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Bone, Senator Homer T., 1944.



MEMORANDUM

MINUTES OF INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR HOMER T.  
BONE OF WASHINGTON, RABBI LEON I. FEURR AND  
~~MR. LEO SACK.~~

We interviewed Senator Bone in his office at the Senate Office Building, on January 17th. Senator Bone spent the first part of the interview by pouring out his sense of bitterness and frustration at his failure to achieve success in championing liberal causes in America. He said that he knew very little about the subject of Palestine but what he did know interested him a great deal. He said that he is now and has always been a staunch friend of the idea of a Jewish Homeland, which he believes to be the only decent solution of the problem.

We sketched for him briefly the situation of the Jews in Europe and the important contribution which Palestine could play in the solution of that problem.

We discussed the matter of our difficulties with the British and the reasons for the attitude of the British Colonial Administration. He said that he understood perfectly and told us that for sometime he has been disgusted with the British, particularly with regard to India. He described the attitude of the British as a money-grabbing attitude. Taking our cue from this, we pointed out what the developments of Palestine had meant to the Arab fellahin and contrasted the living standards of the Arabs in Palestine with those in other Arab countries.

He was interested in the possibility of further soil reclamation in Palestine. We told him of some of the work that had been done and how great were the further possibilities. Knowing of his interest in the subject of water power -- he has been a life-long advocate of government ownership -- we told him of the plan for the use of the Jordan River for increased irrigation and power



purposes. He assured us of his friendliness and support.

Senator Bone is not a well man and it is doubtful whether or not he will remain in Washington for any length of time. If he does remain, it is fairly certain that he will support our resolution when it is introduced. We left with him the Lourie memorandum on the absorptive capacity of Palestine.

