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THE EMPORIA GAZETTE  
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Dear Billie:-

I have your letter and the brochure of Mr. Chaim Weizmann, reprinted from Foreign Affairs. I saw it there originally. The problem that he presents, "Palestine's Role in the Solution of the Jewish Problem," is most terribly important. It is the hinge upon which much of our guarantees of a permanent peace of justice will swing. So long as justice is denied to any one group or nation, the very force which is required to clamp down that injustice will endanger every other group or nation and will practically prohibit international peace.

I shall read again the Weizmann article and thank you for sending it.

With warm regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

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October 5, 1942

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TO: Dr. S. S. Wise

From: Mr. Emanuel Neumann

Subject: American Representatives in the Near EastAHS File  
re: U.S. policy

In an earlier memorandum I called attention to the report that Mr. Wadsworth was to go to Beirut as Consul-General. I notice that he has already left and that in connection with Wadsworth's departure, Welles has made a statement about the importance of the Near East. While it is obviously too late to do anything about Wadsworth's appointment, it does seem that the situation calls for further consideration. I consider Wadsworth's appointment as a serious blow, since there is no doubt whatever that he will use his position or abuse his position and influence to fight Zionism. His long experience in the Near East may give him a predominant position among American diplomatic representatives in the Arab countries neighboring on Palestine. Pinkerton at Jerusalem has not been bad so far as I know, but Wadsworth will probably influence him against us.

Considering the growing interest which our Government is taking in the Near East, we can hardly afford to let things take their course. I have been revolving this problem in my mind for several days past and have been able to think only of one idea which is rather bold and may be beyond our reach.

My idea, briefly, is this. Since America is getting more and more deeply involved in the Near East, has various missions there and is also trying to influence the political situation, it would be desirable to have a special representative of the U.S. Government to coordinate American activities there. In short, a man who would occupy a position analagous to that which Littleton held and which Casey now holds. We should then discuss our situation frankly with Hull and Welles from the point of view of the great stake which we have in that region, so that the appointment would be one which would be satisfactory from our point of view. I could think of one person as special envoy to the Near East who would be excellent from our standpoint, one who served in the State Department and now holds an ambassadorial position.

It may require a great deal of effort through various channels to accomplish what I have outlined but it would be worth that effort. It is unthinkable that while America is growing stronger in the Near East, it should be represented diplomatically by people who are so openly and avowedly hostile to our cause. I would suggest an early discussion of the matter.



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The despatch of Wadsworth to Beirut as American Consul there and as political officer in the Near East is part of a much larger trend on the part of the American Government to interest itself in the situation in that area. The underlying thesis is that as Britain's grasp weakens, America will be called upon to take a more effective part in the affairs of what were formerly parts of the British Empire. It is believed that the antagonism to Britain on the part of the Arabs does not exist so far as this country is concerned, and that this should facilitate the entry of America into the Near East political scene. The promotion of the Pan-Arab idea under American influence is receiving a good deal of attention.

The people primarily concerned are not the Near East Department of Foreign Office so much as the OWI, in whose office - in this connection - Robert (?) Sherwood, the writer, occupies a key position. I understand that James Warburg also holds an important post in that office but do not know how far he is informed on these matters. In the State Department, Thornburg is also an influential factor, and it has been suggested to me that he comes into the picture because of American oil-interests in that part of the world.

The report that America might be sending a delegation to the Near East is well founded. In the meantime however, one Hoskens, formerly associated with missionary interests, is being sent out to the Near East on a mission by the OWI, very well provided with funds.

The British are apparently far from happy about these developments and something of an underground clash is developing. It would seem desirable and urgent that more information be obtained on the whole matter.



## MEMORANDUM

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Date October 12, 1942.

To Judge Levinthal

From Mr. E. Neumann

Subject

The enclosed information comes from a reliable source and taken in connection with information we have had previously, is really alarming. I believe that you, Wise, Szold, Nahum Goldman and perhaps Boukstein should get together at the earliest possible moment, decide on a course of action and place responsibility definitely on some one person so he may go ahead and deal with this whole situation.

We had no meeting of the Office Committee last week and are apparently not having any this week which is no calamity provided that matters of great importance and urgency are not lost sight of but dealt with.