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80TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 75

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 1947

Mr. HOLIFIELD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Whereas a singular omission exists in the councils of the United Nations concerned with the structure of an international organization and the establishment of permanent peace, as well as in the commissions, agencies, and other administrative bodies engaged in the consideration of war crimes, relief, rehabilitation, and reparations, by virtue of the exclusion from participation in these intergovernmental bodies of the Hebrew people of Europe and Palestine whose vital contributions in the war against the Fascist Powers were made by Hebrew battalions in Allied armies and by underground resistance groups in occupied countries, and whose casualties in this war exceed four million dead; and

Whereas the atrocities disclosed in the recent occupation of German concentration camps have proved to a horrified world that Fascist Powers, allowed to perpetrate their savage outrages against this homeless, dispersed, and unprotected

people, will extend these acts to all peoples in their power; and

Whereas the plight of the Hebrews in Europe is desperate, the problem of their relief and rehabilitation being hedged by special difficulties affecting no other people so that even in those liberated countries where the Hebrews have regained their legal rights, they are dying by the thousands from starvation and disease because there has been no restitution of jobs, homes, or property; and

Whereas the retention of the status quo in regard to the Hebrew people is in itself a threat to the world peace, for Fascist forces in all European countries will again utilize anti-Semitism as an instrument for their return to power and in the destruction of democratic governments, resulting in a threat to a peaceful world order; and

Whereas the vast majority of the survivors of the Hebrew people in Europe reject the possibility of returning to the lands of their recent martyrdom and of owing allegiance to the nations that have participated in their persecution, but, on the contrary, regard themselves as constituting with the Hebrews of Palestine a single national entity, intimately and inseparably welded by the sufferings they have endured in common: Therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Repre-
- 2 sentatives of the United States that the Hebrew people of
- 3 Europe and Palestine be recognized as a nascent Hebrew
- 4 Nation, it being understood that this action applies to all
- 5 the Hebrews in Europe who voluntarily renounce allegiance
- 6 to all other nations and that it does not affect the legal

1 status, political allegiance, or civic rights of Americans of
2 Hebrew origin or Jewish faith nor the legal status, political
3 allegiance, or civic rights of the nationals of Hebrew origin
4 or Jewish faith in any other country; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Hebrew Nation shall be accorded
6 the same rights of self-determination within the general pro-
7 gram of international adjustment as may be freely granted
8 to other nations and shall be entitled to take its rightful
9 place among the free peoples of the earth as a member of
10 the United Nations and to be represented as such, in the
11 councils, commissions, agencies, and other intergovernmental
12 bodies of the United Nations; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Repre-
14 sentatives that the rights previously granted to the Jewish
15 people and recognized in international law by virtue of
16 various treaties and covenants, including the Balfour Declara-
17 tion, the mandate of the League of Nations, the treaties and
18 covenants of the subscribing members of the League of
19 Nations, as well as those treaties and conventions sub-
20 scribed to by the Government of the United States shall
21 now be conveyed to the Hebrew Nation without prejudicing
22 the normal rights and prerogatives of the Hebrew Nation
23 by the limitations contained in these treaties and covenants;
24 and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Repre-

1 sentatives of the United States that the United Nations
2 assume responsibility for the repatriation of the Hebrews
3 in Europe, who desire to end their long exile and their status
4 of pariah in many nations and to return to their national
5 territory of Palestine, by establishing a special intergov-
6 ernmental agency to facilitate and effectuate the process of
7 repatriation; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That in keeping with the resolutions adopted
9 by previous sessions of the United States Congress and the
10 declarations of sympathy and support issued on several oc-
11 casions by the Presidents of the United States, by both the
12 Democratic and Republican Parties, and by numerous
13 national American organizations, the Government of the
14 United States lend its good offices to the end that the land
15 of Palestine shall be placed under an administration which,
16 in accordance with the expressed intentions of the League of
17 Nations mandate, will offer the Hebrew Nation the fullest
18 opportunity to reconstitute this territory within its historic
19 boundaries as a free state, with the Arabs as equal members
20 in a democracy, guaranteeing to all its citizens full civic,
21 religious, and political rights and liberties, and dedicated to
22 the principles of freedom and justice and world peace.

80TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 75

RESOLUTION

To establish a free Palestine for homeless people of the Jewish race.

By Mr. HOLIFIELD

JANUARY 29, 1947

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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80TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 44

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 1947

Mr. BUCKLEY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the Palestine issue is now being considered by the United Nations General Assembly at its special session; and

Whereas the people of the United States look to the United Nations as the trustees of the world's conscience and expect it to live up to the promise of a Jewish homeland contained in the League of Nations Mandate of 1922; and

Whereas there have been at least seventeen committees of inquiry on the subject of Palestine, including the Anglo-American Committee of last year, whose unanimous report was not accepted and acted upon by Great Britain; and

Whereas the Jewish people vitally concerned in this matter are not represented on any committee of the United Nations investigating Palestine; and

Whereas the British Government is enforcing the white paper of 1939, declared illegal by the Permanent Mandates Com-

mission of the League of Nations and condemned by men of good will in every land; and

Whereas acting under that illegal policy the British Government has imposed totalitarian measures of repression on the entire Jewish community of Palestine culminating in the ignoble hanging of four young martyrs and the deaths of others; and

Whereas Great Britain continued to keep over one hundred thousand troops in Palestine, and recognizes no law, but the law of brute force and terror, which contribute greatly to the chaotic conditions that now exist there, and which is contributing greatly to world instability; and

Whereas the Jewish people in Europe have already suffered greatly, especially in the loss of over six million people exterminated by Hitler and other tyrants and suffered and endured unspeakable horrors in the concentration camps of Europe; and

Whereas the plight of the Jewish survivors in Europe is desperate, and steadily growing worse because they are dying by the thousands from starvation and disease because there has been no restitution of jobs, homes or property, making it imperative that they be permitted to leave Europe and go to Palestine the land of their choice at the earliest possible moment; and

Whereas the seizure and mass deportation to Cyprus of Jewish immigrants by the British is in direct violation of the mandate, of the principles of the Atlantic Charter, and of every moral and democratic concept; and

Whereas the Government and the people of the United States of America, through the passage of resolutions by previous

sessions of the Congress of the United States and the declarations of sympathy and support issued on several occasions by the Presidents of the United States, through planks in the platforms of both the Democratic and Republican Parties, are committed to the policy laid down by the framers of the Palestine Mandate; free Jewish immigration into Palestine so that the Jewish people may reconstitute that country as a free and democratic commonwealth; and

Whereas the President of the United States of America has asked on four separate occasions that Britain carry out the terms of the existing mandate for Palestine and admit, at once, to Palestine one hundred thousand displaced Jews; Therefore be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress of the United
 3 States that the President of the United States take all the
 4 steps necessary to insure that during the special session of
 5 the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Delegate
 6 of the United States shall advocate the program for Palestine
 7 which our country has reaffirmed time and again; and be it
 8 further

9 *Resolved*, That we respectfully call upon the President
 10 of the United States to bring the great weight of the United
 11 States Government to bear on Great Britain, the Mandatory
 12 Government, to the end that pending a final settlement of
 13 the Palestine issue by the United Nations, an interim policy
 14 based upon the terms of the existing mandate for Palestine

1 be set into motion at once and a policy be immediately adopted
 2 to provide for the immediate admission of one hundred thou-
 3 sand displaced Jews into Palestine and the immediate re-
 4 moval of the discriminatory land, economic, and other restric-
 5 tions now imposed upon the Jewish people in Palestine and
 6 that the basic concepts of Anglo-Saxon law and justice be
 7 followed.

80TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 44

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relative to conditions in Palestine and that the United States take all steps necessary to reaffirm and urge Great Britain, the mandatory government, to live up to its mandate and immediately admit one hundred thousand displaced persons to Palestine.

By Mr. BUCKLEY

MAY 1, 1947

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs



80TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 88

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 1947

Mr. JUDD submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Great Britain as the mandatory of Palestine has requested the United Nations General Assembly to make recommendations concerning the future government of Palestine and has agreed to submit to the General Assembly an account of its administration of the League of Nations' Palestine Mandate; and

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly has accepted this request and will make recommendations for the solution of the problem of Palestine; and

Whereas by virtue of the American-British Palestine Mandate Convention of 1924 the assent of the United States is required to changes in the Palestine mandate; and

Whereas the policy of the United States regarding Palestine has been established by the President as follows: “* * * that a national home for the Jewish people should be estab-

lished in Palestine"; and by the Congress as follows:
 "* * * 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 com-
 monwealth in which all men, regardless of race or creed,
 shall have equal rights": Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the*
- 3 *United States announce its continued adherence to its Pales-*
- 4 *tine policy as established by the President and the Congress*
- 5 *and its willingness to join in the carrying out of a solution*
- 6 *of the Palestine problem along the lines of such policy.*

80TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 88

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relative to the Palestine situation.

By Mr. JUDD

JULY 17, 1947

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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To HON. OWEN BREWSTER

Dec. 1, 1947 19

Care of or Apt. No. U. S. SENATE

Street and No. WASHINGTON D.C.

Place

YOU HAVE AMONG OUR MOST CONSISTENT AND LOYAL FRIENDS SO THAT IN THIS HOUR

OF TRIUMPH I WISH YOU TO KNOW HOW DEEP IS OUR SENSE OF GRATITUDE TO YOU

FOR YOUR UNFAILING SUPPORT THROUGH THE YEARS. WARMEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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To HON. ALBEN W. BARKLEY

DEC. 1, 1947 19

Care of or Apt. No. U. S. SENATE

Street and No. WASHINGTON D.C.

Place

AS OUR PEOPLE REJOICES OVER THE FAVORABLE DECISION ON PALESTINE TAKEN BY THE UNITED
NATIONS I WISH YOU TO KNOW HOW VERY GRATEFUL WE ARE TO YOU FOR YOUR UNFAILING SUPPORT
OF OUR CAUSE THROUGH THE YEARS I HAVE TURNED TO YOU TIME AND AGAIN WHEN WE NEEDED
YOUR COUNSEL AND HELP AND YOU HAVE READILY GIVEN THEM. WE ARE VERY GRATEFULLY

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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To Hon. Robert F. Wagner

Care of or Apt. No. U. S. Senate

Street and No. Washington, D.C.

Place

I AM SURE YOU MUST REJOICE WITH US AT THE TRIUMPH OF THE PALESTINE CAUSE IN THE UNITED NATIONS. I KNOW HOW MAGNIFICENTLY YOU CHAMPIONED OUR CAUSE THROUGH THE YEARS AND IN THIS HOUR OF JOYOUS CONSUMMATION I WISH YOU TO KNOW THAT OUR PEOPLE IS PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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To The Hon. Thomas E. Dewey

Care of or Apt. No. Governor, State of New York

Street and No. Albany, N.Y.

Place

THE DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON PALESTINE WHICH RE-ESTABLISHES THE JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE AND THUS REALIZES THE HISTORIC HOPE OF OUR PEOPLE HAS FILLED US WITH GREAT JOY WHICH I WOULD SHARE WITH YOU BECAUSE OF THE GREAT AND UNFAILING SUPPORT WHICH YOU GAVE TO US IN OUR STRUGGLE. WE SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION WHICH YOU MADE TO THE GLORIOUS TRIUMPH OF OUR CAUSE. I SEND YOU MY WARMEST PERSONAL GREETINGS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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To SUMNER WELLES

Care of or Apt. No. OXON HILL MANOR

Street and No. OXON HILL, MD.

Place

YOU HAVE BEEN SUCH A STRONG AND INSPIRING HELP TO US THROUGH THE YEARS OF OUR
STRUGGLE THAT I SHOULD LIKE TO SHARE ~~YOUR~~ WITH YOU OUR DEEP SATISFACTION AT THE
DECISION ON PALESTINE TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO TELL YOU HOW PROFOUNDLY
GRATEFUL OUR PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IS TO YOU. WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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To HON. JOHN W. MCCORMACK

Care of or Apt. No. U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Street and No. WASHINGTON, D.C.

Place

YOU NEVER FAILED US WHEN WE NEEDED YOUR SUPPORT SO THAT IN THIS HOUR OF DEEP
SATISFACTION OVER THE DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS I SEND YOU MY PROFOUND THANKS
FOR YOUR UNFAILING SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE LONG STRUGGLE. WARMEST PERSONAL
REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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To Hon. Howard J. McGrath

Care of or Apt. No. U. S. Senate

Street and No. Washington, D.C.

Place _____

I AM PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE LOYAL AND SIGNIFICANT HELP WHICH YOU

GAVE TO OUR CAUSE AND WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE GRATIFYING DECISION MADE BY THE

UNITED NATIONS. OUR PEOPLE IS PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 1, 1947 19

To HON. JOSEPH W. MARTIN

Care of or Apt. No. U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Street and No. WASHINGTON, D.C.

Place

I AM EAGER TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR PROFOUND SATISFACTION WITH THE DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON PALESTINE. YOU HAVE ONE OF OUR STAUNCHEST SUPPORTERS THROUGH THE YEARS AND WHEN THE STRUGGLE WAS MOST DIFFICULT WE TURNED TO YOU FOR COUNSEL AND SUPPORT WHICH YOU READILY GAVE. I WISH YOU TO KNOW HOW PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL WE ARE. WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 2, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness
in sending me the telegram. I appreciate it.

I am delighted to see our objectives
materialize.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JWM:HEM

(Signed) Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 2, 1947

Dear Doctor Silver:

I am deeply touched by the contents of the telegram you sent me, which I appreciate and which I shall always treasure. Like yourself and countless of others, I am thrilled with the final vote in the General Assembly. We must proceed with the further work to come that will make "a free and independent Jewish Commonwealth" an actuality.

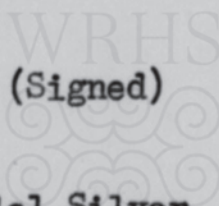
With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

John W. McCormack

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio



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UNITED STATES SENATE
Washington, D.C.

December 2, 1947

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You should have a feeling of profound satisfaction when you contemplate the results which have flowed from your leadership. To be sure, you did not achieve everything that you wanted, but then nothing in life is ever perfect and the accomplishments which you have made are so historic and are of such enormous significance that you must feel both joyful and prayerful when you contemplate them.

You had to overcome so many difficulties and the cause had been retarded by so many factors that I wonder sometimes that you did not get discouraged. I watched what you were doing with growing admiration -- both at the persistence which animated you and at the moderation, good judgment and good taste with which you advanced the ideal for which you were fighting.

There are a few occasions in history where the presence of a certain individual makes all the difference. I feel that you are one of these individuals and I extend to you my hearty congratulations.

With high esteem,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. C. Lodge, Jr.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

80TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 409

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 1947

Mr. SOMERS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Congress of the United States (in Public Resolution 73, Sixty-seventh Congress, second session, and S. Con. Res. 44, Seventy-ninth Congress) has favored assistance for the rebuilding of Palestine under the terms of the League of Nations Mandate; and

Whereas the United Nations have formally adopted a resolution which recognizes the rights of the Hebrew people to sovereignty in Palestine and have called upon the British Government to evacuate a seaport in an appropriate area of Palestine not later than February 1, 1948, in order to facilitate the free entry of Hebrews into Palestine; and

Whereas some two hundred and fifty thousand Hebrews now find themselves in the allied zones of occupation in Germany, Austria, and Italy living under deplorable conditions, and considerations of humanity and justice dictate that these

survivors of Nazi brutality, who lost six million of their kin, should be assisted to resume a new and dignified life; and

Whereas immediately after VE-day the United States Army repatriated seven million European displaced persons to their countries of origin; and

Whereas the United Nations decision on Palestine now makes it possible to repatriate all the Hebrew displaced persons to that country; and

Whereas the President of the United States, on October 4, 1946, publicly announced that preparations for this movement have already been made by the United States Government and that the Government is ready to lend its immediate assistance for the purpose of transporting displaced persons to Palestine; and

Whereas the speedy evacuation from Europe of the Hebrew displaced persons would have a beneficial effect on the stabilization of Europe which the United States now seeks to achieve; and

Whereas the maintaining of these displaced persons in the camps constitutes continuing expenses to the occupation authorities, which expenses are greater than the single cost of their repatriation to Palestine: Now therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Repre-
- 2 sentatives that the President (1) should direct the appro-
- 3 priate agencies of the Government to take action to remove
- 4 from the American zones of occupation in Europe all Hebrew
- 5 displaced persons and to assist in their repatriation by trans-

1 porting them to Palestine prior to October 1, 1948, in order
2 that camps and settlements for Hebrew displaced persons
3 in the American zones of occupation may be closed by such
4 dates; (2) should direct the proper authorities in the Amer-
5 ican zones of occupation to undertake immediately the pro-
6 gram of repatriation of such Hebrew displaced persons in
7 order to reduce the heavy financial burden on the United
8 States occasioned by the maintenance of such camps; and
9 (3) should authorize the employment of such facilities of
10 the United States (including vessels and land transport
11 facilities) as may be necessary to accomplish such repatri-
12 ation as expeditiously as possible.



80TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 409

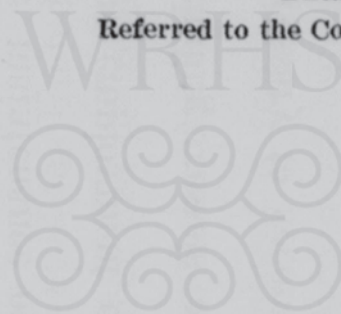
RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the House that the United States should repatriate Hebrew displaced persons in the American zones of occupation by providing for their transportation to Palestine.

By Mr. SOMERS

DECEMBER 18, 1947

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs



80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 149

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 1948

Mr. BUCKLEY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly has decreed a partition plan of Palestine; and

Whereas the Government of the United States has actively expressed its support for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, and for the passage of the United Nation's partition plan of Palestine; and

Whereas a state of emergency now exists in Palestine where an Arab uprising has been organized and directed against the Jewish people; and

Whereas various Arab governments, in disregard of the United Nations Charter and in violation of international law, are sending arms and men to invade Palestine; and

Whereas thousands of innocent people have been injured and killed, many in the defense of their lives against ruthless

attacks, in an effort to exterminate them before the partitioning plan is successfully effected; and

Whereas the success of the Palestine partitioning plan is endangered with its resultant effect upon the United Nations Organization and its larger effect upon world peace; and

Whereas the recent embargo on the shipment of arms to Palestine is working a severe hardship upon the Jewish people in Palestine and frustrating the United Nations decision; and

Whereas it is necessary, proper, and just that innocent people, attempting to sustain the decision of the United Nations, be permitted to arm and defend themselves against those who wish to destroy the rightful determination of the United Nations Organization: Therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That we respectfully call upon the President of*
- 3 the United States to issue an Executive order modifying
- 4 the United States embargo on arms and ammunition to the
- 5 Middle East, permitting the acquisition by the Hebrew people
- 6 of Palestine of the arms necessary for defense against ag-
- 7 gression and to preserve the determination of the United
- 8 Nations General Assembly, which decreed the partitioning
- 9 of Palestine.

80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 149

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling upon the President to modify the
United States embargo on arms and ammu-
nition to the Middle East, and for other
purposes.

By Mr. BUCKLEY

FEBRUARY 12, 1948

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs



80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. J. RES. 343

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 1948

Mr. ISACSON introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

To implement the United Nations Palestine partition decision, to lift the arms embargo against Palestine, and to build world peace.

Whereas the United Nations, with the concurrence of the United States and fully taking into account human and national rights and the need for peace and justice, decided in its General Assembly upon the partition of Palestine and set up a Commission to work out the details embodying this decision; and

Whereas the carrying out of this decision with a minimum of political, economic, and military disorder demands the wholehearted support of this decision by the members of the United Nations and particularly by the United States and the mandatory power, Great Britain; and

Whereas the mandatory power, Great Britain, has engaged in

sabotage and noncooperation of the partition decision in the worst traditions of power politics and oil imperialism; and

Whereas the Government of the United States, in the interest of a small group concerned with American oil imperialism and oil cartels, has betrayed the Jewish people, the American tradition of justice and humanitarianism, and above all, the United Nations, and peace itself; and

Whereas the sabotage and noncooperation by the mandatory power Great Britain, the sale of arms by Great Britain to hostile Arab states surrounding Palestine, the denial by the United States of the means of self-protection to Jewish Palestine through a presidential arms embargo, and the equivocation of the United States representatives to the Security Council have encouraged violence by irresponsible elements in Palestine, have threatened the peace, have thwarted the United Nations partition decision, have jeopardized the United Nations itself; and

Whereas the announcement of full and whole-hearted support by the United States of the United Nations partition decision, including the establishment of a United Nations police force, and action by the President of the United States to revoke the embargo on shipments of arms to Jewish Palestine, will demonstrate that human rights and the moral and material force of the United Nations for peace are paramount over the interests of oil imperialism and will bring an end to irresponsible military actions in Palestine, which threaten world peace: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That it is the sense of Congress—

- 1 (1) the Government of the United States shall give
2 wholehearted support to the partition decision, and the rep-
3 resentatives of the United States in the Security Council
4 shall immediately propose and support all measures designed
5 to implement this decision speedily and effectively, including
6 the establishment of an international United Nations police
7 force and the arming of local militia in Jewish Palestine for
8 self-protection;
- 9 (2) the President of the United States shall amend the
10 Executive order declaring an embargo on arms shipments to
11 the near eastern countries so as to permit shipments of arms
12 for the self-protection of Jewish Palestine; and
- 13 (3) the Government of the United States shall call upon
14 Great Britain, which is currently the beneficiary of great
15 economic and military aid from the United States, to end its
16 noncooperation with and sabotage of the Palestine partition
17 decision.

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H. J. RES. 343

JOINT RESOLUTION

To implement the United Nations Palestine partition decision, to lift the arms embargo against Palestine, and to build world peace.

By Mr. ISACSON

MARCH 5, 1948

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs



80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5785

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 1948

Mr. SOMERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Nationality Act of 1940 to preserve the citizenship status of citizens of the United States serving as members of certain armed forces, groups, or organizations established to maintain peace in Palestine.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That section 323 of the Nationality Act of 1940, as amended
4 (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 8, sec. 723), is hereby further
5 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
6 paragraph:

7 "No person who, while a citizen of the United States,
8 becomes a member of any armed force made available to the
9 Security Council of the United Nations by member nations

1 of the United Nations or of any other armed force, group,
2 or organization an objective of which is to carry out the
3 recommendations of the General Assembly of the United
4 Nations on November 29, 1947, with respect to the partition
5 of and maintenance of peace in Palestine, shall lose his status
6 as a citizen of the United States by reason of any oath or
7 obligation taken by him for the purpose of becoming a mem-
8 ber of, or by reason of entering or serving in, any such armed
9 force, group, or organization."



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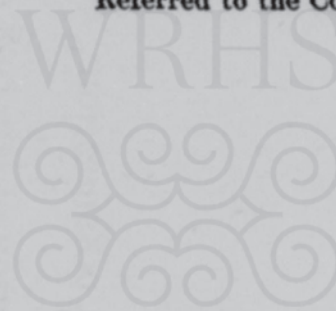
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MARCH 9, 1948

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary



80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. J. RES. 357

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 1948

Mr. JAVITS introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the exportation of arms, munitions, and implements of war from the United States to Palestine.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law,
- 4 licenses for the export of arms, ammunition, and implements
- 5 of war to Palestine shall be issued by the Secretary of State,
- 6 or other authorized Government agency, to the Jewish State
- 7 in Palestine, when formed, or to the Jewish agency for
- 8 Palestine for defense purposes, or if practicable, to the United
- 9 Nations Palestine Commission or to the Provisional Councils
- 10 of Government in Palestine, which may be selected in ac-
- 11 cordance with the resolution of the General Assembly of the

1 United Nations of November 29, 1947, relating to the
2 future government of Palestine.

3 SEC. 2. Rules and regulations promulgated by the Pres-
4 ident or the Secretary of State under the Neutrality Act of
5 1939, of November 4, 1939 (54 Stat. 4), as heretofore
6 amended, shall apply to licenses granted hereunder: *Pro-*
7 *vided*, That no such rule or regulation shall be promulgated
8 or shall be applicable which contravenes section 1 hereof.
9 Arms, munitions, and implements of war referred to in this
10 Act are those enumerated in the President's Proclamation
11 Numbered 2549 of April 9, 1942 (56 Stat. 48).

12 SEC. 3. If, at the end of thirty days after the filing of
13 an application for a license hereunder, the same shall not
14 have been granted or denied by final action of the agency
15 authorized to issue such license, the applicant shall have all
16 the remedies provided for by section 10, of the Administra-
17 tive Procedures Act of June 11, 1946 (60 Stat. 243), as
18 if the agency had by final action denied such application.

19 SEC. 4. The authority granted by this joint resolution
20 shall expire one year from the date of its enactment unless
21 sooner terminated by concurrent resolution of the two Houses
22 of the Congress.

23 SEC. 5. If any of the provisions of this joint resolution,
24 or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is

- 1 held invalid, the remainder of the joint resolution, and the
- 2 application of such provision to other persons or circum-
- 3 stances, shall not be affected thereby.

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By Mr. JAVITS

MARCH 22, 1948

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs



80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. J. RES. 360

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 1948

Mrs. DOUGLAS introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the exportation of arms, munitions, and implements of war from the United States to Palestine.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law,
- 4 licenses for the export of arms, ammunition, and implements
- 5 of war to Palestine shall be issued by the Secretary of State,
- 6 or other authorized Government agency, to the Jewish State
- 7 in Palestine, when formed, or to the Jewish Agency for
- 8 Palestine, for defense purposes, or if practicable to the United
- 9 Nations Palestine Commission or to the provisional councils
- 10 of government in Palestine, which may be selected in accord-
- 11 ance with the resolution of the General Assembly of the

1 United Nations of November 29, 1947, relating to the future
2 government of Palestine.

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17 trative Procedures Act of June 11, 1946 (60 Stat. 243),
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21 sooner terminated by concurrent resolution of the two
22 Houses of the Congress.

23 SEC. 5. If any of the provisions of this joint resolution,
24 or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is

- 1 held invalid, the remainder of the joint resolution, and the
- 2 application of such provision to other persons or circum-
- 3 stances, shall not be affected thereby.

OF SECTION H. J. RES. 360

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the payment of the interest on the public debt of the United States

IN SENATE

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Report of the Committee on Finance



80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. J. RES. 360

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the exportation of arms, munitions, and implements of war from the United States to Palestine.

By Mrs. DOUGLAS

MARCH 23, 1948

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs



80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 533

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 1948

Mr. ISACSON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Whereas it has been the intent and purpose of the democratic nations of the world since the enunciation of the Balfour Declaration in 1917 to guarantee the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine; and

Whereas it has been the high resolve of the United States as set forth in a congressional resolution of 1922 and often reaffirmed since that a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth be set up in Palestine; and

Whereas a mandate was given to Great Britain, following the freeing of Palestine from Turkish domination, for the purpose of establishing a Jewish national homeland in Palestine; and

Whereas every President of the United States since Woodrow Wilson has affirmed the belief of the United States in the age-old hope of the Jews for a homeland in Palestine; and

Whereas the British mandate over Palestine is now coming to

an end after twenty-five years, during which the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine has not been accomplished; and

Whereas the United Nations, at the urging and with the support of the United States, has agreed upon the establishment of an independent Jewish state in Palestine by partition; and

Whereas the United States, having advanced and supported this plan for partition, has now reversed its stand and seeks to influence the United Nations to alter its partition decision; and

Whereas this about face of the United States seriously jeopardizes the fulfillment of the historic commitment of the whole democratic world for a Jewish homeland in Palestine and furthermore imperils the Jewish people of Palestine by denying them arms to defend themselves against aggression; and

Whereas in the absence of certain guarantees by our Nation and the United Nations the Jewish people of Palestine, through their agency, the Zionist General Council, have now announced their intention to proclaim an independent Jewish state in Palestine on May 16; and

Whereas the United States has historically defended the freedom and independence of small nations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of Congress—

2 (1) that the Government of the United States shall
3 give immediate recognition to the independent Jewish
4 state in Palestine when this state shall be proclaimed;

5 and

1 (2) that the United States shall assure to the Jewish
2 state when it shall be proclaimed all such aid and
3 assistance as may be needed and sought for the guarantee
4 of its security.

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RESOLUTION



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H. RES. 533

RESOLUTION

To recognize an independent Jewish state in
Palestine and guarantee its security against
attack.

By Mr. ISACSON

APRIL 14, 1948

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs



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2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 187

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 1948

Mr. SOMERS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the United States, in common with other civilized nations of the world, has given solemn recognition to the historical connection of the Hebrew people with Palestine and the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country; and

Whereas the United States, for the purpose of restoring the Hebrew people to a sovereign national existence in their ancient homeland, voluntarily waived all territorial and extraterritorial rights in and to Palestine held prior to or acquired as a result of its triumphal participation in the struggle against the forces of evil and despotism in the First World War; and

Whereas the Hebrew people valiantly fought side by side with the other United Nations against the common foes in the Second World War, at enormous sacrifice of life and blood

and substance, and in so doing earned the right to be counted among the nations who strive for human liberty and democracy; and

Whereas the Hebrew people have consistently demonstrated their unswerving devotion to the principles of democracy and humanity, as well as their ability and willingness to serve as a bastion and an arsenal of democracy against the forces which threaten those principles: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress of the
3 United States that the executive branch of the Government
4 of the United States should perform the following acts:

5 1. Forthwith extend formal *de jure* recognition to the
6 sovereign Hebrew Republic of Palestine, which was con-
7 ceived in justice and born in moral triumph, and destined
8 to thrive in the principle of full democracy and equality for
9 all its citizens, whether in Palestine or not yet repatriated
10 to Palestine.

11 2. Immediately accredit appropriate diplomatic, con-
12 sular, commercial, military, and other representatives to the
13 Hebrew Republic of Palestine and invite the Hebrew Re-
14 public of Palestine to accredit its representatives to the
15 United States.

16 3. Propose forthwith the Hebrew Republic of Palestine

1 for membership in the United Nations and use its best en-
2 deavors to secure its immediate admission.

3 4. Make immediately available to the Hebrew Republic
4 of Palestine all necessary equipment, matériel, credits, and
5 other facilities required for its defense against aggression
6 and for its fullest development as a modern democracy so
7 that it may be a credit to its benefactor and a tribute to its
8 principles.

9 5. Place at the disposal of the Hebrew Republic of
10 Palestine sufficient land and sea transport to repatriate to
11 Palestine in the shortest possible time all the Hebrew dis-
12 placed persons in Europe and elsewhere desiring to go there;
13 and instruct military and civil personnel of the United States
14 in such areas to render all possible assistance in the speedy
15 accomplishment of this repatriation.

16 6. Take all possible measures, including economic sanc-
17 tions and measures provided in the Charter of the United
18 Nations, to deter continued or new external aggressions
19 against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Hebrew
20 Republic of Palestine, as well as overt or clandestine incite-
21 ment or support of insurrection within the territory of Pales-
22 tine by external powers.

80TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 187

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the executive branch of the United States Government recognize the Hebrew Republic of Palestine and extend certain aid thereto.

By Mr. SOMERS

APRIL 22, 1948

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

