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Democratic plank on Israel (proposed), 1948.

Harold Manson

June 25, 1948

Hyman A. Schulson

Enclosed is a copy of the suggested Democratic plank on Israel which Mr. Fahy and Mr. Levy asked me to transmit to Dr. Silver.

If you do not wish to discuss Jerusalem in the plank, that sentence may be omitted. The last sentence is, in effect, an E.R.P. for the whole Middle East.

When you have drafted the plank as you would want to present it to the Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Convention, will you kindly send me a copy. I have asked Judge Levinthal to discuss with Senator Myers of Pennsylvania some day next week our proposed plank, and I would deeply appreciate it if you would send him a copy of our proposed plank, in order that he might discuss it with Senator Myers, who will be Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

I am sending copies of this memorandum and the enclosed plank to Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann.

May I suggest that you contact our leading New York Democrats, such as Monroe Goldwater, Fitzpatrick, and other friends whom we will need to help us.

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Encl.



SUGGESTED DEMOCRATIC PLANK ON ISRAEL

1. 1944 Plank

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.

2. Proposed 1948 Plank

By granting immediate American recognition to the Republic of Israel, President Truman led the world in extending friendship and welcome to a people who have long sought and justly aspired to freedom and independence. We pledge our support to this new member of the family of peace-loving nations in taking its place in the United Nations, and in safeguarding its political and territorial integrity within the boundaries laid down by the Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly of November 29, 1947, in the formulation and adoption of which the United States took a leading part. We pledge de jure recognition of Israel and assistance in developing its economy and resources. (We will continue to support the internationalization of Jerusalem and of the Holy Places in Palestine within the framework of the United Nations.) (We will promote the economic development of the Middle East, to aid Israel and its Arab neighbors in living together in cooperation, understanding and peace.)