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June 1944

*Human*  
Shulman's Draft

Submitted to *Sen. Taft*  
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In this most tragic hour for the Jewish people of Europe, of whom millions of innocent men, women and children have been brutally massacred by the Nazis, we favor the taking of immediate and effective measures to rescue those who still survive, and in accordance with the traditional American policy we call for the opening of the doors of Palestine to the free entry of Jews into that country and for the granting to them of full opportunity for colonization and settlement so that Palestine may be re-constituted as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth, in which all its inhabitants shall enjoy religious, cultural and civic equality, and in which the holy places, a heritage sacred to mankind, will be fully safeguarded.



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REVISED DRAFT BY SENATOR ROBERT A. TAFT  
June 25, 1944

- given to Sells

PALESTINE

In order to give refuge to millions of distressed men, women and children driven from their homes by tyranny, we call for the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and land ownership and the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, all in accord with the full intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the resolution of Congress adopted in 1922. We call on the President to insist that the mandatory of Palestine carry out the provisions of the Balfour Declaration contained in its Mandate.

C Mrs. Hanks's Substitute,  
GOP, Convention, June 25, 1944  
Resolutions Committee.

In order to give refuge to millions of Jewish people driven from their homes by tyranny, we call for the opening of the doors of Palestine to the entry of Jews into that country and for the granting to them of opportunity for colonization and settlement.



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June 26, 1944

Hon. Robert A. Taft  
Stevens Hotel  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Senator Taft:

I am enclosing herewith the revised draft which I think meets the objections which have been raised, and at the same time does not do harm to the chances of the resolutions still pending in Congress. I am following closely the draft which you gave to Mr. Sack last night.

I am still of the opinion that the original draft which I sent you some time ago is the one which most adequately meets the situation and will arouse the greatest satisfaction among our people. However, use your own good judgment as to which of the two should be adopted.

I am profoundly grateful to you for your continued and loyal interest in this great cause.

Most cordially yours,

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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*revised*  
My draft to Taft's draft  
submitted Monday morning  
June 26

In order to give refuge to millions of distressed <sup>J</sup>men, women and children driven from their homes by tyranny, we call for the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and land ownership, so that the Jewish people may, in accordance with the full intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the resolution of Congress adopted in 1922, reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic commonwealth. ( We call on the President to insist that the mandatory of Palestine carry out the provisions of the Balfour Declaration and of the Mandate. )



## H. RES. 418-419

Submitted in the House of Representatives on January 27, 1944 by Representative JAMES A. WRIGHT (Democrat, Pennsylvania) and Representative RANULF COMPTON (Republican, Connecticut).

## S. RES. 247

Submitted in the Senate on February 1, 1944 by Senator ROBERT F. WAGNER (Democrat, New York) and Senator ROBERT A. TAFT (Republican, Ohio).

# RESOLUTION

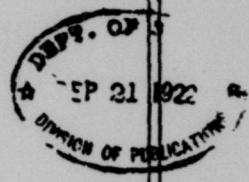
Whereas the Sixty-seventh Congress of the United States on June 30, 1922, unanimously resolved "that the United States of America favors the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of Christian and all other non-Jewish communities in Palestine, and that the holy places and religious buildings and sites in Palestine shall be adequately protected"; and

Whereas the ruthless persecution of the Jewish people in Europe has clearly demonstrated the need for a Jewish homeland as a haven for the large numbers who have become homeless as a result of this persecution: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the United States shall use its good officers and take appropriate measures to the end that the doors of Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth.

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AMERICANS OF ALL FAITHS HAVE JOINED IN URGING THAT THE UNITED STATES REAFFIRM ITS TRADITIONAL POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME IN PALESTINE. THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT CONGRESS WILL PASS THE PENDING PALESTINE RESOLUTIONS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.



**Sixty-seventh Congress of the United States of America;**

**At the Second Session,**

Began and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the fifth day of December,  
one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

Favoring the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish  
people.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States  
of America in Congress assembled, That the United States of America favors  
the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, it  
being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the  
civil and religious rights of Christian and all other non-Jewish communities  
in Palestine, and that the holy places and religious buildings and sites in  
Palestine shall be adequately protected.*

*W. H. Clegg*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Albert A. Cummins*

*Vice President of the United States and*

*President of the Senate Pro Tempore*

*Approved*

*Sept 21, 1922,*

*Wm. H. Clegg*



my draft

[undated]

The Republican Party has been traditionall y in sympathy with the aspirations of the Jewish people to rebuild its national home in Palestine. The resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Congress of the United States on June 30, 1922, favoring the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people was sponsored by Republican leaders in the House and in the Senate.

( It was under a Republican administration that a convention between the United States and Great Britain was signed in 1925 by the terms of which the United States consented to the British Mandate over Palestine and specified that no modifications shall be made in the terms of the Mandate unless such modification shall have been assented to by the United States. )

The terrible persecutions to which the the Jews of Europe have been subjected in recent years have only served to reinforce the need for such a homeland. We favor the opening of the doors of Palestine for free entry of Jews into that country so that the Jewish people may <sup>upon becoming a majority</sup> ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

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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 acquisition, so that the underlying purposes of the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the resolution of the Republican Congress adopted in 1922 may be fully carried out and the Jewish people be given every facility to develop and establish Palestine into a self-governing country, free and democratic. We condemn the failure of the President to insist that the mandatory of Palestine carry out the provisions of the Balfour Declaration and of the Mandate while he pretends to support them.