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Palestine

MR. BEVIN'S statement on Palestine and the future of the Jews in Europe will be very warmly welcomed. The Foreign Secretary made what is by far the most promising approach to the problem which has yet been

attempted. There are, in fact, two problems. One is the settlement of Palestine, in face of the antagonism between Jews and Arabs and of Jewish demands for a speeding-up of Jewish immigration. The other is the framing of a practical policy for the millions of dispossessed Jews in Europe who have at the moment no discernible place in a reconstituted world order.

The Zionist solution-to make Palestine available to all these Jews-does not solve either problem. It makes demands which could not, in any case, be fulfilled for many years, while hopelessly antagonising the Arabs; and it means the permanent impoverishment of European life by concentrating all Jewry elsewhere.

Mr. Bevin has secured the co-operation of the United States in a joint inquiry into both these This is made clear in the terms of reference: "To examine the question of European Jewry and to make a further review of the Palestine problem in the light of that examina-

This inquiry is admirably conceived, in that it logically relates what is really the lesser problem to the greater one.

Disorders in Palestine have focused attention on that country and its latent antagonisms. But it is the aftermath of Hitlerism in Europe which has brought Palestine's troubles to a head.

The Anglo - American inquiry has wide terms of reference. It can make recommendations for the future of Jewry apart altogether from the conflict of policies in Palestine.

From these recommen-dations will emerge an interim policy, for which responsibility will ultimately be taken by "the appropriate organ of the United Nations."

Here is a departure in policy which is in three respects highly commend-able. It associates America with Britain in the solution of an intractable problem. It is conceived within the framework of the new United Nations Organisation. And it does justice to the great part which the Jews have played in relieving the world of Nazism.

Welcome Move

AST week in this column we made a strong plea for the more hospitable treatment of foreign visitors to this country. We are therefore particularly glad to wel-come Mr. Noel-Baker's announcement yesterday that a special organisation has been set up inside the Foreign Office to assist in the reception of the United Nations delegates who will soon be arriving in London.

Apart from the United Nations delegates Mr. Noel-Baker gives the wider promise that, in general, the Government will do everything in its power to improve arrangements for the reception of foreign guests. All we ask now is that the performance should be as good as the promise.

Intrusion

IN the House of Commons on Monday Mr. Godfrey Nicholson raised the ques-tion of the treatment by the Press of Mrs. Mallaby, widow of Brigadier A. W. Mallaby, who was recently killed in Java. He quoted a letter from Mrs. Mallaby saying that she had been inundated with telephone calls from the Press within twenty minutes of first hearing the news, and that reporters were walking into her house without ringing. It was her impression, said Mr. Nicholson, that "almost all the penny national papers were guilty."

We cannot speak for others, but this newspaper was one of several which made no approach to Mrs.

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Food of

A NOTHER of H. G. Wells's the 'flu breaking out in an unourished population will be deaths from pneumonia. It is anytous that we should not a some control of the control o tists may create the "Food of the Gods." And again we may owe it to atomic research.

Growing plants collect the energy of the sun and extract nutriment from the air and from the soil. We live by eating the plants or eating the animals

plants or eating the animals that eat the plants.

Vegetation, therefore, is a food factory, functioning on solar energy. It stores that energy, even in death and through æons of time, for coal is fossilised plant life which yields back to us the heat which the primeval forests borrowed from the sun. in death and fossilised plant life which yields back to us the heat which the primeval forests borrowed from the sun.

The "mechanism" by which the plant collects the sunlight has been one of the unsolved mysteries of science. The scientists know that it depends on the green-colouring matter of its leaves. This is called "chlorophyll."

SIRVEN

In fact, although endless researches and countless volumes have been written on that epidemic, medical science still does not understand it.

Some say it was a "mutation, that is an accidental change in the species of the influenza virus. A new Master-Race of viruses suddenly emerged against which our normal protections could not defend us.

Some invoke history and show that right back to 1600 there is evidence of regular cycles of pandemic 'flu cycle.

Chlorophyll."

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Cycle.

Chlorophyll.

By providing living plants with radioactive carbon scientists can observe how the carbon behaves, and how the chlorophyll uses it in creating the "sun-trap"

"sun-trap"
And the scientists, in their new-found confidence of mastery over nature, believe that they may be able to devise a much more efficient food-factory than the plants themselves, winning, for Man, even more of the enormous energy poured out by the sun, only a very small fraction of which is used by us, indirectly through the plants.

ABOUT 'FLU

Field-Marshal Montgomery has been warning us of the risks of a fatal influenza epidemic in Ger-many and Lord Horder has been reassuring us that it need not happen here. Montgomery's concern is that

nourished population will lead to deaths from pneumonia. Horder is anxious that we should not be panicked by harking back to the pandemic (an epidemic on a world-scale) after the last war, when more people died in India alone than the total casualties of all belligerents during the fighting.

He points out that the virulent

He points out that the virulent influenza attacked not the weak but the strong. Really fit people died while the frail nursed them. The deadliness was in the type of virus and not in the world-exhaustion.

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Chlorophyll. SURVEY

Chlorophyll.

By Ritchie

Synthesise the chemicals of the air and the soil into the materials which it and we need for life.

Now we shall be able to study the action of chlorophyll. Its principal element is carbon. We can make radioactive carbon either as a by-product of the "pile" or atomic-engine which makes the plutonium materials for the atomic bomb, or mechanically by bombarding carbon with neutrons from that wonderful instrument, the cyclotron.

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SURVEY

regular cycles of pandemic flu—one cycle every 17 years of a not-so-serious form and another cycle every 30 years of a really violent form.

But the epidemiologist whom I consulted said: "Influenza does not run true to form. Prediction of an influence acpidemic is not practical. You might just as well consult a fortune-teller."

Take the "local" epidemics we have had in this country in the last 25 years: 1922 then 1924 (ah. a two-year cycle!), 1927 then 1929 (it must be two years!), 1933 then 1937 (it must be four years!). So we were waiting for a really savage epidemic in the shelters is under the blitz conditions of the last 25 years: 1922 then 1924 (ah. a two-year cycle!), 1927 then 1929 (it must be two years!), 1933 then 1937 (it must be four years!). So we were waiting for a really savage epidemic in the shelters is under the blitz conditions of the last 25 years: 1922 then 1924 (ah. a two-year cycle!), 1927 then 1929 (it must be two years!), 1933 then 1937 (it must be four years!). So we were waiting for a really savage epidemic in the shelters is under the blitz conditions. so we were waiting for a really savage epidemic in the shelters under the blitz conditions of 1940-41. Specialists were rushed from the United States to help us. It never materialised. In one of the most crowded shelters in London 100 cases of true influenza appeared and the infection spread no further.

All of which goes to show that we still know very little about the behaviour of the influenza virus or viruses. for there are several types. The latest work by Shope in America provides interesting evidence that it has something to do with lung-worm in pigs and that all our flu troubles may start in the piggery.

in the piggery.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

When we talk about science most people think of the "natural" scientists—the atom-splitters, the chemists, the biologists, bio-chemists, bacteriologists, metallurgists and so on who deal with the phenomena in nature. "natural" scientists—the atomsplitters, the chemists, the biologists, bio-chemists, bacteriologists, metallurgists and so on who
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But the definition does not
answer any more. There are the
social-scientists, who deal with
the phenomena that civilisation



ESTAURANT hats have always been a vogue in Paris in the evening, since pre-war Paris proclaimed 'evening dress essential" as London did. Now London is leaning towards the Paris fashion. "Going out" here in the evening is still more often than not a matter of a short frock and a frivolous hat. Here are some of the post-war frivolities for dining out

* Froth of old ivory lace veined with a silver thread. In front a single rose-tinted blossom,

* Shiny black coarse straw halo, decorated with a white camellia and magenta ribbon bow. * Swathed Nottingham lace dyed pale cobalt with spray of self-coloured flowers in felt.

* Small front-of-head hat in black velvet, surmounted by high piled mass of chrome flowers. *********

A JAM SESSION

MR. H. L. AUSTIN, M.P., has suggested that jitterbugging should be controlled and later abolished. Forty London art students agree with him.

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What is jitterbugging? And what do its followers think of the M.P.'s suggestions?

Leonard McCombe went for the News Chronicle to "a jam session" in London and took these pictures at the Holborn Hall, Gray's Inn Road. Most of the youths and girls who were indulging in "all-in dancing" were in their teens were in their teens.

Typical of them was Les Mitchell, of Hoxton, who rations his "jam" to seven nights a week. He is a worker in the building trade, earning £4 a week, thinks his half-crown well spent on the nightly dance ticket. "It's good exercise and it makes a change from work," he said, mopping his face and combing back his long fair hair. face and combing back his long fair hair.

His friend, Ken Minter, said: "It's all right if you don't overdo it." He is a window cleaner from Lloyd's Row, Finsbury. He stroked his dark moustache and added "I know a bird who got heart trouble through it and had to stop it."

Their partners were the Wood sisters, from Islington—Lillian, a radio inspector, and Pat, a dressmaker.

Then the band struck up and conversa-tion stopped. Les Mitchell, partnered by Lillian Wood, and Ken Minter by Pat Wood, made motions like game-cocks in a skirmish. Their arms and legs flicked and twitched continuously to the rhythm of the music as they pirouetted and crossed. Their movements became wilder as they warmed to the dance. Their sweating faces had a dazed, ecstatic look. The "jam session" was on.



The dance warms up as the partners act like gamecocks in a skirmish



Interval for a cigarette. The girl is Lillian Wood, dressmaker; the youth with the big ring on his finger is Ken Minter, window-cleaner; getting a light is Les Mitchell

and community existence create. These are the psychologists, the economists, the sociologists, the statisticians and so on LETTERS Bus-standing ban They do not work with precipersons (12 standing) than the vehicle is licensed to carry. Until the tax and licence are altered by an Act of Parliament no one tas authority to force a conductor to carry more persons than those scheduled and render him liable to a fine People should demand that buses standing idle in the parks, in the garages and along the Embankment should be put into service. lie scientific method. Vatural scientists who were lied from their laboratories into ar time developments like Coerational Research found that they had to take into all their labels into the labels of the labels

PERHAPS the following record of a recent experience on a London bus may throw new light on the "no standing"

controversy.

I boarded a bus about midday All the seats were occupied and I was the only passenger standing. The conductress politely asked me to leave the bus and I. equally

The only scientific organisation in which that happened was the British Association with its 13 sections, but even there, until the

to leave the bus and I, equally politely, declined.

I quoted the ruling of the London Passenger Transport Board and pointed out that in any case, as there was only one passenger standing, the question of overloading need not arise.

The bus was stopped and the conductress consulted the driver, who took a look at me and then decided to proceed.

During the next stage I lectured the conductress. She admitted that, for the most part, the women thought the dispute unnecessary. She said that the women were now on the point of giving up their duties. It was not they, but the men who were returning in easier times (no blitz or black-out), who were responsible for what she considered a quite unnecessary dispute.

ETETER GRANT

London, W. dispute. London, W.

WONDER how many of London's travelling public have thought of the busman's case from the legal point.

An omnibus is taxed on its carrying capacity. Some carry 48, other types 52 and 60 respectively; a trolley-bus 70. They are taxed and licensed accordingly. In my opinion the LP.T.B. is systematically robbing the country of revenue in carrying more

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Beyond the Headlines PROTESTING at the adjective

"leering" applied to his kind in a recent poem in this column, a flautist quotes a remark from a recent book by Mr. Gerald Moore, the eminent accompanist, on the "curiously pure" expression of chaps who play the flute.

Well, when we described them as "leering" at girl-harpists it was the season (late October-November) and they were swarming

Attaprof !

"We now have to face up to realities." (Professor Oliphant.)

LABOUR-SAVING methods, such as using three words ("face up to") where one ("face") suffices, will help us to check right up on whatever must be got over with, a short desperate girl was telling us.

Postbag
SIR.—Speculation here is rife concerning the symbolism of a sign which the Barney Barnato Reader in Pure Finance has recently hung out over his rooms. It consists of three gilt globes arranged in a triangle, and is (according to the Woolworth Professor of Mass Productivity) of Lombardic origin. A constant stream of dons pouring in and out with small domestic gifts adda, a pleasing vivacity to the academic scene. One thinks of Horace and Maecenas, or something.

EZEKIEL PORRIDGE Ph.D. Judas Hall Oxon

Contretemps

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A S if present signs, dooms, omens, and veilings of the gods were not enough, a fearful thing happened (a chap in close touch tells us) at a recent consistory of England's leading cricket bat manufacturers, assembled to judge samples of the sacred willow laid before them. Slowly they passed along the tables, while Britain's fate hung in the balance and Europe held her miserable breath. Finally, by a majority, the assembly pitched on one particularly fine slab of wood, meet for its high destiny.

It turned out to be Italian popiar.

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MALTA, G.C.

Embankment should be put into service.

A farmer packing cattle into a truck in the way the L.P.T.B is packing people into a bus would be charged with cruelty to animals.

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