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Service for the Festival of Purim, 1948.

1) Purum - ① to say - thing would - reflected at talk Success - of
 - scheming - plotting + ~~and conspiring~~; sinister plot. conspirators
 of a cunning minister and an unwise King; of unscrupulous
generals; of power politics, of selfish interests and
special privileges endangering the fate of a people -

All this is in the Book, in the - in the story, Purum -

② Also there is the record of the defeat, this disastrous conf.
 how loyalty, courage & faith, and the unity & disaffection
 the Jews, now the day, and paradoxical leadership (Wend. Esther)
 and how the political situation - political / " -

2) What happened - ^{Friday a week ago} ~~last Friday~~ - Black Friday - culmination
 of a conspiracy - Nov. 29 - unprecedented - Haman, the
 piece Henry Henderson - only ^{Dr. J.} N. Eastern W. Am. - (a) Execution
 of Plan or for a U.S. - hand, enemies - (b) Embargo -
 (c) Passports - important as indicators of attitudes -
 (d) as early as January - campaign ^{called back} to go in press

① Unworkable - disturbances - foreseen - U.S. constantly

② Inter. Trade - Russia -

③ Oil - In place time - In war time - 25th

3) Behind the Drive - ^{Powerful lobby} Arabs - Cheap oil & Hope project - not for U.S. press
Parties would be abandoned - Pol. - an Arab State -

They saw right people.

(a) Secy, Deane - Forrestal - Then wants of that interest & defense - Star & Stuyves - intense personal effort.

(b) Washington is ruled today by the military - Foreign policy is made by them in the main

(c) The whole State Dept. soon coming into line - Marshall & Lovett & others

Finally ^{Ross} Truman - who were had a clear & consistent line on it - were took the trouble to inform himself properly on the two facts - who ^{inclusion} ~~with~~ his latest utterance - last Friday - has been twisting & turning & improvising in a most confusing & shameful manner.

4) The Amer. press & public - was aware of the an underground conspiracy - they seemed on the public utterances of Farwell & other public officials a coming reversal of policy. They were left in the dark - Affectionate alleged by repeated statements by - Marshall - U.S. policy is still free for parliament - unaltered. (a) Letters / Marshall -

(b) on Thursday - Weepman (c) for daily contact at Sec. level with time obligation - (d) at 3 P.M. - In such a manner does the Joint, the public demand

57 Auster - Feb. 24 ^{at Sea} ~~at Sea~~ - I discharged by the very best
of duty, by the alms, and by giving to point to
any course, actions - the real interest, time, part. It
was not yet a frank open acknowledgment, a several
many long hills - many curious phases - many way open
for a variety, interference - many several changes
dropped.

(A) Did not fool keen men - death blow to part

(B) Did not fool public

I - See General has not yet at the influence by the part ^{on any basis}

- It can only intervene - when a hand, the place

- Invented - interest - legal dept

- But while suggesting that from all indications a hand
I place exist in Pal - I did not indicate what
V. I. was prepared to do about it.

II. But reopen negotiations with Jews Chicks -

- agreed solutions - This was it - abandonment

I Parish ^{to roughly see} (C) Area - 30 ms. Estimate -

III But all along - Auster kept renewing - my until
short conference - refused to set on top of the table
these conditions when proposed all the to it by
Did not turn down Part then renew

Resolution finally adopted - Perm members were to inform ⁽⁴⁾
Sec. Council - regarding the situation with regard to Pal and to
make recommendations - with a view of implementing the
Resolution of the Sec. Assembly

IV. Sec Council voted down - U.S. resolution calling
for new consultations. In spite of this - threat
- They invited - Jews Arabs (Ruma) to discuss
work matters - and a force (for annexation and
suspending implementation of UN. Plan)

(a) The things which they discuss - threat to peace - what to do next -
Interim force - army united - never discussed

(b) It was not intention of U.S. to discuss the
They had turned their back on U.N. Plan - &
were paving way for their new scheme
Interim Trusteeship - to spread Assembly

(c) We made 9 specific proposals for peaceful
implementation - never got to consider them

(d) on Friday afternoon - Mar. 21 - finally forming
① Joint Arab - VII. Council ② Special Agency - for Arab

(8) Said that on Tuesday - proposals - no proposals - (5)
Canada & France noted. next meeting next Tuesday

(1) In maintenance - Presided arrived now, then enter

~~Then coming to primary support~~

(1) He said - that reason for new negotiations was that the former plan cannot be carried out at this time by peaceful means and that we could not undertake to reinforce the situation by the use of Amer. troops. If it is valuable to maintain order that no situation could be carried out at this time by peaceful means and that if Amer. is unwilling to send troops to reinforce the situation, ~~that~~ the Nation will not agree to any new situation; ~~that~~ for they will be faced with the same problem unresolved

(2) And if Amer. is prepared to send troops to enforce an order to - Why not unwilling to send troops - to enforce Parliament?

(3) E. H. T. Urbschupp - Who? Just Britain?

(4) Unwilling (B) cheap to unwind? Particular unwilling

(5) Under what terms? Mandatory & Stole directly concerned?

White Paper - Town will resist -

If relaxation - Arabs will resist - Protest, England
(5) Western Peoples

⑤ A so-called "Trust" is not proposed as a substitute for Parliament. - fill vacuum soon to be created by terminating Mandate by May 15. The term does not prejudice the character, the period for settlement. (But why)

(Vacuum?) Plan calls for no vacuum -
Failure to implement plan - inevitable stalemate
S. Fr. & U.S. - no creating vacuum.

① Feb. 1 - ② Apr. 1 - initiation -

③ May 15 - J. state prepared to talk even
a) variable but a disintegrating mandatory system
b) or an altogether new system

⑥ True - simple way - Arab stops
attacking - immediate -

There are no hedgehogs -
Surfaced & undef. May fund for settlement

⑦ Hurdles - in Sec. Council - may call Sp. Assembly
2/3 vote - U.S. Commissioner must carry on
- Nothing valued but

⑧ Jewish position - 50%

9) American position - a Plan to V/N, a Plan to Security Council (2)

① American leadership - might, ~~fit~~, credibility
+ broken pledges theological

10) Must be fought - to redeem Amer - V/N
קרבן ל שכול



STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JEWS OF PALESTINE
(VAAD LEUMI), MARCH 27, 1948

The Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Vaad Leumi have learned with regret and astonishment of the attitude adopted by the United States representative in the Security Council concerning the United Nations decisions on Palestine.

The Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi declare:

1. The Jewish people and the Yishuv in Palestine will oppose any proposal designed to prevent or postpone the establishment of the Jewish State.
2. We categorically reject any plan to set up a trusteeship regime for Palestine, even for a short period of time. A trusteeship would necessarily entail a denial of the Jewish right to national independence. It would leave Palestine under a foreign military regime.
3. The failure and disintegration of the Mandatory administration, the continuation of which was unanimously rejected by the United Nations, necessitates the early arrival in Palestine of the United Nations ^{Palestine} Commission. The Provisional Council of Government of the Jewish State should be recognized without delay by the United Nations ^{Palestine} Commission so that authority may be transferred to it as envisaged in the United Nations decisions.
4. Upon the termination of the Mandatory administration and not later than May 16 next, a provisional Jewish government will commence to function in cooperation with the representatives of the United Nations then in Palestine. In the meantime, we shall do our utmost to minimize the chaos created by the present government, and we shall maintain, so far as lies in our power, the public services neglected by it.
5. The Jewish people extends the hand of peace to the Arab people, and invites representatives of the Arab population of the Jewish State to take their rightful place in all its organs of government. The Jewish State will be glad to cooperate with the neighboring Arab States and to enter into permanent treaty relations with them to strengthen world peace and to advance the development of all the countries of the Near East.