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Mizrachi Organization of America, 1945?.

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The rejoicing in our hearts over the destruction of the barbarian hordes in Europe is tempered by the fact that the long suffering people of Israel has found no peace. While the blessings of peace are being restored to the nations of the world, the Jewish people's tragedy continues unabated. More than a million Jews in Europe, who have miraculously escaped the holocaust which has taken the lives of five million of their brethren are now -- at this very moment -- clamoring for admission into their ancient and hallowed Homeland, Palestine. But the doors of this land, revered in the teachings of our Torah and our Sages, are barred to the hunted and uprooted victims of tyranny for whom a return to their pre-war places of residence will in most cases bring renewed tragedy. They must not be returned to a precarious existence in unfriendly communities and a life haunted by the plagues of homelessness and persecution, by the ineradicable memory of the mass graves and crematoriums to which their loved ones were consigned.

The Jewish people's just claims to Palestine can no longer be by-passed; Our sacrifices have been too great, our people's devotion to the cause of freedom too constant now to permit our demands to be ignored. We can wait no longer!. In this final hour of decision we must proclaim to the leaders of the United Nations, who even now are preparing a blueprint for the world of tomorrow, that Israel cannot and will not remain silent. Our appeals to the conscience of mankind, which have awakened a sympathetic response from men of good will in our country and throughout the world, have as yet not produced the action which our hard-pressed brethren need so desperately. Despite the magnificent pronouncements in support of our demands made by leaders of our Government and by the foremost statesmen of the world, Israel's Homeland remains barred by a cruel policy which has received the condemnation of all believers in Justice.

We will not permit the creation of a new ghetto in the Jewish National Home. We will no longer be satisfied with expressions of sympathy and condolence. Israel cries out: "the waters are come even unto my soul," and demands that the international pledges made to it be fulfilled now, and that it be permitted to reconstitute Palestine as a Free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth to the blessing of all and the hurt of none.

The Mizrachi Organization, speaking for a sorely tried and harrassed people, looks to you, Your Excellency, as one who has repeatedly endorsed the Jewish people's aspirations in Palestine, to use your good offices, as Governor of our country's greatest State, to bring an end to the procrastination and evasion which have characterized the official attitude of United Nations leaders towards Palestine, and to insure that the people which has suffered most at the hands of the common enemy shall, after centuries of persecution, at long last realize its millennial hope.