, has been postponed until Sunday, January 6. It will be held in the Habimah Theatre Tel Aviv, under the chairmanship of Rabbi Meir Berlin, Acting Chairman of the JNF Board of Directors.

The main speakers will be Mr. M. Shertok, Head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Mr. Joseph Weitz, Head of the Land Department of the JNF.

On the same day, the National Conference of the J.N.F. in America will meet at Pittsburgh, Pa. to consider the work of land redemption as affected by the Land Transfer Regulations. The conference will be addressed by Dr. A. Granovsky, Chairman of the JNF Board of Directors.

Mr. M. Shertok Detained 7 Hours

Almost Missed His Interview with H.E.

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The Head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, Mr. Moshe Shertok, and the Head of its Immigration Department, Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, as well as several of its officials spent about seven hours, from about 3.30 a.m. on Friday, in the military detention barracks in Jerusalem after being arrested in the curfew area. I was detained for the same reason.

Mr. Shertok, who was in Tel Aviv, had been summoned by the High Commissioner to an urgent interview on Friday, together with Mr. D. Ben Gurion. He travelled at night because of the curfew which was announced to begin in Tel Aviv at 5 o'clock in the morning. He did not leave, however, until it had been arranged with Police Headquarters that he would be allowed to enter the curfew area of Jerusalem.

My own detention resulted from having gone to the General Post Office to send a press cable. The military detachment which arrested me refused to recognize the Press Card issued by Government.

Mr. Shertok told me that on arriving at the Romema checkpoint shortly after midnight, the police authorities confirmed the authorization for him to enter the city. When however, the car reached the Jewish Agency building, he was stopped and arrested with the others at the orders of an Army Officer and was taken to the detention barracks.

At 4.30, an officer came from headquarters especially to release Mr. Shertok.

Mr. Shertok, however, refused to leave unless his colleagues were released with him. It was not until shortly after 10 o'clock that senior police officers came to the barracks, and the whole party came out with just enough time for Mr. Shertok to keep his appointment with the High Commissioner. Mr. Ben Gurion was waiting for him, and together they drove to Government House for their interview.

Mr. Shertok was under the impression that the officer who ordered his arrest had received instructions to take him to higher authorities for identification.

AGENCY DISSOCIATED FROM TERROR

Following upon the outrages which occurred on Thursday night, His Excellency the High Commissioner summoned Mr. D. Ben Gurion and Mr. M. Shertok to see him at Government House on Friday morning, it was officialy stated yesterday.

It is learned that during the interview, Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Shertok declared that the Jewish Agency completely dissociated themselves from the murderous attacks on Government and army establishments perpetrated on Thursday night. They expressed their profound sorrow at the loss of life caused by the attacks.

But, they stated, any effort by the Jewish Agency to assist in preventing such acts would be rendered futile by the policy pursued in Palestine by His Majesty's Government on which the primary responsibility rests for the tragic situation created in the country, and which had led in recent weeks to bloodshed and innocent victims among Jews, Britons and others.

The Jewish Agency representatives added that it was difficult to appeal to the Yishuv to observe the law at a time when the Mandatory Government itself was consistently violating the fundamental law of the country embodied in the Palestine Mandate.

Negation of White Paper

MR. SHERTOK'S APPEAL AGAINST 'UNWORTHY' ENDS

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The arrival of 250 refugees who had not waited for official permission implied the actual negation of the White Paper, declared Mr. M. Shertok, Head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, in an address at the opening session of the annual Maccabi Convention, at the Orion Cinema tonight.

However, the National Home could not be built by such "symbolic action", he declared and there was still need to fight for large scale immigration. Since the beginning of Jewish dispersion there was no other generation which had experienced such losses, nor a time when the Jewish people were so united in a common cause.

Mr. Shertok appealed against the waste of Jewish strength on unworthy ends.

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