

Eventually the Truks came in c. 5 centuries ago - - 4 to 5 centuries. A virle, fighting class, able, efficient took over the whole region, established control, but established a dictatorship and as usually happens with distatorships, it became through the course of the years corrupt. So the situation developed in the Turkish empire that nobody could get ahead except by bribing government officials. There was little incentive to make progress.

So though the Arab people are certainly not inferior to any other people on the earth, many of them are very able and fine people, the situation 100 years ago in Palestine was very very backward, extremely backward.

One day in 1929 I rode on horseback over across the Jordan, through transjordan there, and I saw what could be said facietiously to be a wonderful illustration of evolution. I looked over on my right and there on myright side, there were the straight Roman and Greek columns of that great city--one of the Decapolis that was in existence in the time of Christ and was in existence for 300 yrs. later,. and they were reconstructing those capitals, building them up which had been toppled over by earthquake in about 300 A.D. They were building them hp. You could see a high civilization. The evidences of it. I looked then over to the left and I saw people living in caves. One hundred years ago there were many cave men! in that part of the world. There was evolution, only it was in the wrong direction. It was a result of dictatorship. It was a result of that which killed individual iniatives. The result of that which many are trying to force upon our country and many other parts of the world in our day. The result was that when Jews suffering from progroms and massacres in Poland, Russia and in otherx countries, looked for a place where they could be safe, and