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PUBLIC MEETING—MANHATTAN CENTER
34TH STREET AND 8TH AVENUE

Time: Tuesday evening, September 17, 8 P.M.

Under the sponsorship of
MANHATTAN CHAPTER 1—METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL
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A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The land of Palestine was given in Mandate to the British nation by the League of Nations solely for the purpose of aiding the establishment in that land of a Jewish national home;

AND WHEREAS: The Government of the United States through its several presidents since the giving of the mandate, and through joint and separate resolutions of both Houses of the Congress of the United States has repeatedly made known its support of the formation of such a national home;

AND WHEREAS: The major political parties of this nation repeatedly adopted resolutions supporting the formation of such a national home;

AND WHEREAS: The people of the United States have spoken out in favor of such a national home through the resolutions passed by such people in hundreds of conventions of hundreds of organizations to which they belong;

AND WHEREAS: President Truman having thus before him such clear expression of the wishes of the American people has promised to act jointly with Clement Attlee, Prime Minister of

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Great Britain to carry out in so far as is now feasible, the wishes of the American people;

AND WHEREAS: Such action on the part of the President brought about the Joint Anglo-American Board of Inquiry which was charged with the duty of determining the present feasible extent of immigration into Palestine;

AND WHEREAS: Both leaders of these two great peoples pledged their support to the findings of such Joint Inquiry Board in accordance with the wishes of the people who elected them to office;

AND WHEREAS: It was unanimously found by the Joint Board of Inquiry that the minimum aid which can be feasibly given to the Jewish people now, would be to permit the immigration into Palestine of 100,000 homeless, distressed, European Jews;

AND WHEREAS: This report, despite the pledges of support given it, has not only been ignored, but has forcibly been contraverted by the actions of the British Government;

AND WHEREAS: The President of the United States has shrugged off all responsibility for keeping his pledged word, and that of the American people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we demand of the President of the United States that he give notice to the world that this is a nation of honor, that he is a man of honor, and that his word, and the word of the American people shall be kept; and that 100,000 European Jews shall be admitted to Palestine forthwith, excuses, delays, and considerations of power politics from any source whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

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WHEREAS: The end of the war at long last set thousands of Jews free from Hitler's concentration camps;

AND WHEREAS: These people, after the long years of scientifically planned torture, emerged to find themselves bereft of all they had known and loved;

AND WHEREAS: This decimated people emerged to find further that the prejudices and hate which had caused their internment and torture had not died with Hitler's death, but had on the contrary even increased because of the hate propaganda of the Hitler state;

AND WHEREAS: Thus finding no succor throughout the face of Europe, and being without hope of finding succor, thousands of these people set out to find life in the only country which called for them and wanted them;

AND WHEREAS: There followed months of perilous journeying in which the wanderers were beset by hunger, and weariness, and the hostility of the police and the officials of many nations, and in which hundreds whose strength was not equal to the fearsome miles fell dead along the roadside;

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AND WHEREAS: These refugees came to the end of their journey only to find waiting for them once again the guns and clubs of the police of another nation, and to find themselves herded once again behind the barbed wire of another concentration camp on the Island of Cyprus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we demand of the President of the United States that he act now to set these prisoners free, and that he give warning to the world that the might of the United States shall stand forever between the hunted of the world, and the barbed wire camps of its politicians.

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WHEREAS: Seeking only to reach the land which offers their only hope of decent life, hundreds of Jews have crowded aboard leaky, ancient, ill-equipped vessels which were to take them from slavery to freedom;

AND WHEREAS: Such are the exigencies of the time that these vessels put to sea fearsomely overcrowded and underprovisioned;

AND WHEREAS: Those aboard the ships are in danger of losing their lives every moment the ships are at sea;

AND WHEREAS: Those aboard the vessels have further risked their health and safety in the unsanitary overcrowding aboard the vessels solely for the purpose of reaching refuge in Palestine;

BUT WHEREAS: Having reaching the land of refuge these people have found themselves forcibly detained aboard the ships, with every moment of such internment further increasing the menace to health and life;

AND WHEREAS: These people have endured enough suffering and hardship, and have earned to the fullest the refuge and opportunity of rehabilitation to which they have come; have, in short, earned better of the civilization for which they have suffered so much than

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to be kept in enslavement in the meanest of circumstances which can obtain;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we demand that the President of the United States act now to have removed from the intolerable conditions on the ships the people aboard them, and that he further use his offices to make known to the world that this nation will no longer tolerate such debasement of a people who have given support and aid to Allied arms in time of emergency.

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