



Figure 1 The 1940 Land Transfer Regulations (courtesy of the Israel State Archives). Zone A is indicated in blue, zone B in yellow and zone C in red

Jewish Agency – the effective government of the Jews in Palestine during the Mandate period – submitted to the High Commissioner immediately following the publication of the Regulations:

The effect of these Regulations is that no Jew may acquire in Palestine a plot of land, a building, or a tree, or any right in water, except in towns and in a very small part of the country. The Regulations therefore deny to Jews equality before the law and introduce racial discrimination. They

confine the Jews within a small pale of settlement similar to that which existed in Czarist Russia before the last war, and such as now exists only under Nazi rule. They not only violate the terms of the Mandate but completely nullify its primary purpose (cited in *Palestine Post* 1940).

In letters and telegrams sent to various representatives of the Government of Palestine, Jewish communities and organizations echoed these arguments. The Jewish Settlements of the Samaria District, Nethanya