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ADMINISTRATION INACTION ON PALESTINE AT 20 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, Marmion 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, 550 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.

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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."