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METHODIST CONFERENCE DEMANDS FULFILLMENT OF
JEWISH NATIONAL HOME PLEDGE

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New York -- A resolution calling on the United States to take "appropriate action" so that the "international commitments made to the Jews in connection with a homeland in Palestine may be fulfilled at the earliest possible time," was adopted unanimously by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church, representing more than a million members of the Methodist Church in New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware. This was announced today by Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, President of Boston University, who introduced the resolution.

The resolution demanded fulfillment of the pledge of a Jewish National Home "in the interest of justice, humanitarianism and future world peace," and condemned "all racial and religious bigotry and intolerance as undemocratic and un-Christian."

The text of the resolution follows:

"Resolved that we hold that all racial and religious bigotry and intolerance are undemocratic and un-Christian. Especially at this time of stress and strain do we deplore and denounce the discriminations and hatreds that have been the spearhead of the attacks on democracy and that lead inevitably to conflicts and wars. We condemn anti-Semitism, anti-Roman Catholicism and anti-Protestantism wherever they appear in the whole wide world. We express our sincere hope that appropriate action will be taken by our government to see that in the interest of justice, humanitarianism and future world peace, international commitments made to the Jews in connection with a homeland in Palestine may be fulfilled at the earliest possible time.

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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS URGES PASSAGE
OF PALESTINE RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR JEWISH COMMONWEALTH**

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New York -- The National Association of Women Lawyers has adopted a resolution urging passage by Congress of the pending Palestine resolutions which call on the United States to "use its good offices 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." This was announced today by Elizabeth F. Vilkomerson, who introduced the resolution on behalf of the International Relations Committee of the Association.

Daphne Robert, president of the Association, is a member of the Executive Council of the American Palestine Committee.

The text of the resolution follows:

"WHEREAS, the Balfour Declaration of November 2, 1917, guaranteeing the establishment of a Jewish National Homeland in Palestine was approved by 52 nations including the United States, and incorporated into the peace treaties terminating the first World War, and

"WHEREAS, this policy was concurred in by a Joint Resolution of Congress on June 30, 1922, and approved by the President on September 21, 1922, and implemented by the Anglo-American Treaty of December 3, 1924, and

"WHEREAS, the platforms of both the Republican and Democratic parties for the Presidential election of 1944 include declarations in favor of the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth,

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of Women Lawyers express its conviction that the integrity of the Balfour Declaration should be respected and that the United States should use its good offices for that purpose, and

(more)

"RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Association recommend to Congress its approval of H. Res. 418 and H. Res. 419 to the effect that the United States shall use its good offices 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 establish Palestine as a free Jewish Commonwealth.

"RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Robert F. Wagner, Chairman of the American Palestine Committee, and to the Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives."

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