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International Christian Conference for Palestine, 1945.

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CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE

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LEADERS OF PRO-PALESTINE COMMITTEES THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON

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Washington -- Representatives of twenty-five nations will participate in an unprecedented two-day International Christian Conference for Palestine, which will be held in the Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C., on Thursday, November 1 and Friday, November 2, it was announced today by the American Christian Palestine Committee, which is sponsoring the Conference.

Leaders of Christian pro-Palestine committees from the following nations will take part in the Conference:

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

The formal opening of the Conference on Thursday will be preceded by a Women's Tea, to be held in the Congressional Room of the Hotel Statler on Wednesday, October 31. Mrs. Lorna Wingate, delegate from Great Britain and widow of the late British war hero, General Orde C. Wingate, will address this gathering. Other speakers will be Lady Flavelle, who, with her husband, Sir Ellsworth Flavelle, Bart., will be among those representing Canada at the Conference; Mrs. Corina Rodriguez, delegate from Costa Rica, and Mrs. Gordon Wright, another member of the

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Canadian delegation. Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas (D., Cal.), Mrs. Walter Clay Lowdermilk and Mrs. Robert A. Taft will act as hostesses at the tea, which is scheduled for 3:30 P.M.

The Conference will discuss the work being carried on by Christian pro-Palestine committees throughout the world. Among the projects to be considered will be the organization of an Inter-American Christian pro-Palestine Committee, representing North America and Latin America, and the formation of an International Christian pro-Palestine Committee.

Prominent Washingtonians will honor the visiting delegates at a luncheon, to be held on Thursday, November 1, and a dinner, which is scheduled for Friday, November 2 at 7:00 P.M.

Speakers at the luncheon, which will take place in the South American Room of the Statler will include the Very Rev. Dr. Kenneth C. Evans, Dean of the Diocese of Montreal and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal; and Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and leading authority on the absorptive capacity of Palestine. Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, will be the chairman of the luncheon session. Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, chairman of the Christian Council on Palestine, will deliver the address of welcome to the visitors from abroad and Senator Eduardo Chibas of Cuba will speak in the name of the delegates. The invocation will be delivered by Dr. Guy Emery Shipler of New York.

Friday's dinner, which will close the Conference, will be presided over by Senator Robert F. Wagner, (D., N.Y.), with Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, President of Boston University, acting as toastmaster. Speakers will include Senator Owen Brewster (R., Me); Mrs. Lorna Wingate; William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor; M. J. Coldwell, leader of the Commonwealth Party of Canada and member of the Canadian Parliament; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of The Christian Herald; Senator Gabriel Gonzales Videla of Chile, and Senator Arthur Wentworth Roebuck, who will speak for the Canadian Palestine Committee. The invocation will be delivered by Dr. Evans.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FOR RELEASE AFTER 8:30 P. M.

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

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

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

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

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

Are not the deaths of 5,700,000 men, women and children conclusive proof of the necessity for a Jewish homeland? Do not the Harrison and Red Cross reports

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For our sake and theirs, I hope the British will thrust aside the fatal policy of appeasement. I hope that in concert with this country and with the United Nations, they will

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

can be permanent gain.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The text of the Bolivian Resolution follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RADIO SCRIPT -- M. J. COLDWELL

Intl. Christian Conf. for Pal.
Wash., D. C. - Nov. 2, 1945

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WORLD COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE

BUSINESS SESSION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1945

HOTEL STATLER

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RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE ASSAILED
AT INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS OF DR. DANIEL L. MARSH,
PRESIDENT OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY, AT THE DINNER OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE

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

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

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

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

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

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

WORLD COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE

BUSINESS SESSION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1945

HOTEL STATLER

Wash., D.C.

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RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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Following is text of address delivered by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor at a dinner in the Statler Hotel closing the International Christian Conference for Palestine: - Nov. 2, 1945 - Wash., D.C.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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