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American Zionist Emergency Council, American Jewish
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WHEREAS it is highly desirable to find common ground for united action by American Jews on all Jewish matters including Zionism; and

WHEREAS there are varying definitions of the word "national" appearing in that part of the Zionist Program concerning "the strengthening and fostering of Jewish national sentiment and consciousness," as well as varying definitions of the words "nation," "nationality," and "nationalism" used in Zionist literature generally;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That it is agreed that none of those words as applied to Jews outside of Palestine denotes any meaning other than their association by ties of a common heritage, religion and cultural kinship, as distinct from ties which normally bind together the citizens of any one country.

2. That united action of American Jews shall be directed to the following ends:

A. In the U.S.A.: Since it is self-evident that our primary and paramount obligation, which we share with all our fellow citizens, is to our nation, the U.S.A., we will continue to extend our fullest support to its ideals and institutions as well as to the agencies and institutions devoted to the needs of the American Jewish Community.

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Statement of World Zionist Executive

The basic program and viewpoint of the World Zionist Organization is consistent with the Preambles and Program jointly adopted by the
and as a Program of United Action of American Jewry.

PALESTINE FORMULA AGREED UPON BY MR. BEN-GURION AND MR. MAURICE WERTHEIM

June 5, 1942.

1. To act in common

- a) For the maintenance of Jewish rights under the Mandate in Palestine for the immediate future.
- b) For the fulfillment of the original purposes of the Balfour Declaration, whereby through unrestricted Jewish immigration and large-scale colonization under a regime designed for this purpose Jews may constitute a majority in Palestine and establish an autonomous commonwealth, it being clearly understood that

- 1) In such a commonwealth, all the inhabitants, without regard to race or religion, shall enjoy complete equality of rights.

- 2) The establishment of this commonwealth will in no way affect the political or civil status and allegiance of Jews who are citizens of any other country.

2. To set up a sub-committee to study and define the ways and methods best calculated to secure the achievement of the above aims.

intended by Stork & Wexman
18 minutes - 20-25 people

majority -
- would walk out
+ talk dissenting points
- Cook-water - not off for a while
- Park asked - his statement

Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

*Am. Jew. Com. Negotiator
with Zionists*

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NEW YORK CITY

June 8, 1942.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

As requested, I enclose a copy of the formula submitted by Mr. Wertheim for consideration by the Emergency Committee.

As you may have noticed from the minutes, at the discussion it was felt that certain expressions contained in the formula called for modification, and also that that part dealing with the question of political allegiance had much better be omitted on the principle that "Qui s'excuse, s'accuse." It was also felt best, while indicating that there was no fundamental opposition to the matter contained in the formula, that the negotiating committees should consider the Palestine program.

I enclose for your information the text of the Palestine proposals as finally worked out at a meeting between Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Maurice Wertheim. This program was considered at a meeting of a subcommittee of the American Jewish Committee held yesterday, and there is reason to believe that their reaction, despite the opposition of the "die-hards" was not unfavorable. As I think you will agree, its acceptance would mean in fact acceptance of the Zionist program.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Lourie

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