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American Palestine Committee, advertisement, 1943.

THE GATES OF PALESTINE MUST NOT CLOSE IN 1944

The Chamberlain White Paper of 1939, which climaxed the era of appeasement, would bar all new Jewish immigration into Palestine after March 31, 1944. It has been condemned by Winston Churchill and was denied sanction by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations.

The White Paper policy is in effect at a time when the uprooted Jews of Europe are in desperate need of refuge. The American Palestine Committee calls upon all Americans to demand the immediate abandonment of this policy.

STATEMENT OF AIMS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE AMERICAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

THE AMERICAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE, inaugurated April 30th, 1941, is the vehicle for the expression of the sympathy and good will of Christian America for the movement to reestablish the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

On September 27th, 1922, this sentiment of sympathy and good will received official expression from the Government of the United States when President Warren G. Harding affixed his signature to a joint resolution adopted unanimously by the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States and reading as follows:

"THAT the United States of America favors the establishment in Palestine of the National Home for the Jewish people, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of non-Jewish communities in Palestine, and that the holy places and religious buildings and sites in Palestine shall be adequately protected."

The policy expressed in this resolution has also received the public endorsement of all the Presidents of the United States since 1917: Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

THE fulfillment of the millennial hope for the reunion of the Jewish people with the land of its ancient inheritance, a hope that accords with the spirit of Biblical prophecy, has always commanded the sympathy of the liberal Christian world. Today, by reason of the appalling persecutions of which millions of Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe are the victims—persecutions that avowedly aim at the total extermination of the Jews of that continent—the fulfillment of this hope is an urgent and tragic necessity.

In the past twenty years, moreover, Palestine has demonstrated its capacity to absorb large numbers of immigrants. In 1920 the Jews in Palestine numbered 83,000; today they number nearly 600,000. Since 1933 Palestine has given refuge to more than 300,000 victims of persecution, more than have found haven in all the rest of the world. That Palestine could accommodate millions of additional inhabitants is attested by competent expert evidence.

The record of Jewish heroism and achievement in the Holy Land has been among the most inspiring works of free and liberty loving people in the Old World in the last two decades. Cities, villages and farmsteads have sprung up over sand dunes, marshes and rocky wastes. Agriculture, industry and commerce have been modernized and extended. These achievements, moreover, have brought benefits to the Arabs as well, raising their standards of health, education and living in Palestine and introducing the leaven of progress and democracy throughout the Near East. The foundations for a sound and liberal Commonwealth have been laid in Palestine, and a people for whom no sacrifice has been too great in the furtherance of the task, is pleading for the opportunity to build further upon them.

In the present world emergency the Jewish Community of Palestine, by its valiant contributions in manpower, industry and science, has become a tower of strength to the cause of the United Nations in the Near East.

In truth and in fact, the Jewish National Home in Palestine has been a world-sanctioned experiment in democracy. It must be protected and cherished today as an outpost of freedom and social justice. Its continued upbuilding must be a vital part of a just world order when the present conflict is over.

THE aim of the AMERICAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE is to give every possible encouragement and moral support to this statesmanlike and humanitarian cause. The COMMITTEE will disseminate correct information to the American public on the progress of the Jewish National Home, and will second, with its collective and individual influence, all proper measures that may be taken for its furtherance.

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