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# • LAST MINUTE NEWS •

By WILLIAM ZUCKERMAN

Our own New York Correspondent

New York. Nahum Goldman flew to London this week on political mission of great importance. . . It is understood that his mission will involve negotiations with British authorities regarding status Palestine after May 15. . . Goldman is expected back in three days. . .

The struggle within the United Nations political Committee between the pro and anti-partitionists is going in very much the same manner as during the first three weeks of Assembly meetings. . . Anti-partitionists led by USA assisted by Britain and France are seeking ways to limit partition along trusteeship lines which now is called "care-taker regime". . . Soviet Russia, Poland, and Slav block obstruct procedure insist that only legal solution before Assembly is decision November 29 which must first be revoked before any other measure introduced. . . Delegates gave up hope of finding solution before May 15, seek only somehow postpone question until next session Assembly in Paris. . . Meantime, International Red Cross, Jerusalem, working successfully on extension of temporary Jerusalem truce to permanent one. . . Last report is such agreement already reached verbally but not signed yet. . .

It is now certain that Jewish State will be proclaimed on scheduled date. . . Three huge meetings will herald proclamation. . . First is meeting Madison Square Garden May 16 by American Zionist Emergency Council. . . Second is 'Salute' to Jewish State by left-wing committee Jewish Writers and Artists which brought over Michoels Fefer during war. . . Third is Ben Hecht's Committee meeting Madison Square Garden. . . There is practically no opposition to promulgation State. . . Differences of opinion revolve only around demand for immediate recognition of Jewish State. . . Extremists, militant Zionists and Communists demand immediate request by Jewish Agency for recognition. . . Soviet Russia, Poland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia already indicated they would recognize Jewish State if request made. . . Some Zionists oppose such request. . . Decision will be made in Palestine. . .

New York. Morning Journal reports differences of opinion arose within Executive Jewish Agency on question proclamation Jewish State next week and of attitude towards American government's effort bring compromise settlement Palestine. . . One section Agency Executive headed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann warns against hasty action in premature proclamation Jewish State and particularly against demand for its recognition immediately. . . This group argues such steps may cut off chances of negotiations with more moderate Arabs and possibility of

peaceful settlement by agreement in Palestine. . . It is understood that this opinion has support of American Jewish Committee group headed by ex-Governor Lehman who favors temporary truce in Palestine for three months with Yishuv having actual powers state and enlarged immigration but not official State recognition. . . Moderate Zionists and non-Zionists advocate this compromise, not only for Palestine, but also in order avoid more tension between Jews and American government which they fear may lead to situation similar to that in England. . . Silver-Neumann group is strongly opposed to any compromise; insists on immediate proclamation Jewish State as scheduled and demand its recognition. . . It is argued Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia already indicated willingness recognize Jewish government and Soviet Russia will follow. . . It is this internal crisis that is responsible for Moshe Shertock's sudden departure for Palestine by air this week according Morning Journal.

New York. The open differences of opinion within Jewish Agency Executive on how to meet Jewish State crisis have been extended this week to American Zionist circles outside Jewish Agency and are leading to revival of former American Zionist opposition. . . A closed conference of all outstanding leaders of the former Liberal Opposition to Dr. Silver's militancy was held this week at fashionable Pierre hotel here. . . Among those present were Edmund Kaufmann, Rabbi Stephen Wise, Louis Lipsky, all former presidents of American Zionist Organization who were eliminated from office and standing in Party. . . Albert K. Epstein of Chicago and devotee of Dr. Weizmann flew specially from Chicago attend conference is playing leading role in movement revive opposition. . . With him is also Judge Stone, G. B. Richards other well-known American Zionist figures who have been silenced for many years. Conference was strictly private and newspapermen were requested leave. . . Details proceeding therefore unknown so far. . . Except that Conference heard report by Dr. Nahum Goldman who gave confidential report on situation in UN, Washington and Palestine. . . Much attention being attached to this conference despite its secrecy. . . It is believed it will lead to revival of organized American liberal opposition within Zionist ranks. . . This is considered essential first, because militant policy of Silver-Neumann has failed above all in United States. . . secondly, because it is feared continuation of unobstructed militancy will hurt Jews Palestine and still more in United States.

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# • NATIONAL NEWS •

## U.S.-Palestine Policy Exemplifies Administration's Fumbling

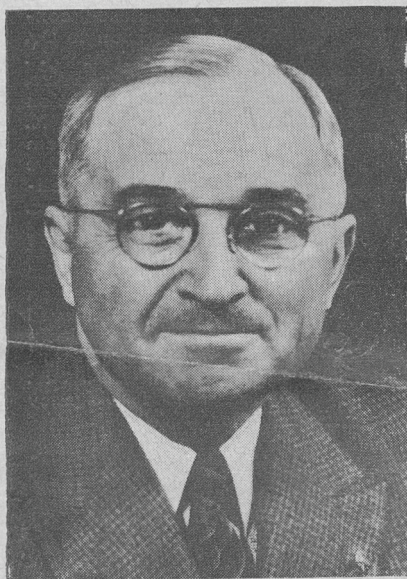
THIS WEEK UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING PALESTINE, was still in the stage of indecision. With the appointment of General Hilldring to the State Department, the belief was generally held that it would mean a revision of U.S. Foreign policy. But as developments stand at this time, the Administration neither re-emphasized its Trusteeship policy, nor reversed it.

Many an American could not share the optimism of President Harry Truman (see below ADMINISTRATION), who again this week displayed his failure to understand the gravity of international issues.

### ADMINISTRATION

#### Peace

Washington, (JTA)—President Truman said this week that he does not believe efforts to find a peaceful solution for the Palestine problem have failed.



PRESIDENT TRUMAN  
What Failure?

This country, Truman said, is still making every effort to prevent bloodshed in Palestine and is doing everything it can to get the Palestine problem settled peacefully. There is still hope of a peaceful settlement, he declared.

Asked if he were still making efforts to get the British to remain in Palestine after May 15, the President replied that he had been in no communication with the British except through the U.N. and that he did not know what the U.N. had asked the British to do. The U.S. Government, he said, is making every effort through the U.N. to get the problem settled.

Earlier, Gov. Herbert H. Lehman discussed the Palestine question with President Truman at the President's request. He later refused to disclose the results of the conversation and denied that he was considering taking any position that would make him advisor to the President on Palestine.

President Truman is deeply interested and concerned about the situation in Palestine, he told reporters after leaving the White House. Asked for his own views, Lehman said that he considers the Palestine situation "very unfortunate" and that he still believes in partition with an international force to maintain peace. He also believes that steps must be taken by

the U.N. to set up a trusteeship for the entire area of Jerusalem.

"Since time is so short," he stated, "I would like to see a limited truce of about three or four months, under which there would be no final determination with regard to partition or trusteeship, and which would provide for substantial immigration and land purchase, and permitting free passage throughout Palestine for all persons engaged in peaceful pursuits." He thought immigration should be set at approximately 5,000 persons monthly.

### CONGRESS

#### Questions

Washington, (JTA)—The Palestine question was the subject of several heated question and answers in a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing that was supposed to be confined strictly to the matter of amending the United Nations Charter.

U.S. delegate to the United Nations Warren R. Austin, appearing as a witness, used the Palestine case now before the U.N. as an illustration of "the basic doctrine that General Assembly recommendations depend wholly on voluntary cooperation of member nations," and said that a recommendation by the General Assembly does not necessarily ensure that it will be automatically implemented.

Several members seized upon the opportunity to question Ambassador Austin closely on the Palestine matter, although Chairman Eaton had requested the committee members to confine themselves to the U.N. Charter subject since Palestine was "of such tremendous importance for the safety of the world" that special hearings had been scheduled by the committee.

Rep. Sol Bloom of New York, however, over the objections of Eaton, asked Austin whether he was kept informed what Great Britain is doing in Palestine with reference to the Mandate. Recalling that the Anglo-American treaty of 1924 required that the U.S. be fully informed before any change could be made in the Palestine Mandate, Bloom asked Austin if he was "sure Great Britain is going to withdraw on May 15."

"I am not sure of anything," Austin replied. "I may have opinion on what Great Britain will do that are not shared by others," he said, adding that he had nothing on the record to go on except public statements of Great Britain that she would terminate her mandate on May 15.

"Why then are they returning their troops?" Bloom asked.

Austin, pointed out that Bloom was

"asking questions that should be addressed to the Mandatory Power" suggested that two incidents, the attack on Jaffa and the threat of invasion from outside of Palestine, might have been the reason for the recent dispatch of British reinforcements.

"What is the U.S. position on recognition of the Jewish State after May 15?" Bloom then asked Austin.

With obvious irritation, Austin said: "You don't expect me to answer that question, do you?"

"I certainly do," Bloom retorted, adding, when Austin offered no further answer, that, "you don't mean to tell me that the U.S. does not know what its position will be in regard to recognition of the Jewish State."

At this point, Chairman Eaton halted the questioning between Bloom and Austin. A few moments later, Rep. James Fulton of Pennsylvania asked Austin to say whether he had participated in the decision to change the U.S. policy from one in support of partition to that of temporary trusteeship or whether he had been merely carrying out the instructions when he announced the new U.S. policy to the U.N.

"I don't think you are treating the witness fairly," Austin retorted sharply. "It is not in good taste to ask me that question," he said, adding that, in spite of his objections, he was prepared to answer the question if Fulton pressed him. At this point the question was ruled out of order by Eaton.

### JUDICIARY

#### Application

Washington, (JTA)—The Department of Justice this week interpreted the Supreme Court decision rendering court enforcement of restrictive covenants based on race or color illegal, (see SENTINEL, May 6), as applying also to religious groups. The Court's decision mentioned only private real estate agreements which barred groups on the basis of race or color.

"It is the opinion of the Department of Justice that the ruling of the Supreme Court are applicable with equal force to similar agreements based on creed," the Department said. "It would now seem certain that no state through its courts can support or enforce private agreements which are designed to do what the state itself is prohibited from doing."

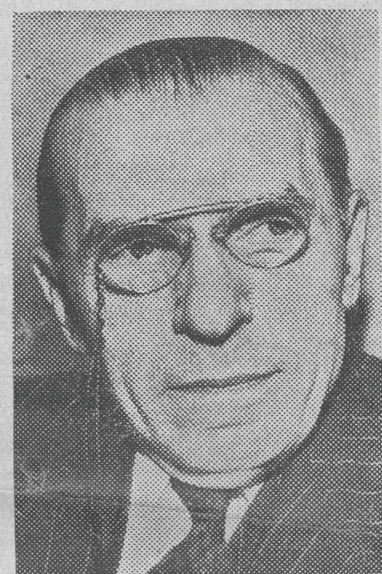
#### Hailed

New York, (JTA)—The U.S. Supreme Court decision forbidding court enforcement of restrictive real estate covenants was hailed in a point statement issued by Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Jacob Grumet, chairman of the civil rights committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The statement by the two Jewish leaders was released also on behalf of the Jewish Labor Committee and the Jewish War Veterans.

"The unanimous decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, forbidding enforcement by state or Federal courts of racially restrictive real estate agreements, is a milestone in the democratic effort

to eliminate discrimination in the enjoyment of basic civil and political rights by all groups, regardless of race, color, religion or national origin," the statement said. "Restrictive covenants have been a major weapon in the segregation of racial and religious minorities," the statement continued. "Such segregation inevitably is a threat to democracy."

The statement points out that while the Supreme Court decision does not void all discriminatory restrictive covenants, it does make it impossible for persons entering into such agreements to invoke the aid of the courts in enforcing them. "As such, it is another step in the recent series of Supreme Court decisions, state statutes, and Fed-



REP. SOL BLOOM  
What Position?

eral recommendations which reaffirm and strengthen the civil rights of every citizen, regardless of race, creed, color or origin.

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# O'Dwyer Pleads For Israel Arms

Taft Also Urges End of Embargo

Israel's infant State is morally entitled to the use of arms from the U. S. to protect herself. Led by Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) and Mayor O'Dwyer, speaker after speaker hammered home this point before thousands of persons last night at Madison Square Garden in the "Salute to Israel" rally.

As Jews alternately wept and cheered at the speakers' demands that the arms embargo to Palestine be lifted, Taft called for military aid to the embattled new Jewish State.

The crowd was so huge that traffic was halted on 49th st. The Garden was jammed with 19,000 persons, and an estimated 75,000 others outside braved the rain to hear speakers via loud speakers.

"Let's lift the arms embargo now," Taft said.

"I doubt if the embargo ever was legal under American law. But if it had any validity under the British mandate, it is now possible to lift it."

Taft told the cheering Zionists that Israel should be admitted to United Nations membership and that the U. N. should use armed force to prevent aggression against the Jewish republic.

## HINTS AT SANCTIONS.

Taft was interrupted repeatedly by applause.

"If an obstructionist veto blocks United Nations help to Israel, we have some economic pressures of our own we may have to use," he said, hinting at sanctions against the Arabs.

The Senator attacked Britain for "repudiating" its promises to the Jewish people and declared that Israel's battle for survival has the command and respect of the world.

"I congratulate President Truman on his prompt recognition of the new republic," Taft said.

Mayor O'Dwyer, who preceded Taft on the speakers' stand, created the biggest uproar of appreciation by saying of Truman: "We love you for what you've done in recognizing Israel. But Mr. President, follow through and lift that arms embargo."

## NUMEROUS ENEMIES.

The Mayor noted that the new republic has numerous enemies on its soil who wanted to destroy it, said:

"Israel cannot worry about civil administration matters until it has established itself securely."

Speaking to a crowd, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, U. S. chairman of the Jewish Agency, predicted the Israel defenders will hold against Arab attack.

"Behind them are the resources of world Jewry which is tired of being stepped on, tired of putting up with gas chambers, a world Jewry that is in battle dress," he said.

## AUDIENCE IN TEARS.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the American Zionist organization, spoke of "the culmination of 2,000 years of exile and anguish."

His voice broke, and hundreds in the audience wept at the intensity of Dr. Neumann's feeling.

Former Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau urged that the Marshall Plan be extended to include Israel.

Other speakers included Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress; Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, national commander of Jewish War Veterans; Mrs. Samuel Halprin, Hadassah president, and Frank Goldman, president of B'Nai B'rith.

More than 100 police were on duty in and outside the Garden. Two persons were injured slightly in the milling throngs outside, and three others were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct.

# Her Date With Stork Upsets Gene's Studio

Exclusive Story Surprised Director

By LOUELLA O. PARSONS

Motion Picture Editor, International News Service HOLLYWOOD, May 17.—So deep a secret was the fact that Gene Tierney and Oleg Cassini are expecting a baby in December, no one at the 20th Century-Fox knew it until my exclusive story appeared.

Gene was at the Gary Cooper party, and I doubt that anybody outside of two people in that room knew she had made a date with the stork.

A few hours before the party I had asked her if it were true, since I knew that she had been discussing costumes for "Lady Windermere's Fan," which she was to start June 21.

## ANOTHER TO TAKE PART.

The word had come to me from New York, and she admitted that she was taking time off to join her husband, from whom she was separated for more than a year up to the time of their reconciliation a few months ago.

She had never divorced Cassini. They had been reconciled for several months before it was publicly announced.

Otto Preminger, director of



**OVERFLOW CROWD . . .** Under umbrellas and with traffic in W. 49th st. shut off, an estimated 75,000 braved the rain outside the Garden to hear the "Salute to Israel" over mobile loudspeakers at left. Mayor O'Dwyer urged President Truman "to follow through and lift that arms embargo."

## Colt Pro-Red Bar Sets Pattern

By HOWARD RUSHMORE

Refusal of the Colt Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn., to renew contracts with a Red-dominated CIO union may set a pattern for other industries engaged in vital military production.

The Company flatly charged that during the war, the union's record was one of "constant interruption of production" and the new policy was shaped to guarantee elimination of "every possible obstruction to full production" on future Government armament contracts.

## PRO-RED RECORD CITED.

This blunt challenge to the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, is borne out by facts which show:

James Matles and Julius Emspak, national leaders of the UE, have been cited as having long pro-Communist records by Congress.

Left-wing UE members employed at Sperry Gyroscope, Lake Success, L. I., recently were "screened" by the Naval Intelligence and 15 UE members were ordered off restricted zones or transferred by the company.

The union has unfailingly followed the gyrations of Soviet foreign policy and during the Nazi-Soviet pact attacked America's preparedness efforts.

## UNION REVOLT SPREADS.

Colt's refusal to negotiate a new contract also is seen as offering added incentive to the spreading rank-and-file revolts in the union—revolts which recently have led several major UE locals into right-wing CIO unions.

Regarded as the biggest CIO union in the Red Fascist periphery, the UE was named by the House Committee on un-American Activities as Communist-controlled.

"Communist control of the

UE," the committee said "... been demonstrated by its activity and by the testimony of competent authority."

## IN VITAL INDUSTRY.

The committee also reported: "It has been estimated that three-fourths of the 570,000 workers in the UE are employed in defense industries, manufacturing such important war materials as aircraft and marine equipment, parts for

tanks and guns, torpedoes, gun-sights, aerial cameras, motors and cartridges."

Starting in 1938, large delegations of the union marched in the official Communist May Day parade.

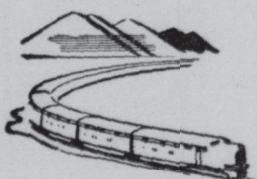
Numerous UE officials have hailed the Daily Worker as "America's outstanding labor party" and have openly supported Communist Party candidates for office.



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**SALUTE TO ISRAEL . . .** Notables who attended last night's huge "Salute to Israel" rally at Madison Square Garden included former GOV. HERBERT H. LEHMAN (left), MAYOR O'DWYER, SEN. ROBERT TAFT (R-Ohio); DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, U. S. chairman of the Jewish Agency, and former TREASURY SECRETARY HENRY MORGENTHAU. Speakers hammered home the point that the infant Jewish State is entitled to the use of arms from the United States to protect herself.

Journal-American Photos by Len Morgan

## Trucking Chief Called Suicide

Werner Clauss, 36, trucker and stevedoring business man, was dead today, the victim of 17 sleeping tablets in what police called a suicide.

Depressed over financial matter and ill health, Clauss swallowed the pills yesterday at his home, 128 E. 72nd st., then telephoned a friend.

Police hurried to the house and vainly administered two cylinders of oxygen after the friend, Walter Armitage, of 235 E. 57th st., had called.

Clauss for seven years was a port steward for the Isthmian Steamship Line, 71 Broadway, and once took a brief fling at co-producing plays.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Elsie Clauss; his father, H. Clauss, and two sisters.

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## 'Veto Vito' Drive On in Harlem

"Veto Vito" was the slogan passed throughout Harlem today by the Mill Rock Post No. 716, Veterans of Foreign Wars, as members launched an all-out drive to defeat leftist Rep. Vito Marcantonio for reelection.

The anti-Marcantonio campaign in the 18th Congressional District, spokesmen for the veterans' group said, is motivated by their "uncompromising determination" to "get rid of any semblance of pro-Communism."

## SEEK 10,000 NAMES.

To accomplish this, the organization is circulating petitions on which they are seeking to obtain 10,000 names of voters this week. The petition blanks, each containing spaces for 25 signatures, read:

"We, the undersigned, petition the Democratic and Republican County Committees to unite in the fight against Communism and request that they endorse a single candidate to insure defeat of their common foe—Communism—in the 18th C. D."

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# Policy Keynote Set at Dinner Tribute to Silver

## Zionist Orientation Leans to UN; Ives, O'Mahoney, Rokach, Zionist Leaders Laud Silver on Departure for Palestine

A capacity crowd of over 1,000 persons, including leaders in all walks of public life among whom were U. S. Senators, the Mayor of Tel Aviv and leaders of the Zionist movement, filled the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor in New York at a dinner in tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the eve of his departure for Palestine.

(Excerpts of Dr. Silver's address published below on this page.)

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who acted as toastmaster at the affair, which was under the sponsorship of the American Zionist Emergency Council, predicted that "our children and children's children, and generations yet unborn who will live in Palestine in the security of the Jewish State, will speak Dr. Silver's name with love and reverence and eternal gratitude, as one of the greatest and most illustrious names in modern Jewish history." Some day, he said, the full story would have to be recorded in detail, but for the present much of what Dr. Silver did was done behind the scenes and is not to be revealed.

### Chief Responsibility

"It is to his brilliant leadership," Dr. Neumann said, "that we owe in very large measure the greatest political achievement in 2,000 years of Jewish history. His contributions have been varied and noble. As chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, his was the chief responsibility for organizing and directing the presentation and defense of the Jewish case before the United Nations. His appearance as the head of our delegation lent it lustre and distinction. His presentations of the Zionist case, both in the spring and in the fall sessions of the Assembly, will rank as

masterpieces of forensic eloquence.

"But it is not of all these things that I think when I refer to the decisive role which Dr. Silver has played in bringing about the historic decision of the United Nations," Dr. Neumann continued. "I am thinking rather of the grand design and over-all strategy of the political struggle which he has spearheaded over a period of years. I am thinking of the marshalling of our forces and the all-out political offensive which he conducted. Above all, I am thinking of the decisive part played by the United States and of Dr. Silver's role in that connection."

A strong plea for arms for defense of the nascent Jewish State

was made by Senator Irving M. Ives, of New York.

### Struggle Not Over

Referring to Dr. Silver as "a leader who has won a new place of dignity for his people among the nations of the world," and adding that he had provided "that brilliant leadership without which the UN decision favoring a Jewish State would not have been achieved," Senator Ives nevertheless cautioned that "the Jewish people's struggle did not end with the United Nations decision."

Mayor Israel Rokach, of Tel Aviv, assured the assemblage that Palestinians are defending themselves against all circumstances. "We do not want to con-

quer anything," he said, "but we will defend the property and the lives of Jews and we will gain the second cause, just as we gained the first cause at Lake Success."

### Goldstein Flays Embargo

Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists, condemned the action of the United States in placing an embargo on arms to Palestine, characterizing this embargo as an aid to "the Arab aggressors, who can secure arms readily from the neighboring Arab States." He attacked, also, Great Britain's policy in this transition stage which, he maintained, under the guise of neutrality, actually gives aid and comfort to the Arabs. He charged further that under the pretext of evenhanded justice, the British were supplying arms to the Arab aggressors and denying them to the Jewish defenders.

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, of Wyoming, in his remarks, said that "a great duty devolves upon all lovers of liberty and independence that this great venture into liberty and independence shall not fail. The one great thought we must harbor in our hearts,"

### Message from Swope

In a message addressed to the Silver testimonial, Herbert Bayard Swope said:

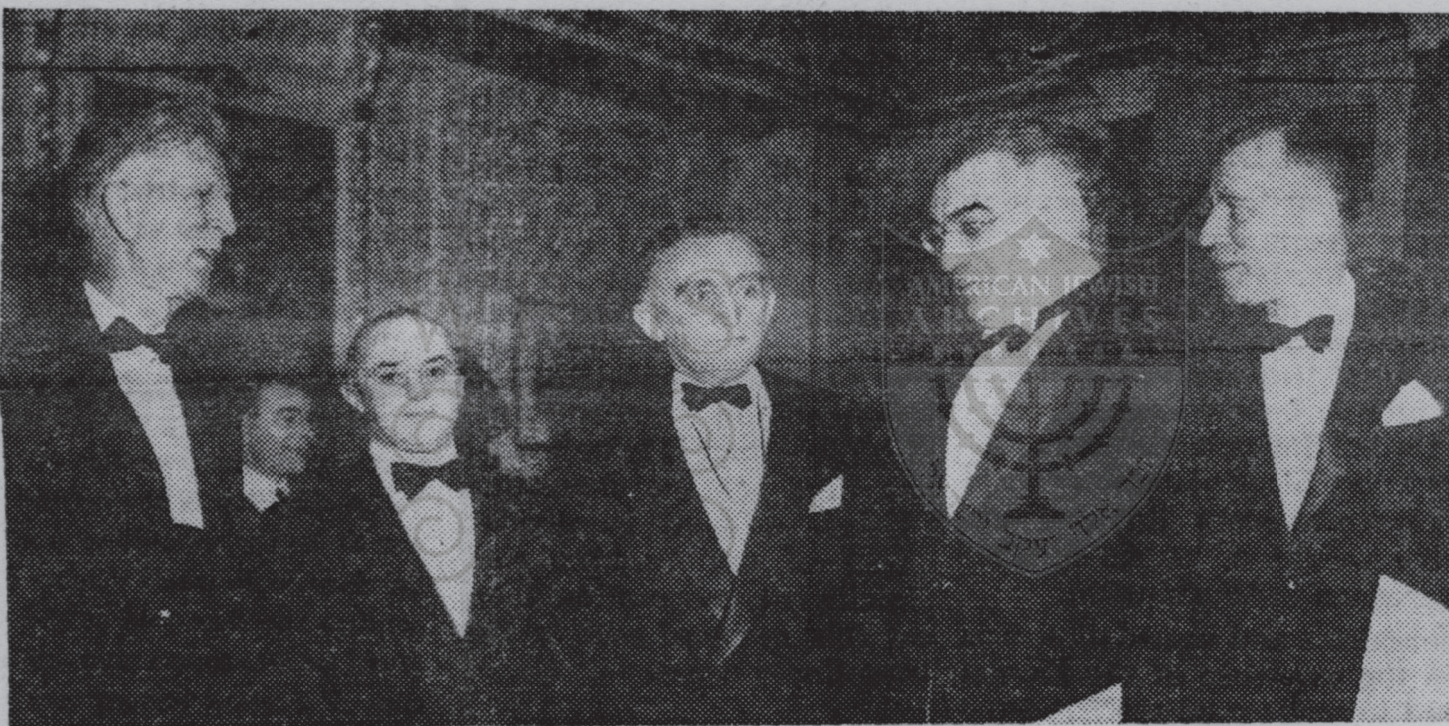
"The leadership of the man you honor tonight, Dr. Silver, has been great in bringing about the present condition (the UN decree for Jewish statehood). Let me bear testimony to the fact that I have found him a great leader. Others, notably Dr. Weizmann and his associates, also deserve this accolade but none has shown higher qualities of courage, of understanding, of persistence, of decision, in short, of leadership. I have come close to him during the emergency and I have found him determined but without rancor; persevering but never unfair. He could not be swerved from his objective and he welcomed to the cause all who could aid."

he added, "is that reconstitution of the Jewish State comes at the same time when the aspirations of mankind everywhere for liberty and peace seem to be on the verge of realization."

### Consistency Applauded

Expressing admiration for the personal and political integrity of Dr. Silver, Rabbi Meyer Berlin, President of the Mizrahi, said, "His policy is clear. What he said yesterday, I expect he will say tomorrow." Rabbi Berlin added: "The Zionist Organization of America is now playing the leading role on the American scene and in the entire Galuth."

Messages were received from Governor Thomas E. Dewey; Bartley C. Crum; U. S. Senator Robert A. Taft; U. S. Representative John W. McCormack; Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Speaker of the House; General John H. Hildring; Mayor Thomas A. Burke of Cleveland; Moshe Shertok; Herbert Bayard Swope and many other leaders.



Seen here at the dinner at which tribute was paid to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver prior to his departure for Palestine, are, from left to right, James MacDonald, Jorge Garcia Granados, Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Senator from Wyoming, Dr. Silver and Irving Ives, Senator from New York.

# We Must Stand on Guard

Excerpts of Address

By DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Those who are despondent over the turn of affairs in international relations and the apparent irreparable rift which has been created between the East and the West might well take heart in contemplating the full and ready cooperation which did exist between the United States and the Soviet Union on the issue of Palestine. Here was an area where, we were told, imperial interests were inevitably destined to clash and where power politics would most certainly tear East and West hopelessly apart. Nothing of the sort happened, to the utter consternation of all the preachers of the irresistible conflict. On the contrary — here was ready and friendly agreement. In my humble judgment, there is much food for thought here and strong warrant for a more hopeful world outlook and a less intractable statesmanship.

In this connection it should be stated that those who were responsible for the earlier and now discredited propaganda that the Soviet Union, in its desire to penetrate the Middle East and its

rich oil fields, would side with the Arabs against the Jews and that Great Britain and the United States must therefore not favor the Jewish cause for fear of driving the Arab States into the arms of the Soviet Union, have now slightly revised their propaganda. The Soviet Union, it is now proclaimed, favored the setting up of a Jewish State in Palestine in the confident expectation that this would arouse the Arabs, create disturbance and necessitate the intervention of the Security Council. The Security Council would have to send troops. The Soviet Union, being a member of the Security Council, would then have its own troops included in whatever international force is sent to Palestine. Once there, they will never be dislodged.

This is the new, or rather the revamped, propaganda which is being peddled about today in Washington by agents of all sorts — British, American and Arab —

as well as in the public press and which, along with the supplementary propaganda that the so-called illegal immigrants coming into Palestine are really communist agents in disguise, is being adroitly spread to destroy U.S.-U.S.S.R. cooperation on Palestine, and to prevent the implementation of the UN decision. Every effort is being made to thrust Palestine back into the dangerous arena of power politics, from which the U.S.-U.S.S.R. agreement and the action of the UN has most opportunely lifted it.

### Cooperation Hailed

There are even some members in the Congress of the U. S. who out of ignorance or malice, are lending themselves to the spreading of this baseless and mischievous propaganda. Needless to say, the Zionist movement has no orientation either to the West or to the East. If we need to define our orientation, it is definitely

and unmistakably to the United Nations. We are happy that our problem received a solution by international agreement in which the East and the West harmoniously cooperated. We hope that it will remain so in the future.

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It is now a month since the historic UN decision and while our happiness is unabated, our minds are turning soberly to the pressing and difficult problems involved in the implementation of that decision.

Those problems are ours—but they are also those of the United Nations. The UN accepted the responsibility to decide the future government of Palestine. It has set up the machinery and fixed the time schedule for implementation. It was completely aware of all the difficulties involved and was forewarned, not once but many times, by delegates of Arab States of their resolve to thwart by violence a decision of the UN favorable to partition. Nevertheless the UN acted, despite these threats and in the full knowledge

of all that was involved, convinced that there was no other way out and that a solution could no longer be postponed.

If the UN were now to be deterred from its course by the planned violence by riots and demonstrations, calculated to convince the world that the UN decision is impossible of implementation and thus, by force, to alter the settlement which it decreed, the UN would not only suffer an irreparable loss of prestige and authority, but its future effectiveness as the agency "to bring about by peaceful means and in conformity with the principles of justice and constitutional law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace"—would be disastrously undermined.

The Mufti and his henchmen are attempting to sabotage the establishment of the Jewish State but they and their collaborators in the neighboring Arab States, which are covenanted member states of the UN and, as such, pledged to abide loyally by its decisions, are engaged as well in a shameless, frontal attack upon the very life of the UN itself.

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