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July 30, 1945

To the Members of the Executive Council of the American
Palestine Committee, and the
Members of the Executive Committee of the Christian
Council on Palestine

Dear Friend:

By the time this letter reaches you, we will have traveled to England by plane. Our trip is made at the invitation of Sir Wyndham Deedes, chairman of the British Association for a Jewish National Homeland, and Mr. David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. We have been asked to attend, as observers, the World Zionist Conference in London at the end of July.

Early in the autumn we are planning a joint executive meeting of the American Palestine Committee and the Christian Council on Palestine so that we may give you a personal report of our journey and may discuss with you the future program of the American Christian Palestine Committee. This letter is sent to you to give you a picture of our activities during the past year.

1. COOPERATION BETWEEN AMERICAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE AND CHRISTIAN COUNCIL ON PALESTINE - To assure a more effective program we have combined the efforts of the American Palestine Committee and Christian Council on Palestine. The two groups retain their separate identity on a national scale, the American Palestine Committee representing the lay membership and the Christian Council on Palestine comprising ministers and religious educators. In more than a half a hundred communities throughout the country our membership has been fused into local American Christian Palestine Committees. This cooperation has proven successful and will be continued in our future projects.

2. REGIONAL CONFERENCES - During the past year we have carried on an educational program of wide influence and impact. Large regional meetings have been held in such cities as Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Boston. Smaller meetings were called together in many another city. As co-directors of the American Christian Palestine Committee we have spoken in hundreds of communities, enlisting support for the program of the American Christian Palestine Committee. We have pointed out that the plight of the Jews in Europe is of Christian concern, and that the

fulfillment of international commitments to make Palestine a Jewish national homeland is a matter of American participation. The Voice of Christian America, to be published in the early autumn, will describe these activities and forecast our enlarged program for 1945-46.

3. MEMORIAL SUNDAY - A brochure concerning the six million Jews killed in Hitler's holocaust of 1933-1945 was sent to 15,000 Christian clergy, both Protestant and Roman Catholic. These churchmen were asked to include the massacred Jews of Europe in their memorial sermons and prayers. A remarkable response was elicited and in many Christian churches throughout the country reference was made to the martyred Jewish dead.

4. NATIONAL SEMINAR AT PRINCETON - On July 2nd and 3rd the American Christian Palestine Committee held a national seminar in Princeton, New Jersey, and brought together forty-eight leading educators, editors, clergymen and publicists to meet with such authorities on Palestine and the Jewish question as Carl J. Friedrich, Reinhold Niebuhr, Eduard C. Lindeman, Edgar Ansel Mowrer, Wendell Phillips, Francis E. McMahon, S. Ralph Harlow, David Ben-Gurion, Philip Bernstein, and Marvin Lowenthal. The seminar members plan to interpret the principles of the American Christian Palestine Committee in these coming months to the audiences of service clubs, chambers of commerce, young peoples' groups, womens' clubs, college assemblies, radio forums, and editorial columns. A Congregational minister, writing to us after the Princeton seminar remarked: "Never in my life did I see a group of Christians with as disinterested a commitment to a cause. It was really thrilling!"

5. NATIONWIDE RADIO BROADCAST - On July 5th over the nationwide network of the American Broadcasting System, a program of the American Christian Palestine Committee was prepared by Morton Wishengrad and presented by a group of players headed by Paul Muni. Hundreds of letters poured in to our office, asking for further information. The field of radio is virtually unexplored as a means of carrying our message to the American public; more will be done along this line next year.

6. POLITICAL PRESSURE - In three separate projects on the political front the American Christian Palestine Committee played an important part:

(a) A petition to President Truman, signed by thirty-nine governors and issued by Governor Maw of Utah at the close of the Governors' conference at Mackinac Island, demanded that he use his good offices to "open Palestine for unrestricted Jewish immigration and to bring about its transformation into a Jewish Commonwealth."

(b) During recent months 33 State legislators passed resolutions reaffirming their sympathies with Jewish aspirations for Palestine as their national homeland.

(c) A letter of similar import, signed by 54 Senators and 256 Representatives, was taken by Senator Wagner to the President; in deference to Mr. Truman's expressed wish, no public release of this letter will be made until after his return from Berlin.

7. NEW MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - In addition to a number of new names listed in the margin of this stationery, two new members are welcomed into the Executive group of the American Palestine Committee. We refer to Mr. Edgar Ansel Mowrer and Professor Eduard C. Lindeman, whose counsel and convictions will mean much to us in our program.*

8. NEW MEMBERSHIP BLANK - We are enclosing the new membership blank which we hope you will read carefully and use to secure new members. It is true that we have many thousands of representative members in our Committee, but we want to secure by the tens of thousands new members who represent all strata and circumstances of American life. We want your assistance in enabling us to make "the voice of Christian America" heard on behalf of justice for the Jewish people.

9. CLUB PROGRAM SERVICE - Our speakers' bureau, Club Program Service devotes its efforts to placing speakers on platforms of public groups, such as Rotary, colleges, forums, etc. This project will be expanded in the next year.

10. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROPOSED - The prime purpose of our visit to Great Britain is to discuss with Sir Wyndham Deedes the possibility of holding an International Christian Conference in Washington, D.C. next November. There are more than a score of pro-Palestine committees throughout the world, - a dozen in the Western Hemisphere, several on the European Continent, and a half dozen in Great Britain and the Dominions, all of which are in basic accord with the principles of the American Christian Palestine Committee and seek, as do we, to mobilize Christian opinion on behalf of Jewish aims and hopes in Palestine. We shall be able to discuss this project more intelligently and specifically when we meet with you in the early autumn after our return from the British Isles.

11. MEETING WITH RELIGIOUS EDITORS - At a recent meeting with a number of our leading religious editors, plans were discussed by which the weekly and monthly magazines reaching the constituency of our Christian churches could be covered more effectively. Suggestions were made to institute a news service to make available to the religious editors material on Palestine and the present need of the Jewish people.

May we again assure you of our gratitude for the advice and the aid you have given us in our work? We anticipate meeting with you in the fall.

Very sincerely,

Howard M. LeSourd
Howard M. LeSourd

Carl Hermann Voss
Carl Hermann Voss
Co-Directors

Enclosure

* Sumner Welles became a member of the Executive Council of the American Palestine Committee during September, 1945. Monsignor John A. Ryan passed away recently and his name is now omitted from the list.

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THREE-DAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE WILL DISCUSS
PALESTINE'S ROLE IN THE SOLUTION OF JEWISH PROBLEM

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RELIGIOUS AND LAY LEADERS WILL PARTICIPATE

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New York — A three-day Christian Conference on Palestine, in which more than 2,000 lay and religious leaders from the Greater New York area are expected to participate, will be held on October 14, 15 and 16 at the Hotel Commodore, it was announced today by Dr. Howard M. LeSourd and Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, co-directors of the American Christian Palestine Committee, which is sponsoring the Conference.

Speakers who will discuss the role of Palestine in the solution of the Jewish problem at the Conference include Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, co-chairman of the Council Against Intolerance and national chairman of the Church Peace Union; Rabbi Philip Bernstein, executive director of the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities, Jewish Welfare Board; Senator Owen Brewster (R., Me.); Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas (D., Cal.); Prof. Carl J. Friedrich, of Harvard University; Dr. LeSourd, who is Dean of the Graduate School of Boston University; Prof. Nelson P. Mead, of the College of the City of New York; Edgar Ansel Mowrer, noted columnist and author; Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr, outstanding religious philosopher; Rabbi Ahron Opher, of the Hebrew Tabernacle of New York; Rev. Wendell Phillips, Pastor of Christ Church, Rye, N. Y.; Lisa Sergio, noted radio commentator; Dr. Guy Emery Shipler, editor of The Churchman; Dr. George Shuster, president of Hunter College, New York; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, joint

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chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and chairman of its Executive Committee; Dr. Ralph Sockman, minister of Christ Church, and Dr. Voss, who is extension secretary of the Church Peace Union.

On Sunday, October 14, ministers throughout the Metropolitan area will hold special services during which they will ask for justice for the Jewish people. A Youth's Worship Service, which will be attended by hundreds of young people, will take place from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Sunday at Christ Church, Park Avenue and 60th Street. Speakers at the service, to be conducted by Dr. Voss, will be Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas and Rabbi Opher.

Clergymen of Greater New York will be guests of the American Christian Palestine Committee at a Ministers' Luncheon to be held on Monday, October 15, at 12:30 P.M. in the Hotel Commodore. Senator Brewster, Dr. Sockman, Dr. Atkinson, Dr. Phillips and Dr. Shipler will address the luncheon meeting.

An Educators' Session will be held on Monday at 3:30 P.M. Tuesday's sessions will include a Press and Radio Luncheon at 12:30 P.M., an Economic Session at 3:00 P.M., and a dinner, scheduled for 6:30 P.M., which will close the Conference.

A detailed program of these sessions will be announced by the American Christian Palestine Committee within the next few days.

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE

Washington, D. C.

November 1, 2, 1945



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A Resolution

Addressed to the Governments of the World

Adopted Unanimously by the Delegates to the Conference

The facts with regard to the tragic conditions of the displaced Jews in Europe are established, so that further Commissions of Inquiry are unnecessary and obstructive. More dallying with the problem of the rescue of these unfortunate people is intolerable to Christian men and women.

To abandon the Jewish victims of Nazi crime because of any threat would destroy the confidence of common people in the ability of Allied statesmen to honor their high professions.

Fifty-two countries, forming the League of Nations, promised the Jews of the world a national home in Palestine, and the implementation of this pledge is now a world responsibility.

This International Christian Conference for Palestine, in general assembly in Washington, demands as the only just and practical solution of the Jewish problem:

1. The immediate removal of immigration restrictions against all Jews who wish to emigrate to Palestine
2. The immediate repeal of anti-Jewish land laws in Palestine.

3. The provision at once of the necessary transportation and other facilities for a Jewish immigration movement to Palestine.

4. In conformity with the Balfour Declaration and in accordance with the responsibility bestowed upon Great Britain by the Palestine Mandate, and in pursuance of the Convention of 1924 between Great Britain and the United States, we request the immediate transportation and the settlement in Palestine of the 100,000 Jews now in Europe, who are the object of intercession by President Truman of the United States to the Government of Great Britain. And we request that the United States express its willingness to share with Great Britain the obligations involved.

5. We demand of the Organization of the United Nations that Palestine, the historic motherland of the Jewish people, become as soon as possible a Jewish democratic state.

This Conference calls for the immediate and active cooperation of the Governments of all nations, by direct action and within the United Nations Organization, in making effective the resolution of this Conference, the purpose of which is to rescue the Jewish people from their tragic plight.

The Resolution's Committee of the Conference consisted of:

SENATOR ARTHUR WENTWORTH ROEBUCK, *chairman*; DR. HENRY A. ATKINSON, DR. ANTONIO CASTRO LEAL, SENATOR EDUARDO CHIBAS, VERY REV. DR. KENNETH C. EVANS, SENATOR GABRIEL GONZALES VIDELA, MRS. CORINA RODRIGUEZ, SENATOR DARIO SAMPER, MRS. ORDE WINGATE.

Report of Cultural Committee

The Cultural Committee feels that the lack of information regarding the Jews in general and the Palestine problem in particular, greatly handicaps the work in favor of the Jewish people. The Committee therefore adopted the following resolutions:

1. To initiate a comprehensive program of dissemination of such information by means of the press, radio, motion picture, literature and the following publications:

a) Short pamphlets in English and Spanish on the geographical, historical and political aspects of Palestine.

b) A simplified form of those resolutions of the United Nations Organization Charter which have a special bearing on the Palestine problem.

2. A Jewish telegraphic news service should be extended from Palestine, or any other center, to all Spanish speaking countries.

3. Information bureaus, in addition to those in the United States and London, should be

established in Mexico City, Montevideo, Paris and Toronto.

4. The program of the Cultural Committee should be carried to the universities by means of the exchange of professors and students between the Hebrew University at Jerusalem and the universities of other countries.

5. To promote cultural interchange between Palestinian writers and those of other countries and to supply books of Jewish interest to public and school libraries.

6. To use the radio as far as possible for weekly broadcasts of fifteen minutes over large radio chains. Local radio programs should be arranged under the supervision of local pro-Palestine committees. Radio programs should include works of famous Jewish composers, stories of great Jewish personalities, Palestine achievements, etc.

7. On their return to their respective countries, the delegates should inform their respective committees of the work of this Conference and the resolutions adopted, as well as of their own impressions and opinions.

The Cultural Committee of the Conference consisted of CESAR MIRO, chairman; DR. ALFONSO FRANCISCO RAMIREZ, JORGE REYES, DR. VICENTE DONOSO TORRES and MRS. GORDON WRIGHT.

Plan of Cooperation of World Pro-Palestine Committees

I. NAME:

The plan of cooperation is to be carried out through

"THE WORLD COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE"

II. PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE:

The purposes of this Committee are:

1. To coordinate the activities of the various national Pro-Palestine Committees, supporting the Jewish National Homeland and Commonwealth in Palestine.
2. To plan for a more effective expression of the aroused conscience of Christendom to its responsibility for the establishment of Jewish security.
3. To further the awakening of men's minds to the true tragic plight of the destitute and still persecuted Jews of Europe.
4. To promote an intelligent, articulate concern among the nations of the world that Palestine become legally and in fact the Jewish National Homeland.
5. To support the Zionist objectives to make Palestine a democratic Jewish Commonwealth as an indispensable factor in the solution of the world Jewish problem, the extension of democracy, and the establishment of permanent peace.
6. To foster an interchange of ideas, literature, speakers and programs among the Pro-Palestine Committees for the attainment of greater unity and more effective procedures of education.

III. BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP IN WORLD COMMITTEE:

Membership in the World Committee for Palestine shall be open to national Pro-Palestine Committees subscribing to the following principles and objectives:

We believe that fundamental human rights must be upheld; that the dignity of every human being must be safeguarded; and that the Commission on Human Rights should be

created and set in motion as soon as possible by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

We believe that Christians must resist and seek to destroy anti-Semitism; demand justice for the Jewish people everywhere; restore security, liberty and human dignity wherever these have been lost by the Jewish people; obtain the democratic freedom of citizenship and freedom of work for those Jews who would

like to remain in the Old World in the lands of their origin; guarantee restitution of property; and safeguard their rights to lives of dignity and self-respect.

We demand the fulfillment of the clear intent and purposes of the Balfour Declaration and the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, which were designed to restore to the Jewish people their National Homeland.

SPECIFICALLY, WE URGE:

1. The free immigration of Jews into Palestine under the administration of the internationally recognized Jewish Agency for Palestine.
2. The unhampered right of the Jewish people to purchase and colonize land throughout Palestine.
3. The ultimate establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.
4. The United Nations to give effect to these internationally guaranteed rights.

In the Jewish National Homeland thus to be established, the civil, religious, and cultural rights of all groups shall be guaranteed and safeguarded. Complete separation of church and state is assured. In Palestine, all inhabitants shall have the same rights before the law. The holy places of all religions will be fully protected and preserved under international guarantee.

IV. OFFICERS:

Since the purpose of the Committee is cooperation rather than federation, the simplest form of organization is adopted.

There shall be the following offices:

A chairman elected annually by the Executive Council hereinafter created. No chairman shall serve longer than two years, and this office must rotate among the cooperating committees.

Vice-chairmen, elected annually by the Ex-

ecutive Council, hereinafter created. No vice-chairman shall serve longer than two years, and these offices should rotate among the cooperating national committees.

A secretary-treasurer and/or other administrative officers shall be elected by the Executive Committee as hereinafter created. The secretary-treasurer shall be responsible for matters of budget.

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the duly elected officers.

VI. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

The Executive Council shall consist of one representative from each of the cooperating national committees. All matters of policy, program, conference, exchanges of literature, speakers, and cooperative action shall be determined by and channeled through the members of this Committee.

VII. HEADQUARTERS:

The Headquarters of the World Committee for Palestine shall be located in Washington, D. C., U. S. A.

VIII. CONFERENCES:

International Conferences shall be held at such times and in such places as the Executive Committee determines and the budget permits. Regional Conferences may be arranged by members of the Executive Council within the respective regions on their own initiative, with such help as Headquarters may be able to give.

IX. CHANGES IN PLAN:

Changes in this Plan may be made at any meeting of the Executive Council, or by the Executive Committee between meetings of the Executive Council.

The Organization Committee consisted of MAYOR J. A. C. ALLUM, chairman; FEDERICO DEL VILLAR, MIGUEL A. MARIN, JUAN MEANA, MRS. BRANKA S. MILETIC, JUDGE K. J. VAN ERPECUM, DR. CARL HERMANN VOSS and GORDON WRIGHT.

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November 9, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

East 105th Street at Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received yesterday your letter asking for a few paragraphs to include in your report.

Rather than attempt to condense a report which Dr. Voss and I prepared last summer, I am forwarding it to you. This report brings our activities of last year up to the first of September.

Since that time two conferences have been held. One was in New York and was attended by well over 1500 people. Specialized groups, such as the clergy, educators, newspaper and radio personalities were contacted during the sessions of this conference. The second, in Washington,-- the International Christian Conference for Palestine -- has proved already its world-wide significance. Forty-seven delegates from thirty countries of the world participated. It resulted not only in a strong resolution which has been sent to all the governments of the world, but in a permanent organization of the World Palestine Committee. A list of the newly elected officers of this committee is attached.

Plans are already in motion for a world-round program of education and action, and through this organization we hope to ensure the support of many governments, large and small, throughout the world in any action taken by the United Nations on Palestine. Its work will be of the greatest significance in this period when Palestine has become a world problem.

I look forward to seeing you in Atlantic City and greeting you as the new President of the Zionist Organization of America.

Most cordially yours,

Howard M. LeSourd
Director

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Second Annual Central
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AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

Program of Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1946

- 9:30 A. M.— McKendree College.....Lebanon, Ill.
"Aims of the American Christian Palestine Committee"
Rev. Donald G. Lothrop
Chairman—Dean C. J. Stowell
- 10:00 A. M.— St. Louis Ministerial Alliance.....Union Ave. Christian Church
"Our Good Faith Is at Stake"
Dr. Daniel A. Poling
"Oil or Brotherhood"
Mr. Ian Ross MacFarlane
Chairman—Rev. Milton Thompson
- Noon— Scottish Rite Club.....York Hotel
"The Urgent Palestine Issue"
Dr. Carl Hermann Voss
Chairman—Mr. Harry Richards
- Noon— Cooperative Club.....Statler Hotel
"A Dream Coming True"
Mrs. Walter Clay Lowdermilk
Rev. Robert S. Hoagland
Chairman—Mr. J. B. Marshall
- 3:00 P. M.— Hadassah Tea.....Starlight Roof, Chase Hotel
"Palestine, Bridgehead of Democracy"
Rev. Robert E. Romig
Chairman—Mrs. H. Z. Furstenberg
- 3:15 P. M.— St. Louis Teachers.....Kiel Auditorium
"The Promise of Palestine"
Mrs. Walter Clay Lowdermilk
"The Case for a Jewish Commonwealth"
U. S. Senator Owen Brewster
Chairman—Mr. J. Harry Pohlman

Program of Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1946

- 3:30 P. M.— County Teachers—Hanley Jr. High School, University City
“Our Democracy and Palestine”
Rev. Daniel A. Poling
Chairman—Mr. John L. Bracken
- 5:05-5:15 P. M.— KSD.....U. S. Senator Alben W. Barkley
“Palestine and the International Scene”
- 6:30 P. M.— Dinner, St. Louis Bar Association.....Ball Room, Statler Hotel
“Oil and Power Politics”
Mr. Ian Ross MacFarlane
“The Near East and the U. N. O.”
U. S. Senator Alben W. Barkley
Chairman—Mr. C. Kenneth Thies

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1946

- 8:30 A. M.— Breakfast, Committee and Speakers—Daniel Boone Room,
Statler Hotel
Host—Dr. Clark Walker Cummings
- 11:00 A. M.— Lindenwood College.....St. Charles, Mo.
“As America Sees It”
U. S. Senator James M. Mead
Rev. Robert E. Romig
Chairman—Dean Elsie E. Gipson
- Noon— Kiwanis Club.....Ball Room, DeSoto Hotel
“A Common Sense Solution”
U. S. Senator Alben W. Barkley
Rev. Donald G. Lothrop
Chairman—Mr. Harold D. Duffy
- Noon— North Side Optimist Club.....Fairgrounds Hotel
“Palestine — A Jewish Necessity”
Prof. Francis E. McMahon
Chairman—Mr. Will L. Schwehr
- Noon— Lions Club, Van Horn’s.....Webster Groves
“A Victim of Political Intrigue”
Mr. Ian Ross MacFarlane
Rev. Robert S. Hoagland
Chairman—Mr. O. H. Jochens

Program of Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1946

- 2:00 P. M.— Meeting and Tea for Women.....Missouri Room, Hotel Statler
"The Palestine Crisis"
Mrs. Edgar Ansel Mowrer
"A Christian Looks at Palestine"
Mrs. Howard LeSourd
Chairman—Mrs. Oliver Shank
- 5:05-5:15 P. M.— KSD.....U. S. Senator Owen Brewster
"Palestine, A Jewish Commonwealth"
- 6:30 P. M.— Annual Banquet, St. Louis Chapter American Christian Palestine Committee.....Ball Room, Statler Hotel
National Anthem, Miss Verda Lee Adams
Invocation—Rev. E. Paul Sylvester
Greetings—Governor Phillip M. Donnelly and Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann
"Fact and Fiction"
U. S. Senator Owen Brewster
"Congress and Palestine"
U. S. Senator James M. Mead
"American Christian Palestine Committee"
Rev. Dr. Carl Hermann Voss
"What Shall We Do"
Dr. B. Frank Hall
Chairman—Dr. Clark Walker Cummings
- 8:00 P. M.— Scottish Rite Bodies.....Scottish Rite Cathedral
"Arab-Jewish Relations"
Rev. Wendell Phillips
Chairman—Mr. Harry Gershenson
- 8:00 P. M.— Meeting at Ladue Chapel.....Ladue, Mo.
"The True Heart of America"
Very Rev. Claude W. Sprouse
Chairman—Mr. J. Eugene Baker

Program of Events

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1946

11:00 A. M.—

Stowe Teachers' College

"The Jews Whither Bound"

Mrs. Howard M. LeSourd

Chairman—Dr. Ruth M. Harris

11:00 A. M.—

Webster College.....Webster Groves, Mo.

"Palestine and the Near East"

Dr. Francis E. McMahon

Rev. Robert E. Romig

Chairman—Dr. George F. Donovan

11:15-11:30 P. M.— KSD

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U. S. Senator James M. Mead

"The Reclamation of Palestine"

Noon—

Optimist Club.....Missouri Room, Statler Hotel

"A Christian View of the Jewish Problem"

Rev. Donald G. Lothrop

Chairman—Mr. Max Struckel

Noon—

Sponsors' Luncheon.....Adams Room, Statler Hotel

Film—*"A Pass to Tomorrow,"* Round Table Discussion

Chairman—Dr. Carl Hermann Voss

Noon—

American Legion Post No. 245.....York Hotel

"Pioneering in Palestine"

Mr. Ian Ross MacFarlane

Rev. Robert S. Hoagland

Chairman—Mr. Leo A. Browne

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1946

- 2:00 P. M.— Harris Teachers' College
"Palestine in the Arab World"
Rev. Wendell Phillips
Chairman—Mr. C. H. Philpott
- 3:00 P. M.— Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A., Discussion Group — Campus "Y",
Washington University
"Palestine and Peace"
Dr. Carl J. Friedrich
Chairman—Mr. Arno J. Haack
- 6:00 P.M.— Dinner, Character Research Association — Women's Build-
ing, Washington University
"Palestine and World Politics"
Dr. Carl J. Friedrich
Chairman—Prof. Theodore F. Lentz
- 6:30 P. M.— Annual Dinner and Meeting—First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves
"Palestine in the Post War World"
Dr. Francis E. McMahon
"I Speak as a Christian"
Dr. Carl Hermann Voss
Chairman—Mr. W. E. Peterson
- 8:00 P. M.— Shaare Emeth Temple
"The United States and the Jewish National Home"
U. S. Senator James M. Mead
Chairman—Rabbi Julius M. Gordon
- 8:00 P. M.— Shurtleff College.....Alton, Ill.
"The Future of Palestine"
Mr. Ian Ross MacFarlane
Chairman—Dr. David Andrew Weaver

Sermons on Palestine

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1946

Rev. Harold Boyer.....	Church of God
4201 N. Newstead Ave.	
Rev. Mason Gregg.....	Central Christian Church
Granite City, Ill.	
Rev. B. Frank Hall.....	Central Presbyterian Church
Clayton, Mo.	
Rev. J. Edwin Hewlett.....	Southwest Baptist Church
Scanlan and Watson Rd.	
Rev. John B. Hines.....	St. Louis Park Baptist Church
Rev. T. E. Huntley.....	Central Baptist Church
2842 Washington Avenue	
Rev. M. A. Klingberg.....	Richmond Heights Presbyterian Church
Rev. L. A. McCutchen.....	First Presbyterian Church
St. Charles, Mo.	
Rev. Walter A. Scheer.....	Bethany Evangelical Church
Red Bud and Rosalie Ave.	
Rev. Sylvester A. Smith.....	Central Church of the Nazarene
4319 Lafayette Ave.	
Rev. W. D. Wilkins.....	Wayman Temple A. M. E. Church
1012 N. 23rd Street	
Rev. E. O. Woolfolk.....	Union Memorial Methodist Church
208 N. Leffingwell Street	
Rev. Edgar Brown.....	St. James Baptist
2220 Dickson	
Rev. Elmer L. Brown.....	Dr. Frye Memorial Methodist
2510 Clifton Ave.	
Rev. Gabriel P. Dixon.....	Church of God
4227 W. Garfield Ave.	
Rev. A. R. Fowler.....	Monumental Baptist
4324 Delmar	
Rev. Ira T. Gragg.....	Independent Congregational
Fair and Margaretta Ave.	
Rev. Lloyd B. Harmon.....	First Presbyterian Church
St. Charles, Mo	
(January 20)	
Rev. George W. Knapp.....	Nazareth E. & R.
3546 Morganford Rd	
Rev. R. F. LeGrand.....	Mount Auburn Methodist
5973 Wabada	
Rev. E. E. Lowe.....	Christian Church
Edwardsville, Ill.	
Rev. Eli M. Mowry.....	First Presbyterian
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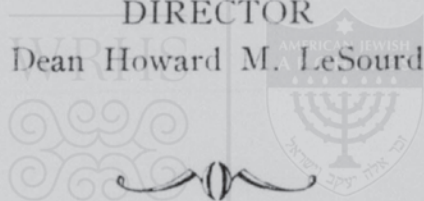
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February 8, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am writing you at the request of Mrs. Rachelle S. Yarden who will be in Cleveland on March 6 to attend the luncheon meeting of the Pioneer Women Conference.

Would you be able to make an appointment to see Mrs. Yarden sometime during the afternoon of March 6?

She would appreciate this opportunity to speak with you on matters of vital concern to the World Committee for Palestine.

Thanking you for your consideration of this request, I remain

Cordially yours,

Ruth Epstein
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HOUSTON UNIVERSITY
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ASSEMBLY, 11 A. M.

Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk
"Palestine—Land of Promise"
Dean Howard M. LeSourd
"The American Christian Palestine Committee"
Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer, Chairman

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KIWANIS CLUB
LUNCHEON, 12:15 P. M.
RICE HOTEL

Major George Fielding Eliot
"Palestine in the World Picture"
Rev. Wendell Phillips
"The American Christian Palestine Committee"
Dr. W. E. Moreland, Chairman

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BAR ASSOCIATION
LUNCHEON, 12:15 P. M.
RICE HOTEL

Senator Alben W. Barkley
"Palestine and the U. N. O."
Dr. Carl Hermann Voss
"The American Christian Palestine Committee"
Mr. Earl Cox, Chairman

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EAST END OPTIMISTS
LUNCHEON, 12:15 P. M.
EAST END YMCA

Dr. Guy Emery Shipler
"Need for a Jewish Palestine"
Dr. Clark Walker Cummings
"The American Christian Palestine Committee"
William Baker, Chairman

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HEIGHTS ROTARY
LUNCHEON, 12:15 P. M.
1701 HEIGHTS BLVD.

Senator M. J. Coldwell
"World Aspects of Palestine Problem"
T. Max Davis, Chairman

Program

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1946

HADASSAH

LUNCHEON, 12:15 P. M.

CENTRAL

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Mrs. Walter Clay Lowdermilk

"Why I am for a Jewish Palestine"

Dr. Leon I. Feuer

"The Zionist Program"

Mrs. F. V. Grunbaum, Chairman

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U. S. ARMY

ORIENTATION

ASSEMBLY, 2:30 P. M.

ELLINGTON FIELD

Major George Fielding Eliot

"The Urgency of the Palestine Problem"

Col. Chester L. Sluder, Chairman

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WOMEN'S TEA

RICE HOTEL, 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Walter Clay Lowdermilk

"What I Saw in Palestine"

Mrs. Howard M. LeSourd

"The American Christian Palestine Committee"

Major George Fielding Eliot

"The Urgency of the Palestine Problem"

Mrs. Carl G. Stearns, Chairman

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STATION KTRH (CBS)

5:00-5:15 P. M.

Major George Fielding Eliot

"Palestine—An Immediate World Problem"

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YWCA FORUM, 5:30 P. M.

1320 RUSK

Mrs. Howard M. LeSourd

"The Jews—Whither Bound?"

Miss Frances Moser, Chairman

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1946

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
FOR PALESTINE
SAN JACINTO
AUDITORIUM, 8 P. M.

Senator Alben W. Barkley
"Palestine in the International Scene"
Dr. Leon I. Feuer
"A Jewish View of Palestine"
Rev. Thomas W. Sumners
"A Christian View of Palestine"
Robert E. Smith, Chairman
South Central Christian Conference on Palestine
Rabbi Robert I. Kahn, Chairman

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THEO. ROOSEVELT
POST, AMERICAN
LEGION, 8 P. M.
1610 CHENEVERT

Major George Fielding Eliot
"Palestine—An Immediate World Problem"
Dr. Howard M. LeSourd
"The American Christian Palestine Committee"
Mr. M. Jacobs, Chairman

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CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH MEETING
5213 MONTROSE
8 P. M.

Rev. Clark Walker Cummings
Rev. Wendell Phillips
Dr. Henry A. Atkinson
"A Christian View of the Jewish Problem"
Rev. Donald F. Stewart, Chairman

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HOUSTON ENGINEERS'
COUNCIL
RICE HOTEL, 8 P. M.

Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk
"Soil Conservation and the Jordan Valley
Authority"
Ian Ross MacFarlane
"Palestine and Oil"
Mr. S. S. Commander, Chairman

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STATION KPRC
10:45-11:00 P. M.

Senator Alben W. Barkley
"Palestine and the U. N. O."

Program

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1946

ROTARY CLUB
LUNCHEON, 12:15 P. M.
RICE HOTEL

Senator Alben W. Barkley
"Palestine and Peace"
Dr. Howard M. Le Sourd
"The American Christian Palestine Committee"
Judge Thos. M. Kennerly, Chairman

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GREATER NORTH
HOUSTON KIWANIS
LUNCHEON, 12:15 P. M.
ST. MARKS
METHODIST CHURCH

Mr. Ian Ross MacFarlane
"Palestine and Oil"
Rev. Carl Herman Voss
"The American Christian Palestine Committee"
W. S. Brandenberger, Chairman

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LUNCHEON FOR
CLERGY, 12:45 P. M.
RICE HOTEL

Rev. Clark Walker Cummings
Rev. Henry A. Atkinson
Rev. Wendell Phillips
"Palestine—A Christian Concern"
Rev. Harry T. Knowles, Chairman

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AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE
COMMITTEE REGIONAL MEETING, 2 P. M.
RICE HOTEL, FOR SPONSORS AND GUESTS

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Ian Ross MacFarlane Robert E. Smith, Chairman

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STATION KTHT
3:45-4:00 P. M.

U. S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson
"Congress and Palestine"

INAUGURAL DINNER—
AMERICAN CHRISTIAN
PALESTINE COMMITTEE
RICE HOTEL, 6:30 P. M.

Senator Warren G. Manguson	Senator Alben W. Barkley
"Congress and Palestine"	"The Palestine Issue"
Senator M. J. Coldwell	Dr. Howard M. LeSourd
"Palestine Tomorrow"	"The General Program"
Dr. Henry A. Atkinson	Rabbi Leon I. Feuer
"The Christian Program"	"The Zionist Program"
Robert E. Smith, Chairman	

PANEL DISCUSSION
STATION KTHT
9:30-10:00 P. M.

Mr. Ian Ross MacFarlane, Moderator
Dr. Carl Hermann Voss
Dr. Wendell Phillips
"The Solution of the Palestine Issue"

STATION KPRC
10:45-11:00 P. M.

Senator M. J. Coldwell
"Palestine—The Jewish Homeland"

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Sermons on Palestine

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1946

Major R. E. Clevett	- - - - -	The Salvation Army
Rev. Emery Collins	- - - - -	Melrose Baptist Church
Rev. George F. Cory	- - - - -	Methodist Church
Rev. W. M. Dunn	- - - - -	First Assembly of God
Rev. A. B. English	- - - - -	North Side M. E. Church
Rev. E. G. Gerhart	- - - - -	The Lord's Church
Rev. R. L. Hollems	- - - - -	West 14th Ave. Baptist Church
Rev. N. H. Kern	- - - - -	Grace Lutheran Church
Rev. L. R. McLamore	- - - - -	Assembly of God Church
Rev. Herman T. Morgan	- - - - -	Grace Church
Rev. George Reck	- - - - -	Zion Lutheran Church
Rev. C. A. Smith	- - - - -	First Nazarene Church
Rev. Glenn G. Smith	- - - - -	Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S.
Rev. Donald H. Stewart	- - - - -	Central Presbyterian Church
Rev. Preston A. Taylor	- - - - -	Mangolia Park Christian Church

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Washington 6, D. C.

My dear Miss Epstein:

I should be very pleased to see Mrs. Yarden in
Cleveland. Please ask her to telephone me when
she arrives.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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MICHIGAN CHAPTER

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Program of Events

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1946

- 2:00 P. M.— Ann Arbor Women's Club.....Michigan League
University of Michigan Campus, Ann Arbor
"Palestine in World Affairs"
Prof. Preston Slosson
Chairman—Mrs. C. H. Griffitts

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1946

- 9:30 A. M.— CKLW.....Mrs. Walter C. Lowdermilk
"The Rebirth of the Ancient World"
- 10:00 A. M.— Government, History, Sociology Groups.....Wayne University
"The Arabs and the Jews"
Dr. Henry A. Atkinson
Chairman—Dr. Carl O. Smith
- 10:00 A. M.— Selfridge Field.....Base Gymnasium, Mt. Clemens
"Palestine—A Strategic Appraisal"
Major George Fielding Eliot
Chairman—Col. Douglas Johnston
- 10:20 A. M.— Social Science Assembly.....Southwestern High School
"Youth at a New Frontier"
Ian Ross Macfarlane
Chairman—Col. C. E. Frazer Clark
- 10:30 A. M.— Sociology Groups.....University of Detroit
"A Christian View of the Jewish Problem"
Prof. Francis E. McMahon
Chairman—Rev. John F. Quinn, S.J.
- 11:00 A. M.— School of Forestry and Soil Conservation.....
Natural Sciences Building, University of Michigan
"Land Use Studies in the Near East"
Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk
Chairman—Prof. Shirley W. Allen
- Noon— Wayne University Graduate Faculty.....Faculty Club
"Aims of the American Christian Palestine Committee"
Dean Howard M. LeSourd
Chairman—Dean John Lee

Program of Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1946

- Noon— Faculty Luncheon.....International Center,
University of Michigan
- Panel Discussion on the Middle East
Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk
Chairman—Dr. Esson M. Gale
- 12:10 P. M.— WWJ.....Mrs. Edgar Ansel Mowrer
"Palestine and Democracy"
- 12:15 P. M.— Social Workers Club.....Y.W.C.A. Building
"Social Changes in the Middle East"
Ian Ross Macfarlane
Chairman—Mr. John Holland
- 12:15 P. M.— Optimist Club of Detroit.....English Room
Book-Cadillac Hotel
"The Real Threat in the Middle East"
Major George Fielding Eliot
Chairman—Mr. Harold M. Owen
- 12:30 P. M.— Women's Luncheon.....Jade Room, Detroit-Leland Hotel
"The Palestine Crisis"
Mrs. Edgar Ansel Mowrer
"War or Peace in Palestine"
Miss Marie Tolstoy
"The Romance of a People"
Mrs. Walter C. Lowdermilk
Chairman—Judge Lila M. Neuenfelt
- 2:00 P. M.— Newman Club.....Wayne University
"Palestine in the Post War World"
Prof. Francis E. McMahon
Chairman—Reverend James Maguire
- 5:30 P. M.— WJR.....Dr. Henry A. Atkinson
Major George Fielding Eliot
Panel Discussion—*"Power Politics in the Holy Land"*

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1946

6:15 P. M.— Dinner.....Central Methodist Church
"I Speak as a Christian"
 Mrs. Walter C. Lowdermilk
Chairman—Dr. E. Shurley Johnson

8:00 P. M.—	Youth Institute.....	Grand Ball Room Hotel Book-Cadillac
	<i>"Palestine—World Dilemma"</i>	
	Miss Marie Tolstoy	
	<i>"The Scapegoat of Political Intrigue"</i>	
	Ian Ross Macfarlane	
	<i>"Palestine and the U.N.O."</i>	
	U. S. Senator Alben W. Barkley	
	Chairman—George F. Pierrot	

8:00 P. M.— University Lecture..... Rackham Memorial Building
University of Michigan
"The Jordan Valley Authority"
Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk
Chairman—Dr. Esson M. Gale

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1946

9:30 A. M.— Student Assembly.....Cass High School
"Power Politics in the Middle East"
 Mrs. Edgar Ansel Mowrer
Chairman—W. E. Stirton

10:00 A. M.—Engineering School.....Wayne University
"Science and Statesmanship"
 Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk
Chairman—Mr. Howard Hess

Noon— Uptown Detroit Lions Club.....Fisher Building
"Oil or Brotherhood"
 Ian Ross Macfarlane
Chairman—Mr. Harold Otzman

1:00 P. M.— Ministers' Luncheon.....Ball Room, Book-Cadillac Hotel
Invocation—Msgr. Joseph Ciarrocchi
"A Catholic Looks at Palestine"
Prof. Francis E. McMahon

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"A Protestant Looks at Palestine"

Dr. Henry A. Atkinson

"The Obligation of the Church"

Dean Howard M. LeSourd

Chairman—Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh

2:00 P. M.—

Government, History, Sociology Groups.....
Federation Auditorium, Wayne University

"Palestine and Peace"

Prof. Carl J. Friedrich

Chairman—Dr. Carl O. Smith

3:00 P. M.—

Hillel Foundation.....Wayne University

"The Jewish Commonwealth"

Ian Ross Macfarlane

Chairman—Rabbi Milton Aron

3:45 P. M.—

Educators Seminar.....Book-Cadillac Hotel

"A New Deal for the Old World"

Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk

"American Policy Toward Palestine"

Prof. Carl J. Friedrich

"The Role of the Educator"

Dean Howard M. LeSourd

Chairman—Dr. David Henry

6:15 P. M.—

Dinner.....Industrial Group, Y.W.C.A.

"Necessity versus Luxury"

Mrs. Walter C. Lowdermilk

Chairman—Miss Julia Esty

6:30 P. M.—

Dinner Session.....Grand Ball Room
Hotel Book-Cadillac

Invocation—Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh

Palestinian Musical Selections—Marguerite Kozenn
Julius Chajes

"America and Palestine"

U. S. Senator James M. Mead

"The Christian, the Jew, and Palestine"

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Program of Events

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1946

"American Christian Palestine Committee"

Dean Howard M. LeSourd

Chairman—Judge Frank A. Picard

8:00 P. M.— Michigan Citizen's Committee.....Central Methodist Church
"Palestine and the Arab World"
Dr. Francis E. McMahon
"An Appeal for Justice"
Mrs. Edgar Ansel Mowrer
Chairman—Mr. Patrick S. Nertney

Sermons on Palestine

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1946

Rev. Fred A. Andrews.....	Brightmoor Methodist
Rev. Wm. A. Andrews.....	Memorial Tabernacle
Rev. Charles Bayless.....	Wm. Ford Methodist
Very Rev. John H. Boyko.....	Holy Trinity Ukrainian Greek Orthodox
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Rev. Ivan E. Hodgson.....	Emmanuel Methodist
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Rev. Edward L. Hughes.....	First Cong'l Churches, Gibraltar and Rockwood
Rev. D. Isom.....	Grace Chapel C.M.E.
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Rev. Neal Dow Kelley.....	Dearborn First Methodist
Rev. George Lupu.....	Advent of Holy Ghost-Roumanian Orthodox
Rev. George Nicoloff.....	St. Clement Ohridski-Macedeno-Bulgarian Orthodox
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April 5, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

East 105th Street at Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

May we extend this cordial invitation to you to join us at the Seminar of the American Christian Palestine Committee to be held in Ocean City, New Jersey, on May 27, 28 and 29.

We would particularly welcome and appreciate your acceptance for Tuesday evening, May 28th, when at our fifth session, we plan to devote the program to a discussion of "The Present Situation and the Strategy to be Stressed". At this 8:30 o'clock session there will perhaps be one other speaker. We plan to have both addresses followed by a discussion period in which the attending guests will participate, and to adjourn at about 10:30 o'clock.

Ocean City is a very quiet place twelve miles south of Atlantic City and we could promise you a few hours of respite in the sunshine if you would find it possible to be with us. We are planning a program along lines which will not make the occasion too hectic for our guests.

We look forward with great interest to hearing from you and remain, with kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Howard M. LeSourd

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND LAY LEADERS CHARGE U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT FAILS
TO BACK UP PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S POLICY URGING IMMEDIATE ENTRY
INTO PALESTINE OF 100,000 JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS

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AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE WARNS OF
"WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION" AT CONTINUED DELAY IN RESCUING SURVIVORS OF NAZISM

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CALLS UPON SECRETARY BYRNES "FORCIBLY TO PRESENT AMERICAN
POSITION TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT"

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Ocean City, New Jersey - - - - - The American Christian Palestine
Committee, representing thousands of Christian church and lay leaders throughout
the country, charged that the United States State Department is failing to back
up President Truman's policy calling for immediate entry of 100,000 displaced Jews
into Palestine as unanimously recommended by the Anglo-American Committee of
Inquiry.

Closing a three day Conference, the Committee, of which Senator Robert F.
Wagner of New York is honorary chairman, wired President Truman commendation of
his stand but warned that the State Department's "failure to insist" upon that
policy "is causing widespread dissatisfaction." The Conference, which was attended
by more than 50 outstanding churchmen and civic leaders, called upon Secretary of
State Byrnes "forcibly to present the American position to the British Government,"
reminding him of the recent Congressional Resolution supporting free Jewish entry

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into Palestine, and in stiff cables to Prime Minister Attlee and British Ambassador Clark-Kerr warned that "the sacredness of Britain's pledged word and the integrity of international agreements will be seriously shaken by further delays."

The Conference also unanimously adopted a Resolution petitioning the President and the Congress to do "all in their power to secure the immediate realization "of the Anglo-American Committee's recommendations relating to entry of the 100,000, abandonment of the White Paper of 1939, and removal of barriers to free Jewish colonization and settlement in Palestine, "so that Palestine may become indeed a Jewish National Home, and not just another area of eventual Jewish persecution."

The three day program of the Committee, whose co-chairmen are Dean Howard M. LeSourd of Boston and Dr. Carl Hermann Voss of New York, was highlighted by reports and discussions of the problems of displaced persons and the role of Palestine by Prof. Carl Friedrich of Harvard; Professor Paul L. Hanna, who accompanied the Anglo-American Committee as a research specialist; Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, general director of Church Peace Union; Dr. Guy Emery Shipler, editor, The Churchman; Dr. Joseph S. Bolton of Skidmore College; the Rev. Wendell Phillips of Rye, N. Y.; Mrs. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, Arthur Lourie, Palestine political expert, and Gerold Frank, foreign correspondent who covered the whole of the Anglo-American Committee hearings.

Text of the telegrams and resolutions follow:

TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN:

ON BEHALF OF ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE ASSEMBLED OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY, FROM ALL PARTS OF NATION, WE COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR INSISTENCE ON IMMEDIATE UNCONDITIONAL ENTRY 100,000 DISPLACED JEWS INTO PALESTINE, AS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE. FAILURE OF STATE DEPARTMENT TO INSIST UPON YOUR POLICY CAUSING WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION. WE STAND WITH YOU IN URGING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

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TO SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES:

ON BEHALF OF ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE ASSEMBLED OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY, FROM ALL PARTS OF NATION, WE CALL UPON YOU TO URGE UPON BRITISH AMBASSADOR PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S REQUEST THAT ENGLAND PERMIT IMMEDIATE UNCONDITIONAL ENTRY 100,000 DISPLACED JEWS INTO PALESTINE AS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY. WE DEPLORE THIS MONTH'S DELAY AS HAVING CAUSED ADDITIONAL AND UNNECESSARY SUFFERING, AND AS TENDING WEAKEN OUR PEOPLE'S FAITH IN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. WE REMIND STATE DEPARTMENT OF PRESIDENT'S PROMPT ENDORSEMENT THIS RECOMMENDATION AND OF CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FREE ENTRY JEWS INTO PALESTINE. WE CALL UPON YOU FORCIBLY TO PRESENT THE AMERICAN POSITION TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

TO PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE:

ON BEHALF OF ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE ASSEMBLED OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY, FROM ALL PARTS OF NATION, WE CALL UPON YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT IMMEDIATE UNCONDITIONAL ENTRY 100,000 DISPLACED JEWS INTO PALESTINE AS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY STOP AMERICAN PEOPLE'S FAITH IN BRITISH DEMOCRACY, SACREDNESS BRITAIN'S PLEDGED WORD, AND INTEGRITY OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS WILL BE SERIOUSLY SHAKEN BY FURTHER DELAYS STOP

Professor Joseph S. G. Bolton
Dean Howard M. LeSourd
Dean Arthur Neef
Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Reissig
Dr. Guy Emery Shipler
Dr. Carl Hermann Voss

TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION READS:

Whereas the Conference of the American Christian Palestine Committee held May 27-29, 1946, has reviewed the current situation relating to the establishment of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, particularly with reference to the Report of the Anglo-American Committee appointed by the Governments of the United

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Kingdom and the United States, which Report has in substance recommended:

1. The immediate transfer to Palestine of 100,000 homeless Jewish refugees from their present intolerable physical and psychological environment in Europe;
2. The abandonment of the policy of the White Paper of 1939, the continuance of the Mandate in accordance with the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate agreement, pending the transfer of Palestine to a trusteeship under the United Nations;
3. The removal forthwith of barriers to free Jewish colonization and settlement in Palestine.

Now, therefore, this Conference urges the immediate acceptance and implementation of these recommendations, so that the survivors of Jewish persecution in Europe may have what little chance remains to restore their lives, and that Palestine may become indeed a Jewish National Home, and not just another area of eventual Jewish persecution; and

This Conference further petitions the President and the Congress of the United States to do all in their power to secure the immediate realization of these ends; and to accept responsibility under the United Nations for their achievement.

Among those attending the Conference were: Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, New York City; Rev. Dr. Karl Baehr, Chicago; Rev. Bedros Baharian, Quincy, Mass; Dr. Frederick T. Bertram, Woonsocket, R. I.; Prof. Joseph S. G. Bolton, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Rev. Dr. Roger D. Bosworth, Boston; Rev. Hilary Bowen, Baltimore; Rev. Edward H. Brewster, Nashua, N. H.; Rev. Paul O. Cardwell, Dallas, Texas; Dr. Wilbur Caswell, Yonkers, N. Y.; Mr. Walter Catterall, Brownsville, Pa.; Rev. D. Park Chapman, East Liverpool, Ohio; Dr. Oliver J. Collins, Wilmington, Delaware; Mr. Thomas Connor, Scranton, Pa.; Rev. Rufus Cornelsen, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. John Irving Daniel, Maplewood, N. J.; Hon. George E. Dennen, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Dr. Gerson Engelmann, Cincinnati, Ohio; Father George B. Ford, New York

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Tilly, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, New York City; Rev. Louis E. Watson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa; Rev. Wilfred Wakefield, Brookfield, Ill.

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mx June 10th 1946

Dear Mr. LeSourd,

Your letter of May 29th has reached me after much delay. I would gladly sign any appeal for the transfer of uprooted European Jews to Palestine as a purely temporary measure of short-range relief, pending arrangements for their emigration to the USA, Canada, Brazil etc. But in view of the fact that I have for many years regarded the Balfour Declaration as the statement of a most unwise policy -- a policy that creates more problems than it solves, that gives endless cause and pretext for international trouble in the near East, that aims at creating a new nation at a time when it is urgently necessary to mitigate the whole fatal idea of nationality, and that aims, moreover, to create an unviable nation, so weak that it must become a pawn in the game of power politics and so strategically situated that the great powers can no more leave it in peace than they did in the days of the Persians and the Egyptians -- I do not feel that I can put my name to an appeal which takes the Balfour policy for granted, as if it were the best possible permanent solution to the Jewish problem.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Aldous Huxley

lm/6/20/46.

The American Committee for the
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10
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June 11, 1946

Dean Howard M. LeSourd
American Christian Palestine Committee
414 East 42 Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Paddy:

I have your letter of the 7th and the attached statement. I agree with the statement and am willing to sign it but I want to be sure that it doesn't come out in connection either with the American Palestine Committee or the Christian Council on Palestine, both of which are associated with the project for political Zionism, of which I cannot approve since I think it is a boomerang which will cause more trouble instead of helping out the Jews in the tragic plight in which they find themselves.

If, therefore, it is dissociated in every way with organizational imprimatur, I shall be happy to have you use my name in connection with it. Should you want to connect it with the organizational approach, that is perfectly right and justifiable but I cannot be associated with it for the reasons that I have indicated.

Yours cordially,

(s) Hank

Henry Smith Leiper

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LOWELL THOMAS

Rockefeller Center New York

June 13, 1946

Dear Dean LeSourd,

My deepest apology for not answering your wire many days ago. I have been running around the country lately, in all directions, and just now am beginning to catch up on all the communications that have piled up in my office.

I wish I could talk to you about the Palestine problem. I would like to hear more about what you and your colleagues are doing.

Best wishes to all of you.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Lowell

lm/6/20/46.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The American Christian Palestine Committee believes that the so-called "Jewish problem" is primarily a Christian problem. The Christian conscience demands more than issuance of statements of condolence and sympathy to the still-suffering Jewish people. A basic solution, which will end Jewish homelessness for all time, is imperative today. We therefore demand the fulfillment of the clear intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration, the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, and of the 1924 Convention between Great Britain and the United States, all of which were designed to provide a national homeland, in the full sense of the word, for the Jewish people. *national*

As Christians we must also resist and seek to destroy racial and religious discrimination, and we must demand justice for the Jewish people everywhere; restore security, liberty (and human dignity) wherever these have been lost; obtain the democratic freedoms of citizenship and work for Jews who choose to remain in the Old World (in the lands of their origin) and safeguard their rights to restitution of property and to lives of dignity and self-respect.

Specifically, we urge the implementation of the concurrent Congressional Resolution passed in December 1945:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the interest shown by the President in the solution of this problem is hereby commended and that the United States shall use its good offices with the mandatory power to the end that Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country to the maximum of its agricultural and economic potentialities, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization and development, so that they may freely proceed with the upbuilding of Palestine as the Jewish national home and, in association with all elements of the population, establish Palestine as a democratic commonwealth in which all men, regardless of race or creed, shall have equal rights."

The steps to the realization of this Zionist goal are free immigration and unrestricted colonization of Jews, resulting in a Jewish majority in Palestine empowered to create the institutions of democratic government. In the Jewish national homeland thus to be established, complete separation of church and state is assured. The holy places of all religions will be fully protected and preserved under international guarantees. ✓

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Statement of Principles

THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE believes that, as Christians, we must resist and seek to destroy anti-Semitism; demand justice for the Jewish people everywhere; restore security, liberty and human dignity wherever these have been lost; obtain the democratic freedoms of citizenship and work for those Jews who would like to remain in the Old World in the lands of their origin; and safeguard their rights to restitution of property and to lives of dignity and self-respect.

We urge the nations of the world—our own included—to facilitate the immigration of those who wish to go to Palestine, their national homeland under the solemn pledge made to them by the nations of the world.

The AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE demands the fulfillment of the clear intent and purposes of the Balfour Declaration, the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, and of the 1924 Convention between Great Britain and the United States, all of which were designed to provide a national homeland, in the full sense of the word, for the Jewish people.

Specifically, we urge:

1. The free immigration of Jews into Palestine under the administration of the internationally recognized Jewish Agency for Palestine.
2. The unhampered right of the Jewish people to purchase and colonize land throughout Palestine.
3. The establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

This program is in line with traditional American policy as expressed by every President from Woodrow Wilson to Harry S. Truman.

In the Jewish national homeland thus to be established, the civil, religious and cultural rights of all groups shall be guaranteed and safeguarded. Complete separation of church and state is assured. There shall be full participation in government and complete equality before the law for all the inhabitants of Palestine, irrespective of race or creed.

The holy places of all religions will be fully protected and preserved under international guarantees.

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I know how long and ardently the Jewish people have worked and prayed for the establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth. I am convinced that the American people give their support to this aim. Efforts will be made to find appropriate ways and means of effectuating this policy as soon as practicable.

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
 October 15, 1944

I am for the reconstitution of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth in accordance with the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the resolution of the Republican Congress in 1922. I have also stated that in order to give refuge to millions of distressed Jews driven from their homes by tyranny I favor the opening of Palestine to their unlimited immigration and land ownership. The American people have time and again declared themselves in favor of these principles.

GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY
 October 12, 1944

What the Jews have already accomplished in Palestine emphasizes that the establishment of a Jewish state there is not only theoretically desirable, but concretely practical. Between the two wars, from which the Jewish people have perhaps suffered most, Palestine has made great strides forward. There is no good arguing at this date whether Jewish Palestine should be established. It is established. It can only be aided or liquidated.

DOROTHY THOMPSON

The Palestine question is the acid test of democracy. It is the acid test of peace. A peace which leaves the Jewish question unresolved, will leave us who believe in democracy vulnerable to all the future Hitlers, all the malcontents, who will use this historic scapegoat to build up their nefarious movements. If we should enter into such a peace as leaves no room for the solution of the problem of which Palestine is the symbol, then there will be no peace.

DR. EDUARD C. LINDEMAN
Professor of Social Philosophy
New York School of Social Work

Take the most striking minority question today — the Jewish question. I look upon it as the most serious minority question, and this is one of the reasons why I am what I may call a Palestinian, all these days. I should like to see the Jewish people have their own national home to which those of their people who are unwelcome in other countries may go. It seems a natural solution. Here is the old historic home of the Jewish people.

GENERAL JAN SMUTS
Prime Minister of South Africa

Palestine offers incontestably the primary hope for the solution of the problem of Jewish refugees . . . In Palestine and only there can the mass of Jewish refugees hope to be welcome . . . Only in Palestine will most of them feel that they have returned home.

JAMES G. McDONALD
Chairman of the President's Advisory
Committee on Political Refugees
Formerly High Commissioner for
German Refugees, League of Nations

In order to give refuge to millions of distressed Jewish men, women and children driven from their homes by tyranny, we call for the opening of Palestine to their unrestricted immigration and land ownership, so that in accordance with the full intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the resolution of a Republican Congress in 1922, Palestine may be constituted as a free and democratic commonwealth.

From the Platform of the
 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
Adopted at Chicago, June 27, 1944

We favor the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and colonization, and such a policy as to result in the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth.

From the Platform of the
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