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## American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine

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### LABOR LOOKS AT PALESTINE

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The recent death of Berl Katzenelson, veteran leader of the Palestine labor movement and founder of the powerful Palestinian labor daily, "Davar," focuses attention once again on the land to which he devoted a lifetime and the unique labor movement which he helped to build.

In these days of extreme tragedy for the Jewish people, the time is ripe for a re-evaluation of the Palestinian scene, of the record of the past twenty-odd years of Jewish achievement in the Jewish homeland, and the prospects there for a Jewish labor commonwealth.

Over half a million Jews have made their homes in Palestine. A good many of them have come recently, as a result of Nazi persecution in Europe. How well have they been absorbed into the life of the country? Is there a glut on the Palestinian labor market? In the answer to these vital questions lies the clue to the future of European Jewish rehabilitation in Palestine. For without the security of work and livelihood, all efforts to have the immigration-stifling White Paper of 1939 rescinded and the Open Door policy re-established in the Jewish National Home may well be in vain.

Fortunately for the Jews and for future world security, there is in Palestine one of the most constructive, advanced and unique labor federations in the world -- the Histadruth, the General Jewish Federation of Labor.

The Histadruth includes as an integral part of its program for the welfare of the worker, institutions such as a cooperative marketing society, a workers'

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medical aid system, a wholesale purchasing agency, an unemployment fund, a co-operative housing authority, a wartime insurance company, a workers' bank, a series of consumer cooperatives, a workers' theatre, a labor daily and an Arabic weekly, as well as 148 agricultural cooperative settlements and 244 factories and industrial workshops.

But what makes the Histadruth unique in the history of labor movements is the fact that in Palestine the general labor federation, created to advance the interests of the workers, operates an immigration office whose business it is to provide work for incoming refugees. Palestine labor's policy of encouraging immigration is, in a nutshell, the factor which gives Palestine a distinctive place among the nations of the world, and offers real hope for the solution of the refugee problem.

Basic to this phenomenon is the "homeland" idea. The workers of Palestine are Zionists, and Zionism is the movement to recreate a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine -- a permanent home for those Jews of the world who may wish or need to go there. Fired by the ideal of Zionism, and endowed -- as history has proven amply -- with ingenuity and application, the Palestinian Jewish labor movement has taken upon itself the creation of new industries and new agricultural cooperatives in Palestine in order to give employment to additional immigrant workers.

It does so primarily by establishing agricultural settlements, for agriculture and the "return to the soil" is the basis for the remarkable job of reconstruction which the Jews have achieved in the past two decades. In this connection it is of some interest to note that in contrast to the history of labor organization in other countries, in Palestine it was the agricultural workers who organized first -- probably because of the concentration of workers in rural communities and because so many of these workers had urban backgrounds.

The strength of Palestine's labor movement shows up clearly in numbers. In 1920, 4,000 Jewish workers organized the Histadruth. In 1943, 135,000 workers were registered as affiliated with the Histadruth, and with the addition of the workers'

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families the entire Histadruth membership totaled 235,000. Out of a total Jewish population of 550,000, therefore, approximately 43% belongs to the organized labor movement. And because Palestine is essentially a country of pioneers where work is at a premium, the effect of the Histadruth on the nation's economy is tremendous; indeed, the Histadruth today is a controlling force in Palestinian economy and in the magnificent contribution which Jewish Palestine has made and is making to the war effort.

Palestine's war effort is an amazing phenomenon in the quasi-fascistic Near East. Remembering again that there are 550,000 Jews in Palestine, the following figures must be put down on Palestine's ledger of achievement: By January of 1944, over 150,000 Jews -- nearly 1/3 the Jewish population -- were directly engaged in helping the war effort. Of these, 30,000 were men and women serving with British military, naval and security forces. Many more had volunteered spontaneously when war came in September 1939 -- 135,000, indeed, offered their services, but the wary colonial policy of Britain permitted the acceptance of only comparatively few. As it is, 30,000 represents 6% of the population -- it would be equivalent to a voluntary enlistment of 8,000,000 Americans. Nearly 3,500 women are PATS -- Palestine Auxiliary Territorial Service -- serving in the Near and Middle East. It is estimated that in 1943 alone those women and girls drove 84,000 vehicles over three million miles across the vast stretches of North Africa.

In the industrial sphere, the Histadruth has mobilized the entire cooperative system of Jewish Palestine for wartime duty. In 1943, technicians and laborers from construction cooperatives alone completed \$40,000,000 worth of military projects; working three shifts a day, Palestine's workers increased the country's production by 274% since 1941 -- its agricultural produce by 50%. Hundreds of new industries were created in order to increase self-sufficiency and reduce the strain on wartime shipping facilities. The War Needs Fund, established for the use of servicemen's families and refugee rescue, netted \$6,000,000 by the summer of 1944.

That is a fine record for a community which must support itself, which relies,

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not upon giant corporations and big business, but on the strength of its own workers -- their initiative and enterprise. It is especially remarkable, in view of the White Paper threat which hangs over Palestine and endangers the prospects for a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine by banning the immigration of refugee Jews into that country.

Throughout the democratic world, organized labor has registered its abhorrence of the White Paper and has called for unrestricted immigration of Jewish refugees into Palestine. At its last convention in Philadelphia, the C.I.O. declared: "We support the demands of Palestinian Jews for all opportunity for unrestricted participation on the battlefield and for the unrestricted opportunity to make an agricultural and industrial contribution to the war effort. We join in their demands for the abrogation of the so-called Chamberlain White Paper which would close all Jewish immigration into Palestine by April, 1944 as discriminatory, unfair, unjust and a hindrance to the war effort."

In Latin America, President Lombardo Toledano of the Mexican Federation of Labor has frequently expressed Latin America's sympathy with the cause of Jewish labor in Palestine, and his own organization has shown deep interest in the formation of a labor commonwealth in that land. The British Labor Party, long known for its militant support of minorities in the British Empire, has for many years led the fight within the United Kingdoms for British adherence to the letter and spirit of the Palestine Mandate and for the ultimate establishment of a Palestinian Jewish commonwealth.

American labor, looking eastward across five thousand miles of ocean and land, finds in Palestine not only a strong and vibrant labor movement with a democratic social outlook, but the possibilities which that movement provides for the stabilization of world economy through the solution of one of the world's most pressing problems -- the problem of rehabilitation for homeless Jews. Inasmuch as the lack of security elsewhere directly affects our own prospects for security at home, it is to the interest of American workers that in Palestine there should be laid as speedily as possible the foundations for a democratic Jewish commonwealth.



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AMERICAN TRADE UNIONISTS DEMAND IMMEDIATE ACTION ON PALESTINE

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MEMORANDUM TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES AND

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CALLS FOR OPENING OF PALESTINE'S DOORS

AND REESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH COMMONWEALTH

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New York -- The American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, speaking for millions of American workers -- both AFL and CIO -- who have adopted resolutions endorsing the Committee's program, today issued a memorandum calling upon the leaders of the United Nations to act immediately on the Palestine question, and listing the two minimum requisites of any solution of the Jewish problem as follows:

1. to abolish without further delay all restrictions on free Jewish immigration into Palestine and all limitations on the right of Jews to purchase and settle the land;
2. to make simultaneously a definitive announcement, in the spirit and purpose of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate, of the determination to reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

The memorandum, which was submitted to President Truman, Secretary of State Byrnes and the members of both Houses of Congress, reviews the achievements of Jewish Palestine during the last twenty-five years, and emphasizes that American and British labor "have been resolute in their demand for a repudiation of the 1939 White Paper policy and for an honest fulfillment of the pledges made to the Jews in the Balfour Declaration and in the Palestine Mandate." The repeatedly

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expressed position of labor on this question "is but a firmer expression of a general American attitude voiced by the public at large and by American statesmen and legislators," the memorandum points out.

"The economic and social advances in Palestine, made possible by the Jewish endeavor, have been reflected in the life of all its inhabitants. The general population has more than doubled, and the growth of the Arab population has in fact been larger than the Jewish. Due to a remarkable reduction in the Arab death rate resulting from improved conditions, the rate of natural increase among the Moslem population of Palestine is probably among the highest in the world; in fact, higher than officially recorded in any other country. In wages and conditions of labor, in standards of health and in educational opportunities, the Arab community in Palestine presents a remarkable contrast to the lagging social conditions of the neighboring Arab countries whose political rulers are concerned with nothing so much as with retaining their hold on the exploited Arab masses," the memorandum declares.

The concluding portion of the memorandum states: "Today, in this historic hour, when the general structure of international security has been outlined and the fate of the nations of the world is about to be decided, we again stand united in an appeal that the pledge to the Jewish people be fulfilled and that the remnant of Israel be saved."

Max Zaritsky, president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, is chairman of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine. William Green, president of the AFL and Philip Murray, president of the CIO, are honorary chairmen.

The text of the memorandum is attached.



AMERICAN LABOR MEMORANDUM ON JEWISH PALESTINE

During the six long and bitter years of the war -- while the Jews of Europe were being systematically exterminated by Nazi bestiality -- immigration into Palestine was for periods completely shut off by the British Administration, and when permitted, restricted to a bare minimum at best. While millions of Jews were being massacred, not more than ten or twelve thousand were permitted to enter Palestine each year since the promulgation of the Chamberlain White Paper in 1939. Today the certificates of immigration have been exhausted and still the doors of Palestine are closed to the hundreds of thousands who are waiting in the desperate hope of at last finding rest from their wanderings and of attaining permanent security of mind and body in the Jewish homeland.

There is no valid economic reason for keeping the Jews out of Palestine. During the last twenty-five years Jews all over the world have bent their energies toward the upbuilding of Palestine and have poured in great resources of capital, labor and scientific knowledge to increase the absorptive capacity of the country. The Jewish pioneers in Palestine, under the leadership of the General Federation of Jewish Labor (the Histadrut), have given the world an example of cooperative endeavor which has aroused the admiration of men of all views and of all walks of life. Palestine has been transformed from a poverty-stricken, disease-ridden backwater of the Turkish Empire into the most advanced country in the Middle East; it has become a symbol of what can be accomplished when organized labor is united with public-spirited capital. What has been achieved is merely the beginning of the development of unprecedented possibilities in bringing back to Palestine its

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ancient productiveness and in restoring to the Middle East generally its former position as a great center of culture and civilization.

The economic and social advances in Palestine, made possible by the Jewish endeavor, have been reflected in the life of all its inhabitants. The general population has more than doubled, and the growth of the Arab population has in fact been larger than the Jewish. Due to the remarkable reduction in the Arab death rate resulting from the improved conditions, the rate of natural increase among the Moslem population of Palestine is probably among the highest in the world; in fact, higher than officially recorded in any other country. In wages and conditions of labor, in standards of health, and in educational opportunities, the Arab community in Palestine presents a remarkable contrast to the lagging social conditions of the neighboring Arab countries whose political rulers are concerned with nothing so much as with retaining their hold on the exploited Arab masses.

Labor organizations throughout the world have all along recognized the justice of the Jewish cause in Palestine. They have been resolute in their demand for a repudiation of the 1939 White Paper policy and for an honest fulfillment of the pledges made to the Jews in the Balfour Declaration and in the Palestine Mandate. At its 64th Annual Convention held in November 1944 in New Orleans, The American Federation of Labor called upon the Government of the United States "to take speedy and definite action on the Palestine question." In harmony with the bi-partisan measures then before both Houses of Congress, the A.F.L. Resolution on Palestine called for "the free entry of Jews into Palestine and full opportunity for colonization, so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth." The Congress of Industrial Organizations, meeting at the same time in Chicago, likewise urged that "steps be taken to effect the

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immediate rescue of the Jews in Axis-dominated countries" and appealed to Great Britain for the "unequivocal removal of the White Paper policy and the full implementation of the Balfour Declaration toward the ultimate establishment of a Palestinian Jewish Commonwealth in accordance with the principles of democratic action."

The British Labor Party at its convention in June 1944 accepted the resolution of its Executive Committee which called upon the British Government for an end to conflicting policies and halting halfway measures. It urged that Jewish immigration into Palestine be permitted in such numbers as would enable the Jews to become a majority, and that the boundaries of Palestine be extended so that once for all a decisive solution of the Jewish problem would become possible. The Liberal Party at its annual conference held in February 1945 emphatically declared that "both British honor and British interest required His Majesty's Government to reverse the policy laid down in the White Paper of May 1939 regarding Palestine and to carry out faithfully the obligations under the Mandate and the Balfour Declaration." Other liberal and labor parties -- the British Commonwealth Party and the Socialist Parties -- made declarations in the same vein. The International Trade Union Conference held in London in February 1945, with delegates from thirty-eight national trade union organizations and with strong representation from England, the United States, France, and Russia, likewise made an unequivocal declaration calling for the fulfillment of the Balfour Declaration and the establishment of the Jewish National Home.

Labor opinion in the United States is but a firmer expression of a general American attitude voiced by the public at large and by American statesmen and legislators. From the time of President Wilson, who played



a creative role in obtaining the Balfour Declaration, every succeeding President has reiterated support for the Jewish National Home. In 1922, shortly before the approval of the Palestine Mandate by the League of Nations, the Senate and the House of Representatives in a Joint Resolution expressed themselves, in the language of the Balfour Declaration, in favor of the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people. Although the United States was not a member of the League of Nations, it became party to the terms of the Mandate through the Anglo-American Convention of 1924, in accordance with which our Government consented to the administration of Palestine by Great Britain.

On March 9, 1944, President Roosevelt gave assurance that "the American Government has never given its approval to the White Paper of 1939," and expressed the belief that full justice would be done in the matter of the Jewish National Home.

The traditional American position on the Palestine question has been reaffirmed and strengthened during the past year by planks included in the platforms of both the Democratic and Republican parties and by President Roosevelt's statement of October 15th -- historic pronouncements pledging support for the Jewish people's aim to reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

In line with long standing American public policy, in harmony with the liberal and labor opinion throughout the world, and, not least, in a sense of kinship with the Jewish people, with its need and destiny, we of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee find ourselves in profound sympathy with Jewish aspirations in Palestine. In April 1944, in behalf of hundreds of thousands of workers in the United States, members of both the A.F.L. and the C.I.O., we made a solemn declaration denouncing

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the White Paper, appealing to the American Government for action, and urging Congress to adopt the Palestine Resolution. Today, in this historic hour, when the general structure of international security has been outlined and the fate of the nations of the world is about to be decided, we again stand united in an appeal that the pledge to the Jewish people be fulfilled and that the remnant of Israel in Europe be saved. We call upon the leaders of the United Nations no longer to neglect the pressing Jewish need, and we appeal for an immediate decision on Palestine on the two minimum requisites of any solution of the Jewish problem:

1. To abolish without further delay all restrictions on free Jewish immigration into Palestine and all limitations on the right of Jews to purchase and settle the land;
2. To make simultaneously a definitive announcement, in the spirit and purpose of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate, of the determination to reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

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AMERICAN JEWISH TRADE UNION COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE HAILS  
BRITISH LABOR PARTY VICTORY; EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN NEW  
GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO REDEEM BRITAIN'S PLEDGE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE

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New York -- The "glorious victory" of the British Labor Party in the British elections was hailed today in a cable to Clement Atlee by Max Zaritsky, chairman of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, who declared: "With confidence in British labor's ...efforts to redeem Britain's time-honored pledge to foster the creation of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, we extend the heartiest felicitations of over a half million Jewish workers enrolled in our Committee and many millions more in the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations who have endorsed our program."

The American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine has enlisted the support of an overwhelming majority of American labor in the drive to open the doors of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and to reconstitute that country as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

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MAX ZARITSKY, AMERICAN TRADE UNION LEADER, LEAVES FOR LONDON TO  
URGE BRITISH ACTION ON PALESTINE

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WILL ATTEND WORLD ZIONIST CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER

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New York -- Close cooperation between American and British trade unionists to bring about the speedy realization of Jewish aspirations in Palestine was indicated today by the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, which announced the departure for London of its chairman, Max Zaritsky.

Mr. Zaritsky, president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers Union, has been invited by the Jewish Agency for Palestine to attend the World Zionist Conference, now in session, as an observer. He has also been authorized by the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine to "urge upon all the leaders of the British Labor Party action looking toward the abrogation of the White Paper of 1939 and the reconstitution of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

In a letter sent to Professor Harold Laski, chairman of the British Labor Party, Isidore Nagler, Administrative Committee chairman, and I. H. Goldberg, secretary of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, declared: "In extending to you and to other British Labor Party officials the fraternal felicitations of American labor, Mr. Zaritsky carries with him our heartfelt desire that you use your good offices to the end that the time-honored pledge of Great Britain to the Jews of the world be redeemed at the earliest possible moment."



An overwhelming majority of American labor has adopted the program of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, and has repeatedly pledged support for the Committee's aims at the national, state and city conventions of both the AF of L and the CIO.

The full text of the letter follows:

August 2, 1945

Professor Harold Laski, Chairman  
British Labor Party  
Transport House  
London, England

Dear Brother Laski:

Mr. Max Zaritsky, President of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, is leaving the United States to attend the conference of the World Zionist Organization currently in session in London. Mr. Zaritsky is making the journey at the invitation of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and will attend the conference as an observer.

At a meeting of the Executive Board of our Committee, it was unanimously voted to authorize and direct Mr. Zaritsky to place before the officials of the British Labor Party, Government officials, and trade union leaders generally, the policies and purposes of our organization, and to urge upon all the leaders of the British Labor Party action looking toward the furtherance of our program, calling for the abrogation of the White Paper of 1939, and the reconstitution of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

The American Jewish Trade Union Committee was formed to generate and to crystalize American labor sentiment in behalf of Jewish aspirations in Palestine. It has carried on its task with notable results. The American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations have both, on numerous occasions, endorsed the policies and purposes of our Committee. They have done so in their national conventions as well as in conventions of state and city central bodies. Among the officers and supporters of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee may be found the outstanding leaders in the American Trade Union movements. A total number of more than 800 spokesmen of these unions are signatories to a declaration endorsing the program of the Committee and pledging their individual and collective support to its aims.

In extending to you, and to other British Labor Party officials, the fraternal felicitations of American labor, Mr. Zaritsky carries with him our heartfelt desire that you use your good offices to the end that the time honored pledge of Great Britain to the Jews of the world be redeemed at the earliest possible moment.

With high fraternal regard, we are

Sincerely yours,

Isidore Nagler, Chairman  
Administrative Committee

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I. H. Goldberg  
Secretary



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TRADE UNIONISTS ASSAIL BRITISH POLICY ON PALESTINE

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MESSAGES TO ATTLEE, SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, JEWISH WORKERS  
OF PALESTINE DEMAND IMMEDIATE FULFILLMENT OF PLEDGES TO JEWISH PEOPLE

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New York -- The American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, which speaks for organized labor in this country on the Palestine question, today called on British Prime Minister Attlee to halt "the present unjustifiable practices in Palestine which defile the sacred ideals that we hold in common," and to "fulfill immediately your obligations to the Jewish people." This was announced today by Max Zaritsky, chairman of the Committee, who is president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union.

The Committee's demand that Britain reverse her present policy on Palestine was contained in a cable sent to Prime Minister Attlee and signed by Mr. Zaritsky, Isidore Nagler, administrative committee chairman, who is vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; and an actions committee consisting of Israel H. Goldberg, vice-president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, Harry Greenberg, vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and Abe Miller, vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

The Committee also sent a message of support to the Jewish workers of Palestine in their struggle against "the brutal and treacherous practices of British Colonial rule," and a telegram to all members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee calling for immediate passage of the Wagner-Taft-Walsh resolution on Palestine.

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The text of the three messages follows:

DECLARATION SENT TO PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE BY THE  
AMERICAN JEWISH TRADE UNION COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE

"Speaking on behalf of millions of American trade unionists -- indeed on behalf of the organized labor movement in this country, which has endorsed our Committee's program -- we address this declaration of protest to you with the conviction that we are entitled to speak plainly on a matter of deep concern to all who believe in justice and fair play. We refer to the question of Palestine.

"When you and your Government were swept into office, we hailed your victory as a triumph of the forces of social progress and justice which would give new hope to all the peoples of the earth. And we had every reason to look forward to immediate action by your Government on the most pressing human problem of our time -- the problem of Europe's uprooted Jews whose only hope lies in emigration to Palestine. Had not your Party endorsed all Jewish aspirations in Palestine without qualification or equivocation? Had not the leaders of your Government denounced the infamous policy of the Chamberlain White Paper and pledged themselves to the fulfillment of the promises contained in the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate?

"But we who had hoped for so much were doomed to bitter disappointment. Not only has sweeping action in behalf of the Jewish people not materialized, but the policies of the old Tory Government with regard to Palestine are today being implemented with renewed vigor. With heavy hearts we must report that the confidence of the American working people in the sincerity of all of the British Labor Government's aims and purposes has been badly shaken by British behavior on Palestine. Recent developments in that country have shocked the working people of the United States. Loss of faith in the professed idealism of British Labor will be unavoidable unless your Government immediately reverses its present policy, which has caused great disillusionment among all freedom-loving men and women.

"As spokesmen for American Labor we must say to you: Patience, even with close friends, must come to an end one day. Let there be no more of the present unjustifiable practices in Palestine, which defile the sacred ideals that we hold in common. In the name of those ideals, we call on you to fulfill immediately your obligations to the Jewish people."

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MESSAGE TO THE JEWISH WORKERS OF PALESTINE FROM THE  
AMERICAN JEWISH TRADE UNION COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE

"Out of their present agony the Jewish workers of Palestine have sent American Labor an urgent appeal for support in their struggle for right and justice. It is an appeal which we of Labor hasten to answer, and we address this declaration to the heroic Jewish men and women of Palestine:

"Stand fast in your determination to resist the brutal and treacherous practices of British Colonial rule in your country! We, who have pledged ourselves repeatedly to the support of a Jewish Palestine and have applauded the miracles of social progress and advancement wrought in your country by Jewish labor and

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devotion, will not remain silent while a cruel and selfish imperialism seeks to destroy the Jewish National Home.

"We join you in fighting a policy which aims at the repudiation of international agreements; a policy which bolsters feudal, pro-fascist, Arab rulers who personify precisely those evils against which the United Nations fought the greatest of all wars; a policy which results in the beating by British soldiers of victims of Nazi brutality at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp; a policy which has brought rule by terror and intimidation to your peaceful communities; a policy which is a death sentence for thousands of displaced Jews in Europe who must emigrate to Palestine or perish.

"Your struggle is, therefore, the struggle of all decent, freedom-loving people. And we are determined to redeem the good name of Labor everywhere by rendering the support which you are entitled to expect on the basis of our oft-repeated pledges and declarations.

"Speaking in the name of the entire Labor movement in America, which through declarations by both the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, has endorsed our Committee's program for the advancement of Jewish aspirations in Palestine, we send you this message of solidarity. We will not rest until justice and decency have triumphed over the forces of brutality and reaction."

TELEGRAM TO MEMBERS OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

"The American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, whose program in behalf of Jewish aspirations in Palestine is supported by the entire American Labor movement through resolutions adopted by both the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, earnestly calls upon you to report favorably the Wagner-Taft-Walsh Resolution on Palestine now pending in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The American people, through the forthright declarations of both the Democratic and Republican Parties and through the repeated pronouncements of leaders of American public opinion from all walks of life, have made their position on this most pressing human problem unmistakably clear. The people of this country are overwhelmingly in favor of unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine and the reconstitution of that country as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. They now look to their elected spokesmen in the Congress of the United States to give positive affirmation to these sentiments, especially in view of the unprecedentedly tragic plight of Europe's displaced Jews who must emigrate to Palestine or be doomed. We therefore urge you to act immediately in support of the Wagner-Taft-Walsh Resolution as introduced."