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AMERICAN ZIONISTS BRAND BRITISH GENERAL MORGAN'S STATEMENT

"AN OUTRAGEOUS LIBEL AGAINST THE JEWISH PEOPLE"

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New York -- The American Zionist Emergency Council, speaking for the entire Zionist movement in the United States, today branded as "an outrageous libel against the Jewish people" the statement made by British Lieutenant General Sir Frederick E. Morgan, chief of operations in Germany of UNRRA, with regard to the condition of the displaced Jews of Europe.

"We demand the immediate and complete repudiation of the vicious statement by General Morgan, which besmirches the good name of UNRRA, no less than that of Britain itself," the Council declared.

"General Morgan appears to have been in Germany long enough to assimilate the Hitlerian propaganda about 'Jewish world plots'.... It is the British Government which is using subterfuge in order to strangle the cry of Jewry and mislead world public opinion with regard to the refugee situation in Europe and the desires of the Jewish survivors there. General Morgan's statement is another link in the chain of evidence that the British are attempting to seal the doors of the Jewish National Home by any unscrupulous device."

The text of the Council's statement follows:

"The statement by British General Sir Frederick Morgan is an outrageous libel against the Jewish people. In sharp conflict with reliable reports from all quarters, he finds that the pockets of the pitiful Jewish survivors in Poland are 'well lined with money' and that these refugees are 'well fed and well clothed.'"

"General Morgan appears to have been in Germany long enough to assimilate

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the Hitlerian propaganda about 'Jewish world plots.' If his reference to 'Jewish world force . . . which is generating power for getting what they want' had been a direct quotation from Dr. Goebbels it couldn't have been more vicious.

"There is no need for the Jewish people in Europe to adopt what General Morgan characterizes as 'clandestine' measures in order to express their desire and determination to leave those countries of Europe where they have experienced -- and continue to undergo -- unspeakable agony, and to go to Palestine. That is a legitimate and inevitable desire of a people which lost six million of its number in Nazi torture chambers. Nor does the Jewish people need any 'clandestine' organizations in order to proclaim its internationally recognized right to Palestine. It is the British Government which is using subterfuge in order to strangle the cry of Jewry and mislead world public opinion with regard to the refugee situation in Europe and the desires of the Jewish survivors there. General Morgan's statement is another link in the chain of evidence that the British are attempting to seal the doors of the Jewish national home by any unscrupulous device.

"General Sir Frederick Morgan's denial of the existence of a pogrom atmosphere in Poland cannot be reconciled with published reports of the execution of murderers of Jews in Poland. Nor is it reconcilable with the statement made by Poland's ambassador to the United States, Dr. Oscar Lange, at a press conference in Washington as recently as December 21, 1945. Dr. Lange conceded that there had been outbreaks of anti-Semitic violence in liberated Poland, which has a Jewish population of approximately eighty thousand, compared with a pre-war total of three million five hundred thousand, and he said the government was dealing sternly with the problem.

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DR. SILVER AND DR. WISE, IN MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, ASSAIL
BRITAIN'S TRANSJORDAN PLAN AS UNILATERAL REVISION OF PALESTINE MANDATE

New York -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, joint chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council, today called on President Truman to "insist on the inadmissibility" of the British Government's intention to bring about the permanent separation of Transjordan from Palestine and its recognition as an independent state, it was announced by the Council.

In their message to President Truman, Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise assailed Britain's contemplated action as "another unilateral revision of the Palestine Mandate and a new attempt to establish a fait accompli in disregard of Britain's obligations toward the members of the League of Nations under the Mandate, toward the United States under the Anglo-American Convention of 1924, and toward the United Nations under article eighty of the Charter. This comes with particularly bad grace now that, at the request of the British Government, the United States and Britain are jointly examining the Palestine problem."

"It is also an attempt on the part of Britain to set up another ostensibly independent state under British control in a territory now under international supervision, and to avoid placing under trusteeship an area which Britain seeks as her exclusive sphere of influence," the Zionist leaders declared.

The text of their message to President Truman follows:

"Your urgent attention is respectfully drawn to the announcement made by British Foreign Secretary Bevin on January 17th concerning the British Government's

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intention to bring about the permanent separation of Transjordan from Palestine and its recognition as an independent state. This would represent another unilateral revision of the Palestine Mandate and a new attempt to establish a fait accompli in disregard of Britain's obligations toward the members of the League of Nations under the Mandate, toward the United States under the Anglo-American Convention of 1924, and toward the United Nations under article eighty of the Charter.

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"We earnestly hope that you, Mr. President, will insist on the inadmissibility of any such unilateral action on the part of Britain in defiance of American rights and of the United Nations Charter."

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ZIONIST LEADERS ASSAIL MARTIAL LAW IN PALESTINE AS PART OF BRITISH REGIME OF TERROR

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**DR. SILVER AND DR. WISE WARN BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT JEWS THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD WILL SUPPORT ANY ACT DIRECTED AGAINST
MAINTENANCE OF INHUMAN REGULATIONS**

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New York — The new "defense regulations" announced by the British Government in Palestine were branded as part of a "regime of terror" which "has placed Palestine out of the bounds of fundamental human rights," in a statement issued today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Joint Chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council, which speaks for the entire Zionist movement in the United States.

"Speaking for American Zionism and the overwhelming majority of American Jewry, we not only protest against the new regulations of lawlessness in Palestine, but we also warn the British Government that if this is the regime which it proposes to impose on Palestine, henceforth Jews throughout the world will stand firm in support of any act directed against the maintenance and implementation of these inhuman laws," Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise declared.

Pointing out that "even the most elementary human right under law, particularly under Anglo-Saxon law, that every person is to be considered innocent until proven guilty, no longer exists in Palestine," the Zionist leaders declared: "The aim of the British colonial administration is clear. It wants to terrorize Jewish Palestine and Jews all over the world into submission to the planned

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liquidation of the Palestine Mandate and of the internationally-assured rights of the Jewish people with regard to Palestine."

The text of their statement follows:

"The new 'defense regulations' issued by the Palestine Government a few days ago amount to the imposition of martial law on the Holy Land, more especially on its Jewish population. One of the regulations stipulates that any place so declared by the authorities will be considered a 'legal prison,' in order to prepare more detention accommodations for the mass arrests planned by the British administration. What the new ordinance fails to mention is that Palestine as a whole is now being governed as one large prison, with its Jewish citizens treated like a band of criminals stripped of elementary human and civil rights.

"Not only those who commit terroristic acts are subject to the death penalty, but any person belonging to a group which offends the new defense regulations may be put to death. This sentence may also be imposed on anyone found in possession of a revolver or a bullet. Any officer or specially authorized individual can order arrests at his discretion, and the High Commissioner is empowered to deport any person from the country for an indefinite period, or order any person outside of Palestine to stay out. The crowning offense of the new regulations is the provision placing the burden of proving non-complicity in illegal activities, not on the authorities, but on the suspect.

"Thus the British Government has done away with the last vestige of lawful administration in Palestine. Even the most elementary human right under law, particularly under Anglo-Saxon law, that every person is to be considered innocent until proven guilty, no longer exists in Palestine.

"In the last few months, the British authorities in Palestine have introduced unmitigated terror in their dealings with the Jewish population. British troops killed and wounded Jewish children in Tel-Aviv. British courts in Palestine have openly discriminated between Jews and Arabs, punishing the former severely even for slight offenses, and letting the latter off easily, even in the cases

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of notorious pogromists and killers. The aim of the British colonial administration is clear. It wants to terrorize Jewish Palestine and Jews all over the world into submission to the planned liquidation of the Palestine Mandate and of the internationally-assured rights of the Jewish people with regard to Palestine.

"Now this regime of terror has placed Palestine out of the bounds of fundamental human rights. The stage has been reached when the Jews of Palestine are undergoing experiences such as those of Ireland in the days of the 'Black and Tans,' and those of Greece and Indonesia in our day. The boot of British imperialism is stepping on them with all its brutality.

"Speaking for American Zionism and the overwhelming majority of American Jewry, we not only protest against the new regulations of lawlessness in Palestine, but we also warn the British Government that if this is the regime which it proposes to impose on Palestine, henceforth Jews throughout the world will stand firm in support of any act directed against the maintenance and implementation of these inhuman laws. We wish further to state that no amount of governmental terror will make the Jewish people give up what is theirs by right -- Palestine with its gates wide open for Jewish immigration and its ultimate re-establishment as a democratic state with a Jewish majority."

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ZIONISTS PROTEST RETURN OF JAMAL EL HUSSEINI, ARAB TERRORIST LEADER,
TO PALESTINE, CHARGING BRITISH IMPERIALISTIC INTRIGUE

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WAY IS OPEN FOR MUFTI CLIQUE TO RESUME TERROR AGAINST JEWS AND ARAB
MODERATES, STATEMENT SAYS

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New York --Great Britain's action in returning Jamal el Hussein, Arab terrorist leader, to Palestine was denounced as "another step in British imperialistic intrigue in the Middle East," in a statement issued today by the American Zionist Emergency Council.

After reviewing Jamal el Hussein's record of "organized brigandry, anti-Jewish and anti-British terror and pro-Axis alignment and activity before and during World War II," the Council's statement declared: "Despite this record of crime and treason, Jamal el Hussein has now been allowed to resume his political agitation in Palestine. There can be little doubt as to the character of his future activities. The way is open for him again to embark on a campaign of terror, directed both against Palestine Jewry and the moderates among the Arabs who do not share the extreme views of the Hussein Party."

Britain's reason for re-importing Jamal el Hussein, Amin Tamimi and other agents of the ex-Mufti at this particular juncture is clear, the Council said. "The British Colonial Office is now engaged in belaboring Pan-Arabism and the Arab League, which are meant to be instrumental in the perpetuation of Britain's sole control over the Middle East. This may provide sufficient ground for Britain's willingness

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to forget the anti-British character and activities of the Mufti clique. Britain also seems willing to offer into the bargain the sacrifice of Zionism and Jewish rights in Palestine."

In registering its protest against "the pre-fascist intrigues of the British Colonial Office in the Middle East," the Council said it wishes to draw the attention of American public opinion "to the dangerous implications of this policy, which must not remain unchallenged."

The text of the Council's statement follows:

"Great Britain's action in permitting the Arab terrorist, Jamal al Hussein, to return to Palestine is another step in British imperialistic intrigue in the Middle East. Only a couple of months ago Jamal al Hussein was released from detention in Rhodesia on the express condition that he stay outside of Palestine. Now, this active fomenter of anti-Jewish violence in Palestine and the chief assistant of the notorious ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Amin al Hussein, is returned to Palestine under British auspices; and accompanying him are other leading supporters of the ex-Mufti.

"With the exception of the ex-Mufti himself, his nephew, Jamal, can claim the blackest record in the fields of organized brigandry, anti-Jewish and anti-British terror, pre-Axis alignment and activity before and during World War II, until he was arrested by the British in Iraq and placed in detention in Rhodesia. While Amin al Hussein, the Mufti, was the so-called religious leader of Palestine's Arabs, Jamal al Hussein was the active head of the Hussein Party, officially known as the 'Palestine Arab Party,' and the general secretary of the Arab Higher Committee -- another Hussein formation.

"For his active participation in organizing the 1936-1937 riots in Palestine, Jamal al Hussein was exiled from Palestine in 1937, and accompanied the ex-Mufti on his subsequent wanderings, taking an active part in all his pre-Axis intrigues. In Syria, he worked with the ex-Mufti for a pro-German orientation of the

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local Arabs. In Iraq, he was the Chief of Staff of Amin el Hussein, during the Rashid Beg Gailani pre-Axis revolt of 1941. Gailani and the Mufti succeeded in escaping from Iraq in good time, whereas Jamal el Hussein fell into the hands of the British.

"Despite this record of crime and treason, Jamal el Hussein has now been allowed to resume his political agitation in Palestine. There can be little doubt as to the character of his future activities. The way is open for him again to embark on a campaign of terror, directed both against Palestine Jewry and the moderates among the Arabs who do not share the extreme views of the Hussein Party. In the past, the ex-Mufti and Jamal el Hussein were responsible for the assassination of scores of Arab leaders in Palestine, who dared to oppose their reign of terror.

"Why Britain has re-imported Jamal el Hussein, Amin Tamini and other agents of the ex-Mufti at this particular juncture is clear. The British Colonial Office is now engaged in bolstering Pan-Arabism and the Arab League, which are meant to be instrumental in the perpetuation of Britain's sole control over the Middle East.

"This may provide sufficient ground for Britain's willingness to forget the anti-British character and activities of the Mufti clique. Britain also seems willing to offer into the bargain the sacrifice of Zionism and Jewish rights in Palestine.

"In registering this protest against the pro-fascist intrigues of the British Colonial Office in the Middle East, we wish to draw the attention of public opinion in the United States to the dangerous implications of this policy, which must not remain unchallenged."

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HERZL'S "THE JEWISH STATE" WILL BE OBSERVED NATIONALLY

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MASS DISTRIBUTION OF HISTORIC BOOK PLANNED; DR. SILVER AND DR. WISE

CALL FOR NATIONWIDE COMMEMORATION OF ANNIVERSARY

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New York --The fiftieth anniversary of the publication of "The Jewish State" by Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of the World Zionist Organization, will be observed nationally by American Jewry starting on February 14th and extending throughout February and March, it was announced today by the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Highlighting the half-century commemoration of Dr. Herzl's political treatise will be the re-issuance of "The Jewish State" by the Council and its mass distribution in cooperation with all American Zionist organizations.

In calling for nationwide observance of the anniversary, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, joint chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council, pointed out that Dr. Herzl's book "has become the basic expression of political Zionism," and that "no other Jew in modern times has had such deep influence on the souls, thoughts and imagination of the Jewish masses as the author of 'The Jewish State.'"

"The secret of Herzl's unparalleled influence -- and he was a man who up to the time of the Dreyfus trial stood aloof from Jewish life and took no part in Jewish affairs -- undoubtedly lies not so much in his fabulously charming personality or in his exemplary integrity and idealism, but in the wholeness of the

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Zionist political conception which Herzl and his 'Judenstaat' brought to the dispersed Jewish people bereft of a normal national existence.

"The fiftieth anniversary of Theodor Herzl's prophetic book finds us in the midst of a life and death struggle for the implementation of Herzl's ideal and the survival of the Jewish people. Looking back to the difficult struggle of Herzl and to the long way we have come since 1896, we shall find in 'Judenstaat' not only reaffirmation of our Zionist beliefs, but also encouragement for the battle ahead of us. For now more than ever before, the Jewish people and mankind generally realize that the re-establishment of our statehood is the main prerequisite for securing our future in this world," Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise declared.

The Council also announced that rabbis throughout America will devote their sermons to discussion of "The Jewish State" on Saturday, February 16th and Sunday, February 17th.



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DELETION OF ARAB TESTIMONY ON EX-MUFTI'S PRO-AXIS RECORD FROM OFFICIAL
TRANSCRIPT OF ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ON PALESTINE
CONDEMNED BY AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERS AS "SUPPRESSION OF EVIDENCE"

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DR. SILVER AND DR. WISE CABLE PROTEST AND SEE PROOF OF INTRIGUE
AIMED AT EXONERATING EX-MUFTI

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New York -- The deletion of testimony by Arab spokesmen, Jamal el Hussein and Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, who admitted the wartime association of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem with Hitler, from the official stenographic transcript of the proceedings of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine was condemned today by American Zionist leaders as "suppression of evidence" and as an act which "tends to undermine all faith in the correctness and impartiality of the Inquiry."

In a cable to Judge Joseph Hutcheson and Sir John Singleton, co-chairmen of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, joint chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council, declared: "We find in this incident additional proof of the intrigue aimed at exonerating Amin el Hussein, the ex-Mufti, a war criminal whose active association with the Axis was depicted even by members of your Committee."

Copies of their cable to the Joint Committee chairmen were sent by Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise to Secretary of State Byrnes and to British Ambassador Lord Halifax, for transmission to the British Government in London.

In submitting the text of their cable to Mr. Byrnes, Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise said: "When the United States Government consented to American participation in the Palestine Inquiry, we had every reason to expect a fair procedure. American

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co-responsibility for the Inquiry was a guarantee against the Committee lending itself to the intrigues of the British Colonial Office. We must now regretfully state that the fact of the aforementioned deletion from the testimony, as well as the nature of the deletion, will greatly compromise the Committee in the eyes of American public opinion."

The text of the cable to Judge Hutcheson and Sir John Singleton follows:

"American press reports that the stenographic transcript of your session in Jerusalem of Tuesday, March 12th, was edited to exclude those portions of the testimony of Auni Bey Abdul Hadi and Jamal el Husseini which admitted the wartime association of Amin el Husseini, the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, with Hitler and Mussolini. Clifton Daniel, in a dispatch to the New York Times of March 16th, reports that two British members of your Committee tried to justify this omission from the transcript on the ground that 'the Mufti's activities were irrelevant to the inquiry.' This in itself confirms the fact that such an intentional deletion from the text of the testimony has taken place.

"We vigorously protest against such irregular procedure, amounting to suppression of evidence. This tends to undermine all faith in the correctness and impartiality of your inquiry. We further find in this incident additional proof of the intrigue aimed at exonerating Amin el Husseini, a war criminal whose active association with the Axis was depicted even by members of your Committee."

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ZIONIST LEADERS ASK U. S. TO WITHHOLD RECOGNITION OF TRANSJORDAN'S INDEPENDENCE

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DR. SILVER AND DR. WISE REQUEST HEARING TO PRESENT FACTS

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New York -- A request that the United States Government withhold recognition of Transjordan's independence was submitted today to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Joint Chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

"We earnestly request that before the United States Government takes any action on the issue of Transjordan's independence and eligibility to membership in the United Nations, we be given a hearing to present the facts in the situation," Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise said in a telegram to Mr. Byrnes.

The Zionist leaders pointed out that on January 31, 1946, shortly after British Foreign Secretary Bevin's announcement of the British Government's intention to recognize Transjordan's independence, they submitted a memorandum to the State Department which declared that "it would be highly appropriate for the Government of the United States to represent to the British Government the inadmissibility of any British action which, in separating Transjordan from Palestine, would violate the territorial integrity of Palestine or otherwise modify the Palestine Mandate; would violate Article 80 of the Charter of the United Nations; would run counter to the provisions of Articles 2 and 7 of the U.S.-British Convention of 1924, and the U.S.-British agreement announced on November 13, 1945."

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The text of the wire follows:

APRIL 2, 1946

HON. JAMES F. BYRNES
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL, WE REGRET THAT WE MUST REITERATE OUR PROTEST AGAINST THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IN UNILATERALLY RECOGNIZING TRANSJORDAN AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE AND IN SEPARATING THAT TERRITORY FROM PALESTINE. YOU WILL RECALL, MR. SECRETARY, THAT ON JANUARY 31, 1946, SHORTLY AFTER FOREIGN SECRETARY BEVIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE TRANSJORDAN'S INDEPENDENCE, WE TOOK THE LIBERTY OF SUBMITTING A MEMORANDUM IN WHICH IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT "IT WOULD BE HIGHLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO REPRESENT TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THE INADMISSIBILITY OF ANY BRITISH ACTION WHICH, IN SEPARATING TRANSJORDAN FROM PALESTINE, WOULD VIOLATE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF PALESTINE OR OTHERWISE MODIFY THE PALESTINE MANDATE; WOULD VIOLATE ARTICLE 80 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS; WOULD RUN COUNTER TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 2 AND 7 OF THE U.S.-BRITISH CONVENTION OF 1924, AND THE U.S.-BRITISH AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED ON NOVEMBER 13, 1945." NOW THAT THIS ILLEGAL ACT HAS BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED WE EARNESTLY REQUEST THAT BEFORE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TAKES ANY ACTION ON THE ISSUE OF TRANSJORDAN'S INDEPENDENCE AND ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS WE BE GIVEN A HEARING TO PRESENT THE FACTS IN THE SITUATION.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER STEPHEN S. WISE
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AMERICAN MEMBERS OF ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ON PALESTINE
DENY THAT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT WAS FALSIFIED TO SHIELD EX-MUFTI OF JERUSALEM

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CABLEGRAM TO AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL REPUDIATES REPORT
CONTAINED IN PRESS DISPATCHES AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT AS UNTRUE

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New York -- The American Zionist Emergency Council today announced that it has received a cablegram from the American members of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, which is now preparing its report in Lausanne, Switzerland, repudiating the charge that the Committee's official transcript was falsified to shield the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem.

The Council had included this charge in a newspaper advertisement which appeared on March 21st. The information contained in that advertisement concerning the testimony of Palestine Arab spokesmen, who openly admitted the wartime association of the ex-Mufti with the Nazis, was taken entirely from press dispatches of March 16th, which reported that this evidence was not included in the official record and that some members of the Committee were demanding an explanation. Clifton Daniel in the New York Times reported that a "heated discussion over the propriety of raising the question took place in a private meeting of the Committee," and that "two of the British members of the Committee contended that the Mufti's activities were irrelevant to the inquiry."

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In making public the Committee's repudiation of the report, the Council voiced satisfaction that the story was now declared incorrect by the American members of the Joint Committee.

A cablegram expressing this feeling was sent to the Committee today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, joint chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

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FOR PERMANENT SOLUTION OF PALESTINE PROBLEM

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MARYLAND CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

MAY 14, 1946

I am grateful for the privilege of addressing the Maryland Christian Conference on Palestine tonight.

I accepted the honor of the Chairmanship of the Maryland Chapter of the American Christian Palestine Committee some months ago. I accepted this designation because of my belief that every effort should be made impartially and objectively to lay before the people of the United States the basic issues involved in the great problem of Palestine.

For this problem has given rise to one of the most dangerous and controversial questions which the world now confronts. Far more than that, in this problem of Palestine we are challenged by the fundamental issues of right, of justice and of freedom. And our hope of a peaceful world order depends upon the willingness and the ability of the Governments of the United Nations now to decide the questions with which they are faced in accordance with these standards of right, justice and freedom.

We meet together tonight at a time of grave perplexity. The publication of the final recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine has created a crisis, the gravity of which could hardly be exaggerated. To all those who, like myself, believe that Palestine must become not only the promised National Jewish Homeland, but also an independent

Commonwealth into which the entrance of the Jewish people who wish to make that holy land their permanent home must never be restricted, save insofar as economic limitations may require, the Report of the Committee represents inevitably a matter for deep disappointment and for even deeper concern,

This, however, is not the moment for recrimination and inflammatory utterances. Nor is it a time for resignation and supine discouragement. It is, on the contrary, a time for renewed faith, for measured judgment, and for constructive action.

I am one of those who are convinced that in this tragically darkening world of the present moment the safety of the United States, and our chance of constructing that kind of a free world order for which we Americans have fought, depend to a very considerable extent upon the willingness and the capacity of the English-speaking democracies to strengthen that co-operative relationship which was forged in the fires of war. I do not hold with those who insist that all that we have in common with the other English-speaking peoples are our language and traditions. I believe that we also possess a common heritage which is more highly to be prized than any other. That is the heritage of our common conviction that the individual is not born to serve the state, but that the state is created to promote the welfare of the individual. It is the heritage of our common passionate faith in the sanctity of human freedom.

And it is the abiding conviction of all of the peoples of the English-speaking democracies that the world order which today they seek must be founded upon those same prin-

ciples of liberty which they have so firmly established in their individual forms of government.

But that belief which I and others hold need not blind us, nor does it blind us, to the tragic chapter of history which is represented by the manner in which successive British Governments have dealt with the problem of Palestine during the past thirty years.

The Balfour Declaration of 1917 was a courageous act of enlightened statesmanship. No subsequent attempts to distort or to limit the terms of that Declaration can change the fact, as the testimony of the statesmen responsible for its proclamation has made clear, that that Declaration gave official assurance that the British Government would establish in Palestine a National Home for the Jewish people and facilitate the successful achievement of that objective with all that therein was implied.

There has been no sorrier manifestation in recent British history than the Palestine White Paper of 1939. As Mr. Winston Churchill then said, that action constituted "an act of repudiation, a plain breach of a solemn obligation." To use his words, "an engagement into which Great Britain had entered before the world was set aside for reasons of administrative convenience."

And I regret to say that during the years of the war and even during recent months I cannot find that British policy with regard to Palestine has been any more courageous, any more enlightened, or any more in keeping with the solemn engagements into which Great Britain originally entered in 1917 than it was

at the time of the issuance of the White Paper of 1939.

Whatever the legal quibbles which are advanced in extenuation may be, and however much we here in the United States believe in the great principle that dependent people should be granted their full autonomy or independence as soon as they are able to accept those responsibilities, I cannot regard the recent decision of the British Government to proclaim the independence of Transjordan as other than a breach of the spirit as well as of the letter of the obligations which were assumed when it obtained the Palestine Mandate. We need not minimize the pressing difficulties and the grave dangers with which Great Britain is today confronted. But I do not believe that the step so taken will lighten those difficulties.

The appointment of the Anglo-American Committee could scarcely have been expected to result in any practical or constructive accomplishment. Commission after commission had already been appointed in the past by British Governments to investigate the situation in Palestine and to recommend policy with regard thereto. There was no far-sighted member of the Executive or Legislative branches of the Government of the United States who had studied the problem of Palestine -- and as we all know members of our Congress have gone to Palestine for that purpose -- who had not already reached a conclusion as to the nature of the solution which should be sought. Under such conditions what could the appointment of this new commission really accomplish other than to make it possible to postpone decisions? And these were months, as

we so sadly know, when the pitiful survivors of the Nazi massacres, uprooted from their homes in every part of Europe, were still being compelled to live in intolerable conditions, in concentration camps, with no hope left to them except the possibility that they might be permitted to emigrate to Palestine, or to some other distant shores, and thus procure safety and the chance to make a fresh start in life.

There was not the slightest doubt on the part either of the Government of the United States or of the British Government when the Committee was appointed of what conditions in Europe really were. We already knew in horrible detail of the millions of persons of the Jewish faith who had been exterminated by Hitlerism. We knew the number who had survived. We knew that the poisons engendered by Nazism had made it impossible for an overwhelming majority of these survivors to return to the homes of their origin. We knew that the only possible solution for their plight, under present world conditions, lay in their chance to leave Europe for new places of security and of hope.

We all know what the Committee has now recommended. Has it in reality advanced the basic solution of the great problem which the world confronts? Has it in reality done more than call attention once again to the suffering of the refugees in Europe? Has it in reality done anything other than to confuse public opinion with regard to the real issues involved in the determination of the future of Palestine?

I knew many of the American members of the Anglo-American

Committee. I know that they are men of the highest character, of truly liberal convictions, who are incapable of framing or of signing a report in which they themselves do not believe. I do not question either their motives or their judgment. What I do question is the wisdom of our own Government in asking them at this time to assume these responsibilities.

And after this tragic loss of time, now that the Report of the Committee has been rendered, there is taking place precisely that phenomenon which could so readily have been anticipated when the Committee was appointed.

The Government of the United States publicly approves that portion of the Report which recommends that 100,000 certificates be authorized immediately for the admission into Palestine of Jewish refugees. It refuses to make any comment upon those portions of the Report which contain what in my judgment are those tragically mistaken recommendations with regard to the future status of Palestine. In other words, the Government of the United States in May, 1946, reiterates its recommendation of August, 1945, that 100,000 Jews from among the survivors of the Jewish people of Europe be permitted to enter Palestine.

The British Government officially states that it must obtain American assistance both in armed force as well as in money if this provision of the Committee's recommendation is to be carried out. In consequence of the rest of the Report, it has however obtained moral support for the position which it has recently taken with regard to its authority to continue to

restrict immigration into Palestine, and with regard to the future status of Palestine.

While it is true that the Committee includes in its report certain recommendations which are desirable and encouraging, notably those which have to do with the problem of land tenure, can anyone maintain that, insofar as the basic questions are involved, we are not back precisely where we were eight months ago?

As a result of the Committee's Report, new and immediate dangers have also arisen. The Report has resulted in a serious outburst of chauvinism throughout the Arab and the Moslem world. Fortunately, this outburst has been met, except in a few extremist quarters, with restraint and true wisdom on the part of the leaders of Zionism, and of those who support the ideal of a true National Home for the Jews.

The Report has also given rise to a danger of another character. That is the danger which has already made itself evident in many sectors of our own public opinion here in the United States. It is due to the belief of many well-intentioned people that, if a report of this character is assailed by the two parties to the controversy with which it undertakes to deal, such a report must on the whole be sound and wise. We cannot permit public opinion to crystallize its thinking in such a way.

Except for those reasons of domestic politics and of time-serving expediency with which, unfortunately, we are familiar, there was no justification for the appointment

of the Committee. Nor is there any justification for assuming the validity of its recommendations.

There was never any justification for believing that a Committee representing only two powers could undertake to reach final and definite conclusions as to a rightful solution for the problem.

Many months ago I made this public statement of my own conviction as to the most practicable method of finding a solution. I said:

"The Commonwealth will only come into being when the United Nations Organization decides, as it must, that the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine is essential to world peace and to world stability. Unless the International Trusteeship Council to be set up by the United Nations Organization is charged with the obligation of carrying out such a decision, a Commonwealth of Palestine will continue to be an ideal and not a reality. Only the United Nations Organization itself, representing the concerted determination of the free peoples of the world, will possess the necessary authority to achieve a final solution of the Palestine problem.

"The British Government should, under Article 77 of the United Nations Charter, transfer its mandate over Palestine to the International Trusteeship Council as soon as the Council is established.

"From the moment the Council assumes jurisdiction, the United Nations Organization should make available

whatever armed force may be required to give assurance of security to all inhabitants of Palestine.

"The Council should thereupon summon representative Jewish and Arab leaders for consultation as to the most desirable solution.

"Should it prove impossible for the International Trusteeship Council, after full consultation with both Jewish and Arab leaders, to obtain their agreement to whatever solution it considers most equitable and desirable, the United Nations Organization should nevertheless decree that its decision be carried out. Once this step has been taken, the International Trusteeship Council should set up a broadly representative provisional government in Palestine and entrust it with all necessary authority until such time as free elections can be held and an independent and democratic government can commence to function.

"As soon as the Council is entrusted with a trusteeship over Palestine, unrestricted immigration should be permitted. Immigration should thereafter be interrupted only if the International Trusteeship Council or the future Government of Palestine decides that such restriction is temporarily required for economic reasons."

Due in great part to the postponement by the British Government of the submission of its League of Nations Mandates to the new International Trusteeship Council, that Council cannot be established in legal form until after the meeting

of the United Nations Assembly next September. For that reason, because of the acute danger which has now arisen, the Security Council of the United Nations should at once take cognizance of the situation existing in Palestine, as provided by the terms of the United Nations Charter. It should thereafter take such action as may be required so that the peace of Palestine can be safeguarded while refugees from Europe are being admitted, and until such time as the Trusteeship Council can assume its full responsibility.

It will, of course, be said that the Security Council has as yet no armed force at its disposal. It will also be said that the British Government continues to be the sole recognized authority in Palestine, unless and until it enters into an agreement with the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations by which it relinquishes that authority in whole or in part. But these objections constitute obstacles only if the interested powers are determined to have recourse to technicalities in order further to delay measures which in our judgement here tonight are so urgently necessary. I can well understand the reluctance of our Congress to agree that American military forces be utilized merely to assist the British Government as Major Attlee has suggested. But I cannot believe that that reluctance would persist if our Government were called upon by the Security Council of the United Nations to assist in an endeavor which is obligatory if world peace is to be maintained.

In our thinking upon the problem of Palestine, some of us here in the United States are too apt to be guided by the

beliefs and concepts which are indred in us because of our fortune in being citizens of the United States. We remember that from the earliest days of our independence men and women of the Jewish faith have been fellow-citizens. We remember that among them many have been outstanding because of the great contribution which they have made to the building and to the growth of this country. We remember that these fellow-citizens of ours are as much a part of the fabric of American life as any other American citizens. We know that our whole manner of being is founded upon a civilization which makes no distinction between individuals because of their race or creed. We know that, if we ever depart from that principle, the free institutions of which we are so justly proud will disintegrate.

For these reasons it is difficult for many of us to believe, now that Nazism has been overthrown, and now that the United Nations are pledged by their Charter to bring about a universal observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion, that there can exist any reason why the Jewish sufferers in Europe should not freely and willingly return to their former homes.

Yet, repugnant as they are, American public opinion must be compelled to recognize the following facts. That hideous race prejudice, fostered by Hitlerism, has not yet been eradicated from Europe. Tragically enough, it is not only in Germany where it is still extant. It is also to be found in acute form

in many of the other countries of Europe. Even at this moment in some of the countries of Eastern Europe it is threatening to bring about a new exodus. The United Nations must, and I believe will, eventually bring about the final extirpation of this poisonous relic of Hitler's barbarity. But in the meantime it is too much to ask of these pitiful survivors in the camps of Europe that they be forced not only to return to places which mark the scenes of deepest tragedy, whence their loved ones have gone to a hideous death, where their homes have been destroyed and their possessions stolen, but there they also will find no welcome and no real opportunity to live without discrimination and with assurance of security.

The Report of the Committee fixes the number of Jewish survivors whose emigration from Europe should be facilitated at half a million. From all of the information in my possession I believe this figure should be set at a far greater amount. One of the great mysteries of the post-war planning of the United Nations lies in the fact that when, by the vision and foresight of President Roosevelt, all of the necessary machinery was installed as far back as 1938 by means of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, not one single constructive plan has so far been carried out in order that this great human problem might now be in process of solution. Yet there are many countries in the world, with vast unpopulated territories and great undeveloped natural resources, where the majority of the men and women now anxious to leave Europe could find a safe home, and where they could contribute greatly to the

development of these countries.

But it is precisely because no such plans have been adopted that the refuge which Palestine affords becomes more and more indispensable. The free peoples of the United Nations must accept their joint responsibility for those conditions which have made it possible for a world to exist in which there can be refugees.

We here in the United States have an inescapable moral obligation to contribute to the solution. We have, I think, an equally inescapable moral obligation to lend the full support of our Government within the United Nations for the furtherance of that kind of a solution which will mean that those men and women of the Jewish faith throughout the world who wish to make Palestine their permanent home shall be afforded the opportunity of doing so freely. This Government must at the same time press for the establishment of a free and democratic Commonwealth of Palestine which will afford security and equal rights to all of its citizens, whatever their faith and whatever their race may be.

If the United Nations assumes its just responsibility, establishes a Trusteeship over Palestine, and permits the immigration into that country of those who desire to settle there, Palestine in all probability will in the future possess a majority of citizens of the Jewish faith. I believe that that is its rightful destiny. In that event, I have no fear that the holy places which are sacred to Christians, to Jews, and to Moslems alike will not always be open to all believers.

Nor have I any reason to doubt that those who for so many long centuries have suffered persecution and discrimination will not wish to give an example to the world by bestowing equal rights without discrimination upon all citizens of Palestine, of whatever race or creed.

Nor do I fear that the kind of nationalism which is represented by the passionate desire of many millions of Jews in many parts of the world that the land of their forefathers once more become a national home for the Jews can ever permanently prejudice international understanding. Nationalism of the kind which is evidenced by a belief in the superiority of any people, and in the right of that people to dominate and to control other peoples, is the kind of nationalism which makes for war. But the longing of a great people for the reconstruction of their ancient home, so that within it their homeless and suffering brethren can find shelter and a new life is not a kind of nationalism whose fulfillment can do other, when the immediate clouds of the present are dispelled, than further the eventual reign of peace.

I have long believed that the economic federation of the countries of the Near East would advance peace and stability in that distraught region. I have long believed that the eventual inclusion of an independent Palestine in such a federation would make for the prosperity of the entire area, would do much to raise living standards in all of the Near Eastern world, and would greatly help to assuage that bitter feeling of antagonism which now darkens the relations between

the Arabs and the Jews. But I have been equally convinced that objective cannot be achieved if the attempt continues to prevent the Jewish people from immigrating into Palestine, and thus artificially and unjustly to perpetuate a Jewish minority in Palestine.

In the annals of our modern civilization no greater wrong has been perpetrated than the attempt of powerful nations to proscribe the Jewish people. We here in the United States must help to find the means of solving the immediate problem now presented. It must be solved in such a way that in the years to come, in the place of the Palestine which today is rent with contention, with disorder, and with misery, we shall see a Palestine which will be a model and an example for the civilized community of nations.

If our Government pursues a policy which will help to bring that to pass, we Americans will have reason to be proud of the part which we shall have played. For what is here at stake is truly the establishment of liberty. It is the grant of liberty to hundreds of thousands of people who have never known its blessings, and whose forefathers in Europe have not known them throughout the centuries which have passed. We Americans can never afford to deny our own heritage by failing to recognize that the growth of liberty throughout the world will redound to the benefit of all humanity. We must not resign ourselves to the disenchantment which grows in the spirit of man when men come to believe that liberty does not matter very much. For I think this war has taught us the lesson that the Almighty will deal good or ill fortune to nations in the measure in which they themselves are disposed to sacrifice what may be required of them in the cause of liberty.

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DR. SILVER CALLS FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST DELAYING TACTICS ON PALESTINE

ANNOUNCES NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ZIONIST LEADERS WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON

New York -- The mobilization of the entire American Zionist movement for an all-out struggle against "the delaying tactics designed to keep the doors of Palestine shut to Jewish immigration, currently being pursued by the British Government and, it would seem, also by our own State Department - in direct opposition to the position taken by President Truman," was announced today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

In a statement issued here, Dr. Silver disclosed that a National Conference of Zionist leaders, representing more than 400 communities, will take place at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C., on Thursday, May 23. A program of action will be formulated at the Conference "to fight the present policy of evasion and equivocation" on the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry's recommendation to admit 100,000 homeless Jews into Palestine immediately.

Dr. Silver's statement follows:

"After 6,000,000 Jews have been massacred, and after it has been established beyond any doubt that the overwhelming majority of those who remain cannot continue to exist in Europe, we are today witnessing the shameful spectacle of power politics being played with the lives of those who have already passed the

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limits of endurance.

"The British Government is currently launching a series of maneuvers aimed at evading the fulfillment of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry's unanimous recommendation that 100,000 homeless European Jews should be admitted to Palestine at once. Prime Minister Attlee has attached conditions to the carrying out of this recommendation which, he says, must be met before action is taken on this matter of elemental humanity -- this despite the fact that these very conditions had been discussed and rejected by the Joint Committee. The British Government also proposes to begin a long series of consultations with Arabs and Jews before acting on the recommendation, even though fullest consultation was carried on over a period of four months by the Committee.

"This is the same technique of evasion which has characterized British policy on Palestine for years, and which was vigorously denounced by the present leaders of Britain before they assumed office. After President Truman's humanitarian request of almost a year ago that immigration certificates for Palestine be issued to 100,000 displaced European Jews was rejected by Prime Minister Attlee -- who proposed instead that the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry be set up -- and after that Committee has recommended what President Truman requested in the first place, the British Government now promotes further delay. In the present circumstances Britain's action can only be described as morally offensive.

"Particularly shocking are the indications that our own State Department seems to be a party to this British policy of

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procrastination. The State Department, too, now announces that it is about to begin a series of discussions with Arabs and Jews on the Joint Committee's recommendations. This is in direct opposition to the clear statement made by President Truman upon the issuance of the Committee's report: 'I am very happy that the request which I made for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine has been unanimously endorsed by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. The transference of these unfortunate people should now be accomplished with the greatest dispatch.'

"The President further stated that 'in addition to these immediate objectives, the report deals with many other questions of long-range political policies and questions of international law which require careful study and which I will take under advisement.' The State Department, on the other hand, in making public its position, drew no distinction between the recommendation for immediate action to admit 100,000 homeless Jews into Palestine and the long-range political questions dealt with in the report.

"The tactics of those who would substitute further time-consuming procedures for the action requested by the President will be fought with every means at our disposal.

"We call on the Zionists of America to stand ready for an all-out struggle which must be carried forward unrelentingly until the harassed Jews of Europe are rescued; until the national rights of the Jewish people, internationally guaranteed after the first World War, have been firmly established."

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STATE DEPARTMENT'S CONSULTATIONS WITH ARABS AND JEWS
SHOULD EXCLUDE DISCUSSION OF ENTRY OF 100,000 REFUGEES
INTO PALESTINE, ZIONIST LEADERS DECLARE

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New York — The State Department's consultations with Arabs and Jews on the subject of Palestine should not involve that recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry which pertains to the entry of 100,000 refugee European Jews, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Joint Chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council, declared in a telegram to Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State.

"The decision to consult with Arab and Jewish leaders is apparently based on the statement by Secretary Byrnes of last October that the United States Government would not reach final conclusions on any proposals which would 'change the basic situation in Palestine' without such consultation," the Joint Chairmen stated. Pointing out that Byrnes' statement was issued at a time when President Truman was pressing for the "immediate entry of 100,000 displaced and homeless Jews into Palestine," the Zionist spokesmen declared that it was a "clear inference that fulfillment of that proposal was not to be regarded as changing the 'basic situation' and should not therefore be subject to the further consultation proposed."

The Zionist leaders asserted that they were "astonished and dismayed that despite these facts, despite the admittedly urgent need for action to relieve the tragic plight of the Jewish survivors of the Nazi terror, despite the lapse,

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further, of more than eight months from the President's initial request to the Prime Minister for their entry into Palestine, there is apparently grave danger that under cover of the alleged need for consultation the whole matter may be further delayed and confused."

The complete text of the letter to Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson follows:

May 18, 1946

Honorable Dean Acheson
Acting Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

ON APRIL 30, 1946, THE PRESIDENT ISSUED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING HAPPINESS THAT HIS REQUEST FOR THE IMMEDIATE ADMISSION OF 100,000 JEWS INTO PALESTINE HAD BEEN UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED BY THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY AND DECLARING THAT THE TRANSFER OF THESE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE SHOULD NOW BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE MAXIMUM OF DISPATCH.

DESPITE THIS CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT ON THE PART OF THE PRESIDENT WE NOW LEARN FROM REPORTS IN THE PRESS THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARAB STATES HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY YOU THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONSULT WITH ARABS AND JEWS BEFORE TAKING ANY DEFINITE DECISION RELATIVE TO THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT. THIS PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION HAS BEEN WIDELY INTERPRETED AS APPLYING NOT ONLY TO THE LONG TERM RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE BUT ALSO TO THAT FOR THE IMMEDIATE ADMISSION OF THE HUNDRED THOUSAND DISPLACED AND STATELESS JEWS.

THE DECISION TO CONSULT WITH ARAB AND JEWISH LEADERS IS APPARENTLY BASED ON THE STATEMENT BY SECRETARY BYRNES OF LAST OCTOBER THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT REACH FINAL CONCLUSIONS ON ANY PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD "CHANGE THE BASIC SITUATION IN PALESTINE" WITHOUT SUCH CONSULTATION. THAT STATEMENT WAS ISSUED AT A TIME WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS PRESSING FOR THE IMMEDIATE ENTRY OF THE HUNDRED THOUSAND DISPLACED AND HOMELESS JEWS INTO

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PALESTINE AND IT WAS A CLEAR INFERENCE THAT FULFILLMENT OF THAT PROPOSAL TO WHICH REFERENCE WAS IN FACT MADE IN SECRETARY BYRNES' STATEMENT, WAS NOT TO BE REGARDED AS CHANGING THE "BASIC SITUATION" AND SHOULD NOT THEREFORE BE SUBJECT TO THE FURTHER CONSULTATION PROPOSED.

SO OBVIOUS INDEED DID THIS CONCLUSION APPEAR THAT IN THE COURSE OF A MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE DATED OCTOBER 23, 1946, OUR COUNCIL STATED AS FOLLOWS: "WE TAKE GRATEFUL NOTE THAT THE STATEMENT OF SECRETARY BYRNES INDICATES THAT MEASURES TO FACILITATE IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE OF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF THE SURVIVORS OF EUROPEAN JEWRY SHOULD, AND CAN BE UNDERTAKEN FORTHWITH, AND THAT SUCH IMMIGRATION DOES NOT AFFECT THE 'BASIC SITUATION' IN PALESTINE."

WE ARE ASTONISHED AND DISMAYED THAT DESPITE THESE FACTS, DESPITE THE ADMITTEDLY URGENT NEED FOR ACTION TO RELIEVE THE TRAGIC FLIGHT OF THE JEWISH SURVIVORS OF THE NAZI TERROR, DESPITE THE LAPSE, FURTHER, OF MORE THAN EIGHT MONTHS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S INITIAL REQUEST TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THEIR ENTRY INTO PALESTINE, AND FINALLY DESPITE THE UNANIMOUS REPORT IN THIS CONNECTION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY SUPPORTED BY THE PRESIDENT'S OWN UNQUALIFIED STATEMENT OF APRIL 30, INSTEAD OF IMMEDIATE ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE THERE IS APPARENTLY GRAVE DANGER THAT UNDER COVER OF THE ALLEGED NEED FOR CONSULTATION THE WHOLE MATTER MAY BE FURTHER DELAYED AND CONFUSED.

WE ACCORDINGLY URGE THAT IT BE MADE IMMEDIATELY CLEAR THAT THE PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS DO NOT INVOLVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY FOR THE IMMIGRATION FORTHWITH OF THE 100,000 JEWS; AND THAT OUR GOVERNMENT, WHICH GIVES ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THAT RECOMMENDATION, WILL ASSIST IN SECURING ITS FULFILLMENT AND LOOKS TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR ITS PART, LIKEWISE TO DO WHATEVER LIES IN ITS POWER TO IMPLEMENT THIS RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE. IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR ACTION ON THIS EVER MORE URGENT MATTER, ANY OTHER COURSE WOULD IN THE CIRCUM-
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STANCES BE INCOMPREHENSIBLE AND WE EARNESTLY ASK FOR AN IMMEDIATE PUBLIC ASSUR-
ANCE IN THIS REGARD.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER STEPHEN S. WISE
JOINT CHAIRMEN, AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ZIONIST LEADERS DECLARES THAT STATE DEPARTMENT,
 WHILE ACCEPTING PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S POSITION ON IMMEDIATE
 ADMISSION OF 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE, CONTINUES TO
 DELAY ACTION THROUGH "CONSULTATION" PROCEDURE

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Washington, D.C. — A national emergency conference of Zionist leaders, called by the American Zionist Emergency Council, today (Thursday, May 23, 1946) declared that while the statement on Palestine issued yesterday by the State Department made it clear that President Truman's position favoring the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine "is now the fixed policy of our Government," the State Department is "nevertheless continuing in practice a procedure of 'consultations' which may delay indefinitely" the attainment of that objective.

Participants in the conference, which was held at the Hotel Statler, represented approximately 400 communities throughout the United States. They reviewed recent developments with regard to Palestine and heard reports on the current situation by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, joint chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Dr. Silver stressed the need of mobilizing American public opinion in support of the demand that 100,000 Jews be transferred to Palestine immediately. Emphasizing that the coming weeks will be crucial, he called for an unprecedented demonstration of public indignation against the delaying tactics of Great Britain

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and the State Department.

The conference also adopted a resolution stating that Zionists "cannot and will not accept these long-range recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry which deny Jewish historic rights to Palestine," and pledging ceaseless effort "until the Jewish State of Palestine takes its place among the democratic and progressive nations of the world."

The declaration issued by the conference follows:

The Zionists of America, representing the overwhelming sentiments of American Jewry, are outraged by the announcements that the immediate admission of 100,000 homeless European Jews into Palestine, recommended unanimously by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry and requested by the President of the United States, is to be delayed while another time-consuming series of consultations is launched by the British Government and our own Department of State.

In the meantime, these 100,000 harassed men, women and children -- a fraction of the European Jews who must emigrate to Palestine or be doomed -- are consigned to further misery and mental torture.

As recently as April 30, 1946, upon making public the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, President Truman declared:

"I am very happy that the request which I made for the admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine has been unanimously endorsed by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. The transference of these unfortunate people should now be accomplished with the greatest dispatch." The President went on to draw a clear distinction between the Committee's recommendations for action upon the immediate objectives of the report, which he heartily approved, and the recommendations concerning long-range political policies, about which he said that they "require careful study" and will be taken "under advisement."

In view of this forthright declaration of American policy, we are confused by the statements issued by the Department of State, which seemed to indicate a sharp divergence from the President's position. The State Department seemed to have adopted the delaying tactics of British Prime Minister Attlee with regard to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry's recommendation concerning 100,000 displaced Jews.

We were accordingly pleased by that part of the statement issued yesterday, May 22, 1946, by the Department of State, which made it clear that the President's statement is "controlling upon all the Departments of Government," and therefore the President's position on the immediate transfer of 100,000 Jews to Palestine is now the fixed policy of our Government.

However, while accepting this position, the Department of State is nevertheless continuing in practice a procedure of "consultations," which may delay indefinitely the attainment of the immediate objective to which our Government is already fully committed.

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Four months of exploration and investigation by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry produced the identical recommendation for immediate action made by President Truman long before the Committee was established -- that 100,000 Jews be admitted to Palestine at once.

But instead of moving forward with even this limited action, which was unanimously approved by its own representatives on the Joint Committee, the British Government is placing new obstacles in the way of implementation. Prime Minister Attlee imposes "conditions" which he knows beforehand were discussed and rejected by the Committee of Inquiry. He attaches these "conditions" though the British Foreign Secretary had himself assured the Committee that all unanimous recommendations would be acted upon immediately.

It was clear from the beginning that Great Britain's motives in launching the Committee of Inquiry lacked sincerity -- that the Committee itself was meant to be a device to delay action. But when our Department of State becomes an accomplice in Britain's procrastination, it becomes our solemn obligation to bring these facts to the attention of the American public.

Because we are convinced that the request of the British Government and the Department of State for comment by Arabs and Jews on the Committee of Inquiry's report, is merely another technique of evasion, we suggest to the American Zionist Emergency Council and the Jewish Agency for Palestine the advisability of refusing to become involved in procedures which will spoil further unconscionable delay in carrying out the most urgent recommendation to rescue 100,000 Jews. The Zionist movement cannot be involved in activity which can only increase the agony of the helpless Jewish survivors in Europe.

We respectfully call upon the President to stand firm on the position which he took in his statement of April 30, 1946, and to direct the Departments of our Government to move with the "greatest dispatch" in the implementation of what is now the accepted policy of the United States.

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BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT DENOUNCED BY DR. SILVER

FOR "DELAYING TACTICS" ON PALESTINE

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PROCRASTINATION ON RESCUE OF 100,000 DISPLACED EUROPEAN JEWS

WILL BE PROTESTED AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN DEMONSTRATION

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New York -- Assailing the "unconscionable tactics" of the British Government and the U. S. State Department, which are "designed to delay indefinitely the fulfillment of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry's recommendation that 100,000 European Jews be admitted into Palestine at once," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council, announced today that a mass demonstration will be held at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday evening, June 13th in order to "make the facts available to the public and give expression to the feeling of indignation shared by the Jews of America."

In a statement issued here, Dr. Silver warned that "an unprecedented catastrophe" is inevitable in the Displaced Persons Camps, unless the doors of Palestine are opened to the remnants of European Jewry. "The British Government and the U. S. Department of State should understand that if there is mass-suicide in the Displaced Persons Camps -- as observers have predicted -- the blood of these tragic people will be on their hands," he declared.

The text of Dr. Silver's statement follows:

"Unless the doors of Palestine are thrown open immediately to admit the remnants of European Jewry, an unprecedented catastrophe is inevitable in the

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Displaced Persons Camps, where they still languish. Those in Great Britain and the United States who have been playing a game of power politics with the lives of these unfortunates should consider well before continuing their present course of action. The British Government and the U. S. Department of State should understand that if there is mass-suicide in the Displaced Persons Camps -- as observers have predicted -- the blood of these tragic people will be on their hands.

"The Zionists of America can no longer be patient in the face of the unconscionable procrastination of the British Government and our State Department. It is clear that the procedure of further 'consultation' with Arabs and Jews is designed to delay indefinitely the fulfillment of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry's recommendation that 100,000 European Jews be admitted into Palestine immediately.

"Prime Minister Attlee has deliberately attached 'conditions' to the carrying out of this recommendation, although those very 'conditions' had been discussed and rejected by the Committee of Inquiry. Mr. Attlee's request for U. S. military aid before agreeing to act on the recommendation is clearly unwarranted, in view of the fact that the Committee obtained ample evidence that American military force would not be required to implement this decision, and that the Jewish community of Palestine is quite capable of protecting itself against Arab attacks which are extremely unlikely.

"The U. S. Department of State -- while accepting as American policy President Truman's statement of April 30th, which urged that 100,000 Jews be transferred to Palestine 'with the greatest dispatch' and made it clear that the rescue of these helpless people is not a subject for further consultation -- nevertheless continues to employ the delaying tactics initiated by the British Government.

"We are convinced that the American people, once they have been informed of the facts, will be incensed by the behavior of Great Britain and our State Department. In order to make these facts available to the public and to give

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expression to the feeling of indignation shared by the Jews of America, we are calling a mass demonstration at Madison Square Garden, New York City, to be held on Wednesday evening, June 12, 1946.

"We call upon the Jews of the Greater New York Area, as well as our countless Christian friends and supporters, to join in demanding that 100,000 displaced Jews, whose immediate entry into Palestine was requested by President Truman and unanimously endorsed by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, be transferred without delay.

"We will not rest until this act of elemental humanity has been accomplished."

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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL, IN REPLY TO STATE DEPARTMENT'S
REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY'S REPORT, DECLARES
FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AND COMMENTS ARE MEANINGLESS, PRODUCING ONLY DELAY

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New York -- Speaking for the entire Zionist movement in the United States, the American Zionist Emergency Council today replied to the U. S. Department of State's request for comment on the Report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry by declaring that "further consultations and comments appear meaningless, except to produce delay where immediate action is called for, and to confuse where the issue has long been altogether clear."

The Council's reply was contained in a letter to Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, signed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, joint chairmen.

"So far as the Committee's long-term recommendations are concerned, we beg to point out that the views of the American Zionist Emergency Council were fully presented to the Committee at its hearings in Washington and are a matter of record. The President himself, however, indicated the distinction to be drawn between the immediate objectives of the Committee's Report and the other questions of long-range political policies, and we must strongly and respectfully urge that action be taken without further postponement of any kind to implement, in accordance with the President's statement, the recommendation of the Committee with regard to the immediate transference of these 100,000 survivors of Nazi persecution," the Zionist leaders said.

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The Council also announced that the current Palestine situation will be dealt with thoroughly at the mass demonstration which will take place in Madison Square Garden on Wednesday evening, June 12th.

The full text of the letter to Secretary of State Byrnes follows:

The Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We have the honor, on behalf of the American Zionist Emergency Council, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 20, 1946, inviting comments or suggestions by our Council with regard to the various matters discussed in the Report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry.

It will be recalled that the appointment of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry arose from the request of President Truman last September to Prime Minister Attlee, for the immediate immigration into Palestine of 100,000 survivors of European Jewry. At the time of the appointment of the Committee strong exception was taken by our Council, in telegrams addressed to the President, copies of which were sent to the Department, to a procedure which would necessarily involve considerable delay in obtaining action on his request for the immediate transfer to Palestine of these 100,000 Jews. It was indeed no doubt in part due to the criticism very generally expressed at that time that a limitation of 120 days was placed upon the period within which the Committee was expected to make its report.

The Committee of Inquiry completed its report in April, 1946. In a statement issued April 30th the President gave his warm approval to those recommendations of the Committee which concerned immediate action and, conspicuously to that recommendation which confirmed his request for the admission forthwith of 100,000 Jews into Palestine. The President stated that "the transference of these unfortunate people should now be accomplished with the greatest dispatch."

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It is with astonishment that we note that instead of immediate action being taken pursuant to the President's statement, several weeks were allowed to elapse at the end of which the request is made for observations and comments. A further thirty days has been indicated as the date by which these comments or suggestions should be submitted. There is no indication as to the date within which a decision on the comments or suggestions may be expected.

It is now over ten months since at Potsdam President Truman made his initial request to Prime Minister Attlee for the admission to Palestine of persecuted Jews from Europe. More than eight months have passed since the President, in his letter to the Prime Minister, urged the grant of 100,000 immigration certificates for this purpose. As the President then stated "no other single matter is so important for those who have known the horrors of concentration camps for over a decade as is the future of immigration possibilities into Palestine."

The Report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, in confirming the view of the President, has merely reaffirmed the findings of Mr. Earl G. Harrison and of numerous other official investigators. It has in this respect added nothing to facts already well known at the time of its appointment. In the circumstances further consultations and comments appear meaningless except to produce delay where immediate action is called for, and to confuse where the issue has long been altogether clear. So far as the Committee's long-term recommendations are concerned, we beg to point out that the views of the American Zionist Emergency Council were fully presented to the Committee at its hearings in Washington and are a matter of record. The President himself, however, indicated the distinction to be drawn between the immediate objectives of the Committee's Report and the other questions of long-range political policies, and we must strongly and respectfully urge that action be taken without further postponement of any kind to implement, in accordance with the President's statement, the recommendation of the Committee with regard to the immediate transference of these 100,000 survivors of Nazi persecution.

Sincerely yours,

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Abba Hillel Silver Stephen S. Wise
Joint Chairmen, American Zionist Emergency Council

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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL BRANDS MUFTI'S REPORTED

"ESCAPE" AS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE POGROMS IN PALESTINE

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NEW YORKERS URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS DEMONSTRATION AT

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN ON WEDNESDAY EVENING

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New York — The reported "escape" of Amin el Hussein, ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, from France to the Near East was today branded by the American Zionist Emergency Council as an "intrigue" designed to produce riots and pogroms in Palestine.

"Why has the Mufti been helped to 'escape' and who engineered his plane journey to Damascus? Has all this been done to make it possible for Britain to claim that 'the Arab world will go up in flames' if 100,000 homeless Jews are admitted into Palestine immediately, as requested by President Truman and recommended by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry?" the Council asked.

Declaring that "the American people have had enough of imperialist treachery," the Council called upon the citizens of the Greater New York Area to join in the mass demonstration which will be held in Madison Square Garden on Wednesday evening, June 12th, to protest the obstructionist tactics on Palestine of Great Britain and the U. S. State Department.

Speakers at the rally, which is being jointly sponsored by the Council and the American Jewish Conference, include Bartley C. Crum, member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, Senator Edwin C. Johnson (Dem., Colo.), Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, joint chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and Henry Monsky, chairman of the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference, who will preside.

The Council announced that the rally's speakers will address the overflow audience which is expected, from a platform on 49th Street. Madison Square Garden's doors will open at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday. Admission is free.

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SLOGANS AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

ATTLEE! -- AREN'T 6,000,000 JEWISH DEAD ENOUGH?

STATE DEPT.! -- AREN'T 6,000,000 JEWISH DEAD ENOUGH?

RESCUE THE JEWS FROM THE DP GHETTOS

THE ARAB LEAGUE: THE TAIL THAT WAGS THE LION

DOES ATTLEE RUN THE U. S. STATE DEPT.?

100,000 NOW!

ATTLEE OR TRUMAN? -- THE STATE DEPT. MUST CHOOSE

THE "LIBERATED" JEWS STILL PLEAD FOR LIBERATION

WE DEMAND ACTION, NOT SYMPATHY!

THE JEWS NEED RESCUE, NOT INVESTIGATION

ARE THE FOUR FREEDOMS FOR ALL BUT THE JEWS?

STATE DEPARTMENT! -- ENOUGH DOUBLE TALK. WE WANT ACTION

NEW UNHOLY ALLIANCE -- ARAB FEUDALISM AND BRITISH SOCIALISM

"ESCAPE" FOR THE NAZI MUFTI -- BUT NO RESCUE FOR NAZI VICTIMS

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FOR RELEASE: AFTER DELIVERY
WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 12, 1946

EXCERPTS OF ADDRESS BY JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG
PRESIDENT, JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA

In our long struggle against the iniquitous policy of the British White Paper, it was but natural that major emphasis should have been placed upon the injustice of the British immigration policy in Palestine. How many Jews now lying in unnamed graves could have been alive today but for the cruel exclusion of Jews from their National Home. But the Palestine land restrictions which have been in effect since February 1940 constitute an equally vicious aspect of Britain's regime in the country which had been entrusted to her by the League of Nations.

Under the provisions of the infamous Land Laws of Palestine, no Jew, not even a war veteran, even if Palestinian born, has the right to buy a plot of ground for a house or a garden, much less to acquire land for a farm, in 95% of Western Palestine! Imagine the feelings of the Jewish war veterans who spent six years in the British Armed Forces! The Jew who fought in the Libyan Desert, who was besieged in Tobruk, who went forward and backward with Alexander's armies, who served in Italy, who fought with the Jewish Brigade, who took a significant part in the final overthrow of Rommel, who stained the desert with his blood in battle, now finds upon his return to his home in Palestine, that he may not even buy a piece of land to build a home for his family or to settle on the soil as a farmer.

Exhaustive evidence submitted by us to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry has focused a glaring light upon the iniquity as well as the fallacy of this Land Edict. Small wonder that the six distinguished Americans and even the British members of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry unanimously recommended the immediate repeal of this unjust legislation. Said they in their
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report:

"We recommend that the Land Transfers Regulations of 1940 be rescinded and replaced by regulations based on a policy of freedom in the sale, lease, or use of land, irrespective of race, community or creed ...

"We are opposed to any legislation or restrictions discriminating against Jew or Arab ...

"We do not believe that the necessary protection for the Arab can be provided only by confining the Jew to particular portions of Palestine ..."

We are here to demand that this recommendation be implemented at once, for land is indispensable to the settlement of the 100,000 Jews who will enter Palestine, the indispensable foundation for any sound economy in Palestine. Home and land are inseparable. Obviously that does not require the presence of additional military divisions in Palestine, nor does it depend upon the availability of financial aid by the United States.

Yet we hear that, despite the clear and unanimous recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee, the Palestine Government is now preparing another nefarious legal contraption to defeat the recommendation of the Committee of Inquiry. We hear that new plans are being hatched, aimed at the continuation of the historic work of the Jewish National Fund, its land redemption and reclamation program.

Great Britain, having been entrusted under the Mandate as the Governing Power over Palestine, with explicit instructions to facilitate Jewish immigration and "close settlement" of Jews on the land, the meaning of this international instrument has been so distorted by British Colonial Casuistry as if it had been issued for the purpose of keeping Jews out of Palestine and barring them from settling on the land. With the admission of the 100,000 men, women and children now languishing in the Displaced Persons Camps, the Land Edict, and all traces

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EXCERPTS OF ADDRESS BY JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG

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of it should go into the limbo of a sad and shameful past.

It is patently clear that the mere transfer of 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine would be a hollow and meaningless gesture and may even lead to great difficulties, unless it is accompanied by the immediate repeal of the restrictive Land Laws, if the Jewish Economy in Palestine is not to be strangled.

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EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS OF MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN

PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH

Nine months ago we stood on this platform and voiced the sentiments of an overwhelming majority of the American people when we demanded that the broken Jewish remnants in Europe be given their one chance for salvation — that they be admitted into Palestine. We warned then that the very lives of these helpless, tragic people were at stake — that for large numbers it was Palestine or death.

Nine months later we must stand here again and, alas, report that our warnings have gone unheeded. The position of European Jewry has deteriorated rapidly and becomes worse with each passing day. Unless the doors of Palestine are thrown open immediately I fear that we shall soon be reading of mass-suicide in the Displaced Persons' Camps where the supposedly "liberated" Jews of Europe still plead for liberation.

It is incredible that in all these nine months nothing positive has been done to effect their rescue. It is shocking that we must assert here that the British Government has employed callous devices to keep the doors of the Jewish National Home shut to the Jewish people.

Speaking for Hadassah, representing almost 200,000 Jewish women of America — who, because they are Americans, understand the true meaning of liberty and freedom — I say that the present tactics on Palestine of the British Colonial Office, which are opposed to every rule of humanity, will be fought tirelessly until justice has been done. We shall expose the maneuvers of those who would betray the suffering Jewish people to the scorn and indignation of civilized mankind.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1946

MESSAGES TO THE RALLY

From Governor Thomas E. Dewey

DEAR DR. SILVER:

ALTHOUGH I REGRET VERY MUCH INDEED THAT OTHER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS OF LONG
STANDING MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE WITH YOU IN PERSON TONIGHT, I DO WISH
MOST EARNESTLY TO JOIN YOU IN EXPRESSING MY SENSE OF DEEP CONCERN AT THE DELAY
WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN IMPLEMENTING THE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION OF THE ANGLO
AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY FOR THE IMMEDIATE ADMISSION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
DISPLACED JEWISH PEOPLE TO PALESTINE.

THE REMNANTS, THE PITIFUL HANDFUL OF SURVIVORS OF EUROPEAN JEWRY ARE IN
DESPERATE NEED. FOR THEM THE WAR WHICH HAS NOW LASTED FOURTEEN YEARS IS NOT
OVER. THE FIRST VICTIMS OF HITLER'S TYRANNY ARE STILL ITS VICTIMS MORE THAN A
YEAR AFTER VICTORY. THEY CANNOT STAY WHERE THEY ARE. THEY CANNOT GO HOME. THEIR
RIGHT TO GO TO PALESTINE IS CONCEDED. IT MUST BE GRANTED THEM AND IT MUST BE
GRANTED NOW. PALESTINE WHICH HAS SUCCESSFULLY ABSORBED SO MANY IN THE GREAT
CREATIVE ENTERPRISE WHICH IS BLOOMING THERE CAN TAKE MORE AND STILL MORE. HERE
IS THE VERY EPITOME OF ALL WE FOUGHT FOR — THE RIGHT OF HITLER'S VICTIMS TO
SANCTUARY, OPPORTUNITY AND FREEDOM.

I JOIN WITH YOU WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN YOUR PROTEST AGAINST DELAY AND YOUR
INSISTENCE THAT JUSTICE BE GRANTED IMMEDIATELY.

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From Senator Owen Brewster (R., Me.)

DEEPLY REGRET INABILITY TO BE WITH YOU TONIGHT TO JOIN IN PROTEST WITH EVERY OTHER
RED BLOODED AMERICAN AGAINST INEXPLICABLE AND INEXCUSABLE RETURN OF THE INDES-
CRIBABLE GRAND MUFTI TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS INDICATES DESPERATION. BRITAIN
WILL FIND IT UNDERESTIMATES THE INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
THE SO-CALLED ARAB LEAGUE IS NOTHING BUT THE VOICE OF BRITAIN, AS AMPLY EVIDENCED

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BY THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT ACCORDED IBN SAUD AND HIS ASSOCIATED DESPOTS BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PARTICULARLY BY THE FUNDS FURNISHED BY BRITAIN TO MAINTAIN THE ARAB LEGATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON "WHOSE BREAD I EAT, HIS SONG I SING." THE BRITISH LION DOES NOT MAKE A PRETTY PICTURE PARADING IN THE BORROWED ROBES OF AN ARAB SHEIK, BUT THAT IS THE PICTURE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC MUST BE BROUGHT TO SEE IF OUR DIFFICULTIES IN PALESTINE ARE TO BE UNDERSTOOD AND THE VISION OF ZION REALIZED.

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From James G. McDonald

CONTINUED DELAY IN THE IMPLEMENTING OF THE CONCRETE IMMIGRATION RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE BECOMES EVERY DAY MORE INEXPLICABLE. OUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE IMMEDIATE ADMISSION INTO PALESTINE OF 100,000 JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS, THUS EMPTYING THE CAMPS THROUGHOUT OCCUPIED EUROPE, WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS WHATSOEVER. MOREOVER, THE SUGGESTION THAT THE CARRYING OUT OF SUCH VITAL MEASURES SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE SO-CALLED ILLEGAL ARMIES HAD BEEN DISBANDED WAS UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED BY OUR COMMITTEE. WE WERE CONVINCED THAT TO MAKE SUCH A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE RELEASE OF 100,000 FROM THE EUROPEAN CENTERS WOULD BE TO CONDEMN THEM TO CONTINUED CONFINEMENT AND WOULD BE TO HOLD THEM AS HOSTAGES. THE REASONABLE AND JUST COURSE IS TO OPEN THE DOORS OF PALESTINE AT ONCE TO THE 100,000. WE WERE CONVINCED BY THE EVIDENCE OF THE BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES THAT THE JEWISH DEFENSE FORCES WOULD JOIN WITH THOSE OF THE MANDATORY IN MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER THROUGHOUT PALESTINE.

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From Senator Robert F. Wagner

I REGRET EXCEEDINGLY MY INABILITY TO BE WITH YOU IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN TONIGHT.

I NEED NOT TELL YOU HOW DEEPLY I SYMPATHIZE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF YOUR MEETING AND HOW CORDIALLY I WILL SUPPORT ANY ACTION WHICH YOU MAY TAKE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE IMMEDIATE ENTRY INTO PALESTINE OF THE 100,000 JEWISH REFUGEES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY AS WELL AS BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN.

THE DELAY WHICH HAS OCCURRED IN THE EXECUTION OF THIS RECOMMENDATION IS INEXCUSABLE. IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE AND HUMANITY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE SPEEDY STEPS TO ACTUALLY FACILITATE THE ADMISSION INTO PALESTINE OF THESE REFUGEES; AND ALL THE OFFICIALS OF OUR OWN GOVERNMENT MUST GIVE THEIR WHOLE-HEARTED COOPERATION TO THE PLAN ORIGINALLY PUT FORWARD BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN HIMSELF. WE MUST HAVE ACTION NOW — ACTION TO SAVE HUMAN LIVES. I SHALL CONTINUE TO DO ALL IN MY POWER TO FACILITATE THE SPEEDY ADMISSION OF THESE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE INTO PALESTINE AS WELL AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC JEWISH COMMONWEALTH.

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EXCERPTS OF ADDRESS BY DR. STEPHEN S. WISE
JOINT CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

In a speech made this morning to the House of Commons, Secretary Bevin was as offensive as in his statement of months ago before the Joint Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. Secretary Bevin's statement is utterly misleading. To say that, if we put another hundred thousand Jews into Palestine, we shall have to have another army division of British troops there, is to ignore the fact that there are more than enough British troops in Palestine now, and that these British troops are not in Palestine in relation to the Jewish National Home or in relation to the affairs of the peoples of Palestine. The British troops are there in order to resist the insistence of the government of Egypt that British troops get out of Egypt. The British troops are not in Palestine to defend the Jews from Arab attack. They might well be used to assist the Arabs, if the Arabs dare, to their hurt, to attack the Jews.

We American Jews -- and indeed all American people -- have the right to resent and to fling back the gratuitously and vulgarly insulting remark of Mr. Bevin that the agitation in the United States for the admission of a hundred thousand Jews into Palestine is because Americans do not want too many of them in New York. I am not troubled by the offensive vulgarity of this remark. I am troubled because it indicates that, even though President Truman appointed the whole Cabinet, with himself included, as a Commission to deal with Palestine, there will be no hope of fulfilling the unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee unless President Truman speaks sharply and acts decisively in relation to the British Government. We have the right and the obligation as American citizens to turn

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to the President -- as I, a member of his party, do -- and say to him: "Mr. President, it is you who are being flouted. It is you who are being insulted by the British Government. You asked the Prime Minister for one hundred thousand certificates of admission to Palestine for displaced persons. Your request was summarily denied. A delay of six months and more occurred, during which the Committee of Inquiry dealt searchingly and exhaustively with the matter. Their recommendation was unanimous in support of your request to the Prime Minister. How long, Mr. President, how long shall you -- must we -- wait? And if your request is not to be granted, is to be played with in Colonial Office fashion for another six months or a year, you have the right to know it and to act accordingly."

I say to you tonight -- I, who am a lifelong affectionate admirer of the English people -- that, unless the British Government grant the hundred thousand certificates of admission to Palestine to displaced Jews, no promise of England is to be trusted. We have no reason to believe that any pledge of Britain will be kept. If there be resentment because of what I say, let that resentment express itself in the profoundest contempt of the speech and the conduct of the heads of the Labor Government in England.

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EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS OF HENRY MONSKY

CHAIRMAN, INTERIM COMMITTEE, AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

The failure of the British Government to fulfill the recommendation of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee to admit 100,000 Jews into Palestine "seems to be calculated to completely nullify the effect of the report of the Inquiry Committee," it was charged by Henry Monsky, Chairman of the American Jewish Conference Interim Committee, who presided. It is a "time honored, though distressingly unfortunate, course of duplicitous diplomacy and power politics" he added.

Demanding the immediate transfer of the 100,000 Jews to Palestine, Mr. Monsky asked: "Is it fantastic to expect England and the United States to proceed in accord with the demands of decency, to blot out that cruel and inhuman institution known as the displaced persons camps?"

Scoring "the mysterious escape of the Mufti of Jerusalem" Mr. Monsky stated: "This latest episode in what appears to be a planned active campaign to block the implementation of the recommendations of the Inquiry Committee is part and parcel of the unholy conspiracy to defeat the purposes of justice for the Jewish people.

"We are unwilling to believe that the world has become so calloused to Jewish suffering in Europe today that political expediency, appeasement, cartels, commercial alliances, oil interests, and all of that category of considerations which preceded and led to the holocaust that almost destroyed our civilization will be deemed conscionable in this postwar world."

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A TIME FOR ACTION

by

Edwin C. Johnson, U. S. Senator (Colo.)

at

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Under Auspices of American Zionist Emergency Committee

At the risk of being tiresome, I feel compelled to make a brief reference to the historical background of the Palestinian crisis as a basis for my firm conviction that the American people must insist upon action now.

No comprehensive consideration of this age-old problem is possible without first going back to the Balfour Declaration of November 2, 1917, in which his Majesty's government pledged the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people. That historic commitment made without pressure laid the groundwork and prepared the way for the mandate over Palestine which Britain eagerly sought. Undoubtedly due to the commitments of the Balfour Declaration, the British government, following World War I, got at San Remo the mandate she wanted so desperately but with the expressed and explicit stipulation that she assume the full responsibility for putting into effect the Balfour Declaration. Britain didn't say anything then about seeking the approval of the Arab chieftains. She didn't say anything then about American troops nor did she give hint of her historic policy of divide and rule. She didn't hedge on anything then. She gladly accepted the mandate and the responsibility which went with it without reservation. Therefore, she has no historic alibi and no present day justification for her faithless failure to abide by her own agreement. If her present purposes to go to any lengths to evade the responsibilities which she so willingly assumed were premeditated and planned merely to acquire the mandate, all the greater the shame.

One other basic historical fact also should be noted. In April 1922, the Congress of the United States passed a resolution pledging the support of our government to the Balfour Declaration. Our State Department and our President not only agreed to the Palestine mandate including the specific provision that Palestine was to be a national home for the Jewish people, but our own Congress in a deliberative session enacted an official Resolution which pledged American support to the execution of that very policy. Ours is a double pledge therefore, and our failure to follow through is second only to that of Britain to fulfill. It was a wise and a just decision on our part but whether it was wise to adopt such a responsibility and make such a pledge is not now the issue. Since 1922 it has stood as a binding commitment upon the American government which cannot be set aside today. We made it in good faith and in good faith we must keep it.

Gradually since 1922 when she voluntarily assumed the task of making Palestine a Jewish national home the British government has steadily restricted the immigration of Jews into Palestine. During World War II and since almost no Jews were admitted. Even before this war broke out in Europe, the smart political Arabian potentates began playing Hitler against Britain and Britain herself, adept at that game, began playing Arab against Jew. Her political chess game, employing helpless human beings as her pawns, was as reprehensible then as it is today and equally unnecessary. She knew then that she could not trust the slippery Arab chieftains and she knows it now. She had proof then and she has abundant proof now.

Hundreds of thousands of Jews, doomed to mass destruction and horrible death in Central Europe who might have found refuge in Palestine, were denied entrance into Palestine. With an open door to Palestine they might have escaped Hitler's insane wrath, but the British government in their hour of desperation utterly failed them. The British "Iron Curtain" fenced them in and gave Adolph the Butcher the magnificent support he needed to earn the vilest name in history.

Many of these wretched people could have gotten out of Central Europe and into Palestine but Britain said to them in effect, "You stay right where you are and be slaughtered like rats in a trap. Your destruction will help the Allied cause." They were slaughtered; they were gassed; they were exterminated; they were put to death in the most cruel and inhuman chapter of all the world's most barbarous history. For centuries that tragedy must stand as a blot upon the vaunted Christian civilization of this day. Buchenwald, Dachau and Belsen! Bigotry, brutality and duplicity!

But the maniac, Hitler, and his storm troopers did not completely wipe out all of these unfortunate people. The timely arrival of General Eisenhower and his American and British troops put an end to the brutal orgy and many of the dying have been nursed back to life. Out of 7,500,000 Jews in Central Europe, 1,500,000 are still alive.

Following the ignoble suicide of Hitler and the surrender of his SS band of brigands President Truman ordered Earl G. Harrison, Dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, to make a complete survey of the condition of the displaced persons of Central Europe, as these homeless survivors now are politely termed. The dean's bold, hard-hitting report caused a sensation both here and abroad. The platform of the Labor Party having declared for Jewish immigration to Palestine, the President discussed the subject informally with Prime Minister-elect Attlee at Potsdam. Attlee seemed sympathetic but nothing came of it; so in September 1945, the President dispatched a letter to the newly-installed Prime Minister suggesting that a hundred thousand Jews be immediately certified to enter Palestine. He called attention to the lamentable plight of these unfortunate survivors who were being herded by the Allied troops into concentration camps in the occupied areas and urged a quick decision.

In Congress the response to the President's letter was spontaneous and spirited. A shout of joy resounded in the marble corridors of this Nation's Capitol. A Concurrent Resolution was rushed through commending the President and declaring that the United States should cooperate with Great Britain, the mandatory power, "to the end that Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country to the maximum of its agricultural and economic potentialities, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization and development".

Prime Minister Attlee countered by suggesting the creation of a joint committee, American and British, to study the Palestine problem with special reference to immigration. That maneuver appeared to be a play for time to give the Arab world an opportunity to organize formidable political resistance. That is what I said about it at the time. Events have proven my intuition correct..

Nevertheless, the United States government agreed somewhat reluctantly to this new delay and the concentration camps continued their doleful task. For the men and women who were marking time in these unhappy institutions, the three months dragged slowly into history. At long last, however, the anticipated report by the Committee of Inquiry was announced.

To those of us who have championed the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine the report was a keen disappointment. As a final disposition of the Palestine problem it was and is unacceptable.

However, a distinction should be drawn between the immediate objectives which it outlines to relieve the present lamentable situation and the long-range political policies which should be worked out once again around the world peace conference table. If an understanding on that point could be had I would be enthusiastic about the report. It is far better than I had anticipated. The joint committee report recommended first, that 100,000 certificates be authorized immediately for the admission into Palestine of Jews who have been the victims of Nazi and Fascist persecution; secondly, that these certificates be awarded as far as possible in 1946, and that actual immigration be pushed forward as rapidly as conditions would permit.

The committee also recommended that restrictions on the purchase of land by the Jews be largely removed so that such land might be available for the prospective immigrants.

On April 30th, 1946, President Truman gave the Committee report and its pressing recommendation for emergency action his strong approval. He appeared elated that his original suggestion for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine had been endorsed unanimously by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. It was a complete vindication of his position at Potsdam and afterwards.

The President issued a public statement on April 30, pointing out that the report insures the protection, the preservation, and the safeguarding of the holy places in Palestine, sacred to Moslem, Christian and Jew. Furthermore, the President noted that provisions are made to guarantee the civil and religious rights of the Arab population as well as the constant improvement in their cultural, educational and economic position.

Did Prime Minister Attlee issue a similar statement? He did not. Once more he stalled. He desired still more time for the Arab chiefs to organize their political resistance. Delay again was his secret weapon. He insisted that to make his own committee's report effective would require troops and that the United States should furnish the troops. He shrewdly surmised that such a suggestion would develop consternation in America and cause us to back away. Strangely enough our own State Department stepped into the breach and helped him promote further delay. Evidently our State Department follows the British Prime Minister instead of the President of the United States. In a jockeying mood it invited parties interested to present further arguments for or against the recommendations of the report of the official Commission of Inquiry. After the President of the United States had given this report his wholehearted blessing his State Department invites further arguments. Little wonder we are shocked. Small wonder we feel frustrated. There is no obvious explanation for such behavior.

Obviously the Near East Division of the State Department has other irons in the fire than the early emptying of European concentration camps. I say to them, "What in the name of God are you waiting for? Don't you realize that men, women and children are rotting in concentration camps? Patience with you has become a vice. Further delay and procrastination cannot be tolerated." After an official determination has been reached at the highest level, namely the office of the President, ordering further consultation and comments and arguments amount to a confession of diplomatic bankruptcy. This new delay can only confuse an otherwise crystal-clear proposal. Delay and muddying the waters are old tricks but hardly worthy of highly-esteemed American statesmen.

Thirty days for comments or suggestions ordered by the State Department after the President has expressed his warm approval! Evidently more time is needed to build up and encourage Arab political resistance. The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hitler's old pal, must be given time to get into action. Eleven months ago President Truman made his original request to Prime Minister Attlee at Potsdam for the admission to Palestine of the surviving Jews of Central Europe; nine months ago he officially suggested to Attlee by letter that 100,000 Jews be given immigration certificates to Palestine; six weeks ago he approved the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry's report recommending the repatriation of 100,000 Jews in Palestine; last week, according to the press, President Truman offered to transport 100,000 European Jews to Palestine, and to aid in their rehousing and resettlement if the British would agree to admit them. And in this decisive hour our State Department orders an additional 30 days delay obviously in the hopes that more and bigger protests may be forthcoming. A time for arguments is past. A time for coordinated action between Britain and the United States is at hand. This is at least one proposal which Russia has not vetoed.

The immigration of 100,000 Jews into Palestine at this time does not change the basic population situation to any appreciable extent. Arabs now outnumber Jews in Palestine more than two to one and 100,000 additional Jews cannot possibly change that ratio. In fact the more Jews who go to Palestine, the more Arabs is the country able to support. If 100,000 Jews migrate there 200,000 additional Arabs are certain to move in also. It must be remembered that Arabs are free to migrate there and that thousands avail themselves of that privilege almost daily.

As the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, I have given special attention to the Prime Minister's charge that the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine would threaten international peace and require American troops to maintain law and order. There is absolutely no basis for Attlee's tricky allegation. In the first place please note the Prime Minister did not clear his demand for American troops with the Anglo-American Joint Chiefs of Staff where his top generals meet regularly with ours. Nor was it presented confidentially to President Truman as it would have been were there any military basis for it. Instead it was given with a blare of trumpets to the World Press so that the Arab politicians would be certain to take notice. Attlee reasoned that the United States would not take his suggestion seriously if handled in such an off-hand manner and that no official reply would be forthcoming. And doubtless it was hoped that the Arabs would interpret America's failure to respond to this silly suggestion as weakness and insincerity on our part.

The whole Arab world has practically no facilities for producing or even repairing modern weapons of war. Such arms as they possess today have been given to them by the American and British Governments. At the time these gifts were made Hitler was already on his way to defeat. The German and Italian armies were out of North Africa and the threat to the Middle East was over. In any case, any observer should have known that the Arabs did not have the slightest intention of joining us in fighting the Axis. Why arms were being supplied by Washington and London to the Arab States remains to be solved. However, whatever effective arms are in the hands of the Arabs are under the control of the American and British Governments and unless the American and British Governments tolerate it, these arms cannot be used.

Were the British officials as truly concerned over the danger of Arab military uprisings as they profess to be, and were this the one consideration that keeps them from admitting displaced persons to the Jewish National Homeland, they would have prevented the return to Palestine of the well-known Arab instigators of former disorders. Every facility is being given to Arab extremists to renew their unbridled agitation, and now -- in one of the most shameless gestures which has ever come to my notice -- the war criminal, Hitler's friend, the traitor against Britain herself in time of war, the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, has been given safe conduct on board a British airplane to Syria, from whence he will be able to stir up more of that same trouble which the British officials pretend to fear. If Britain does not want trouble why is she promoting it?

What is involved here is the most serious question which ~~can~~ be raised in a public discussion -- the question of good faith.. One should be most careful about questioning anyone's good faith, but when the British plead for American troops to ward off an alleged danger, when careful study shows this danger to be non-existent; when the British themselves refrain from taking the elementary precautions that would be called for were such a danger present; when all this is done to justify British reluctance to undertake a committed course of action -- then, I submit, it is reasonable to say that in this matter the British Government is acting without the least shred of good faith, and that this entire issue of the need for American troops is being trumped up for the sole purpose of scaring off this country so that they may be left to continue in Palestine their nefarious and shameful policies of playing one group against another for selfish purposes.

The absurdity of contemplating any war that would involve the Arabs in serious difficulties with Britain and America is unthinkable. Trans-jordan and Iraq are under effective British control, with British forces stationed there. The rulers of Iraq and Egypt derive tremendous benefits from British oil royalties, and the major part of Ibn Saud's income comes from British subsidies and American oil royalties. Most Arab nations are dependent for many necessities, including food, on imports which can reach them only from British and American-controlled sources and in British or American-controlled ships. In addition the ruling potentates in all those countries are mortally afraid of any increase of Russian influence in that part of the world, since that would result in the growth of revolutionary mass movements and the total loss of their wealth and political power. The ruling classes look upon Britain and America as their only safeguard against left-wing movements from the masses. The last thing they will ever seriously contemplate is war with us.

I recall vividly that a full-fledged pro-Axis "war" waged by Iraq against Britain was easily suppressed by two British battalions in a couple of weeks. Saudi Arabian rifle-armed horsemen are very picturesque, but cannot be taken seriously in these days of mechanized warfare. A Syrian army is beginning to be formed under British instructors. The Trans-jordan "army" is commanded by British officers. Egypt, the most populated and developed Arabic-speaking country, has an army of 22,000 ill-armed and ill-trained conscripts, without armor, without an air force, and without warships. I do not see where there arises a danger to peace in the whole Near East which cannot be taken care of by a small, honest, efficient police force. No wonder that, when questioned on this point by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry two months ago, the British commanding general in Palestine stated that, even if the British troops were to withdraw, the Jewish self-defense formations could hold the country against any combination of Arab forces for several years without any outside support.

Today's press discloses that President Truman has appointed a committee of three at the cabinet level to review again the Palestine situation. To say this is disconcerting is the gross in understatement. Britain has proved she is unwilling and unable to carry out her responsibilities with respect to the Palestine mandate. I most respectfully suggest that she relinquish this mandate now and turn it over to the United States to administer. She is pressing us to assume all of the responsibilities. We should also assume the decisions.

One is forced to the conclusion that a clever smoke screen has been laid down over Palestine by the British Government which can only be penetrated by an aroused public opinion in the United States. Time is the important element and time is running against us so we dare not falter. We must be up and at them. Confusion is their strong right arm and confusion is their ally. The pitiable remnants of a once proud European Jewry pleading for deliverance should spur us on to greater action. They represent this one world's forgotten men. For them we must work as we have never worked before. For them the War of Liberation shall also spell Victory.

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ADDRESS OF BARGLEY C. CRUM

MEMBER, ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is a demonstration to fight the delaying tactics of Great Britain and our State Department, to demand the immediate rescue of a hundred thousand homeless Jews of Europe by transferring them to Palestine as urged by President Truman and as recommended by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. I am here to share in that fight! I consider it a privilege to be here tonight and to join with you in this protest against an intolerable state of affairs. I must declare my sense of outrage that the notorious Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, friend of Adolf Hitler, murderer and international Jew-baiter, is today in Syria, reportedly flown there from France in a British plane. That the Grand Mufti is brought to power in the Middle East apparently with the help of the British at this particular moment, is, I consider, one of the most shameless affronts ever given to public decency. It is a despicable trick. For what purpose has he been brought back, if not to organize riots and pogroms, and to marshal all the feudal and reactionary forces in the Middle East? He has had experience at the job. The Grand Mufti was captured in Germany a year ago after he organized Arab Storm Trooper divisions to fight with the Axis powers against the United Nations. In Nuremberg and Vienna I saw proof which convinced me as a lawyer that this war criminal, who should now be on trial in Nuremberg, was himself largely responsible for mass slaughter of Jews. In Germany I saw an agreement dated twenty-four hours before Germany surrendered, which had been signed by the Nazi Government and a representative of the Grand Mufti in which huge sums of money were paid in gold to this Arab leader by the Nazis for his activities up to that day, and as payment in advance

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for his promise to lead an all Arab attack against the "common enemy." I charge that the Grand Mufti is now using funds given him by Hitler to carry on Hitler's work where Hitler left off. He is the most dangerous advocate of Hitler Fascism in the Middle East: he is the Fuehrer's spiritual successor; as such he is a menace not only to the Jews, but to all of us. This is the man who was blandly described by the spokesman for the Palestine Arab Party before our Committee hearings in Jerusalem as "our first and only leader, for whom there can be no substitute."

I am not amused to read in the New York Times the statement of a British Embassy spokesman in Cairo that "I have to hand it to the fellow. That is the ^{not} fourth time he has eluded us." I am/naive enough to think that the Grand Mufti "escaped" without the knowledge of the British, or that his arrival in the Middle East at this delicate moment while our recommendations are being considered, is pure coincidence.

In my opinion this country should demand the immediate arrest of the Grand Mufti and his trial as a war criminal. This man should be seized and held! He is a danger to the peace of the world. He is one of those 20 or 25 Moslem troublemakers, all of whose history is tied up with Nazi and Fascist intrigues, who constitute the so-called "Arab world."

I don't propose to mince words tonight. When our Committee was first appointed, I felt that rarely had 12 men been given such a historic opportunity. I promised myself I would not be a party to any duplicity: this matter was too big, too awe-inspiring, too crowded with the very stuff of history, for anything little, or mean, or equivocal. And I expressed the hope that ours would be a Committee to end Committees so far as this question was concerned. We knew there had been some 17 investigating commissions prior to ours. We knew many believed we represented merely a time-saving device, a camouflage to conceal a cruel and brutal policy of do-nothing. That was why from the first I maintained our hearings must be public. I felt the people were entitled to know what facts we uncovered.

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In this desire, I must say I found myself somewhat at odds with several of my colleagues.

Today, more than six weeks have passed since we signed that unanimous report recommending that 100,000 Jewish displaced persons be admitted forthwith to Palestine. And today they still wait in the camps of Germany and Austria, precisely where they were last February when we visited them.

I confess I should be ashamed to look into their faces now. This deadly -- these astounding conditions -- these extraordinary "consultations" and equivocations -- all these developments, I must say, we Americans on the Committee, at least, never anticipated. We have been led to believe otherwise. I repeat now what I said elsewhere: Mr. Bevin made it clear to us in London that the British government would put our recommendations into effect if they were unanimous. In addition, I submit to you a letter sent January 3, 1946, signed by a British Spokesman, Mr. John Balfour, to Congressman Samuel Weiss. It reads: "The Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Lord President of the Council, and the Colonial Secretary to whom you wrote, asked me to acknowledge on their behalf receipt of your letter of August 7, and to assure you that in Great Britain -- which has traditionally been a friend of the Jewish people -- there is no less fervent desire than in the United States to find a solution of their tragic problem...As the British Government are anxious that no avoidable time should be lost if the Committee finishes its report prior to the time when the problem can be considered before the UN, it will do its best to put the Committee's recommendations into effect."

As early as February, when our Committee met in Vienna after visiting the DP's, we, and others fought for an interim recommendation that the hundred thousand should then be permitted to go to Palestine. Many of us felt we would be compounding Hitler's fiendish crime if we forced these people to remain where they were while we engaged in the luxury of discussing long-term policies. I tell you, Ladies and Gentlemen, anyone who has visited these camps, who has looked into the

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faces of these men and women, can never again feel free from a sense of guilt. How could we have permitted all this to take place? You may read what you wish about the conditions of life today in the displaced persons centers but I assure you they live under conditions which can be described as tolerable only by comparison with their lives in the concentration camps. Anti-Semitism in Europe today is greater than it was when Hitler ruled. We ourselves experienced this anti-Semitism. In Vienna our Committee was given testimony in camera from responsible Austrian officials so anti-Semitic, so filled with hatred for the Jews, and misunderstanding of the Jews that it sickened us. Some day, perhaps, their words may be made public.

It was not difficult for us, therefore, to understand the DP's disillusionment. "What did it matter" they asked us, "in what country of Europe we lived?" Hitler planned the extermination of the Jews, but the people of each country provided his executioners. Long before we reached Vienna it was clear to us that from 90 to 100 percent of the Jewish displaced persons wished to go nowhere but Palestine. When asked about the United States, I am ashamed to say their answer was they had no surety that their fate in Germany and Austria would not be their fate here. They had heard of anti-Semitism, American style, too.

These 100,000 men and women in whose name we meet here tonight have been tried and tested in the crucible of Fascist horror. Those who have survived that ordeal have been forged into a very precious human quantity. They are a living testament to the indestructibility of the human spirit; and it is the human spirit which is the ultimate victim of fascism. They possess, individually and as a group, a vitality which could not be destroyed. The world sorely needs that vitality now. From the point of view of strengthening democracy, therefore, no healthier democratic tonic could be given the feudal Middle East than the entrance there now of these men and women.

Tried as they have been, who better than they can be counted to be in the forefront of the fight for the rights of the individual against those of arbitrary

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rule, for human dignity and human freedom? Can a Bevin or an Attlee say he is a better fighter for the freedom of the human spirit than the man who has lived through Bergen-Belsen and Maidanek? Can a glib orator of the Arab Office in Washington or London say that he knows the meaning of liberty better than a hero of the Warsaw Ghetto? Can an Arab pasha in Cairo, or an oil-rich Arab effendi in Baghdad, say that when the battlelines are drawn between the forces of fascism and democracy he will know better where to throw his lot than a tortured Jewish editor from Vienna who paid in agony for his courageous defense of free speech?

This is the quality of these people who are prepared to fight their way to Palestine. You cannot speak with them without being aware of that. Hundreds, when asked to tell us their second choice if they could not go to Palestine, wrote as second choice the word "Crematorium." They are going to Palestine, Ladies and Gentlemen, and nothing but the grave will halt them!

I marvelled then, in February, at their self-control. I marvel now that they have not yet, in one final human cataclysmic explosion of rage and frustration and bitterness, gone so far as to break out of the camps.

The American Army authorities pleaded with us, as long ago as last February, to clean out those camps. General Tate, Chief of Staff to General Mark Clark, tendered us a dinner in Vienna. I remember his parting words: "Gentlemen, for God's sake, help us! We are at the end of our rope!" This was last February.

Were the British to issue passports, these 100,000 could be in Palestine in two months time.

Let us turn to the reasons now given for failing to carry out our unanimous report. "Illegal armies must be disbanded." "We shall need American soldiers in Palestine."

Both conditions are absurdities. We know. These matters we specifically investigated. You cannot disband the Haganah. The highest British military authorities warned us this was impossible. How are you to disband what is

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virtually the organization of every able-bodied man and woman in Jewish Palestine? How disband an organization which is a miracle of unity of 600,000 acting as one to defend life itself? We discussed this matter of laying down of arms most carefully in Palestine. We debated it most thoroughly in Switzerland, and we rejected it.

As my British colleague on the Committee, Mr. Richard Crossman, Labor MP, has pointed out, any attempt to forcibly disarm the Haganah would hurl Great Britain into a terribly tragic Anglo-Jewish war, which for the British would be as disastrous to Anglo-American relations as were the Irish troubles of a generation ago.

The members of the so-called illegal armies whom I met in Palestine I found to be idealistic young men and women of courage and integrity who see no way to convince Britain of the justice of their cause, except by force. They are the Sinn Feiners of the Jewish Resistance movement.

Yet it should never be forgotten how the entire Jewish community of Palestine set aside its differences with Britain and gave its complete support to defeat of the Nazis. Haganah men and women were valued soldiers in our common cause. They wrote a glorious chapter which has yet to be told in full.

In contrast, the Arab community was largely indifferent to the war. The Committee had striking proof of this in the testimony of Jamal Husseini, leader of the Palestine Arabs, and chief agitator for the return of the Grand Mufti, who is his cousin. Jamal asserted that the Arabs had no interest in whether fascism or democracy won; it was all the same to them. In the war between Hitler and Mussolini on one side, and the democracies on the other "we were spiritually neutral," he declared; and he managed to get into the record the scurrilous statement that he had read somewhere that it "was a Jewish war anyway." We asked where he had read this, and he replied, it had been scrawled on subway walls in London! As to the pro-Axis record of the Grand Mufti -- as to the photographs submitted at the hearings showing the Mufti taking the salute of Moslem Nazi Storm Troopers -- oh, well, the Grand Mufti aided and advised Hitler in his war against the

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democracies "because he wanted to get something out of Hitler in case he won."

This is the Arab record. These are the Arab "leaders" who invoke "democracy." This is the Arab leadership which has such representatives as Azzam Bey, secretary general of the Arab League, who asserted earlier this week that the "colonizers" of Palestine are "criminals against humanity" — those brave men and women who are redeeming deserts, who are fighting malaria and trachoma, who are making it possible for Arab children to be born to life and not to death!

This Jewish resistance movement which so concerns Mr. Attlee certainly is not anti-British. I have not seen sufficient attention given to this fact and I quote now from a statement presented to our Committee in Jerusalem signed by Head of Command, Jewish Resistance Movement:

"We have devoted ourselves to a struggle against the hostile policy pursued against us by Great Britain; but we have no animosity towards the British people or the British Commonwealth of Nations. We have no interest whatsoever in the weakening of Britain's position in the world, the Middle East, or Palestine; we have no connection with any of the undermining activity which goes on against Britain in various places. The sole conflict between us has been created by the British Government in its repudiation of the Mandate. We have no course left but to stand firmly and strongly in defense of our rights, and if there be no other way out, to stand to the last."

Not only will these people not be disarmed; if this cruel delay continues, I am afraid that in Palestine, too, they will break the bonds of self-restraint. I warn both the British Colonial Office and our own dilatory State Department: the pent-up frustration and indignation which will explode sooner or later among the displaced persons of Central Europe will be paralleled by an equally tragic explosion in Palestine. There is a limit to what people will endure.

Now, as to the suggestion that American soldiers must be sent to Palestine.

Surely Mr. Attlee must know that our Committee received conclusive evidence from British military and political experts on the spot that no trouble — even

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from extremely nationalistic Arabs -- was expected if the 100,000 were permitted into Palestine. The British Commanding General, British Forces, Cairo, and the British Commanding General, British Forces, Jerusalem, asserted that the Jews were well able to take care of themselves; that they could put into the field a force sufficient to defend themselves against the entire Arab world. (And this does not even take into consideration the 100,000 British troops now stationed in Palestine.)

I think I might disclose also that a British officer of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Palestine Government, who had been in charge of our security arrangements in Jerusalem joined us in Switzerland while we were writing our report. He was told we had recommended immediate entry of 100,000 Jews. His reaction was honest and immediate: "I am delighted to hear that. We shall be able to reduce our security forces by half. And you won't have any trouble from the Arabs."

The Committee, of course, looked very carefully into the possibility of a so-called Arab uprising. No Arab state would dispatch troops to Palestine even if it has such troops -- knowing such an action would bring it into war with the great powers. The Arab states will take care of their own interests first. Egypt's first interest is not Palestine. It is to incorporate the Sudan and Libya within a greater Egypt. Yet even in this objective she has not sent her troops. She would be out of her mind to send her small force of badly-trained, badly-armed troops into a war of intervention in Palestine. Iraq, today faces the constant danger of Kurdish uprising. She cannot afford to send even one battalion to Palestine, particularly since the Iraqi government depends upon British arms, and she knows it would be suicidal to wage war against British and American decisions. Saudi Arabia dare not send its desert horsemen through Iraq or Trans-Jordan to Palestine because of the deep-seated feud between the Hashemites who rule those two countries, and Ibn Saud. As for Syria and Lebanon, they don't have sufficient forces to maintain internal order, let alone to be sent off to Palestine.

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It is all a colossal bluff. There will be no violence in Palestine unless the great powers concerned want violence -- unless they import the Mufti and his like to organize trouble. And there will be no violence if Jewish hopes in Palestine are given an honest chance.

It was a revelation to discover the excellent relations between the average Jew and the average Arab in Palestine. The Arab farmer who gets more for his crops and the Arab worker who knows his wage level is the highest in the entire Middle East -- both because they have the benefit of Jewish -- that is to say, Western -- methods, are today for the first time in their history, beginning to experience what it is like to seek freedom and a little happiness.

We found no anti-Semitism in Palestine. The opposition of the Arab "leaders" is opposition to western democratic civilization. But these leaders do not speak for the masses. As they testified themselves before us in Jerusalem, they were not elected by the people: they chose themselves spokesmen. They have vested interests; they wish to maintain their power position. They wish to maintain the feudal status quo, so that they can remain feudal lords. They wish to maintain it though it means 80 to 90 percent illiteracy, tremendous infant mortality, widespread disease, and for the masses a way of life nearer animal than man. They do not want democratic freedom for the individual because that weakens their position as feudal lords and landlords who live on the backs of the poverty-stricken masses. You will not find this objection among the people. Precisely as these self-elected "spokesmen" stand to lose, so the masses stand to gain.

No Arab appearing before us dared say Palestine could not easily absorb the 100,000. They know there is a labor shortage in Palestine both on farm and in city. We confirmed the judgment of such distinguished authorities as Robert Nathan, Dr. Walter Lowdermilk, and others who told us Palestine could absorb not only 100,000 immigrants this year, but at least 2,000,000 more in the next decade, and that full development of the magnificent Jordan Valley project, by which the waters of the Jordan would help give back life to the dead wastes of central Palestine,

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would allow the support of 4,000,000 additional population, aside from the Jews and Arabs already in Palestine.

All this was presented brilliantly to us in our first -- and perhaps most conclusive -- hearings, those in Washington. We were deeply impressed by the testimony and the calibre of the men who appeared on behalf of the Zionist case. And in Europe we discovered that all that such men as Dean Harrison and Dr. Schwartz had told us was tragically true.

It was an excellent procedure for the Committee to come to Washington. Otherwise the British members might never have learned first-hand how much interest is taken in the Palestine problem by the American people. They were astonished to see the space given to the subject by the American press and the extent to which it has become a great public issue.

This, in turn, highlights the subsequent conspiracy of silence in the British press, in which scarcely any space was given to our hearings. I was dismayed to discover the fact that the Anglo-American Committee was studying one of the most important international problems of our generation apparently was not deemed newsworthy in London. I do not know why. I simply state the fact.

But we were well aware of the interest of American public opinion, which was honestly reflected in this country. We read diligently all the newspaper reports, for voluminous clippings were cut from the American press by the State Department and airmailed to us by diplomatic pouch wherever we were. Thus it was possible for us to see ourselves in a greater framework and judge the value of our work accordingly.

What is at stake here? My political philosophy has always been based, like that of the late Wendell Willkie, on the conviction that the United States has a sacred duty both to other countries and to itself to lead in the rebuilding of a sick world. One cannot live long in the midst of disease, spiritual or physical, without becoming diseased oneself. It is to our advantage to fight the ill from

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which the world suffers. We must give to the disillusioned and heartsick peoples everywhere the realization that the two great democracies do not propose to base their future on a Europe organized along Fascist lines. We must make it abundantly clear that our two great democracies do not propose to base their foreign policy upon a Middle East organized along feudal lines. We must prove that we are realists and no longer put our faith in phony cordons sanitaires. The way to health is to eradicate disease, not build a fence around it.

To my audience tonight, I have this to say. You are in the midst of a terrific struggle. You must not weary of it till victory. I congratulate you and the leaders of your movement upon your magnificent efforts to date. Two or three years ago your cause was something obscure, drawing little attention and less support. You have changed all that. You have aroused the attention and the conscience of America. That is your bulwark, your greatest weapon. England must listen to the United States. She must realize that she cannot lightly dissipate the good will and friendliness of the American people. She should be warned that in that direction lies tragedy.

But I am sure that we can work together, Great Britain and the United States. No one can have travelled through Europe today — that broken and spiritless continent — without coming to the overwhelming conviction that the future of this generation rests upon our two countries. We must approach a world victimized and spiritually sucked dry, and if we would be of assistance to it and to ourselves, we must approach it with clean hands, united in good will, in friendliness and in peace.

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**AMERICAN ZIONISTS ANNOUNCE UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE
RESISTANCE FORCES OF JEWISH PALESTINE**

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DR. SILVER AND DR. WISE, IN MESSAGE TO JEWISH COMMUNITY OF PALESTINE,
PLEDGE "EVERY SUPPORT WHICH IT IS IN OUR POWER TO RENDER"

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New York — The American Zionist Emergency Council, speaking for the entire Zionist movement in the United States, today announced its unqualified support for the organized and responsible resistance forces of the Jews of Palestine, the Haganah.

In a cable to the Jewish community of Palestine, signed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, joint chairmen, the Council declared, "We stand behind you in your heroic struggle and will give you every support which it is in our power to render."

"To the organized and responsible resistance forces of the Jews of Palestine, the Haganah, we send the expression of our encouragement and admiration. Like the Revolutionaries of 1776, you are fighting against tyranny and injustice. The Jewish people, which has survived Hitler, will survive alike the crassness and cheap sneers of Mr. Bevin, and the brutal repression and new appeasements of British imperialism," Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise declared in their cable.

The text of the cable follows:

"Each day that passes brings reports of new tensions and new acts of violence in Palestine. The moral responsibility for these happenings is not that of

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the Jews. It lies deep in the policy of the British Government which has betrayed its own pledges and now confirms its faithlessness by seeking to terrorize the Jews of Palestine by draconian laws and displays of armed might.

"The shameful epilogue to the Nazi slaughter of the Jews of Europe is today being written in terms of blood and suffering by British bayonets - bayonets directed not against the Nazis or their murderous collaborator, the Mufti, but against the pitiful survivors of those mass killings, and against their brothers and sisters in Palestine.

"It was the party of Mr. Attlee and Mr. Bevin which, only a year ago, pledged itself to open wide the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration. It is that party, now installed in office, which uses British arms and British power to bar entry into Palestine to the surviving Jews of Europe and which seeks ruthlessly to suppress the efforts of Palestine Jewry to give sanctuary and a haven to their own brothers and sisters in the Jewish National Home.

"Five years have passed since Dunkirk, when England, fighting on in the face of overwhelming odds, succeeded in preserving her national existence. For Jewish Palestine today this is Dunkirk. It is Britain who, to her shame, now stands forth in the role of the oppressor and as the betrayer of her pledged word.

"To the organized and responsible resistance forces of the Jews of Palestine, the Haganah, we send the expression of our encouragement and admiration. Without condoning or approving acts of desperation committed by isolated groups, we say to the Jews of Palestine, your fight is ours and your losses and your sufferings are our own. Like the Revolutionaries of 1776, you are fighting against tyranny and injustice. The Jewish people, which has survived Hitler, will survive alike the crassness and cheap sneers of Mr. Bevin, and the brutal repression and new appeasements of British imperialism.

"We stand behind you in your heroic struggle and will give you every support

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which it is in our power to render. You are in the vanguard of the struggle for the establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth, the right to which was conceded by

~~the nations~~ of the world a quarter of a century ago. On you are centered the thoughts and hopes of millions of your fellow Jews throughout the world. Be strong and of good cheer for you are not alone."

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MESSAGE TRANSMITTED FROM PALESTINE

HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOU: QUOTE ATHLIT IS NO LONGER A
DETENTION CAMP STOP IT IS NOW A CONCENTRATION CAMP STOP SPECIALLY TRAINED INTERRO-
GATORS FROM JERUSALEM, BEERSHEBA SENT TO ATHLIT FOR TASK OF EXTRACTING INFORMATION
FROM UNWILLING SPEAKERS STOP METHOD IS AS FOLLOWS: ONE--THOROUGH BEATING; TWO--
MAULING OF SEX ORGANS; THREE--HANGING STONES UNDER ARMS FOR SEVERAL HOURS AFTER
WHICH QUESTIONING BEGINS STOP SURROUNDING SETTLEMENTS HEAR CRIES FOR HELP BUT ARE
UNABLE TO ASSIST STOP MESSAGE SMUGGLED TO JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY TO AROUSE PUBLIC
OPINION IN US STOP BERL REPATUR SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. MALCHEMETH HADROH UNQUOTE

MESSAGE FROM JEWISH REFUGEES IN ITALY

BRITISH HOSTILE AND UNJUSTIFIED ARREST OF MEMBERS OF JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE --
THE ONLY LEGAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNIZED JEWISH REPRESENTATION STRUGGLING FOR THE
RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO LIVE AS A FREE NATION IN ITS OWN COUNTRY, PALESTINE -- AROUSED A
WAVE OF SHARPEST PROTESTS AMONG ALL JEWS IN ITALY, NATIVES AND REFUGEES AGAINST THE
BRITISH MANDATORY POWER IN PALESTINE AND MOST CORDIAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE DETAINED
MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH AGENCY STOP IN THE NAME OF ALL JEWS IN ITALY WE DENOUNCE THE
BETRAYAL POLICY OF THE BRITISH LABOR GOVERNMENT TOWARDS THE JEWISH NATION, THE MOST
TRAGIC VICTIM OF NAZISM BITTERLY STRUGGLING NOW FOR ITS EXISTENCE AND HOMELAND STOP
WE FULLY SHARE RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE JEWISH AGENCY AND YISHUV (JEWISH COMMUNITY)
AND REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ALIYAH (EMIGRATION) TO PALESTINE FOR ALL JEWS WHO WISH TO DO
SO STOP WE DECLARE THERE WILL BE NO PEACE IN THE WORLD UNTIL JUSTICE WILL BE DONE TO
ISRAEL

CANTONI, PRESIDENT BOARD OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES, ITALY
GARFUNKEL, PRESIDENT, JEWISH REFUGEES, ITALY
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MESSAGE FROM WILLIAM GREEN
PRESIDENT, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

THE DISTRESSING SITUATION WHICH PREVAILS IN PALESTINE HAS CAUSED A FEELING OF GRAVE APPREHENSION IN THE MINDS OF ALL WORKING PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE SHOCKED BY THE REPORTS THAT THOSE RESIDING IN PALESTINE ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO MILITARY CONTROL, MARTIAL LAW AND PERSECUTION. WE PROTEST SUCH TREATMENT AS A VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND SUBORDINATION OF THOSE PEOPLE TO MILITARY DICTATORIAL CONTROL. WE INSIST AND DEMAND THAT SUCH PRACTICE SHALL CEASE AND GREAT BRITAIN SHALL IMMEDIATELY PUT INTO EFFECT THE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ADMISSION OF 100,000 JEWISH REFUGEES INTO PALESTINE. THE TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR DECISIVE ACTION. FURTHER DELAY WILL CAUSE WIDESTREAD DISCONTENTMENT AND HUMAN SUFFERING. THE CALL OF THE MOMENT IS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN CARRYING OUT THE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE

MESSAGE FROM DAVID BEN GURION
CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

PARIS

JEWAGENCY NEWYORK

PALESTINE REPORTS MESHEK YAGUR COMPLETELY DESTROYED STOP ALL CHILDREN IN YAGUR ABOVE TEN YEARS OF AGE BROUGHT TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS; ALSO FROM MANY OTHER SETTLEMENTS; MOST MALE POPULATION ABOVE TEN YEARS REMOVED TO CONCENTRATION CAMP STOP BRITISH TORTURE PRISONERS AT LITH CONCENTRATION CAMP; SEX ORGANS AND OTHERWISE STOP MANY WILL REMAIN INVALIDS FOR LIFETIME STOP RABBI FISHMAN REFUSES FOOD OR DRINK HAVING BEEN BEATEN WHEN HE OFFERED TO WALK TO CONCENTRATION CAMP BECAUSE OF SABBATH AND WAS FORCED INTO THE LORRY

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ADDRESS OF LOUIS HOLLANDER
PRESIDENT, NEW YORK STATE CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

The unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American Commission that 100,000 Jewish refugees be admitted to Palestine at once must be carried out immediately. We must not allow any smoke-screen, any diversionary measures to obscure our real goal, the immediate admission of the 100,000 refugees to Palestine.

American labor has every right to expect that the British labor government will keep the promise it made to accept the unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American Commission. That is a sacred obligation, voluntarily undertaken and the American workers expect that it will be fulfilled.

American labor has always supported British labor in its hopes and aspirations, because they represented the strivings of all the workers for a better world, a world free from racial and religious persecutions, a world in which the little people would have an opportunity to live peacefully. The action of the Labor government of Britain has destroyed the basic ideals for which labor has always stood. Where is the better world that British labor in common with all the workers of the world, has so painfully fought for? Certainly it is not in Palestine where a harsh military dictatorship, as ruthless as any in the world rules with the bomb, the machine gun and the bayonet, where mass arrests of Jewish workers take place.

The action of the British labor government in Palestine is a terrible blow against labor everywhere in the world. It is discrediting all labor as well as threatening to bring disaster to the peaceful aspirations of the Jewish people. From the very earliest days of the labor movement, minorities everywhere have turned with faith and hope to the workers' organizations, confident that they would find friends there who understood and sympathized with their yearnings. In fact all the downtrodden of the earth have regarded the workers group as their own
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and looked to them for aid in achieving freedom from their oppressors. And the labor movement always fulfilled these hopes. All labor has greeted with joy the coming to power of the British labor movement and was hailed by labor, liberal and progressive forces all over the world. We were certain that a British labor government would deal justly with all oppressed minorities and particularly with the pitiful remnant of European Jewry which had suffered so much at the hands of the Nazi murderers.

Now these hopes are dashed to the ground and the betrayal of the Jewish aspirations has brought a great tragedy to an already troubled world. For where are the oppressed and the downtrodden to turn if not to the labor movement? The British labor government by its action in Palestine has dealt a shattering blow to the prestige of labor everywhere in the world. It has betrayed not only the Jews, but all the ideals, the hopes and the dreams which gave it its driving force and brought it victory at the polls.

American labor will not accept this answer of the British labor government as the true voice of the British people or of the world labor movement of which the British workers are part. American labor, united in its demand for justice to the Jewish people, will insist that the solemn obligation made by the labor party and the labor government be carried out and that the 100,000 Jewish refugees be admitted to Palestine at once. American labor will not be fooled for an instant by the holier than thou attitude of Prime Minister Attlee and his meaningless talk putting down "Jewish terror" and "restoring order" in Palestine. Nor will the brutality of the British military and the colonial bureaucrats in Palestine serve to make us forget our real goal - the immediate carrying out of the unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American Commission. Time is short. There must be an end to betrayals. The British labor government must redeem itself and all labor by carrying out its pledges at once and even at this late date deal justly with the Jewish victims of Hitlerism by opening the gates of Palestine to them.

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ADDRESS OF ISIDORE MAGLER
VICE-PRESIDENT, NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR
VICE-PRESIDENT, I. L. G. W. U.

We are here today not to plead, but to act: not to protest, but to accept a declaration of war! There is a limit to what you can take sitting down! How long are we going to take it? When do we say — "Look — this is enough. This is far enough. So far — no farther!" I am convinced I speak in the name of American labor, in the name of working men and women throughout the country, when I say that we are sick, sick unto nausea, of the run-around the Jewish people are getting. We are sick of the pledges that are unfulfilled, the promises that aren't kept. We are sick of high and mighty words — how No. 10 Downing St. knows how to coin them! -- We are outraged by this procrastination, this delay, this equivocation, and finally, this outright, shameful insult, by what is now taking place in Palestine. How long will this tragic merry-go-round continue? How long do you think the Jewish survivors of Nazism now rotting in the camps of Europe will wait? How long do you think the Yishuv of Palestine — that well-fortified, disciplined, intelligent Yishuv — will restrain itself? I tell you, that unless we doubt the evidence of our eyes and the conclusions of ordinary intelligence, the Jewish people are today being betrayed on a scale, and with a cynicism and indifference never before seen.

I don't have to rehearse for this audience the pledges made by British labor on Palestine. We welcomed them with all our hearts. We working people said, Now Labor will prove itself. Now we shall have our representatives in the seat of Government of one of the greatest nations in the world. We thought that now hope had come to a world depressed and betrayed by Tory and imperialist interests, and

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we thought we had caught a glimpse of a new world of hope and security for the working man.

And now look to what a pitiable level that British Labor Party has brought itself, and us, and the name of Labor!

Let me read to you these words. When I first heard them, it seemed to me that the very flames of Auschwitz and Dachau had leaped from the crematoria of horror, and in penance, set these words flaming before the world for all to see: "Surely there is neither hope nor meaning in a Jewish National Home unless we are prepared to let the Jews, if they wish, enter this tiny land in such numbers as to become a majority." Listen to the trip-hammer blows of the words that follow, words that hammered hope white-hot in the hearts of men: "There was a strong case for this before the war, and there is an irresistible case for it now, after the unspeakable atrocities of the cold-blooded calculated German Nazi plan to kill all the Jews of Europe...The Arabs have many wide territories of their own. They should not seek to exclude the Jews from this small area of Palestine."

These are the words of the Palestine plank upon which the British Labor Party was elected.

What has happened to this "strong case" now? Who is seeking to exclude the Jews from this small area of Palestine? The Arabs talk about it, but it is the British Government — the British Labor Government — which is keeping these Jews out. It is the British Labor Government which has on its conscience not only the locking out of the 100,000 displaced persons for whom President Truman and the Anglo-American Committee urged entry — and I do not absolve our own Administration from the charge of timidity and procrastination in this tragic affair — but the British Labor Government also has on its conscience the high-handed arrest of the distinguished leaders of the Jewish people in Palestine, who have been seized like common criminals and rushed off to prison. What took place in Palestine reads like

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a chapter from the Nazi black book of horror, and that is where it belongs!

What crimes have these people committed? If it is a crime to insist that the 100,000 people recommended by the Anglo-American Committee be admitted immediately into Palestine, then the President of the United States is guilty of the same crime. If it is a crime to seek self-respect as a nation among nations in accordance with the Balfour Declaration and other promises, then the Congress of the United States and every decent person in the world are guilty of the same crime.

Well, what are we going to do about it? What do you do when a revered Rabbi, leader of the world's Orthodox Jewry, despite his protests that he cannot ride on the Sabbath, is dragged from his home and forcibly thrown by soldiers into a car and rushed off to prison like a common criminal? What do you do when tear gas is used on citizens, troops take over the Histadruth, the worker's bank, the newspapers?

When this is done, you act! — An aroused citizenry calls upon its own militia — its people's army — to fight such tyranny. And the sympathizers throughout the world of that aroused citizenry act like one man. They encourage, they support, they help.

Let us help them now! We live in a democracy, thank God. The Jews of Palestine are under martial law. They are under a tyranny of prison, censorship, machine-guns. But you can act! Labor can act! Labor has learned in the crucible of bitter experience that you must fight for what you want. That is why working people are organized. That is why they are a power. Very well! Let us act! Let every one of us do a job. The time has passed for words. They have given us words. Let us give them action. Everyone here should constitute himself a committee of one to make the British regret they ever began this war on the

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Jewish people and on one of the world's greatest labor communities. Whom do they think they're dealing with in Palestine? Let them know they won't get away with this. Each of you can do many things. You can devote a part of your lunch hour every day from now on picketing the British Consulate. You can each get ten of your friends to picket.

I call upon my listeners to join in a battle for freedom, for the right of the Jewish people to live and work in decency, honor and nationhood. And fighting together we will win!

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EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS OF MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN,
PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH, WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

We have come here today, not to plead, not to appeal to the sense of decency and fair play of a Britain which has proved herself wholly without conscience and honor. We have come here to fight and to serve notice on Britain that we have taken up her challenge! She has declared war on the Jewish people. Very well, then — let her take the consequences of our determination to struggle day and night by the side of our heroic brothers and sisters in Palestine.

We of Hadassah, who have poured years of toil and infinite love and devotion on Palestine and its people — we will not now stand idly by while British tyranny tears down what Jewish energy, Jewish courage, and Jewish resourcefulness have created. It is that same energy, courage and resourcefulness which will be the determining factor in the final battle.

Let Britain beware. Other strong and mighty empires have sought to destroy us in the past. They have crumbled, but the Jewish people lives on. The Jewish people will continue to live on!

The days before us will be grim and hard. But we will not falter. Inspired by the heroic Jewish community of Palestine — the glorious Yishuv — we will work and fight tirelessly until our day of victory comes.

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REMARKS BY ISAAC HAMLIN,
LEADER OF THE LABOR ZIONIST ORGANIZATION TOALE ZION
AND NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR LABOR PALESTINE

The American Labor Zionist movement condemns the outrageous acts of the British government, which amount to a virtual pogrom against the Jewish people, as in the days of Czarist Russia and Hitlerite Germany. The dastardly betrayal of the British Labor Government of its labor comrades in Palestine, the Histadrut, is unparalleled in history. The Attlee-Bevin government has aimed to destroy the Jewish Agency, the Histadrut labor federation and the very heart of Jewish national existence. It seeks to perpetuate the agony of the Jewish people as an eternal minority. We proclaim without any reservations, that the Jewish masses of America will stand fast in its support of the Jewish Agency which has been selected by the Jews themselves and will never capitulate to any Quisling regime that the British may conspire to set up. We shall give our unstinted support to Haganah, which is the front line of Jewish self-defense, an organization of workers and farmers whose sole purpose is to protect Jewish life and hopes. It is non-terroristic and fights any chaotic trends which the British seek to foster. We shall fight for the opening of the gates for mass Jewish immigration until the final fulfillment of the Jewish Commonwealth.

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EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS OF REPRESENTATIVE EMANUEL CELLER (D., N.Y.)

Britain again shows her true colors. She adamantly refuses to learn. She has closed the Jewish Agency, and seized and imprisoned thousands of Jews in Palestine. Over and beyond that, we received word only yesterday that she has seized and imprisoned leaders of the Histadruth, Palestine's central labor organization. What irony! A Labor Government attacks the structure of labor organizations elsewhere.

Perhaps that was to be expected, for if there is one thing we have learned of British Colonial policy it is that Britain respects not ideas or ideals or pledges or faith - no, none of these things. She respects force and force only. That much we have learned. But what has Britain learned? Britain imprisoned De Valera, but Ireland became free. She seized hundreds of Indian leaders, including Ghandi, Nehru, and Mrs. Pandit, but her cruelties availed her not. Indian freedom is imminent. She seized and tortured our own patriots of the American Revolution, but we loosed the chains of British servitude.

Incarceration of Jewish leaders will only cover her hands with more blood of Jewish martyrs and will strengthen the Jewish Resistance Movement in the Holy Land. Palestine's Jews had to meet the Arab assaults in 1920, 1921, 1929 and 1936 with bare knuckles. They were denied arms which were furnished to the Arabs, who while killing Jews called out: "The Government is with us." Jews must have arms and a militia, especially when the British stand charged with the offense of failing to provide public security.

The Hagannah, the Jewish Underground Citizens' Army, is a purely defensive organization. Its leaders are no more terrorists than were Patrick Henry, Nathan Hale, George Washington or Thomas Jefferson.

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Calling them terrorists is the British smokescreen to mask their own activities in Palestine. Do they seek to parallel their brutalities in the Black and Tan outrages in Ireland once again in Palestine? The Irish resisted in the name of freedom. The Jews can do no less.

History tells us, too, that the United States was proud at all times not only to sympathize, but actively to support patriots in lands that sought to loosen the chains of oppression.

If the Jews have found that they must now resist to protect their homes and their land, I applaud that resistance movement. And if the only protection against the use of force is force - then so be it! It shall have and must have your blessing and mine with our knowledge of Jewish suffering, deprivation and death.

I am one of those who feel we must render every support and assistance to the Jewish patriots. I call upon American Jews, particularly, not only to support this resistance movement with fine words, but I also ask that they give concrete material expression to that sympathy with every means at their command. I know that the American people in the light of their own fight against indignities in all forms will view with favor what the Jews are doing in Palestine.

I say, let us here and now organize a Friends of the Jewish Resistance Movement and I am certain that all those who value human rights above all other rights will join with me. Will you join with me?

I do not know what the Zionist Organization leaders will do with regard to the resistance movement. I am speaking for myself alone, as an American, as a liberal who knows that upon the fate of one liberal cause rests all other liberal causes, and I speak also as a member of the people of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But I intensely hope that my words will be re-echoed in many places and that the honesty of this point of view will prevail among all of us so that in and out of organizations we can send moral and material aid.

As an individual my course is clear to me. As a member of the House of

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Representatives my course is likewise clear to me. I shall not be a hypocrite. I shall vote against the 4½ billion dollar loan to Britain! It will, I assure you, give me great pleasure to vote against the loan. I shall not vote in favor of British imperialism and force. I want to see that loan defeated. I want to hear Britain say, with the Psalms, "According to the cleanness of my hands, hath he recompensed me."

I know that my vote against the loan will speak for many millions in this country who favor decency and conscience and the dignity of human life more than they favor Britain, particularly a Britain without honor and without shame.

I say the glory rests with those who fight back and not with the crawling and the cowed. As friends of the Jewish resistance movement, let us remember that.

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VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

As citizens of the U.S. exercising our rights as free Americans, the rights of freedom of assembly and freedom of speech, we are here to lift up our voice once more for ourselves as well as for the heroic Jews of Palestine who are today subject to a British reign of terror and whose voice is muffled and gagged by British censorship.

Are we tired of meeting, demonstrating, protesting and demanding justice for our people? The answer is "no". We are not living in a British colony under the Union-Jack. We are living in America under the Stars and Stripes. We are not surrounded by British bayonets. We are surrounded by millions of fellow-Americans who love justice and whose pulse is still quickened by every struggle for human freedom. And as long as Britain, through her Bevins and her Attlees continues on her present course of treachery and brutality, and as long as there is decency and humanity left in the world, so long we will continue to cry out from the depths of our wounded hearts and appeal to the conscience of the world, Christian America, to our own Government, to stay the murderous onslaught of British Imperialism.

But our first word today must be a word of greeting, of cheer, encouragement and admiration, which we send from this Square to the heroic Jews of Palestine. To them we say, "You do not stand alone. Five million American Jews are with you in this fight. It is our firm resolve to continue to stand with you through thick and thin. We are proud of your noble achievements. We are no less proud to behold that few as you are, you have the courage to rise and resist the iniquity and tyranny of a great power; that you know how

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to fight like heroes and die like men."

From this Square we send a fervent message to the leaders of the Jewish Agency now under arrest. Our hearts are with you in Latrun. We send our greetings to the World Mizrahi leader, the venerable Rabbi Judah Fishman who was seized on Saturday morning and forced to desecrate the Sabbath. We send our greetings to Isaac Gruenbaum, the veteran leader of Polish Jewry. We send our greetings to the Director of the Political Department of the Agency, Moshe Shertok and to his associate Dr. Bernard Joseph, and we send our heartfelt greetings to David Remez head of the Histadruth, the Federation of Labor. We know why you are interned. Not because of any crimes you have committed, but because you are representatives and leaders of the Jewish people. You are our leaders as well, and we offer you from afar, the homage of our unreserved admiration and the pledge of our unreserved loyalty in your leadership. Benin and Attlee have sought to cast you into a pit but they have only succeeded in lifting you up to the heights. From this day on you are enthroned in the hearts of World Jewry.

There is yet another message we have to send--a message to the front line of defense--the Hagana, those brave men and women; to these boys and girls, the bulwark of the Yishuv we say, "You are not only the Hagana of Palestine. You are our Hagana! You are the vanguard of the Jewish resistance. You are fighting not only your battle, but our battle--the battle of the dispersed, the oppressed, the disinherited, the remnants of Israel in Europe and you have given to the Jews of the world something infinitely precious,--the sense of self-respect and the feeling that the valor of Bar Kechba is not dead, that the blood of the Maccabees still runs in Jewish veins."

Six million of our fellow Jews were slaughtered in Europe unarmed and defenseless. Today we thank God that there is one spot on earth where Jewish rights

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cannot be trampled under with impunity and where Jews cannot be led like sheep to the slaughter. We thank God for Hagana, symbol of Jewish National rebirth, marking the dawn of a new era in Jewish history, era of resistance.

Step by step the British government has been stripping itself of cloak after cloak and mask after mask. It now stands revealed in all the nakedness of hideous perfidy. The mighty British Empire still could not apprehend and bring to justice that war criminal and arch assassin, the Ex-Mufti of Jerusalem. He, the Mufti who enlisted volunteers for Hitler is at large, free to carry on his criminal intrigues while Moshe Shertok who recruited volunteers for the British Army and organized the Jewish Brigade is imprisoned. Yet I say that as sure as there is a God in heaven, the Bevin-Mufti Alliance representing the dark forces of imperialism and reaction will not prevail against the forces of right, justice and democracy.

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ADDRESS OF PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN
TO BE DELIVERED AT MADISON SQUARE PARK — TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1946

I find it very difficult to convey in words how deeply I have been shocked by the events of the last few days in Palestine. It is nearly thirty years since the British Government pledged itself to the support of the establishment of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. That pledge was the very basis of the Mandate which was entrusted to Great Britain. Now after the Jews have made good in Palestine, after a new civilization has sprung up in that country, the British Government appears to have decided to liquidate the policy which it pledged itself to carry through in Palestine. That was the meaning of the White Paper which closed the gates of Palestine to the Jews during the most critical period of their history. And now that the war is over and that the Jewish survivors of the Nazi Terror in Europe are waiting anxiously for the chance to rebuild their shattered lives among their own people in Palestine, the British Government, whose party has pledged itself so deeply to the support of the Jewish National Home is maintaining and even intensifying this iniquitous policy. It is this which has driven the Jews of Palestine and the Jewish survivors in Europe to despair. And in order to deflect attention from its failure to implement the unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry for the immediate admission of hundred thousand Jewish Refugees, the Government has embarked upon this ruthless repression of the Jews of Palestine. It has arrested the leaders of the Jewish Agency, the men who stood by Great Britain in her darkest hour, who raised thirty thousand Jewish volunteers for the British Army and rendered every possible help to the British war effort. And this is being done at the very moment when the notorious Mufti, the man who betrayed the Allies and went over to Hitler in the midst of the war, has been allowed

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to make his re-appearance in the Middle East and renew his mischievous and dangerous activities.

The Jews of Palestine are far from being an aggressive people. They showed that during the three years of the Arab disturbances before the war, when they maintained self-discipline and restraint in the face of daily provocation. They have had to build up their own self-defense because they were not adequately protected by the British government, as the Royal Commission of 1937 declared publicly. Under these circumstances the disarmament of the Jewish settlers which the British Army is now endeavouring to carry out with such ruthlessness, does not mean, as the British Prime Minister declared, restoration of Law and Order, but the delivery of a minority community to its doom.

I appeal to the American people and to the American Government to raise their voice in protest against this high-handed action of the British government and to do whatever lies in their power to bring about the immediate discontinuance of those repulsive measures of repression. I appeal to all fair-minded people in Great Britain to halt this destructive policy which will imperil the good name of their country and which can only end in a major disaster. And I appeal to the Governments of Great Britain and America to declare forthwith that ~~hundred~~ hundred thousand Jewish survivors will be immediately admitted to Palestine. ~~There~~ and not force and repression, is the only way to restore the peace and ensure the progress of Palestine.

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NEW YORK MOBILIZES IN SUPPORT OF JEWISH RESISTANCE IN PALESTINE

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New York — A crowd of 25,000 persons jammed Madison Square Park in the heart of New York City today in a militant "Fight British Tyranny" demonstration of American solidarity with the Jewish resistance in Palestine.

Called to the rally by the American Zionist Emergency Council, the vast audience — bitter, indignant, and at times moved to tears by the reading of smuggled dispatches picturing the true situation in Palestine — made clear its temper when it shouted, "Down with Britain!" time and again, and applauded Congressman Emmanuel Celler when he declared:

"I know my course as an individual. I shall not be a hypocrite. I shall vote against the \$4,500,000,000 loan to Great Britain. I shall not vote in favor of British imperialism and force. I want that loan defeated."

A moment later cheers rang through the Park again as Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Council, who had just flown in from Washington after an audience with President Truman, denounced British aggression in Palestine and asserted:

"I have just come from the President of the United States. The President of the United States would like it to be known that this act which has just been perpetrated in Palestine was done without his knowledge and without his consent.

"The shameless effort by the British Government, or by spokesmen for the British Government, to implicate our own Government is repudiated by the President of the United States. This is an exclusively British, a unilaterally British act of aggression."

Every mention of Great Britain, of Prime Minister Attlee, of Foreign Secretary Bevin, was boomed to the echo by the crowd which gathered in the late afternoon to stand in the shadow of New York's skyscrapers with banners reading, "Free Imprisoned Leaders of Jewish Resistance," "Palestine is the Lidice of 1946," and "Down with British Treachery and Betrayal."

Throughout most of the meeting a huge British flag upon which had been superimposed a large Nazi swastika was held high over the crowd by two American veterans of World War II. At one point, after speakers described the torture methods being used by British troops to elicit information from arrested Jews in Palestine, the flag was suddenly seized and ripped to shreds by the crowd.

Speakers, who bitingly assailed British policy in Palestine, included Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America and chairman of the meeting; Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, president of Hadassah; Leon Gellman, president of

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Mizrachi; Isaac Hamlin, leader of Peale Zion and national secretary of the Committee for Labor Palestine; Isidore Nagler, vice-president of the New York State Federation of Labor; and Louis Hollander, president of the New York State Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Governor Dewey, in a message to the rally, charged that Britain's action in arresting Jewish leaders in Palestine was "shocking," and asserted that it was "matched in lack of understanding of the situation only by the recent reckless statement by Mr. Bevin."

Professor Albert Einstein sent a message declaring: "In order to deflect attention from its failure to implement the unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jewish refugees the Government has embarked upon this ruthless oppression of the Jews in Palestine." He added that it had done so "at the very moment when the notorious Mufti has been allowed to renew his mischievous and dangerous activities" in the Middle East.

Dr. Silver, who earlier in the day had visited the White House with Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Louis Lipsky, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, said it was the impression of the delegation that Mr. Truman would do his utmost to bring about the speedy release of the imprisoned members of the Jewish Agency and others swept up in British raids in the last week.

Dr. Silver forecast also that if the pressure of American public opinion is continued he expected to see 100,000 European Jews begin moving into Palestine shortly, as recommended by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine.

The Zionist leader asserted that the only "terrorists" in Palestine were the agents of the British Government and said, "Any Jew in Palestine who resorts to any weapon is a patriot and a free man. The Zionist movement of the United States, the Jews of the United States, are solidly behind the Haganah, and if I know anything about the spirit of the American people, and I think I do, they, too, are behind these men in the front line trenches in Palestine.

"We may suffer one setback after another, but the ultimate victory is ours."

Then he declared: "Write your Congressmen and ask them if a Government so faithless can be trusted to be given a loan by the United States!"

Mr. Neuman, speaking to the Haganah, declared: "You are not only the Haganah of Palestine, you are our Haganah. You are fighting not only your battle, but our battle. Today we thank God that there is one spot on earth where Jewish rights cannot be trampled under with impunity and where Jews cannot be led like sheep to the slaughter. We thank God for Haganah, symbol of Jewish national rebirth, marking the dawn of a new era in Jewish history, era of resistance."

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Mr. Neumann read the following message which he said had been smuggled from Palestine:

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CONCENTRATION CAMP STOP SPECIALLY TRAINED INTERROGATORS FROM
JERUSALEM, BEERSHEBA SENT TO ATHLIT FOR TASK OF EXTRACTING
INFORMATION FROM UNWILLING SPEAKERS STOP METHOD IS AS FOLLOWS:
ONE -- THOROUGH BEATING; TWO -- MAULING OF SEX ORGANS; THREE --
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TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY TO AROUSE PUBLIC OPINION IN U. S. STOP
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Congressman Celler called upon the audience to organize in support of the Jewish Resistance Movement, and compared the Haganah to that of the American people's Revolutionary Army in 1776.

Mrs. Epstein asserted that this meeting was "not to plead, not to appeal to the sense of decency and fair play of a Britain which has proved herself wholly without conscience and honor," but "to fight and to serve notice on Britain that we have taken up her challenge".

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"She has declared war on the Jewish people. Very well, then -- let her take the consequences of our determination to struggle day and night by the side of our heroic brothers and sisters in Palestine.

"We of Hachassah, who have poured years of toil and infinite love and devotion on Palestine and its people -- we will not now stand idly by while British tyranny tears down what Jewish energy, Jewish courage, and Jewish resourcefulness have created. It is that same energy, courage and resourcefulness which will be the determining factor in the final battle."

Mr. Gellman, in an impassioned speech in Yiddish, asserted: "Before the entire world we accuse the British Labor Government, as an outright enemy of the Jewish people. We accuse her of brutality and murder akin to that of the Nazi masters.

"Our courageous youth in Palestine are not terrorists. They are the descendants of the Maccabees, of the Bar-Kochba's, of Rabbi Akiba and his students -- they are the heroes of this generation who fight for Jewish freedom, for Jewish liberation, and for the rescue of surviving Jewry.

"We disregard these baseless charges of terror! How many lands have we destroyed? How many peoples have we crushed and robbed of their liberties? Was the struggle of the American people which was waged 170 years ago an act of terror? Was Ireland's battle for freedom an act of terror? Is India's campaign for independence an act of terror? Our struggle is a struggle for freedom, independence, for self-defense and survival.

"We raise our hands to God's heaven and solemnly promise our brothers in the Yishuv that we shall not rest! We will not remain silent! We will turn the heavens and shake the world until we have brought about their freedom!"

Mr. Hamlin declared: "We proclaim without any reservations, that the Jewish masses of America will stand fast in its support of the Jewish Agency which has been selected by the Jews themselves and will never capitulate to any Quisling regime that the British may conspire to set up. We shall give our unstinted support to Haganah, which is the front line of Jewish self-defense, an organization of workers and farmers whose sole purpose is to protect Jewish life and hopes."

Strong support of the Jewish resistance and protest against the arrest of Jewish leaders by Philip Murray, President of the C. I. O. and William Green, President of the A. F. of L., was voiced in the addresses of Mr. Nagler and Mr. Hollander.

PRESS RELEASE FROM:
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DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEMBERS WILL REVIEW
ADMINISTRATION INACTION ON PALESTINE AT 30 MEETINGS
IN GREATER NEW YORK AREA, AND IN MAJOR U. S. CITIES

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New York — Declaring that the record of the Democratic Administration on Palestine is "replete with assurances and reassurances, pledges and reaffirmation of pledges — but, as of this moment, is remarkably devoid of any action to redeem those promises," former Magistrate Bernard A. Rosenblatt, prominent Democratic spokesman and a leading American Zionist, announced today that members of the Democratic Party will gather to review the Administration's record on Palestine at twenty meetings to be held in the Greater New York Area, and in other major cities throughout the country.

Pointing out that August 31st marks the end of a full year since President Truman first made his request of the British Government that 100,000 homeless Jews be admitted into Palestine immediately, former Magistrate Rosenblatt declared: "No government has ever committed itself more strongly or unequivocally to a clearly-defined program of action on a world problem as has the United States Government with regard to Palestine . . . Why, then, has no action been taken to bring about the implementation of these pledges? Members of the Democratic Party, intent upon preserving the integrity and good name of their organization, will gather on August 31st to demand an answer to this question."

Former Magistrate Rosenblatt, who is president of the Palestine Foundation Fund, and a vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, disclosed that Democratic Party members will meet on this question in New York, New Haven, Hartford, Boston, Buffalo, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Los Angeles.

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Saturday evening's meetings in the Greater New York Area will be held at the following places:

MANHATTAN: Education Alliance, 197 East Broadway
Congregation Bnai Jeshurun, 257 West 88th Street
Congregation Gates of Israel, 560 West 185th Street

BRONX: Burnside Jewish Center, 2019 Grand Avenue
Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center, 124 Eames Place
(near University Avenue)
Jewish Center of Williamsbridge, 2910 Barnes Avenue
Congregation Linas Hatzedek, 1115 Ward Avenue
Bronx Jewish Center, Marmien Avenue and East 178th Street

BROOKLYN: Jewish Community House, 79th Street and Bay Parkway
Temple Emanuel, 49th Street and 14th Avenue
Jewish Center of Brighton Beach, 2915 Ocean Parkway
Hebrew Free School of Brownsville, 414 Stone Avenue
East Flatbush Jewish Center, 663 Linden Boulevard
Young Israel of Eastern Parkway, 937 Eastern Parkway
Ocean Parkway Jewish Center, 580 Ocean Parkway
Young Israel of Brooklyn, 563 Bedford Avenue
Young Israel of Flatbush, Coney Island and Avenue I

LONG BEACH: National Boulevard and Boardwalk

The text of former Magistrate Rosenblatt's statement follows:

"On Saturday evening, August 31st, members of the Democratic Party will gather to review the Democratic Administration's record on Palestine at twenty meetings to be held in the Greater New York Area, and in other major cities throughout the country. It is fitting that this record be reviewed on that date, for August 31st will mark the end of a full year of procrastination and equivocation on President Truman's request of the British Government that 100,000 homeless European Jews be admitted into Palestine immediately.

"The record of the Democratic Administration -- and I speak as a life-long Democrat -- is replete with assurances and reassurances, pledges and reaffirmation of pledges -- but, as of this moment, is remarkably devoid of any action to redeem those promises.

"No government has ever committed itself more strongly or unequivocally to a clearly-defined program of action on a world problem as has the United States

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Government with regard to Palestine. The Democratic Administration under President Roosevelt and President Truman went on record in unmistakable terms in support of Jewish aspirations in Palestine.

"The last Democratic National Convention included in its platform a plank which read: 'We favor the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and colonization and such a policy as to result in the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth.'

"President Roosevelt publicly pledged his support to the realization of this objective, declaring that: 'I am convinced that the American people give their support to this aim and . . . I shall help to bring about its realization.'

"The Congress of the United States adopted a resolution in December, 1945 declaring 'that the interest shown by the President in the solution of this problem is hereby commended and that the United States shall use its good offices with the mandatory power to the end that Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country to the maximum of its agricultural and economic potentialities, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization and development, so that they may freely proceed with the upbuilding of Palestine as the Jewish national home and, in association with all elements of the population, establish Palestine as a democratic commonwealth in which all men, regardless of race or creed, shall have equal rights.'

"These are the pledges. This is American policy. Why, then, has no action been taken to bring about their implementation? Members of the Democratic Party, intent upon preserving the integrity and good name of their organization, will gather on August 31st to demand an answer to this question."

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PALESTINE THRIVING ECONOMICALLY DESPITE POLITICAL TENSIONS, WRITER SAYS

ELIAHU BEN-HORIN, AUTHOR AND CORRESPONDENT, FINDS HOLY LAND

PRESENTS BRIGHT ECONOMIC PICTURE IN MIDDLE EAST

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New York -- Despite political tensions, Palestine today is "one of the brightest economic spots in the world," Elishu Ben-Horin, author and Middle East expert, declared today upon his arrival here after a four-month visit to Palestine as correspondent for Harper's Magazine.

Ben-Horin, who is author of "The Middle East: Crossroads of History," and was for many years editor of a Palestine news service in Tel-Aviv, declared he was "overwhelmed by the tremendous economic and industrial development" he had found in Palestine after an absence of nine years.

"Not only is there a shortage of labor in both urban and rural Palestine," he said, "but scores of new industries have sprung up in the last decade. We have no idea in this country as to the extent of the arts and skills which have been brought into Palestine before and during the war years. I was astonished to find French merchants placing orders in Palestine for fashion goods made in Tel-Aviv, and manufacturers showed me orders on their books from Switzerland for leather products, from Denmark for textiles, and Greece for industrial chemicals. The diamond industry in Palestine is now perhaps the most flourishing in the world, with exports exceeding \$24,000,000 annually."

He added that he had investigated the effectiveness of the Arab boycott against Jewish products, and found it observed cursorily, if at all.

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"Purchasers from Arab countries continue to buy their goods in Jewish Palestine for two reasons: a) many of the things they need are manufactured nowhere else in the Middle East, and b) goods from abroad simply cannot be had. Many orders placed in England cannot be filled for at least two years." He added that some of the Arab importers from neighboring countries developed ingenious methods to circumvent the boycott.

"I was assured by representatives of the Palestine manufacturers' associations that whatever loss was caused to Jewish industry by the boycott had been more than balanced by orders from Europe and the opening of new markets."

What impressed him most profoundly, he said, was the fact that in the uncultivated Negev — the southern part of Palestine long considered desert — scientists and agriculturists have found an area of 2,000,000 acres of which Mr. Ben-Horin said, at least 1,000,000 acres is definitely cultivable land.

"In view of the fact that the Jews have done what they have done in Palestine on the little more than 400,000 acres they own, one's imagination is staggered by what they could do with this million acre area if they are only given the opportunity." New Jewish settlements are being established in Palestine almost at the rate of one a fortnight, he said, "and some of the older colonies look like small garden cities."

"Politically," Ben-Horin said, "the Palestine picture is quite confused. Scarcely a day passes without its own rumor as to what disposition the British will make of Palestine. I think there is no question that the British have failed miserably in their attempt to assert an iron hand. For example, the curfew as a measure has proved futile."

"When the curfew was in effect it meant that after 7:00 P.M. all civilian traffic was forbidden on the roads of Palestine. The Jews on the whole took it rather cheerfully but the British paid a terrible price. Since it was absolutely certain that only British vehicles would be on the road after dark those roads were mined by extremists."

"It was not long before the British realized that it would be practicable to have the protection of Jewish vehicles on the roads after dusk and so the curfew was removed."

As for the Arabs -- "the Arabs do not appear in this conflict at all. They have profitted a good deal during the last few years; most of them are far better off than ever before and some are actually wealthy. My own feeling is that very few of them would risk changing their current prosperity for a doubtful political fight in which they may lose not only their wealth, but their lives."

Mr. Ben-Herim added that he had a narrow escape when a taxicab in which he was riding in Tel-Aviv was shot at by British soldiers who passed by in an armored car. "I still don't know why," he said, "except that British soldiers are pretty jittery in Palestine."