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American Zionist Emergency Council, "N", 1945-1946.



*New Zionist Org.*

PRESS STATEMENT

September 29th, 1945

NEW ZIONISTS URGE INTERNATIONAL JEWISH BOYCOTT OF BRITISH GOODS

CALL FOR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN PALESTINE

The betrayal of the British Labor Party's pre-election pledge to abolish the White Paper and establish Palestine as a Jewish State, clearly indicates that the Jewish people can expect nothing from any British party, and that any government formed in Britain is under the thumb of the Colonial Office and the group of ~~die~~ in the wool imperialists which has ruled Britain since World War I.

This means that the Zionist policy long advocated by Dr. Weizmann, which was based on good faith in Britain's obligations and on a painful attempt to fit the growing Jewish needs for a refuge and a homeland into the ever narrowing scope of British limitations - hoping that ultimately Britain would change its attitude - proved to be a complete failure, while the policy advocated by the militant wing in Zionism, headed by the late Vladimir Jabotinsky, which demanded the curbing of British intentions by aggressive methods of resistance, has proved to be the only possible course for the Jewish people to follow, if it would not succumb to British designs. The soundness and far-sightedness of Jabotinsky's predictions are today recognized and acknowledged by all Zionists all over the world.

The continuation of the current policy in Palestine by the present rulers of Britain means much more than cruel indifference to the Jewish tragedy in the world. It means a definite death sentence to Jewish hopes for survival and national rehabilitation. It means the completion of Hitler's work in a more subtle and effective way.



## II

Britain's co-responsibility in Hitler's unprecedented crime of massacring five million Jews is today evident to all. While Britain was fully aware of what Hitler was doing to the Jews of Europe, she harshly prevented the escape of Jews by keeping Palestine tightly closed. The driving away of fugitives from the shores of Palestine in the midst of the horrors of the world conflict, will be remembered forever as symbols of ruthlessness and inhumanity in the annals of the human race.

This continued, cold-blooded and calculated destruction of the Jewish people, the establishment of a Nazi regime in Palestine, the violation of all elemental rights, the mass arrests and deportations, culminating in the Labor Government's betrayal of its own solemn pledge regarding Palestine, must bring every right-thinking man to the realization that the imperialistic dragon will not give up its designs without a bitter and determined struggle.

Britain has placed herself in a position of an open enemy of the Jewish people, and the Jewish people has no other recourse but to treat her as such.

The Jews will be compelled to fight Britain with every means and facility at their disposal, and the battle will last so long as Britain will continue to bar Palestine to the Jews.

This fight for justice, liberty and human rights will be supported by all freedom-loving men the world over and will inevitably result in inestimable loss to Britain's prestige and interests. There is nothing that Britain can win from this fight. She can only lose from it.

While as Americans we shall continue to insist on effective intervention by the United States in accordance with the rights of this country on Palestine, clearly expressed in the treaty of 1924, and in accordance with America's international responsibilities, the Jewish people must take up positions of direct pressure against Great Britain.



### III

The New Zionist Organization of America has therefore recommended to all the branches of the New Zionist Organization in thirty-one countries, and calls upon the Jewish people everywhere, to adopt the following five measures of opposition to the British policy in Palestine:

1. Non-cooperation with the British Government in London and the British administration in Palestine in any way whatsoever so long as the White Paper remains in force.

2. Declaration of civil disobedience by all Jews in Palestine, including the refusal to pay taxes or to comply in any other way with governmental orders.

3. An organization of an international boycott of British goods, British shippings and British services throughout the world.

4. All Jewish soldiers from Palestine and elsewhere who received from Britain medals of distinction for their services in the first and second world wars, should return these medals as an expression of their indignation at Britain's treatment of the Jewish people.

5. Direct resistance of every attempt to prevent Jews from entering Palestine or from acting in accordance with their inalienable rights as human beings and residents of that country.

We wholeheartedly endorse the Mass Protest Rally called by the Zionist Organization of America. This is a right step in the right direction. The injustice of Britain's policy in Palestine must be fully exposed. The hypocrisy manifested in Britain's hiding behind the statements of a few insignificant Arab stooges - statements which are inspired or prepared by British agents - should be fully unmasked. But protests alone will not do. The task calls for more vigorous, militant and determined action. And the time is now.

Colonel Morris J. Mendelsohn, President  
NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES

**4 ENVOYS PROTEST TO BYRNES**  
**Special to the New York Times**

Washington, Oct. 12 - Representations against the opening of Palestine to the immigration of displaced Jews in Europe were made to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today through a memorandum presented on behalf of the Arab League by the Ministers of four Arab States. They were Dr. Nazem Al-Koudsi of Syria, Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon, Mahmoud Hassan of Egypt and Ali Jawdat of Iraq.





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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

That you may know how solidly united our community is, behind your courageous leadership, I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith a copy of our OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

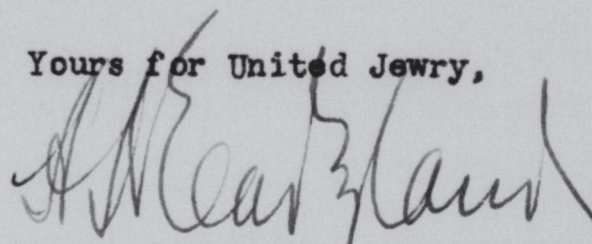
These are being sent to British leaders and the British Press throughout the Empire.

With that text as a model, similar resolutions are being drawn up by every section of Brooklyn, representing over one million Jews.

You must know how inspired and proud we are of your fighting leadership at this time;— when the whole future of Jewry is hanging so precariously in the balance.

May God give you full strength through the years, to lead our People and arouse the conscience of mankind in our behalf.

Yours for United Jewry,



Herman Neaderland, President  
Council of Jewish Organizations  
of Bensonhurst and Mapleton



To All Men  
in Uniform

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October 31, 1945

Mr. Herman Neaderland, President  
Council of Jewish Organizations  
of Bensonhurst and Mapleton  
7802 Bay Parkway  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Neaderland:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter  
of October 26 and for the copy of the Open Letter  
To The People Of The British Empire which you enclosed.  
I want to congratulate you on your initiative and on  
the great assistance which you are rendering our cause  
at this critical time. I am also very grateful for  
all the lovely things which you say about me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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October 31, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter we sent to Senator Tobey, Senator Myers and Representative Gearhart, who were reported to have consented to participate in the delegation to London, initiated by the American League for a Free Palestine. The letter speaks for itself.

As we consider the line of campaign recently adopted by the American League, or rather by the few individuals of the Hebrew Committee who boss this body, extremely harmful and dangerous at this particularly delicate moment, we would be much relieved if their delegation plan, which would inevitably result in the same harmful publicity, should not materialize.

With true appreciation and kindest personal regards,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

*B. Netanyahu*  
B. Netanyahu

BN:RR  
Enc.



November 2, 1945

Mr. B. Netanyahu  
The New Zionist Organization of America  
55 West 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Netanyahu:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 31 and for the copy of the letter which you sent to Senators Tobey and Myers and Representative Gearhart. Your letter to the members of Congress is excellent. The people behind the paper organization, the American League for a Free Palestine, have done much to hurt our cause in Washington and have grievously confused quite a number of well-intentioned public officials. But then you know the story quite as well as I do.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



November 12, 1945

Mr. I. Naiditch  
Park Royal Hotel  
23 West 73rd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Upon my return from the Zionist Convention in Atlantic City I found on my desk your lovely book on Edmond de Rothschild. I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure. I was deeply moved by the inscription on the fly-leaf. I do not deserve your high estimate of me, but I shall try to earn it.

We did not have much of an opportunity to talk to one another during the crowded days of the Convention but I hope that in the near future we shall be able to sit down for a quiet chat.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# Mr. Attlee, You Cannot Cement the British Empire With Jewish Blood!

## Nothing Short of a Jewish State

Prime Minister Attlee is here to discuss some pressing international problems with President Truman. We assume that the Palestine question is among these problems. We have a fair inkling of what Mr. Attlee and his Government plan for Palestine. We consider this therefore the opportune moment to serve notice on Mr. Attlee and his Government that *nothing short of the abrogation of the White Paper, the opening of the doors of Palestine for free Jewish repatriation, and the proclamation of a Jewish State will do*, and that further postponement of the settlement of the issue will result in bitter and determined Jewish resistance to Britain not only in Palestine, but throughout the world.

If Britain believes that she can continue to default on her international obligations in Palestine under the camouflage of Arab propaganda and mob violence, she is in for a rude awakening. We shall repeatedly unmask the instigators of this opposition—the British Colonial agents and administrators—and we shall continue to lay bare their stratagem: *the attempt to foist upon the world an impression of an Arab "menace" to give Britain an excuse for her pretended "appeasement" policy.*

## Britain's Arab Appeasement— A Propaganda Stunt

We shall mercilessly expose these tactics, and arouse public opinion to the plain truth that Britain's appeasement of the Arabs is a *deliberately fabricated legend*. Britain might have sought to appease Hitler when he possessed superior military might. Britain may, today or tomorrow, appease another great military power. But Britain has never practiced appeasement towards puppets or peoples militarily weak.

Britain does not seek to appease the 400,000,000 people of India, a country seething with continuous revolution and whose military resources are great enough to supply *powerful armies for the British Empire*. Britain practices no appeasement toward the 40,000,000 Moslem inhabitants of Java, where her troops are today imposing a colonial regime at the point of the bayonet, with fire and sword. And it is significant that Mr. Attlee's Government does *not* fear to arouse the resentment of the 300,000,000 Moslems against this *British violent subjugation of one of the biggest Moslem communities in the world.*

## The Arab League—A British Front

Britain does not have to appease Ibn Saud, who surely remembers the lesson of 1928, when a few British planes smashed his desert hordes after their attempt to invade neighboring British controlled territories. Britain does not have to "satisfy" any of the Arab governments which she herself invested with power and which function by her grace. Certainly she does not fear the fiction of the Arab League—that tool of British imperialism and propaganda instrument of the Colonial Office.

Under cover of this League Britain not only hopes to block the formation of the Jewish State, but also to check any non-British influence in the all-important Middle Eastern area. The bugaboo of the Arab League was first turned against France, as a prelude to Britain's military occupation of Syria. It was later turned against Soviet Russia, when the Soviet Union asked for a trusteeship of Tripolitania. And it is as certain as day follows night that, if Britain carries out her plans in Palestine, she will turn the same bogie against the last non-British factor in the Middle East—our own United States.

## The Real Reason

Thus Britain's opposition to Zionism is in no way affected by the Arab "threat". *It is motivated solely by the refusal of the Colonial strategists to see the rise of a western and industrial nation at the crossroads of the Empire.* We firmly believe that the interests of the whole world, including the interests of Great Britain herself, dictate the creation of a Jewish State; that a Jewish Palestine would be a vital factor of progress, stability, peace and order, in that highly unpredictable and backward area. But Britain's short-sighted imperialists think otherwise. They have therefore persistently sought a way out of Britain's international obligations on Palestine, and in this determined quest they stopped at nothing.

They instigated blood-shed and riots in Palestine under the guidance of their paid hireling, the notorious Ex-Mufti, and, as Mr. Constantine Poulos, American war correspondent and representative of the Overseas News Agency, reports, the henchmen of the Mufti have again been given the green light and British agents are again arming and inciting the Arabs for acts of aggression against the Jews.

## Pogroms Will Not Avail

The Colonial strategists, however, find it extremely difficult to induce Palestine Arabs into a new civil war. So they think to frighten world Jewry by inciting and instigating the savage mobs of the Arab countries against the helpless Jewish minorities among them. These outrages are intended to "prove" the impossibility of a pro-Zionist solution. *With full knowledge of the import of our assertions, we charge the British agents provocateurs with deliberately fomenting the recent pogroms and massacres in Egypt and Tripolitania.* These disturbances have all the earmarks of the British inspired disorders in Palestine. It is to be marvelled at that while under Italy, Jews and Arabs in Tripoli lived on friendly terms, under British military rule the first anti-Jewish pogrom was organized and permitted to take place.

## The Farce of Investigation

While this "show" of Arab strength is being organized, the British imperialists hope to shelve the Palestine issue altogether by the establishment of a joint Anglo-American commission for the "investigation of the Jewish situation in Europe." We repudiate this investigation plan as a sinister maneuver to put a question mark upon the Jewish need for Palestine. The restoration of Palestine to the Jewish people is not a subject for investigation. It is a policy settled by international law and backed by the most recent and most terrible lessons of history. *The problem of the Jews is that of homelessness and statelessness, and no renewed investigations are necessary to establish this cardinal fact.*

Nothing that Britain can do will confuse this crystal-clear issue. It is a conflict not between the Arabs and the Jews, but between imperialistic Britain on the one hand, and world Jewry and all the democratic forces in the world on the other. *Britain has placed herself in the position of an open enemy of the Jewish people, and the Jews have no other recourse but to take up the challenge.*

## Time for the President to Speak

The British were thus far successful in obtaining the tacit support of our administration for their anti-Jewish policies. But the time has come for our Government to take an open and decisive stand on this issue. American public opinion is deeply aroused by our acquiescence to Britain's Palestine policy. In keeping with the expressed wishes of the American people, our obligations under international covenants, the decision of our Congress, and the solemn pledges of our presidents—*President Truman is duty-bound to demand that Mr. Attlee put a stop to the British crusade against the Jewish people and fulfill Britain's international obligation to reconstitute Palestine as a Jewish National Home.*

## We Cannot Invest in British Faith

Britain now asks America for a loan of billions of dollars. How can Americans rely on Britain's good faith when her Government is so careless with her honor and so callous in breaking her obligations and commitments? The sore spectacle of Britain's behavior in Palestine stamps her government as faithless and untrustworthy. *Let Britain prove her integrity before we trust her with our savings and investments.*

We expect President Truman to convey to Mr. Attlee the true feelings of the American people on this question, and we sincerely hope that he will do all within his power—*which is the power of the United States*—to convert his meeting with the British Prime Minister into a historic event—the inauguration of constructive American-British co-operation in establishing a Jewish State, a bulwark of progress and democracy in the whole Middle East.

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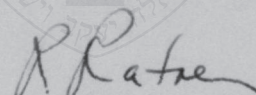
November 15, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are sending you, for your information, a  
reprint of our latest statement which appeared in both  
the New York Post and the Washington Star on Monday,  
November 12th, 1945.

Sincerely yours,



R. Ratner  
Secretary

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May 21, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you already know, on May 28, 1946, the American Fund is giving its Annual Dinner at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

The speakers on this occasion are:

Frank Aydelotte  
Leonard Bernstein  
Quentin Reynolds

All of us present at the Dinner (more than 1000 are expected) would be greatly honored if you were to send a message on behalf of yourself and as a member of our Board of Trustees, which would be read on the occasion of the Dinner. Such a message would serve as a great source of inspiration.

Please be assured of our deep appreciation of your understanding and cooperation.

Cordially yours,

*Edward A. Norman*  
Edward A. Norman  
President

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Dr. and Mrs. Noah Nardi  
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