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Oct. 23, 1941.

Rabbi A.H. Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed you will please find a copy of the Resolution adopted at the Convention of the American Federation of Labor. I am sure that it deserves the attention of outstanding Jews and Zionists. May I suggest that the copy of the sermon, which you are going to deliver on this resolution, Should be sent to the office of the National Labor Committee for Palestine, and they in turn will make an attempt to give it as wide a publicity as possible.

It is important that our friends in the American Federation of Labor should see that outstanding Jewish Leaders took notice of their Resolution.

Sincerely yours. nexeman Baruch Zuckerman.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS on

HOPE AND AID TO AN OPPRESSED AND PERSECUTED PEOPLE

While no specific reference has been made in any resolution to the persecution of the Jewish people in foreign lends, and in their hope for the establishment of a national home in Palestine, nevertheless throughout the Executive Council's report there is manifested the great sympathy the Eederation has always entertained toward the oppressed and persecuted no matter where situated, and regardless of the cause of persecution.

With a feeling of confidence and faith, the Federation has also given at all times a full measure of support to its Jewish membership and to Jewish organizations in the effort put forth to establish a Jewish home land in Palestine. When the Balfour Declaration was first announced, the Federation viewed this great statement in hopeful and gleeful anticipation. We wish on this occasion to reaffirm our endorsement of this great declaration, and propose that it be implemented to insure an early opportunity to the Jewish people to develop their national culture and home land.

We draw particular attention to the fact that the area terrorized by the Nazis continues to expand, and that the Jewish people have been singled out by the Hitler regime for especial savage persecution. It is, therefore, all the more urgent that this suffering people, the greatest of all sufferers at the ruthless hands of our enemies **b**f freedom and democracy should be accorded real hope and aid through a restoration of rights long overdue it -- rights to a full development in Palestine. This is the least the democracy of the world can pledge in these fateful hours of humanity.

We therefore recommend, as an expression of the Convention, the hope that when this war against the barbarism of Hitler, and of black absolutism, is over, when freedom and democrady onee more may breathe in peace throughout the world, that Great Britain in cooperation with the United States, and other democratic countries, will take the necessary steps to implement the Balfour Declaration of 1917 in its full meaning by facilitating further immigration and a large scale settlement of Jewish laboring masses in their national home in Palestine. Genuine equality of the Jewish people among the nations of the earth can only be advanced through restoring their national life on the soil of Palestine.

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