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JEWISH CHAPLAINS' COMMITTEE BLASTS ROSENWALD'S COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM;  
CHALLENGES COUNCIL'S SLURS "IMPUGNING THE PATRIOTISM OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS"

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CHAPLAINS BARRED FROM COUNCIL CONFERENCE

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Philadelphia -- An independent committee of Jewish Chaplains from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps today blasted the American Council for Judaism for its "defamatory statements impugning the patriotism of American Zionists."

The Committee had earlier forwarded a written request to Lessing J. Rosenwald, President of the American Council for Judaism, for permission to submit a brief statement to that body, holding its convention in this city. The request, signed by Lt. Col. Aryeh Lev, Comdr. Joshua L. Goldberg, Major Edward T. Sandrow and Lt. Comdr. S. Joshua Kehn, of the Chaplains' Committee, was disapproved by Mr. Rosenwald.

At a press conference of the Jewish Chaplains' Committee, held at a Philadelphia hotel, Major Edward T. Sandrow, Chairman of the group, pointed out that the American Council for Judaism had consistently pursued a "malicious policy of hate" against American Zionists. Their most vicious anti-Zionist line was the allegation that Zionism fosters "dual allegiance," Chaplain Sandrow stated. He disclosed that as recently as January 10, 1946, the charge of "divided patriotism" was reiterated by Lessing J. Rosenwald before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry in Washington, D. C.

In the statement of denunciation, read by the Secretary of the Committee, Lt. Leon Rosenberg, formerly Chaplain with the 4th Marine Division, it was pointed

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out that 228 of the 305 Jewish Chaplains have already identified themselves with the Zionist movement. "For anyone to insinuate that Zionism tends to diminish the full measure of devotion of these 228 Rabbis to America is the height of impudence," Chaplain Rosenberg declared.

The full text of the statement follows:

"In view of the defamatory statements and innuendoes made repeatedly by responsible representatives of the American Council for Judaism, impugning the patriotism of American Zionists, we the undersigned, Rabbis in Israel, serving as Chaplains in the Armed Forces of our nation, register our deep resentment and disapproval of such reckless and un-American allegations.

"Of the 305 surviving Chaplains of the Jewish faith who responded unhesitatingly to the call of our country in its hour of need, 228 have already identified themselves with the Zionist ideal, with replies expected from many still overseas. For anyone to insinuate that Zionism tends to diminish the full measure of devotion of these 228 Rabbis to America is the height of impudence.

"Such an accusation comes with particularly bad grace from an organization which numbers amongst its leadership men who did not respond to the call of the responsible Jewish Commission to serve in the Chaplaincy.

"As Chaplains we deplore such irreligious conduct on the part of the Council.

"As servants of God, we call upon the Council to desist from defaming the memory of the thousands of Jews who believed in Zionism, and who fought and died for their beloved America."



**PRESS RELEASE**

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AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE LEADERS HAIL  
STATEMENT ON PALESTINE MADE BY ARAB CHRISTIAN ARCHBISHOP  
OF LEBANON, WHO DECLARED LEBANESE FAVOR ZIONISM

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New York -- Dr. Carl Hermann Voss and Dean Howard M. LeSourd, co-directors of the American Christian Palestine Committee, today cabled their "deep admiration and gratitude for the courageous statement" made yesterday by Monsignor Ignatz Moubar, Archbishop of the Maronite Church in Beirut, Lebanon, who charged that a sub-committee of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, which took testimony in Lebanon, did not hear the true voice of Lebanese public opinion.

"Your forthright declaration is striking evidence that believers in truth and justice throughout the world are resolved to advance the cause of a Jewish Palestine, and will not be silenced by the reactionary forces of the Arab League and colonial imperialism," Dr. Voss and Dean LeSourd said in their cable to Monsignor Moubar.

Monsignor Moubar's views are expressed in an exclusive interview with a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, dated March 21st. The dispatch quoted Monsignor Moubar as saying that "if the Committee had heard the true voice, it would have heard that voice declaring support of Jewish reconstruction in Palestine -- support of Zionism as a symbol of progress and security of all peoples in the Middle East."

He insisted that the Christian majority in Lebanon is not represented in the present Government, and made it clear that his views also represent those of

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the Maronite Patriarch, spiritual leader of the Maronite Christian world, "who has often expressed his sympathy with Judaism and Zionism."

"The Anglo-American Committee heard only chosen Government spokesmen who have said what the Government wanted them to say," the Archbishop declared. "I charge that our President did not give his true views, because he is fearful of the Arab League. He himself holds views contrary to those he expressed, and I, myself, told him so. The present Government would not now be in power without my help. I brought Christian support to the President of the Republic, whom I now charge with not having expressed his real feelings before the Committee."

Speaking of the ties between Palestine and his country, Monsignor Moubar said that the development of Lebanon is tied up with the development of Palestine. "We Christian Lebanese know this," he continued. "We realize that Zionism is bringing civilization to Palestine and to the entire Middle East. I am very much in favor of Zionism because I have the good of Palestine at heart. The desire of the Moslem Arabs is to dominate the country and cast out the Christians. I tell you frankly, opposition to Zionism in Palestine means returning the people to the domination of savagery, and the return of the country to that state of anarchy and bribery in which it existed at the height of the Ottoman sultans."

"If anyone in this part of the world has sought to unite all communities, it is I," he asserted, adding, "but I am sorry to state that we have found nothing on the part of the Moslems, except fanaticism, hate, and a desire to dominate the country. You can be sure that in this country, where Christians represent the majority of the population, the great majority of the Christians are against reactionary Arab anti-Zionist opinion, and support the Jews because they have the best relations with them and that together with the Jews they can best work out their salvation."

"We realize," he continued, "that there is a struggle here between civilization and regression, and the Jews symbolize civilization. We Christian Lebanese

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have always been pioneers of civilization, not only in Lebanon but in the entire Middle East."

Warning that the Middle East was witnessing a test case in the march of civilization, he stated: "In the desire of the Jews to rebuild Palestine there burns a very pure flame. We must not extinguish it! The Jews of Palestine and the Christians of Palestine can work together, and if the Moslem Arabs would assist, it would be magnificent, but, unfortunately, they are opposed to anything which means progress. I was in Palestine thirty years ago. It was an arid, forgotten land. I've seen it since -- I tell you, we Lebanese are jealous of the good fate of Palestine."

He pointed out that the "Moslem Arabs of Palestine, Damascus, and Beirut sold their land holdings in Palestine to Jews for high prices, and now the Moslem Arabs here wish to regain those lands and cast out the Jews.

"These are my views," Monsignor Moubar concluded, "and I am not afraid to voice them. Last night I was invited to a dinner tendered by the Foreign Ministry to the members of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee and I refused to attend, lest my presence give the impression that I agreed with the opinions expressed before the Committee."

At the conclusion of his interview with the JTA correspondent, the Archbishop signed a statement embracing the essence of his remarks, adding "I propose to speak on this subject in the same way from the pulpit, this coming week-end."



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PRESS RELEASE FROM  
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CHRISTIAN MINISTERS URGE PRESIDENT TRUMAN  
TO INSIST THAT JEWISH REFUGEES DETAINED AT LA SPEZIA BE GRANTED  
IMMEDIATE PASSAGE TO PALESTINE

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New York -- The Christian Council on Palestine, representing over 3,000 ministers and religious educators, today called on President Truman to insist that the 1,014 Jewish refugees detained aboard the ship "Fede" at La Spezia, Italy, be granted immediate passage to Palestine.

Condemning the detention of the refugees, the Council declared in a telegram to the President: "The only way we can move toward a solution of the specific problem of the 1,014 refugees lingering in misery and ignominy at La Spezia, and of the great problem of the displaced Jewish people throughout Europe, is to insist that the gates of Palestine be opened immediately for free Jewish immigration."

"The toll of six million dead Jews during these recent years should shock the Christian world into an awareness of Christian responsibility for Jewish national homelessness," the Council said. The telegram was signed by Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, Chairman, Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr, Treasurer, and Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, Executive Secretary.

The text of the telegram follows:

"The Executive Committee of the Christian Council on Palestine condemns the detention of 1,014 Jewish refugees aboard the ship "Fede" at La Spezia, Italy. We call on you, Mr. President, to urge that these tragic people be granted immediate passage to Palestine.

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"We are deeply sympathetic with the plight of these Jews who are seeking to reach Palestine, and who are making this noble stand against the immigration restrictions of the British Mandatory.

"We urge you, Mr. President, to call upon the Allied General Headquarters to make available all medical aid, sufficient nourishing food, an opportunity for better living conditions, and to insist that considerations of justice, humanity and common decency prevail. The toll of six million dead Jews during these recent years should shock the Christian world into an awareness of Christian responsibility for Jewish national homelessness.

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CHRISTIAN LEADERS FIND ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY'S  
REPORT ON PALESTINE "WOEFULLY INADEQUATE"

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New York -- The American Christian Palestine Committee, representing prominent religious and lay leaders throughout America, today strongly criticized the Report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, declaring it "woefully inadequate as a token of atonement" to the Jewish people.

In a statement issued today by Dr. Howard M. LeSourd and Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, co-directors, the Committee found in the Report an effort to "obscure the real issue at stake, which is not only to create a haven for homeless Jews, but to build a National Home for a homeless people."

The Committee commended President Truman for "his leadership and his courage" and was "heartily in accord with the President's statement which approves of the Report's recommendation abrogating in effect the White Paper of 1939."

The text of the statement follows:

"We have read the Report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine with mingled emotions. We are happy that here at last is an attempt to voice concern about the plight of the Jews of Europe, and to make suggestions concerning Palestine. But the Committee's report, admirable in intent, is woefully inadequate as a token of atonement in view of the last thirty years' persecution of the Jewish people in a so-called Christian world, the six years of a holocaust of six million Jews dead at the hands of Hitler's hordes, and the past year's shameful inaction following victory in Europe.

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"We welcome the recommendation which upholds President Truman's courageous request of last summer to admit 100,000 homeless Jews to Palestine. This recommendation, however, must be regarded as no more than a partial remedy of an intolerable condition. It is at best a belated acknowledgment of an outraged world conscience -- the conscience of millions of Christians who demand justice for the Jewish people.

"We are heartily in accord with President Truman's statement which approves of the Report's recommendation abrogating in effect the White Paper of 1939. We heartily commend the President for his leadership and his courage. Mr. Truman's position is in accord with the stated will of the American people, as reaffirmed over the past quarter of a century by Presidential statements and Congressional resolutions. But we consider that this Report is at best only a point of departure.

"It is evasive and unwarranted to make issue of 'Christian rights and interests' in view of the complete freedom which the Christians in Palestine now enjoy. During the past generation reverence and good taste have been <sup>evident</sup> in the preservation and protection of holy places, shrines, and sacred spots associated with the history of Christendom, as well as of Judaism and Mohammedanism. The Christian conscience is outraged by such an attempt to put a brake on Jewish development of Palestine due to an inadequately defined 'interest of the Christian world.' The Balfour Declaration and the League of Nations Mandate stipulated that the holy places be fully protected, a stipulation which has been meticulously observed by the Jews of Palestine. As Christians we protest this effort to create an issue out of a situation which has never been a problem, and thus obscure the real issue at stake which is not only to create a haven for homeless Jews, but to build a National Home for a homeless people. To lump the Jews with Moslems and Christians and consider them solely as a religious group is historically and scientifically absurd, for the Jewish people is much more than a

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religious entity. The Jews as a people have an ethnic consciousness which makes their relationship to Palestine unique.

"It is unfair and unjustifiable, we believe, to raise the standard of living among the Arabs at the expense of the Jews. We believe that the Arab standard of living must be raised, but we think it unjust and uncalled for to penalize the Jews for the backwardness of the Arabs. It is a travesty of justice to place part of the burden, as inevitably will be the case, upon the 100,000 Jews entering the Promised Land with nothing more than their lives.

"These are our initial reactions to a Report whose publication we welcome because of the crying need for action, but whose specific stipulations demand closer scrutiny and will have in due time a more extended critique."

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TWO CHRISTIAN GROUPS FAVORING JEWISH PALESTINE MERGE

INTO AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

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BREWSTER, MEAD AND POLING TO SERVE AS JOINT CHAIRMEN

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New York — The merger of two large Christian groups dedicated to the solution of Jewish national homelessness — the American Palestine Committee and the Christian Council on Palestine — was effected recently by the establishment of the American Christian Palestine Committee, according to an announcement from U.S. Senator Owen Brewster (Rep., Me.), U.S. Senator James M. Mead (Dem., N.Y.) and the Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, joint chairmen of the new group.

The officers of the Christian Council on Palestine, one of the merged organizations, have been integrated into the new Committee, it was noted by the joint chairmen. The Rev. Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, formerly chairman of that group, has been named a founder and honorary chairman of the American Christian Palestine Committee.

The Christian Council on Palestine was composed of clergymen, religious leaders and educators throughout this country. Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr, its former treasurer, is now a member of the Executive Council of the reconstituted Palestine Committee. Dr. Voss was delegated chairman of the Executive Council.

U.S. Senator Robert F. Wagner was also named a founder and honorary chairman of the new organization. The newly-elected vice-chairmen include: William Green, Eric A. Johnston, Hon. Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Cong. John W. McCormack, Senator Warren Magnuson, Cong. Joseph Martin, Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde, Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, Philip Murray and Sumner Welles.

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Other officers are: Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas, secretary, Dean Alfange, treasurer, Dean Howard M. LeSourd, director, and V. D. Furnad, extension sec'y. Simultaneous with the announcement of the new officers was the issuance of a new statement of principles. The statement follows:

"The American Christian Palestine Committee believes that the so-called 'Jewish problem' is primarily a Christian problem. As Christians we must resist and seek to destroy racial and religious discrimination. We must demand justice for the Jewish people everywhere. We must restore security and liberty wherever these have been lost. We must obtain the democratic freedoms of citizenship and the right to work for Jews who choose to remain in or return to the lands of their birth. We must safeguard their rights to restitution of property and to lives of dignity and self-respect, wherever such rights have been denied to them.

"But this is not enough, as has been historically demonstrated. The basic solution which will end Jewish national homelessness -- the root of most of the evils which have afflicted the Jewish people -- is imperative today. We therefore demand the fulfillment of the clear intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration, the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, and of the 1924 Convention between Great Britain and the United States, all of which were designed to provide a national homeland, in the full sense of the word, for the Jewish people.

"Specifically, we urge the implementation of the concurrent Congressional Resolution passed in December, 1945:

'BE IT RESOLVED, that the interest shown by the President in the solution of this problem is hereby commended and that the United States shall use its good offices with the mandatory power to the end that Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country to the maximum of its agricultural and economic potentialities, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization and development, so that they may freely proceed with the upbuilding of Palestine as the Jewish national home and, in association with all elements of the population, establish Palestine as a democratic commonwealth in which all men, regardless of race or creed, shall have equal rights.'

"The steps to the realization of the Zionist goal are free immigration and unrestricted colonization by Jews, resulting in a Jewish majority in Palestine empowered to create the institutions of democratic government. In the Jewish national homeland thus to be established, complete separation of church and state is assured. The holy places of all religions will be fully protected under international guarantees."



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## CUBA STATESMAN SAW NO ARAB-JEWISH TENSION IN PALESTINE DURING RECENT TOUR

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DR. GUTIERREZ, FORMER PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES,  
RECOMMENDS THAT UN ACT JOINTLY ON PALESTINE

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New York --- Declaring that he saw no "evidence of friction or disagreement between the Arab and Jewish people" in Palestine, Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez, former president of Cuba's Chamber of Deputies and ex-Secretary of Justice, minimized the "much-touted Arab-Jewish 'tinder-box'" as a propaganda instrument of the wealthy Arab land-owner class. Dr. Gutierrez has just returned from a trip to the Holy Land where he had been sent as a special envoy for the Cuban Government.

"If Arabs and Jews were left to their own councils, they could settle the Palestine problem wisely and permanently," the Cuban statesman declared at a press conference. He was of the opinion that "both groups were sincerely interested in getting along with one another and were confident that a settlement could be reached."

The Latin-American diplomat stated that the British were hastily converting Palestine into an "impregnable fortress" and were planning to use that land as a bastion for their Suez defenses.

"There seems to be no doubt but that Palestine will be able to absorb any number of incoming settlers into its land economy," he declared. "The Jewish Agency has been laying blue-prints for a long time for such an eventuality, and

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could accommodate many more than the 100,000 refugees envisaged by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry.

Dr. Gutierrez has held many important governmental positions in Cuba. He has served as Secretary of Justice, President of the Chamber of Deputies, Chairman of the Maritime Commission and Minister without portfolio. At the present time he is Secretary of the Board of War Economy and the representative from Cuba in the General Council of UNRRA.

The text of Dr. Gutierrez' statement follows:

"Contrary to popular world opinion, nowhere in Palestine did I see any evidence of friction or disagreement between the Arab and Jewish people. This was especially amazing to me, since I arrived in the Holy Land a few days after the Report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry was released, and consequently expected that the much-touted Arab-Jewish 'tinder-box' was ready to explode. Although I traveled throughout the length and breadth of Palestine during the month of May, I can unequivocally state that I saw no tension or uneasiness whatsoever between the two groups.

"Arab-Jewish 'strife' has been promoted by the wealthy Arab land-owner class. The Arab in the street, or fellah, is not an enemy of the Jews. On the other hand, he recognizes the Jewish settler as his benefactor. It is the feudal landlord who resents Jews, not as Jews, but as the forerunners of progress and reform. Obviously, these social improvements are completely inconsistent with the feudalistic philosophy of the Arab land-owners.

"If Arabs and Jews were left to their own councils, they could settle the Palestine problem wisely and permanently. From what I observed, Arabs and Jews sincerely desired to get along with one another, and were confident that a settlement could be reached.

"The only tension evident in Palestine was to be seen on the faces of the British military and constabulary there. Theirs was a tension of frenzied military activity. There seems to be no doubt but that the British are pulling

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their troops out of Egypt, On one day I saw at least 600 military vehicles departing from Egypt and heading for Palestine. The Holy Land seems destined to become the Maginot Line in defense of the Suez Canal.

"Throughout Palestine a vast system of 'police' stations and guard posts, complete with machine-gun nests and radio equipment, is being carefully constructed. They are strategically deployed and integrated into the terrain so that they more closely resemble strong points and pill-boxes, rather than casual sentry stations. Palestine, standing at the cross-roads of three continents, is potentially an impregnable fortress, and the British are in the midst of making it one in reality.

"I was deeply impressed by the vibrant spirit of the Jewish colonists and their sincere love for the land. They seemed to be ready to share their last crust of bread with the European Jews who were waiting to migrate into Palestine. There seems to be no doubt but that Palestine will be able to absorb any number of incoming settlers into its land economy. The Jewish Agency has been laying blue-prints for a long time for such an eventuality, and could accommodate many more than the 100,000 refugees envisaged by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry.

"One of the unforgettable incidents in my recent trip was a private audience arranged for me with His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. The Holy Father displayed an especial interest in my observations of Palestine, and asked me many questions about the true state of affairs there. I was left with the impression that the Pope was acutely aware of the tragic plight of the Jews in Europe, and was hopeful that the situation would be settled within a short period.

"It is my opinion that the Palestine problem can be settled only by a joint action of the United Nations. A strong and definitive decision will be needed by the concert of nations. Refugee Jews must be allowed to enter the land in large numbers, and settle down to permanent habitation there."



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DEAN ALFANGE SCORES NEW BRITISH WHITE PAPER AS

"DEVICE TO CONFUSE PUBLIC OPINION"

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GREATER NEW YORK CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE LABELS IT  
AN ATTEMPT "TO ABSOLVE BRITAIN WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT TRAGIC SITUATION IN PALESTINE"

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New York -- Dean Alfange, chairman of the American Christian Palestine Committee of Greater New York, today attacked the latest British White Paper "as another device to confuse public opinion and to absolve Britain which has brought about the present tragic situation in Palestine."

"It is British policy which has produced the acts of desperation in Palestine," Mr. Alfange charged.

Pointing out that violence has always been abhorrent to the Jewish people, Mr. Alfange declared that Great Britain had driven the Jews of Palestine "to the breaking point." He cited the American struggle for independence in 1776 and the more-recent Irish rebellion of the Twenties as analagous with the present struggle for freedom by the Jews in Palestine.

The full text of his statement follows:

"The British White Paper accusing the Jewish Agency for Palestine as provoking violence in the Holy Land is another device to confuse public opinion and to absolve Britain, which has brought about the present tragic situation in Palestine, of responsibility.

"It is British policy which has produced the acts of desperation in Palestine. Britain's ruthless oppression of Jewish patriots who had been her only true allies

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in the Middle East throughout the war, Britain's suppression of the internationally-recognized Jewish Agency, her treacherous attempts to evade her solemn obligations under the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate, and her wanton disregard of the elemental right of the Jewish people to survive -- these are the causes for violence in Palestine.

"Violence is abhorrent to peace-loving people -- especially to the Jewish people, who have been the chief victims of violence and who have been foremost in preaching the doctrine of peace. But as was recently stated by a group of America's leading citizens. "There is a limit to what even Jews can endure." Britain has driven the Jews of Palestine to the breaking point. The refusal of the British Government to accept even the modest recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine has exasperated not only the Jews, but right-thinking men and women the world over.

"We. therefore declare that in resisting Britain's tyranny, the Jews in Palestine are today fighting the same battle for freedom and survival which Americans fought in 1776. It would seem that Britain has failed to learn from her earlier experiences. The lessons taught by the American colonists, by the people of Ireland and of India, now seem to be lost on the leaders of the Labor Government of Britain.

"The American Christian Palestine Committee of Greater New York is in full sympathy with the responsible resistance movement of Jewish Palestine in its struggle for freedom and self-determination, and calls upon Americans of all faiths to give it their whole-hearted support. No amount of British White Papers can erase the heroic work of the Jewish pioneering spirit for over a generation.



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CHRISTIAN LEADERS ASSAIL BRITISH GENERAL'S ANTI-SEMITIC ORDER  
TO TROOPS IN PALESTINE AS EVIDENCE THAT BRITAIN USES  
ANTI-JEWISH LIES IN ORDER TO DESTROY JEWISH NATIONAL HOME

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New York -- The American Christian Palestine Committee, speaking for thousands of Christian religious and lay leaders in the United States, today assailed the order issued to all British military units in Palestine by General Sir Evelyn Barker, British Commander-in-Chief in that country as "renewed evidence that Britain will stoop so low as to spread anti-Semitic lies and appeal to the very worst in human nature in order to carry out her ignominious policies in Palestine."

In a joint statement issued here, Dean Howard M. LeSourd, Director and Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, Chairman of the Executive Council of the American Christian Palestine Committee, declared: "We doubt whether General Sir Evelyn Barker would have dared to issue this cheap, anti-Semitic slander had he not been confident that these words would be cordially received by his political superiors in London. His letter can hardly be viewed as a new British approach, inasmuch as he received his cue from no less a personage than Foreign Secretary Bevin himself, who, on at least two occasions, has uttered vulgar, anti-Semitic remarks.

The text of the statement follows:

"It becomes clearer with each passing day that, in order to achieve its ignoble purpose of destroying the Jewish National Home, the British Government is employing open anti-Semitism as a weapon. The latest example is the order

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issued to all British military units in Palestine by General Sir Evelyn Barker, British Commander-in-Chief in that country. That letter might very well have been drafted by a Nazi Gauleiter, for it not only charges that all Jews in Palestine are guilty in the bombing of the King David Hotel, but goes on to explain the reason for ordering all Jewish businesses, places of entertainment and homes out of bounds for British soldiers as follows: 'I am certain that if my reasons are fully explained to them (the troops) they will understand their propriety and they will be punishing the Jews in a way that the race dislikes as much as any -- by striking at their pockets and showing our contempt for them.'

"We doubt whether General Sir Evelyn Barker would have dared to issue this cheap, anti-Semitic slander had he not been confident that these words would be cordially received by his political superiors in London. His letter can hardly be viewed as a new British approach, inasmuch as he received his cue from no less a personage than Foreign Secretary Bevin himself, who, on at least two occasions, has uttered vulgar, anti-Semitic remarks.

"This renewed evidence that Britain will stoop so low as to spread anti-Semitic lies and appeal to the very worst in human nature in order to carry out her ignominious Palestine policies, strengthens our determination to expose and combat those policies. Britain's blows are aimed not at the Jews alone, but at the very heart of the democratic ideals and Christian principles for which we in America have fought and will continue to fight."



TEXT OF SPEECH GIVEN BY BARTLEY C. CRUM AT LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY THE  
AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE, MAYFLOWER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
AUGUST 21, 1946

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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I should like to emphasize beforehand -- particularly for the benefit of such foreign correspondents as may be present -- that anything I may say here is my own point of view. It does not represent either official or semi-official viewpoints of the U. S. Government. With that warning note, I should like to talk to you for about twenty minutes, with as much frankness as possible on this question of Palestine.

The thing which stands out most clearly in my mind is the fact that all the Presidents of the U. S., from Woodrow Wilson -- who helped draft the Balfour Declaration assuring world-wide Jewry that in Palestine there would be created a National Home for the Jewish people -- to Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Truman, gave assurance of the support of this policy on the part of this Government. That policy has been reflected in the platforms of the major parties and in the Resolutions of the U.S. Congress. Yet that policy has not been carried out by our Government. We are sorry to find out that the State Department blocked and frustrated the policy set down by the Presidents of the U. S. and by our Congress.

When we were appointed to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, President Truman emphasized time and again to us that the primary responsibility of this Government was to see that the camps of Europe containing these fragments of persecuted people were emptied at once. His deep feelings on this matter were communicated not only to Mr. Attlee but also to Mr. Bevin.

Our instructions from the White House were divided into two parts. The President felt that ~~the~~ moral integrity of the United States was at issue. The matter of the immediate resettlement of the Jews and the chance to rebuild their lives



was a question that was even more important than the long-range policy regarding Palestine. Therefore, our instructions were divided into two parts: We were to present short-term recommendations and long-range policy .

After we had gone through all the crowded camps in Germany, Austria and Italy, and after we had seen the unspeakable conditions in Poland, and had conferred with the Arab chieftains in Cairo, Saudi-Arabia and elsewhere, we were unanimously agreed that 100,000 certificates should be issued to the Jewish Agency for Palestine as evidence of the good faith of the Western Powers towards these people and toward democratic people everywhere. When we filed our report with the President, he endorsed it. He said there was no reason now for the British to delay further any issuance of these 100,000 certificates and in his statement, he very carefully distinguished between the short-term, emergency recommendations and the long-term solutions.

These short-term recommendations, which should have been the official policy of the U. S. Government, were first that 100,000 Jews be admitted to Palestine; secondly, that the Palestine land law restrictions of 1940 (which were the result of the White Paper of 1939) should be immediately rescinded; thirdly, that the Jordan Valley Authority be created to make it possible to fructify the arid lands of Palestine. We warned that if the short-term recommendations were not carried out regardless of the ultimate form of government in Palestine, it would lead to further delay and additional frustration and despair.

We were warned by the representative of the British Foreign Office that the Foreign Office would take no part in the carrying out of our recommendations and that it would prevent these recommendations from being put into effect. Indeed, he asserted that he would communicate with the Mufti who was living at the time in comfort in a villa outside Paris. It was no mere coincidence that the Mufti showed up in Cairo at the very time our Committee was investigating the Palestine problem.



### SUGGESTS END TO SECRET DIPLOMACY

We found some rather shocking things. We knew that Mr. Truman was manifestly determined to see that the British Government measured up to their responsibilities. Yet when we got on the "Queen Elizabeth", the secret files of the State Department were disclosed to us. We found that for every promise made by our Presidents, for every practically unanimous resolution passed by Congress, and for every plank in every platform from 1920 onward of both the Republican and Democratic parties, our State Department advised the Arabs that nothing would be done.

How is it possible for the President of the United States to set up a certain policy -- a policy which according to a recent Elmo Roper Poll, 92% of the American people approved -- and still have the State Department work against it? How is it possible for gentlemen at the middle level not to carry out the instructions of the President of the United States? I suppose it is possible in a government such as we have that men on that level could do these things, particularly if you permit secret files.

I suggest very strongly that one of the things this group (American Christian Palestine Committee) could urge might be that an end be put to the secret communications between Ibn Saud, Farouk of Egypt, the Husseinis of Jerusalem and the rest of the Middle Eastern World and the Middle East Desk of the State Department.

### A POLICY OF FEAR AND APPEASEMENT

British policy, the British Foreign Office spokesmen assert, is highly realistic and they consider it important for us as well as for the British that the U.S. support their position in the Middle East. They know the record of the Arab World in the last war. They know that when Rommel was knocking on the gates of Cairo, Egypt offered no opposition, and their own British Commanders had armed Palestine Jewry to defend Palestine should Rommel be successful in his march on Cairo. They know that the Arab leadership was indeed a very weak ally. Yet British policy carries favor with these weak allies to the detriment of the Jewish people. A variety of reasons was given us for this policy. One of them was that many of the



Jews in Europe had been behind the Russian lines and must have been impregnated with Communism. The second was that the Arab World would turn as one man to the Soviet Union. As to the first, our personal examination convinced us that it just was not true. The Jewish community in Palestine and the Jewish groups in the camps in Europe as anyone who knows them will agree, represent a synthesis of community interests plus preservation of individual rights. No one who has seen the community settlements and the work of the Histadruth in Palestine, and the European Jews who yearn to establish themselves in Palestine could possibly come away with any other idea but that they firmly believed in the democratic form of organization and that it could make the world a very happy place in which to live. As to the second reason, namely that the Arab world would turn towards Russia after having seen Ibn Saud and King Farouk lolling in the night clubs of their own and some of the other so-called Arab leaders, I must say that it is just about as likely that these gentlemen would turn to Uncle Joe in Moscow as that John D. Rockefeller would ask Joe Stalin that he use his good offices with John Snyder to get him a reduction in his income tax. (Laughter).

And so we came to the conclusion that the testimony given to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry by Albert Einstein in Washington was correct; that what had actually happened in Palestine and in the Middle East was an unholy alliance between the feudalistic system which dominates these lands and the 19th century imperialism which the British Labor Party continues to practice abroad.

The Arabs in Palestine, working side by side with Jews, know that they have secured decent living wages thanks to the activities of the Jewish labor unions. The Arabs know that the rate of their infant mortality has been reduced, as in no other Arab community, thanks to the health and sanitation wrought to Palestine by the Jews. The Arabs in Palestine know they have attained an education far in advance of that of the Arabs in the rest of the Middle East because of Jewish efforts in Palestine. Thus, the Jews are introducing into Palestine Western democracy which must have eventually powerful influence on the entire Middle East area.



And it is this that the British fear most.

#### CONFLICT WITHIN IMPERIAL RANKS

A conflict is going on between the British Colonial Office and the British Foreign Office as was clearly manifested during our negotiations. The British Colonial Office wants partition; the British Foreign Office wants continuation of the White Paper of 1939. Mr. Harold Beely, who represented His Majesty's Government in the negotiations with Mr. Henry Grady's group in London, was frank enough to say to me that the only solution which he would favor was the immediate establishment of an independent Arab State in Palestine. The British Colonial Office, on the other hand, favors partition. Under this plan, Britain would be relieved, in the eyes of the Arab world, of the responsibility as to how many Jews would be admitted to Palestine.

The conflict between the two offices will not be resolved favorably and I predict that the Jewish National Home will be destroyed unless the United States Government takes a strong position divorcing itself completely from the policy pursued by the British Foreign Office.

One thing stands out clearly: if the British present any trusteeship plan, as they think they may, to the United Nations, that plan, I predict, will include the elimination of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. This British demand will be explained on the ground that the British have fulfilled their obligation to the Jews and that the National Home is a completed thing.

#### WHAT SHOULD BE THE AMERICAN POLICY?

What should be the American policy? I think the American policy should be the one announced by President Truman. First, we should reaffirm our insistence that the Jews of the D. P. camps of Germany and Austria be admitted into Palestine immediately. Secondly, we should insist on the abrogation of the land laws of 1940; and thirdly, we should back up with all the power we have the creation of the Jordan Valley Authority in Palestine. And I think this should be done before there are any further commitments on the part of the United States with regard to any long-term



policy.

Mr. Drew Pearson who last week published the confidential report of the highly secret Grady Plan -- which incidentally was the worst kept secret of the 20th century -- made one mistake: he said that we were supposed to pay out \$250 million. Actually we were going to pay out \$300 million.

The \$250 million of that amount could be described as an outright bribe to the Arab leaders in Syria, Iraq, Saudi-Arabia, King Abdullah and all the rest, that they should permit Great Britain to permit some Jews to enter what will become a small elongated ghetto. This would be the Jewish National Home, while the Negev, which offers the greatest possibility for large scale settlement, the British will reserve for themselves under the pretext that it is just a desert. Actually we were informed by Dr. Robert Nathan and Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk that given water, the Negev, would be one of the most fertile spots in Palestine. Moreover, the Negev is known to have large oil resources.

SOCIALISM AT HOME -- IMPERIALISM ABROAD

I should like to say a little about the British whom I like very much. I think they feel that they are in a desperate position. I have been told by labor friends that the Labor Party is out to prove that they can protect the British Empire as well as Churchill and that their plan for the improvement of the people of Britain could go forward only with the continued preservation of the empire and that for the time being they must pursue a policy of socialism at home and imperialism abroad.

Our telephone lines were tapped everywhere, quite often and, curiously enough, the voice was always a British voice. Also, by some odd coincidence, messages from the President of the United States to Judge Hucheson, our Chairman, were delivered first to the British Consul General in Geneva. Our experiences in Palestine were somewhat similar. Our wires were tapped; our mail was opened; confidential messages from the White House were delivered to the British before they reached us. Toward the end of our visit there, they didn't even bother to reseal the envelopes.



I think it quite important that you should understand the manner in which the British are administrating Palestine today. It is a police state conducted along completely Fascist lines. It is not possible for anyone to express his views publicly. The editor of the Palestine Post has to submit every night the galley proofs of what is to appear the next day. And, although the British authorities deny emphatically that there exists such censorship in Palestine, I have in my possession galley proofs with entire lines crossed off by the British Censor in Palestine.

The system of group punishment, practiced by Himmler, has been introduced into Palestine. Should anyone in your neighborhood commit some offense, the entire community is punished.

The month before we arrived in Palestine, 250 Jews were arrested because it was believed they entertained thoughts -- mind you, thoughts -- which were regarded as not friendly to the Palestine policy of His Majesty's Government. Outside of Jerusalem, I myself personally visited five concentration camps where Jews had been imprisoned for thinking -- mind you again, for thinking -- that Jews should be allowed to come to Palestine. Such are the conditions under which Palestine Jewry now lives.

I have outlined earlier in my talk what I think is the American point of view. I should like to close by relating one of our experiences in Poland. When our Committee was in the Ghetto of Warsaw in which hundreds of thousands of Jews were first concentrated and then bombed by the Nazis, we found on a table in the middle of a room an urn containing the ashes of a dead Jew. On the urn was the following inscription: "Let the living go".

The British know the condition of the Jews in the camps, and there is no reason whatsoever for keeping these people out of Palestine. The British know, and they told our Committee more than once, that the one sure way to bring peace to Palestine is to open its gates, and I hope very much that President Truman will repeat his request and ask again the British Government in those very words: "Let the Living Go."

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DEAN ALFANGE DISCLOSES NAZI DEALINGS OF DR. JAMALI,  
PRESIDENT OF ARAB LEAGUE

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NOTED POLITICAL FIGURE LABELS ARAB LEADER AS ONE OF  
"HITLER'S CHIEF AGENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST"

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New York, Dec. 17 -- Dean Alfange, onetime candidate for Governor of the State of New York and New York State Chairman of the American Christian Palestine Committee, indicted Dr. Fadel Jamali, President of the Arab League and Foreign Minister of Iraq, "as one of the chief mainsprings of Nazi propaganda in Iraq." Mr. Alfange voiced his accusation at a dinner meeting of the Executive Council of the American Christian Palestine Committee of Greater New York and the four regional chairmen and their committees, held last night at the Hotel Commodore.

Mr. Alfange's startling accusation was based upon a document entitled: "A Short History of Enemy Subversive Activity in Iraq, 1935-1941." Citing this memorandum which was drawn up by the British Defense Security Office in Baghdad, Mr. Alfange charged that the Arab League chieftain had been "one of Adolf Hitler's chief agents in the Middle East."

According to the document cited by Mr. Alfange, Dr. Jamali paid an official visit to Germany in his role as Director-General of Education in Iraq. After his return to his native country, Dr. Jamali sent an official delegation to the Nuremberg rally of 1938. This delegation was headed by the Arab leader's aide, Colonel Mahmoud Fadhil al Janabi who was personally welcomed by Adolf Hitler

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when Colonel Janabi returned and organized the "Futawa" -- the Iraq youth movement -- "in slavish imitation of the Hitler Jugend," Mr. Alfange charged.

The noted political leader pointed out that "under Dr. Jamali's regime Nazi propaganda was spread in the schools, portraits of Hitler were hung side by side with those of the King of Iraq, and the Hitler salute became fashionable among Iraqi youth.

"Dr. Jamali continued playing Hitler's game by preparing the ground for the pro-Nazi revolt which took place in Iraq in 1941 and which had to be put down by the British," Mr. Alfange stated.

The chairmen of the regional committees of the American Christian Palestine Committee are: Borough President John Cashmore and John R. Crews of Brooklyn; Judge James W. Donoghue of the Bronx; the Hon. Charles Poletti of Manhattan; Mayor Stanley W. Church of Westchester County, and Judge Charles S. Colden of Long Island.

Attending last night's dinner session were: Mrs. Edith M. Alexander of the Mayor's Committee on Unity; Mrs. Ernest L. Bogart; Judge Charles S. Colden; Judge James W. Donoghue; Judge Martin J. Fay; Hon. Daniel Flynn; Hon. Patrick J. Fogarty; The Rev. Dr. J. Percival Huguet; Judge Dorothy Kenyon; Dr. John I. Knudson of the Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute; Mr. Walter E. O'Leary of the Board of Education; Congressman John J. Rooney; Judge Frederick L. Strong; Prof. J. Edmund Woods and Dean Ruth C. Wright.

The full text of Mr. Alfange's statement follows:

"Just the other day, Dr. Fadel Jamali, president of the Arab League, and Foreign Minister of Iraq, held a press conference in Cairo in which he followed the current Arab League line which is to present the Arab leaders to the world as great advocates of democracy, and the Jews as fascists having evil designs in Palestine,

"He told American press correspondents that 'the idea that the Jews are a chosen race and that they may go out and conquer other people's land and dominate

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the economic and political life of the people seems as false to us as was Hitler's notion of Nordic supremacy.'

"This is setting up straw men and knocking them down again. The claims of the Jewish people are not based on whether they are a 'chosen' people or not. Nor are the Jewish out to 'conquer' other people. That certainly is not the Zionist program, as Dr. Jamali well knows.

"But what particularly interests me is not Dr. Jamali's misinterpretation of Jewish aspirations in Palestine, but the fact that he should cite Adolf Hitler as a false prophet. In light of Dr. Jamali's own record, it appears that there was a time he thought -- and acted -- far differently.

"There is in existence a document drawn up by the British Defense Security Office in Baghdad, Iraq on April 11, 1945, which establishes the fact that Dr. Jamali was himself one of Adolf Hitler's chief agents in the Middle East.

"This document, entitled 'A Short History of Enemy Subversive Activity in Iraq, 1935-1941,' signed by Major P. Rox Marriott, indicts Dr. Jamali as one of the chief mainsprings of Nazi propaganda in Iraq.

"In 1937 Dr. Jamali, then Director-General of Education in Iraq, paid a visit to Germany. He was officially welcomed and lavishly entertained. Upon his return to Iraq the man who is now president of the Arab League sent an Iraqi delegation to the Nuremberg rally of 1938. It was headed by Dr. Jamali's aide, Colonel Mahmoud Fadhil al Janabi who was personally welcomed by Adolf Hitler. When Colonel Janabi returned, he reorganized the 'Futawa' -- the Iraqi youth movement -- in slavish imitation of the Hitler 'Jugend.' Under Dr. Jamali's regime Nazi propaganda was spread in the schools, portraits of Hitler were hung side by side with those of the King of Iraq, and the Hitler salute became fashionable among Iraqi youth. Dr. Jamali continued playing Hitler's game by preparing the ground for the pro-Nazi revolt which took place in Iraq in 1941 and which had to be put down by the British. It was also while Dr. Jamali was in charge of public education in Iraq that Baghdad, the capital of Iraq, became the center of anti-British, anti-democratic intrigue, and a point of dangerous attack on the United Nations."



# BULLETIN

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## "PEACE ON EARTH TO ALL MEN OF GOOD WILL..."

There will be no peace on earth until men of good will bring justice to the dispossessed and disinherited. It is a mockery to speak of "peace on earth" as long as one person of any race or creed remains homeless and stateless. We of the American Christian Palestine Committee hope with all our hearts that 1947 will give surcease from sorrow to European Jews, bringing them closer to Palestine, the homeland they seek so poignantly. If in the coming twelve months a measure of fulfillment for Zionist aspirations is achieved, then men of good will will be able to speak of the possibility of peace ultimately reigning upon earth.

We know with what heavy hearts and high hopes our Jewish friends - as well as our Christian associates - greet this holiday season. With them, we remember the old, old story of how new light came into the darkness of ancient days when the star rose over Bethlehem. To us, this oft-repeated tale, of which men never tire, brings a new dedication to the task at hand, for Christmastide brings grace to a world laden with sorrow and steeped in suspicion.

We are grateful for the love and the light of Christmas time. But we are overwhelmed in contrition because this love and light are lacking in our so-called Christian world wherein more than six million Jews were done to death in nations which prided themselves on being "Christian."

We find hope and good cheer in the Yuletide days and receive impetus for the coming year. Yet we know that each day we celebrate the coming of the Christ child, we are haunted by the memory of what we have done to His people and by the knowledge of what we have left undone by way of reparation.

Christmas is thus the season of both joy and sorrow, for we know deep in our hearts that our celebration of Christmas is incomplete because of our sins of commission and our sins of omission. We approach the altar festooned with holly, with the realization that sackcloth and ashes would be more appropriate.



"Peace on earth" while over 200,000 Jews languish in detention camps in Europe and clamor for permission to go to Palestine? There can be no peace and there can be no authentic Christmastide until this and a score of wrongs like it throughout the world are remedied.

The Christian Feast of Christmas and the Jewish Festival of Lights known as Chanukah were, like the Roman Saturnalia, celebrated at the very season of the year when days were shortest and nights were darkest. Life seemed to be at lowest ebb. Hence, the need for more Light, for a new experience of grace. At this season of the winter's solstice, the world is reassured that justice will at long last prevail and that dastardly wrongs, such as the Nazi extermination of the Jews and British misrule in Palestine, will be righted.

We find reassurance in these days in the knowledge that the sun will soon burst forth again to give men warmth and life. At Christmas time, say our hearts, the darkest days will have vanished and once more mankind sets forth to seek peace on earth among men of good will. Here, in the symbolism of nature is the proof of the soul's sincere surmise; that God still reigns and life is not for naught.

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FAMOUS VISITORS DESCRIBE THE LAND  
OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Dr. James G. MacDonald, Member of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee.

"I wish I could describe to you Palestine as a country. It is one of the most stirring, one of the most moving countries in all the world. I have been about the world a good deal, but I have never been so deeply stirred as by this visit to the Holy Land. The Jewish work in Palestine of the last quarter of a century has been so creative that it had made possible not only the admission of half a million additional Jews, but also an additional six hundred thousand Arabs. That was made unmistakably clear to us by the testimony.

"In the colonies the first concern is for the babies. And in Palestine you have some of the loveliest babies in the world. They are all brought up in the nurseries and in the kindergartens by the particular people in the colony who are best adapted to do it... You see, the babies in these colonies are the aristocracy. They are the only people who have tile baths and the utmost sanitation... The real reason I thought those babies so beautiful is because I saw them against the background of the Jewish children that we had seen in Europe. Remember that before Hitler there were about a million and a half Jewish babies and Jewish children there. When Hitler was dead, a million, three hundred fifty thousand of them were dead, burned in the crematoriums."



Frank Gervasi, well-known correspondent. Author of "To Whom Palestine?"

"I'd like to mention a very curious thing that is happening in Palestine. A new race is being brought up. You will find black-eyed, black-haired Roumanians, thin sallow-faced people, nervous, the stamp of the Jew upon them, the persecuted Jew. They come to Palestine and in a year they begin to grow in stature. Their muscles harden; their shoulders are straight; their heads are high; and they produce children and a remarkable phenomenon occurs. They haven't got black hair any more or black eyes. They are freckle-faced and pug nosed, blue-eyed, red-haired. The girls are big bosomed and heavy hipped and sturdy. The men look like animated oak trees. That is what freedom does to people."

Ralph McGill, Editor of the "Atlanta Constitution"

"I arrived in Palestine without any announcement or affiliation. I hired a car and went all over Palestine. I spent many days in the farm settlements. I visited the industrial setup there. I have never seen better farmers or harder working farmers than the Jewish farmers of Palestine. I can tell you that the most forbidding stretch of rocky New England hillside is rich compared with the hills of Palestine... To see some of those farms was to see one of the most dramatic things possible to see in augur... I realized after the first few days that it was not an experiment, but it was an accomplished fact... And I saw there young people and middle aged, and old, from all countries of Europe who are there with a tremendous hope and tremendous vitality."

#### SEASON'S GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES

To all leaders and co-workers of the American Christian Palestine Committee. We have pledged ourselves to the Christmas message of good will. Our work is an integral part of the struggle for democratic survival. It is concerned with a noble people and a Holy Land. It is inspired by the vision of peace and justice in the very country where the ideal of world brotherhood was proclaimed. We face the coming year with confidence, firmly resolved to spare no effort towards the triumph of the cause to which we are dedicated.

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