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A Call by the Hebrew Nation

for Help in its Struggle for Liberation

Issued by the HEBREW COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION

We HEBREWS, descendants of the ancient Hebrew Nation, surviving today in spite of the dreadful catastrophe which has befallen our people, have joined together in the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation to dedicate ourselves and our lives to the deliverance of the remaining millions of our desperate people still struggling in the hell of occupied Europe.

Common disaster brings us together, even as death has hunted us together.

We therefore proclaim to the people of the United States, and through them to all civilized men the world over, that the blood of our three million dead has done more than fertilize the earth of those who murdered them. It has molded the survivors into a single living entity.

The Jews who live today in the hell of Europe, together with the Jews of Palestine, constitute the reborn Hebrew Nation.

There is no other nation to which they owe allegiance but the Hebrew Nation.

It is as a part of these millions that we exercise the right of self-determination. We proclaim the existence of the Hebrew Nation, and its right to speak for itself, through its own sons.

We confidently believe that the present-day heirs of the American Revolution will understand and support us in this struggle for life and liberation.

It was fitting that we chose Washington as the site for this historic rededication of the Hebrew Nation. For Washington is the eternal symbol of democracy and of the greatness of the human spirit and of its revolutionary demand for justice, decency and freedom.

Let it be clearly stated that the Jews of the United States do not belong to the Hebrew Nation. They are an integral part of the American Nation, a nation made up of people of every descent. These Jews are Americans of Hebrew descent. They do not belong to the renascent Hebrew Nation any more than Mr. Justice Frank Murphy "belongs" to the Irish Nation or General William Knudsen "belongs" to the Danish Nation; though both are undeniably proud of their ancestry.

And let there be no confusion because the majority of Americans of Hebrew descent are faithful adherents of the Jewish religion.

"Hebrew" and "Jew" are not synonymous terms. Religion and State are distinct. The common adherence of some members of the American Nation and of some members of the Hebrew Nation to the Jewish religion is no different than the common adherence of some Americans and some Britons to the Protestant religion; or the common adherence of some Americans and some Frenchmen to the Catholic religion. Everywhere in the world people share religions without sharing nationality. There may be Hebrews who are not Jews by religion. There are Americans of Hebrew descent who are not Jews by religion. These are truths; to deny them is to continue the confusion that confounds the plight of the Hebrews of Europe and obscures the destiny of descendants of Hebrews everywhere.

We proclaim that Palestine, in its historic boundaries, is the territory of the Hebrew Nation by the will of God and the law of nations which in 1922 "recognized the historic connection between the Hebrew people and Palestine."

In the present critical time, we are dedicated to only one task—the rescue of our people. We, therefore, proclaim that the Hebrew Nation postpones the settlement of the political and boundary problems of Palestine until after victory when, as one of the United Nations, it shall partake in the post-war settlement of political territorial problems. Until that time we shall cooperate with and assist Great Britain as the Mandatory Power for Palestine.

Although it is the national territory of the Hebrews, we pledge that post-war Palestine is to be a free state in which the existing Arab and other non-Hebrew residents of the land will share full equality and privileges of citizenship and government, thus being full partners in the upbuilding of a free country in a democratic civilization.

We do, however, insist, in the name of humanity, that the right and the ability of all Hebrews in Europe to find shelter in Palestine be facilitated by the Mandatory Power, lest it be guilty of sacrificing them to ruthless murder.

We proclaim the Hebrew Nation a co-belligerent in the United Nations' war against Axis tyranny.

Our dead, who have bloodied the steps of civilization, can no longer be considered useless victims of insane massacres. They are honored casualties in the United Nations' common war for freedom.

Our surviving four million people in Europe are prisoners of war, and the International Red Cross should do everything it can to succor them, as it aids all other prisoners of war.

But not all our people have been victims.

We have contributed more fighters to the common struggle than most of the United Nations. Thousands of our men have fought and are daily fighting the enemy—whether as Hebrew guerrilla units harassing the enemy's lines in Poland and Yugoslavia; whether in the numerous underground sabotage groups, or as regular fighters and commandoes among the 30,000 Hebrews serving in the Palestinian regiments and in other units of the British Middle Eastern Army. They have fought and died all the way from El Alamein to Cassino and from Syria to Addis Ababa.

Because we are, in fact, a co-belligerent against the Axis, we consider ourselves one of the United Nations and ask recognition as such.

And as the nation against whom more atrocities have been committed than against all the other United Nations combined, we ask a place on the United Nations Commission for the Investigation of War Crimes.

We also seek a seat on the Board of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and on all other United Nations councils in which the interests of our nationals are involved.

We offer to the joint effort of the United Nations an army of tens of thousands of Hebrew fighting men who should now be given the elementary right to fight the Nazis under their own banner and in their own name—as the Hebrew Army—with a status comparable to that of the armies of the other nations overrun by the Nazis.

These are the minimum needs of our nation at a time when the very existence of the people is at stake. The Hebrew Nation can no longer endure the status quo. There is a limit to the blood and suffering any people can endure.

In this spirit of desperation, and with humility and reverence, we of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation have undertaken to be the servants and spokesmen of the Hebrew Nation, until such time as our nation shall be free to elect its own spokesmen and representatives in democratic form.

We solemnly swear to serve our nation with all our energies and might and not to falter if we should need to sacrifice life itself. So help us God!

Washington, May 18, 1944

An Answer to the Call

Issued by the AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE

The Hebrew People of Europe and Palestine, seeking to make itself heard above the tumult of war and massacre whose chief victim it is, at last has found a voice to articulate its need. The Hebrew Committee of National Liberation has brought America the urgent petition of a once-great nation for its three basic rights:

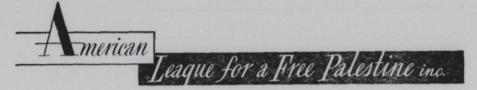
The right to sit in the councils of the United Nations.

The right to defend itself and to fight the common foe on the common battlefield.

The right to preserve the lives of its people and secure their destinies in their own homeland.

Recognizing the validity of this demand for minimum human rights, the American League for a Free Palestine has dedicated itself to the full support of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, which is acting now to gain for its people the rights of man while some still survive to enjoy them.

The American League for a Free Palestine is a non-sectarian organization in the American tradition. It invites all Americans mindful of America's own genetic struggle to give comfort and support to another people seeking freedom through reconstitution of its own nationhood.



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THE ECONOMIC POTENTIALITIES OF PALESTINE

This is to be an objective study of the economic potentialities of Palestine. It will include a brief review of the recent progress of the Palestinian economy and a somewhat more extended analysis of its present status. The core of the investigation will be contained, however, not in the review of the recent past or even of the present but in an examination of prospects for the next decade, potentialities of growth, and methods of implementing those potentialities.

The following is the central question to be examined by this study: <u>Is Palenstine by nature a country in which economic development cannot proceed</u> <u>substantially beyond the point now attained</u>, or is the country capable of sup-<u>porting a substantially larger population than its present one, at a standard</u> <u>of living which would attract such a population -- having regard to the probable</u> <u>pressures upon Jews to seek new homes?</u> No answer is given to this question in advance of the exploration contemplated; the answer is to emerge from the study itself.

While the authors reject the idea of a comprehensive blueprint of the distant future, particular blueprints of specially promising developments will be their vital concern. To that end, it is intended particularly to explore the possibilities of water and power development in Palestine and the related problems of reclamation and agricultural expansion. It is planned also to investigate the opportunities for expansion in chemicals, textiles, industrial equipment and other industries where skills and capital seem likely to find reward. Special attention will be given throughtout to capital requirements, possible sources of capital, and general investment policy. The dependence of Palestinian development on world economic and political policies will be stressed.

The economic investigation that will be conducted for this project will be designed to be exploratory and suggestive of intelligent development policy and development organization. It will not constitute an authoritarian plan for the next decade. It will lack the detail of an operating, engineering blueprint. And, rather than pretending to a specious firmness, it will emphasize the world political and economic uncertainties which necessitate the careful consideration of alternatives in planning for the future of Palestine.

These purposes and general approaches indicate the type of work that will be attempted. It is designed to be scholarly, exploratory and suggestive, rather than popular, dogmatic or argumentative. At the same time, it is intended to give a great deal of care to the task of exposition. The work should be attractively written and equipped with visual aids to ready understanding in the form of maps, charts and photographs. The final report should be an eminently readable work of not over 250 pages, which it is hoped will stand the test of the most critical scrutiny. Detailed special by-products of the general study will be presented in a series of appendices.

It is hoped that -- apart from the permanent staff that will be responsible for preparing the report -- it will be possible to enlist the cooperation of a number of individuals and organizations who may be in a position to contribute analyses of particular topics and valuable suggestions. Among the individuals who can be particularly helpful there are no doubt included business men, engineers, scientists in a wide variety of fields, specialists in Palestinian studies, and persons with a considerable number of other vocations and personal aptitudes.

A somewhat more concrete indication of the area which it is intended to survey is contained in the one page outline on the next page and in the more detailed outline which follows. It must be emphasized that these outlines are extremely tentative. Suggestions for improving them will be welcomed. We are at the beginning of our investigation; it is therefore quite possible that the study that will finally emerge will be linked to these preliminary outlines only by a common general purpose and a few general ideas.



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APPENDICES

These four sections are by no means of equal importance. An approximate idea of the relative importance assigned to them may be conveyed by their estimated length. Section I should be about 15 pages, section II about 75 pages, section III about 150 pages, and section IV about 10 pages. The appendices will be as long and as varied as the special interests that emerge during the course of the investigation.

THE ECONOMIC POTENTIALITIES OF PALESTINE

I. THREE MILLENIA OF LAND AND LABOR

This introductory section of perhaps 15 pages is designed to suggest the greatly varying patterns of adaptation of man to the land in Palestine over three millenia. It is intended to illustrate the basic theme that the ability of a land to support a population and a civilization is not given uniquely for all time, that the very face of the land may be modified by man, and that the ability of a land to support a population is a function -- within wide limits -- of (a) pressures to leave other areas, (b) skills and techniques, (c) capital and (d) success in developing fruitful interchange with other centers of civilization. It is hoped that a distinguished scholar in this field, such as Professor Arnold J. Toynbee, may be enlisted to write this chapter.

- A. The Desert and the Sown
- B. Road of Conquerors
- C. Helenistic Civilization
- D. Roman and Byzantine Rule
- E. Five Centuries of Arab Culture
- F. The Feudal Kingdom of Jerusalem
- G. From the Tartars to the Dissolution of the Turkish Empire
- H. Modern Colonization

II. PALESTINE TODAY

The essential contribution of the report will not lie in this section any more than in section I. It is, in the first instance, a work of critical assembly and presentation of data that needs to be accomplished in this section, rather than one of research in a more creative sense. Yet this work of assembly and presentation is necessary if only because the audience for whom the report is intended can not be presumed to have these facts in their minds. It is hoped also that the analysis and interpretation of the present (and the recent past) contained in this section will serve as a point of departure for the critical estimate of future potentialities to be attempted in section III.

Chapter I. The Land (Text, maps, charts, photographs)

- A. Structure and Relief
- B. Temperature
- C. Rainfall and Water
- D. Soils and Minerals
- E. Vegetation
- F. Population Distribution and Urbanization
- G. Character of Particular Regions Maritime Plain, Shephelah; Central Range, Esdraelon; Jordan Valley, Negeb; Transjordan

Chapter 2. Population

- A. Numbers
- B. Religious Divisions
- C. Natural Increase
- D. Immigration
- E. Age Composition, Sex, Marital Status
- F. Occupational Distribution and Skills
- G. Literacy and Education

Chapter 3. National Income (Text, tables, charts)

The degree of detail that will be possible in this chapter will depend largely on the availability of data or the ability to assemble them rapidly. These factors have not yet been explored.

- A. Money Income Magnitude and Recent Trends
- B. Real Income Magnitude and Recent Trends
- C. Distribution of Individual Income by Size
- D. Distribution of Income by Source
- E. Investment Magnitude, Sources and Directions
- F. Consumption Magnitude and Composition

Chapter 4. Agriculture (Text, Maps, tables, charts, photographs)

- A. Land Survey and the Establishment of Titles
- B. Cwnership of the Land
- C. Types of Operation
- D. Land Improvement and Irrigation
- E. Principal Crops
- F. Returns from Agriculture
- G. Relation of Food Production and Consumption
- H. Influence on Arab Agricultural Activities
- I. Agricultural Research

Chapter 5. Industry (Text, Maps, tables, charts, photographs)

- A. Industrial Production and Investment, 1919 1939
- B. Influence of the War on Industrial Development
- C. "Heavy" Industries Construction, Chemicals, Metals, Power, etc.
- D. "Light" Industries Food Processing, Textiles, Leather, Apparel, etc.
- E. Ownership and Structure of Industry
- F. Labor Organizations and Trade Associations
- G. Influence on Arab Opportunities
- H. Industrial Research

Chapter 6. Trade and Services (Text, Maps, tables, charts)

- A. Wholesale and Retail Trade
- B. Professional and Personal Services
- C. Roads, Railroads, Internal Waterways and Communications
- D. Financial Institutions and Resources

Chapter 7. International Economic Relations (Text, Maps, tables, charts)

- A. The Balance of Payments 1919 1943
- B. Imports 1919 1943 Volume, Source, Products
- C. Exports 1919 1943 Volume, Destination, Products
- D. International Services and Remittances
- E. Capital Flow
- F. Ports, Shipping Lines, Air Lines

Chapter 8. Public Finance and Economic Policy. (Text, tables, charts)

- A. Volume and Sources of Revenue 1919 1943
- B. Volume and Direction of Expenditure 1919 1943
- C. Public Debt 1919 1943 Interest Burden; Debt Policy
- D. Public Enterprises, Fiscal Policy and the Role of Government in Development

III. CREATIVE POSSIBILITIES OF THE NEXT DECADE

The distinctive contribution of the report should lie in this section more than in any other. It calls for a balance between imagination and critical judgment in which neither is allowed to displace the other from its proper sphere.

Chapter 1. Population Growth and Economic Opportunity

The purpose of this chapter is to pose the whole problem of postwar expansion in general terms, leaving more detailed discussion for later chapters.

- A. Factors Determining Absorptive skills, resources, capital, Capacity markets
- B. Immediate Post-War Refugee Immigration
- C. Factors Determining the "Supply" of Immigrants in the longer Post-War Period "Supply" of Immigrants in the longer Post-War Period
- D. Capital Requirements of land Settlement
 - f land experience of capital requirements; can constant returns be expected for additional outlays using the same methods? Need for a new departure in Palestinian land settlement?

- numbers; possible UNRRA

assistance; immediate needs

- E. Industrialization Prospects assessment of the permanent value of the war expansion; need for some independence from world flucuations; expansion in the Middle East?
- F. Domestic and International Sources of Capital

Chapter 2. Water and Power

It is the purpose of this chapter to explore what can be done in Palestine to make available additional water and power, since these may well limit all other developments. It is intended to inquire concerning what capital will be required, what labor will be needed, and what permanent agricultural and industrial possibilities will be opened up by such development.

- A. Potential Additional Irrigation exploration needs, probable from Springs and Wells value in population absorption; immediate steps to
- B. The Jordan Valley Authority
- engineering plan; costs; direct and indirect Palestinian labor required; resulting water and power available; possibilities of land reclamation; industrial use of power; permanent population potentialities.

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C. Fuel Resources of Palestine - domestic resources; possible imports; implications for direction of industrial development

Chapter 3. Agricultural Development

It is the purpose of this chapter to suggest what could be done in Palestine in the use of acquired or "created" cultivable land.

- A. Problems and Costs of Land Acquisition
- B. Capital Costs Other than Land Acquisition
- C. Intensification of Agriculture Pattern of Output and Outlets
 - 1. Citrus Cultivation international markets, fluctuations in demand, implied density of land settlement
 - 2. Mixed Farming a stabilizing influence? implied density of land settlement
 - 3. Specialty Crops demand; implied density of land settlement
 - 4. Agricultural Research -
- D. Types of Farming Units individual; cooperative; collective

It is the purpose of this chapter to explore what might be done in Palestine with skill, capital, and domestic or imported materials to build up export industries to supply the needs of the Middle East and the wider world market.

- A. Demand Factors
 - 1. Domestic Demand for Industrial Products
 - 2. Export Markets
- B. Resources
 - 1. Raw Materials Domestic and Imported
 - 2. Quality and Quantity of Labor Force
 - 3. Capital Requirements
- C. Illustrations of Possibilities of Particular Industries
 - 1. Consumers Goods
- food processing; textiles; leather and apparel; watches, etc.
- 2. Capital Goods
- construction; agricultural equipment; engines; petroleum equipment; industrial machinery, precision instruments
- 3. Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals
- D. Research in Products and Markets
- Chapter 5. International Communications

It is the purpose of this chapter to explore the possibilities of Palestine as a center of communications in the Middle East.

- A. Obstacles and Possibilities in the Development of Oceanic Shipping
- B. International Rail Communication
- C. The Importance of Petroleum Pipe Lines
- D. Air Lines

Chapter 6. Public Finance and Development Policy

It is the purpose of this chapter to discuss the system of taxation, domestic borrowing and international borrowing which will be appropriate to the policy of expansion outlined in the chapters above.

- A. Revision of the Tax System
- B. Directions of Public Expenditure
- C. Policy on Domestic and International Borrowing
- D. Policies and Problems of Foreign Equity Holdings
- E. Palestine and an International Development Bank

Chapter 7. General Perspectives

It is the purpose of this chapter to summarize and reconcile what has been discussed in this section with respect to agricultural development, industrialization, investment policy, population absorption, domestic economy and world economy.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC POLICY

It is the purpose of this section to suggest the kind of institutions of democratic planning or policy formation which might be appropriate to carry out the development process of which the large outlines (and a few particular projects) will have been sketched in the chapters above. At this stage in the investigation, no further outline is attempted than a few possible chapter heads, which may serve to suggest the kind of topic that will be discussed.

Chapter 1. The Jewish Agency and the Development Funds Chapter 2. Government and Democratic Planning Chapter 3. A Palestinian Development Bank ?





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Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the suggestion of one of your friends, we are enclosing herewith a message about the survival and freedom of the Hebrew Nation.

The war against Germany is approaching its climax. In this terrible war the Hebrew people of Europe - more than any other - is paying with torrents of blood, suffering, torture and death. Their casualties, numbering more than two million dead, surpass those of all the European United Nations combined, with the exception of Russia. Yet, this people is denied representation both in any Council of the United Nations and on the field of battle.

Worse than that, they are not even being given a fair chance to survive. While the shadow of death reaches out to find Europe's Jews in their last precarious asylum, the doors of Palestine are being hermetically sealed to the two millions trapped there.

We feel this is of extreme importance and concern to you whether you are an American of Hebrew descent or of any other origin. To a certain extent it is your own problem; for we live in a world now where vital problems of war and peace and of the fate of whole peoples, cannot be ignored. To ignore such a problem as the fate of the Hebrew people of Europe would mean not only suffering and death for them -- but also a danger to world peace and democracy.

I hope you will join with us, not only by giving us your financial support, but also your moral support.

Sincerely yours, Somers, M.C

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January 13, 1944

Mr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman American Jewish Conference Palestine Commission 521 Fifth Avenue New York 17.

Dear Dr. Silver:

On request of Mr. Rufolf Callmann and in pursuance of our letter of January 11 I send you herewith a draft of the resolution which Mr. Callmann is about to forward to State Secretary Cordell Hull in behalf of the Federation. Before doing so, Mr. Callmann would highly appreciate to learn your reaction to this draft.

Should you have to make any suggestions with regard to the text would you be good enough to let us have them as soon as possible so that the resolution can be sent out without delay.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we remain

Very sincerely yours,

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF JEWS FROM CENTRAL EUROPE, INC.

> (signed) HERMAN NULLER Executive Secretary

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We, the AMERICAN FEDERATION OF JEWS FROM CENTRAL EUROPE, place on record our wholehearted support of American Jewry in its fight against the White Paper and a policy which violates the solemn obligation and promise of the Balfour Declaration and -- if carried through -would condemn the Jews in Palestine to the status of a permanent minority.

The tragic experience of millions of uprooted Jews adds weight to the demand that the White Paper policy be abandoned and a constructive policy initiated, based on the Balfour Declaration and answering the plight of the Jewish people.

The doors of Palestine must be kept open to Jewish immigration and the Jewish people given the **spaartunity** possibility to develop freely its National Home.

We trust that the United Nations in determining the new order of the world will render every assistance to the Jewish people in its effort to put an end to its homelessness, and will facilitate the full realization of the Balfour Declaration that was endorsed by all of them.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On March 17th, 1944 Dr. Stephen S. Wise, President of the American Jewish Congress and founder of the Zionist Organization of America, will attain his seventieth birthday. For fifty of these seventy years he has rendered consecreted service to almost every human need and aspiration. I believe that you will agree that this anniversary is a most notable event which should compel the attention of Americans of every race and creed.

The American Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of America will join in tribute to Dr. Wise on Thursday night, March 16th, at a dinner to be held at the Commodore Hotel in New York City. I am asked by the Executive Committees of both organizations to request you to permit us the use of your name on a Committee of Honorary Sponsors in connection with this tribute. It will be a source of great encouragement to us if we could use your name in that capacity.

May I hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Irving Miller Chairman, Executive Committee American Jewish Congress

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February 20, 1944

Rabbi Irving Miller Chairman, Executive Committee American Jewish Congress 330 West 42nd St. New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Miller:

I shall be very happy to serve as a member of the Committee of Honorary Sponsors in connection with the seventieth birthday of Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Date - Monday, June 26, 1944 Time 5:00 P.M. Office of Capt. Edward M. M. Warburg Harry Fischel Place -Room 1240, 30 Rockefeller Plaza Agenda - Will be forwarded to you within the coming week.

Will you please indicate on the enclosed card whether you plan to attend.

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Cordially yours, cannette Sch. s. Jeannette Schaffer Executive Secretary

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