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Lowdermilk, Dr. Walter Clay, 1944.



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The Institute for Advanced Study

Princeton, N. J.

Office of the President

May 23, 1944

Dear Billikopf:

Many thanks for your letter of May 19 and for your kindness in sending me Lowdermilk's book. The fact is that I have already read it and consider it the most impressive justification of Zionism I have ever seen. With your permission, I shall not return the book but shall place it in the Institute library as a gift from you, since there are several members of our faculty who are interested in the subject and I should like to make it available to them. I can easily see how Jewish work in Palestine pursued along the lines Lowdermilk recommends would be a blessing to the entire NearEast.

With kindest regards, I am

Affectionately yours,

(signed) Frank Aydelotte

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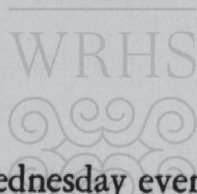
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## TESTIMONIAL DINNER

in honor of

DR. WALTER CLAY LOWDERMILK

Author of "PALESTINE, LAND OF PROMISE"



on Wednesday evening, May 24, 1944

at 7:00 o'clock

IN THE PAN-AMERICAN ROOM

THE STATLER HOTEL

Washington, D. C.

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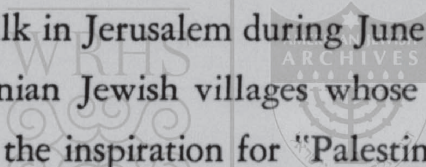
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## "THE ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT"

*Thou shalt inherit the holy earth as a faithful steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt safeguard thy fields from soil erosion, thy living waters from drying up, thy forests from desolation, and protect thy hills from overgrazing by the herds, that thy descendants may have abundance forever. If any shall fail in this stewardship of the land, thy fruitful fields shall become sterile stony ground or wasting gullies, and thy descendants shall decrease and live in poverty or perish from off the face of the earth.*

This "Commandment" written and broadcast over the radio by Dr. Lowdermilk in Jerusalem during June, 1939, was dedicated to the Palestinian Jewish villages whose good stewardship of the earth was the inspiration for "Palestine, Land of Promise."



Dr. Lowdermilk is Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service of the United States and President of the American Geophysical Union. In 1938-9 he spent fifteen months making an extensive survey of soil and water conservation in Europe, North Africa, and the Near East. He returned recently from an extended visit to China where he served as an adviser to the Chinese Government on soil conservation problems.



June 8, 1944

Mr. Jacob Billikopf  
Labor Standards Association  
805 Bankers Securities Bldg.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Billikopf:

I am happy that you sent copies of Lowdermilk's book to so many of your non-Jewish friends. It is bound to do a great deal of good. It is a truly exalted book and makes friends for our cause everywhere.

What are your plans for the summer? Virginia joins me in sending you and your dear lady our warmest greetings and all good wishes.

Most cordially,

AHS:BK



C O P Y

THOMAS MANN

1550 San Remo Drive  
Pacific Palisades, California

June 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Billikopf:

Thank you so much for your good wishes on my birthday. Unfortunately this letter must be short, as there are a number of people to whom I owe thanks for their kind remembrance of this day. It seems that with the increasing number of years one gets ever more admiration for having endured so long on this planet. It really does show considerable callousness.

Not alone for your kind wishes, but also for your very beautiful gift I want to thank you, namely the book by Lowdermilk about Palestine. I find it very understandable that you wished I would read this important work. I am not surprised, but very gratified about the deep impression it has made on people like Henry Wallace. The book is really as knowledgeable and intelligent as it is well-meaning, and it may become an effective and important contribution to the solution of the Jewish refugee problem in the future.

Again many thanks. With kindest regards from both my wife and me for you and your loved ones,

Yours sincerely

/s/

THOMAS MANN