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STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL PRESENTED TO
THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
BY HAROLD P. MANSON, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

Friday, June 18, 1948

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On behalf of the American Zionist Emergency Council, which speaks for all Zionist organizations in the United States and which I have the honor to represent today, I wish to thank you for affording us the opportunity to submit this brief statement.

Today it is clear that not only the fate of the Jewish people, but the honor and integrity of our country and its pledges, as well as the future of the United Nations itself are at stake in our dealings with the Palestine issue.

Four years ago the Republican Party included in its platform a now-historic plank on Palestine. The Republican Party may well be proud of having taken the initiative in 1944 to secure justice for the Jewish people by calling for the establishment of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. The same sentiment was later expressed in the Resolution on Palestine which was overwhelmingly adopted by both Houses of Congress. Such action made it unmistakably clear that the American people favored the re-constitution of the Jewish state.

Today that state is a living reality. The Republic of Israel has been established by the Jewish people on the basis of the United Nations decision. The Provisional Government of that Republic has been recognized by the United States. During the past few months Israel has proved that it is able to defend itself; but it is still struggling to maintain its territorial and political sovereignty. Having defeated and stopped the armies of the various Arab aggressors, Israel is now confronted by new political maneuvers aimed at its dismemberment.

Those who have favored the establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth should now support Israel's political independence within the boundaries established by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Nothing would be more in keeping with our country's traditions and our country's national interests than the establishment of a strong bond of friendship between the United States -- the greatest -- and Israel -- the newest -- of modern democracies. We are encouraged in our belief that this will be done by the fact that in recent weeks all of the leaders of the Republican Party have, without exception, welcomed Israel into the family

of nations and have supported the infant republic's struggle to maintain its independence.

In view of these unequivocal declarations by the Republican Party's leaders, we today express the confident hope that this Convention will greet the new state of Israel with a pledge of friendship, of full recognition, of assistance in rebuilding its economy, and that this Convention will support Israel's political and territorial integrity within the boundaries defined by the United Nations.

