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**PRESS RELEASE**

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This organization combines the American Palestine Committee and the Christian Council on Palestine, and continues the work of both organizations.

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NOTED CHURCHMAN PROTESTS BRITISH SOLDIERS'

"ANTI-JEWISH POGROMS" IN TEL-AVIV

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DR. DANIEL A. POLING DEPLORES ACTION OF BRITISH SOLDIERS WHO

FORCED DEFENSELESS JEWS TO RUN A GAUNTLET OF

"RIFLE BUTTS AND BATONS"

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New York, Jan. 9 -- Charging that units of the British Army in Palestine "have copied the specific Nazi technique of anti-Jewish persecution," Dr. Daniel A. Poling, noted clergyman and a co-chairman of the American Christian Palestine Committee, deplored the recent action of British soldiers who forced Jews of Tel-Aviv to run a gauntlet of "rifle butts and batons." Dr. Poling's charges were based upon a newspaper story which appeared in the January 8th issue of the New York Herald-Tribune cabled by Homer Bigart, Middle East correspondent for that newspaper.

Mr. Bigart's dispatch disclosed that approximately 70 Jewish men of Tel-Aviv, "unconvicted of any crime, were forced to run the gauntlet between rows of soldiers and police" who struck them down as they proceeded through these columns.

"No acts of terrorism perpetrated by outlaws can excuse (this action)," Dr. Poling declared. "I raise my voice in highest indignation as an American and as a Christian, to condemn this brutal and cowardly crime of misrule in the Holy Land."

Dr. Poling, columnist for the New York Post, is the pastor of the Baptist

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Temple of Philadelphia. Serving with him as co-chairmen of the American Christian Palestine Committee are U. S. Senator Owen Brewster (R., Me.) and former U. S. Senator James Mead of New York.

The full text of Dr. Poling's protest follows:

"When I first read Homer Bigart's dispatch from Palestine in Wednesday's New York Herald-Tribune, I did not believe my eyes. Twice I looked back to the date line to confirm the fact that the wire was indeed from Tel-Aviv, Palestine. January 7, 1947 and not from Dachau, Germany a few years earlier.

"Mr. Bigart, an American reporter, tells in unadorned language how units of the British Army in Palestine organized an anti-Jewish pogrom in true Nazi fashion. He himself describes it as 'a particularly nasty display of anti-Semitism' and goes on to tell how sixty or seventy men, unconvicted of any crime, were forced to run the gauntlet between rows of soldiers and police who struck them with rifle butts and batons. Twenty-nine were injured; seven seriously enough to require hospitalization, and while final returns are not in, known details are nauseating. These particular units of the British Army in Palestine seem to have copied the specific Nazi technique of anti-Jewish persecution: a policeman fired in the air and the command 'Run' was given to the helpless victims. They were rushed into a court where soldiers and police were lined up and the brutal beating of the running men proceeded according to plan. While cries of agony were heard in the darkness; while older men fell to the ground; while some became nauseated and others fainted, the correspondent reports that a British soldier shouted: 'Give me a machine gun and I'll kill the whole bloody lot.'

"Was ours a naive belief that our sons fought and died to kill Nazism? Well, it isn't dead in Palestine. I raise my voice in highest indignation as an American and as a Christian, to condemn this brutal and cowardly crime of misrule in the Holy Land. No acts of terrorism perpetrated by outlaws can excuse it. Surely every American and indeed every civilized human being will join me in this protest."



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FOR RELEASE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1947

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN SCORES ATTEMPTS BY BRITISH  
"TO CREATE MISCHIEF" AGAINST AMERICAN JEWISH CITIZENS

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DEFENDS RIGHT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS TO URGE CARRYING OUT OF  
AMERICAN POLICY ON PALESTINE

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New York, Jan. 12 -- Apparent attempts by British consular officials to create dissension along racial and religious lines in the United States were denounced by Dr. Israel Goldstein in his sermon delivered at the B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue yesterday morning.

Text of the sermon by Dr. Goldstein, who is chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists and member of the Governing Council of the World Zionist Organization, follows:

"Apprehensions have been aroused recently in more than one American community as a result of utterances of British consular representatives. These utterances, as reported, give the impression of being calculated to create mischief against American Jewish citizens.

"The British consul-general, Eric Carvell, speaking at a church in Los Angeles, is reported by Reverend Harold H. Robinson to have made a vicious attack upon the Government of the United States and groups of American citizens on account of their sympathy for the persecuted Jews of Europe and of Palestine. Reverend Robinson goes on to say, 'it appears to me that this is the beginning of an attempt by the British Government to create dissension in this country on racial and religious lines. The British consul-general went far beyond the

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bounds of diplomatic propriety, and even the dictates of humanity, in his unwarranted and clever attempt to belittle our nation and the heroic efforts of the Jewish people to establish a homeland in Palestine.'

"A similar report has come from the northwest area regarding the British consul there. One of his audience states regarding an address of Mr. Joseph Robinson, the British consul in the Minneapolis area: 'His talk was virulently anti-Semitic as well as anti-Zionist, he justified the Mufti and magnanimously forgave him, he intimated that some Jews often made good citizens in the countries in which they lived.' Are these animadversions of British consular officials inspired by the British Foreign Office? They seem to represent a concerted effort to make trouble here. Is it the purpose of the British Foreign Office to sow anti-Jewish prejudices among American communities? This would indeed be an unwarranted intrusion of a foreign government into our American community life. Jewish and Christian citizens in America are doing no more than exercising their rights as American citizens when they urge a program which represents American policy as formulated in the resolutions adopted by the United States Congress. Any effort by British officials to sow discord between group and group here in the United States is a violation of fundamental decencies of international relations.

"Are we now being treated to the spectacle of Foreign and Colonial Office attempts to justify the unjustified British White Paper policy in Palestine by making it appear that the Jews are the causes of that policy rather than its victims? What is taking place in Palestine is not taking place in a vacuum. The picture being presented to the American people is that Britain has been put into an intolerable situation as a result of Jewish resistance; whereas there is Jewish resistance because of British policy. That is the framework of the picture which the British spokesmen conveniently overlook. As history shows, extremism is the inevitable recourse of a people when legal pressures for achieving security



cite this struggle for existence as justification for her repressive policy.

"We are asking only for that which Lord Balfour, David Lloyd George and Woodrow Wilson a generation ago, and the British Labor Party as recently as two years ago, declared were no more than our just due. It is grotesque, therefore, to attack Zionists for supporting traditional policy and for making every effort to achieve Zionist aims. Mr. Joseph Robinson, the British consul in the Minneapolis area, was quoted as having referred to the 'wicked Zionists who are doing the dastardly and despicable thing of using the 600,000 displaced persons in Europe to try to pry open the doors of Palestine.' The Zionists who seek to pry open the doors of Palestine are no more 'wicked' than a man is wicked who fights against strangulation. The Zionists in Palestine and out of Palestine ask no more than what Zionism itself has always meant -- the carrying out of international pledges.

"These are grave and critical hours for the Jewish people. They have always considered themselves friends of Great Britain; they have been her allies everywhere. They stand deeply in need of their friends as Britain stands today in need of hers. It ill becomes British officials to render this disservice to the Jewish people. It ill becomes representatives of the British Government to term attempts at Jewish survival as 'despicable' and acts of dignity under military tyranny as 'wicked.'

"Great Britain still has an opportunity to regain Jewish confidence and friendship, as well as the confidence and the respect of the American public, by deciding at long last to redeem its solemn pledge to the Jewish people."



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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY

EXTRAORDINARY AMERICAN ZIONIST CONFERENCE

IN WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 17, 1947

The Extraordinary American Zionist Conference, assembled in Washington at a critical hour in the life of the Jewish people, has reviewed the recent events affecting the future of the Jewish National Home and, deeply conscious of the responsibility now devolving upon the Jews of America, makes the following declaration:

1. BRITISH RULE IN PALESTINE

We condemn the present regime in Palestine which mocks those very ideals in whose name the American people fought side by side with Britain in her moment of peril. The Government which is bound by international treaties to promote Jewish immigration and settlement in Palestine and the development of the Jewish National Home has imposed a rule of brute force upon the Jewish community of Palestine. Tens of thousands of British troops, for whose presence in Palestine the sole justification in international law and morality is Britain's acceptance of the terms of the Palestine Mandate, today constitute an oppressive and hostile force seeking to destroy the Yishuv's ability to defend its rights and continue the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home.

A once great Government has descended to employ its Navy and its Army divisions in military operations against defenseless men, women, and children who have lived with death for more than a decade and who ask only the elementary human rights of life, work and home. We reject the attempts being made by the British Government to represent its military actions against Jewish refugees and the Yishuv as designed to preserve law and order. The British Government alone has brought lawlessness to Palestine by imposing a policy declared illegal by the representatives of the civilized world, speaking through the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations. It alone is responsible for the violence, the acts of desperation of Jews in Palestine. New suppression can only result in further violence and the shedding of more innocent blood. Let the causes of this violence be removed, and it will cease.

2. DEATH SENTENCES IN PALESTINE

In view of the fact that any new act of repression by the British Government can only increase existing tensions in Palestine and render more difficult a peaceful and just solution of the Palestine question, we call upon the Government of the United States to make an earnest effort to secure the commutation of the pending death sentences imposed on a number of Palestine Jews as part of the repressive policy of the Palestine Government, and to impress upon Great Britain that only further aggravation of the problem can follow the further imposition of death sentences against Jews resisting the oppressive British regime in Palestine.



### 3. TO THE YISHUV

We send a renewed expression of our solidarity and support to the Yishuv and its nationally disciplined and responsible resistance movement. The courage and resourcefulness of the men and women of Palestine and their determination to defend Jewish rights against tremendous odds have awakened a sense of pride in the hearts of Jews the world over and have won the admiration of Americans of all races and creeds. The American people have not failed to note the similarity between the Jewish struggle in Palestine today and that of the American colonists for independence. The Yishuv does not stand alone. We shall continue to aid it to the limit of our ability and our resources.

### 4. TO THE HOMELESS JEWS OF EUROPE

The cries for help coming to us from our brothers and sisters who still wait for deliverance in the displaced persons' camps of Europe, shall not go unheeded. Along with them, we recognize neither borders nor barriers to their emigration to Palestine. We shall bend every effort to support their irresistible movement towards their homeland -- and salvation. In this great work of rescue and mercy we shall not be intimidated by the attempts of hostile British officials to label the efforts of homeless Jews to reach Palestine as "illegal". Illegal is the power that keeps them from their homeland. These lives are precious and we mean to save them.

### 5. BRITISH POLICY

In defiance of its international commitments, the British Government under Mr. Attlee has by one delaying tactic after another sought to evade its inescapable responsibilities. It has denied the recommendations for immediate action of its own representatives on the joint Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry and flouted the feelings and opinions of the overwhelming mass of the American people. Ostensibly to win the acquiescence of the interested parties, it has recently embarked upon discussions in London whose lack of sincerity has been demonstrated by its actions in Palestine. The Palestine Administration continues to deport Jewish refugees to Cyprus. It continues increasingly to deprive the Jewish community of Palestine of its elementary rights and freedoms and to strangle the economy of the country. It has barricaded the streets and caged whole sections of towns. It has subjected many thousands of people to arbitrary search and seizure. It has evicted large numbers from their homes in their own homeland.

Its latest proposals were a modification for the worse of the unacceptable Morrison-Grady plan, already rejected by the American Government. The British Government has now resorted to another maneuver which, while seemingly leaving the decision of Palestine's future in the hands of the United Nations, is calculated to secure the prolongation of arbitrary British rule pending time-consuming deliberations, the results of which Britain may negate with her veto power.

In reviewing the British Government's history of vacillation and faithlessness, we are deeply aware of the fact that hundreds of thousands of Jews might have been saved but for its indefensible policy. We express our deep sense of outrage over this shameful record of the British Government.



## 6. THE UNITED NATIONS

Great Britain's announced decision to refer the Palestine question to the United Nations affords an historic opportunity to the members of that international body. A generation has passed since the nations of the world resolved to end Jewish national homelessness and to re-establish Jewish nationhood. They entrusted the British Government with this great task, but the guardian proved unfaithful to its trust and sought to frustrate its fulfillment.

Once again the international community, represented by the United Nations, can reaffirm the decision made following the first World War. To that end, the main elements of the solution -- freedom of Jewish immigration to Palestine and the establishment of the Jewish state -- should be spelled out in clear and precise terms.

It is only reasonable to expect the United Nations, in dealing with this problem, to be faithful to its role as the guardian of international law by issuing an interim order that pending the final decision, the Mandate for Palestine -- the only internationally valid instrument governing that country -- be fully applied, free from all restrictive enactments imposed by the Mandatory Government in violation of that fundamental document.

In any deliberations within the United Nations, we expect that the Jewish Agency for Palestine will be given proper representation.

## 7. TO THE UNITED STATES

We now look to our own Government to assume leadership in the new situation which has developed regarding Palestine. The United States, which has declared its support of the Jewish National Home in two resolutions of Congress, in the declarations of its Presidents, and more recently, in the practical steps initiated by President Truman, now has an opportunity to demonstrate that it means to honor its pledges. A solution embodying America's traditional policy of support for Jewish national aspirations would provide an additional impetus to world peace and stability, and would advance the principles to which America stands committed in the world.

We respectfully call upon the Government of the United States to employ its great influence both in its relations with the British Government and as a leading member of the United Nations, in the interest of the program for Palestine which it has reaffirmed time and again. Pending a final settlement of this question by the United Nations the great weight of the United States Government should be brought to bear on the Mandatory Government to the end that an interim policy based upon the existing Mandate be set into motion at once providing for at least the immediate immigration of 100,000 Jews into Palestine and the removal forthwith of the discriminatory land restrictions in the Jewish National Home.

We commend the willingness of the United States Government to undertake the transportation to Palestine of Jewish refugees still languishing in displaced persons' camps. Our Government has made a special study of the technical aspects of this question and has already planned the logistics involved in such transportation. We, therefore, urge the United States now to take the initiative for the implementation of this great humanitarian project, and request our Government to authorize the use of American ships, flying the American flag, for the immediate movement of Jewish refugees to Palestine.



8. CONFIDENCE IN ZIONIST LEADERSHIP

We voice our confidence in the leadership of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the American Zionist Emergency Council in carrying forward our program of action during the coming crucial months, and we pledge the full support of American Zionism to these leaders in their efforts to open Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and to attain Jewish statehood.

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AMERICAN ZIONISTS REGISTER EMPHATIC PROTEST AGAINST EXCLUSION  
OF JEWISH AGENCY FROM UN DISCUSSIONS

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TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND SECRETARY OF STATE MARSHALL  
ASSAIL ABSENCE OF JEWISH REPRESENTATION AS "UNFAIR AND ONE-SIDED"

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New York, April 20 -- In telegrams to President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall, the entire Zionist movement in the United States today registered its "emphatic protest" against the exclusion of the Jewish Agency for Palestine from participation in the discussion of the Palestine issue within the United Nations.

Pointing out that "owing mainly to the attitude taken by the American delegation, the Jewish viewpoint will remain unrepresented while the Arab view will be adequately presented," the organizations united in the American Zionist Emergency Council wired President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall: "Such discussion of merits under the enforced exclusion of the Jewish people -- which is the most directly concerned party -- exposes the United Nations delegates and world opinion to manifestly unfair and one-sided influence."

The organizations which signed the telegram are the Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah -- Women's Zionist Organization of America, Labor Zionist Organization of America -- Poale Zion, Mizrachi, United Zionist-Revisionists of America and Hashomer Hatzair.

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The text of the telegram follows:

"The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

"THE DEBATE IN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DESPITE ITS BEING CONFINED FORMALLY TO PROCEDURE, GAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION BY ARAB STATES OF THE MERITS OF THE PALESTINE ISSUE FROM THE ARAB VIEWPOINT. EVENTS FORESHADOW A SIMILAR OR EVEN FULLER DISCUSSION OF MERITS AT THE FULL MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN THIS DISCUSSION, OWING MAINLY TO THE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, THE JEWISH VIEWPOINT WILL REMAIN UNREPRESENTED, WHILE THE ARAB VIEW WILL BE ADEQUATELY PRESENTED. SUCH DISCUSSION OF MERITS UNDER THE ENFORCED EXCLUSION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE -- WHICH IS THE MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED PARTY -- EXPOSES THE UNITED NATIONS DELEGATES AND WORLD OPINION TO MANIFESTLY UNFAIR AND ONESIDED INFLUENCE. THIS IS AN AMAZING SITUATION AGAINST WHICH WE, THE UNDERSIGNED ZIONIST GROUPS IN AMERICA UNITED IN THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL, REGISTER OUR EMPHATIC PROTEST.

"ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
HADASSAH, WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
LABOR ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA -- POALE-ZION  
MIZRACHI  
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AMERICAN ZIONISTS, COMMENTING ON PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S STATEMENT  
REGARDING VIOLENCE IN PALESTINE, URGE THAT GREAT BRITAIN BE FORCED TO  
CEASE ILLEGAL ACTS WHICH CAUSE DISTURBANCES

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U. S. SILENCE ON PALESTINE POLICY DEPLORED

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New York, June 6th -- The American Zionist Emergency Council, representing the entire Zionist movement in the United States, today commented on President Truman's statement regarding law and order in Palestine by declaring that "it would be most helpful if the President were also to call upon the Mandatory Government to cease those illegal acts which are at the very root of the disturbances in Palestine."

Pointing out that it is wholly in accord with the view expressed in President Truman's statement that "it is in the interest of the United States as well as of the United Nations that the efforts of the United Nations to solve this problem meet with success," the Council then declared: "However, in view of the fact that the United Nations appeal was addressed not only to the Jews and the Arabs, but to 'all governments and peoples,' may we not suggest to the President that the party directly responsible for violence in the Holy Land - the British Government whose ruthless application of illegal policies tends, in the President's words, 'to inflame the passions of the inhabitants of Palestine, to undermine law and order in Palestine, or to promote violence in that country' - should be the first to accede to the United Nations request."

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"In conclusion, we must express surprise that our Government's silence of many months on the Palestine issue should now be broken with the statement issued by the President yesterday. It is to be deplored that during the past crucial months, when the political future of Palestine was under discussion in the United Nations, when the question of Jewish immigration into Palestine was a matter of desperate urgency - as the President himself has maintained - and when the nations of the world were looking to the United States for leadership on these issues, our Government should have chosen to refrain from making that statement of policy which was so eagerly hoped for and so thoroughly warranted by its long series of commitments in support of the Jewish National Home. We trust that silence of this nature - which can only damage a noble cause which the American people have espoused and confuse the United Nations committee of inquiry - will now come to an end," the Council said.

The text of the Council's statement follows:

"The American Zionist Emergency Council is wholly in accord with the view expressed in President Truman's statement yesterday that 'it is in the interest of the United States as well as of the United Nations that the efforts of the United Nations to solve this (Palestine) problem meet with success,' and that no activities should be undertaken by any of the parties concerned which would 'create an atmosphere prejudicial to an early settlement of the Palestine problem and render still more difficult the tasks which the United Nations has before it.'

"In this connection, it should be pointed out that immediately following the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations of May 15th which called upon 'all governments and peoples... to refrain....from the threat or use of force,' the Jewish Agency for Palestine endorsed this plea clearly and unequivocally.

"However, in view of the fact that the United Nations appeal was addressed not only to the Jews and the Arabs, but to 'all governments and peoples,' may we not suggest to the President that the party directly responsible for violence

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"It would be most helpful, therefore, if the President were also to call upon the Mandatory Government to cease those illegal acts which are at the very root of the disturbances in Palestine. We submit that it would be highly appropriate for the President to insist that the British Government abide by the United Nations resolution - that it end military rule in the Jewish National Home, that it restore civil liberties to the Jewish inhabitants of the country, and that it fulfill its duties as the Mandatory by permitting the immediate entry of homeless Jews into Palestine and by removing the restrictions on Jewish development which British leaders have themselves condemned.

"In conclusion, we must express surprise that our Government's silence of many months on the Palestine issue should now be broken with the statement issued by the President yesterday. It is to be deplored that during the past crucial months, when the political future of Palestine was under discussion in the United Nations, when the question of Jewish immigration into Palestine was a matter of desperate urgency - as the President himself has maintained - and when the nations of the world were looking to the United States for leadership on these issues, our Government should have chosen to refrain from making that statement of policy which was so eagerly hoped for and so thoroughly warranted by its long series of commitments in support of the Jewish National Home. We trust that silence of this nature - which can only damage a noble cause which the American people have espoused and confuse the United Nations committee of inquiry - will now come to an end."



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MOTIVES BEHIND PALESTINE ARAB BOYCOTT OF UN SPECIAL COMMITTEE EXPOSED

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BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S REPORTED ROLE IN HELPING TO PROMOTE ARAB BOYCOTT

ASSAILED BY AMERICAN ZIONISTS; PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION'S

TESTIMONY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS CONDEMNED

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New York, June 18 -- The American Zionist Emergency Council today exposed the boycott of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine by the Palestine Arab Higher Committee as "part of a carefully pre-arranged and premeditated tactical game, designed to maneuver the United Nations into regarding the Arab Higher Committee as a 'wronged' group, and thus create an advantageous position for the Arabs in the meeting of the General Assembly which is to take place in September."

In a statement issued on behalf of the entire Zionist movement in the United States, of which it is the official spokesman, the Council also asserted that there is no divergence of tactics as between the Palestine Arab Higher Committee and the Arab League, which is not participating in the boycott. "The Arab League's attitude should not be regarded as a sign of conflict between the two Arab bodies, but rather as the result of a joint understanding as to the strategy to be employed before the United Nations," the Council said.

Pointing out that the five Arab states in the United Nations can still be counted upon to support unquestioningly the position enunciated by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, and that the Arab Higher Committee also enjoys the frank sympathy of certain governments represented on the UN Special Committee, the Emergency Council declared: "In view of the fact that its interests are more than adequately

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represented within the United Nations, the Arab Higher Committee feels that it can permit itself the luxury of being absent from the UN investigation."

The Council also assailed the British Administration of Palestine, which is reportedly helping to promote and bolster the Arab boycott, and added that the British Government is thus "afforded a better opportunity to lend its support to the Arab viewpoint on the basis of 'fair play' to a party not present during the UN Committee's deliberations." The Council condemned the Palestine Administration's insistence on presenting its testimony to the UN Committee behind closed doors, with the press barred, and with Jewish representatives -- "who would be in a position to refute the Palestine Government's distortions" -- excluded.

The text of the Council's statement follows:

"The Palestine Arab Higher Committee's boycott of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine is not, as the ex-Mufti and his henchmen would have public opinion believe, an action by an 'aggrieved' party in protest against the alleged 'bias' of the UN Committee. It is part of a carefully pre-arranged and premeditated tactical game, designed to maneuver the United Nations into regarding the Arab Higher Committee as a 'wronged' group, and thus create an advantageous position for the Arabs in the meeting of the General Assembly which is to take place in September. Moreover, there is no divergence of tactics as between the Palestine Arab Higher Committee and the Arab League, which is not participating in the boycott. The Arab League's attitude should not be regarded as a sign of conflict between the two Arab bodies, but rather as the result of a joint understanding as to the strategy to be employed before the United Nations.

"The five Arab states in the United Nations -- members of the Arab League -- can still be counted upon to support unquestioningly the position of the Arab Higher Committee, as enunciated by the ex-Mufti. Furthermore, the Arab Higher Committee has the added advantage of enjoying the frank sympathy of certain governments represented on the UN Special Committee, whose views in favor of the Arabs are already on record. In view of the fact that its interests are more

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than adequately represented within the United Nations, the Arab Higher Committee feels that it can permit itself the luxury of being absent from the UN investigation.

"It should be pointed out also that the Arab Higher Committee has nothing further to say to the UN's investigating body. The attitude of the Arabs on the Palestine question being purely negative, what more can the ex-Mufti's spokesmen add to what has already been said by the Arab representatives at the recent Special Session of the General Assembly? Rather than risk being confronted by embarrassing questions during the course of the inquiry -- such as requests for information on the higher standard of living enjoyed by the Arab population of Palestine as a direct result of Jewish achievements -- the Arab Higher Committee prefers to proclaim that it is an 'aggrieved' party, and stay away.

"We cannot overlook recent press dispatches indicating that the British Administration of Palestine has helped to promote and bolster this Arab boycott. By reportedly projecting Arab intransigence at this point the British Government is afforded a better opportunity to lend its support to the Arab viewpoint on the basis of 'fair play' to a party not present during the UN Committee's deliberations.

"We believe, however, that the myth of the British Government's vaunted 'sense of fair play' has been largely dissipated by the actions of British officials themselves. The latest example was the Palestine Administration's insistence on presenting its testimony to the UN Committee behind closed doors, with the press barred and with representatives of the Jewish Agency for Palestine -- who would be in a position to refute the Palestine Government's distortions -- excluded.

"We are confident that public opinion will see such Arab and British maneuvers for what they are -- duplicitous tactics designed to perpetuate the greatest injustice of our time."



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FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

NEW YORK JEWS TO CONDUCT PROTEST DEMONSTRATION AGAINST  
SEIZURE AND RETURN TO FRANCE OF 4500 JEWS FROM HAGANAH  
VESSEL -- "EXODUS 1947" -- BY BRITISH PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION

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MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL ALSO BE HELD AT MADISON SQUARE PARK FOR  
WILLIAM BERNSTEIN, FORMER AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICER AND  
FIRST MATE OF HAGANAH SHIP, KILLED BY BRITISH BOARDING PARTY

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New York, N. Y. -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, which speaks for all official American Zionist organizations, has announced plans for a mass demonstration of protest against the "piratical seizure by the British Mandatory Government of the Haganah vessel -- 'Exodus 1947' -- and the forced transfer of 4500 Jewish refugees to their original port of embarkation in Southern France."

This giant mass demonstration against Great Britain will take place tomorrow (Thursday, July 24th) in Madison Square Park -- 24th Street and Madison Avenue at 4:30 P.M.

A memorial service will also be conducted for William Bernstein, first mate of the Haganah vessel, who was killed in the wheel-house of his ship by a British naval boarding party. Bernstein, a former American naval officer, is the first American casualty in the Jewish struggle for Palestine.

(The "capture of 'Exodus 1947' was effected outside of the territorial waters of Palestine by a naval party from three British destroyers and a cruiser, according to an eye witness account made to members of the United Nations Special

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Committee on Palestine in Jerusalem. Two other Jewish deaths were reported, as well as serious injuries to 50 other Jewish refugees).

Dr. Silver announced a tentative roster of speakers for the Madison Square Park Rally. In addition to himself, Congressman Emanuel Celler, Representative from this city; Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, President of Hadassah; Leon Gellman, President of the Mizrachi Organization of America; Meir Grossman of the United Zionists-Revisionists; Paul Goldman of Achdut Avodah; Joseph Breslau of the Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine; and officers representing the Poale Zion, Labor Zionist Organization of America, and Hashomer Hatzair, will share the speakers' platform. Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Zionist Organization of America, will be the chairman.

Morris Bernstein, older brother of the slain first mate of the "Exodus 1947", arrived this morning from San Francisco. He will participate in the memorial service for his brother. At the Zionist Emergency Council offices, he disclosed that his mother was hospitalized in this city, and had not yet been informed of her son's death in Palestine.

In speaking of his brother, Morris Bernstein said: "My brother Bill was always ready to fight for his convictions. That's why he enlisted with the Haganah. He wanted to serve them in a capacity in which he was best fitted. During the early years of the war, he left college, where he was a medical student, to join the Merchant Marine. Subsequently, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and rose to an officer's rank. When the war ended, Bill couldn't tolerate reading about the terrible conditions of the Jews of Europe without attempting to do something about it. This was typical of him. He joined the Haganah because he knew that this was the only force in the world that was doing something materially to bring Jews into Palestine -- a place to which they belonged. He died as he lived -- a fighter for his people and his country."

It was announced that scores of organizations -- Jewish and non-Jewish, representing labor, religion and social service, have pledged their support to the Council in this emergency effort.



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STATEMENT BY DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN  
PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Once again we are met here in our thousands and tens of thousands to utter a cry of horror and indignation at the crimes and brutalities perpetrated against the Jewish people by the Government of Great Britain. We met here about a year ago for a similar purpose. Then the word was Latrun, the detention camp in the hills of Judea, where the the British Government had imprisoned leaders of the Jewish Agency in an attempt to break their spirit, to break the Jewish Agency, to break the organized Yishuv and to crush its spirit of resistance. That attempt failed. It failed ignominiously. It was shattered by the united will of the whole Jewish people.

Today the word is Exodus 1947, that gallant ship of the gallant Haganah, which carried 4500 of our refugees away from the blood-drenched soil of Europe to the shores of the Jewish Homeland. We are here not only to protest and to mourn but also to record and signalize the Battle of the Exodus, which will go down in Jewish history as one of the most significant engagements in the battle for Palestine and Jewish freedom. Against that lone vessel, the Exodus, with its 4500 unarmed men, women and children, the British Government had mobilized five units of the Royal Navy. In a ruthless act of piracy in open defiance of the law of nations, British cruisers and destroyers displayed their heroism. They attacked our rescue ship, rammed it and battered it, fired upon it, clubbed members of its crew into submission, did not stop at murder, and finally deported them all back to the continent from which they had fled. This last outrage is Britain's latest contribution towards peace in Palestine, its contribution towards facilitating the work of the United Nations.

Our feeling today is one not only of wrath and sorrow but also a feeling of pride -- pride in the fact that after centuries of persecution, of helplessness, of

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passive martyrdom, there has welled up in the Jewish people the will to shape its own destiny, the will to resist oppression, the will to strike a blow for Jewish honor and freedom, the will to defend the rights of the Jewish people. The finest expression of this new spirit and its physical embodiment is the Haganah. It was the Haganah that threw a protecting wall around the Yishuv during the Arab terror of 1936-39. It was the Haganah that spearheaded the war effort of the Yishuv from 1940-1945. It was the men of the Haganah that formed the Jewish Brigade and fought the Axis on three continents. It was the Haganah that led the responsible and disciplined resistance of the Yishuv against the iniquities and brutalities of the Mandatory regime. It is the Haganah that reaches out to every corner of Europe to bring aid and comfort to the refugees yearning for a new life in Zion. It is the Haganah that has organized and carried on the work of rescue through immigration. It is the Haganah that raised the Blue and White flag to the masthead of the President Warfield, renamed it the Exodus and brought it with its precious cargo across the sea to the shores of the Promised Land.

Britain has added another blot upon her escutcheon. The Haganah has added another glorious page to Jewish history.

In the Battle of the Exodus there were casualties. We are here to pay tribute to their memory. Solemnly we vow that their heroic death shall not have been in vain. We mourn the loss of William Bernstein, First Mate of the Exodus -- a fellow American who nobly met his death in the great American tradition, fighting against tyranny and oppression, fighting for justice and human freedom. To his sorrowing family who are represented here this afternoon, we extend not merely our condolences but an expression of the love and gratitude of the whole Jewish people. The name of William Bernstein will be enshrined in our hearts. We shall speak of him to our youth and they in turn shall recount to their children and grandchildren how one Jewish lad who had loyally served the Stars and Stripes braved dangers and earned undying glory in the service of his martyred people.

We have much to say to the Government of Great Britain and we shall say it here today. But we also have a word to say to our own Government, to President Truman

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and Secretary Marshall. We ask them, "How long will you keep silent? When will you intervene to stay the hand of the British Government? It is time to speak up. The blood of our martyrs is calling to you from the graveyards of Europe, from the waters of the Mediterranean. We ask you to assert the moral leadership of our great Republic in the cause of justice and humanity. We implore you to abandon an attitude of cautious neutrality in this struggle which is going on before your eyes, the struggle of an ancient people for its survival and its national restoration. Do not leave the championship of Jewish rights to Guatemala, to Uruguay. Call into play, throw into the balance the prestige, the weight, the power, the influence and moral authority of this, the greatest democracy on earth. Millions of American citizens, earnest, forward-looking men of goodwill, Jews and Christians alike have been waiting for you to act. The time for action is now. We have been waiting and wondering. But time is running out. Soon, very soon, we will no longer wait and wonder concerning the attitude and policy of our Government, but draw our own conclusions and form our judgment."

And finally, we lift our voices to send a message of cheer to our embattled brethren across the seas and to the Yishuv in Palestine. They will hear us as we cry out to them "we are with you in the spirit; we shall be with you also in the flesh. Bernard Mark, William Bernstein and their gallant comrades, these are but the vanguard of our American Jewish youth. Our youth is stirring. Soon it will be on the march; first scores, then hundreds, then thousands will spring to your side, animated by the conviction that Jewish destiny is one and indivisible and prompted by the desire to join their efforts with yours."

Our eyes cannot pierce the veil which hides from our sight even the immediate future, but as we stand here this summer afternoon under God's heaven, we are united in a common faith which has come down to us through generations of pious and God-fearing ancestors. It is a living faith which tells us that at the end of the long and bloody road we are traveling, we shall come upon our age-old quest. The vision of our prophets will be realized, and the dream of centuries will come true. Israel shall be redeemed. Judea will rise again.



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EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS BY MEIR GROSSMAN  
PRESIDENT, UNITED ZIONISTS-REVISIONISTS OF AMERICA

"...The United States Government cannot remain silent in the face of events which undermine its own position in the world, weaken the whole idea of the United Nations, and instill doubt as to America's leadership in establishing world peace and order.

"Unless America speaks out now and England is stopped, one of our last illusions will be destroyed. For all attempts to cooperate with England or appease it, have failed. The latest British action and America's aloofness have proved once again that resistance in its manifold forms remains the only effective weapon to break the British policy of blockading the Jewish National Home, putting obstacles in the way of its development and making Palestine a new battle theatre.

"All those who condemned resistance in one form or another have been compelled by circumstances to change their point of view. For each time we took the road to appeasement, we were repaid by new attacks. Since we must rely primarily on ourselves, we need at this moment a complete unity of purpose and action. Bickering and mutual recriminations must come to an end.

"All Jewish resistance groups must unite and cooperate in order to create an irresistible national defense force. When I say unity, I mean unity of action and not unity for the purpose of preventing action. The key to the situation is active resistance, coupled with a world-wide political action in which every one can take part. The British do not seem to respond to polite parliamentary procedure.

"There is one redeeming feature in this dark hour which fills our hearts with hope -- the reaction of American Jewry to the events in Palestine. Those Jewish

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boys who man the boats to Palestine go to redeem the promise of Jewish freedom. Through them flows our hope and our strength. American Jewry is no longer an onlooker or benefactor. It takes an active part in the political struggle. It sends its youth to the battle front of Palestine, and from this platform I want to hail this new spirit which fills the hearts of the Jews with hope and expectation.

"Those who believed we were finished and thought they could do whatever they liked with the survivors of massacred Jewry and liquidate the Jewish National Home will not prevail. We are still a people of 13,000,000 and we are not prepared to give up our rights and accomplishments. As long as we don't give in, as long as we keep our resolution to turn our backs upon appeasement, and continue to resist on all fronts, we can expect the United Nations to realize finally that there is no other solution than the setting up of a Jewish State and to lend us their aid in our just cause. Therefore, the Alija must continue. Resistance to the present regime must go on. And the building of our country will not be interrupted."

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

"In its capture of Haganah vessel -- 'Exodus 1947' -- Great Britain has committed another act of international anarchy, spiced by piracy, and has totally disregarded an internationally-legal covenant sanctioned by fifty-two nations of the world. This is an outrage to a civilized humanity. 4500 Jews, who had gone through the most inhumane treatment, during and after the war years, have been deported like sub-human chattels to the continent which was the scene of their starkest tragedies.

"It is only fitting that we, American Jews, should gather here in this solemn moment and demonstrate our sense of distaste and frustration with a dishonorable policy of a once-benevolent Britain. In the death of William Bernstein, American Jewry has received its first casualty in what Winston Churchill calls -- "the squalid war" against the Jews.

"This evening I shall leave for Palestine. When I arrive, I shall tell the Jews of Palestine of this outpouring of American indignation and horror at the latest acts of violence perpetrated against them and against the bitterly victimized Jews of Europe.

"Americans of all races and creeds are showing here today that we will not remain unmoved while men and women who have a legal right to enter their own homeland are beaten, shot at, and violently thrust back into the chaotic prison camp that is Europe for them today.

"The Mandate for Palestine specifically bids Jews to settle and live in the Holy Land. Britain's acts of violence are responsible for acts of retaliation. How much longer can those whose suffering is already unendurable stand such flaunting of their rights? Can it be that Britain wishes to continue this perpetual violence and counter-violence for her own purposes?"



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EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS BY LEON GELLMAN  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

"Before the peoples of the world once more we assembly to give voice to our bitter outcries, our deep anguish, and our heart-piercing protests against the brutal blood-letting which British Labor Government has inflicted upon our tortured people.

"These brutalities are not new. They are continuations over a tragic period of 25 years; Fassfield's decrees, Shaw's decrees, Simpson's decrees, MacDonald's decrees. But the brutalities which the present British Labor Government has unleashed have no precedents in the annals of butchery and barbarism.

"In reality, we have not assembled here to protest. Against whom shall we protest?

"Shall we protest against our enemies? Their hearts are as impenetrable as rock. Their basic normal values of justice and understanding are non-existent.

"Shall we protest against our friends? They know our pain and remain mute-silent. Hundreds of thousands of Jews wallow in the spiritual muck of DP camps, starve from hunger, are wracked with illness -- and our friends in Congress, in the State Department, and in the White House sit idly by and keep their silence.

"Or perhaps shall we protest against ourselves? Why did we allow ourselves to fall victim to such tragic circumstances? Why have we remained silent until now? Why have we not pierced the stuffed ears?

"No! We have not gathered here to protest. Of what avail are protests? We have assembled here to proclaim to ourselves and before all humanity that we will never yield up our Holy Land, that we are prepared to sacrifice everything and anything for the rescue of our pitiful Jewish remnants and for the re-creation of Palestine as a Jewish homeland.

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"In my ears reverberate the words of the deceased Zionist leader and great American, Louis D. Brandeis, of Blessed memory. Ten years ago, following the Zionist Congress in Zurich, Justice Brandeis called to his home in Washington, D. C., a small group of Zionist leaders in order to hear their reasons against accepting a partition scheme. For a full hour he listened to the Zionist leaders' reasons for rejecting partition; all the while he uttered not a word. At the hour's end, he stood up and in clear, determined voice he said one word, repeating it three times: 'Fight, Fight, Fight!'

"When we are asked in these precarious hours, what shall we do, our answer is: 'Fight, Fight, Fight!'

"Fight - heroism - resistance - Hagana - boycott - this is the reply we hurl at our enemies. This is the answer the world will respect.

"Commissions may come and commissions may go. Ships may come and ships may go. The craving, the striving of the Jewish people towards Eretz Israel will not be thwarted nor frustrated by the British Labor Government nor by any other government.

"We will split the seas, we hurdle mountains, we will do everything possible to lift our brothers from their graves and bring them to the Land of Israel... where we will build a home for the Jewish people."

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EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS BY PAUL L. GOLDMAN  
GENERAL SECRETARY, ACHDUT HAVODAH-POALE ZION (UNITED LABOR ZIONIST PARTY)

"We are gathered here in anger to give our answer to the latest brutal acts of the British Government under the leadership of Bevin in the war that it is waging against the Jewish people. The piratical attack on 'Exodus 1947' is one more shameful monument of the baseness of a Government which, to our sorrow, bears the name Labor.

"The latest deeds of the British Government in and around Palestine and its declared intention to prevent Jewish immigration into Palestine by all the means at its disposal, not even stopping at piracy, should be accepted by us as a declaration of total war against the Jewish people by Bevin and his Government.

"This realization places upon the Jewish people throughout the world, but in the first instance upon American Jewry, the duty to answer in kind. True, we have no mighty fleet to attack the British warships which are preying in international waters on defenseless ships loaded with Jewish survivors on their way to their National Homeland. True, we are not able to put out on the field of battle an army equipped for modern warfare. In all of these things, England is vastly superior to us. But we have other weapons which give us the ability to inflict telling blows. Let us use them.

"Let us reinforce with manpower and material resources the fighting forces of the Yishuv -- the Haganah -- to enable it to answer in some measure, blow for blow. By reinforcement, I mean the organization of a mass Halutzim movement right here in America.

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"Freedom and justice loving people in this country and throughout the entire world will understand the necessity of and justification for such measures on our part, and the best among them, I am sure, will rally to our support.

"To our own Government, we direct the question: Why are you silent, in this hour of our greatest tragedy? The American people, through all mediums of expression, Governmental and otherwise, have time and time again declared that our cause is just, that our need is compelling, that our National Home in Palestine is ours as of right. This clearly implies that he who attempts to bar us from our National Homeland, prevents Jews from entering Palestine, maintains a police state within the country and commits piracy around it, is guilty of a breach of international law, and what should concern our Government particularly, is the breach of special treaties between England and our country concerning Palestine. We ask our Government to protest. We ask our Government to act. It has sufficient means to be effective. We urgently ask it to use them now."

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MESSAGE SENT BY FRANK W. BUXTON  
MEMBER OF ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY  
TO MASS DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING BRITISH ASSAULT ON  
JEWISH VESSEL -- "EXODUS 1947"  
MADISON SQUARE PARK, JULY 24, 1947

The deportation from Palestine of 4,500 Jews is the latest example of what Winston Churchill declared "a plain breach of a solemn obligation... a breach and repudiation of the Balfour Declaration." By British pledge and international agreement, Palestine was to become a land to which Jews could go as of right and not on sufferance. Immigration was to be facilitated. Close settlement on the land was to be promoted. It was because of British vacillation and perversion of the Declaration and the Mandate that the Anglo-American Committee proposed 15 months ago a comprehensive program which included the immediate issue of 100,000 immigration certificates to Jews. The Committee clearly foresaw additional violence and more bloodshed if the White Paper of 1939 remained in effect.

But the Attlee Cabinet ignored the unanimous recommendations of the six Englishmen and six Americans. It preferred to appease the notorious Grand Mufti, a war criminal by British definition, and to check the extension of western civilization. It disregarded the traditional British concepts of statesmanship, fair play and justice, and it is disregarding them most flagrantly now in deporting Jewish immigrants on prison ships.

The consequence of this uninterrupted breach of faith are now plain. The 650,000 Jews of Palestine have been goaded into covert or open revolt. Thousands of them have been driven underground. The Mandatory Power has retaliated against not only the terrorists but unoffending men, women and children. Curfews, community fines, barbed wire prison camps, screenings, road-blocks, mass arrests, peremptory imprisonment for trivial political offences, press censorship, martial law, denial of civil liberties -- they mar the Holy Land today. Present practices in Palestine resemble those used in vain against the American colonists and recall the tactics of the Black-and-Tans in Ireland. A British army of 100,000 has become a jittery police department. British vessels have become marine penitentiaries. As Homer Bigart has pointed out in his admirable dispatches to the New York Herald Tribune, the Mandatory Power is acting as if it were dealing with gangsters only.

The question is not whether Jews will continue to yearn for their ancestral homeland and set out for it but whether the immigration, the crusade, shall be formally authorized, organized, regulated, orderly, peaceful and beneficent, or the opposite. Jewish immigration may be hindered now and then by naval patrols, unrolled barbed wire, detention and deportation. But it cannot be prevented. The aspiring human spirit does not respond to such ministrations. The persecuted Jews of Europe see Palestine as their one haven of safety, where they can work out their destiny, to the advantage of themselves, world Jewry, Palestine and western civilization. They would rather undergo long, cruel privations and risk death to get there than stay in DP camps and countries where 6,200,000 of them were murdered.



The remedy for this calamitous condition is simple, and it is obvious to almost everybody except a short-sighted, stubborn little group in England and the Attlee Cabinet, which it completely dominates. Accept the comprehensive program of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry! Open the doors of Palestine to 100,000 Jews immediately — including those forlorn souls in Cyprus and the prison ships. Admit as many more as the country can reasonably accommodate. That is what every American President, beginning with Wilson and including Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, Roosevelt and Truman have advocated.

Forty of the forty-eight governors recommended it two years ago. Congress and the national conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties have inserted such an immigration proposal in their platforms. The ablest of English leaders of the past, Churchill and Lloyd George among them, have favored such immigration. Reform the land laws! Make the Mandate the keystone of the Palestinian arch! Do justice to Jews, Arabs and Christians alike!

Whatever the ultimate fate of Palestine may be, there will be no peace until the gates are opened. And the opening of them would result quickly in amity and harmony and the emergence of a prosperous, contented Palestine which would be permanently Holy Land in fact as well as words and redeem the tarnished prestige of England.





SLOGANS USED AT MASS RALLY, MADISON SQUARE PARK

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BEVIN INHERITED HITLER'S BARBED WIRE

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### R E S O L U T I O N

Assembled this July 24, 1947 in Madison Square Park in New York, the citizens of New York express their indignation over the deliberate acts of barbarity and lawlessness committed by the government and armed forces of Great Britain in flouting the international obligations imposed upon Britain by the Mandate for Palestine and the U.S.-British Palestine Convention of 1924; in ignoring a unanimous Resolution of the United Nations Assembly which called "upon all governments and peoples... to refrain pending action by the General Assembly on the report of the Special Committee on Palestine, from the threat or use of force or any other action which might create an atmosphere prejudicial to an early settlement of the question of Palestine"; and in violating the general law of nations by attacking and seizing a refugee ship on the high seas and killing and wounding innocent persons.

The assembly of citizens of New York respectfully draws the attention of the President and the Secretary of State of the United States to this horrible state of affairs, in the course of which an American citizen was murdered by British troops on the high seas, and calls upon the American Government, which has assumed world leadership in so many international problems in remote lands, to adhere to and not belie its traditions in this case involving declared American policy and treaty rights and vitally concerning millions of American citizens; to protest, both in direct representations to the British Government and through the instrumentality of the United Nations, against these lawless acts of the British Government; to demand that an immediate end be put to these acts; and to insist on appropriate redress for the wrongs already committed.



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FRANK W. BUXTON, MEMBER OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY,  
GREET'S MADISON SQUARE PARK DEMONSTRATION WITH STRONG PLEA FOR  
JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE

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THOUSANDS EXPECTED TO JOIN DEMONSTRATION TODAY AGAINST BRITISH  
DEPORTATION TO FRANCE OF 4500 "EXODUS 1947" PASSENGERS

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New York, N. Y. -- A strong plea that Britain "make the Mandate the key-stone of the Palestinian arch" was made today by Frank W. Buxton, member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry in a message to the American Zionist Emergency Council. The Council, representing all major American Zionist organizations, is sponsoring a mass demonstration in Madison Square Park (24th Street and Madison Avenue) this afternoon at 4:00 P.M.

This giant mass rally was called by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, as a protest against a British policy which deported 4500 Jewish passengers of the "Exodus 1947" from Haifa to France. The "capture" of the Haganah vessel was effected after the killing of William Bernstein first mate of the "Exodus 1947", and two other Jews.

In his message to the demonstration, Mr. Buxton declared: "The deportation from Palestine of 4500 Jews is the latest example of what Winston Churchill declared: 'a plain breach of a solemn obligation... a breach and repudiation of the Balfour Declaration.'"

In referring to the deportation, Mr. Buxton said that "British vessels have become marine penitentiaries." The member of last year's Anglo-American

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Committee of Inquiry was bitter against the British policy which "prefers to appease the notorious Grand Mufti, a war criminal by British definition, and to check the extension of western civilization."

Speakers mounting the platform this afternoon will include:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council; Representative Emanuel Celler; Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, President of Hadassah; Leon Gellman, President of the Mizrachi Organization of America; Meir Grossman of the United Zionists-Revisionists; Paul Goldman of Achdut Avodah; Joseph Breslaw of the Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine; David Wertheim of Poale Zion, Labor Zionist Organization of America; and Meir Jaffe of Hashomer Hatzair. Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, will be the chairman.

A memorial service will also be conducted for William Bernstein, a former American naval officer and the first American to die in the Jewish struggle for Palestine.

Excerpts of Mr. Buxton's message follows:

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TRIBUTE TO DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
Hotel Astor, New York City  
Monday evening, December 29, 1947

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS OF DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN  
PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS  
AND NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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Dr. Silver has been the architect-in-chief of American Zionist policy in recent years. More than any other American Zionist leader he has brought the Zionist program onto the highway of American public opinion. This policy utilizing the democratic methods of the American political process, namely, direct communication between the people and their representatives in government, succeeded in winning the legislative and executive aims of our government to the advocacy of a Jewish State. Our government's advocacy proved decisive in bringing about the favorable UN decision. Therefore Dr. Silver's contribution has been a decisive factor in the epoch-making dispensation of a Jewish State. It is fortunate that American Zionism, in this crucial period, had Dr. Silver's far-visioned and courageous leadership. He is deserving of the lasting gratitude of the Jewish people for the successful mobilization of the force of American public opinion and for his masterly presentation of the Zionist case before the UN.

With the UN decision, only the first stage of the Jewish State program is concluded, the stage of policy pronouncement. Now we are in the second stage, that of implementation. The Mufti and his collaborators are doing their utmost to frustrate the decision of the UN and make it come to naught.

Erstwhile Hitlerites openly defying and threatening to thwart a decision of an overwhelming majority of the United Nations must not be permitted by the UN to "get away with it" by taking advantage of the fact that the UN Assembly

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is not in session. The Security Council should act, for inaction breeds a deterioration of the situation. Whatever moral prestige the UN has gained by this great decision will be lost if it is not backed up firmly.

It behooves the United States both as a member of the UN and as an avowed advocate of a Jewish State to react against the breach of international law and order being fomented by the Arab States. Its declared embargo on arms to Palestine helps the Arab aggressors who can secure arms readily from neighboring Arab States and hurts the Jewish forces of self-defense.

Great Britain's policy in this transition stage, under the guise of strict neutrality, in effect gives aid and comfort to the Arabs. Under the pretext of evenhanded justice, it is supplying arms to the Arab aggressors and denying them to the Jewish defenders. Invoking technicalities, it is inviting the UN Palestine Commission to stay out of Palestine until Great Britain is ready to leave, thus deliberately planning to create a situation of chaos in which lawlessness and banditry can thrive. What a petty, spiteful, inglorious closing to a chapter which began gloriously with the Balfour Declaration.

I speak as one who all his life considered himself a friend of England, headed the Jewish effort for British War Relief in the U.S. during the war when Great Britain was in desperate need of friends here. The Jewish people still clings to the hope that British policy may change for the better so that Great Britain can go out of Palestine honorably by cooperating with the UN instead of obstructing it.

In the meantime the Haganah can be relied upon to defend and protect the Yishuv. Comparing the present flareup in Palestine with the Arab attacks in 1936, it is evident that the Jewish defense force is incomparably better prepared to meet the attacks. As a matter of fact the Haganah is exercising restraint -- the restraint, however, which comes from strength not from weakness. It is also evident that whereas the Arab attacks of 1936 resulted in the infamous British White Paper, restricting Jewish immigration and land purchase, and thus rewarding

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the murderers and the bandits, the Arab attacks of 1947 will prove to be the last desperate attempt of the Mufti to gain his ends. He will not succeed. Instead of a British White Paper there will be a Jewish Blue and White Paper, the charter of the Jewish State.

As American citizens we turn to our government and we say: "You have done a great work in helping to bring about the decision to create a Jewish State. Don't consider your work done until the Jewish State stands securely. Such economic assistance as you can give the nascent Jewish State and such help as you can provide to bring large numbers of Jewish DP's out of Europe into Palestine, will be an important contribution. The Jews of America will do their full part. They are endeavoring to raise through the United Jewish Appeal an unprecedented sum of \$250,000,000 in 1948 for Jewish needs overseas and here. But right now the urgent task on the political level, is to act firmly vis-a-vis the Arab trouble-makers. The prestige of the U.S. and of the UN demand that the Jewish State come into being with the firm backing of the great powers, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. who brought about the resolution for its establishment.

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