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Hadassah convention, Cleveland, 1936.

1. Like to address conventions - Chelms -
2. Congratulate conv. - Much has been said - Sound a more optimistic note
ajul. Alts - Sadness a despair ~~needs~~ to release great energy needs
3. I should like to remind you 2. not product of counsel of despair. - Pol. as a
place of refuge for persecuted - only one argument for 2.
we wanted of homeland to give our people normal, full-abled nat. existence
for every essential regard - land - laurels
~~Might or might not be place of refuge~~ - normalize our pol. status
- autonomous - forces - standards
Hence we preached 2 - to all Jews, regardless
The Jewish people needed a home - even if not Jews - Germans
French, Italians.
So with Jews - Jews may live - No more! No less!
4. Our 2im. was not and is not a product of panic or stampede!
It is not a flight from the Western world.
It is not a liquidation of the Diaspora. - 2700 yrs.
Product of sound political sense of people and of its strong will this
Realization that like every other people, we need - live - status -
Total life - Rationalize our econ. life - ^{cultural, spiritual} Whither
5. Hence, you will pardon me, if I say it, that we have un-learned
the German motif in our 2. educational work in last 3 yrs.
It is easy to scare people into 2. by an appeal to H. = poor
concepts! Pressure relax -

We need 25. who envisage problems for what it is - we need Pal. not
Mr. Galut is liquidating - but Mr. Galut is not liquidating.
We need a pol. econ. + cultural ~~center~~ center here, the diff. pol. econ.
+ cultural problems, which are existing + a continuous disaster front +
will present us with, ^{who so better will be easier if the G. + J. Homburg.} ~~even a great reputation of Pal - will not obliterate~~
the Galut -

6. Our battle is: along 2 fronts - to build up - to defend
One is not to be had at the expense, the other -

{ I deplore: this appeal to the "Liberation of our position in Galut" as
chief argument for 2 - for attempt to make exp. in Germ. typical
a revolution for all Jews - destiny
As well as all the talk about "liquidating" Germany + econ -
is any other -

Too much talk of liquidation, not enough of rev's front

7. To believe that Hitlerism permanent feature
last word in civilization of Western Europe - swallowed - Master
But you needn't be taken in - Europe is not - Amer. is not!

Germany is to day a medical case - madness (Herr's)
but not incurable - will awaken!

Not delirium the gods! H-mahyranat dwarf - Rifted!

Will awaken - crash, war, or Econ. collapse -

Fascism, generally, marked men

8. To think that here, this violent antith. - liquidat. - Jobs
- Stay and Fight!

9. Palestine will be a ^{needed} source of creating life, a bulwark against

assimilation, a natural home, regardless, what our status in this
or that part, the world will be.

- 10 - Grabbing - 70.000. But as less vital if 5,000 next goes
11 - World War which has cost us so much - gave us change - Seized it! Holocaust
11 - Yarsh Aliyah - 5735 to 5737 - 1974 to 1976 - 2nd

Most glorious - 2nd - lives just at the flower, so full.
What wreaths!

Soil - There are our paternal fields -

Here our fathers toiled -

Out of this soil their dreams were fulfilled

Now they know - labor - love - rests sweet dust -

There, also, shall be the fields of our children -

Yes, Helping to make real a land where our sons & our people may live, free,
heart-aches, pain, disquiet, bitterness,

1/ אופטימיסטי - אופטימיסטי - Optimistic - This gathering - no problem

2/ Cicero - by every standard ① Sturdiness - (weak) 40 - 50
② Wise - ③ Loyal - hard road - farricades - אין ארץ -
"Supremely Men" - not braggadocio

3/ Miracle - repentance - self-redemption - ① אברהם אבינו - Job p 5
② אברהם ③ Spain

4/ And your presence here - evidence of another miracle - 137/12
Renaissance - Physion - Spenture

5/ Hence Confidence! אברהם אבינו - אברהם אבינו -
Do not make of your Z - a counsel of despair - a Movement of flight
"Refuge" - only one argument for Z.

Normal - full-orbed nat. existence - Lacuna - Land

Normalize our pol. status - regardable when mid. Jews
Germans - Italians - English

No more! No less!

We want Pol. not be Ghetto liquidatory - Exodus ^{NO}

Not a flight from Western world - Fight!

Total life - Nation - Culture Fight Better

No defeatism - Liberalism not dead

6/ I deprecate - over-emphasis - "Hitler - Myth"

Campaigns - Easy to scare people - not charity
Relief -

Poor converts - Pressure relax - our work
will take generations -

7/ 2. out of Discommodities - Riots - Arabs - Royal Commission

we are a people - As a people need Homeland -
we have a culture - Need "local", "native", "rooted"

8/ Hadasah - glorious chapter - Health - made possible here
proven - Aliyah - "What Wealth"
Intel - patent - practical

9/ Out of present charges - Dark Angel - not
Restore - Rebuild - Rectify -