

IZVESTIA ASKS JEWS SHARE RULE OF A FREE PALESTINE

The Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* published an article yesterday proposing that Palestine should be an independent state in which the Jews would have equal rights.

The article comprised a lecture by V. Lutzky, and blamed British imperialism for the present crisis.

Lutzky is also quoted by United Press as criticizing Zionism for having assisted the British in creating mutual hostility between Arabs and Jews.

United Press quoted Lutzky, as saying:

"The Palestine problem cannot be solved by imperialistic methods. The problem can be solved only if the people of Palestine take up the solution themselves.

"Progressive elements of the country concluded long ago it is possible to bring about national peace in Palestine only on a democratic foundation and methods.

"The Arabs and Jews must freely and independently determine the fate of Palestine."

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, British president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, said yesterday that the situation in the Holy Land "can be normalized only by immediate release of Zionist leaders and other detainees and by opening the doors of Palestine to 100,000 Jewish refugees from Europe."

Dr. Weizmann spent the morning consulting with Jewish leaders. A spokesman said he had no appointment to see Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

"Attlee has not approached us, nor have we approached him," he said.

End Palestine Hunger Strike

A hunger strike of 2,000 Jewish prisoners in Palestine camps and a 15-hour general strike by Jews throughout the country ended at midnight yesterday.

Speakers at mass meetings at Tel Aviv during the general strike urged a policy of non-cooperation with the British government. Some pledged "resistance to any measures to disarm Hagana." Hagana is the underground Jewish army.

Arabs held a mass meeting at Belsan in north Palestine where Jamal Husseini called on them to rally behind their leaders in "this gravest hour in our history."

Five members of the Arab delegation to the Vatican, which will present their case to the Pope, left for Cairo by plane.

Strike at Trieste Shipyard Ends

Nine thousand shipyard workers at the Montfalcone yards, outside of Trieste, went back to work yesterday after American and British soldiers occupied the yards.

Montfalcone was judged to be inside of Italian territory by the Council of Foreign Ministers, and the workers—both Yugoslav and Italian—struck in protest. They wanted to become part of the new Yugoslavia.