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American Zionist Emergency Council, "There Is A Limit to What
Even Jews Can Endure," newspaper plea concerning emigration
of 100,000 Jews to Palestine, 1946.

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An Appeal To The Conscience of Civilized Mankind

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100,000 -- at least a fraction of those for whom continued existence in Europe has become impossible -- could be saved immediately. But at the very moment when action is most sorely needed, there are new delays and further equivocation.

We submit that there can be no valid reason for failure to act now! The European war ended a year ago. Dean Earl Harrison, of the University of Pennsylvania, was sent by the President of the United States to investigate the condition of the Jewish survivors in Europe. He submitted a report to the President which made it clear that any delay in the transfer of these unfortunate people to Palestine would result in misery and death. President Truman thereupon sent a letter to Prime Minister Attlee on August 31, 1945 requesting that 100,000 of these displaced European Jews be permitted to emigrate to Palestine at once.

The request was rejected by the British Government. Instead, an investigation of the situation - another investigation! - was proposed by Great Britain. The Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry was set up.

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recommended what President Truman proposed in the first place - the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine. During all these months of investigation Jews who could be leading useful, happy lives in Palestine today, suffered and died.

One would think that not a moment would now be lost in carrying out this act of elemental humanity. But no! "Conditions" which had been considered and rejected by the Committee are now being demanded by Prime Minister Attlee.

Are we to condemn these pitiful Jewish survivors to an indefinite hopeless existence in the internment camps where they now languish? Are they to be left at the mercy of the hostile populations that surround them? Every observer who has recently returned from Europe has warned that there may be mass-suicide among these terribly harassed people who have for so long lived under tension and strain unless they are permitted to leave for Palestine without delay.

America refuses to be an accomplice in such an outrageous act of inhumanity!

These displaced Jews can be moved to Palestine in a matter of weeks. The United States Army stands ready to help in their transfer. The American people want them saved! -- We look to President Truman to stand firm on this matter. We look to the British Government to carry out the unanimous recommendation of its own representatives on the Joint Committee, calling for the immediate transfer of these 100,000 Jews to Palestine.

We demand justice for a tragic people now.

Pauley Reports Korea Still Has Its Machinery

At Seoul, He Says Russia
Denies Stripping Plants;
Favors Reparations Delay

SEOUL, Korea, June 4 (AP).—American Reparations Commissioner Edwin W. Pauley returned today from a restricted tour of Russian-occupied North Korea and reported that the Russians denied removing any industrial machinery. He said he found little evidence that any machinery had been taken out of the zone.

"I don't think the United States should waive claim to reparations until we know definitely the operative condition and ownership of all industry in North Korea," Pauley said.

Pauley said Colonel General I. M. Chistiakov, commander of Soviet forces in North Korea, denied that the Russians had removed any factory or plant equipment. He quoted the general as saying that high Soviet policy had decreed that no machinery would be shipped to Siberia.

The American official said that "only on two or three occasions did we view anything that would indicate removals had taken place." On the way in, he said, his mission saw a train loaded with machine tools and heavy copper wire, which "may have been going between points in Korea."

"The others were power substations, where we noticed that electrical and transformer equipment had been taken out, or was packaged, ready for shipment," he added. "This, too, could have been for intra-Korean movement," Pauley explained.

Pauley, who estimated that he saw 60 per cent of the largest heavy-industry centers of the northern zone, reported that a lack of skilled help is hindering Soviet attempts to revive Korean industry, once managed by the Japanese. In some plants, he said, Japanese prisoners of war are used.

The mission's general impression was that heavy industry was being prepared for permanent use. Pauley declined to say whether he believed Russians or Koreans would use it.

The reparations commissioner said the "Russian-type Communist political theory is the only one expounded" in the northern zone. "Pictures of Prime Minister Stalin and Kim Il Sung, Korean chairman of the People's Committee of North Korea, are everywhere," he added, "and Soviet slogans decorate street and factory. Dr. Syngman Rhee and Kim Koo, Korean leaders in the American-occupied southern zone, are attacked as 'traitors' in posters calling for their 'extermination'." Pauley said.

French Civil Unions Join Nation-Wide Pay Demand

Salary Adjustments and Price
Controls Asked

From the Herald Tribune Bureau
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PARIS, June 4.—Demands for immediate abolition of the government's wage-freezing law and institution of general nation-wide wage increases gathered strength today when the Cartel Central of Public Service Workers added the voices of its 1,500,000 civil service employees to those of the 5,500,000 members of the National Federation of Labor (C. G. T.).

The Cartel Central, which represents most of the organized civil employees in France, went on record at a meeting as favoring immediate salary adjustments to cover the high cost of living. It also suggested that the government consider a system of price controls at the same time it raises salaries.

Grouped under the Cartel Central are the workers of the government-owned railroads; postal, telephone and telegraph employees; public health and sanitation workers, and various other public servants ranging from clerical functionaries to government-employed tobacco and match producers.

2 Niagara Falls Editors Retire

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., June 4 (AP).—Retirement of N. Franklin Maddever, as managing editor, and Lee E. Gooding, as city editor, of "The Niagara Falls Gazette" was announced today by Alanson C. Deuel, publisher. Mr. Maddever, vice-president of the Gazette Publishing Company, will continue to act in a consulting capacity in the editorial department. Both he and Mr. Gooding have been in newspaper work for more than forty years. Thomas J. Berrigan was named managing editor and Hamilton B. Mizer city editor.

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