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Interview with Judge Samuel Rosenman - Washington, D. C.  
October 6, 1943

Present: Judge Rosenman, Dr. Wise, Dr. Goldmann

Judge Rosenman said he had seen the President that morning. The President was disturbed by the advertisement in the Washington Post that morning inserted by the Emergency Committee for the Rescue of European Jews. Judge Rosenman thought that these ads were doing a great deal of harm and the time had come for the responsible Jewish groups to come out with a statement, if necessary through an advertisement, making it clear that they have no connection with the Jewish Army Committee group or its statements. Such a statement should be issued either on behalf of the Zionists or the American Jewish Conference and sent to Senators and Congressmen informing them that responsible Jewish groups are not behind the Army Committee or its statements.

Dr. Goldmann then discussed the question of meeting, informally, with representatives of the State Department and War Department to consider the question of Palestine. Judge Rosenman had suggested this to Dr. Wise at the time when the proposed "joint statement" was being contemplated. Dr. Goldmann asked whether the time had not come for such a meeting.

Judge Rosenman said he still believed such a meeting would be advisable, but it would be necessary to have Secretary Hull present. The matter would, therefore, have to await Mr. Hull's return from Russia, at which time Judge Rosenman would take it up with him.

Dr. Goldmann then raised the matter of the approaching dead-line of the White Paper. He said that Jewish public opinion was very much aroused about it and something had to be done so that when the date arrived Palestine would not be closed to Jewish immigration.

Judge Rosenman agreed, but did not think that public propaganda would "do the job." He thought it was necessary to bring the matter to the attention of the President, as everything must be done to prevent Palestine being closed to Jewish immigration. He thought it necessary to go through the State Department to bring the matter to the attention of the President; it could not be done independently of them, since the President would refer it back to the State Department, which would resent an independent approach. Judge Rosenman thought it should be discussed with Wallace Murray and Mr. Stettinius and, after the return of Mr. Hull, it should then be brought to the attention of the President.

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