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Delegate: I want to report for the State of Delaware. My name is Leo Weinberg, of Wilmington, Delaware. We did see our Senators, and I was surprised to see the lack of information those people have on Palestine. And he promised us to do everything he could, and he didn't know what to do. He really wanted to do something for us. ^{He said} He will try to see the President, he will write the President, but he had no information and he didn't know exactly what to do.

Then we saw Tunnell. He is very sympathetic to our cause. He wanted a form. If we should give him a form he would know just what to do. And we were surprised to see how willing some of them are to help us and they ask us to tell them what to do. It would be advisable that we had these forms. Now it is a question that we are losing time. Our Senator is leaving the city, and he doesn't know whether he will be able to come back to Washington. We are losing four days. If we had these forms, we could have left them.

Dr. Silver: I am ~~kind~~ afraid you will find that forms are the least effective way of making representations anyway, and I am surprised that a Senator suggested such a thing.

Delegate: I want to report from Long Island. My name is Ilowite. I sat back there for quite a while, ladies and gentlemen, and from what I hear, our Congressmen and our Senators are very favorable to us. Mine was even nicer. He sat down and he called his girl in and he gave me a nice letter immediately to the President and to the State Department. "Certainly 100,000 Jews should be let into Palestine immediately", he said. Before I bring out the point that I want to make clear to you, I want to say something to Dr. Silver: I am a Zionist for a short period. Well, I became a good Zionist when I listened to Dr. Silver at Madison Square Gardens, when he said that this is the time for action, pleading, begging. "Every ~~and~~ Jew must become a soldier in our cause", he said. Well, no Congressman or any Senator has called us in to find out what is wrong with us -- why can't we get the 100,000

Jews into Palestine. I think the best thing to do now is to forget about resolutions and pleas and letters. I am going to suggest something very radical. Our Congressmen and Senators are not informed. But there are certainly many good active Zionists that know what it is all about. I would suggest that these Zionists that are informed about the Jewish question form a militant committee and ~~xxx~~ stand in front of the White House or Senate and demand action now. We cannot lose any more ^{of} ~~xxx~~ our people. We have lost too many. We cannot afford to lose one more Jew, and time is of the essence.

Dr. Silver: Thank you very much.

Delegate: My name is D. Moskowitz, Bronx. I want to report on behalf of the Bronx Delegation. The four Congressmen in the Bronx, that is, Lynch, Buckley, Rabin, and Gwinn, they have always been with us and it was the second time we have called upon them. We called upon them at the last conference ~~xxxx~~ we had and they ~~xxx~~ had gotten a good education at that time and since that time they have made it their business to keep themselves posted on our problem, and as a result ~~xx~~ when we ~~xxx~~ walked in today, they seemed to have been pretty well informed as to our problem as it is at the present time. They knew all about the State Department and they said, "What do you want us to ~~do~~ do?", and we told them what you have suggested. And ^{were} they were very anxious to do it, and we ~~we~~ assured that they would immediately let their voices be heard with the State Department and the President.

Dr. Silver: Thank you very much.

Delegate: Rabbi Moshewitz, reporting for the Omaha, Nebraska Delegation. I shall skip most of my visit with the Congressmen and Senators and I shall start with an interesting visit with Senator Wherry.

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Senator Wherry was most courteous and most friendly, particularly because Henry Monsky once woke him up at 1 o'clock at night to ask him a favor. Because Henry Monsky woke him up at 1 o'clock to ask him a favor, he was very friendly!

He indicated that he was going to do something concrete and immediate. He suggested that he would like to call Henderson/^{who is a friend of his} He called Henderson, and came back with a detailed written report of the ~~the~~ conversation. This is what he said Henderson had said: "Senator, you are asking me to admit immediately 100,000 Jews into Palestine. You are not the first one to make this request. Yesterday, there were two Rabbis in my office. They talked to me about it. One of them was Rabbi Wise, and another Rabbi." Henderson said they were most aggressive. Wherry turns to me: "If you won't tell it to Wise and the other Rabbi, they were abusive, downright abusive*and arrogant, and there is a lot of pressure been put on me. We cannot do it. There are 10 points in the Report. The gentlemen want me to discard all the 10 points and to take immediate action on the first point only." But Senator Wherry said: "But wait, didn't the President make a genuine and real distinction between the first point and the other nine points?" And Henderson said, "Yes and no. Perhaps he did and perhaps he didn't. But we are now negotiating with the British Government to come to some understanding on all ten points, and ~~we~~ we expect by June 20th to have a definite decision." Wherry pursued the subject and asked whether Henderson was making any progress. Henderson said, "Yes, we are." ~~Mr. Wherry~~ Mr. Wherry proceeded further: "This is a complicated problem. Suppose you do not come to an agreement by June 20th. What will you do with the first point?" And Mr. Henderson was frank enough to say, "Let's wait until we get there." And I asked Senator Wherry,

* NOTE: Upon reconsideration, Rabbi Moshewitz doubted that the word "abusive" was used, and considered that perhaps only the word "arrogant" had been used.

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"What do you think this means?" And he was good enough to reply, "I think it is another delaying strategy," and then Wherry said this to me: "And I am going to do something about it." I think this is the important part of my report: "I am going to talk to Vandenburg and Taft today, and I will be instrumental in the forming of a bi-partisan committee to visit the President as soon as possible and to ~~ask~~ tell him to immediately admit the 100,000 and to make this the gist of this bi-partisan committee. Please go back and talk to the authorities that be and see whether you can not ~~xx~~ advise me how to form the bi-partisan committee, and I will be glad to be the catalytic agent to bring this about."

Dr. Silver: I am very much interested in this reaction. As I told you this morning, the Machiavellian hand in all this is not Under Secretary Acheson, but this man Henderson. These are things that happen in a great government like ours in whose eye the Palestine problem is but one of many international problems with which the same State Department has to concern itself. It is the man at the desk of that specific international problem, sometimes the man of the second and third rank, rather than the man at the top who is the determining factor, and very often this man there at the desk will so maneuver and manipulate as to defeat the clear intent of the man at the top. Sometimes it is done in collusion, too. Sometimes it is done quite without the knowledge of the man at the top, and sometimes you don't know which is which. But clearly this Mr. Henderson, who is not a friend of ours, was determined to neutralize the statement of the President of three weeks ago. And he succeeded in doing it in the first two releases of the State Department. When we confronted him and Mr. Acheson -- ~~ask~~ he calls it, in a very abusive manner -- and indicated to him that we are prepared to bring to the attention of the American people that he himself has tried to outsmart and to outwit the President of the United States, that scared him yesterday, and he was quick to issue a statement which put the State

Department publicly on record as at one with the position of the President on the 100,000 but still left it in the last paragraph sufficiently ambiguous for him to be enabled to carry out his tactics, and that is why it is so utterly important for us to keep up the pressure so that Mr. Henderson will not be able to determine this policy for our Government.

My name is Harry Simonhoff

Delegate: Mr. Chairman, I want to report for Florida. /I think only two of us are here, and I won't talk to my own representative. He weighs 300 pounds and he is rather ~~stupid~~ stupid. He was badly defeated in the last primary and if he wasn't an anti-Semite before, he will be one now because the Jews all voted against him. The representative from around Palm Beach -- and there are comparatively few Jewish voters there -- was very sympathetic. He said, "What do you want me to do," He said, "Dictate a letter to the State Department, to Jimmy Byrnes, or to the President." Well, that is all I could expect him to do. I went to another Congressman from the Tampa District. It is not my District -- James Hardin Peterson --. Although he was very busy, with a long line, he took time to tell me an ~~an~~ anecdote about a man whom he had met who had been in the Ku Klux Klan in 1866, ^{Judah B. Benjamin,} and how they had put a hood on him and had gotten him out of the state. Then I went to see the Senator. He is from Orlando, Florida -- ~~an~~ Senator Andrews, an old gentleman who won't run again. He wasn't available, but I talked to his secretary ^{Mr. Liff}. I told him about the 100,000, and he said: "They are not so bad off." That secretary really is the whole business. He says: "I have been there myself. I went through the different concentration camps. Why, in the slum areas of this country, it is worse. They are well fed." I said, "That isn't what Earl Harrison reported to the President." He said, "Well, I know. I have been there." I merely state that this is his attitude, and he probably colors the Senator's attitude. He said, "Give me whatever memorandum you wish." The main thing I want to tell you, we had a very satisfactory conference with Lord Pepper. -- Lord Pepper, we call him. When Lord Pepper came back from Europe after being in Palestine and talking to Ibn Saud, he was shaken. For the first time, he realized --

at least he told us -- the extent of the opposition by the Arabs and the members of the American ~~px~~ political delegations in the different chancellories or the different consulates, and the British as well. For a man of his knowledge of the world, he didn't realize to what extent there was this bitterness against a Jewish Palestine. He talked to us two months ago. He was shaken somewhat^{then} and very much disappointed. The fact that he should have run into such bitterness against the Jewish Palestine had shaken him. Well, in view of that, what he told us today was plenty hot. We had a gentleman from Oklahoma, Judge ^eYager, with us, and we approached him as a national figure. The long and short of it is this: he is with us 100%. He said -- and by the way, Pepper was in the midst of a very important ~~xxxxxx~~ debate on the floor when he came out to talk to us -- he said, "Why don't you get a group of us and go to the President. Not me, but others." I said, "Senator, you are the best man to get in that group. You are the most prominent man in the Senate. You can get the group around you." He said, "I will do that."

Dr. Silver: I should like ~~km~~ from here on, instead of receiving reports, all of which would be of great interest to us, that we begin talking about a plan of action in our communities, not merely in relation to Congress. Have you any suggestions as to what we should do on the national scene, a way of presenting this emergency to the American public and what we can do on the local scene?

Delegate: Ms. Jaffee, Brooklyn, New York. We all agree that ~~xxxxx~~ education is a very important point that we have to realize from now on, and it seems to me that the quickest way of education is to education through the ~~xxxxxxx~~ newspapers. At least once a week in every prominent paper in the United States, paid ads, even in newspapers opposed to us, should appear. It seems to me that this ad idea cleared in my mind from the opinion I had last fall. That paid ad should not come from the Zionist organizations, because we want to reach the American Christian public. If that ad is put down under the name of the Zionist organizations of America, it will

not reach them. We must do the very thing the British and Arabs do -- see that we use our influence with the American Christian Palestine Committee and, if necessary, give them the money and have them put under their name the paid ads of the various newspapers of America. We must go on the radio and again the Christians must do it for us. And third, we ought to put a paid ad in the English papers, asking them that they put in a party which if elected on the Jewish National Home platform will keep their promise.

Dr. Silver: These are very helpful suggestions. I should like to say that some of our ads were signed by the American Christian Palestine Committee and that we sometimes use other names than our own for that purpose, and ~~x~~ naturally we do try to get prominent non-Jews to speak on the radio whenever we can.

Delegate: I. S. Gordon of Boston. I feel that our publicity was not effective enough and something must be wrong somewhere. Without publicity, not only the Senators and Congressmen do not know what it is all about, but a great many of our Jews have been sold the same thing. Now ~~x~~ we have a case, and the case is not presented properly to our people. At the present time, public opinion in the United States ^{on the idea} has been sold by Great Britain/that we have a fight with the ~~x~~ Arabs. Now, we should change that attitude on the basis that the Arabs have those six countries, that Palestine is a separate country, completely, and has been sanctioned by 52 nations and also by our Congress, and on that basis we should show them that it isn't a fight between us and the Arabs, but a fight between us and the British Colonial Office. Now in order to do this job, I suggest that we should unite ourselves with all parties that we have, including Hadassah. Hadassah has branches practically all over the United States. We should have a publicity committee. It should be given simultaneously the news. It shouldn't be just the job of our Emergency, because we don't reach everybody. That publicity committee would have money enough ready for an ad whenever it is needed, and should be prepared for an

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ad to be placed simultaneously all over the country, ~~xxxx~~ in small towns it would only be \$50 or \$100. That ad should be ready in advance. And when an ad is ready for headquarters, it should simultaneously appear in every part of the country.

Delegate: I want to address myself to the national office of the Emergency Council with a direct criticism, if I may. My name is Sarah Halprin, of Cleveland.

As I sat here and listened to various committee men or chairman, it seems that ~~there were~~ there were certain things that certain cities did on their own. ~~ifxxxxixixxxxxxxx~~ They happened to think of something and did it. I know of Emergency Councils which stated that they have been called into being only to carry out whatever instructions they get from the national; that they are not to do anything on their own. If this is not the policy; if they are to do things on their own; if they are to be stimulated to do things on their own; -- that must be changed, because at those Emergency Council meetings, things are brought up. It is not being acted on because we have had no instructions from our national. Number one.

Number two. I think one of the populations in the United States that has been neglected have ~~x~~ been the labor unions. It is true that we have gotten very fine statements from Mr. Green and from others, but through the local labor unions ^{contacted} no such people have been ~~asked~~, except when we have had labor leaders strong on the local Emergency office.

Dr. Silver: Thank you very much.

Delegate: Mrs. Kaireys of Baltimore. In line with what to do with public opinion, I would like to tell this group of the magnificent meeting held in Baltimore just last week. We had a two-day conference of the American Palestine Committee, our Maryland branch, which has just come into being, and at the dinner, Sumner Welles, whom we have secured as the Chairman of our Maryland group was the guest of honor and the main speaker. We had close to 700 Christians attending, and they were given all the material as education. They were given the real facts, and we have

heard so much good comment from the Christian part of our community since that time that I would like to ask the National Emergency Council to do its best to sponsor more and more such meetings, because I feel that no matter how much a city wants such a thing, it must have the help of the National, as we have just had. Another thing Senator Tydings suggested to us ^{today} and he said that it was in his opinion the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who could do us some good in this instance. He thought that they should be requested to call before them the State Department officials and question them on their policy being different from the President's. He said he could do ~~nothing~~ and when we asked him whether he couldn't do something voluntarily, he said he would contact the Secretary of State and ask him to do his best to ~~xxxx~~ expedite the matter. We had Senator Radcliffe at that meeting and he publicly promised to do everything that he possibly could.

Dr. Silver: You might be interested to know that the American Palestine Committee is holding this year quite a large number of these regional conferences and the number is determined only by the amount of money we have to spend on them. We are not an organization equipped either by unlimited funds or unlimited personnel. You must take that in consideration. Nevertheless, in connection with these regional conferences, Mr. Shapiro -- how many are being held this year?

Mr. Shapiro: We have had six and we hope to have one more.

Dr. Silver: Mr. Hamlin.

Delegate: Mr. Hamlin. I want just to add my voice to the request for more publicity, more information in the public press in connection with the present emergency, and I find that our Emergency Council has been a little bit behind in the last several weeks in the field of the public press. Perhaps we were not successful in putting in as much as we wanted to. But the Arabs, to our great misfortune, have occupied the front pages and the most prominent place through their agents in Cairo and in other parts of the Near East, and have flooded the newspapers with this danger of

slaughtering the Jews and the military intervention of the United States, and ~~xx~~

we felt the effects of this in Congress when some of our friends were in the Senate. Such a good friend of ours as

/Senator Saltonstall should say that the Jews should be slaughtered! It is a result of this propaganda ~~x~~ in the last few weeks which they read. So it is really necessary to renew again our publicity campaign. I feel occasionally that we are a little bit ~~x~~ tired, that our leaders are a little bit tired. One conference in Washington, and a second, and a third. We thought we had already the Congress our friends, and suddenly a new occasion arises and they don't know yet! It is true, they have a few more problems besides Palestine on their hands. I suppose they are thinking more of the OPA than of the UJA. But we have to be now on the watch, not to be behind in public information to the press. ~~Wickxixkx~~ We must uncover all these bluffs and all this news that is coming from abroad, which we know is not true. That is number one.

Secondly, in the sending of information and our literature also, in this matter we have to be up-to-date. Now the Senators are worried about the situation in the Near East, about the Arabs and military intervention, and still they get a bulletin about absorptive capacity! The question is to ~~fixkx~~ fit our propaganda into the proper moment with what they are interested in at the proper moment. I think the Emergency Council should send them short personal letters about the situation, so that when we come to them, they should know, they should be informed on the proper issues at the proper time. Not only should printed literature come from the ~~Emergency~~ Emergency Council, but also from our friends throughout the States, and they should use their influence in continuous information, because they are liable to forget, since as I mentioned before, they have other problems, and our problem is just occupying a small part of their occupation.

And the last point I want to mention, Mr. Chairman, is not to remain behind also in our activities among the Jewish people. We shouldn't think only about the

Gentiles. We have to arouse the Jewish people. It seems they are too sure about the 100,000 and too pessimistic about the general situation. In other words, the front-most important matters should occupy our political demands on the United States -- our resentment against the State Department, which seems to be only a branch of the ~~British~~ Colonial Office in London -- some of them at least; to arouse also the Jewish public opinion, in addition to the general public opinion and to be on the watch and carry on our work now until we will again our point: first of all of the 100,000 Jews, their immediate admittance to Palestine.

Dr. Silver: I would like to make one observation. This very subject Mr. Hamlin raises I have raised twice at the Executive meetings of the Emergency Council. We were all aware that our press was being flooded with Arab reactions to the report, while the Jewish reactions to the report by ~~a~~ comparison were meager and rather quiet. Well, there are reasons for ~~it~~ it, as you well know. In the first place, the Arabs violently reacted against the report and we did not violently react to the report on purpose, not only because that was our own considered judgement here in America, but because that was the considered judgement of the Jewish Agency, and to this day you will recall that the Jewish Agency has made no official comment on the report. The Arabs were free to protest. We had to attune our technique quite differently. Practically no news came out of ~~the~~ Jewish Palestine during these three weeks, while ~~news~~ came pouring out of Cairo and out of Arab Palestine and Iraq and Syria. That makes news. The Jews of Palestine were not making news on this report. That is why the Arabs had the run of the press. That was news-worthy. That wasn't done because your leaders were tired -- we are tired, I assure you. But there were basic political positions which we took, and, having taken those positions, you must take the consequences of those positions. When the report was issued and we got the President's fine statement on it, there was no occasion for us to do much protesting except to enlighten the Zionists of America

that there are very grave evidences in the report and we proceeded to do that. But on the subject of the 100,000, the President approved of it and we approved it. What could you complain about it? It was only when the State Department indicated that it intended to make a scrap of paper of the President's position and that the 100,000 would now become a subject of prolonged consideration that we got into action. This is the result. This is one of the first acts and from here on, there will be all kinds of demonstrations. We have arranged for a large meeting in Madison Square Gardens on June 11. We have prepared a series of ads to be published in all our newspapers. We are making representations to the State Department and to Congress. We are beginning to arouse the American public opinion on the only subject we could arouse American public opinion. This is publicity (pointing to an article on the State Department statement of May 22 in the Washington Daily News). The Washington Post carried a story on its front page today. This Conference is making news. The statements Congressmen make in the next few days will make news, and the papers are ready to make play of it. Now from here on, it is action. And you will find that your Emergency Council's national headquarters will be stimulating to you from here on in giving you all kinds of instructions.

In telling you what to do, no Emergency Council is limited to the instructions received from headquarters. Headquarters can only point out to you two or three important occasions when we want nation-wide concerted action, but the day-by-day work to be carried on is your job. Nobody is limited to instructions from headquarters. On the contrary, we hope that you exercise initiative on the matter.

Delegate: David Friedman, Norfolk, Virginia. All of us here heard the reports and the progress made by the various communities. I speak to you as a representative of a small community. We are speaking on progress with all we do from now on. A suggestion has been made here, or rather it has been said that they are again hoping to have a mass meeting at Madison Square Gardens. I think it is proper and I wish we all all would go on record today that meetings of this kind not only be limited to

Madison Square Gardens or a Chicago or another big community. I don't see any reason why every small town in the country on the same day and at the same time ought not to have mass meetings. I would be prepared in our little community to walk out in the city, close the doors and the business that particular day. I say that communities all over the entire country ought to do this. After all, we can't expect all our Jews and Christians to join us on the Commonwealth situation, but God knows we can get them to join us on the immigration. I say that Madison Square Gardens doesn't mean a darn thing to me in Virginia. We don't hear of it. And another thing regarding the press. You can't always go to the press and ask them to write editorials. But they will write when there is a demonstration on the street and when a body of Jews walk down to City Council and have something to say. So I suggest that we go on record today that not only Madison Square Gardens, but at the same time, in every little community, we get our leaders together and have demonstrations. We have the money to do so. Let's go on record that we close the business, march on the streets with your Zionist demand, the 100,000 to come in, and you will have action.

Delegate: Mr. Patterson. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to present a very short memorandum which has been prepared by the New England Zionist Emergency Council, and I would like to explain what I mean by the New England Zionist Emergency Council. We in New England are accustomed to operate regionally. I understand that Emergency Councils are made up of various communities, each one acting independently, but we in New England somehow have fallen into the habit of working as a region, and so we have a New England Zionist Emergency Council, and I would like to read this short memorandum. We are here today discussing the problem which faces us, what are we going to do, and we have heard the plans which have been made and the things we are going to be called upon to do. I say all of these things should be carried out, but I say further that all of these things are not quite enough, and

so in this short memorandum, we will perhaps give you the thinking of the New England Zionist Emergency Council. And it reads as follows:

"At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the New England Zionist Emergency Council held on Sunday morning, May 19th, the delegates to the Special x Emergency ~~xxxx~~ Council Conference to be held May 23rd in Washington were instructed to present the following memorandum:

"In view of the work carried on by the New England Zionist Emergency Council during the past several years, we submit that proper liason should be established and recognition as a regional office given by the American Zionist Emergency Council." The reason for this will appear very shortly.

"We would like to get, as a region, the advance information and the benefit of any advance thinking which comes out at the National Zionist Emergency Council. As a region, we feel that we have the responsibility for activating the whole of New England and the Zionist Councils therein. We submit that a plan be initiated for the setting up of similar regional Emergency Councils throughout the country." The reason will appear.

"We say that ~~New England~~ new emphasis in our strategy be initiated, instituted by the American Zionist Emergency Council for the most constructive method to carry out our important immediate program, since at this moment it is most vital to reach out beyond our own ranks, and because government can be influenced best by pressure of x public opinion, and I mean non-Jewish public opinion, it behooves us to make every effort and utilize every avenue of reaching the non-Jewish world." And here is the crux of what we are suggesting.

"We believe that the American Christian Palestine Committees throughout the country need the stimulation, support, and cooperation which the Zionist Emergency Councils can and should furnish, and we submit further that where no American Christian Palestine Committee or American Palestine Committee exists, regional set-ups of the

Emergency Council should set in motion and give them such aid and comfort as will permit them to operate in the non-Jewish field. We believe, further, that American Palestine Committee's should get prominent Christians to approach other prominent Christians on a personal and intimate basis, and I would like to explain that to you. It will take but a short moment. There are a great many key men and key figures throughout the United States. We have them in New England. You have them throughout the country, and these key men can be the sounding-board and can be the means of using their influence for transmitting the message we wish to carry. They are in a position by themselves and they require special attention. The work for them is in a special class. The key Christian people throughout the United States must be approached on a more concentrated basis than we have in the past. That approach to Senators and Congressmen might be more effective through their campaign managers, campaign contributors, and personal contacts back home. And they, too, should be reached by the American Palestine Committee. I am saying, gentlemen, to you that the work we are doing here today must go on, but I am saying further that this work is not enough. The grass roots, the non-Jewish public opinion must join with us. Our Congressmen and our Senators must be visited by the non-Jewish constituents. I think they are beginning to tire a little of us and of these delegations coming to Washington. ~~Wahkxthuxk~~ We will do these things, but I think the emphasis must be today on the non-Jewish world and the way that that can come about is as we suggested -- first, the set-up of Emergency Councils on a regional basis, which shall be charged with responsibility to see to it that American Christian Palestine Committees are organized in their communities so that they in turn will go to the grass roots, arouse the people in the grass roots, and get the non-Jews to do what we are doing. I think if you will stop to consider it, you will begin to understand and realize that our work is effective and will go on, but in the final analysis, you have got to have the people back home, the people in the grass roots, and the method for this is what we are suggesting in this memorandum.

Dr. Silver: Thank you very much. Would you leave the memorandum?

Yes, please?

Delegate: Mrs. Epstein. I would ^{like to} say that since one of the means of education demands money, and since I understand we cannot do all we want to do through the American Palestine Committees, is it not important that after the UJA is finished with its drive ~~and after~~ that a certain amount should go ~~xxxx~~ to the Emergency Council, and if that cannot be done, then let us be taxed to raise a \$5,000,000 fund for that purpose.

Dr. Silver: We will be glad to take that under advisement, but a lot can be done in your own local activities, through your own local finances. For that you don't need any authorization from anybody.

Please, are we ready for the Resolution? Is the Committee ready to present it?

(someone from the audience said the Committee was not yet ready)

Delegate: Joseph L. Hecht from Virginia. Virginia doesn't want to take too much of your time this afternoon. However, in compliance with Dr. Silver's suggestion to stick to only suggestions as to policy, I shall restrict my report to concrete aid in our methods, and ~~xx~~ first I want to call your attention to one statement made by Senator Byrd when we approached him and at which time he offered us his full whole-hearted cooperation. He asked us if we wanted him to see Jimmy Byrnes, and we told him we certainly did. And he asked us, "Isn't it possible that their delay is caused by fear of Arab insurrection?" We explained it to his satisfaction. One of our delegates from Lynchburg, Dr. Neumann, also said, isn't it possible that you have got to fear the Jewish Yishuv?" I also want to make the report on Congressman Daughton, and that's where the suggestion is really worth listening to.

He asked us what he could do for us, since Congressman Daughton, while he was State Senator of Virginia was instrumental in having the resolutions passed by

the State of Virginia. We answered to that question, "What you can do is educate your colleagues, the other Congressmen from the State of Virginia. We know that you are fully aware of the Zionist movement and all that it stands for, but some of your colleagues from Virginia do not know as much about it as you do." So he said, "Well, I guess I will get in touch on the floor with some of the other Congressmen from my State."

The only other suggestion I make, Dr. Silver, is that I believe that we don't have, we are not in a position to raise \$5,000,000 for the Emergency Council, and I think in accordance with your request that each and every community should discharge its own duty and obligations back home. I think we will do a good job.

Dr. Silver: Thank you.

Delegate: I was listening very carefully to the various members and x also to some of the questions and answers that were given, but I think many of us won't worry about that because we know that the Emergency Council has been sending information. But we are trying to play the part of the King of Egypt, but don't want to play Joseph. May I suggest also that we consider an appeal to the various university students, to enter the campuses, because I know the youth is that part of the population which has the influence, to appeal to these young men and women, to send various papers and information. And I think that will play a part with youth and, as President Roosevelt has often said, "To the youth belongs the future", and I think we should seriously think of entering these colleges. We should ask the Hillel Foundations to call meetings on the day of our Madison Square Garden meeting.

Dr. Silver; That is a very good suggestion.

Delegate: Myself and our delegates, the Iowa Delegation, visited our Congressmen. We have a solid block of representatives. One of them said, "We are helpless at this time. We pass a Resolutions expressing our wishes, and there is nothing more we can do about it." But he said, "If you want, if you have any influence over the

Congressmen who, for instance, vote against the British loan, you will get further.

Dr. Silver: I might say about the British loan, I have been asked once or twice about it during the day, you can readily understand that as a body and as a group we cannot take any position on the subject of the British loan. It would be a boomerang either way. It is an appealing weapon to us, because it has such tremendous potentialities, but it is also a very dangerous weapon.

Delegate: I am Adis Tice (?) from Rock Island, Illinois. I come from the hinterland, and I have been attending the Zionist Emergency Council meetings for a long time, and I have listened many times with great pleasure to our great leader, Dr. Silver, and I have listened with pleasure and without pleasure to many other speeches by our delegates, so I felt even at this great moment that if I contributed a word and imposed on you for a moment, you won't mind.

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Along the lines/~~agreed~~ a short while ago by a gentleman who had less hair on his head than I have at the front, the fact was emphasized that we shouldn't lean too heavily on Madison Square Gardens and meetings along that line. I would like to contribute to you at this moment what our community has done. That is, Rock Island, Davenport -- the Tri-City District. We are a small District compared to some, but a very very lively one. We recently had a meeting at which the speakers' table had 20 Ministers of various denominations, four Mayors, and a couple of ex-Mayors, and other leaders of our community. I might say that over 350 Jewish and non-Jewish people attended and received a very great ovation, besides having plenty of air space and plenty of news space. We have at the head of our American Palestine Committee a gentleman who is the head of one of our leading banks, who has attended several Christian Palestine meetings, and at this moment, and before I close, I have to give a compliment to our leader, Dr. Silver.

He came back from a Washington meeting, and the next day when we had lunch together, here is the word he said: He said, "I heard a lot of speakers in my line

life, and the night I heard these speakers in Washington, the final speaker of the evening was your own Rabbi Silver, and, believe me, I listened to every word! In my opinion he is the greatest orator in the country!" ~~andxixnight~~

And I might close by telling you of a little incident with regard to public relations and how easily and readily the Gentile community is willing to work with us. We have a lot of friends. We have 180 members on our American Palestine Committee. Last week, the editor of our leading newspaper called me up about 5 o'clock. He said, "Ad, an article came in here that we want to publish, but I am not sure x it will appeal to you as a Zionist." Considering me part of the Zionist community, he had called me. I came over and read it. Well, it was a wonderful article by McGill, but he wanted to make sure he wouldn't ~~inf~~ injure our cause. That is all.

Dr. Silver: A plug for me. That was all staged, of course.

Delegate: Mr. Tudor of Washington, D. C. While you are waiting for the resolution, I would like to see a little more resolution and less resolutions. We have come to this meeting, I assume, that is my impression, for the specific purpose of implementing or obtaining the implementation of the Report insofar as ~~it~~ the 100,000 immigrants are concerned. We have seen our Congressmen, those of us who have the right. We in the District of Columbia do not have the vote. But the thing that concerns me is that we are only getting lip service. We have heard about grass roots. We have heard about the American Palestine Committee, and that seems to be a very effective job. But it seems to me that we can accomplish more by realizing that lives are at stake. If we can organize non-Sectarian committees to effectuate the immediate rescue of these 100,000, we should do it. That can be stimulated by Jewish groups and by Christian groups.

Dr. Silver: You mean bring that information to the Christian communities?

Mr. Tudor: And organizing them along these non-Sectarian lines.

Delegate: I have been sitting here, and I don't want to feel depressed, and I never can be depressed. I sat all day and we went to visit our Representatives. I wonder -- this is only a suggestion. It works in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, when we have a problem. This applies especially to what the lady from Baltimore said. We have non-Jews appear for the Jews. I feel time is short. Every day our Jews are dying. I wonder whether, in addition and with full faith in our Emergency Council -- none better than our beloved Dr. Silver -- that sometimes in a meeting of that sort when we have to go to pussy-foot with diplomatic terms, with a Henderson and an Acheson, whether we couldn't get a Cardinal and a Bishop of the Catholic Church to go with Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise and there, instead of waiting for our local communities, why not start at the head in Washington, get a Cardinal and get a Bishop to come with Dr. Silver and stand before these men and ^{let them try to say} ~~say~~ it cannot be done. We cannot wait. ~~xx~~ They are dying daily. The President has come out for it. Let the great Christian leaders together with Rabbis like Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise go and tell them we cannot wait. We must have it now! The Cardinal and the Bishop and the leading Rabbi, Dr. Silver himself cry to you: "Move"! "What is holding you back?" "Americans shouldn't be afraid!" Let's get at the head! All the communities are doing it in the small places. The Congressmen admit that it is needed. We don't to beat us again. We want no publicity to get into our friends in the Senate. The Catholic Church has made a great surge in the country. They have given us four Cardinals. Let us go -- the Cardinal, Bishop Oxman, and Dr. Silver together in the name of God! Mr. President, Chairman of the Senate Committee, listen to our voice! Move ahead. America shouldn't be afraid! I offer this from a national point of view. Three, five, seven national, at the same time lay leaders amass yourselves together in Washington and put the pressure to bear there. Good, my good Lord, the smaller communities -- and I work pretty hard in my own community. But I plead, let us get instead of working in the communities, let us get a national large committee before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, right in the presence of Secretary Byrnes and Henderson and Acheson and see how small

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