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NATIONAL COMMANDER

May 17, 1950

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
16th and Pearl Sts.
Denver 3, Colo.

Dear Rabbi Freidman:

It is with a great deal of personal satisfaction that I am privileged officially to appoint you Deputy National Chaplain. Appropriate certification of this appointment will be forwarded to you shortly.

Rabbi Judah Nadich of 26 John Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, is the National Chaplain, and you will hear from him in the near future.

I know that as a member, thus, of my staff, I can look to you for the cooperation and ability of which I know you are abundantly possessed.

With every good wish, I am

Yours in Comradeship,

Jackson J. Holtz

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Rabbi Herbert Freidman
Temple Emanuel
16th and Pearl Streets
Denver, Colorado

Dear Herb:

You have already heard from National Commander Holtz about your appointment as a National Deputy Chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans of America, and I am writing you now to welcome you to our national staff of chaplains. Unlike your service as a chaplain in the armed forces, this present appointment will involve very little, if any work on your part. However, I know that if I should ever have the need for calling upon you in the future I should certainly get a ready response. It is a source of great joy to me to know that we are associated in this activity.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Judah Nadich

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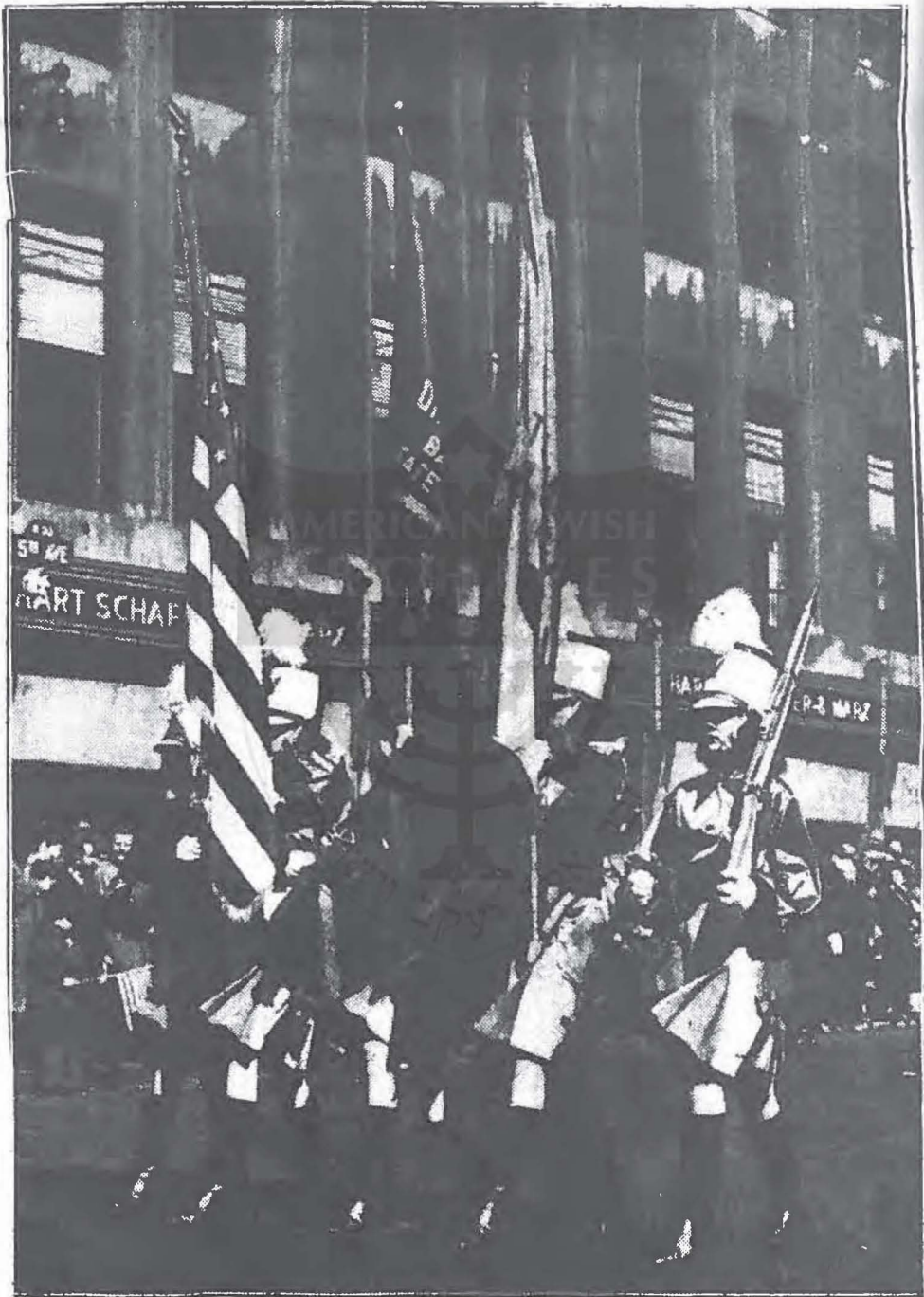
The New York Press



Spectators Greet Fifth Avenue Marchers. (NEWS foto by Waters) The first unit of a protest parade of 26,000 Jewish war veterans and 14,000 supporters comes to a standstill at Fifth Ave. and 23d St. as a crowd of watchers surges into street. Later, 150,000 persons in Madison Square Park heard Senator Owen Brewster and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Jewish Agency for Palestine official, attack U. S. Holy Land policy. -Story p. 2; other pictures centerfold



Honoring the dead. More than 150,000 persons pack Madison Square Park to attend services in honor of Jews killed in Palestine. (NEWS foto by Twyman)



Supporters. Color bearers of St. Vincent's Cadets, Bayonne, N. J., march in Fifth Ave. parade of Jewish vets protesting U. S. reversal of Palestine policy. (NEWS foto by Waters)

150,000 Join Protest Against U. S. Palestine Policy

More than 40,000 Jewish veterans from 13 states marched down Fifth Ave. yesterday in protest against U. S. policy toward Palestine. At the end of the line of march in Madison Square Park memorial services were held for Jews killed fighting the Arabs.

Placards carried by the veterans denounced the reversal of policy on Palestine and demanded that the United Nations partition decision be upheld.

Behind two bands, the veterans paraded by the reviewing stand into Madison Square Park, saluting Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, national commander of the JWV.

Police estimated that more than 150,000 persons jammed the park to hear Sen. Owen Brewster (R., Me.) declare that the oil reserves of the "Middle East were not worth a tinker's dam" to this country.

Brewster told the cheering throng that the Jewish portion of Palestine would become an independent state "either under this Administration or under the one that will succeed it."

The Freedom for Palestine Day Parade was hailed enroute by 250,000 sympathizers who jammed Fifth Ave. sidewalks between 42nd and 23rd Sts.

In line with the Jewish War Veterans were contingents of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Catholic War Veterans and American Veterans Committee from all over the Atlantic seaboard.

More than 200 cops were posted along the avenue to hold back the crowds.

Militant slogans, in bright colors, carried by the marchers, drew thunderous applause from the crowds. Some of these, showing anger over American Palestine policy, said:

"Jewish State Reborn—May 16."
"American Veterans Salute Haganah."

One banner, which read: "Oil or Honor?", brought sympathetic jeers of resentment from the watchers.

During the ceremonies in Madison Square Park it was necessary to warn the crowds against pressing forward, for fear of persons being hurt. Police Chief Inspector Martin Brown declared it was "the biggest crowd ever in the park."

Rabb: Joseph H. Lookstein opened the ceremonies with an invocation and the huge assembly joined in the ancient Hebrew pledge: "If I forget thee, Oh Jerusalem, may my right hand wither."

Speaking to the multitude, Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett pledged the City's support for the



First units of the protest parade come to a halt, surrounded by crowds in Madison Square.

Associated Press Photo

Jewish state.

Representing the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the American Section, declared that U. S. policy on Palestine was reversed "on that Black Friday, March 19."

He described the arms embargo as "illegal," and added:

"It is to the Mufti that Palestine is being thrown by a gang of oil lobbyists in our country."

The crowd cheered wildly when Dr. Silver proclaimed:

"The Jewish people in Palestine intend to proclaim on May 16 the Jewish State in Palestine. We have lost but a skirmish in the major battle. We will win the war."



Robert Loeb, a 68-year-old veteran of the Spanish-American War, marches in the parade with 50-year-old hero of World War I, Al Lewis, who has a chest full of medals, and Robert Fillet, 27, a bomber pilot who was wounded in the CBI theater during World War II.

Photo by Irving Haberman, PM



Internationalists. Children wave American and Zionist flags as they watch parade of Jewish veterans from a vantage point on Fifth Ave. (NEWS photo by Waters)

Jewish Veterans in City Hold Rally for Palestine



Herald Tribune—Kavallines
 Crowd watching the parade at Madison Square Park yesterday as some 40,000 veterans marched on Fifth Avenue in pro-Zionist demonstration. About 250,000 persons saw the parade

40,000 Jewish Veterans March In Zionist Rally

250,000 See Parade on 5th Ave.; Oil Interests Hit for Change in U. S. Policy

Jewish war veterans from thirteen states held one of the largest pro-Zionist demonstrations in the city's history yesterday morning as they paraded on Fifth Avenue about 40,000 strong.

Another 250,000 persons lined the route of march from Thirtieth Street to Madison Square Park and cheered veterans carrying banners denouncing "Arab appeasement" and the influence of oil interests on American policy in the Holy Land.

About 100,000 of the spectators crowded into Madison Square Park after the parade to hear pro-Zionist speakers declare that it is not too late for the United States to support Palestine partition.

Chief Police Inspector Martin J. Brown said that it was "the biggest crowd ever in the park." The estimates of the size of the parade and the number of spectators were made by Assistant Chief Inspector Frank Fristensky Jr., in charge of the Manhattan East Borough Command, 153 East Sixty-seventh Street.

For two-and-three quarter hours the marchers passed in review at the speakers' platform on the east edge of the park at Twenty-fourth Street, and turned "eyes right" to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, head of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; Senator Owen Brewster, Republican, of Maine, and Brigadier General Julius Klein, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans.

Marching in neat formations. (Continued on page 9, col: mn 4)

with numerous massed color guards, many of the veterans' units chanted "A Jewish state in '48" and "Lift the Arms Embargo" along the entire route. Some of their banners proclaimed "May 16—the Jewish Nation Reborn." The crowd's most enthusiastic applause greeted a banner asking "Oil or Honor?"

The oil interests were given a severe trouncing in most of the speeches delivered to the cheering crowd over loudspeakers after the last units of the parade filed by at 1 p. m.

Dr. Silver told the Jewish veterans that "you need take no lessons in American patriotism from Loy Henderson, or from Robert Lovett, or from James Forrestal, or from Terry Duce and the oil lobbyists."

Senator Brewster said that "from the standpoint of our national security, the oil reserves of the Middle East are not worth a tinker's dam—this is the testimony of every competent and responsible military authority."

"In the event of any trouble," Mr. Brewster said, "the American and British oil developments in the Middle East will simply serve the Soviet" because "logistics plus American - built transportation (railroads and truck lines) insure possession by the Red Army of the oil wells of the Middle East. Sacrificing our honor in Palestine for the utterly unattainable oil of Arabia is not only dishonorable. It is stupid."

The states represented by the Jewish war veterans were New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Ohio, Virginia, Delaware, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, as well as a contingent from the District of Columbia.

Other groups participating included small units and bands of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, American Veterans Committee, American Veterans of World War II, the Army-Navy Union and the Police Athletic League. However, the non-Jewish units made up only a small part of the parade numerically.

Other speakers included Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, acting president of the Mizrahi Organization of America.

SOUND BATTLE CRY IN FIGHT FOR JEWISH STATE



Sen. Brewster (left) proclaims "the Jewish portion of Palestine as allocated by the U. N. will become an independent commonwealth." Above, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver tells Madison Square crowd: "The Jewish people of Palestine intend to proclaim, on May 16, the Jewish State in Palestine."

(Mirror Photos)

Zionists Await Rally Reaction

Parade and Meeting Protesting U. S. Stand on Palestine Attracts 140,000 Here.

Zionist supporters here and throughout the nation today awaited the reaction of the Truman administration to the parade and rally staged in New York yesterday in protest against the United States position on partition of Palestine.

More than 250,000 persons lined Fifth avenue from 39th street to Madison Square Park as an estimated 40,000 marchers flowed past the reviewing stand at 24th street. More than 100,000 of the spectators crowded into the park to hear addresses by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, head of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; Senator Owen Brewster (R.-Me.), and Brig.-Gen. Julius Klein, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, which sponsored the event.

Fourteen States Represented.

Participating in the two-and-a-half-hour parade were units of the Jewish War Veterans representing fourteen States and 100 cities, and small bands from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, American Veterans Committee and other organizations. Color guards carried the United States flag, the Star of David Zionist flag and the colors of various veterans groups. Many marchers chanted "A Jewish State in '48" and "Lift, lift, lift the embargo," and carried banners denouncing the American position as a surrender to the oil interests.

Brewster told the throng that reliance by the United States on oil reserves in the Middle East was futile, as American and British developments would only serve the Soviet Union in the event of trouble.

"The righteous wrath of the

American people is gradually being aroused against those who would sell America's good faith in the world for a will o' the wisp of thirty billions of utterly unobtainable petroleum," he declared.

Silver Sees U. S. Prestige Slump.

Dr. Silver said that America's prestige in the United Nations had slumped as a result of its decision to ask temporary trusteeship in Palestine.

"Why should a little group of conspirators be permitted to lead our great country into a morass of duplicity, undermining our prestige before the world, shaking the very foundations of the United Nations, and doing grievous wrong to a people which has been struggling to regain freedom in the ancient land of Israel?" he asked.

A memorial prayer for Jews killed in Palestine was given by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, acting president of the Mizrahi Organization of America. Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett said that the greatness of this country lies in its welcome of all races, creeds and nationalities.

150,000 Assail Zion 'Betrayal'

All Nationalities in
Parade of 40,000

(Photo in today's Picture Section.)

In one of the biggest protest rallies in New York history, 150,000 persons jammed Madison Square Park yesterday to denounce the Truman Administration's abandonment of the Palestine partition plan.

Forty thousand strong, Jewish War Veterans and representatives of other veterans' organizations paraded down Fifth ave. as an estimated 250,000 Jewish sympathizers lined the curbs.

The paraders included Jewish veterans from 13 States. And by the time they reached Madison Square Park, police said the assemblage was the biggest on record there.

BLAST TRUMAN POLICY.

Headed by Sen. Brewster (R-Me.), speaker after speaker castigated the Truman policy as a capitulation to Arab-American oil interests at the expense of the fledgling Jewish state, and a betrayal of U. S. honor.

Although organized by the Jewish War Veterans, the parade was sprinkled liberally with representatives of Catholic War Veterans, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Veterans Committee.

Thunderous cheers came from the packed curbs as marchers' placards proclaimed:

"OH or Honor."
"We Fought for Peace—Not Arab Appeasement."
"Jewish State Reborn—May 16."

IRISH PIPERS IN PARADE.

Typical of non-Jewish organizations on the march was the Clann Eiran Irish Pipers Band, and another from the Blessed Sacrament Youth Organization, of Newark.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein opened the park ceremony with a reading of the ancient Hebrew pledge, "If I forget thee, Oh Jerusalem, may my right hand wither," and Deputy Mayor Bennett pledged the city's support for the infant Jewish state.

Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, national JWV commander, branded the partition reversal a conspiracy of Arabs and British, and demanded the Jewish people be given fighting "tools."

URGE END OF EMBARGO.

Sen. Brewster called for a lifting of the arms embargo, adding that Americans must be permitted to volunteer for Palestine fighting.

"The United Nations epitaph might well be: 'Erected to the memory of the power of the grand mufti of Jerusalem, who succeeded where Hitler and Hirohito failed,'" Brewster said. "In the name of oil, our national policy and good faith are being tarnished."

And from the standpoint of U. S. security, Brewster said, oil reserves of the Middle East "are not worth a tinker's dam. This is the testimony of every competent military authority."

'WE WILL WIN'

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section for the Jewish Agency, drew cheers when he said:

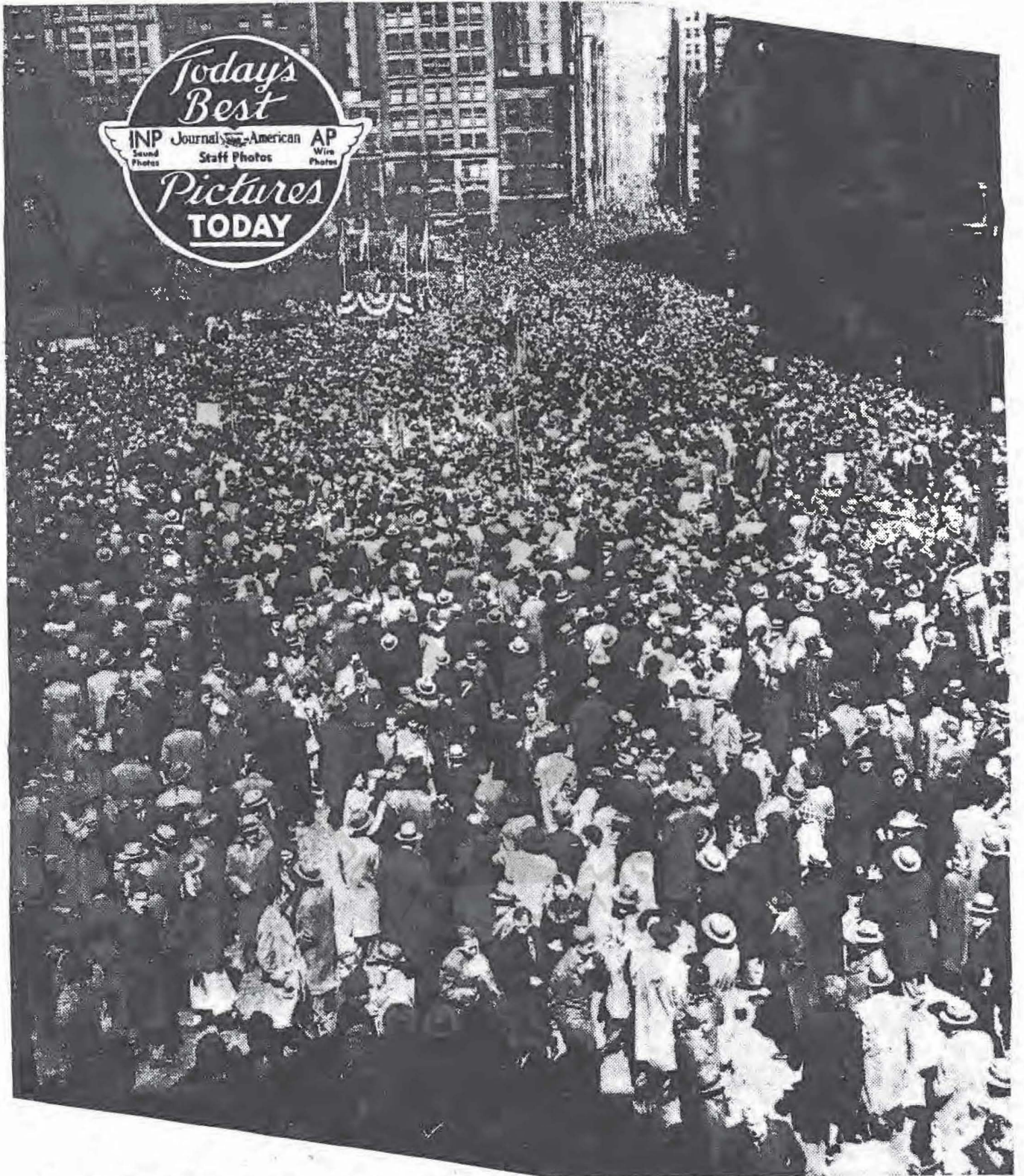
"The Yishuv intend to proclaim on May 16 the Jewish State in Palestine. We have lost a skirmish in the major battle. But we will win the war."

Rep. Holifield (D.-Calif.) drew an ovation by promising to bring the partition fight to Congress.

"We must succeed in bringing our Government back to its senses," he said. "There will be a Jewish State in Palestine."

Grand marshal of the parade was Abraham Kraditor, past national commander of the JWV.

Pledge Victory for Jews



AFTER THE PARADE . . . Police estimated there were between 100,000 and 150,000 in this crowd thronging Madison Sq. park at a rally that followed a parade down 5th ave. organized by the Jewish War Veterans. The crowd made militant pledges of victory for the beleaguered Jews of Palestine and heard speakers protest the American about-face on partition.

Journal-American Photo.

150,000 in Zion Protest Here After Parade of 40,000 Vets

Over 150,000 cheering people jammed Madison Square Park yesterday and made lower Manhattan echo with their militant pledges of victory for the beleaguered Jews

Members of veterans' organizations who participated in yesterday's demonstration protesting U. S. reversal on Palestine partition and pledging victory for beleaguered Holy Land Jews, swing into Madison Square Park off Fifth Ave.



of Palestine. The demonstration, which crowded the square to its last inch, climaxed a Fifth Ave. parade of at least 40,000 war veterans, hailed en route by 250,000 sympathizers of all races and creeds.

Organized by the Jewish War Veterans, the parade got underway at 10 a.m., marching down Fifth Ave., from 39th St. More than 200 policemen were posted along the line of march to hold back applauding crowds.

Smartly arrayed, stepping briskly, the marchers included representatives of veteran, civic and youth groups. Contingents sent from all over the Eastern seaboard by chapters of the Jewish War Veterans marched with delegations from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Catholic War Veterans and American Veterans Committee.

In line was the spectacular Clann Elran Irish Pipers band, and that of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Youth Organization of Newark, one of a number of CYO musical groups in the procession.

Militant slogans, brightly inscribed on placards held aloft by marchers, drew thunderous cheers. The loudest greeted the placard which read:

"Oil or Honor?"

Others, showing resentment at the American about-face on Palestine partition, said:

"Jewish State Reborn—May 16."

"American Veterans Salute Haganah."

"We Fought for Peace—Not Arab Appeasement."

Past the reviewing stand at 24th St., where they saluted Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, national com-

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mander of the JWV, the paraders moved, chanting "Jewish State in '48. They gathered around the speakers' stand for the rally which Chief Police Inspector Brokn called:

"The biggest ever in the park."

Police estimated at least one-third of the spectators and most of the marchers remained in the park for the ceremonies. Several times it was necessary to interrupt proceedings to warn the throng not to press forward, for fear of casualties.

Hebrew Pledge

After an invocation by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, during which the huge gathering joined in the ancient Hebrew pledge: "If I forget thee, oh Jerusalem, may my right hand wither," the meeting was addressed by Deputy Mayor Bennett, who pledged the city's support for the infant Jewish state.

Gen. Klein, branding the partition reversal a conspiracy of Arabs and British, demanded the Jewish people be given the "tools" with which to fight.

Rep. Hollifield (D.-Cal.) got an ovation when he promised to bring the fight for partition to the floor of Congress.

"I raise my voice in unison with you. We must succeed in bringing our government back to its senses. There will be a Jewish state in Palestine," he said.

A call for lifting the arms embargo was made by Sen. Brewster (R.-Me.), who added Americans must be permitted to volunteer for Palestine fighting.

"American boys have the same inalienable right to fight for human freedom in Palestine as in Europe or China," he asserted, adding that failure to carry out partition may mean the end of the United Nations.

"Like Success must not become a synonym for failure. Here on the shores of the East River is being built a \$60,000,000 tomb for an organization that is being destroyed by its own hand. The UN epitaph might well be: Erected to the memory of the power of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who succeeded where Hitler and Hirohito failed."

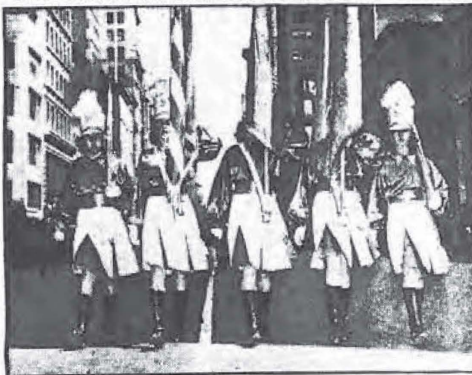
Sen. Brewster concluded his address amid frantic applause, saying:

"The Jewish portion of Palestine as allocated by the United Nations will become an independent commonwealth either under this administration or under the administration that will certainly succeed it."

The crowd was sent away cheering by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who said:

"The Jewish people of Palestine intend to proclaim, on May 16, the Jewish State in Palestine. We have lost but a skirmish in the major battle. We will win the war."

ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL COLOR GUARD JOINS PARADE



Smartly-uniformed color guard of St. Vincent's School is pictured approaching Madison Sq. Park, site of victory rally. (Other Photos on Page 1 and Center Fold)

150,000 of All Faiths Rally in Protest on Zion



Associated Press Photo

MADISON SQUARE PARK was the focal point for the more than 100,000 persons who marched in the Jewish War Veterans parade to protest the U. S. stand on partition of Palestine.

By ALVIN ROSENFELD

The battle for renewal of American support of the Palestine partition plan was intensified today after 150,000 Americans of all faiths voiced their anger with the U. S. turnabout in the largest demonstration ever held in Madison Sq. Park.

The huge crowd, jamming every corner of the park after 40,000 war veterans from 13 states marched down Fifth Av. in a 2½-hour protest parade, heard Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Jewish Agency's American section, charge that "basic oil imperialism" had caused the U. S. to abandon partition and add that "it is not yet too late for our beloved country to undo the mischief."

The parade, watched by over 250,000 people along the line of march to the park, was sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans, but marchers included units of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans Committee, Catholic War Veterans and other ex-soldiers' groups. Among the bands were those of the Clann Eiran Irish Pipers and Blessed Sacrament CYO, Newark.

The marchers, who carried banners saying "Oil or Honor?" and "We Fought for Peace, not Arab Appeasement," chanted such slo-

gans as "A Jewish State in '48" and "Lift, Lift, Lift the Embargo."

Silver told the Madison Sq. crowd that "you need take no lessons in American patriotism from Loy Henderson . . . or from Terry Duce and the oil lobbyists." He asked: "Why should a little group of conspirators be permitted to lead our great country into a morass of duplicity, undermining our prestige before the world . . .?"

Sen. Brewster (R-Me.) told the audience that some persons were attempting to "sell America's good faith in the world for the will o' the wisp of 30 billion barrels of utterly unavailable petroleum." He said military experts agree that in war's event Middle Eastern oil reserves aren't worth a "tinker's dam" since Russia could take them over.

Rep. Holifield (D-Cal.), urging lifting of the U.S. arms embargo on Palestine, said that much of the opposition to a Jewish state there stems from anti-Semitism.

New York World-Telegram

Parade, Rally Protest U. S. Palestine Policy

Oil lobbyists in Washington are responsible for this country's policy on Palestine, Jewish leaders declared yesterday in addresses before 150,000 persons gathered in Madison Square Park.

The rally followed a parade down Fifth Avenue of some 40,000 persons in protest over the ad-

ministration's position on partition of the Holy Land.

Among those who denounced the United States' reversal of its stand on partition were Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Sen. Owen Brewster (R., Maine), Rep. Chet Holifield (D.,

Calif.), and Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, which staged the parade. Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett extended the greetings of the city to the assemblage and pledged his personal support of a Jewish state in Palestine.

Dr. Silver said the argument had

been advanced that consideration for basic American policy was responsible.

"Basic oil imperialism is responsible for this shocking reversal," he said, adding. "We lost a battle—a skirmish—but the war will be won."

N.Y. Turns Out to Protest Zion Policy



(Mirror Photo by Harry Hirsch)

MASSED COLORS, borne by Jewish War Veterans, swing past spectators gathered at 38th St. Crowd of 250,000 lined Fifth Ave. route of march to view 40,000 vets from 13 States parading in protest against reversal of U. S. policy on Palestine.



CALLS FOR JEWISH STATE. Sen. Brewster, who advocated lifting arms embargo in Palestine, speaks out to biggest crowd ever to assemble in Madison Square Park—150,000.



THE FLAG OF FREEDOM and that of Zion's rising state wave over the head of Cary Sklarer, 4 1/2, just tall enough to peep at parade. (Story on Page 3, other photos on Pages 1 and 3)



(Mirror Photos by Art Ables)

VETERAN Paul Bodner leads uniformed group of marchers in protest parade. Banner proclaiming "May 16th — The Jewish State Reborn" was one of many condemning U. S. about-face on Palestine partition issue.

REVIEWING marchers in Madison Square Park are (l. to r.) Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of American Section of Jewish Agency for Palestine; Maine's Sen. Owen Brewster, and Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, commander of Jewish War Veterans.

A MASS PROTEST AGAINST THE UNITED STATES SHIFT ON PALESTINE



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver addressing the throng in Madison Square Park

The New York Times (by Brower)

100,000 JAM RALLY IN JEWISH PROTEST

Hear U. S. Policy on Palestine
Assailed at Madison Square
—War Veterans Parade

Under the auspices of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, a crowd estimated by the police at more than 100,000 persons jammed Madison Square Park and surrounding streets yesterday in a mass protest against the United States reversal of its position on partition of Palestine. Speakers denounced the American position as a betrayal of national honor and a surrender to oil lobbyists. They demanded that the United Nations partition plan be upheld.

The meeting, which Chief Police Inspector Martin J. Brown said was "the biggest crowd ever in the park," was held as a mass demonstration and memorial service for Jews who have died fighting for a Jewish homeland in Palestine. It followed a parade down Fifth Avenue from Thirty-ninth Street in which Catholic, Protestant, and Negro units marched with the Jewish War Veterans.

For two and a half hours the marchers flowed past the reviewing stand in close ranks—40,000 of them, according to an estimate of Assistant Chief Inspector Frank Fristensky Jr. Along with the national colors, the color guards carried the Star of David Zionist flag and colors of various veterans' organizations. There were representatives of 100 cities and fourteen states in the line of march.

Banners proclaimed "We Fought for Peace, Not Arab Appeasement." "Oil or Honor?" "Save the U. N.—Uphold Partition." The marchers chanted "A Jewish State in Forty-eight," or called the cadence to the words, "Lift, Lift, Lift the Embargo."

War-maimed veterans, heads lifted proudly, earned applause as they passed. Many of the marchers were in uniform—the blue of

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the Navy, gray green of the Marines, khaki of the Army, and dark blue of veterans' groups. Multicolored women and children marched with their men-folk. There was a kilted Irish pipers band of Clann Eiran.

The sidewalks of Fifth Avenue were lined solidly by a crowd estimated by the police at 250,000. The streets surrounding the speakers' stand, on the east side of the park, were packed so tightly that many of the parade spectators could not crowd in. Loudspeakers carried the talks to all corners of the square.

Abraham Kraditor, past national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, was the grand marshal of the parade, and Archie H. Greenberg, also a past national commander, was the chairman of the meeting.

It was a sympathetic audience that listened to the denunciations of American policy on Palestine. The crowd jeered and booed references to the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, the oil companies, the State Department, and in one instance the President. It cheered assurances of the formation of a Jewish state.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, opened his remarks with a reference to the outpouring of marchers, saying, "While certain people in Washington let the Jewish people down, the Jewish people will not let themselves down."

He asked why the United States had called for a special assembly of the United Nations to reconsider the Palestine decision. "Do the President and the Secretary of State believe that after a period of temporary trusteeship, such as they propose, the Arabs will come to accept partition?" he said.

"Those who truly love America and believe in the high moral role of leadership which destiny has assigned her in this century," Rabbi Silver continued, "wish to see her integrity remain unimpeachable and her position unassailable by any suspicion of profit-seeking or power politics."

He declared American prestige had slumped in the United Nations "as a result of the amazing reversal on Palestine."

"It is not yet too late for our beloved country to undo the mischief for which certain officials in Washington are responsible," he asserted. "Neither the Congress nor the American people would approve of these machinations. Why should a little group of conspirators be permitted to lead our great country into a morass of duplicity, undermining our prestige before the world, shaking the very foundations of the United Na-

tions, and doing grievous wrong to a people which has been struggling to regain freedom in the ancient land of Israel?"

Senator Owen Brewster of Maine opened his speech with the declaration, "Palestine and petroleum will not mix." He said that from a standpoint of national security reliance on Middle East oil was futile, and that in case of trouble "American and British oil developments in the Middle East will simply serve the Soviet."

"The righteous wrath of the American people is gradually being aroused against those who would sell America's good faith in the world for a will o' the wisp of thirty billions of utterly unobtainable petroleum," Senator Brewster said.

He declared a Jewish state in Palestine will become reality "either under this Administration or under the Administration that will certainly succeed it."

Representative Chet Holifield of California appealed for a lifting of the arms embargo against Palestine. He said much of the opposition to a Zionist state stems from anti-Semitism, and that the "bugaboo" of a Jewish state being a threat to American national safety since American soldiers might be sent to Palestine was an error.

"I am afraid a lot of people were impressed by these arguments," he added. "I am afraid that those thus caught include the President of the United States." There were boos at this reference.

Failure to support partition, Mr. Holifield said, will cause us to "lose an opportunity to strengthen the United Nations and unless we do strengthen the United Nations there is no hope in the world."

Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, said the surrender from the "first forthright and honorable position" with respect to the partition of Palestine is a concession. "That United Nations ballots can be nullified by the bullets of any state or group of states in the United Nations that finds itself outvoted." It was such a veto, General Klein said, that "murdered the League of Nations."

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, acting president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, gave a memorial prayer for the Jews killed in Palestine. Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett said the greatness of this country lies in its welcome to all races, creeds, and nationalities, which have made our people "sensitive to the claims of freedom and justice everywhere."



(NEWS photo by Twyman)

Reviewing Palestine protest parade from stand in Madison Square Park are (l. to r.): Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Senator Owen Brewster, Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett and Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, national commander Jewish War Veterans.

150,000 Protest Zion Flip-flop

In the biggest assemblage ever gathered in Madison Square Park, 150,000 persons yesterday heard Senator Owen Brewster (R-Maine) and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Jewish Agency representative, bitterly attack the Administration policy on the Holy Land as a surrender to the oil interests.

The Madison Square services, honoring the slain Jews of Palestine, followed a 40,000 man, two and one-half hour protest parade down Fifth Ave. from 39th St. Some 200,000 spectators lined the avenue, police estimated.

Scores "Stupid Policy."

Dr. Silver, American section chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, charged that "basic oil imperialism" had caused the U. S. to desert partition. He told the overflow audience:

"You are protesting a two-week-old, inconsistent and stupid policy

of a few men in Washington. This amazing gathering shows that while certain people in Washington may have let the Jews down, the Jewish people will not let themselves down."

Names Lovett, Forrestal.

Citing the hundreds of thousands of Jewish veterans who had served in two world wars, Dr. Silver said:

"You need take no lessons in American patriotism from Loy Henderson, Robert Lovett or James Forrestal, or from the oil lobbyists who have been responsible for the shocking reversal of the American position."

Senator Brewster charged some persons "would sell America's good faith in the world for the will o' the wisp of 30 billion barrels of utterly unavailable petroleum."

"Security Whispers."

"In the name of oil, our national policy and good faith are being tarnished," he said. "Subtly it has

been whispered that mideastern oil is vital to our security and therefore our pledges must be repudiated.

"From the standpoint of our national security here in America, the

oil reserves of the Middle East are not worth a tinker's dam. This is the testimony of every competent and reasonable military authority.

Charges Conspiracy.

Representative Chet Holifield (I Calif.) said the rumors of peril to the U.S. in supporting partition emanated from "a conspiracy on the part of individuals and groups in this country, some of them connected with the British and Arab Governments, others connected with the oil companies, still other connected with the American colleges in the Middle East—an some, I am sorry to say, on the payroll of our own Government whose opposition to a free Jewish state has nothing whatever to do with the national interests of

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JULIUS KLEIN
National Commander

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My dear Rabbi:

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America are now engaged in obtaining the cooperation of non-Jewish veterans to "Write a Line For Palestine." Simply stated, this program is intended to flood Congressmen and Senators with a million or more letters by non-Jews urging a return to the original position of the United States government with respect to the partition of Palestine. Jewish veterans are asking their non-Jewish fellow-veterans to write individual letters to their respective Congressmen and Senators. At the same time, our organization is asking all Jewish groups to cooperate in this program so that the support of non-Jews who are not veterans may also be brought to bear upon Congress. The Zionist Emergency Council has voiced its wholehearted approval of this program and is asking its constituent organizations to cooperate to the fullest extent.

If every Jew in America can be brought to ask one or more of his non-Jewish friends to participate in this endeavor, a flow of letters can result which could not be ignored by even the most indifferent of the legislators.

I ask you now to aid us in this effort by making the program known to your congregation, urging every member to take an active part in this project. In addition, you can make an enormous contribution to the effectiveness of this program through your relationships with the non-Jewish clergymen in your community. They can make a vital contribution to the success of the total effort by urging the participation of their own congregations. Under your leadership, I am confident that our mutual efforts can be of vital importance in bringing home to elected officials in Washington the extreme gravity of the present crisis in Palestine.

Very sincerely yours,

Aryeh Lev

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NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

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50,000 JEWISH VETERANS FROM 14 STATES WILL PARADE DOWN
FIFTH AVENUE ON SUNDAY

"TO URGE THAT THE UN DECISION ON PALESTINE BE UPHELD"

New York -- Veterans' motorcades and special trains from 14 states will converge on New York City on Sunday morning, April 4th, where their passengers -- all veterans of both world wars -- will take part in the Fifth Avenue parade sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, it was announced today by Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

Brig. Gen. Klein pointed out that the purpose of the parade was "to urge that the United Nations decision on Palestine be upheld and that the solemn pledges made to the Jewish people -- and to the world -- be redeemed." Memorial services for the slain Jews of Palestine will be held in Madison Square Park in connection with the mass demonstration which will take place at the conclusion of the parade, he said.

Archie H. Greenberg, Past National Commander and Chairman of Sunday's parade, disclosed that delegates from most American veterans groups would participate in the JWV-sponsored march. Units from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, American Veterans Committee, American Veterans of World War II and the Army-Navy Union will join Jewish War Veterans' contingents from most of the

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eastern states, Mr. Greenberg stated.

Abraham Kraditor, Past National Commander of the JWV and Grand Marshal of its special Sunday parade, listed the following points of assembly:

New York County	39th Street West of Fifth Avenue
Queens County	39th Street East of Fifth Avenue
New York State except New York City, Ohio, Virginia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island	38th Street West of Fifth Avenue
Delaware, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington	38 Street East of Fifth Avenue
Bronx County	37 Street West of Fifth Avenue
Kings County	37 Street East of Fifth Avenue

The Grand Marshal stated that 50 bands from all major veterans organizations -- and representing Catholic, Protestant and Jewish Posts -- will march in the lengthy procession. Mr. Kraditor indicated that the line of march would extend south from 39th Street at Fifth Avenue, and proceed to Madison Square Park. The units will assemble at 9:00 A.M. He estimated that the procession would last two hours.

At Madison Square Park, the converging point for paraders and spectators, a number of distinguished speakers will address the assemblage. The speakers will include U. S. Senator Owen Brewster; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, and other leaders.

Henry Shields, Parade Adjutant, made it clear today that the March would go on "rain or shine". Police authorities have made arrangements to handle the great crowd of spectators which is expected, Mr. Shields disclosed.

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ADDRESS OF BRIG. GEN. JULIUS KLEIN, NATIONAL COMMANDER
OF THE JWV, AT THE MASS DEMONSTRATION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE
IN MADISON SQUARE PARK FOLLOWING THE PARADE OF VETERANS FOR PALESTINE
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1948

We have marched today for something more than justice to the heroic Jewish people of Palestine. We have marched together as living evidence that the American people are determined to retain their national honor and integrity. We have marched in the solemn recognition that to tolerate the death of a single defender of the Jewish community of Palestine is to compromise with every principle for which American veterans -- whatever their religious belief or national origin -- have gladly and proudly defended from the time our nation was born.

Let us be perfectly clear as to what has been surrendered in our country's retreat -- however temporary that retreat may be -- from its first forthright and honorable position with respect to the partition of Palestine. What has been conceded is that United Nations ballots can be nullified by the bullets of any state or group of states in the United Nations organization that finds itself outvoted. It was the failure to resist this kind of veto power that murdered the League of Nations. And it is one of the prime assassins in the bloodbath that followed who now leads the brigands that assail the Jewish community of Palestine and make a mockery of a United Nations decree.

International law itself is challenged as never before. On December 11, 1946, the General Assembly of the United Nations unanimously adopted a declaration against genocide -- the extermination of entire human groups through physical, biological or cultural means. Today, April 4, 1948, the so-called Grand Mufti of Jerusalem -- miraculously delivered from the prisoners' dock at

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Nuremberg after World War II -- is committing the crime of genocide against the Jewish community of Palestine. Nowhere in the world's ministries has a voice been raised putting this cutthroat on notice that he may be held accountable under international law for his savage crimes against a people who fought among the ranks of the free nations of the world. Instead, he has heard only the rich, pear-shaped tones of appeasement. Let those who have poured mellow words of concession into the Mufti's ears ask themselves whether they are accessories to the crime of genocide.

For us in America, the basic issue in Palestine today is crystal clear. The proof of what I say is on this platform and in this audience. We have come here today with a single purpose and a single loyalty. We cherish our country's honor. We cherish its devotion to the cause of political and individual freedom for all peoples and all nations. We ask no new or special privilege for the Jewish people of Palestine. We ask only that, in a time of international tension and unrest, our country stand fast by its traditional support for the just cause of a people who seek to secure themselves in a way of life akin to our own.

For this principle, we Jewish War Veterans marched with our Catholic comrades of Irish descent in the days of Ireland's heroic struggle against oppression and subjugation. For this principle, we marched with our fellow veterans of Bohemian parentage before there came into being the nation of Czechoslovakia. Ours was a single devotion then, and it is a single devotion today. Resistance to injustice is the duty of every American. It is the special obligation of Americans who have served our country in times of emergency. That is why the eloquent voice of the National Commander of the American Legion, our great and good friend, James F. O'Neill, has been raised in behalf of prompt and effective implementation of the United Nations partition decision. For this is an issue that asks of any American veteran no loyalty other than his devotion to American principles of justice and fair consideration of the democratic aspirations of a peace-loving people. American veterans -- whatever their religious belief -- can have only

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one primary allegiance. That is the allegiance to our country's welfare and security. If we look clearly and honestly at what is happening in Palestine today, we must be forced to only one conclusion. It is not the Jewish people of Palestine who have declared war on a decision of the United Nations. It is not the Jewish people of Palestine who are importing arms and ammunition for aggressive war on their neighbors. It is not the Jewish people of Palestine who are being aided by mercenaries of other countries in the reversal by force of a United Nations decree.

When we talk of truce or of trusteeship, or of any other device which is seemingly aimed at restoring peace to Palestine, let us remember that it is not the Jewish people of that country who have refused to comply with the decree of the United Nations. The violence and bloodshed in Palestine -- the avowed intention to undermine and destroy the authority of the United Nations -- is the crime of only one element of Palestine's population. It is the crime of the Arabs, and the instigator of that crime is the Grand Mufti. As American veterans, whose first concern is for the safety and stability of our own country, we must be perfectly clear on this issue. The Mufti and his cohorts have been our enemies before. Their brigades fought against us and our allies in World War II. They bore arms against us in the days when the armies of Hitler and Mussolini had the advantage in preparation and manpower. Today, they seek to blackmail us with threats of cancelling oil concessions -- concessions which are far more necessary to the Arabs than they are to the American people.

Can we suppose that these ex-partners of Nazism and Fascism would spring eagerly to the support of the United States in the unthinkable event that this country ever became involved in another war? On this score, the record of the Jewish people of Palestine is clear and unassailable. Twice in this century, they have given of their youth and labor to the armies of the free governments. With their individual labor and initiative, they have brought industry and agriculture, education and the physical and social sciences, to the Holy Land

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that had been permitted to wither and decay under Arab feudalism. Let us not be deceived by the cunning propaganda of the Arabs and their British collaborators. There is no appetite among the Jews of Palestine for totalitarian nostrums. They have worked too hard for individual and political freedoms to substitute a fresh dictatorship for an age-old injustice. It is to us in America that they look for guidance and support in their struggle for independence, just as other subjugated peoples have looked to us since we cast off our own shackles in 1776. If we fail them now, we will wreck the hopes of millions of others of every race and creed who now yearn for deliverance from political captivity. Worse still, we will have failed the cause of our own security. For to risk the sacrifice of our honor and integrity is to risk the loss of valiant and proven allies.

There is still time to stay a tragic re-enactment of Munich. There is still time to inscribe into the pages of our history a final and conclusive rejection of appeasement and surrender to illegality and aggression. We must redouble our efforts to uphold democratic processes and decisions so that we may see the achievement of a Palestine settlement based on justice and honor. We must revise the embargo that has turned out to be the most effective weapon in the Mufti's arsenal.

This is the mission of all Americans. Upon its accomplishment depends our national integrity. Upon it rests one of the pillars of our national security. Upon it is pinned our hope that freedom-loving nations of the world will continue to look to us for leadership and support in the critical days ahead.

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ADDRESS OF RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN, ACTING PRESIDENT
OF THE MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE
IN MADISON SQUARE PARK FOLLOWING THE PARADE OF VETERANS FOR PALESTINE
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1948

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Merciful God, who dwelleth on high. We do honour this day to the heroes of Israel, defenders of their country and their people, who have fallen on the sacred soil of our Holy Land.

They fell in the Negev, where their labours were to convert a wasteland into a garden. They fell by the Jordan, out of whose ancient waters their genius would have extracted power and energy. They fell by the banks of the Mediterranean, whose ample harbours they built to welcome thousands of survivors of the European horror. They fell on the plains of Sharon and in the valley of Jezreal as they stemmed the invasion of savage hordes bent on devastating their homes and vineyards. Their courage was unsurpassed; their heroism unparalleled.

Gather them up, O Lord, and as they line up before Thy holy throne, read to them Thy divine citation and confer upon them Israel's Star of Honour.

Why have these mighty fallen? Why are the paths leading to Zion desolate? Why are olive groves transformed into places of ambush and lurking death? Why have swords replaced ploughshares and spears, pruning forks? Why has the holy city of Jerusalem become an arsenal of strife?

Because our world has become the seat of wickedness and evil has become global. Trusted friends have turned into cynical foes. Supporters have become betrayers. Erstwhile humanitarians are paying tribute to desert bandits. Morality has given way to expediency. Ethical foundations have given way to military bases. Statesmen have become money changers in the temple of humanity.
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Oil has become more precious than blood.

There is bitterness and disappointment in our hearts today. Under a confused and vacillating leadership, our own Government has deserted our cause, reversed its promise and nullified its given word. We are distressed for our country because she has abdicated her glorious position as the defender of the weak and the supporter of the just. You, American veterans of Jewish faith, whose splendid parade was an eloquent demonstration of your solidarity with the Jewish people, should feel this even more keenly than others. You have fought on the far-flung battlefields of the war to preserve the precious ideals for which America stood and which the present administration seems to have abandoned. In Iwo Jima and on the beaches of Normandy lie your heroic comrades under stars and crosses, who have given their lives to keep America great, her standards high, and her honour unsullied. These heroic dead have been let down. The heroes of Bataan and Corregidor fought and fell to wipe out the infamy of Pearl Harbor. The heroes of Kfar Ezion and Tirat Zvi fought and fell to wipe out the reversal and deception of Lake Success.

We banish, however, our disappointment and suppress our sense of frustration, and still offer prayer. And we pray especially, not for ourselves and for our own, but for America. Almighty God, hear our prayer. Do not permit our country, the last beacon of light and hope to a suffering humanity, to be extinguished. Let not the clouds of injustice and dishonesty darken the free skies of America. Let not the shadows of evil envelope the fairness and decency of our citizenry. The Union Jack has fallen to the lowest depths. Let the Stars and Stripes wave high and flutter in the breezes of honour and righteousness. Restore to our leaders and statesmen balance and integrity. Open their eyes to a nobler vision and direct their hearts to higher destinies for our country and the world at large.

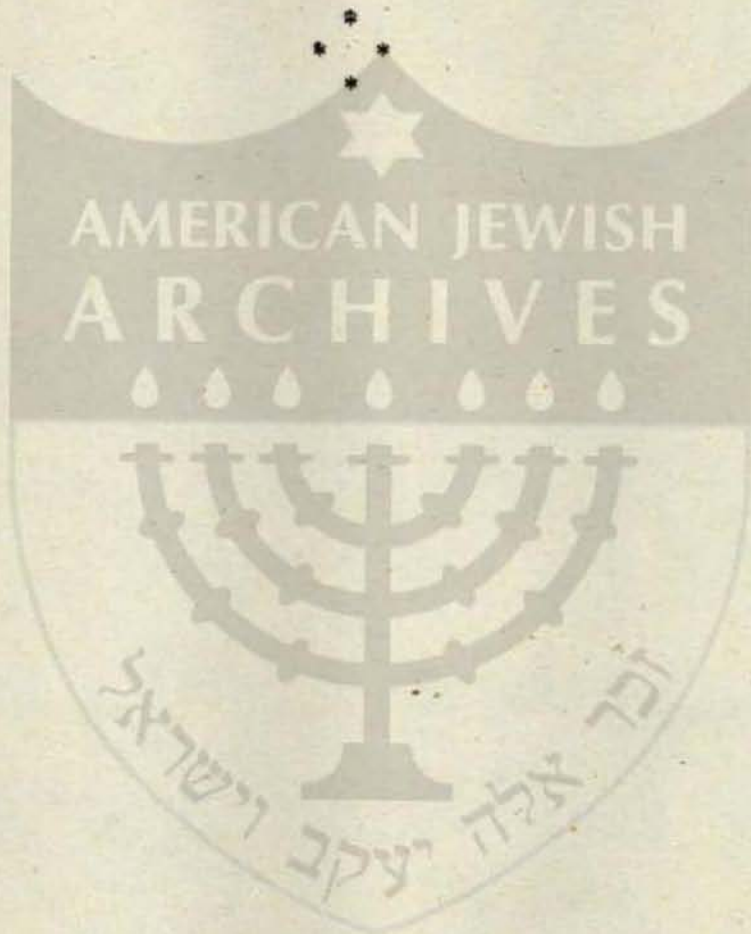
To this our prayer we add our pledge to our fallen brethren. We are distressed for you, our brothers in Zion. Distressed but determined. The rich young blood which you shed shall not have been shed in vain. It will water the Jewish

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homeland and enrich the soil of Eretz Yisroel. Rest in peace and in honour.

By your fresh graves we once again renew our ancient oath and re-affirm our eternal pledge: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten."

Your souls go marching on, and by the light of your glory the determined legions of our people march to establish, ultimately, resolutely and triumphantly, the Jewish State of Judea.



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ADDRESS OF REP. CHET HOLIFIELD (D.CALIF.)

AT THE MASS DEMONSTRATION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE IN MADISON SQUARE PARK
FOLLOWING THE PARADE OF VETERANS FOR PALESTINE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1948

Fellow Americans: I am greatly impressed by this march of tens of thousands of recent soldiers, sailors, and marines, who have turned out in our country's uniform to protest a grave mistake of our Government and to demand that the mistake be corrected.

I am greatly impressed by the sight of the many thousands of men and women filling this square who have come to join in this protest and in this demand.

I am impressed by your resolute demand that America return to a righteous and just policy on Palestine because I believe this demand to be right.

I want to tell you that men and women all over the country, from California, where I come from, to Washington, where the policies of this country are made, are with you.

And being one of those who fully agree with your demands, I want to tell you that I consider myself a better American because I am driven by my conscience to protest against my Government's mistakes.

A great deal has been said, in justification of what I regard as a grievous error, about the national interests that allegedly have compelled our Government to do this about-face. But far more important than the gain of alleged temporary advantages is the lasting value of a clean record and of good faith.

As a member of the Congress of the United States, as one who has given careful and long study to the questions involved, as a member of the National Legislature conscious of his responsibility, I want to tell you that I am convinced,

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utterly and completely convinced, that our vacillating policy in regard to Partition is disgraceful. It is not in accord with America's national interests nor will it help to establish peace in a troubled world. The arguments in support of reversal are, in my opinion, based on international political expediency and as far as I am concerned are pure hokum.

Neither our political nor our economic interests in the Middle East were threatened by our espousal of the creation of a small Jewish State in Palestine. The Arab States continued to look to us to buy their oil, to pay them royalties, to support them financially and politically, and to maintain their regimes against any possible internal and external threats. In time of peace, the Arab countries would have clung to us for reasons of self-interest. In time of war, should bad statesmanship plunge the world into the catastrophe of another war, the self-interest of the Arab States would drive them to lean still more strongly upon this country. I know it. You know it. And I am certain that the experts in our Government who know all about the Middle East, also know it.

Whence, then, come all those rumors, hints, and statements regarding the danger to this country of continuing to support the United Nations decision? They come, I am afraid, as a result of a conspiracy on the part of individuals and groups in this country, some of them connected with the British and the Arab Governments, others connected with the oil companies, still others connected with the American colleges in the Middle East, and some, I am sorry to say, on the payroll of our own Government, whose opposition to a free Jewish State has nothing whatever to do with the national interests of America. The roots of their opposition lie elsewhere. Some of them are moved by base financial greed. Others proceed in the interest of foreign governments, intent to bring American policy in line with Mr. Bevin's and the Mufti's designs. Still others are moved by plain, unadulterated anti-Semitism. These are the people who begrudge the Jews that dignity of national independence which we are ready to grant to all other peoples on earth.

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Having found it impossible to sway the Government and public opinion of this country by a straightforward exposition of their interests and prejudices, they have resorted to the bugaboo of a Jewish State being a danger to American national safety.

In the pursuit of this conspiracy, they have confronted the heads of our Government and they have filled the press of America with the most ridiculous fairy tales. They have threatened us that a Jewish State would drive the Arabs into Communism; that the Jewish State itself would go Communistic; that 100,000 or 200,000 American soldiers would have to be sent to Palestine to enforce Partition; that Partition would prove an excuse for Russian troops to go to Palestine.

I am afraid a lot of people were impressed and caught by these arguments. I am afraid that those thus caught include the President of the United States.

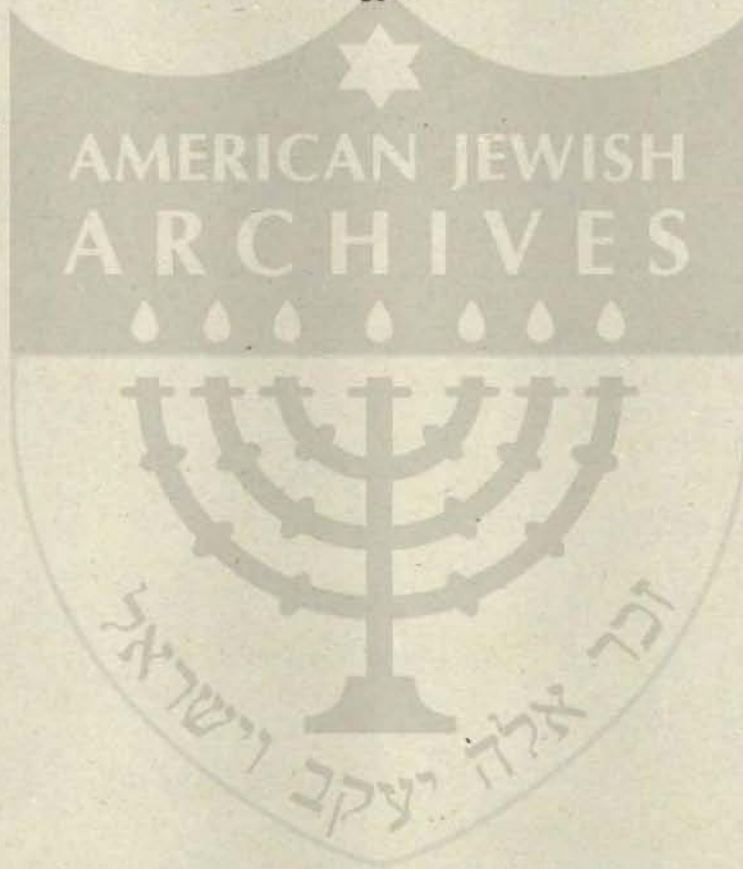
But gradually the conspiratorial character of this entire argument is becoming clearer. Gradually it becomes clear that all the so-called alternative solutions are likely to involve our country militarily and otherwise in the Palestine issue far more than Partition would have done. Gradually it becomes clearer that the likelihood of an aggravated conflict between the United States and Russia over Palestine is far more advanced by any attempt to revise the United Nations decision than by an attempt to carry it out.

We don't gain anything by turning our back on a just solution formally supported by us and confirmed by the United Nations. We don't gain anything, but we lose a lot. We lose an opportunity to right an ancient wrong. We lose an opportunity to give independence and freedom to the one people on earth which is denied it. We lose an opportunity to contribute to the solution of the displaced and homeless persons in Europe. We lose an opportunity to strengthen the United Nations. We lose an opportunity to strengthen the world's faith in our own honor and consistency.

It is our duty as loyal Americans to raise our voices against this nefarious

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conspiracy, against this attempt to carry out a dishonest policy with the help of our Government. I am glad you have assembled here in order to raise your voices in mighty protest. I raise my voice in unison with you. We must succeed in bringing our Government back to its senses. We must support our traditional American policy. There must be and there will be a Jewish State in Palestine.



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MAY 14th -- THE JEWISH NATION REBORN

AMERICAN VETERANS SALUTE HAGALIAH

VETERANS SALUTE THE JEWISH STATE

ARAB APPEASEMENT IS UNAMERICAN

WE FOUGHT FOR PEACE -- NOT ARAB APPEASEMENT

SAVE THE UN -- UPHOLD PARTITION

WHO IS "OILING" U.S. POLICY?

OIL OR HONOR?

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VETERANS PARADE IN PROTEST AGAINST U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S ABOUT-FACE
ON PALESTINE; GREAT MASS DEMONSTRATION IN MADISON SQUARE PARK HEARS
DR. SILVER, SENATOR BREWSTER, BRIG. GEN. KLEIN, REP. HOLIFIELD, COL.
BENNETT AND RABBI LOOKSTEIN DEMAND THAT UN DECISION BE UPHELD

New York - In an unprecedented outpouring of protest and indignation,
50,000 parading veterans were joined today (Sunday, April 4, 1948) by a
huge crowd of New York citizens in denouncing the Administration's reversal
of policy on Palestine and in demanding that the UN partition decision of
November 29, 1947 be upheld.

The great parade and mass demonstration, which was called by the
Jewish War Veterans of the United States, began at 10:00 A.M., when
veterans, who had been assembling on 37th, 38th and 39th Streets, East and
West of 5th Avenue, started their march down the Avenue from 39th Street
to Madison Square Park. The Grand Marshal of the parade was Abraham Kraditor,
past National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans.

Carrying slogans such as "Who Is 'Oiling' U.S. Policy?", "We Fought
For Peace - Not Arab Appeasement", and "Veterans Salute The Jewish State",
the marching ex-servicemen, many of them in uniform and all wearing their
service caps, converged on Madison Square Park where they joined the great
crowd which had come to voice protest against the U.S. reversal and solidarity
with the embattled Jews of Palestine.

At the Park they heard addresses by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; Senator Owen
Brewster (R., Me.); Brigadier General Julius Klein, National Commander of

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the Jewish War Veterans; Representative Chet Holifield (D., Calif.); and Colonel John J. Bennett, Deputy Mayor of New York City. A memorial service to the Jewish fighters who have fallen in Palestine was led by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, acting President of the Mizrachi Organization of America. Archie H. Greenberg, past National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, was chairman of the program, and Rabbi Arieh Lev delivered the invocation.

Dr. Silver Declares American Jewry Stands by UN Decision and Will Not be Intimidated by Propaganda of Scuttlers

Dr. Silver directed a series of questions to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of State. He asked: "Do the President and the Secretary of State believe that after a period of temporary trusteeship, such as they propose, the Arabs will come to accept partition? On what information do they base such a belief? If trusteeship is not a substitute for partition, as they have declared, and the permanent solution for Palestine will still have to be found in partition, which will have to be enforced whenever it takes place, what useful purpose is served by indefinitely postponing the permanent solution and thus prolonging the period of uncertainty and strife in the Holy Land?"

"If our Government has finally reached the conclusion that it is prepared to join an international police force to maintain law and order in Palestine in connection with the setting up of a UN trusteeship, why is it unwilling to do so in connection with the carrying-out of the UN Plan for Partition?"

"If the American Government is still committed to the partition solution, as it repeatedly declares, and to the principle that the Jewish people of Palestine has a right to independence and sovereignty, how does its new proposal for trusteeship advance or ensure that objective? The

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American people have a right to receive an answer to this question. In fact, this answer should have been given before the U.S. Delegate to the Security Council introduced the new resolutions in the name of our Government."

Declaring that no "politicians in Washington need to lecture you (Jewish War Veterans) or the American Jews generally on patriotic duties and responsibilities," Dr. Silver added, "you need take no lessons in American patriotism from Loy Henderson, Robert Lovett or James Forrestal, or from the oil lobbyists, who have been responsible for the shocking reversal of the American position."

Dr. Silver asserted: "Time and again in the history of nations, yielding to a temporary expediency has resulted in incalculable damage to long-range and fundamental purposes and functions. Let any American inquire today among the members of the United Nations, and he will learn to his great humiliation how badly our position has slumped as the result of the amazing reversal of the United States on Palestine, which we sought to justify by so much legalistic abracadabra and such fallacious arguments. It is not yet too late for our beloved country to undo the mischief for which certain officials in Washington are responsible. Neither the Congress of the United States nor the American people would approve of these machinations. Why should a little group of men be permitted to lead our great country into a morass of duplicity, undermining our prestige in the world, shaking the very foundations of the United Nations, and doing grievous wrong to a people which has been struggling to regain freedom and independence in the ancient land of Israel? ... American Jewry continues to stand by the United Nations decision and will not be intimidated by the propaganda of those who wish to scuttle it."

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Senator Brewster Declares American Boys Have Right to Volunteer to Fight for Human Freedom in Palestine.

"The Minute Men of Concord and Lexington find their spiritual descendants in the embattled hosts of Zion among the hills of Palestine," Senator Brewster declared. Pointing out that "America became a new nation conceived in liberty because other people permitted their sons and their munitions to come to our aid," and that "embargoes on munition shipments and cancellation of the passports of those who dared to volunteer to fight in the cause of human freedom were fortunately unknown," he asserted: "American boys have the same inalienable right to volunteer to fight for human freedom in Palestine as in Europe or China. The Old World has no monopoly upon the spirit of Steuben or Kosciusko or Lafayette."

Discussing the questions of American security that have been injected into the Palestine question, Senator Brewster said: "Palestine and petroleum will not mix. From the standpoint of our national security, the oil reserves of the Middle East are not worth a tinker's dam. This is the testimony of every competent military authority.

"In the event of any trouble, the American and British oil developments in the Middle East will simply serve the Soviet. The railroads and trucklines have already been built by American enterprise and generosity direct from the head of the Persian Gulf to the Russian border. Logistics plus American built transportation ensure possession by the Red Army of the oil wells of the Middle East. Sacrificing our honor in Palestine for the utterly unattainable oil of Arabia is not only dishonorable but stupid. We shall lose the whole world and our own soul as well ... Like the foolish dog in Aesop's fable, we shall drop our honor to get our oil and end up with neither."

Senator Brewster also declared that "America may well demand of those

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in authority that the embargo shall be modified to permit arms to go to those who are defending the decision of the United Nations."

Declaring that "one Munich for this generation should be quite enough," the Senator from Maine added: "The magnificent mausoleum of the League of Nations upon the shores of Lake Geneva at least served for a political generation. Here on the shores of the East River they still go forward with the preparations to build a \$60,000,000 tomb for an organization that is being destroyed by its own hand. Its epitaph might well be: 'Erected to the memory of the power of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who succeeded where Hitler and Hirohito failed'."

Senator Brewster concluded his address by declaring that, "The Partition Plan will be implemented. The Jewish portion of Palestine as allocated by the United Nations will become an independent Commonwealth either under this Administration or under the Administration that will certainly succeed it."

Brig. Gen. Klein Says Support of Jewish Palestine is Mission of All True Americans.

Brig. Gen. Julius Klein declared: "Let us be perfectly clear as to what has been surrendered in our country's retreat -- however temporary that retreat may be -- from its first forthright and honorable position with respect to the partition of Palestine. What has been conceded is that United Nations ballots can be nullified by the bullets of any state or group of states in the United Nations Organization that finds itself outvoted. It was the failure to resist this kind of veto power that murdered the League of Nations. And it is one of the prime assassins in the bloodbath that followed who now leads the brigands that assail the Jewish community of Palestine and make a mockery of a United Nations decree."

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The Jewish War Veterans' National Commander added: "For us in America, the basic issue in Palestine today is crystal clear. The proof of what I say is on this platform and in this audience. We have come here today with a single purpose and a single loyalty. We cherish our country's honor. We cherish its devotion to the cause of political and individual freedom for all peoples and all nations. We ask no new or special privilege for the Jewish people of Palestine. We ask only that, in a time of international tension and unrest, our country stand fast by its traditional support for the just cause of a people who seek to secure themselves in a way of life akin to our own... This is the mission of all Americans. Upon its accomplishment depends our national integrity. Upon it rests one of the pillars of our national security. Upon it is pinned our hope that freedom-loving nations of the world will continue to look to us for leadership and support in the critical days ahead."

Cong. Holifield Assails U.S. Policy Reversal as Result of Conspiracy.

Rep. Holifield told the Madison Square Park crowd: "As a member of the Congress of the United States, as one who has given careful and long study to the questions involved, as a member of the National Legislature conscious of his responsibility, I want to tell you that I am convinced, utterly and completely convinced, that our vacillating policy in regard to Partition is disgraceful. It is not in accord with America's national interests nor will it help to establish peace in a troubled world. The arguments in support of reversal are, in my opinion, based on international political expediency and as far as I am concerned are pure hokum..."

"Whence, then, come all those rumors, hints, and statements regarding the danger to this country of continuing to support the United Nations decision? They come, I am afraid, as a result of a conspiracy on the part of individuals and groups in this country, some of them connected with the

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British and the Arab Governments, others connected with the oil companies, still others connected with the American colleges in the Middle East, and some, I am sorry to say, on the payroll of our own Government, whose opposition to a free Jewish State has nothing whatever to do with the national interests of America. The roots of their opposition lie elsewhere. Some of them are moved by base financial greed. Others proceed in the interest of foreign governments, intent to bring American policy in line with Mr. Bevin's and the Mufti's designs. Still others are moved by plain, unadulterated anti-Semitism. These are the people who begrudge the Jews that dignity of national independence which we are ready to grant to all other peoples on earth."

Rabbi Lookstein Leads Solemn Memorial to Fallen Jewish Heroes.

Leading a tribute to the Jews of Palestine who have fallen in defense of their homeland, Rabbi Lookstein asked: "Why have these mighty fallen? Why are the paths leading to Zion desolate? Why are olive groves transformed into places of ambush and lurking death? Why have swords replaced ploughshares and spears, pruning forks? Why has the Holy City of Jerusalem become an arsenal of strife?

"Because our world has become the seat of wickedness and evil has become global. Trusted friends have turned into cynical foes. Supporters have become betrayers. Erstwhile humanitarians are paying tribute to desert bandits. Morality has given way to expediency. Ethical foundations have given way to military bases. Statesmen have become money changers in the temple of humanity. Oil has become more precious than blood.

"There is bitterness and disappointment in our hearts today. Under a confused and vacillating leadership, our own Government has deserted our cause, reversed its promise and nullified its given word. We are distressed for our country because she has abdicated her glorious position as the defender of the weak and the supporter of the just."

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THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL, AT THE MASS DEMONSTRATION
AND MEMORIAL SERVICE IN MADISON SQUARE PARK FOLLOWING THE PARADE
OF VETERANS FOR PALESTINE -- SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1948

The President and the Secretary of State declare that they still favor partition as the correct solution for Palestine. Why, then, have they taken the initiative to have a Special Assembly of the UN convoked to revoke the action of the last Assembly which overwhelmingly endorsed partition? Is it because the Arabs have resisted it? Do the President and the Secretary of State believe that after a period of temporary trusteeship, such as they propose, the Arabs will come to accept partition? On what information do they base such a belief? If trusteeship is not a substitute for partition, as they have declared, and the permanent solution for Palestine will still have to be found in partition, which will have to be enforced whenever it takes place, what useful purpose is served by indefinitely postponing the permanent solution and thus prolonging the period of uncertainty and strife in the Holy Land?

If our Government has finally reached the conclusion that it is prepared to join an international police force to maintain law and order in Palestine in connection with the setting-up of a UN trusteeship, why is it unwilling to do so in connection with the carrying-out of the UN Plan for Partition?

If the American Government is still committed to the partition solution, as it repeatedly declares, and to the principle that the Jewish people of Palestine has a right to independence and sovereignty, how does its new proposal for

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trusteeship advance or ensure that objective? The American people have a right to receive an answer to this question. In fact, this answer should have been given before the U. S. Delegate to the Security Council introduced the new resolutions in the name of our Government.

Every American citizen is deeply concerned in the defense of his country. Love of America and devotion to her traditions and institutions are deeply ingrained in the hearts of the Jews of America. You Jewish War Veterans, who have by the hundreds of thousands served American in two world wars, need not be told these elementary truths, nor do any politicians in Washington need to lecture you or the American Jews generally on patriotic duties and responsibilities. You need take no lessons in American patriotism from Loy Henderson, Robert Lovett or James Forrestal, or from the oil lobbyists, who have been responsible for the shocking reversal of the American position.

In these desperate times, the strength of our country lies first and foremost in the confidence that the free nations of the world have in the integrity of our purposes and in our pledged word. Any suspicion of duplicity in our foreign policy and in unreliability in our promises serves to strengthen the diplomatic offensive against us all over the world. This can hardly be balanced by the billions of dollars spent by us for aid in the various countries of Europe.

Those who truly love America and believe in the high moral role of leadership which destiny has assigned to her in this century, wish to see her integrity remain unimpeachable and her position unassailable by any suspicion of profit-seeking or power politics. Time and again in the history of nations, yielding to a temporary expediency has resulted in incalculable damage to long-range and fundamental purposes and functions. Let any American inquire today among the members of the United Nations, and he will learn to his great humiliation how badly our position has slumped as the result of the amazing reversal of the United States on Palestine, which we sought to justify by so much legalistic

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abracadabra and such fallacious arguments. It is not yet too late for our beloved country to undo the mischief for which certain officials in Washington are responsible. Neither the Congress of the United States nor the American people would approve of these machinations. Why should a little group of men be permitted to lead our great country into a morass of duplicity, undermining our prestige in the world, shaking the very foundations of the United Nations, and doing grievous wrong to a people which has been struggling to regain freedom and independence in the ancient Land of Israel?

The Congress of the United States has twice endorsed the national aspirations of the Jewish people in Palestine. Both major political parties are on record in support of the establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. Every President of the United States since President Wilson has endorsed it. The United Nations four months ago, with the fullest support of our Government, has likewise approved of it. American Jewry continues to stand by the United Nations decision and will not be intimidated by the propaganda of those who wish to scuttle it.

It is not yet too late for our country to return from a lamentable detour to the highway of a clear purpose and a fine, consistent position at the United Nations. Our Government should re-affirm the position which it wisely took last November in favor of solving the Palestine problem through partition, a position which the President of the United States and the Secretary of State endorsed and still endorse.

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EXCERPT FROM ADDRESS OF SENATOR OWEN BREWSTER (R.-ME.)

AT THE MASS DEMONSTRATION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE IN MADISON SQUARE PARK
FOLLOWING THE PARADE OF VETERANS FOR PALESTINE -- SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1948

AMERICAN SECURITY

Palestine and petroleum will not mix. From the standpoint of our national security, the oil reserves of the Middle East are not worth a tinker's dam. This is the testimony of every competent military authority.

In the event of any trouble, the American and British oil developments in the Middle East will simply serve the Soviet.

The railroads and trucklines have already been built by American enterprise and generosity direct from the head of the Persian Gulf to the Russian border.

Logistics plus American built transportation ensure possession by the Red Army of the oil wells of the Middle East.

Sacrificing our honor in Palestine for the utterly unattainable oil of Arabia is not only dishonorable but stupid.

We shall lose the whole world and our own soul as well.

Let us be very sure that America gives no occasion for the indictment levelled at the Chamberlain Government in 1939 by Herbert Stanley Morrison, leader today of the Labor Majority in the British House of Commons: "The Jews must be sacrificed to the government's preoccupation with exclusively imperialist rather than human considerations."

Like the foolish dog in Aesop's fable, we shall drop our honor to get our oil and end up with neither.

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Yet in the name of oil our national honor and good faith are being tarnished. Subtly it has been whispered that Mid-Eastern oil is vital to our security and therefore our pledges in Palestine must be repudiated.

Confidence in American good faith among freedom loving people everywhere is the most vital of strategic materials so far as America is concerned. Without confidence among people everywhere in our plighted word, America can never hope to bring into being an indissoluble union of those who love freedom more than life.

In the words of Winston Churchill: "You are not going to found and forge the fabric of a grand alliance to resist aggression, except by showing continued examples of your firmness in carrying out, even under difficulties, the obligations into which you have entered -- never was the need for fidelity and firmness more urgent than now."

America stands stultified before world opinion in seeking to support -- all at the same time: (1) a truce with the Grand Mufti, fresh from five years in Berlin with Adolph Hitler -- his hands still dripping with Jewish blood; (2) a trusteeship for Palestine under some unknown trustee and supported presumably by American arms; and (3) a Partition Plan solemnly adopted after extensive study by more than 2/3 of the United Nations. Janus is outdone. This is not two-faced but three-faced.

In the scathing words of Winston Churchill, commenting on Chamberlain and his White Paper, one can only say of the President of the United States, that: "He has reason to complain of his advisors as he has been very poorly briefed."

What will the world think of a great power that seeks a truce with the Grand Mufti because he defies with force of arms the considered conclusions of practically all the nations outside of the Moslem World?

Having defeated Hitler and Hirohito, we find ourselves in full retreat before 7500 Arab mercenaries who have recently invaded Palestine in deliberate and proclaimed defiance of the Decision of the United Nations.

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The Minute Men of Concord and Lexington find their spiritual descendants in the embattled hosts of Zion among the hills of Palestine.

The shots of the Haganah are being heard around the world by every ear attuned to love of human freedom and good faith.

America became a new nation conceived in liberty because other people permitted their sons and their munitions to come to our aid. Embargoes on munition shipments and cancellation of the passports of those who dared to volunteer to fight in the cause of human freedom were fortunately unknown.

In both the first and second world wars, long before the United States was involved, munitions were flowing freely to our ultimate allies, and American boys who loved human freedom more than life were volunteering without restriction to enter the contest all around the world. The Lafayette Escadrille and the Flying Tigers were the symbols of an America still animated by the spirit of '76.

America may well demand of those in authority that the embargo shall be modified to permit arms to go to those who are defending the Decision of the United Nations.

American boys have the same inalienable right to volunteer to fight for human freedom in Palestine as in Europe or China. The Old World has no monopoly upon the spirit of Steuben or Kosciusko or Lafayette.

Lake Success must not become a synonym for failure. One Munich for this generation should be quite enough.

The magnificent mausoleum of the League of Nations upon the shores of Lake Geneva at least served for a political generation.

Here on the shores of the East River they still go forward with the preparations to build a \$60,000,000 tomb for an organization that is being destroyed by its own hand. Its epitaph might well be: "Erected to the memory of the power of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who succeeded where Hitler and Hirohito failed."

In the Partition of Palestine the nations of the world were united in supporting a just solution of an age-old problem. To their support came the

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hosts of those who loved liberty more than life in many lands. In Palestine itself there is a deep yearning for peace among the Arabs and the Jews. The repeated assassination of Arabs who dare to dissent from the edict of the Grand Mufti sufficiently indicates the temper of the Arab inhabitants of Palestine.

With twice as many Arabs as Jews in Palestine, why is it necessary for the Grand Mufti to import his thousands of hired mercenaries from countries pledged as members of the United Nations to assist in maintaining world order under law? Is it not even more of a travesty to realize that these mercenaries hired to defy the Decision of the United Nations and the United States are being paid indirectly but in large measure, from the proceeds of American oil royalties? The Trans-Jordan Legion this last month defied the power of Great Britain by invading Palestine, although this Arab force was organized and trained by the British, and is today almost entirely supported by a grant of \$8,000,000 a year from the British Treasury, now in process of replenishment from the United States.

American intelligence and integrity cannot be so lightly trafficked with. American honor is far more important in this distraught world than Arabian oil.

The righteous wrath of the American people is gradually being aroused against those who would sell America's good faith in the world for the will o' the wisp of thirty billion barrels of utterly unavailable petroleum.

Zionism and Zionists are not today on trial. The United Nations rather has its day in court to demonstrate whether the fond hopes of its founders are to be dashed by its failure at the first obstacle.

The great dream of Zion is to be fulfilled in our day and generation because it is profoundly right.

The Jewish homeland is to grow into the Jewish Commonwealth envisioned by its founders and pledged by Woodrow Wilson in the throes of the first World War.

Both great political parties in America have pledged the development of a homeland for Jews in Palestine. It is clear now that this must mean the implementation of the Partition Plan and the establishment of an independent

Commonwealth in the Jewish portion of Palestine.

Here is one of the keys to world peace.

Make no mistake about it. The vision of the last half century of Zionist pioneers will be converted into a reality that will forever serve.

The Partition Plan will be implemented.

The Jewish portion of Palestine as allocated by the United Nations will become an independent Commonwealth either under this Administration or under the Administration that will certainly succeed it.

