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Jewish Refugees from Syria

Send copy to Petrograd regretting
inability of accommodating them in Cyprus
or Egypt. Suggest temporary asylum to be found
for them in S. Africa on condition that cost be
met from charitable funds of Jewish & other societies.

Mr. G. Anderson

see 9 / 105 + the Report
19381 of the Zionist Commⁿ?

Act: + remind the F.O. that a
scheme for establishing a Jewish settle^t
in the S.A.P. was discussed in 1905-6,
and that Mr. Harcourt's predecessor
considered it undesirable that the scheme
sh^d be encouraged as it appeared to
be open to serious objections
- that the
objections, which the Society have
been interfered by the course
which the develop^t of the Palestine
has

Ans. 22 Feb 11
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has taken since that date - that,
altho' it is only proposed to offer
temporary relief, yet difficulties are
bound to arise in dealing with
consequence of the kind is a country
which is easily mountable for them
& that Mr. H. would strongly deplore
any further ^{responsibility} ~~burden~~ being thrown on
the already ^{overburdened} ~~overburdened~~ shoulders of
the Port - & why if the
concepⁿ of the for^m is least
deep?

[Cf. with the last para of the
70. 1. the paraphs which I
have marked on p. 15 of the
Report.]

H. J. R.
19/2/15

Secretary agree

19/2/15

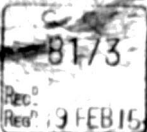
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In any further communication
on the subject, please quote

No. 17919/15.

and address—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.



mediate.

Sir:-

*9 Buchanan
70 2/24*

I am directed by Secretary Sir Edward Grey to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant ^{FO} 4887/1915, regarding the impossibility of accommodating in Cyprus Russian Jewish refugees from Syria who are at present in Egypt, and I am to transmit to you, herewith, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Harcourt, a copy of a further telegram to His Majesty's Ambassador at Petrograd on the subject.

Sir E. Grey hopes that the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs will be able to propose some other scheme of relief but considers it desirable - in case His Excellency is unable to do so - to find some means to obviate the difficult situation caused by the presence of the numerous refugees in Egypt. He would therefore be glad to learn whether, if such a course appeared desirable, Mr. Harcourt would see any objection to offering temporary asylum

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

asylum in British East Africa to these refugees on condition that the cost of transport and living were met from charitable funds of the various Jewish and other philanthropical societies.

I am to add that as presumably these refugees belonged to an agricultural community in Syria and Palestine, they might very possibly prove themselves valuable colonists in East Africa. In this case, provided they agreed to become naturalized British subjects, their residence in the colony might, if Mr. Harcourt saw no objection thereto, be of a permanent nature.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Egmont A. Casar

Sir Edward Grey to Sir G. Buchanan (Petrograd).

RUSSIA

(No. 170) - R.

Foreign Office, February 4, 1915, 5 P. M.

MY telegram No. 138 of 30th January re Jewish refugees.
You should inform Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs that His Majesty's Government are unable, to their great regret, to accommodate any Jewish refugees in Cyprus. His Majesty's Minister at Athens reports that Salonica is already over-run with Jews.

As continued influx of Jews into Egypt is likely to prove embarrassing, I hope that Minister for Foreign Affairs may be able to find some alternative solution, and will meanwhile enable Russian Minister to meet necessary liability at present borne by local authorities in Egypt.

(Repeated to Washington, No. 42; Athens, No. 48; and Cairo, No. 61.)

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Recd 23-10-15

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Sir
Dear

Mr. [Name]

MINUTE.

Mr. [Name]

Mr. [Name]

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Eldes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

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[Signature]

Sir

I have the honor
to transmit to you for
your info the
accompanying copy
of [document] with the
I.O. on the subject
of the proposal to
provide a temporary
asylum in [place]
for Jewish refugees from
Syria.

I am

(Signed) L. [Name]

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22 Feb 1915

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The U.S. & L.
F.O.

MINUTE.

Mr. ~~Wagner~~ 22/2/15

Mr. ~~Gottschalk~~ 22/2/15

Mr. Reid 22

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,
I am directed by Mr
Secretary Harcourt to
acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 18th of
Feb'y, n^o 17919/15, and to
~~inform you that~~ on the
subject of the proposal
to provide a temporary
asylum in E. Africa for
Russian Jewish refugees from
Spain.

I have to request you
to demand Secy. Gen
Edward Grey that a
scheme for establishing
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the East was discussed
in 1905-6 & that Mr
Harcourt's predecessors
considered it inadvisable
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encouraged, or it appeared
to be open to serious
objections.

The
objections which then
existed have been intensified
by the course which the
development of the B.O.T. has
taken since that date; and,
although it is only proposed
to offer temporary asylum,
Mr Harcourt considers that
difficulties are bound to
arise in dealing with
immigrants of this kind
in a country which is
already unmanageable for these

and he would strongly
deprecate any further
responsibility being thrown
on the already over-
burdened administration
of the B.O.T.

(Signed) H. J. READ,
for the Under Secretary of State