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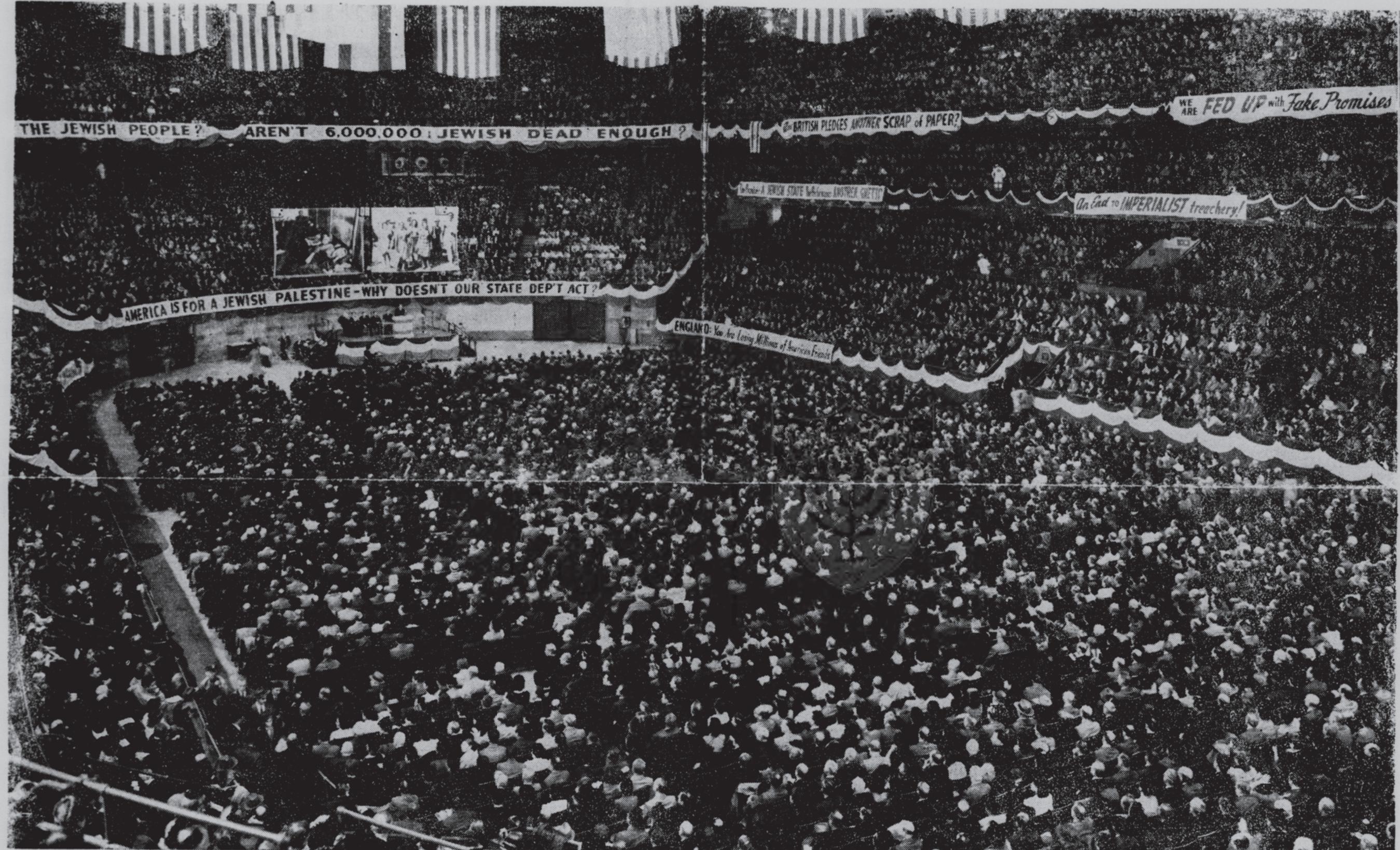
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Madison Square Garden meeting, 1945.

MASS DEMONSTRATION FOR A JEWISH PALESTINE, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK CITY

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IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY. Christian leaders joined members of the Jewish faith in a gigantic rally at Madison Square Garden to demand action now

by Great Britain to redeem its declared pledge to establish a Jewish state in Palestine. More than 25,000 jammed the huge arena while another 45,000 stood in the

streets to demonstrate their sympathy with the plight of the Jews in Europe. Distinguished speakers included Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Mayor LaGuardia, Dr. Stephen

S. Wise, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Daniel A. Poling. All received ovations.

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night before a capacity audience in Madison Square Garden, and an overflow crowd that jammed West Forty-ninth Street and listened to the addresses broadcast through several large amplifiers.

The Governor declared the Jews were entitled to the fundamental rights of free men, a home of their own, in a land where they could live as free and equal men and women. "That place is Palestine, their homeland," he added.

Mayor La Guardia, in an unexpected appearance, brought long rounds of applause when he declared that Great Britain should insist that Great Britain keep her pledges regarding Palestine, and that immediate action was necessary to solve the problem of the Jews in Europe.

Wants 100,000 Admitted to U. S.

He suggested that Great Britain act at once to let at least 100,000 enter Palestine and that at least as many should be admitted to the United States.

"The time for talk has passed," he said. "Now is the time to act."

The demonstration, sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council, of which Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise are joint chairmen, was a protest against the report that the British White Paper policy would be continued in Palestine.

Doors to the Garden were opened at 4:30 P. M., although the meeting was not scheduled to begin until 8 o'clock, and within two hours every seat had been taken. Those who came later were directed into West Forty-ninth Street. By the time the meeting started, the crowd jammed the street and sidewalks almost to Ninth Avenue. The thirty policemen and five mounted officers had difficulty in keeping Fifty-first Street clear, but there was no disorder.

Dewey Stresses Urgency

Governor Dewey, emphasizing that this and other countries were beset with internal and external difficulties calling for the best in leadership, said:

"But none of them is an excuse for leaving unrelieved the greatest

human tragedy of this war, the plight of the first victims of Nazi terror, who still, five months after the fall of Germany, remain victims. There is no other problem which calls in such clarion tones for the sympathetic and effective action of an aroused community."

"These people ask simply for the right to have a home of their own. That home was promised them a quarter of a century ago by the nations of the world. I can understand no legitimate reason for its continued denial. I cannot believe that the British people or the American people or the other peoples of good-will in the world will remain deaf to the cries of these suffering hundreds of thousands."

"Since their voices cannot be heard, it is our privilege and our duty to make sure that at this mighty meeting we voice their pleas in clear and unmistakable terms."

"Whatever the arguments which might properly have been advanced during the war to justify the continuation of the exclusion policy from Palestine, those arguments no longer apply. As I have said repeatedly, the homeless and persecuted Jews of Europe are entitled to life and dignity and the right of self-determination. They are entitled to live free of the fetters of persecution. They are entitled to live away from scenes haunted by

memories of loot, torture and murder. They are entitled to the fundamental rights of free men, a home of their own, in a land where they can live as free, equal men and women."

"There is one place they can call their own—their very own—and to which they should be entitled to go as their right, to live in peace and security, to develop their genius—to be free forever from all the horrors of the dreadful past. That place is Palestine, the homeland."

After recalling the work already done in Palestine to make it a homeland, the Governor said:

"The rights of the Jewish people in Palestine are not a local problem. These rights have wide historic human and political implications, as we have learned at such bitter cost. The attitude of nations to the problem of minorities is a touchstone to their approach to other and wider problems. Unless society bases itself on a sincere acknowledgment of its responsibilities to the weak as well as to the strong, it will, in the inexorable process of the passage of time, perish."

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not pity, not words, but justice by action. They are entitled to insist and we insist on their behalf that solemn international covenants shall be respected and carried out."

"Our own Government and people are deeply involved. It was the common victory of ourselves and our allies in World War I which made possible the British Mandate of Palestine—which made possible that mandate expressly granted for the purpose of promoting the development of a Jewish homeland."

It was to that victory, incidentally, that the independent Arab states were also obligated for their creation. The text of the Palestine Mandate is incorporated in the convention between our country and Great Britain. It has been confirmed by every President since 1920, and both our great political parties are publicly committed to bringing it to fruition."

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World Christian Endeavor Union, said that pledges made by Great Britain to the Jews should be kept; that the British Labor Government invited a major tragedy by failing to redeem its campaign promise of last May.

"The administration of Palestine as a Jewish state would insure to Arab, Christian and Jew alike religious freedom and all other freedoms of a truly democratic

government," he declared.

Rabbi Silver called on Prime Minister Attlee to open the doors of Palestine to Jews and urged President Truman to continue his efforts for unrestricted immigration and Jewish colonization in Palestine.

Commenting on the activities of those Jews who oppose establishment of Palestine as a Jewish state, Rabbi Silver said: "They speak for an insignificant number of our people, those who are afraid lest the establishment of a Jewish state will endanger their own comfortable existence here."

He added that the American people had given evidence in many ways that it approved the reconstitution of the Jewish Commonwealth. He said the Jewish people were striving to achieve only that which every other people on the face of the earth possess—a country and a homeland.

Each time Rabbi Silver mentioned that there was opposition to the proposal to establish a Jewish state in Palestine, the audience hissed and booted. "THE NEW YORK TIMES is opposed to the establishment of a Jewish state," Rabbi Silver said, and the audience manifested disapproval with catcalls and hisses.

Rabbi Wise said there could be no justice to the Jew from Britain unless it reached the decision that there be established the Jewish state of Palestine. He urged also the admission of Palestine to the United Nations Organization as a Jewish state.

Henry Monsky, co-chairman of the interim committee of the American Jewish Conference, presided.

Great Britain's policy of temporary extension of limited Jewish immigration of 1,500 a month was assailed by most of the speakers as an unsatisfactory stopgap. A cablegram to Prime Minister Clement Attlee demanding that Great Britain "fulfill the letter and the spirit of the solemn pledges given to the Jewish people, that it open the gates to free, unrestricted Jewish immigration and that it announce an immediate decision to establish Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth" was authorized in a resolution adopted by the meeting.

Also authorized was a telegram to President Truman expressing appreciation for his efforts in behalf of the Jews in Germany and Austria and apprising him of the sentiment expressed for the immediate establishment of Palestine as a Jewish state.

As 50,000 Rallied to Urge Redemption of Zion Pledge



This was the scene inside Madison Square Garden last night. The Zionist Emergency Council meeting was so packed that doors had to be closed at 5:30 p.m. . . .



These people waited on 49th St. all evening to hear the program over loud speakers. An estimated 30,000 were outside.

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Jews Told to 'Mobilize' to Win Homeland in Palestine

50,000

Overflow Garden At Zionist Rally

By BARNETT BILDERSEE
From here on every loyal Jew becomes a soldier in the Army of Jewish Liberation!

This was the call of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, joint chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, at a Madison Square Garden mass rally last night which became the opening of what Dr. Silver called a "mobilization of Jews" to win fulfillment from Britain of its 28-year-old Balfour Declaration to create a Jewish Commonwealth in the Holy Land.

Fifty thousand supporters of Zionism—Jews and non-Jews—heard the summons which Dr. Silver declared must reach every community in the U. S. A. and be maintained with vigor until the Balfour Declaration is redeemed. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, the other joint chairman of the council, gave unqualified endorsement to the call.

Your Excellency:

For years we waited patiently for the fulfillment of Great Britain's pledges to the Jewish people. We waited in vain. In the meantime, six million Jews were killed in Europe, while you and your colleagues gave us promises and meaningless words of sympathy. The British Government bears a great share of the responsibility for the Jewish tragedy in Europe!

Our patience is at an end! We shall not continue to suffer British injustices silently. As Jews and as American citizens, we will fight back relentlessly until the legitimate rights of the Jewish people are recognized—until Palestine is opened wide to free Jewish immigration and a Jewish State is re-established.

Signature: _____
Address: _____

This was the card signed by 25,000 supporters of Zionism at a rally last night at Madison Square Garden. The address on the front says: "His Excellency, His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, The Right Honorable Lord Halifax, The British Embassy, Washington, D. C."

Huge Overflow

A stamping, cheering, hissing crowd, estimated by police at about 25,000, thundered approval from within the huge Garden and loudspeakers carried the message to an overflow of about 25,000 more who stood in the streets facing the Gar-

den on 49th and 50th Sts., and Eighth Ave.

Spokesmen described the mass demonstration as the most militant note Zionism yet has struck in this country. The theme of speaker after speaker—including Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia—was im-

pative for action to fulfill the World War I pledge to Jewry.

The climactic moment came when, at the close of the session, the whole crowd rose and read in unison the text of postal cards of protest to British Ambassador Halibut (see reproduction) which they signed and dropped into collection boxes at the exits.

But while the demonstrators were hopefully proclaiming their aspirations, there was evidence overseas that another crisis was developing over Palestine's 10,000 square miles and the Arabs were at least as forceful in their claims.

'Holy War' Threat

In Damascus, Moslem leaders met and threatened a "holy war" against any attempt to let more Jews into the country. In Jerusalem Arab leaders issued a declaration that they would resist Jewish immigration, warning "it would be a grave error to believe that this implies only passive resistance."

On the other hand, Bernard Joseph, political head of the Jewish Agency, declared the "Zionist fist is beginning to contract with bitterness."

These included Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, and Lord Halifax.

Again the crowd booed at mention of American Jews who oppose the Zionist program. They were described by Dr. Silver as "a few high-placed, shell-shocked Jews . . . who attempt to confuse this basic problem . . . who speak for an insignificant section of American Jewry, those who are afraid lest the establishment of a Jewish State will endanger their own comfortable existence."

Cheers for La Guardia

The audience was speckled with the blue and khaki of the armed forces, among them a U. S. Army captain with the silver cross designating a Christian chaplain. Non-Jewish sympathizers also shared the platform, including Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald*, who declared himself a Zionist, "not because Jews are Zionists, but because I am a Christian."

Twice, La Guardia had to pause for long ovations. Once when he exclaimed: "I say to the State Dept., we demand some display of statesmanship and not of schmooze (talk)," again when he applauded the President's recommendation to the British of 100,000 certificates of

admittance to Palestine and added that the President's hand would be strengthened "if Congress would authorize him to say 'and we, too, are ready to take 100,000.'"

Gov. Dewey declared:

"What is needed today is not mere sympathy. What is needed today is action. We have a right to ask—we have a right to insist as we do here tonight—that these victims of Nazi oppression be given not pity, not words, but justice by action."

Sharp focus was given to Gov. Dewey's assertion by the reading of two telegrams reflecting the anguish of Jews still surviving in Europe who are losing hope of escape. One, from Erich Neumann, president of the Jewish *gemeinde* (community) in Berlin, ended with the plea: "Please rescue us."

The other came to Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, joint chairmen of the Zionist Emergency Council, from Maj. Judah Nadich, Jewish chaplain serving as adviser to Gen. Eisenhower on the problem of Jewish displaced persons. Maj. Nadich cabled:

Peril to Friendship

"After survey visits all Jewish displaced persons camps American zone Germany, find overwhelming majority desire immigration Eretz Israel (Palestine). Conservative estimate eighty percent. These remnants European Jewry live only for day Palestine doors open."

Besides the mass protest to Lord Halifax, telegrams were sent from the rally to President Truman and to British Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

The message to the President concluded:

"... If the present British policy regarding Palestine is not continued, it will not only perpetuate the Jewish tragedy in the world, but it will also damage the cause of Anglo-American friendship so essential to the maintenance of peace in the world . . . We ask you unreserved support for the immediate opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and the announcement of an immediate decision to establish Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth."

To Attlee:

"... As in the past, we prefer to be friends of Britain. We do not want our youth in Palestine to come to regard you as enemies. Unless you act quickly and justly, irreparable damage will be done to Britain's name and prestige in the world. In this, we speak the minds of vast numbers of Americans of all faiths and all walks of life."



Dr. Stephen S. Wise (left) conferred with Mayor La Guardia as the rally began. Both were speakers.



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At the conclusion of Dr. Silver's dramatic plea for a "mobilization of Jews" to secure British fulfillment of the Balfour Declaration, the audience arose and applauded at length—including people in the press row.

New York Herald Tribune - October 1, 1945

Dewey Exhorts Britain to Open Palestine 'Now'

Bids Labor Party Redeem Pledge to Jews; 50,000 Flock to Garden Rally

Governor Thomas E. Dewey, addressing a cheering crowd of more than 21,000 persons at a Zionist rally in Madison Square Garden, called last night for the free right of Jewish immigration into Palestine and for its establishment "now." An estimated 25,000 more outside the Garden heard the Governor, by means of loud-speakers.

Urging the British Labor party to redeem a pledge made before it came into power, the Governor declared that hundreds of thousands of Jews are still living in want and desperation in Europe and that war-time arguments for excluding them from their national homeland no longer exist.

"The conscience of civilization must find expression," he said. "It can wait no longer."

The Governor was the featured speaker at a demonstration sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council and called as a protest against reports that the British White Paper policy would continue to bar Jews from Palestine. Of the 21,000 in the Garden, 2,000 were standing. Police, who barred the doors an hour before it started, estimated the crowd on Eighth Avenue and Forty-ninth and Fifty-first Streets at 25,000 to 40,000.

Mayor Gets Ovation

Mayor F. H. La Guardia made an uncheduled appearance after the Governor and received almost as great an ovation. He told the demonstrators it would be "very easy" for the Big Four to settle the Palestine situation.

The demonstration followed by a day President Truman's disclosure that he had appealed to the British government to open Palestine to such of Europe's displaced persons as wish to go there.

Governor Dewey did not mention by name the Balfour Declaration of 1917, endorsed by the United States and other nations, on which Zionists base their claim for British support of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. But he reminded Prime Minister Clement Attlee that the Labor party last May had urged the reopening of the country to Jews and called for "the redemption of this and all the similar pledges."

We call for action in accordance with our own traditions of justice and humanity," he added. "We speak on behalf of the survivors of Nazi terror who still live in misery. We call out in their name that they must not be left to die in camps. We say that those outside the camps must not be forced to remain in an atmosphere poisoned by the memory of unbelievable horrors and the all-pervasive aftermath of years on anti-Semitic propaganda."

Recalls Own Prophecy

The Governor recalled that seven years ago, before the outbreak of war, he had risked the role of prophet in saying that the outrages against Jews in Germany and Austria bore "the unmistakable earmarks of an organized plot to wipe out the Jewish people."

"Today, as we look back," he

said, "it is clear that in all history there has never been a more skillfully designed and cold-blooded effort to slaughter an entire people. More than 6,000,000 Jews lived on the Continent of Europe outside of Russia before the war. Today less than 2,000,000 survive. It is the most tragic chapter of sheer brutality in history."

"Civilized humanity has scarcely yet grasped the horror of the murder of 4,000,000 helpless people. Nor has the conscience of mankind yet been fully aroused to the meaning of that frightful crime. "If there had been full realization, it is possible that the doors of Palestine would not have been closed to the hunted Jewish people of Europe in the hour of their bitterest need. It is possible that millions now dead might still be living. That unbelievable tragedy will stand out as a mark against our civilization of the twentieth century for years to come."

Commenting that Palestine's recent economic development actually has benefited its Arab population and that our own government is deeply obligated in promises for development of a Jewish homeland, he declared that the rights of the Jewish people "have wide historic and human implications."

"The attitude of nations to the problem of minorities is a touchstone to their approach to other and wider problems," he said. "Unless a society bases itself on a sincere acknowledgment of its responsibilities to the weak, as well as to the strong, it will, in the inexorable process of the passage of time, perish."

Mayor La Guardia, calling attention to President Truman's request that Britain grant certificates for 100,000 European Jews to enter Palestine suggested that the United States offer to receive another 100,000.

"We must make it very clear to the President," the Mayor added, "that we expect the fulfillment of pledges. We can't address the British people directly, but we can direct our pleas to the President, and we will hold him responsible."

Says Delay Doomed 6,000,000

Dr. Abba H. Silver, joint chairman with Dr. Stephen S. Wise of the American Zionist Emergency Council, told the meeting that "because a political decision was delayed in the days before the war, 6,000,000 of our people perished during the war." He urged former Prime Minister Winston Churchill to go to the support of the Zionist movement, and while praising President Truman's action as "the first forthright act by a Chief Executive of our country in many years," added that the Jewish problem is not a refugee problem but a problem of "national homelessness."

Dr. Wise declared that "justice to the Jew does not mean a Jewish ghetto in an arid empire—the only status for a free and great people is the status of statehood." And the Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of "The Christian Herald" and minister of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, said that administration of Palestine as a Jewish state "would insure to Arab, Christian and Jew alike religious freedom and all the other freedoms of a truly democratic government."

Henry Monsky, of Omaha, Neb., co-chairman of the interim committee of the American Jewish Conference, presided and read a cable to Prime Minister Attlee and telegrams to President Truman and Lord Halifax, British Ambassador, setting forth the Zionist position and asking immediate action.

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Giant Zionist Rally Blames Britain for Jewish Deaths

BY ALVIN ROSENFIELD

The campaign for a free Jewish state in Palestine stepped up today, inspired by a giant rally at which Britain's policy of drastic restrictions on immigration to the Holy Land was condemned as imperialistic and inhumane.

The mass meeting, announced six days ago when Britain revoked her decision not to open Palestine's doors to homeless, destitute Jews, brought throngs to Madison Square Garden last night.

While an overflow crowd of 45,000 listened through amplifiers in block-off streets, 22,000 people in the packed Garden solemnly chanted in unison a demand that Palestine be "opened wide to free Jewish immigration."

While "we waited patiently for the fulfillment of Great Britain's pledges to the Jewish people," they said, "six million Jews were killed in Europe. The British government bears a great share of the responsibility for the tragedy in Europe."

"Our patience is at an end," the huge audience said in one voice. "We shall not continue to suffer British injustice silently." They read from printed postcards which were then signed and mailed to Ambassador Halifax.

A Mobilization Call

Their pledge was an answer to the call issued at the rally by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, co-chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, for "total mobilization" of world Jewry in the fight for Palestine.

"From here on," he said, "every loyal Jew becomes a soldier in the Army of Jewish liberation."

At the rally, sponsored by the Emergency Council, speaker after speaker demanded State Dept. intervention and recalled Britain's unredeemed promises to the Jews.

Mayor LaGuardia declared that Britain first promised to establish

a Jewish Commonwealth 28 years ago, while Gov. Dewey and several other speakers pointed out the British Labor Party shortly before it won power adopted a resolution saying:

"There is surely neither hope nor meaning in a 'Jewish National Home' unless we are prepared to let Jews, if they wish, enter this land in such numbers as to become a majority. There was a strong case for this before the war. There is an irresistible case now, after the unspeakable atrocities of the cold and calculated Nazi plan to kill all Jews in Europe."

Dewey and Poling Speak

"We call tonight for the redemption of this and all the similar pledges," Dewey said. "The conscience of civilization must find expression. It can wait no longer."

Mayor LaGuardia demanded that the State Dept. make "some display of statesmanship and not of schmooz (talk)" on the Zionist problem and also warned that "we will hold the President of the U.S. responsible" if the gates of Palestine are not opened.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald and New York Post columnist, warned that

the failure to keep the pledge made in the Balfour Declaration, "which failure has already cost the lives of hundreds of thousands of Jews, now threatens the lives of yet other tens of thousands."

Although the rally was scheduled to start at 8 p.m., the audience began arriving before 5, the auditorium was filled by 6:30 and the meeting was under way at 7:30, while thousands of people tried vainly to gain entrance.

Both 49th and 50th Sts. were so crowded it was impossible to get through.

Attlee a Chamberlain?

Inside, the Garden was decorated with militant slogans, such as "Is Attlee Another Chamberlain?" "Is Britain Planning Another Munich?" "No American Aid for British Betrayal," "When Will the War Be Over for the Jewish People? Aren't 6,000,000 Jewish Dead Enough?"

Two huge photographs hung from the rafters. One showed a group of Jews in a concentration camp, their faces gaunt, their eyes haunting. The other showed a group of smiling, healthy Jewish pioneers in Palestine.

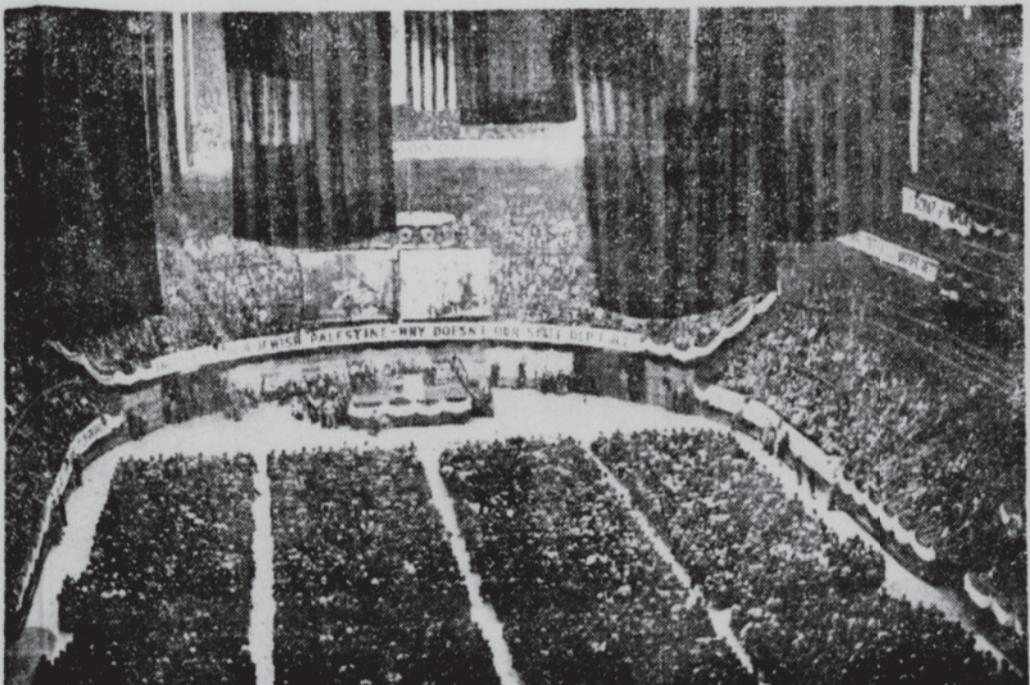
The audience was, for the most part, solemn and stern. But it hissed and booted when mention was made of the "few high-placed, shell-shocked Jews" who oppose Zionism. And it cheered mention of President Truman and of Jewish hopes in Palestine.

Wise Praises Truman

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, co-chairman with Rabbi Silver, praised Mr. Truman's request that the British grant 100,000 entry certificates into Palestine, but stressed that this was just a "first step."

He said that, after a meeting with Mr. Truman Saturday, he was "not without hope." And Wise, at 70 the grand old man of American Zionism, brought the audience to its feet when he said: "I shall live to see the establishment of a Jewish National Home."

Messages were sent to President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and British Ambassador Halifax after the need for swift action was emphasized by a telegram from the Jewish community of Berlin saying "Life seems futile. Eretz Yisrael (Palestine) our only hope. Please rescue us."



THIS OVERHEAD view shows some of the 22,000 persons who jammed Madison Square Garden last night to demand that England make good her pledges for unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine. The rally was sponsored by American Zionist Emergency Council. Story on Page 15.

New York Daily Mirror - October 1, 1945

22,000 at Garden Rally Hear Dewey Ask Open Palestine

Wartime arguments for exclusion of Jews from Palestine no longer hold good, Gov. Dewey declared last night in calling on the British Labor Government to redeem its pre-election pledge and remove White Paper restrictions barring Jewish immigration to the Holy Land.

Addressing a solemn and purposeful crowd of 20,000 who thronged Madison Square Garden to protest the British limitation, Dewey charged that the independent



Mayor LaGuardia raps Lord Halifax on "keeping word" in Garden speech. Admit Jewish Palestine to United Nations Organization, Rabbi Wise urges at big rally. (Mirror Photo)

Arabs which oppose "this sacred right" of the Jewish people were denying the principles on which these Arab states were founded at the expiration of World War I.

In addition to the 20,000 in the Garden, an additional 2,000 outside over 49th St. heard the address over a loudspeaker system. The crowd was orderly and quiet. Those unable to gain admission to the Garden accepted the situation philosophically, and remained to hear the last word of the last speaker.

We call for the free right of immigration into Palestine and for its establishment now. The conscience of civilization must find expression."

The Governor declared "our own government and people" are deeply involved.

Another speaker at the meeting, which was under auspices of the American Zionist Emergency Council, was Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of "The Christian Herald." He said failure to implement the Balfour pledge threatens the lives of tens of thousands of Jews.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, joint chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council, appealed to former Prime Minister Churchill to "speak up" as a "member of the opposition" and make good his declaration of 1939 when he denied the White Paper as "a plain breach of trust."

Mayor LaGuardia, who arrived at the meeting toward the end, said:

"I would like to remind my good friend Lord Halifax, who made a speech to the American people indicating he wanted to borrow some money for his government, that the best way to establish credit is to convince people that the borrower knows how to keep his word."

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of the Free Synagogue, who is joint chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council, said that "justice" to the Jews means not only "certificates of admission to Palestine," but the admission of Palestine to the United Nations Organization as a Jewish State.

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70,000 Rally for Palestine



APPEALS FOR JEWS . . . Gov. Thomas E. Dewey told a crowd of more than 25,000 in Madison Square Garden that the situation in Palestine did not need mere sympathy but action. "The conscience of civilization must find expression. It can wait no longer." It is estimated 45,000 stood outside of the Garden during the rally. (Other pictures in today's Picture Section.)

Journal-American Photo.

A thunderous call went forth to Great Britain from New York today in the name of merciful humanity.

It was a call to open the gates of Palestine immediately to the stateless and homeless Jews facing a winter of misery in Europe.

It was a call to increase President Truman's request for 100,000 certificates of admission to 500,000, or more if necessary.

It was a reminder of the President's disclosure on Saturday of appalling treatment of Jews in German concentration camps today, long after V-E Day.

It was, finally, a challenge to Britain to redeem its declared pledge to establish a Jewish state in Palestine.

CROWN IN STREET.

America's political and religious leaders issued the call and the challenge in a Madison Square Garden rally which filled the auditorium last night with a record of 25,000 attendance, while 45,000 stood massed shoulder to shoulder on the streets outside.

Christian leaders joined with Jewish leaders in the demand for action now.

Gov. Dewey, Mayor LaGuardia, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Daniel A. Poling were among the distinguished speakers.

"In Europe today there are hundreds of thousands of Jewish people to whom peace and liberation have brought little or nothing by way of comfort or even hope," Gov. Dewey declared.

"They live in desperation, filled with bitter recollection of past horrors, badly clothed and tragically underfed."

"Actually, tens of thousands of them still live in the same concentration camps where they saw their families and their fellow men murdered."

"These people ask simply for the right to have a home of their own. That home was promised them a quarter of a century ago by the nations of the world."

"I can understand no legitimate reason for its continued denial. I cannot believe that the British people or the American people or the other peoples of good will in the world will remain deaf to the cries of these suffering hundreds of thousands."

CALLS FOR JUSTICE.

"As I have said repeatedly, the homeless and persecuted Jews of Europe are entitled to life and dignity and the right of self-determination. They are entitled to the fundamental rights of free men, a home of their own, in a land where they can live as free, equal men and women."

"There is one place they can call their own—their very own—and to which they should be entitled to go as their right, to live in peace and security, to develop their genius—to be free forever from all the horrors of the dreadful past."

"That place is Palestine, the homeland."

"What is needed today is not mere sympathy. What is needed today is action."

"We call for the free right of immigration into Palestine, and for its establishment as a Jewish State now. The conscience of civilization must find expression. It can wait no longer."

MASS DECLARATION.

Perhaps the most solemn moment of the rally came when the entire assembly rose, and recited in unison a declaration addressed to the British Ambassador in Washington, Lord Halifax.

Henry Monsky, presiding for the American Zionist Emergency Council, which sponsored the

rally, led the recital of this message:

For years we waited patiently for the fulfillment of Great Britain's pledge to the Jewish people. We waited in vain. In the meantime, 6,000,000 Jews were killed in Europe, while you and your colleagues gave us promises and meaningless words of sympathy.

The British Government bears a great share of the responsibility for the Jewish tragedy in Europe!

"Our patience is at an end! We shall not continue to suffer British injustices silently."

"As Jews and as American citizens, we will fight back relentlessly until the legitimate rights of the Jewish people are recognized—until Palestine is opened wide to free Jewish immigration and a Jewish state is re-established."

The message was printed on thousands of postcards. The audience signed them, depositing them in numerous mail boxes especially set up in the Garden corridors.

MAYOR SLAPS BRITISH.

Mayor LaGuardia opened his address by remarking that he would not address his words to the British people, even though, he added, Lord Halifax "only a week ago talked to the American people."

"The British Ambassador was not talking about an ideal; he was talking about another loan," said the mayor.

"I want to say to Lord Halifax, as one business man to another, the best way to establish credit is to give an indication that the borrower knows how to keep his word."

"Let Britain give just a little bit of lend-lease of justice for the people of Palestine."

LaGuardia's words stirred the rally to an ovation.

DR. WISE VOICES HOPE.

Dr. Wise, reporting that he and Dr. Silver had been in conference Saturday with President Truman, sounded a note of optimism.

"We believe in the American people; they are with us," the Rabbi, 50 years as Zionist leader, declared.

"I believe in the English people; they are with us. I do not give up hope as to Prime Minister Attlee."

"I predict to you I will live to see the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine."

His prophecy to thousands who had started to form in line at 4:30 p.m. for the meeting that opened at 8 o'clock, and to thousands bare-headed in an unexpected cold wind, created a roar of admiration.

Earlier he had warned:

"Justice to the Jew does not mean a Jewish ghetto in an Arab empire. The only status for a free and great people is the status of statehood."

Dr. Silver addressed his opening remarks to the British Prime Minister:

"The doors of Palestine will be opened, Mr. Attlee. British bayonets will not bar the way of our survivors. Nor will British tanks crush the hope of our people."

"Do you recall when your armies fled, beaten from Europe, at Dunkirk? They had a home to return to. Our people, too, had to flee from Europe because of Nazi terror and slaughter. But the home which they pre-

This Statement Appeared in a Number of America's Leading Newspapers

An Open Letter To Prime Minister Attlee

Seven thousand Jews in liberated Czechoslovakia committed suicide in the last few weeks. They returned from the concentration camps to find their homes gone, their families massacred and opportunities for employment closed to them. They made repeated attempts to build a new life for themselves in Czechoslovakia or to emigrate overseas, but all doors were closed. They chose the only possible way out—out of unending misery and out of life.

This is only one of many such reports that reach us almost daily from the countries of Europe. Do they reach your ears, too, Mr. Attlee?

Perhaps you were not greatly impressed. What, after all, is the snuffing out of seven thousand lives in a world grown accustomed to the violent death of millions? But we were not only impressed, Mr. Attlee. We were badly shaken. It is not only the number of these latest victims, but the timing of this mass-suicide—after "liberation"—that we find so tragic.

Who Is Responsible?

It was our very unhappy conviction all along that the responsibility for the extinction of six million Jews in Europe was not Hitler's alone. The entire Christian world shares that responsibility. By their failure to take a strong stand the great democratic powers gave Hitler the green light to destroy European Jewry. And when hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of Jews could have been saved from the claws of the Nazi beast, it was Great Britain which refused to admit them to Palestine—their only haven.

When we voiced these accusations, official British spokesmen invariably took cover behind "the exigencies of war." These flimsy excuses for a brutal policy, unprecedented in the history of human misery, were always morally offensive. But now the war is over: Hitler is gone, Europe is free, democracy is triumphant—and thousands of Jews prefer death to the type of "liberation" which has come to our people in Europe.

The Labor Party's Promise

This is happening, Mr. Attlee, at a time when your Labor Government is in power in Britain. Your Party is now in direct control of Palestine's destinies. It is the Party which as recently as May, 1945 adopted a resolution declaring:

"There is surely neither hope nor meaning in a 'Jewish National Home' unless we are prepared to let Jews, if they wish, enter this tiny land in such numbers as to become a majority. There was a strong case for this before the war. There is an irresistible case now, after the unspeakable atrocities of the cold and calculated German Nazi plan to kill all Jews in Europe . . . The Arabs have

many wide territories of their own; they must not claim to exclude the Jews from this small area of Palestine, less than the size of Wales."

A magnificent declaration, Mr. Attlee! You will agree, no doubt, that it entitles us to expect a full measure of justice from your regime.

The Lord President of the Council and Labor Party Leader of the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, declared while denouncing the Chamberlain Government's White Paper in May, 1939:

"If we do this thing today we shall have done a thing which is dishonorable to our good name, which is discreditible to our capacity to govern and which is dangerous to British security, to peace and to the economic interest of the world in general and of our own country. Moreover, it will not work . . . the Government must understand that this document will not be automatically binding upon their successors in office, whatever the circumstances of the time may be."

The Promise Has Not Been Kept

You are the "successor in office," Mr. Attlee. But in place of the fulfillment of these oft-repeated pledges, we have received word that your Government plans to continue with slight modifications the brutal White Paper policy. While the remnants of European Jewry are mired in concentration camps, morally and physically exhausted, still under violent anti-Semitic attacks, hungry and penniless, with nothing to return to but the graves of their loved ones, you are planning to keep the doors of Palestine practically closed. Despite the pledges of your Party, the anti-Zionist policies of the Colonial Office are being implemented with the same vigor and determination as in the days of the old Government.

Britain can no longer hide behind "the exigencies of war." So now we are told of the many preoccupations of the new Government, which prevent it from taking action to fulfill its promises with regard to Palestine. We venture to say that, despite your many preoccupations, one of the first acts of the new Government should have been a sweeping abrogation of all measures restricting Jewish enterprise in Palestine, the opening of that country's gates to free and unrestricted Jewish immigration and an official declaration re-establishing Palestine as a Jewish State. Nothing else and nothing less will do.

nothing less was rightfully expected of you and your Government. Nothing else and nothing less could restore our faith in the sincerity of Britain's pledges, in the good will of Britain's people and in the progressive spirit of Britain's new Government.

We waited hopefully for an historic pronouncement consistent with your Party's program. Instead, you offered us a mean trickle of immigration certificates which fairly mocks the tragic needs apparent to all. What did you expect us to do with this "gift"? Did you, perhaps, mean that we were somehow to divide these certificates among the hundreds of thousands of our people who must migrate to Palestine or be doomed?

This Is Our Stand

We refuse to accept any such miserable "gifts" based on the White Paper of 1939! We demand full recognition of Jewish rights to Palestine! We are at the very end of our patience, Mr. Attlee, and no palliative solutions will be accepted by American Jewry or by what is left of European Jewry. As for the Jews of Palestine, what can they do but resist to the bitter end the policy which you propose to continue in that country?

America is today called upon to deal with your Government in order to help in the solution of your country's financial and economic difficulties, to the end that the British working masses may maintain a fair standard of living. They are entitled to it. But we say to you: the same rule of life should apply to the surviving Jews of Europe. You cannot expect sympathy for the social advancement of Britain's masses when you withhold the right to a life of self-support and self-respect from the first victims of Nazism. You cannot talk of social and economic progress and at the same time bolster the reactionary, pro-fascist, feudal Arab rulers in the Middle East, including the pro-Axis Mufti. Justice, too, is indivisible.

In this eleventh hour we urge you not to drive Jewish youth in Palestine and elsewhere to regard you and your people as enemies and betrayers of a sacred trust. We call on you to redeem Britain's pledge to the Jewish people now!

NOTHING ELSE AND NOTHING LESS WILL DO.

Abba Hillel Silver, Stephen S. Wise
Joint Chairmen

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
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OCTOBER 24, 1945

AS REPORTED IN THE NEW YORK PRESS

New York Times

150,000 at Zionist Rally Here; Britain Assailed on White Paper

Before a crowd estimated by the police at 150,000, one of the greatest ever to mass in or near Madison Square Park, speakers yesterday at a protest demonstration for a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine called on the British Labor Government to fulfill pledges of the Balfour Declaration and to abrogate the White Paper of 1939.

The gathering ignored threatening skies and a raw, chill day to manifest its support of the aims of the American Zionist Emergency Council, whose sponsoring committee hailed the demonstration as its greatest. Louis Lipsky, co-chairman of the American Jewish Conference, announced to the crowd that the number attending was 250,000, but Deputy Police Inspector John Appel put the figure at 150,000.

Declaring the British have imposed a "blackout" on Palestine and are expelling journalists for reporting the presence there of armored tanks and troops, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, warned that a resistance movement would go "underground" unless Britain's policy were relaxed.

"We refuse to recognize as 'illegal,'" he asserted, "any Jewish immigrant who enters Palestine without a certificate. Every Jew who enters the Jewish national home does so as of right. Illegal is the hand and the government that attempts to bar the Jew from the Jewish national home."

Dr. Goldstein called on President Truman "to keep insisting" on the admittance of 100,000 Jews immediately to Palestine and then to see the issue through for a constituted Jewish State.

A message from Governor Dewey read to the crowd said he was confident the American people would "give their full support to the restoration of Palestine as a Jewish homeland."

Labor Leaders Pledge Help

Thomas Murray, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, pledged that the AFL would not "stand idly by." We are not an inconsequential force, he said. "We warn our friends in the British Labor Government: you cannot do what you propose to do. We are in this fight to the end."

Louis Hollander, chairman of the New York State Industrial Union Council, Congress of Industrial Organizations, promised that "we will continue to fight relentlessly until justice is done."

Mr. Lipsky protested against "the intention of the British Empire to legalize the larceny of Jewish rights and to make that wrong permanent." He charged Britain with "making a parade of its military strength" and with propagandizing to "create the impression that it is preparing to prevent civil war in Palestine."

Zionist youth organizations marched to the rally from the northern end of Union Square. Separate parades included also a small group of Jewish Legionnaires, who fought with the British in the first World War to help wrest Palestine from Turkey, and religious groups headed by the Rev. B. L. Leventhal, 80 years old, the Chief Rabbi of Philadelphia.

New York Sun

150,000 Rally in Jewish Cause

Demand Opening of Palestine and Restoration of Dignity Throughout Europe.

A crowd estimated by the police at 150,000 in Madison Square Park yesterday approved a message to be sent to the Jews of Palestine declaring support "for your heroic struggle to rebuild the national life of the Jewish people and to restore dignity and honor to the broken remnants of European Jewry." The mass demonstration was held under the auspices of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

"Freedom-loving America will not be silent while men of little vision seek to scrap the solemn international pledges made to the Jewish people," the message said.

"We will not permit the shattered Jews of Europe now to become victims of a new duplicity on the part of the British Government, after their miraculous escape from the claws of the Nazi beast." The message voiced support in the fight to open Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and for its reconstruction as a Jewish State.

Pierre Van Paassen, author, charged that the British Government is making it appear to the American public that the Palestine question is a quarrel between Jews and Arabs, and said that the American people are being "bamboozled." He said, "The object is to stall for time, to postpone solutions, to defer action on Palestine until there are no more Jews in Europe and until it can be said that the Jewish question is solved once and for all by the death of the last Jewish survivors

in Europe." Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said, "It is shameful that the blackout over Palestine should be the act of the Labor Government in Britain." He called on President Truman to keep insisting on the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine and to keep reminding Great Britain of the American policy on record in party platforms and congressional resolutions.

A message from Gov. Dewey said that the Jewish people, the first and chief victim of Nazism, were still unable to find justice and tranquility in the post-war world, and that he was confident that the American people would give full support to the restoration of Palestine as a Jewish homeland.

Thomas Murray, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, pledged support of the A. F. of L., and a similar pledge from the C. I. O. was voiced by Louis Hollander, chairman of the New York State Industrial Union Council, C. I. O.

As 150,000 Demanded Palestine Be Made a Jewish Homeland



STIRRING PROTEST. Here are some of the 150,000 persons who gathered at Madison Square Park yesterday in a huge demonstration in support of the "Jewish Palestine's Fight for Freedom." Staged in protest to Britain's refusal to open Palestine to homeless

Jewish refugees in Europe, the sentiments of the rally, urging that President Truman and the State Department "use every influence" to help establish Palestine as a National Jewish Homeland, were forwarded to the President by the American Zionist Emergency Council.

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... Thousands of Factories, Shops, Stores Close

To Permit Employes' Attendance at N. Y. Rally



Here is part of the tremendous crowd at Madison Sq. Park that demanded an "open" Palestine for Jewish immigration. Hundreds of demonstrators carried

signs, including such slogans as "Don't Trade Jewish Blood for Arab Oil," "Jews of Palestine, Stand Fast!" and "6,000 Dead Cry Out for Palestine."

Photos by John Albert and Wilbert Blanche



'Open the Gates!' Protesting the British-barred gates of Palestine, New Yorkers yesterday marched along Broadway to Madison Sq. Park where from 150,000 to 250,000 persons assembled in a gigantic open-air demonstration. The meeting was sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council. Thousands of shops and stores closed their doors early so that both employers and employees could go to the rally. (Story on Page 7.)

New York World-Telegram

150,000 Protest Palestine Policy

Britain's policy hinting an impending halt in immigration to Palestine drew 150,000 demonstrators to Madison Square Park in one of the largest mass protest rallies ever to be staged here.

Under huge arc lights which dispelled some of the gloom of the menacing skies, speakers called imperatively on the British Labor party government to fulfill the Balfour Declaration and repudiate the 1939 White Paper.

The rally was sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council and was marked by a

charge by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, that the British are ejecting journalists for reporting the presence in Palestine of armored units and troops.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey urged restoration "of the Jewish nation in its historic homeland" in a telegram read by Louis Lipsky, co-chairman of the American Jewish Conference. Thomas Murray, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, declared:

"We warn our friends in the British Labor government: you cannot do what you propose to do. We are in this fight to the finish."

The rally was prefaced by two parades. In one, made up of rabbinical students and labor union groups, placards were held aloft which proclaimed: "Stop Appeasing Arab Fascists," "Don't Trade Jews' Blood for Arab Oil," and "The Stench of Oil Is in the oily Land."

Over 150,000 Rally to Back Jews on Palestine

Immigration Curb Branded as British 'Duplicity'

By BARNETT BILDERSEE and JOSEPH FIELD

More than 150,000 Jews in one of the greatest demonstrations in the city's history adopted by acclamation yesterday a militant declaration of support for the struggle to remove the barriers blocking the remnants of Europea Jewry from a haven in Palestine.

Facing a speakers' stand on Madison Ave., opposite East 24th St., stretching down 24th St. eastward to Lexington Ave., southward to 23d St., northward to 26th St., and westward to Fifth Ave.—an area of about seven acres—was a crowd roughly equal to the entire population of Providence, R. I. (Pictures on Pages 10 and 11.)

It was a people's demonstration, particularly a labor demonstration, and the emphasis was on their visible expression of unity in the campaign against the British-imposed restrictions on Jewish immigration.

Carry Placards

Thousands of placards were held aloft. Some were militant: "Fight the British Betrayal!" and "Jews of Palestine—Stand Fast!" Others, striking a note of fury against what speakers called a sell-out of humanity, said: "Don't Trade Jewish Blood for Arab Oil" and "We Won't be Sold Down a River of Oil."

The climax came at the twilight of a gray and chilly afternoon. With powerful searchlights trained on the platform, draped with U. S. pennants and the Jewish pale blue and white, loud speakers carried this declaration to the crowd:

"In your fight against a brutal policy which threatens to strangle 2000 years of Jewish aspirations, you are joined by an overwhelming majority of the people of this country. Freedom-loving Americans will not be silent while men of little vision seek to scrap the solemn international pledges made to the Jewish people. We will not permit the shattered Jews of Europe now to become victims of a new duplicity on the part of the British Government...."

Call to Action

"Our voice will reach the council-members of the Powers! It will penetrate the barriers of official indifference; it will arouse the conscience of civilized mankind to action!"

"Jews of Palestine—the American people are with you. . . . We send you this expression of our deep affection and unshakable support in common fight for the opening of Palestine's doors to unrestricted Jewish immigration and its reconstruction as a Jewish State, and are transmitting this declaration to the British Prime Minister of Great Britain."

British Prime Minister Clement Attlee was a principal target for his Labor Government's failure to fulfill its pledge to remove the restrictions on Jewish immigration.

But a new element has entered the fears of Jews that there will be

no answer to their appeal in time to save the hundreds of thousands of homeless, destitute Jews in Europe. That was the announcement last week by Secretary of State Byrnes of the late President Roosevelt's correspondence with King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, assuring the Arab leader of no action "hostile" to Arab interests and no basis decision without full consultation.

Justice

Rabbi Seymour Zambrowsky, general secretary of Mizrachi, recalling that some Arab leaders held aloof from the war and were ready to welcome Hitler, asked: "Is there to be one justice for the rest of the world and another justice—which is injustice—for the Jewish people?"

Another fear of the Jews now, based on the expulsion this week of Constantine Poulos, Overseas News Agency correspondent, from Palestine is that the British will suppress the truth.

But, declared Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, "the truth will spring out of the ground and, if necessary, out of the underground."

Louis Lipsky, co-chairman of the American Jewish Conference, presided and read a message from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. Other speakers were Louis Hollander, chairman of the New York State Industrial Union Council, CIO; Thomas Murray, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, and David Wertheim, head of Poale Zion, Zionist Labor body.

Thousands of factories, shops and stores closed their doors early to

allow workers and their employers to march together to the rally.

Exodus

Down in the Lower East Side, the exodus began early. Butchers, grocers and thousands of other small storekeepers put up signs reading: "Come to the rally" and turned the key. The garment district emptied out a little later.

Perhaps as many as 100,000 marched in parade formation to the park. About 15,000 boys and girls paraded from 17th St. and Broadway, singing Palestinian songs, led by a vanguard of soldiers.

A colored girl, Dolores Sharpe, 18, of 1955 Amsterdam Ave., a descendant of Ethiopian Jews, held the banner of the Hebrew Culture Council of the New York High Schools, of which she is secretary.

"I'm Jewish," she said, "so naturally I'm marching today."

The police estimated that 250,000 were present, the New York Times put it at 150,000. The American Zionist Emergency Council sponsored the rally.

Mrs. Ethel Pegler, of 379 Alabama Ave., Brooklyn, white-haired mother of two sons now in the Army, stood pressed against one of the wooden barriers that had been set up to keep the crowd back from the speakers' stand.

"How my sons feel," she said, "I can't say. But for me and my husband, this is a day of hope and of struggle. How long must the Jews wait? It's time already for them to have a home and a place to go to from Europe."

Rally Protests British Policy For Palestine

Zionist Meeting in Madison Square Asks Open Door; Dewey Sends a Message

A mass protest against the possibility that the Attlee government of Great Britain might stop immigration to Palestine was held yesterday at 4:15 p.m. on the east side of Madison Square. Thousands of members of the Jewish faith came from schools, offices and factories to join the peaceful demonstration.

The meeting, at which Louis Lipsky, of New York, a co-chairman of the American Jewish Conference, presided, was sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council. The council is made up of four American Zionist groups, the Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah, Mizrachi and Poale-Zion.

Several thousand persons clustered about the speakers' stand at Madison Avenue and Twenty-fourth Street forty-five minutes before the meeting started. By 4 p.m. Madison Avenue was filled from Twenty-sixth Street south to Twenty-third Street, and a large section of the park was crowded.

Two brief parades preceded the meeting. A group of several thousand school and college students, joined by rabbinical students of Yeshiva College and several labor union groups, marched north in Broadway from Seventeenth Street to Twenty-sixth Street and east to Madison Avenue. A group of older people, most of them from

Mizrachi, the followers of orthodoxy, marched from Twenty-eighth Street and Broadway south to Twenty-sixth Street and east to Madison Avenue.

The marchers and those who came individually to the meeting carried placards reading: "Don't Trade Jews' Blood for Arab Oil," "Stop Appeasing Arab Fascists," "The Stench of Oil Is in the Holy Land" and "Let the Homeless Go Home."

Governor Thomas E. Dewey sent a telegram to the meeting which was read by Mr. Lipsky. It noted that, while Jewish persons suffered heaviest in Europe, their "condition is still tragic." The Governor declared that: "These many thousands of emaciated and intimidated victims are entitled as of right to refuge in Palestine."

A protest, decrying steps which indicate the British government might close all immigration to Palestine and calling for America to raise its voice, was read by Mr. Lipsky.

Thomas Murray, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, delivered a blistering attack against Ibn Saud, King of Saudi Arabia. He declared that Britain is honor-bound to keep her promises, and reminded his audience that the American Federation of Labor stands as a friend of Zionism.

Other speakers included Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Z.O.A.; Louis Hollander, chairman of the New York State Industrial Union Council; Rabbi Seymour Zambrowsky, general secretary of Mizrachi, and David Wertheim, head of Poale-Zion, who spoke in Yiddish. The meeting opened with Moishe Oysher, star of the Yiddish theater, singing the national anthem and closed with the audience singing the Hebrew hymn, "Hatkavah," (The Hope).

New York Daily News



Here's part of the crowd of 200,000 which jammed Madison Square Park yesterday in mass demonstration for a Jewish Palestine.

200,000 Ask Jewish Palestine

More than 200,000 persons crowded into Madison Square Park and adjoining streets yesterday afternoon at a mass demonstration for a Jewish Palestine sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council.

The rally started at 4 P.M. and lasted an hour and 15 minutes. Upward of 100 extra policemen were on duty. All traffic was halted on 23d St. between Fourth Ave. and Broadway.

Resolution Adopted.

A resolution was adopted in which it was declared that "we will not permit the shattered Jews of Europe now to become victims of a new duplicity on the part of the British Government, after their miraculous escape from the claws of the Nazi beast."

Spokesmen for the council said Jewish enterprises in the garment, millinery and fur districts were closed for the rally.

Three parades converged on the speakers' stand at 24th St. and Madison Ave. They included 20,



Dr. Israel Goldstein as he addressed rally yesterday.

CIO; Thomas Murray, president of the State Federation of Labor, AFL, and Pierre van Paassen, author and lecturer.

New York Daily News



PROTESTING BRITISH REFUSAL to open Palestine to thousands of homeless Jewish refugees in Europe, part of huge throng fills street during record Zionist rally at Madison Square Park. Gathering numbered at least 200,000.

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CITES WAR'S PURPOSE. Louis Lipsky, American Jewish Conference leader, tells rally that peace should bring end of injustice for Europe's Jews.

New York Daily Mirror

STANDING ROOM ONLY AT ZIONIST RALLY



Part of 200,000 throng at Madison Sq. Park demonstration listen to speeches against ban on Palestine immigration. (Mirror Photo)

(Other Photos on Center Fold)

200,000 Protest Palestine Policy

More than 200,000 Jews and sympathizers of other faiths crowded Madison Square Park yesterday in the largest Zionist rally in the city's history to protest Britain's continued refusal to open Palestine's gates to homeless Jewish refugees from Europe.

Countless factories and stores throughout the city closed before the rally's start at 4 p.m. to permit employees to attend. AFL and CIO unions joined the demonstration, and the American Zionist Emergency Council predicted more than 500,000 would enlist in the movement.

Thirty youth groups, numbering 20,000, were the vanguard of numerous other groups which converged in parades on the park. War veteran marchers included Jewish Legion members who fought with British Gen. Allenby to wrest Palestine from Turkish control in World War I.

A telegram from Gov. Dewey said it was "the solemn duty of each of us" to "demand justice for the Jewish people of the world and restoration of the Jewish nation in its historic homeland—Palestine."

Pierre Van Paassen, author, charged the British government with aiding formation of the Arab League, which he called "a branch of the British Colonial Office." He said Britain sought to "freeze Jewish endeavor" because fears other Middle East and Asiatic peoples "will follow the Jewish example and create

their own industries, culture and independence."

Other speakers were Dr. Israel Goldstein, head of the Zionist Organization of America; Louis Hollander, chairman of the CIO State Industrial Union Council, and Thomas Murray, head of the AFL State Federation of Labor.

Dr. Goldstein termed the British entry ban to Palestine "shameful," and urged President Truman and the State Department to hold firm to its policy of balking at the British White Paper, which repudiates the Balfour Declaration.

Addressing himself to President Truman, he said:

"America backs you up. We expect you to keep insisting on admission of 100,000 Jews immediately and to keep reminding Britain of that American policy which is now on record in party platforms and Congress resolutions. We expect you to prove yourself the forthright, courageous, warm-hearted human being we know you to be, by seeing this issue through to its proper fulfillment—Palestine wide open to Jewish masses and then reconstituted as a Jewish State."

Rally for Jewish Palestine.

Crowds converge on Madison Square Park yesterday afternoon for mass demonstration in favor of a Jewish Palestine. Sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council, the rally drew upward of 200,000 persons, with many Jewish businesses in the garment area closing shop to allow employees to attend. A resolution attacking Britain's policy on the Palestine issue was adopted.

(Story on page 2)

(NEWS photo by Froebel)



(NEWS photo by Froebel)

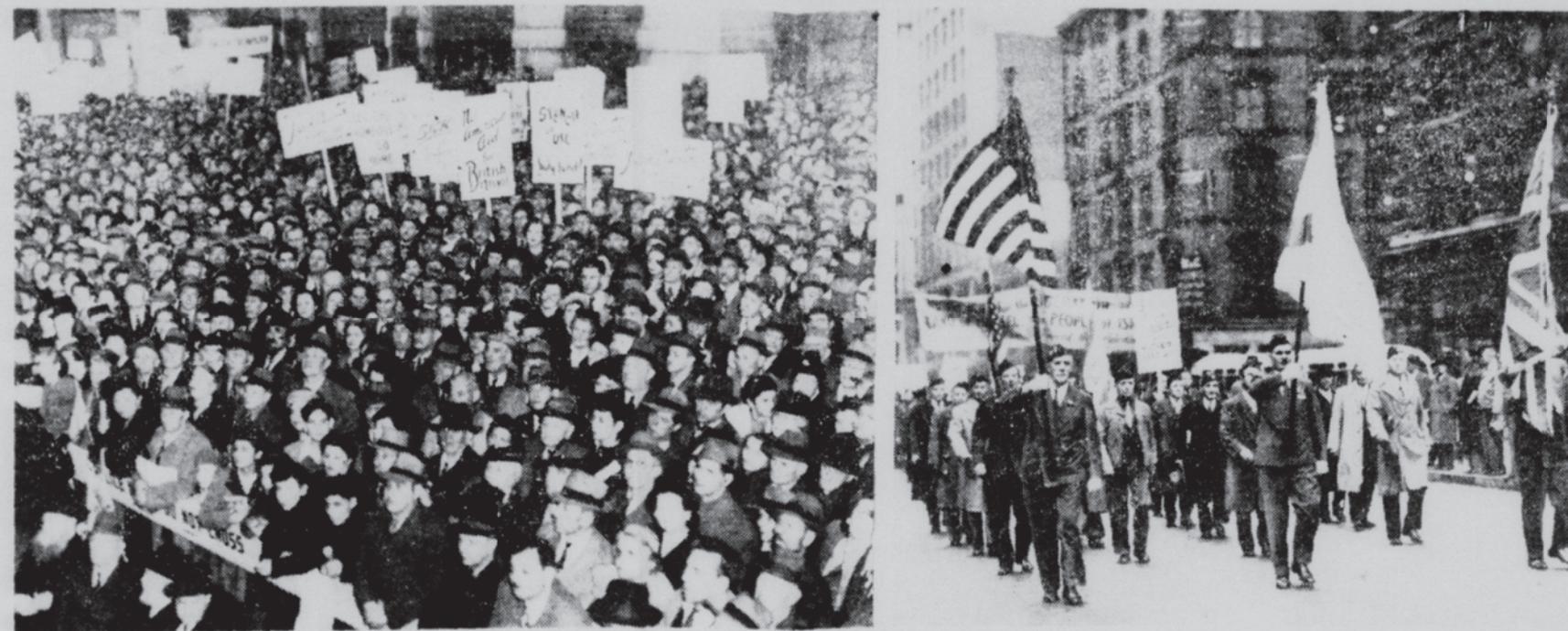
Record Rally Palestine Ban Hit



CITES WAR'S PURPOSE. Louis Lipsky, American Jewish Conference leader, tells rally that peace should bring end of injustice for Europe's Jews.

New York Daily Mirror

250,000 Overflow Park to Protest Britain's Palestine Policy



A QUARTER-MILLION PERSONS—Christians and Jews, soldiers and civilians, rich and poor—all imbued with a common desire to see a Jewish homeland in Palestine, jam Madison Square Park to protest Britain's refusal to end immigration restrictions in the Holy Land. Right—Veterans of the volunteer Jewish

Legion who fought under Allenby carry the Union Jack (extreme right) alongside the Stars and Stripes and the Palestine flag at the head of a parade of 5,000 up Broadway. Story on Page 11.

Post Photos by Mellor and Calvaces

New York Post

A Kid With a Banner at the Palestine Rally

By ALVIN ROSENFIELD

The blond-haired kid from Riverton St., decided to get along without after-school play for one day. He put one of his few nickels in the slot in the subway and went up to Madison Square Park.

It was cold and damp, and Marcel Merling's thin sweater didn't help much. But the 11-year-old boy stood patiently for more than an hour and enthusiastically waved a banner which someone had thrust into his hand.

The banner read: "An End to Imperialist Treachery." Marcel, who's in the seventh grade, didn't know what the words meant exactly, but he knew that the banner stood for a Jewish homeland in Palestine. And he believed in that.

Quarter of a Million

He was one of the 250,000 people who left school playgrounds, factories, offices and study halls to come to the park and register their protest against Britain's refusal to end immigration restrictions in Palestine.

There were stout, grey-haired grandmothers from The Bronx; pert, young stenographers in satiny raincoats, mink-clad matrons from Park Av. and noisy bobby-soxers from everywhere, coat-less high school boys clutching their books and be-ribboned soldiers and sailors, businessmen and members of a score of unions, college students and laborers.

No big-name politicians or actors had been promised by the American Zionist Emergency Council, which called the meeting. Yet the crowd packed Madison Av. from 23d to 26th Sts., filled every walk in the park, covered 24th St. from Madison back to Fourth Av. Police said Madison Square Park had never seen anything like it before.

Old ladies sobbed when the huge throng sang the Hatikvah—the Jewish anthem—and youngsters at the edge of the crowd danced the Hora, the gay dance of the Jewish pioneers.

Leg Lost for Zion

There was Ben Greenberg, 53, of 97 Henry St., who left one leg in Palestine when he fought as a member of the volunteer Jewish Legion under British Gen. Allenby to free the Holy Land in World War I. He hobbled on crutches from 17th St. and Broadway to the park at the head of a parade of 5,000 singing boys and men.

Although the Jewish Legionaries felt that Britain had broken her specific promises to them as well as to the Jewish people as a whole, their color guard carried the Union Jack alongside the U.S.

flag and the blue and white flag of Palestine.

The paraders included men like Max Sandoff, of 59 W. 76th St., a veteran of Anzio, who was discharged after being wounded three times, and Capt. Samson M. Goldstein, of 44 Butler St., Brooklyn, a chaplain, who wears four battle stars.

A Militant Note

The meeting struck a militant note. Speaker after speaker, noting the desperate situation of the Jewish survivors of Nazism still in Europe, demanded immediate action to open Palestine's gates.

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Jewish Conference, who presided, brought roars of approbation when he said: "We give our approval to the organized resistance of the Jewish people of Palestine."

The many scores of banners and placards echoed this with slogans like: "Fight British Betrayal," "Liberate the Liberated," "Who Lend-Leased Palestine to Britain?" "We Are Sick of Broken Promises," "British Betrayal Begins Where Hitler Left Off," "6,000,000 Dead Cry Out for Justice," "Don't Trade Jewish Blood for Arab Oil," "Billions for Britain? ? ? Justice for the Jews."

Many of the posters said simply: "Let the Homeless Go Home."

Ready to Fight Again

The militancy was echoed in the crowd. Army veteran George Rosen of 673 Broadway, recalling that three of his Jewish comrades in the 3d Army were killed by his side, said: "Every nation has a homeland except the Jews. I am sick of fighting, but if I am needed, I'm ready to volunteer to fight again to free Jewish Palestine."

White-haired Mrs. Lezze Letich, 59, of 1570 Walton Av., The Bronx, nodded her approval. Her nephew was killed in Germany.

The hundreds of thousands of people in the audience, including Christian groups, climaxed the meeting by voting for a resolution of support for the Jews of Palestine in their "heroic struggle to rebuild the national life of the Jewish people."

"Freedom-loving America will not be silent while men of little vision seek to scrap the solemn international pledges made to the Jewish people," the resolution read. "We will not permit the shattered Jews of Europe now to become victims of a new duplicity on the part of the British Government, after their miraculous escape from the claws of the Nazi beast."

American Labor Will Not Be Silent

WITH heavy hearts we have seen the new British Labor Government continue the same brutal Palestine Policy enforced by the reactionary Tories of Britain.

While the broken survivors of European Jewry remain in concentration camps, still homeless after their "liberation," the doors of Palestine are closed to them—not by the men of Munich, responsible for the black White Paper on Palestine, but by the men whose sweeping victory in the British elections gave heart and hope to lovers of freedom and justice in every country. These are men who a few short months ago denounced the very policy which they are now pursuing on Palestine.

So we say to our friends in the British Government: *American labor will not be silent in the face of this callous disregard of your own pledged word!*

CABLE FROM WILLIAM GREEN TO PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE

WORKING MEN AND WOMEN IN UNITED STATES ARE GREATLY DISTURBED BY REPORTS WHICH ARE PERSISTENTLY CIRCULATED THAT DECISION ON PALESTINE UNFAVORABLE TO JEWISH ASPIRATIONS IS BEING PREPARED BY BRITISH CABINET. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH REPORTS ARE TRUE. SPEAKING FOR AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR WHICH HAS EVER BEEN UNCOMPROMISING IN ITS SUPPORT OF JEWISH PEOPLE'S JUST DEMAND IN PALESTINE I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO INSIST ON FULFILLMENT OF SOLEMN PLEDGES MADE TO JEWISH PEOPLE. AMERICAN LABOR WHICH HAS APPLAUSED BRITISH LABOR'S FREQUENT DECLARATIONS ON PALESTINE WOULD BE SHOCKED BY REVERSAL OF ITS TRADITIONAL POLICY IMPLIED IN PRESS REPORTS. FLIGHT OF JEWISH PEOPLE CALLS FOR OPEN DOOR IN PALESTINE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH COMMONWEALTH. FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS AND IN ORDER TO RETAIN SOLEMN PLEDGE AND PROMISE MADE JEWISH PEOPLE AND THEIR FRIENDS THROUGHOUT WORLD, CREATION OF JEWISH HOMELAND IN PALESTINE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKEN. AMERICAN LABOR IS UNITED IN URGING YOU TO BRING ABOUT DECISION THAT WILL SAVE LIVES OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS JEWISH REFUGEES AND DO JUSTICE TO A LONG SUFFERING PEOPLE.

CABLE FROM PHILIP MURRAY TO PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE

REPORTS THAT BRITISH CABINET FAVERS CONTINUATION OF PALESTINE WHITE PAPER POLICY WITH SLIGHT MODIFICATION ARE CAUSING CONSTERNATION HERE. AMERICAN LABOR WHICH TOGETHER WITH BRITISH LABOR HAS REPEATEDLY ENDORSED JEWISH ASPIRATIONS IN PALESTINE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT SOLEMN PLEDGES TO JEWISH PEOPLE WILL NOW BE FORGOTTEN. IF WHITE PAPER IS TO CONTINUE AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION IS CERTAIN TO REACT VIGOROUSLY. IT IS BOUND TO HAVE HARMFUL EFFECT ON ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. SPEAKING FOR ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO AVERT THIS CRUEL BLOW TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND TO BRING ABOUT FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE OF UNRESTRICTED JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE.

We now call upon the workers of Greater New York to demonstrate American labor's solidarity with Jewish Palestine's fight for freedom. Back the stand taken by the heads of the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O! Let there be a great outpouring of humanity from the shops, the factories, the stores of this city tomorrow!

STOP YOUR WORK!

COME TO THE GREAT OPEN-AIR DEMONSTRATION

SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

at MADISON SQUARE PARK, 24TH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE
TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, AT 4 P. M.

In case of rain the demonstration will be held on Thursday, October 25th—same time, same place.

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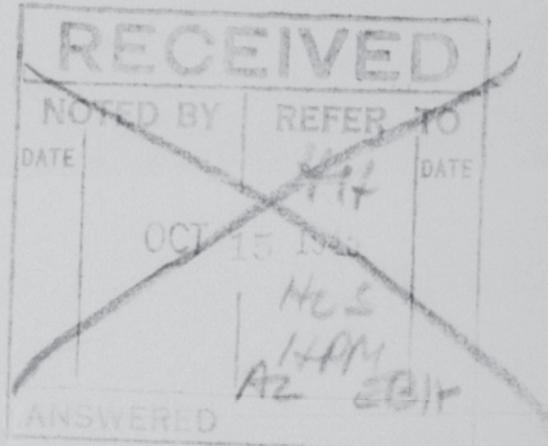
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Dear Dr. Silver:



I have your letter of October 3rd
and thank you very much indeed for the
gracious things you say about my speech at
the Madison Square Garden meeting. If it
was helpful, I am happy. I believe deeply
in the cause.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

TED:LR

Thurmond