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**CHRISTIAN CLERGY TO MEMORIALIZE
FIVE MILLION JEWISH DEAD OF EUROPE**

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New York --- More than 5,000 clergymen have responded to a call by the American Christian Palestine Committee to include in their churches special commemorative services and prayers on Memorial Sunday, May 27th, in behalf of the surviving Jews of Europe and the urgent need for opening the doors of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration.

Senator Robert F. Wagner (Dem., N.Y.), Chairman of the American Palestine Committee, and Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, Chairman of the Christian Council on Palestine, announced that in addition to memorializing an estimated 5,000,000 Jewish men, women and children massacred in Europe, many sermons will urge that Palestine be constituted as the Jewish National Home.

"We feel it is a Christian duty to insure the success of this nationwide interfaith program," Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, Executive Secretary of the Christian Council on Palestine, declared. "We are delighted at the enthusiastic and wholehearted response we have received from all parts of the country."

The Rev. Dr. Wendell Phillips, of Rye, N. Y., wrote the Committee: "A Memorial Sunday Service that failed to ask help for this martyred people who have lost over one-third of their number and for whom restitution is possible in the establishment of a Jewish National Homeland would rob this day of much of its deepest significance."

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, noted clerical leader, asserted that "it is not enough to mourn with the Jewish people in their anguish and to laud their heroism.

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A call to more positive action must be made — action that the Jews may be restored to a place of dignity and security in their own land and home, action that the political and social rights of the Jews in Europe be restored, action through international conference and resolution that anti-Semitism be ended everywhere in the world."

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NEAR EAST PROBLEMS IN RELATION TO UNITED STATES INTERESTS TO BE
DISCUSSED AT NATIONAL AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE SEMINAR

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TO BE HELD AT PRINCETON ON JULY 2nd AND 3rd

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New York — A distinguished group of the nation's leading educators, political analysts, journalists, clergymen and civic leaders will convene from all parts of the country for the two day NATIONAL AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE SEMINAR at the Princeton Inn, Princeton, N. J., Monday and Tuesday, July 2nd and 3rd. Devoting itself to the preparation of an educational program and to map plans for the coming year in the light of developments in the Near East, the NATIONAL SEMINAR is the first of such significant gatherings launched by the American Christian Palestine Committee. It will be followed by a nation-wide series of similar regional seminars.

Among those who will participate are such national figures as Edgar Ansel Mowrer, Professor Francis E. McMahon of Chicago University, Dr. Eduard C. Lindeman, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College, Dr. Carl J. Friedrich of Harvard, Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, U. S. Department of Agriculture authority, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who has just arrived from Jerusalem, and London, and many other eminent leaders of both the secular and religious world. The keynote address "The Issues at Stake" will be delivered by Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, Co-Chairman of the Council Against Intolerance, and General Secretary of the Church Peace Union.

On Monday, July 2nd, opening day of the Seminar, Dr. Lindeman of the New York School of Social Work, will speak on "The American Scene and Palestine." Dr. Niebuhr

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will deliver a talk on "The Christian Conscience and The Jewish Problem," followed by a round robin discussion. Other speakers will include Dr. Howard M. LeSourd, Dean of the Graduate School of Boston University, and Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, Extension Secretary of the Church Peace Union.

On Tuesday, July 3rd, the Rev. Dr. Wendell Phillips, Pastor of Christ Church, Rye, New York, will speak on "The Jew and the Arab in the Middle East." Other topics on the agenda are "Palestine, Before and After," by Dr. Lowdermilk, "Where Do We Go From Here" by Dr. Friedrich, and "The Palestine Scene" by Mr. Ben-Curion.

The American Christian Palestine Committee is a joint body, comprising the American Palestine Committee with a membership of Christian laymen, and the Christian Council on Palestine, whose membership is composed of ministers and religious educators. Both are dedicated to the same cause and serve as a vehicle for the expression of Christian opinion regarding Palestine.

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MEMO TO EDITORS:

Governor Herbert B. Maw of Utah has requested us to inform you that the following will be issued at Mackinac Island, Michigan, for release after 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 4, 1945. Please guard against premature release.

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Mackinac Island, Michigan, July 4 -- President Truman today was asked by the Governors of thirty-seven States to take immediate steps to open Palestine "to Jewish mass immigration and colonization, and to bring about the earliest transformation of that country into a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

A Petition bearing the signatures of the thirty-seven State executives is now on its way to President Truman, accompanied by a covering letter from Governor Herbert E. Maw of Utah expressing hope that the President will discuss ways and means to achieve this with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin at the forthcoming Big Three conference in Berlin.

Governor Maw, who initiated the Petition with Governors Dewey of New York, Tobin of Massachusetts, Baldwin of Connecticut, and McGrath of Rhode Island, released its text today at the close of the Governors' Conference here at which he presided.

"Concerned as it is with the position of the Jewish people in Europe and the future of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, we believe that this Petition raises matters of immediate and far-reaching humanitarian and political importance," the accompanying letter declares. "The considerations which prevented action in regard to these pressing issues while war still raged in Europe, no longer applies. The urgency of the Jewish problem and its solution in Palestine has become such that I venture the earnest hope that it may be thought opportune to give

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attention to this question in the course of your forthcoming conversations with the Prime Minister of Great Britain and Marshal Stalin."

Text of the Petition, which is entitled, "A Petition to the President of the United States From the Governors of the Several States," follows:

"Dear Mr. President:

"At this time, when decisions affecting the future peace of the world are being made, we, the undersigned Governors, wish to call your attention to a problem which in the interest of humanity and justice demands an early solution.

"The tragic plight of the Jews of Europe who have survived the horrors of the Nazi occupation makes imperative the speedy fulfillment of the underlying intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate for Palestine. At the end of the last war 51 nations, with the support of the United States, entered into a solemn covenant which was designed to open the gates of Palestine to Jewish immigration and settlement and to pave the way for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. Today hundreds of thousands of Jews, to whom for social, economic and psychological reasons continued life in Europe is intolerable, plead for the right to be admitted to the Jewish national home in Palestine and to begin life again among their own people. More than ever it is necessary to open Palestine for unrestricted Jewish immigration and to bring about its transformation into a Jewish Commonwealth, in which the civil, cultural and religious rights of all sections shall be safeguarded, and all of whose inhabitants shall enjoy equality before the law.

"The policy embodied in the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate for Palestine has had the full support of every American President, Democrat and Republican alike, from Woodrow Wilson to Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The American people, through the two major political parties have also recorded their unqualified support for this historic objective, for which, further, within recent months, 33 States of the United States representing 80 percent of the population of our country have, through resolutions adopted by their respective State Legislatures,

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also expressed themselves in full accord. In his historic message of October 15, 1944, President Roosevelt spoke for the overwhelming majority of the American people when he said: "I am convinced that the American people give their support to this aim" and pledged himself to bring about at the earliest practical moment the realization of the Zionist program.

"We believe that the time has come when concrete measures must be taken to open the doors of Palestine to Jewish mass immigration and colonization and to bring about the earliest transformation of that country into a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth, and we most earnestly urge you to take such action as will contribute to this end. In any steps which, Mr. President, you may take to bring about the realization of this program we desire to assure you that you can rely upon the approbation of the American people and count on our individual support."

The thirty-seven Governors who signed the Petition are: Sparks (Ala.), Osborn (Ariz.), Loney (Ark.), Baldwin (Conn.), Bacon (Del.), Caldwell (Fla.), Green (Ill.), Cossett (Idaho), Blue (Ia.), Schoepfel (Kans.), Willis (Ky.), O'Connor (Md.), Kelly (Mich.), Thye (Minn.), Donnelly (Mo.), Ford (Mont.), Carville (Nev.), Bale (N.H.), Farley (N.J.), Dempsey (N. Mex.), Dewey (N.Y.), Cherry (N.C.), Landahl (N.Dak.), Lausche (Ohio), Kerr (Okla.), Snell (Ore.) Martin (Pa.), McGrath (R.I.), Williams (S.C.), Sharpe (S.Dak.), McCord (Tenn.), Stevenson (Tex.), Maw (Utah), Proctor (Vt.), Meadows (W. Va.), Hunt (Wyo.) and Tobin (Mass.).

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CHRISTIAN LEADERS SEEK TO AID JEWISH PALESTINE AIMS

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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON PALESTINE AT PRINCETON, N.J. JULY 2nd AND 3rd

MAPS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR NEAR EAST PROBLEMS

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Princeton, N. J., July 3 --Discussing problems of the Near East and their impact on the lives of every American, the NATIONAL SEMINAR ON PALESTINE, conducted by the American Christian Palestine Committee, July 2nd and 3rd, set up an educational program of Christian action in behalf of Jewish aims in Palestine to be put in force during the coming year. Participants heard many distinguished authorities in the field from both the secular and religious world.

Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, co-chairman of the Council Against Intolerance, and national chairman of the Church Peace Union, in the keynote address which marked the opening of the first session, outlined "The Issues At Stake" as "how to get Great Britain to live up to her mandate and pay attention to the fact that this mandate was given her for the purpose of a certain act being performed, that act which was designed to facilitate the establishment of a national homeland for the Jews in Palestine." Dr. Atkinson further stressed the necessity for fundamental justice. "Fundamental rights, fundamental justice and a promise to a people cannot be lightly cast aside (here referring to the White Paper) without endangering the whole fabric of what we are trying to do in the world today... the establishment of the United Nations, to secure rights, to secure liberty so that all the people in all the lands may live out their lives in freedom from

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fear and freedom from want. It can be done and must be done," Dr. Atkinson concluded.

Dr. Eduard C. Lindeman of the New York School of Social Work, in addressing the SEMINAR on the subject of THE AMERICAN SCENE AND PALESTINE, pointed out that "the minority question is no longer purely European as it was after the last war. It is now an American disease, too, and we must help the rest of the world solve this problem, also, if we wish to avoid in this country the same kind of trouble which bedeviled Europe during the last 80 or 90 years. It is therefore for our own sakes as Americans that we must help to solve the Jewish problem. This solution, which lies in founding a Jewish National Home in Palestine, will not only bring dignity to Jews but remove from non-Jews the stigma of anti-Semitism."

Leading the discussion in the first evening session of the SEMINAR, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, one of America's outstanding religious philosophers, in talking on the subject of "The Christian Conscience and the Jewish Problem," stated in the development of his theme, "that we will be doing the British a good turn if America insists that we, too, have responsibilities in the Mediterranean, in Palestine specifically. Continuing further along this line of thought, Dr. Niebuhr proposed that "if the elaborate problem could be viewed in broad enough terms, the solution might be reached by pooling the political resources of the British with the vast economic resources of America."

On the second day of the SEMINAR, three speakers of international stature led the discussion. David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, just arrived from Palestine and London on a visit to this country, stated "that if the British government really intends now to maintain and enforce the White Paper, it will have to use constant and brutal force to do so."

Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, U.S. Department of Agriculture authority, who spent eight months in 1939 in a study of Palestine's soil, showed pictures

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of PALESTINE BEFORE AND AFTER. He said that modern Palestine has but 1,500,000 population, though it is capable of supporting many more millions.

"Located as it is at the cross-roads of three continents," Dr. Lowdermilk said, "Palestine is rapidly becoming a commercial center for the whole Near East." He further pointed out, "It is clear that there is ample proof for the assertion that full utilization of the Jordan Valley depression for reclamation and power will in time make possible the absorption of millions of additional Jewish refugees."

Rev. Mr. Wendell Phillips, Pastor of Christ Church, Rye, New York, in a morning discussion on "The Jew and the Arab in the Middle East," asserted that the Arabs have increased and become wealthier and healthier since migration to the Holy Land became greater."

Other distinguished guests who participated in the SEMINAR were: Edgar Ansel Mowrer, Professor Francis E. McMahon of Chicago University; Prof. S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College; Dr. Carl J. Friedrich of Harvard; Miss Daphne Robert, prominent attorney and world traveler, and many other noted civic and religious leaders representing almost every state in the union.

In a statement of aims and principles of the Committee made by Dr. Howard M. LeSourd, it was noted that "The American Christian Palestine Committee is the vehicle for expressing the sympathy and good will of Christian America for the movement to re-establish the Jewish National Home in Palestine."

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CHRISTIAN SPOKESMEN FOR PALESTINE LEAVE FOR LONDON;

URGE EXTENSION OF CHRISTIAN SUPPORT FOR JEWISH HOMELAND

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New York — The co-directors of the American Christian Palestine Committee, Dean Howard M. LeSourd of Boston University, and Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, executive secretary of the Church Peace Union, left this morning by plane for London, where they will develop a program for the further extension of Christian support for the Jewish people's aspirations in Palestine. This was announced today by the American Christian Palestine Committee, which speaks for the American Palestine Committee, composed of Christian laymen, and the Christian Council on Palestine, whose membership is drawn from the American clergy. Dean LeSourd directs the activities of the American Palestine Committee and Dr. Voss is executive secretary of the Christian Council on Palestine.

The trip is being made at the invitation of Sir Wyndham Deedes, one of Britain's leading Christian spokesmen in behalf of a Jewish Palestine, who is chairman of "Palestine House" in London. Dr. Voss and Dean LeSourd have been invited to attend the World Zionist Conference, which is being held in London next week, as observers.

In a joint statement issued prior to their departure, Dean LeSourd and Dr. Voss said: "We hope that out of this trip will come a still further extension of Christian support for the revocation of the British White Paper policy and for the fulfillment of the international pledges made to the Jewish people in the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate for Palestine. Millions of Christians throughout the world have become increasingly aware of the need for a speedy solution.

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of the Jewish problem and the necessity for concrete action now to insure a normal life in a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth for those Jews who have survived in Europe. All men of good will now recognize that without a just solution of this most pressing of minority problems, there can be no solid foundation for the democratic world which all of us hope will emerge from the chaos of these times."

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BRITISH POLICY ON PALESTINE AND ARAB LEAGUE ASSAILED AT
EDUCATORS' SESSION OF CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE

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New York -- Prof. Carl J. Friedrich, of Harvard University, charged today at the educators' session of the Christian Conference on Palestine that "two months after the adoption of the United Nations Charter the Arab States have placed themselves in the position of aggressors and are threatening war on us if we act in support of the Jewish people's just aspirations in Palestine."

"How is it that our State Department is so quiet in the face of these threats," Prof. Friedrich asked.

"America's interests in lasting peace counsel vigorous policy in Palestine," he declared. "The United Nations Charter is built upon the assumption that in areas of rival national claims, international authority ought to step in and provide a peaceful way out by guaranteeing a just deal to the contestants. Justice here means something less than the demands of either contestant. It means a solution which will work by providing international guarantees for its observance. It means a solution which will give due weight to all the facts of the situation. Not a compromise, but a new approach is needed. In the long run, this new approach ought, at least from the American standpoint, to be such as to provide the maximum opportunities for the forward march of democracy and constitutionalism. The United States has a paramount interest in protecting progressive forces in the Near East as elsewhere, because these forces of democratic progress are the forces which will favor peaceful policies and help us

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maintain law and order," he said.

Rev. Wendell Phillips of Christ's Church, Rye, N.Y., declared:

"Three years ago, in 1942, the Arab nations had a magnificent opportunity to show any friendship they might have had for the Allied cause. The Allies needed help. Indeed it looked as if they were almost beyond the need of help. How quickly we forget! Remember the situation: Rommel's victorious German army had pushed the British back across North Africa. Now Rommel was poised for the final blow which would deliver Egypt and the Arab world into his power. At that moment Britain needed friends! Did the Arab world come forth in friendship, On the contrary. They saw that Britain was losing the fight. Anyone could see that: the British European armies had been smashed at Dunkirk. The French armies lay prostrate and impotent. Britain's ally, the United States, was producing little, and was losing the Pacific War at Corregidor and Bataan. The Dutch Navy was at the bottom of the sea. Australia was calling for her soldiers to come home. Russia was reeling back, staggering from the series of mighty blows delivered by the might of the German armies. At that time Britain was looking for a friend in the Arab world. Someone, anyone, who could help, who could supply some planes, some men, some supplies, even a word of cheer. From the Arab world came only silence and treachery. Arab rebellions were put down. Peace had to be maintained behind the British lines. It has been said that there were as many British soldiers policing the Arab world to keep order as there were British soldiers facing Rommel on the field of battle. Was that Arab friendship for the Allies?

"Meanwhile who were Britain's friends? They were the Jews of Palestine who fought and died for the Allied cause. Thirty thousand fighting men. It has been estimated that one quarter of the army which turned back Rommel was made up of Palestinian Jews. But about these facts there has been a conspiracy of silence.

"That is friendship. Arab friendship? No, Jewish friendship. Not un-

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selfish friendship, perhaps. They may not have died because they loved Great Britain, but they died in order that other Jews might live, might live in honor and freedom in the land of Palestine as a fitting reward for their contribution to the cause of the Allies, the cause of decency, the cause of humanity.

"Arab leaders warn us not to do anything which will disturb Arab friendship. Let us be concerned about the welfare of our true friends, the Jews of Palestine."

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CHRISTIAN MINISTERS JOIN IN DEMANDING
THAT BRITAIN FULFILL HER PROMISE OF A JEWISH PALESTINE

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New York — Demands that Great Britain open the doors of Palestine to the homeless Jews of Europe and that the British Labor Government fulfill its pledge of a Jewish Palestine immediately were voiced today (Monday, October 15th) by speakers at a ministers' luncheon, held under the auspices of the American Christian Palestine Committee, which is sponsoring a three-day Conference on Palestine at the Hotel Commodore.

The gathering, consisting of approximately 300 leading Christian clergymen of the Greater New York area, heard addresses by Senator Owen Brewster (R., Me.), Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, co-director of the American Christian Palestine Committee, and Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, executive director of the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, general secretary of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, was chairman of the session, and the invocation was delivered by Dr. Guy Emery Shipler, editor of The Churchman.

Dr. Atkinson said: "The remnants of the Jews of Europe can be saved only by the exercise of all our command and all our faith in the sanctity of pledges and treaties. Britain and the United States must take the lead and say that the pledges that were made with regard to Palestine will now — from this day — be redeemed. As for the 'difficulties' that are injected into the situation to becloud the issue, we, as churchmen, will not permit political

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exigencies to rise above human justice.

"This morning's paper contains another threat by the new Arab League, which, through its spokesman in Lebanon, says that if Britain and the United States do not let the feudal Arab chieftains have their way on Palestine, we may not be able to obtain oil in the Middle East. The oil, these Arab spokesmen say, is there for the asking -- but only if we will play their game. This amounts to blackmail.

"The American people and the Christian conscience will not be intimidated by these idle threats! Our demand that justice be done to the long-suffering Jewish people will not be silenced," Dr. Atkinson declared.

Dr. Voss told the meeting that the Jews of Palestine "can no longer suffer in silence while Britain's cruel policy in that country makes a mockery of the ideals for which we fought the Second World War and for which an estimated six million Jews lost their lives. The responsibility for the blood that is shed and the property destroyed in the Holy Land is Britain's and Britain's alone."

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Excerpts From the Address of Rev. Wendell Phillips
of Christ's Church, Eze, N. Y.

At the Press and Radio Luncheon, Christian Conference on Palestine,
Sponsored by the American Christian Palestine Committee
Tuesday, October 16, 1945.

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Let us consider the real reasons why Arab leaders are opposed to Zionism. I believe that there are probably three. The first is a certain psychological attitude which we might call Arab exclusiveness; the second is the economic situation which Zionism is likely to introduce into the Arab world; the third is the political aspect of the whole problem.

The first of these three, Arab exclusiveness, is the least important. How many non-Moslems have ever been to Mecca, ever taken a Cook's tour into the heart of Arabia? No non-Moslem has, except in disguise.

Moreover, it is an attitude which is encouraged in the people by their leaders. The average Arab is a miserable creature judged by our standards, and perhaps by any standards. He is poor, badly housed, often desperately sick. He turns to his leaders and asks why. His leaders, unwilling to bestir themselves to better his lot, may simply say that such is the will of Allah. They may go a step further and say that all the ills of the Arab are the result of foreign interference in Arab affairs. It has been said, with some accuracy, that this sort of attitude has developed into the only national policy the Arabs have, a policy of anti-foreignism, directed at the outside world and Zionism alike.

The second and more important reason why Arab leaders are against Zionism is economic. We must remember that Arabia proper is a feudal state, or perhaps more accurately a mediaeval absolute monarchy. The

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small group in power have everything; the rest have nothing. The leaders - the emirs and feudal owners, the professional classes and clergy who benefit by serving them - are the recipients of whatever fruit the land bears. Between them and the masses there is a great gulf fixed which no one is interested in bridging. Leaders in the Arab world live on a generous scale. A wealthy man in that world is really wealthy, and a poor man is really poor. A poor man has almost literally nothing. Nor is there any concern about the poor. That is the business of Allah. If God wills that a man starve to death, why should mortal man frustrate God's will by feeding him? Thus there is no concern about the welfare of the masses. There is no nonsense about the rights of man, or much less of labor unions. There is no nonsense about democracy. This is the situation, and it suits those on the top very nicely.

You may notice that I differentiate between Arabs and Arab leaders. Whenever anyone says to me "But the Arabs don't want the Jews in Palestine," I automatically ask, "What Arabs?" There is no such thing as "The Arabs." I suppose the nearest thing to an Arab is the person who lives in Arabia. He is the poverty-stricken fellow we have just been considering. He is not against Zionism. He does not know what Zionism is. This is true of the millions of Arabs in most of the Arab world. Then there is the second group whom we might refer to as "The Arabs." These are the masses of Moslems in Palestine itself. We have seen how these have been blessed by the Jews, but we hear, "The Arabs don't want the Jews in Palestine." "What Arabs?" The Arab leaders all over the Arab world, the privileged group who have held all the economic power for centuries, and intend to continue to hold it.

But a danger to their status has loomed up. That danger is Zionism! For Zionism is improving the lot of the average man in Palestine. Zionism is concerned about a man's inherent rights, about his body, his soul, his
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education, his health, his home, his family, his present and his future. Zionism is interested in the land and the people who live in the land. Zionism is interested in democracy. It is even interested in the rights of labor.

These unorthodox ideas cannot be confined within the limits of Palestine, for such a gospel ignores geographic borders. Unless this heresy is stopped at birth, it may spread over the whole Arab world, with the result that feudalism would begin to disintegrate, and the privileged classes to topple. The privileged classes are not scheming, not doing anything base in their own eyes. They are simply obeying the rules of the game as it is played in that part of the world.

The truth remains that Arab leaders are indeed against Zionism. The question is how much concern we should show for a few Arab leaders as opposed to the manifest welfare of the great masses of Arabs and all the Jews?

We come now to the third real reason why Arab leaders are opposed to Zionism: the political reason. Almost every really important Arab leader hopes to become the head of Pan-Arabia. He wants to have the backing of every Arab as he continues to grow in power. To do this he must have a program, a rallying cry. "Down with Zionism" is a very convenient program. Hitler faced the same problem in Germany. He had to stir his people and move them with some magic formula. So he shouted, "Down with the Jews." It is a simple and effective formula which demagogues have used in the past and may well use in the future.

Ultimate political opposition to Zionism stems from still another source: Certain important powers in Great Britain are against Zionism. All the facts we have discussed so far are insignificant compared to this one. The wishes of Arab leaders, the rights of the Jews, the productivity of the land, all these count as nothing beside the simple
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statement that certain important powers in Great Britain are against Zionism.

Why is Zionism a challenge to the Empire? For the same reason that it is a challenge to the privileged Arab leaders. Arab labor is cheap, whether it is building roads or airfields. Arab leaders are willing to give up their oil if paid liberally. The eastern end of the Mediterranean is a moderately friendly place. Why should this nice balance be disturbed? Who can tell what might result if a highly developed state is allowed to come to life in the Near East? Who can tell what might result in the economic field for example? Suppose the Zionists set up a state that produces and manufactures. Suppose they show the way to the rest of the Arab world. Suppose the virus spreads around the life-line to Egypt, Iran, Iraq, India and China.

You and I and the members of the civilized world have a moral obligation. It is our duty to allow the Jews to settle Palestine without any restrictions on immigration. We have promised it to them. We have given it to them. And then we have snatched it away! As the result of a legal agreement the Arabs received a territory as large as one third of the United States. The Jews were to receive about one per cent of that amount of land: the little country of Palestine. The Arabs got their land. The Jews got a promise: The Promised Land. We allowed them to go ahead with their plans. We allowed them to pour their lives, their efforts, their money, their dreams, their future into Palestine. We allowed them to begin to build....and then we closed the doors, dooming their hopes and dreams. We have a moral obligation to Zionism.

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TEXT OF CABLE TO PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE

ADOPTED BY THE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE

HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

HOTEL COMMODORE, NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER 16, 1945

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Right Hon. Clement Attlee
Prime Minister of Great Britain
10 Downing Street
London, England

The American Christian Palestine Committee, an organization of thousands of leading Americans, including more than 2,000 Christian Ministers and more than 250 members of the Congress of the United States, assembled in a representative Conference in New York City, desires to assure you that in their view a large majority of the Christians of America are prepared to back their Government in cooperating fully with the Government of Great Britain in adopting now a permanent solution to the problem of Palestine.

We appreciate that the Labor Party endorsed free immigration and settlement of Jews in Palestine, as well as the establishment of a self-governing Jewish Commonwealth in that Homeland of the Jewish people. We have been distressed about the many reports that your Party, now constituting the Government of Great Britain, is encountering difficulties in implementing the policy as adopted by your Party. We are certain that these difficulties can be overcome if your Government and ours will act jointly, and with the backing of all the United Nations, to create an international trusteeship which will ensure the free passage and settlement of all Jews who might wish to go to Palestine in the expectation of finding permanent security under a government of their own choosing.

We are likewise convinced that the difficulties that may be encountered in carrying through such action are temporary and can be resolved if we show firmness in our determination to see that our solemn obligations be fully honored.

We want to assure you, Mr. Prime Minister, that a large majority of the American people will deeply appreciate your going forward on the path initiated in the Balfour Declaration, without further hesitation.

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TEXT OF TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, ADOPTED BY
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HOTEL COMMODORE, NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER 16, 1945

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

The American Christian Palestine Committee through a meeting of more than 1,000 leading citizens of New York, held on October 16, 1945, wishes to thank you for your recent steps on behalf of European Jewry expressed in your directive to General Eisenhower and in your letter to Prime Minister Attlee, urging the opening of the Palestine doors to 100,000 displaced Jews of Europe.

However, we believe that the United States has a vital interest as well as a solemn obligation under the charter of the United Nations, to take an active part in finding a permanent solution now. The American Government, both through Congress and through its Presidents, is committed to support for the Jewish National Home in Palestine. The vital interest of the United States in a lasting peace demands that we as a nation participate fully in such undertakings as may be required to provide a permanent solution either through international action or through action jointly with Great Britain.

We here assembled wish that you would use all your powers to see that the Jewish refugees in Europe be aided and protected in going to Palestine in such numbers as they may wish and regardless of the numbers involved.

It is our firm conviction that a lasting peace both in Europe and in the Middle East cannot be brought about until the United States immediately takes all action required to convince all parties that they are determined to see a Jewish Commonwealth established in Palestine as a permanent home for the Jewish people. We are certain that such action will be backed by the overwhelming majority of the Christian people of America.

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HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE
HOTEL COMMODORE, NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER 16, 1945

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Hon. Tom Connally
Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Washington, D. C.

The American Christian Palestine Committee which, as you know, includes 266 members of the Congress of the United States, acting through a meeting of more than 1,000 leading citizens of New York, wants you to know that in our judgment an overwhelming majority of Christians of America is ready to back you and your colleagues in any and every measure that you may wish to authorize, in cooperation with the President of the United States, which will ensure that all displaced Jews of Europe who wish to go to Palestine, can go there, and are protected in doing so with all the might at the disposal of the United States.

We are convinced that this is the plain duty of our Nation under the international commitments which you know so well, including the provisions of the United Nations Charter so recently adopted by the United States Congress as a result of your brilliant leadership.

The permanent solution of the problems presented by the Mandate over Palestine and the permanent settlement of the ravished remainder of the Jewish people in Europe are an immediate obligation of the United States Government.

We are convinced that the establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine to which we are already committed must be settled now.

(AN IDENTICAL TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO REPRESENTATIVE SOL BLOOM,
CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE)

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HOTEL COMMODORE, NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER 16, 1945

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Hon. James F. Byrnes
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

The American Christian Palestine Committee through a meeting of more than 1,000 leading citizens of New York, held on October 16, 1945, trusts that you are fully in sympathy with President Truman's recent steps on behalf of European Jewry as expressed in his directive to General Eisenhower and in his letter to Prime Minister Attlee, urging the opening of the Palestine doors to 100,000 displaced Jews of Europe.

We maintain that the establishment of the United Nations with its provisions for international trusteeship demands that the United States Government, representing one of the leading Powers in the United Nations, concern itself immediately with the establishment of suitable international controls to take the place of the Mandate now under the League of Nations, in keeping with the spirit of the Charter.

We further insist that threats of aggression such as have been reported as having been made by Arab leaders, in case the United Nations or the United States should take such action, be protested forthwith by the United States Government in no uncertain terms.

We are convinced that there is no more urgent task confronting the United States Department of State and you, Mr. Secretary, than the working out immediately of a permanent solution to be adopted by the United States Government which would ensure that the United States at once take all action required to convince all parties that they are determined to see a Jewish Commonwealth established in Palestine as a permanent home for the Jewish people.



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HELLO!

With this, the first issue of the ACPC BUILDER, we inaugurate an effort designed to keep our local committees over the country informed as to what's happening in our organization. We intend to answer your questions and to outline our contemplated activities. In this manner, we believe, our committees will be kept up-to-date, and will share more actively in formulating and executing our common program. Your comment is most cordially invited, and your good suggestions will be acted upon with despatch.

AND LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

Since October, 1944, when we first began experimenting with the conference type of activity for building ACPC's, we held such meetings in six cities:

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Oct. 10, 1944	Philadelphia, Pa.	Hon. Roland S. Morris
Nov. 21, 1944	Chicago, Ill.	Dr. A. William Loos
Jan. 9, 1945	Cincinnati, Ohio	Judge Stanley Matthews
Jan. 11, 1945	St. Louis, Mo.	Dr. Walter Clark Cummings
April 9, 1945	Boston, Mass.	Dr. Carl J. Friedrich
Apr. 23, 1945	Rock Island, Ill.	Mr. R. O. Byerrum

All these conferences resulted in greatly increased enthusiasm for ACPC activity, and gathered thousands of people to participate in a pro-Palestine program. Hundreds of new members were enrolled into the American Palestine Committee and Christian Council on Palestine. The newspaper and radio publicity were tremendous. We have, therefore, decided to recommend to all cities to go and do likewise. To this end we have prepared an organizational manual telling how to go about organizing your local ACPC. It will be sent you on request.

ORGANIZATIONAL AIDS

We have completed the preparation of a manual "How to Organize an American Christian Palestine Conference." It will be ready, we think,

by July 10th, and will then be sent out. Its suggestions and illustrations will be of help to you in conducting your city's conference.

An ACPC press book and radio book are in the works. The speakers' manual will be the last to be issued.

We hope, during the coming year, that a minimum of fifty conferences will be held over the country.

WHAT DOES A CONFERENCE COST?

We have received inquiries from communities contemplating conferences as to the costs involved, and what help can be expected from the National Office.

We will furnish the conference speakers, paying fees and travel costs. We will be glad to send you all the literature you may need for distribution, and will render such professional assistance as is available. The rest of the cost is up to you, depending altogether upon the type of conference conducted. For example, in Boston, expenses averaged just under \$5 per person (with 800-odd attendees), and this included the cost of a tea tendered to 131 leading women, and dinner served to approximately 500 guests.

If the expenditure seems high, the results are more than worth it. It is one of the best activities your American Christian Palestine Committee can conduct.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTERS

The question has been frequently asked, "What speakers are available for our conferences?" In this issue, and in each succeeding issue of the BUILDER, we will list the names of well-known personages upon our roster. Of course, you understand, that they are not always available when we may want them. But when they are free, their cooperation has been most excellent. So, we present:

Dr. William F. Albright - Orientalist and professor at Johns Hopkins University. One of America's foremost authorities on the Middle East.

Senator Alben W. Barkley - Majority leader of the United States Senate.

Dr. Clark Walker Cummings - Noted mid-western clergyman, and chairman of the South Central ACPC.

Prof. Carl J. Friedrich - of Harvard. Author of "American Policy toward Palestine." Brilliant exponent of our program.

Dr. Frank Kingdon - Renowned liberal and radio commentator.

Dr. Eduard C. Lindeman - Professor of Social Philosophy at the New York School of Social Work, and an extremely able speaker.

Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk - Chief of the United States Soil Conservation Bureau and author of "Palestine, Land of Promise."

James G. MacDonald - Chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling - Eminent clergyman. President of the World Christian Endeavor Union and editor of "The Christian Herald."

Pierre Van Paassen - Noted author of several volumes on Palestine, and militant advocate of the cause of the Jewish Commonwealth.

There are many, many other equally famous personalities available through our Club Program Service. We will let you know about them all.

SCRANTON, WILKES-BARRE ACTIVITY

More than 200 civic leaders of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre attended a testimonial dinner tendered to Chief Justice George W. Maxey of the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court, Congressman Daniel J. Flood, and Judge Michael J. Eagen by the Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties Christian Palestine Committee on June 11th.

Featured speakers at the dinner, in addition to the guests of honor, were Dr. Eduard C. Lindeman, and Dean Howard M. LeSourd.

Mayor Howard J. Snowden of Scranton delivered an address of welcome, and Thomas F. O'Connor, editor of the Scrantonian and The Tribune (Scranton) introduced a resolution calling for: 1) prosecution of war criminals, 2) unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine, 3) British fulfillment of commitments to establish the Jewish National Home in Palestine, and 4) redemption of America's pledge that Palestine be established as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

Many new members were enrolled into the American Palestine Committee and the Christian Council on Palestine. Fifteen clergymen became members at a special Ministerial Alliance luncheon which was also held on the 11th of June.

The Rev. Mr. Ralph Theodore Haas was chairman of the dinner and other functions. His leadership was splendid and resulted in fine achievements. Assisting the Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties Christian Palestine Committee was a small committee of Scranton's and Wilkes-Barre's Jewish citizens headed by Mr. A. B. Cohen of Scranton.

ACPC SEMINAR

Under the supervision of Mrs. Blanche Shepard of our Club Program Service, an ACPC Seminar will be held in Princeton, N. J., on Monday and Tuesday, July 2nd and 3rd. Approximately 50 persons will be present from many parts of the country, and they will exchange experiences on their recent speaking engagements. New speakers will also be informed. With a greater number of speakers, we will be able to service your city more adequately than in the past.

FOR JOINT ACTION

To aid in the establishment of American Christian Palestine Committees in each community, and to encourage cooperation between Jews and Christians in formulating a common program designed to assist our efforts, we have embarked upon a new policy. We are asking leading Jewish citizens in each city to work with us in building our committees, and to set up liaison processes to avoid duplication of effort. To-date we have enlisted such workers in 48 cities, and we hope to increase this number considerably. We would like to introduce to you our Jewish co-workers in each issue. May we present:

<u>City</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Officer</u>
Los Angeles, Cal.	K. Louis Flatau	Millburn, N. J.	Frank Ginberg
San Francisco, Cal.	George Edelstein	Newark, N. J.	Jacob T. Friend
Hartford, Conn.	Rabbi A. Feldman	Passaic, N. J.	Joseph A. Feder
New Britain, Conn.	George L. Gans	Paterson, N. J.	Oscar Berman
Norwich, Conn.	Maurice W. Meyer	Portland, N.Y.	Irving Senecoff
Jacksonville, Fla.	Harry Katz	Ellenville, N.Y.	Dr. Max Cooper
Savannah, Ga.	Judge E. Lewis	Glens Falls, N.Y.	Mrs. I. Tanner
Peoria, Ill.	David Citron	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Arthur Ellis
Rock Island, Ill.	Ad Estess	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Hon. Albert D. Schanzer
Bloomington, Ind.	Dr. Alfred Jospe	Manhattan, N. Y.	Norman Winer
Indianapolis, Ind.	Rabbi I. Chodos	Rockville Center, N.Y.	Rabbi P. Halpern
Des Moines, Iowa	Dr. A.G. Fleischmann	Saranac Lake, N.Y.	Morris Edelberg
Louisville, Ky.	Rabbi J.J. Gittleman	Rochester, N. Y.	Dr. J. Diamond
New Orleans, La.	Isadore Seelig	Yonkers, N. Y.	Rabbi B. Schultz
Baltimore, Md.	Dr. H.O.H. Levine	Johnstown, Pa.	Elvin Teitelbaum
Lowell, Mass.	Ben Silverblatt	Philadelphia, Pa.	Edward Jacobs
Springfield, Mass.	Rabbi H. Levin	Scranton, Pa.	A. E. Cohen
Bay City, Mich.	Irving Ganz	Uniontown, Pa.	Lester Cohen
Iron River, Mich.	Leslie H. Seline	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	Aaron Weiss
Omaha, Neb.	Rabbi D.A. Goldstein	Kilgore, Texas	Ben Gertz
Portsmouth, N.H.	Benjamin Tobin	San Antonio, Tex.	I. Silber
Bloomfield, N.J.	Rabbi S. Kosofsky	Tyler, Texas	I.G. Futoransky
Burlington, N.J.	Dr. S. Denbo	Wheeling, W. Va.	Rabbi J. Wagner
		Kenosha, Wis.	Chester Zeff
		Wausau, Wis.	Rabbi S. Oster

We welcome all of you to our mutual cause, and our ACPC chairman will cooperate with you to the hilt. We invite your comment on our program and work.

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INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE
HOTEL STATLER, WASHINGTON, D. C.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1945

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FOR RELEASE AFTER 3:30 P.M., WED., OCTOBER 31

DELEGATES FROM 28 NATIONS HEAR CALL FOR
FREE JEWISH PALESTINE

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Speaking at a women's tea, which preceded tomorrow's formal opening of the two-day International Christian Conference for Palestine, Mrs. Lorna Wingate, delegate from Great Britain and widow of the late British war hero, General Orde Wingate, declared: "The Jewish case has always been a test case. Today it is the first of the great test cases facing the Nations. If the nations fail to do justice to the Jews, they will have taken the first step towards that chaos of injustice from which, we pray, we have just emerged. In my opinion, this occasion, when the Christian communities are about to comment publicly on the Jewish problem, is of far greater significance for Christians than for Jews. Jews have withstood the shock of centuries of violence. I have no fear that, should they be called upon to do so, they will maintain their ancient fortitude, secure in their ancient faith.

"They have passed their supreme test with honor, but we are about to face our supreme test. If we accept the teaching of Christ, there is no commandment greater than this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.... Our way is clear: we must act now and bend all our energies to the reconstitution of Jewish Palestine. If we reject our Christian duty in this, there is little hope for the new world."

Shortly after her marriage to the then-Captain Wingate in 1936, Mrs. Wingate moved to Palestine where her husband served as a British Intelligence Officer. Both were deeply impressed by the creative effort of Jewish Palestine

and became ardent champions of Zionist aspirations. She is one of the most prominent British supporters of Zionism, and cooperated closely with Sir Wyndham Deedes in the establishment of "Palestine House" in Britain. Since the tragic death of General Wingate -- who was known to Jewish Palestine as "Haydid" ("the friend") -- she has devoted most of her time to the advancement of the Jewish Palestine cause, which was closest to his heart.

Mrs. Corina Rodriguez, delegate from Costa Rica and Director of the Inter-American Bureau of Education in that country, declared at the tea: "Our gathering here is an answer to the inner call for human sympathy. The Americas have a very important part to play and we must get ready for it... We must work for the awakening of the soul of the continent and all must perceive that selfishness kills the sanctity of human beings. Let us learn the lesson from the tragedy of the Old Continent in order not to make the same mistakes. Let us profit by this marvelous opportunity to join hands in order to help those who have suffered most because of their national homelessness. We must do it because of our own conscience and because the Jewish people deserves the support of the nations of the world

"The Palestine question is of vital importance and we must deal with it fearlessly. There must be a home for the Jewish people as such, and Palestine is that home, and much has already been accomplished there for its restoration.

"We have virgin land in all our countries, but, in spite of the fact that we do not use it, our people has not made an offer to the Jews in search of a home. We must be generous and continue the struggle for saving the remnant of European Jewry by helping the Jews to a new life in Palestine under a democratic regime of their own."

Mrs. Rodriguez, one of the foremost educators of her country, was instrumental in founding the finest school in Costa Rica. She held the post of Professor of History in the National Institute of Panama, taught Spanish at

Northwestern University and has lectured on the future of Latin-America at various institutions of higher learning in the United States.

Other speakers at the tea were:

Helen Waren, prominent Broadway actress, who has just returned from a year's tour of Italy, Sicily, France and Germany. One of the first civilians to enter Germany immediately after V-E Day, she was shocked by the plight of the homeless Jews she found there, and worked to secure United States Army aid for these displaced persons. Since her return from Europe last month, she has attempted to bring the story of the suffering Jews of Europe directly to the American public.

Mrs. Lucille L. LoScourd, wife of Boston University's Dean Howard M. LoScourd, is President of the New England Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, and a member of the National Committee for the Christian Colleges of China.

Dr. Carl Herman Voss, Extension Secretary of the Church Peace Union and the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, is also co-director of the American Christian Palestine Committee, which is sponsoring the current International Christian Conference for Palestine.

Hostesses at the tea were Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas (D., Cal.) Mrs. Walter Clay Lowdormilk, and Mrs. Robert A. Taft.

Leaders of Christian pro-Palestine committees from the following twenty-eight nations are taking part in the Conference:

Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Canada, Dutch Guiana, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Great Britain, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Government of Republican Spain, Sweden, Uruguay, United States of America, Venezuela, and Yugoslavia.

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INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE
WOMEN'S TEA
HOTEL STATLER, WASHINGTON, D. C.
OCTOBER 31, 1945 -

HOSTESSES

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Hon. Helen Gahagan Douglas

SPEAKERS

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Mrs. Corina Rodriguez
Miss Helen Warren
Dr. Carl Hermann Voss
Mrs. Howard M. LeSourd

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Mrs. Frank A. Barrett	Mrs. Dennis Chavez
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MESSAGE DELIVERED BY PHILIP S. BERNSTEIN OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK,
DIRECTOR OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARMY AND NAVY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES
OF THE NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD AT THE LUNCHEON OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE
AT THE SLATLER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C., NOVEMBER 1, 1945.

I am in daily contact with the Jewish Chaplains serving in the armed forces in Europe. In almost every letter they report further manifestations of the incalculable tragedy that has befallen Israel in Europe. Not only do they tell of the great loss of life, the destruction of the sources of Jewish spirituality on the continent, but also the utter deterioration of the Jewish position in Europe.

There is only one hope, according to the Chaplains, which sustains the Jews in Europe. They live for the day when they can go to Palestine. From the practical point of view, they know that this is the only realistic hope. They remember with painful clarity the Evian and Bermuda Conferences, which could find no asylums for Jewish refugees. They remember the steamship "St. Louis", sailing from port to port, but finding everywhere closed doors for its unwanted Jewish passengers. They recall the Struma and the Patria, with their tragic cargoes of homeless Jewish men, women and children hovering somewhere between countries that drove them out and lands that would not let them in. They know that today the doors are closed to them everywhere. There is no Western nation, facing the return of millions of its men from war, which is ready to admit ^{any} substantial number of immigrants from Europe to solve the Jewish problem there.

Spiritually also, the Chaplains report that Palestine is the only hope. There is a fundamental difference between admission to countries as unwanted refugees to whom the door is slightly and reluctantly opened and the act of going home. That is why Jewish colonization in places to which Jews did nothing of their own choice has never been successful and has always been terribly costly. In a short time, these Jews have faced in the new situation the same evils because of which they

fled the old. Going to Palestine, however, is for Jews a positive act of self-affirmation. They go to their own homeland, in Winston Churchill's trenchant phrase, "as of right, not on sufferance." That is why in Palestine they have wrought such miracles. They have fertilized the desert. They have built great modern cities on desolated sand dunes. They have achieved new successful social forms. They have created a rich and glorious culture. They have built new, strong types of Jews, washing clean the scars of the Ghetto.

It is this hope alone which sustains the miserable Jews of Europe. It alone promises a haven for their bodies and healing for their souls.

There is a terrible, practical, immediate urgency about this solution of their problems. Even today these poor, displaced Jews, having been driven from their homes, having lost their dear ones to Nazi fury, are being blamed for the rising discontent in Germany. Anti-Semitism is rampant in Europe. Spiritually and physically, the alternative for the Jews there is Palestine or death. Delay is criminal. The doors of Palestine must be opened to them immediately.

But beyond this immediate urgency, there is a larger spiritual hope with which it is fighting -- to close this message to a Christian conference. The march of this ancient, gifted, tragic people to that hallowed soil produced the Ten Commandments and the Prophets, the Christian Saviour, and the faith of his followers. Is it too much to hope that out of this reunion of Israel with the beloved soil of its ancestors, there may emerge for this unhappy world new insights into the good life, new light, new healing and hope for the children of man? That is our faith.

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ADDRESS OF VICENTE DONOSO TORRES

Secretary of Bolivian Pro-Palestine Committee
Famous Writer and Educator and Director of the
National Association of Education of Bolivia

Mr. Chairman:
Delegates:
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am coming from the very heart of South America, from the country nestling high up in the blue of the Andes, "Favorite Daughter" of Bolivar, and I bring you the message of the Bolivian people which supports wholeheartedly your just cause.

In the first place, I wish to present to you the message of the President of the Republic of Bolivia:

"Availing myself of Dr. Vicente Donoso Torres' mission, I am sending the International Christian Conference for Palestine my cordial greetings. May I also express my best wishes that the Right and Justice which prevail in the Democracies should be extended also to the Jewish people which has suffered as no other people from the implacable Nazi persecution and destruction.

May the Jewish people achieve the life of freedom in conditions of equality such as are granted to all the other nations of the earth."

(Signed) Gualberto Villarroel
President of the Republic

La Paz, October 23, 1945

I am also the bearer of a message expressing the thoughts and feelings of the "Interfaith Cultural Institute of Bolivia", of which I am Secretary, of the "Circle of Sympathizers of Great Britain", the "Federation of Labor of Bolivia" and the "Bolivian University Federation. These organizations of men of good will, sincerely dedicated to world peace, fight zealously for that fundamental principle which can make this longed-for peace a reality: JUSTICE.

Justice for the intellectual and manual workers who have a right to their daily bread, fruit of their labor; to health, the foundation of their happiness and to education, the indispensable adjunct for the flowering of their spirit.

Justice for the small countries which are subject to economic exploitation at the hand of the big countries. All should enjoy the same rights and liberties and find an adequate outlet for their products and sources of their necessities within the world economy.

Justice for the peoples who have been deprived by violence of their freedom or worse even, of their land, as the Jewish people which wanders about the world yearning for its homeland, seeking refuge and protection, suffering from all kinds of animosities, expulsions, massacres, especially of late, under the influence of Nazi Fascist insanity.

We the Bolivians of the aforementioned institutions, impelled by our faith in the supreme values of culture, based on justice, believe that it is our duty to extend our support to the Jewish people which has been the most persecuted and tormented by prejudices of race and religion.

The four liberties proclaimed by Franklin Delane Roosevelt, foremost statesman of our days; freedom of thought, freedom of religion, freedom from want and freedom from fear, will not become a reality as long as there persist ideas of racial superiority and inferiority, as long as there is religious intolerance encouraged by the false belief of anyone being the sole depository of absolute truth. We know that in all religions, there vibrates one supreme power which rules all life in the Universe, God of Justice and Love, who exists within us and without, whatever name we may give him.

It is fortunate that the American Christian Palestine Committee took the initiative of calling this International Conference in order to accelerate the solution of the Jewish problem. This committee, consisting of Catholics and Protestants, all of them embracing the religion of the Divine Rabbi of Galilee,

has organized this Conference in order to appeal to all men and to all nations to put an end to the injustices inflicted upon the Children of Israel these 2,000 years because of race theories and intolerance that gave birth to anti-Semitism and to all the sequel of hatreds and persecutions.

The Bolivian people sends to this magnificent international gathering the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, The contribution of the Jewish people in general, and in Palestine in particular, to the victory of the United Nations has been enormous, and

WHEREAS, The Jews have suffered most at the hand of Nazi-Fascist forces, and

WHEREAS, The Balfour Declaration ratified in San Remo by 52 nations promised to the Jewish people the restoration of its Homeland,

WE RESOLVE: To support the just demand of the Jewish people and to request the Government of Great Britain

1. To recognize Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.
2. To allow free Jewish Immigration into Palestine."

La Paz, 2 de Octubre de 1945.

(Signed) Humberto Frias, President
Circle of Sympathizers of
Great Britain

(Signed) Vicente Donoso Torres
Secretary, Bolivian
Interfaith Cultural
Instituto

(Signed) Alberto Trujillo T., Secretary
Bolivian University Federation

(Signed) Donato Flores Gironde
Secretary, Bolivian
Federation of Labor

The Bolivian University Federation, consisting of all the students of the universities and the graduates of secondary schools, that is, of the finest elements, who represent the future, sends the following message to this Conference, expressed in words vibrant with sincerity of Youth:

BOLIVIAN UNIVERSITY FEDERATION

La Paz, 21 de Octubre de 1945

To the Chairman of the International Christian Conference for Palestine:

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Bolivian University Federation cannot fail to voice its opinion with regard to the present Jewish problem which must receive priority at all peace discussions if the world wishes to establish mankind on a solid foundation of security and lasting peace.

The Jewish people has been, without any doubt, the greatest victim of the Second World War. No account has been taken of the great historic contributions made by the Jewish people to the rest of the world. Implacable dictators rose overnight, misled the masses of their respective countries with a stupid racial myth and divided mankind into "pure" and "impure" races, arrogating for the former all power and condemning the latter to moral and physical wretchedness in concentration camps.

The spirit of the Bolivian University men rebelled publicly against this savagery and protested against the treatment meted out to the Jews in Twentieth Century civilized Europe, and appealed to all men of all races to unite in a crusade against barbarism which menaced the whole world.

For the sake of the millions of Jewish victims in the struggle against Nazism, for the sake of social justice and the triumph of democracy and in order to prevent the recurrence of the persecution of Jews, the Bolivian University Federation expresses its solidarity with the World Christian Conference for Palestine in Washington, and declares emphatically that it is the dictate of justice that its historic homeland should be returned to this most persecuted of peoples.

(Signed) Javier Galindo C.
Secretary of Public Relations

(Signed) Alberto Trujillo
President

I do not doubt that this gathering feels gratified with those messages which express the faithful purpose of the people and Republic of Bolivia. Bolivia has given its support to the cause when our Government first signed the San Remo Treaty in 1920. It showed again its good will toward the Jewish people during the eighth Inter-American Conference in Lima in 1938; it approved the resolution to admit into America all immigrants without distinction of race, creed, or color; and when it subsequently admitted more than 6,000 Jews, and, especially, when it supported, at the Chapultepec Conference, the Cuban resolution in favor of the restoration of Palestine as the Jewish Commonwealth. The government of Bolivia proved its good will also when through its Ambassador in Washington, His Excellency Victor Andrade, it accepted the memorandum which was submitted by the Jewish community, in April of this year, in order that the Jewish cause receive consideration, if an opportunity should present itself at the Conference of San Francisco.

I feel certain that our desire is also the desire of all the delegates present here and who will no doubt find the best modus operandi during the deliberations of this Conference. I feel certain that once this fervent wish is fulfilled -- with the determined help of all the Christians of the world and of all men of good will -- the people that gave Jesus to the world, will renew its Messianic ideas and will re-kindle the hope that the day will come when supreme justice will reign and mankind will be freed of all evil.

Washington, November 1, 1945

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE
HOTEL STATLER, WASHINGTON, D. C.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1945

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FOR RELEASE AFTER 8:30 P. M.

ADDRESS OF SENATOR ROBERT F. WAGNER
AT THE DINNER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE,
HOTEL STATLER, WASHINGTON, D. C., NOVEMBER 2, 1945
BROADCAST OVER THE ABC NETWORK, 8:30 P. M.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We who have dedicated ourselves to the great cause of Palestine have often wished for an opportunity to discuss its problems with our good neighbors throughout the world. That opportunity has now arrived. At this conference, the freedom loving people of 31 nations have been represented by delegates who have come because of their keen interest in the solution of one of the most pressing problems of our times. These 50 delegates -- all outstanding citizens of their respective countries, will, through their writings, their speeches and their personal influence, give further expression to world Christian opinion concerning this vital issue. It is a great privilege to preside at this gathering of the Christian friends of Palestine.

Now that the war is over, military considerations no longer hold our conscience in bondage. We now can and we now must speak forthrightly.

I need not remind this informed audience that a sacred covenant was made between the world and the Jewish people -- a covenant affirmed by 51 nations. Nor need I recite the legislation and public statements indicating the clear and unequivocal stand taken in behalf of Jewish Palestine. This stand is the stand of the American people, climaxed this past week by a joint resolution introduced by Senator Taft, Senator Walsh and myself. Finally, I need not stress to you how that covenant was repudiated by the Chamberlain White Paper of 1939. The infamy of that repudiation now hangs over the foreign policy of the Attlee government of 1945.

Why has not this commitment been fulfilled? Whenever I asked this question during the war, I was admonished not to rock the boat in the midst of storm. Today, I still can get no answer. I read of oil concessions. I am told of dark Arab threats. It is said that a backward and feudal Middle East is essential to the protection of the British life line. Or finally, I am put off by the age-old evasion -- "further study and investigation are needed."

Of all the cruel disappointments to a people so appallingly used by the Christian world in this last frightful decade, none exceeds the recent suggestion for a new board of inquiry to examine again the needs of the Jewish people and the Palestine question.

Are not the deaths of 5,700,000 men, women and children conclusive proof of the necessity for a Jewish homeland? Do not the Harrison and Red Cross reports adequately portray the misery and want of the shattered remnants of European Jewry?

And can there be any more convincing evidence of the economic capacity of Palestine than the impartial investigation of Dr. Walter Lowdermilk, America's outstanding authority on soil reclamation and conservation?

We need no more facts! We need no more promises! We need immediate, honest and courageous action.

Each day's delay means more Jewish dead. A protracted inquiry may end the Jewish problem by the total liquidation of the Jews in Europe.

These temporizing and narrow considerations of imperialist expediency are unworthy of the British people. They constitute a real threat to world security. Whenever a nation has compromised its moral principles, it has brought disaster upon itself and the world.

We in America have frequently acknowledged the great debt owed by all mankind to the fortitude and steadfastness of the British, when they stood alone against the evil Nazi hordes. We pay generous tribute to a nation that did not falter on the beaches of Dunkirk, and later withstood the blitz.

But the failure of the British since the war's end to repudiate the Chamberlain White Paper, has shocked American public opinion. It has fanned the flames of cynicism and disillusionment that have followed every other war. What is more disquieting, it has stimulated a re-birth of isolationism.

Can we expect the policy of mutual aid in the postwar era to be accepted by a public opinion that is outraged by repeated breaches of faith?

As a friend, I say to the British government and people that they cannot expect the elected representatives of the American people to grant help to a nation which does not exhibit a kindred spirit of generosity and understanding. We recognize the so-called Arab opposition for what it is -- largely the manipulation of British foreign and colonial officers. The Arab countries owe their development to the Great Powers. We must not forget that following World War I, the Arabs received virtually one million square miles -- while the Jews were given that small dot on the map we call Palestine.

How are we to establish a sound world order if Great Britain, that great force in international relations, is not faithful to her promises? If Britain tolerates this injustice to the Jewish people, she will tolerate injustice to other peoples. I say that the American Government should not, and cannot, give this policy aid or encouragement.

As a member of the United States Senate, I regard Palestine as a testing ground of British good faith.

For our sake and theirs, I hope the British will thrust aside the fatal policy of appeasement. I hope that in concert with this country and with the United Nations, they will lay the foundation for a better world. In that effort they will

have the backing of intelligent, Christian public opinion in the United States.

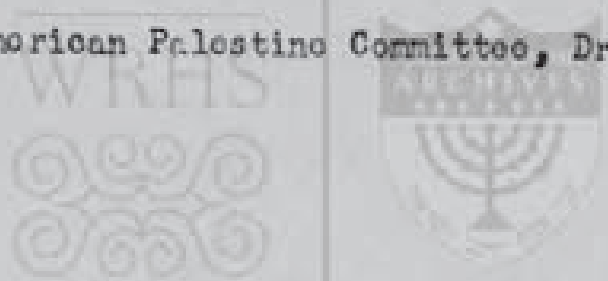
The place to begin is Palestine. The British and American Governments must together reaffirm their intention to pursue a Palestine policy in keeping with the original purpose and intent of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate.

We must abrogate all restrictions on immigration and colonization on the land. We must assist in the reconstruction of Palestine, as a free and democratic commonwealth in which all men regardless of race or creed shall enjoy equal rights.

I say that it is time, at last, to obey the dictates of common decency -- time to move forthrightly in accord with pledges honorably made and honorably intended. The future is ours, but we shall not achieve it by repeating the errors of the past.

This is the challenge to us all: I pray God that we do not fail.

And now it is my privilege to present to you our toastmaster for the evening, the distinguished president of Boston University and chairman of the Executive Council of the American Palestine Committee, Dr. Daniel Marsh.



INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE
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Delegates from twenty-nine nations today began a two-day International Christian Conference for Palestine in the Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C., during which Christian leaders of public opinion joined in demanding the immediate opening of Palestine's doors to unrestricted Jewish immigration and the reconstitution of that country as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

The delegates were welcomed to the United States by Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, General Secretary of the Church Peace Union and the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, during a luncheon held in the South American Room of the Hotel Statler. Dr. Atkinson extended the greetings of the American Christian Palestine Committee, which is sponsoring the Conference, to the delegates, who come from the following countries:

Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Canada, Dutch Guiana, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Great Britain, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Government of Republican Spain, Sweden, Uruguay, United States of America, Venezuela, and Yugoslavia.

Dr. Atkinson said: "With the winning of the war the word 'justice' took on a new value. Without justice no permanent peace can be established. We are assembled here today as Christians from twenty-nine nations, including England and the United States. We protest the continued exclusion of Jews from Palestine by order of a Government no longer in power in England.

"It was just twenty-eight years ago that the Balfour Declaration was signed and published to the world, granting the Jews the right to build in Palestine their National Home. Further, the British Government promised to 'facilitate' the enterprise. For more than twenty years England kept her word and was supported by every civilized nation in the world. The United States was foremost in underwriting this promise. This nation did perhaps more than any other to help facilitate the achievement of Jewish ideals and purposes in Palestine. Then leaders in our own nation as well as in England got the whiff of oil in their nostrils and the White Paper was issued.

"Human rights are greater than economic values. In fact no material gain is of any lasting value that does not further rather than impede the progress of justice and righteousness. No cite history as our witness that immediate financial and economic values, won at the expense of human welfare, have never been and never

can be permanent gain.

"We urge our Government to continue its good services in behalf of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. The entire American people last year endorsed such action when it voted for candidates whose party platforms called for the reconstitution of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. The party in power is bound by its own platform to fulfil this pledge. May we hope that our President will not fail us.

"We are not opposed to the legitimate claims of the Arabs. We want for them justice, but not at the expense of justice to the Jews."

Dr. Vicente Donoso Torres, Director of the National Association of Education of Bolivia, and one of his country's foremost writers and educators, told the delegates assembled at the luncheon that "the Bolivian people supports the just cause of Jewish Palestine wholeheartedly." Dr. Torres read a message to the Conference from the President of Bolivia, Gualberto Villarroel. President Villarroel's message reads:

"Availing myself of Dr. Vicente Donoso Torres' mission, I am sending the International Christian Conference for Palestine my cordial greetings. May I also express my best wishes that the Right and Justice which prevail in the Democracies should be extended also to the Jewish people which has suffered as no other people from the implacable Nazi persecution and destruction.

"May the Jewish people achieve the life of freedom in conditions of equality such as are granted to all the other nations of the earth."

Dr. Torres declared that the Conference would "appeal to all men and all nations to put an end to the injustices inflicted upon the Jewish people these two thousand years because of race theories and intolerance that gave birth to anti-Semitism and to all the sequels of hatred and persecution." He then read to the Conference the text of a Resolution adopted by the following Bolivian organizations: the Bolivian Federation of Labor, the Bolivian Interfaith Cultural Institute, the Bolivian University Federation, the Circle of Sympathizers of Great Britain.

The text of the Bolivian Resolution follows:

"WHEREAS, The contribution of the Jewish people in general, and in Palestine in particular, to the victory of the United Nations has been enormous, and

"WHEREAS, The Jews have suffered most at the hand of Nazi-Fascist forces, and

"WHEREAS, The Balfour Declaration ratified in San Remo by 52 nations promised to the Jewish people the restoration of its Homeland,

"WE RESOLVE: To support the just demand of the Jewish people and to request the Government of Great Britain

1. To recognize Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth,
2. To allow free Jewish immigration into Palestine."

Other speakers at the luncheon were Senator Eduardo Chibas of Cuba; the Very Rev. Dr. Kenneth Evans, Dean of the Diocese of Montreal and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal; Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Chairman of the luncheon was Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of the United States Senate, and the invocation was delivered by Dr. Guy Emery Sipler, editor of the Churchman.

The program opened with a business session in the Pan-American Room this morning at which the delegates were introduced to the Conference by Dean Howard M. LeSourd of Boston University, Director of the American Christian Palestine Committee, and reports of Christian pro-Palestine activities in ~~the~~ countries represented were made by the delegates.

Mayor J. C. Allum, delegate from New Zealand, convened the Committee on Organization; Senator Arthur Wentworth Roebuck, delegate from Canada, convened the Committee on Resolutions; Cesar Miro, delegate from Peru and Senator Darío Samper, delegate from Colombia, convened the Committee on Literature, ~~Radio~~ and Motion Pictures. The Committee on Nominations was convened by Herbert A. Mowat, delegate from Canada.

Tonight (Thursday, November 1) at 8:30 P. M. an informal reception will take place in the Federal Room of the Hotel Statler at which the guests of honor will be Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas (D. Cal.), Lady Flawelle of Canada, Mrs. Howard M. LeSourd, Mrs. Walter C. Lowdermilk, Mrs. Corina Rodriguez, Mrs. Lorna Wingate and Mrs. Gordon Wright.

The Conference will close tomorrow night (Friday, November 2) with a Balfour Day Dinner in the Presidential and Congressional Rooms of the Hotel Statler. Speakers at the dinner will include Senator Robert F. Wagner (D., N. Y.), the Very Rev. Dr. Kenneth C. Evans, Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, President of Boston University, Senator Gabriel Gonzales Videla of Chile, Senator Owen Brewster (R., Maine), Mrs. Lorna Wingate of Great Britain, William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, M. J. Coldwell, head of the Canadian Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, Dr. Daniel L. Poling of Philadelphia, and Senator Arthur W. Roebuck of Canada. The newly-elected Chairman of the International Christian Committee for Palestine, who will be chosen during the current Conference, will be presented at Friday night's dinner.

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SUPPORTING FREE DEMOCRATIC JEWISH COMMONWEALTH

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JOINS WITH SENATORS WAGNER AND TAFT IN INTRODUCING JOINT RESOLUTION

FAVORING UNITED STATES ACTION TOWARD RESTORATION OF PALESTINE

AS JEWISH HOMELAND

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CITES "WIDESPREAD SENTIMENT" IN CONGRESS

Washington - - The United States Government should immediately take a definite position supporting a free democratic Jewish commonwealth in Palestine, Senator David I. Walsh (D., Mass.) declared in the United States Senate.

Joining with Senator Robert F. Wagner (D., N.Y.) and Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) in introducing into the Senate Joint Resolution 112 "favoring action by the United States looking to the restoration of Palestine as a homeland for the Jewish people," Senator Walsh asserted:

"Mr. President, I wish to associate myself with the proponents of this joint resolution, and to express the hope that early and favorable action may be taken upon it by the committee.

"I have long been of the opinion that an immediate and definite position should be taken by our Government in behalf of a free Palestine. The delay in taking action has been conducive to misunderstandings here in America, and it

has resulted in creating distress and social upheavals abroad. Millions of Americans of all races and creeds believe that the persecutions that have been carried on in Europe with such brutality can be greatly mitigated by opening the doors of immigration to Palestine and a free Jewish state established in that country. America must not longer fail the persecuted people of Europe, among whom the Jews have suffered to an almost unbelievable degree, and we should use our good offices in every way possible to provide a haven of safety where oppressed people can live in peace and possess the frugal comforts of life.

"The widespread sentiment here in the Congress, as I observe it, favors freedom through justice for every people desiring and seeking it, and it is high time to emphatically express it by adopting the resolution just introduced.

"We owe it not only because of the traditions of our country in upholding the rights of persecuted minorities and of recognizing the right of people of small nations to be free, to support a free democratic Jewish commonwealth in Palestine, but we owe it also to the men of our armed forces who have fought and died for the freedom and independence of individuals and nations.

"It is part of our war aims. It is a humanitarian cause that touches the hearts of all who hate oppression and love justice."

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FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE ASSAILED
AT INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE

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Speaking at the business session of the International Christian Conference for Palestine this morning (Friday, November 2), Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, co-director of the American Christian Palestine Committee, assailed the Foreign Missions Conference of North America for having issued a statement which appeared in the New York Times objecting to the use of the word "Christian" in the name chosen for the current Conference.

"It is utterly ridiculous for the Foreign Missions Conference to criticize the World Christian Conference for Palestine for using the name 'Christian', Dr. Voss said. "Who conferred upon the Foreign Missions Conference the right to determine what titles and phraseology are to be used by organizations composed of Christians? This is a bit remote from the purpose of that organization and certainly has nothing to do with foreign missions!

"Some liberal Christians seem to think that they are doing the Jews a service by opposing Zionism. In reality these decidedly illiberal Christians align themselves thereby with reactionary forces here in the United States and with feudal reaction in the Middle East. They are undermining the democratic way of life; furthermore, these Christians link themselves with a splinter movement within Jewry, the anti-Zionist contingent, which is a numerically negligible but powerful minority with the effrontery to claim to speak on behalf of American Jewry. "

Dr. Voss attacked the attitude of those foreign missionaries in the Middle East "who ignore the accomplishments of the Zionists and close their eyes to what Zionism could achieve as a stabilizing, creative factor in the Mediterranean area and as an aid in building a democratic Arab world. Intent solely on currying favor with British colonial officials and appeasing Moslem overlords, these missionaries of the myopic mind ignore the facts of improvement in the Arabs' status due to Zionist achievements of the past quarter century."

The Conference will close tonight with a dinner attended by the delegates from twenty-nine nations who have participated in the two-day meeting and by eight-hundred leaders of American public opinion. Speakers at this closing session, which will be broadcast over the American Broadcasting Company, will be Senator Robert F. Wagner (D., N. Y.); Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, President of Boston University; Senator Gabriel Gonzales Videla of Chile; Senator Owen Brewster (R., Me.); Mrs. Lorne Tilgner, delegate from Great Britain; William C.

President of the American Federation of Labor; M. J. Coldwell, head of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation of Canada; Dr. Daniel L. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald; and Senator Arthur W. Roebuck, delegate from Canada.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: The text of the addresses to be delivered tonight will be available at the press table in the Presidential Room of the Statler. Speeches that are ready for distribution this afternoon will be delivered to your office.



WORLD COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE

BUSINESS SESSION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1945

HOTEL STATLER

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RESOLUTION

1. The facts with regard to the tragic conditions of the displaced Jews in Europe are established, so that further Commissions of inquiry are unnecessary and obstructive. More dallying with the problem of the rescue of these unfortunate people is intolerable to Christian men and women.
2. To abandon the Jewish victims of Nazi crime because of ~~any~~ ^{any} threat would destroy the confidence of common people in the ability of Allied statesmen to honor their high professions.
3. Fifty-two countries, forming the League of Nations, promised the Jews of the world a national home in Palestine, and the implementation of this pledge is now a world responsibility.
4. This International Christian Conference for Palestine, in general assembly in Washington, demands as the only just and practical solution of the Jewish problem:
 - a) The immediate removal of immigration restrictions against all Jews who wish to emigrate to Palestine.
 - b) The immediate repeal of anti-Jewish land laws in Palestine.
 - c) The provision at once of the necessary transportation and other facilities for a Jewish immigration movement to Palestine.
 - d) In conformity with the Balfour Declaration and in accordance

with the responsibility bestowed upon Great Britain by the Palestine Mandate, and in pursuance of the Convention of 1924 between Great Britain and the United States, we request the immediate transportation and the settlement in Palestine of the 100,000 Jews now in Europe, who are the object of intercession by President Truman of the United States to the Government of Great Britain. And that the United States express its willingness to share with Great Britain the obligations involved.

- e) We demand of the Organization of the United Nations that Palestine, the historic motherland of the Jewish people, so soon as possible, a Jewish democratic state.

This Conference calls for the immediate and active cooperation of the Governments of all nations, by direct action and within the United Nations Organization, in making effective the resolution of this Conference, the purpose of which is to rescue the Jewish people from their tragic plight.

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PRESIDENT OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY, AT THE DINNER OF THE
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I would like to present the reasons I favor admitting Jewish refugees to Palestine, why I favor letting the Jews go into Palestine as much as they want to, and why I favor allowing Palestine to be made a national home for the Jews.

I favor letting the Jews have Palestine because they were promised it. The Balfour Declaration made that plain. The British people have said a good many uncomplimentary things in the past quarter of a century about treating international commitments as scraps of paper. The British made a solemn promise. The Jews accepted the promise in good faith. We have committed ourselves as in favor of the fulfillment of that promise.

I favor letting the Jews have Palestine because they need it. The condition of the Jewish people in Europe is deplorable beyond description. Nobody wants them! That is pathetic! That is terrifying! They are ready and willing to go to Palestine, and their coreligionists are ready and willing to help establish them in Palestine. They need it: let them have it.

The Jewish people will make something worthwhile of Palestine. This has already been demonstrated. Jewish initiative and thrift and prudence and devotion in Palestine will shed light upon the way to go in the post-war world.

Because I am an American, I favor such international adjustments as are necessary to make Palestine the homeland for the Jewish people.

I favor letting the Jews have Palestine because I am a Christian. If one is a Christian, he not only reveres the sacred shrines of Christendom: he tries to make his practice square with the teaching and life of his Saviour. If one thinks in Christian terms of justice and fairness and the Golden Rule and the rule of love, I honestly believe that he will find a mellow light shed upon the path that will lead the submerged and oppressed and dispossessed Jewish people to Palestine.

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WELCOME. The American Christian Palestine Committee, acting as host to the International Christian Conference for Palestine, extends a most cordial welcome to the Christian delegates from the various nations of the world.

The impelling sense of Christian responsibility for the tragedies which have beset the Jews through the centuries, recently climaxed by the Nazi horror when 5,700,000 were murdered, brings us together to do what we can to find a permanent solution to Jewish homelessness and tragedy. Our concern is humanitarian—more specifically our purpose is to discuss ways and means of making Palestine the national homeland of the Jews.

The development of Palestine as a democratic Jewish Commonwealth has been handicapped by broken promises, callous indifference, and organized obstruction. In spite of the almost impossible task of reclamation of the land, the miracle of transformation has been taking place, and the desert is made to blossom again. The refugees from persecution and death are finding in Palestine the friendliness, the human dignity, and the hope that alone can rehabilitate their broken lives.

Together we must work and plan. Thus we can promote a worldwide sense of Christian responsibility and achieve justice for the Jewish people. We must exert political pressure so that the legal and moral commitments made to these people shall be fulfilled. In this way we make an immeasurable contribution to the cause of democracy and world peace.

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BIENVENIDOS. El Comité Cristiano Norteamericano pro Palestina presenta su más cordial saludo a los delegados de los distintos países del mundo, a la Conferencia Cristiana Mundial pro Palestina.

El sentido de responsabilidad del cristianismo por el trágico destino del pueblo judío a través de los siglos, que culminó con el exterminio de 5,700,000 almas judías, nos reúne ahora con el propósito de obtener la solución definitiva a su tragedia. Nuestra misión es humanitaria y nuestro propósito inmediato es encontrar los medios de convertir Palestina en el Hogar Nacional Judío.

El desarrollo de Palestina como Estado judío democrático ha sido entorpecido por el incumplimiento de promesas, la indiferencia y la obstrucción organizada. No obstante la magnitud de la empresa, el milagro de la transformación se ha realizado y el desierto es ahora tierra fértil. Los fugitivos de la persecución y de la muerte han hallado en Palestina la fraternidad, la dignidad humana y la esperanza.

Juntos debemos trabajar para fomentar un sentimiento universal de responsabilidad cristiana y lograr justicia para el pueblo judío. Es necesario influir en los gobernantes del mundo para que se cumplan los compromisos legales y morales contraídos con ese pueblo. De ese modo aportaremos una verdadera contribución a la causa de la democracia y de la paz universal.

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PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 31st

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

10:00—12:00

2:00—5:00

Congressional Room Corridor

Mezzanine, Hotel Statler

WOMEN'S TEA

3:30—5:00

Congressional Room, Hotel Statler

Hostesses:

HON. HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS

MRS. WALTER CLAY LOWDERMILK

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MRS. LORNA WINGATE

MRS. CORINA RODRIGUEZ

Speakers:

MISS HELEN WARREN

DR. CARL HERMANN VOSS

MRS. HOWARD M. LESOURD

Conference Program

Thursday, November 1st

10:00 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION

Pan American Room

Chairman: DEAN HOWARD M. LESOURD

Introduction of Delegates

Reports of Christian Pro-Palestine Activities in the
Countries Represented

Consideration of Specific Problems

Appointment of Committees

Organization: MAYOR J. C. ALLUM (New Zealand)
Convenor

Resolutions: SENATOR ROEBUCK (Canada), *Convenor*

Literature, Radio, Motion Pictures:

CESAR MIRO (Peru)
Government Radio Director

SENATOR DARIO SAMPER (Colombia)
Convenors

Nominations: HERBERT A. MOWAT

12:30 P.M. CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

South American Room

Chairman: REV. FREDERICK BROWN HARRIS

Invocation: DR. GUY EMERY SHIPLEY

Welcome to Delegates: DR. HENRY A. ATKINSON

Response: SENATOR EDUARDO CHIBAS (Cuba)

Message from the President of Bolivia: DR. VICENTE
DOZOSO TORRES

Addresses: THE VERY REV. DR. KENNETH EVANS
DR. WALTER CLAY LOWDERMILK

4:00—6:00 P.M. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

8:30 P.M. INFORMAL RECEPTION

Federal Room

Guests of Honor:

MRS. HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS

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Technicolor Motion Pictures

"Land of Promise"

"Dagania"

Discussion

Friday, November 2d

10:00 A.M. BUSINESS SESSION

Room 2, Hotel Staller

Chairman: SIR ELLSWORTH FLAVELLE, Canada

Report of Committees

Election of International Officers

Discussion of Problems: DR. CARL HERMANN VOSS

Resource Panel

PHILIP S. BERNSTEIN

WALTER C. LOWDERMILK

ELIAHU EPSTEIN

HERBERT A. MOWAT

CARL J. FRIEDRICH

RACHELLE S. YARDEN

12:30 P.M. GROUP LUNCHEONS

South American Room, Hotel Staller

Chairmen:

Latin America:

ANTONIO CASTRO LEAL (Mexico)

British Commonwealth:

MRS. LORNA WINGATE

United States and other Countries:

DR. HENRY A. ATKINSON

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3:00 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION

Room 3, Hotel Staller

Chairman:

Newly-elected International Chairman

7:00 P.M. BALFOUR DAY DINNER

Presidential and Congressional Rooms

Hotel Staller

Chairman:

SENATOR ROBERT F. WAGNER

Invocation:

THE VERY REV. DR. KENNETH C. EVANS, Rector of
Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, Canada

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DR. DANIEL L. MARSH

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FOR RELEASE IN SATURDAY MORNING PAPERS, NOV. 3, 1945

Following is text of address delivered by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor at a dinner in the Statler Hotel closing the International Christian Conference for Palestine:

This is a protest meeting against the greatest wrong of our times. Assembled here are representative groups from twenty-nine nations, determined to arouse the conscience of the civilized world against any further postponement of justice. We demand action -- NOW!

The President of the United States has made public an official report showing that in many cases the Jews of Europe are worse off now than before Hitler's defeat. Shocking as it may seem, many thousands of them are still confined to concentration camps. They have not regained their freedom, their property or their rights.

This is a ghastly reflection upon the high principles enunciated by the United Nations during the war. Indeed, the record indicates we have been more merciful to our enemies than to their victims. There is no possible justification on earth or in Heaven for such crass failure to redeem our pledges or live up to our obligations.

Six million Jews died during Hitler's reign of terror. The pitiful remnant of survivors are still homeless, hopeless and helpless. Relief, badly as it is needed, is not the answer to their problem. They require rescue.

Can we seriously ask or expect the Jews of Europe to go back to the ashes of their old homes and take up life anew on ground soaked with the innocent blood of their loved ones? Can we urge them to resume relations with neighbors who participated in the murder of their families or stood by passively while Hitler's agents inflicted the blood purge? The answer is obvious.

Then where shall these terrified people go? Where can they find a haven? Where can they find new soil to take root in and build for the future? The answer is equally obvious. It is Palestine.

This whole problem was fully explored at the close of the first World War. It was then decided that Palestine should be established as the Jewish National Homeland. Great Britain was given a mandate over Palestine to carry out that decision. The Balfour Declaration clearly and unequivocally set forth the purpose and policy of making Palestine a homeland for the Jews.

But policy is one thing and politics is another. The pages of history are stained with repeated betrayals of justice in which the Jews were victimized. Kings and rulers of past, beset by a populace indignant against misgovernment, have saved their own skins by throwing the Jews to the wolves. Even in recent memory, there are innumerable instances of pogroms being instigated in European nations not by mobs but by responsible authorities. When conditions were bad and hungry people cried out for relief, the first step frequently was to kill the Jews and seize their property. The abrogation of the Balfour Declaration by the British White Paper of 1939 was no less reprehensible.

In 1939 the Jews of Europe were already in the throes of Nazi oppression. Hitler menaced the world. The British Government, fearful of a war for which it was not prepared, sought to appease Hitler with one hand and hold its crumbling empire together with the other. Instead of standing firm on the Balfour Declaration, instead of keeping the doors of Palestine open for those who could escape Hitler's persecution, the intimidated British Government violated its trusteeship of Palestine and abandoned the Jews of Europe to the mercies of the Nazis in order to hold off threats of Arab uprisings in the Near East.

Today Hitler is overthrown. Today, at the cost of millions of lives and untold suffering, the forces of freedom and democracy stand triumphant. Today offers the opportunity of the ages to correct past injustices and to establish a new order -- an opportunity which must not be lost.

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This is not a religious issue, a political issue nor an economic issue. It is a plain case of justice or injustice. We must not consider this a fight by the Jews for the Jews. It is a crusade by the forces of decency in our world to undo a grievous wrong. That is why this International Christian Conference for Palestine has enlisted in the crusade. We must win it in the name of the basic concepts of Christianity.

The American Federation of Labor, which has always staunchly supported the cause of a Jewish National Homeland in Palestine, joins with you in the good fight.

Two weeks ago, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, meeting in Cincinnati, addressed an urgent appeal to the new Labor Government of Great Britain. Knowing Prime Minister Attlee and his colleagues as we do, we felt sure that they do not wish to prolong or repeat the tragic mistakes of previous British Governments on this issue.

So we appealed to the leaders of the Labor Government in Great Britain to adopt a new course. We urged them to accept President Truman's recommendation for immediate and substantial increase of Jewish immigration quotas in Palestine. We called upon them, in the name of friendship and justice, to restore the validity of the Balfour Declaration and to proceed as soon as possible to carry out the objective of making Palestine a true homeland for the Jews.

As yet we have received no response from our British friends. In fact, we have become disturbed by rumors and reports of vacillation and delay by the British Government.

Let me state here and now that the American Federation of Labor will not accept further postponement of the action that is so urgently needed. Any attempt to prolong the unbearable status quo by instituting new investigations of the plight of the Jews in Europe and the possibilities of emigration to countries other than Palestine will be regarded by American labor as a cowardly evasion of the issue.

Why investigate all over again? Is there any doubt as to the facts? Does any intelligent and informed person question the present acute emergency of the Jews of Europe? Is there any practical possibility of finding any other haven for them outside of Palestine in any of the four corners of the earth? If there had been, it certainly would have been found long ago. A new search now would be fruitless and time-wasting and cruel.

For let us remember that delay in itself is a denial of justice and can only compound the international felonies which have been committed against the Jews.

We insist upon action now! We must have action now! We will not be satisfied unless we get action now!

Speaking for the seven million members of the American Federation of Labor, I call once more upon Great Britain to agree to immediate admission into Palestine of 100,000 displaced Jews of Europe, as requested by President Truman. This step must be followed by revocation of the British White Paper of 1939. It must be accompanied by a definite program for the granting of Jewish sovereignty over Palestine as soon as conditions justify and permit such action in keeping with democratic principles.

Furthermore, I urge that our own Government, through Congress and the President, make known America's policy on the Palestine issue to Great Britain and the world in clear and unmistakable terms.

The power and prestige of all the United Nations must rally behind this righteous cause so that we can truly say to the world that our victory was a victory for freedom and human justice.

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DEAN ALFANGE CHARGES PRESIDENT TRUMAN VIOLATED PERSONAL PLEDGE AND THAT
OF HIS PARTY BY WITHDRAWING SUPPORT FROM PALESTINE RESOLUTION

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New York -- Dean Alfange, chairman of the American Christian Palestine Committee of Greater New York, today declared that liberal-minded Christians are "shocked" at President Truman's withdrawal of support from the Wagner-Taft-Walsh Resolution on Palestine, and charged in a telegram to the White House that the President's action is "in violation of your personal pledge and that of your Party."

Assailing the proposed Anglo-American Joint Commission of Inquiry on Palestine as "a shameful act of appeasement of British imperialism and the feudal Arab chieftains whose fear of the Jew in Palestine is a fear of progress, freedom and enlightenment," Mr. Alfange called upon the President "to reconsider your position and to lend the great weight of your office in support of the Wagner-Taft-Walsh Resolution."

The text of Mr. Alfange's telegram to the President follows:

"THE LIBERAL-MINDED CHRISTIAN PEOPLE OF GREATER NEW YORK ARE SHOCKED AT THE WITHDRAWAL OF YOUR SUPPORT OF THE WAGNER-TAFT-WALSH RESOLUTION IN VIOLATION OF YOUR PERSONAL PLEDGE AND THAT OF YOUR PARTY. THE IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION IS AN URGENT NECESSITY NOT ONLY FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE BUT IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE, JUSTICE AND FREEDOM. UNRESTRICTED JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE AND THE ULTIMATE ATTAINMENT OF JEWISH STATEHOOD ARE CONCEDEDLY THE ONLY MEANS BY WHICH ANTI-SEMITISM CAN BE ERADICATED. ANTI-SEMITISM IS THE CANCER OF DEMOCRACY, HERE AND

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EVERYWHERE, AND MUST BE ROOTED OUT IN THE INTEREST OF DEMOCRATIC SURVIVAL. WE OF THE CHRISTIAN AND LIBERAL FAITHS VIEW THE PROPOSED ANGLO-AMERICAN JOINT COMMISSION OF INQUIRY AS A SHAMEFUL ACT OF APPEASEMENT OF BRITISH IMPERIALISM AND THE FEUDAL ARAB CHIEFTAINS WHOSE FEAR OF THE JEW IN PALESTINE IS A FEAR OF PROGRESS, FREEDOM AND ENLIGHTENMENT. THE UNITED STATES IS THE ONLY NATION IN THE WORLD WHICH CAN ASSERT ITS GREAT MORAL INFLUENCE TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND SWIFT SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINE PROBLEM, WHICH BECAUSE OF ITS IMPLICATIONS, IS ALSO THE PROBLEM OF THE WHOLE DEMOCRATIC WORLD. WE THEREFORE IMPLORER YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR POSITION AND TO LEND THE GREAT WEIGHT OF YOUR OFFICE IN SUPPORT OF THE WAGNER-TAFT-WALSH RESOLUTION."

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**SUMNER WELLES CALLS ON UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION TO ESTABLISH
JEWISH COMMONWEALTH IN PALESTINE**

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SAYS ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY CANNOT HAVE BENEFICIAL RESULT

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The Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine cannot have "any truly beneficial result" because "the problem is not one which can be solved by the findings of a Commission consisting of the representatives of any two nations," Hon. Sumner Welles, former Under Secretary of State, declared today in accepting the chairmanship for Maryland of the American Christian Palestine Committee.

"A lasting and just result can only be obtained through the determination of all of the United Nations that such a solution must be found and found promptly. It is for that reason that I earnestly hope that the United Nations Organization will assume the responsibility for finding such a solution as soon as the Organization is constituted," Mr. Welles said.

Pointing out that "the Government of the United States is officially committed to the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine," Mr. Welles asserted, "The Commonwealth of Palestine can only come into being if the United Nations Organization decides, as it should, that the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine is essential to world peace and to world stability. The International Trusteeship Council soon to be set up by the United Nations Organization should be charged with the obligation of carrying out this decision promptly."

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A group of Maryland's leading citizens have accepted office as vice-presidents of the American Christian Palestine Committee. Among them are Professor William Foxwell Albright, Dr. Gertrude C. Bussey, William J. Casey, Francis A. Davis, Rev. Don Frank Fenn, Joseph P. Healy and Dr. Lena C. VanBibber.

The text of Mr. Welles' statement follows:

"I have been greatly honored by my selection as Chairman for Maryland of the American Christian Palestine Committee. I gladly accept the designation.

"I have accepted the Chairmanship of the Maryland Committee because of my belief that the question of the future of Palestine constitutes one of the gravest problems with which the free peoples of the earth are today confronted. I do not believe that any peaceful or orderly world can be envisaged unless a humane and just solution of this problem is found.

"To many millions of people throughout the world an independent Jewish Commonwealth of Palestine represents a symbol of hope and of passionate conviction. The Government of the United States is officially committed to the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine. Any failure on the part of this Government to assume its full share of responsibility for the realization of this ideal can only dangerously increase existing international tensions and destroy the one hope which is left to many thousands of homeless and destitute Jews in Europe who cannot return to their former homes.

"The rescue and resettlement of the pitiful survivors who escaped extermination at the hands of the Nazis is a moral obligation which rests upon the conscience of all free peoples. There is no method which would prove more truly conducive to the practical discharge of this obligation than the equitable solution of the problem of Palestine.

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Organization should be charged with the obligation of carrying out this decision promptly. Only the United Nations Organization can possess the necessary authority to achieve a final and a just solution of the Palestine problem.

"From the moment the Council assumes jurisdiction, the United Nations Organization should make available whatever armed force may be required to give assurance of security to all of the inhabitants of Palestine.

"Once this step has been taken, the International Trusteeship Council should set up a broadly representative provisional Government of Palestine and entrust it with all necessary authority until such time as free elections can be held and an independent and democratic government can commence to function.

"The Council should permit unrestricted immigration into Palestine and, in particular, that of those European refugees who still so tragically await deliverance from the camps where they are now located. Thereafter, immigration should only be interrupted if the International Trusteeship Council or the future government of Palestine decides that such restriction is required for economic reasons.

"President Roosevelt never believed that the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine was in any sense hostile to the Arab peoples. He believed, on the contrary, that such a solution would prove beneficial to both Jews and Arabs. He further believed that the fair way of finding a lasting solution of the problem of Palestine would be through negotiations in which every opportunity would be given representatives of both Jews and Arabs to be fully heard.

"I cannot feel, in view of the dire need of finding an urgent solution of the question, that the British-American Commission which has now been appointed can have any truly beneficial result. The problem is not one which can be solved by the findings of a Commission consisting of the representatives of any two nations. A lasting and just result can only be obtained through the determination of all of the United Nations that such a solution must be found and found promptly. It is for that reason that I earnestly hope that the United Nations Organization will assume the responsibility for finding such a solution as soon as the Organization is constituted.

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"I wholeheartedly endorse these words contained in the declaration issued by the World Zionist Conference at London last summer:

'Any delay in the solution of the problem, any attempt at half measures, any decision which, however favorable, remains on paper and is not faithfully and speedily implemented, will not meet the tragedy of the hour and will only increase suffering among Jews and tension in Palestine.'

"The question is one which truly concerns all Americans, of whatever faith they may be. If the Government of the United States exercises the moral influence of this nation, a just solution of the problem can be swiftly found."

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RADIO SCRIPT -- M. J. COLDWELL

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I am glad to have this opportunity of joining with men and women of goodwill from many countries in an expression of our support for the re-establishment of Palestine as the homeland of the Jewish people.

I was an official delegate from Canada to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco and a short time ago as a member of the Canadian Parliament I joined with other members of the House of Commons in giving unanimous approval to the charter.

The preamble to that important document reaffirms the faith of our people in those standards of civilized life which were attacked by our common enemies in the war -- the worth of and dignity of the individual, the rule of law and respect for the pledged word. We in common with other nations who have approved of the preamble, and the purposes and principles contained in the charter, believe that men and nations can by their joint and sustained efforts live together as good neighbours, free from fear and want and with liberty of thought and worship.

With these pledges and aims in mind we approach the present situation in Palestine. Canada is a free and independent nation associated with the United Kingdom in the British Commonwealth of Nations. We are proud to believe that we share the traditions of British Parliamentary Democracy which we also like to believe includes our respect for the pledged word. The Balfour Declaration was a pledge to the Jewish people that Palestine would be assured to them both as their homeland and as their haven of refuge from persecution and terror. In my country our Labour and other people's organizations, of which the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation is one political expression, have gone on record many times in urging the complete fulfilment of this pledge. Recently on behalf of our movement and of myself personally I cabled the Rt. Hon. Clement Attlee, a man in whom I have every confidence and for whom I have the highest regard and respect, urging him and his government to do everything possible to give immediate and full effect to the pledges of the British Labour Party and of similar movements throughout the British Commonwealth. I am certain that with an assurance of support from the governments of the free peoples of the British Commonwealth and the United States the promises of the present government of the United Kingdom will be fulfilled. And we owe these assurances to the government of a people who are at this moment beset with so many and so grave problems in their own country and throughout the world. While the war against the Nazi, Fascist and Japanese aggressors has ended victoriously for our cause the international situation has certainly deteriorated during the past three months. Because of this selfish interest in the Arab countries, as well as those who are willing to take advantage of the difficulties thus created, are doing their utmost to prevent the immigration of displaced and persecuted Jews into Palestine.

But they must not be allowed to succeed. Too long our countries have failed to play their parts in providing refuge for the victims of Nazi and Fascist persecution. We have used our peacetime immigration restrictions as the excuse for our failure to exercise those principles of common humanity which we should have respected when the persecuted knocked at our doors. It is with this thought in mind that I urge now that we of the nations of the British Commonwealth and the people of the United States join with the government of the United Kingdom in assuring that Palestine shall be opened immediately for Jewish immigration to the fullest possible extent. The record of the Jewish army in the Middle East and in Italy as a part of the Desert forces which drove Rommel into the sea and destroyed

the power of Mussolini was a service to our cause which none can forget. And what is it the Jewish people are asking in terms of territory? Simply that they shall have restored to them a tiny fraction of the vast area so long neglected by the Arabs. A little land which is the traditional home of the Jewish people. A land which once before under Jewish government maintained a comparatively large population. A land which a generation ago was a fringe of the Arab desert where poverty and disease abounded. And thus it would have remained but for the Jewish immigration of the past thirty years. Where the Jews have been able to settle they have transformed the desert, they have banished disease, they have raised the standards of life of the Arab population and have set an example of what co-operative intelligent social and economic efforts can do for the world. They have watered the desert, they have made those parts of Palestine under their control the land of milk and honey of which we read in our common Holy Scriptures. I have no doubt that all this alarms the Arab rulers who for centuries have lived in luxury amid the poverty and disease of their exploited subjects. Now they see a community arising on their borders which if permitted to develop and expand will be an inspiration to the depressed Arab people to follow this example and to free themselves from their oppressors. This I am convinced is the real cause of the opposition fomented by the Arab rulers. Unfortunately powerful economic interests in our countries listen to these Arab rulers because of the strategic and economic importance of the large supplies of oil in the Middle East. But we must not allow such interests to stand in the way of human justice and social progress. This is a time when the voices of men and women of goodwill and progressive principles must be loud, firm and insistent. That is the reason why we are here tonight to join in the just demands regarding Palestine. Many of us profess and call ourselves Christian. To my mind the setting aside of Palestine, and the opening wider of our own gates, to provide refuge for the persecuted and the oppressed is both a Christian duty and a humanitarian policy.

The fulfillment of the pledges given to the Jewish people will enable us to promote the aims of the United Nations Charter in the Middle and Far East. Let us remember that our nations have solemnly promised to assist in the creation of conditions of stability and well-being everywhere on earth. We have placed our approval on a document which impels us to promote higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development. We have promised to maintain universal respect for, and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion.

These are the words of the Charter. In Palestine under Jewish leadership we have seen these promises put into effect. How then can we fail at this time to assist in the further fulfillment of them. It is because we of the Canadian Delegation believe that solemn undertakings must be carried out that we join with you tonight in demanding the recognition of Palestine as the Jewish homeland and its immediate opening as a place of refuge for the Jewish people.