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Palestine rally, 1945.

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FOR RELEASE: MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1945.

EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS OF DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AT
RALLY FOR PALESTINE, LEWISohn STADIUM, NEW YORK CITY
A PRIL 29, 1945.

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to reconstruct that ancient land of Israel in a manner which evoked the amazement and admiration of the world.

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This surely can not be! This would be a betrayal of an ancient and honorable people which has not only suffered so much in this war -- its casualties mounting into the millions -- but which has served so heroically on all the battlefields of the world in defense of the freedom of all nations, as well as the freedom of the Jewish nation re-established in Palestine.

Justice demands that the Jewish nation shall henceforth be included among the United Nations, shall have a voice and a seat in the Council of Nations, and shall be made secure and free in that hallowed land where already hundreds of thousands of our people have found sanctuary and to which many more must come from a war-ravaged and unwelcoming world, or perish.

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PROGRAM FOR LEWISOHN STADIUM RALLY, SUNDAY, APRIL 29, AT 2 P.M.

TIME

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2:00 - 2:10	Band leading in Jewish War Veterans
2:10 - 2:20	March of Youth
2:20 - 2:25	Color Guard: Drum & Bugle Corp; presentation of colors
2:25 - 2:30	Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah
2:30 - 2:33	HON. M. MALDWIN FERTIG introduces Dr. Stephen S. Wise
2:33 - 2:35	DR. WISE opens meeting and calls on audience to rise in tribute to memory of President Roosevelt
2:35 - 2:36	DR. WISE calls on Rabbi Joseph Lookstein
2:36 - 2:41	RABBI JOSEPH LOOKSTEIN memorializes martyred Jews of Europe
2:41 - 2:44	RABBI HARRY HALPERN leads prayer
2:44 - 2:48	CANTOR DAVID PUTTMAN chants El Mole Rachamin
2:48 - 2:51	DR. JACOB HOFFMAN recites Kaddish
2:51 - 2:53	Taps
2:53 - 3:13	DR. STEPHEN S. WISE address
3:13 - 3:19	Reading of telegrams and message by BENJAMIN FIELDING, Sec'y American Labor Party
3:19 - 3:39	MAYOR FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA address
3:39 - 3:49	LOUIS LIPSKY address
3:49 - 4:04	SENATOR ROBERT F. WAGNER address
4:04 - 4:29	DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER address
4:29 - 4:34	Presentation of resolution by JUDGE HYMAN J. REIT
4:34 - 4:44	Music
4:44 - 4:46	Singing of <u>America</u>

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first death - blow to us then day / wrath, and
pure anger and resolution to this abomination,
devolution - which in its ^{hands} ~~anger~~ refused to
denigrate the world for a thousand years - but whose
infamous ~~and~~ cover larked a scant began fear.

(over) The Jews gave, themselves, without stint or measure
for victory. The small girl, P - that shines
nuclear, ~~the~~ resplendent nation which is to rise
upon the shores of the Jordan - sent 30,000 volunteers
into the flaming front, the Arab War - while their
Arab neighbors were sitting about listening happily to
the Axis broadcasts from Paris and Berlin and beyond
sipped their coffee.

Victory over the Incent-Nazi hordes was the prayer and
the hope and the chief concern, the J. people live richer
than barbarians raised their ~~ugly heads~~ and
~~with~~ their hands and began to defile the machines
of war. In the war our people ~~lost more~~
suffered more ~~than~~ civilian casualties than those
of B - the U.S. and Russia combined.

And now that modern Babylon is being destroyed
as Sodom and Gomorrah were overthrown in the days
of old - now that all the oppressed nations which
groined under its sprawling are being liberated and
will be restored, freed and made whole again - what
of the Jewish people? Is our loyalty alone to us

unrequited, on sufferer's plan to be unrequited, an
dead alive to be forgotten? 3

Will the hard-won victory on the 2nd have been
briny to the people, all the United Nations - new ^{7 phase} hopes
and ^{new} vicious, progress and security - but to the Jewish
people and the ~~peace~~ ^{peace}, its 5 million dead - and ~~the~~ a
return to the ~~tra~~ ^{tra} ~~jectory~~ ^{trajectory} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~national~~ ^{national} ~~hem-~~
lessness which has been on lot ever since our
nat. life was destroyed nearly 2000 yrs ago? Are we
to return to the old status of a defenseless minority
everywhere and a national death and life, as our
No-where?

Is this justice?



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any historic people which is denied a nation, national
security and independence after the war will endanger the
peace, the international order which will be set up.
In the delicately poised international order, to remove
the Jewish people must not remain a people without a father
and without a national home. Against its own will
and without any deliberate action on its part it will become
a ~~for~~ focus, political tension and conflict which
may endanger the peace, the whole Middle East.

WRHS



Are we less worthy than Libanians and Levia than Costa Rica
or Jacobinism? Are we to be regarded as a people only for persecution
and discrimination? ^{Why is it that we are not regarded as a people only for persecution}
nature? ^{Justice demands that we shall have a voice} ^{Justice demands that we}

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The whole earth, our pray, will soon be at rest. The
people of the earth will meet forth with singing at the
coming of a new day and a new hope. Let there be
peace also in the habitations of Israel. Let rest be given
also to unto our people from the sorrow and the fear
and the hard bondage of an exile.

We appeal to the heart ^{and the mind} and the conscience of mankind.
Give us a chance to normalize our lives to rebuild
after the long and many centuries. There is no other cure for our dilemma, no other
our shattered national existence. We ask for no favors
We will pay the full price, the rebuilding with our labor
and maintenance, with sweat and our blood. Only remove the
obstacles which have been put in our way! We know how
to build - for the blessing of all and the heart of man. We
will make Jerusalem the capital of a free ^{and blessed} land
where all will be equal in political rights and
human dignity - and art, it will flow streams
of healing & regeneration to all the ^{gashed} ~~wounded~~
- ~~fast & knifed~~ ^{by so} ~~times~~ ^{times} which have ~~long~~ ^{long} known all poverty, neglect
and appalling back wardness.

We don't want charity. We don't want any more refugee
conferences ^{recurrently and} ~~conferences~~ ^{effectually} trying to solve by means of philanthropy
our problem which is essentially a ^{political} ~~political~~ one and ^{as when} ~~can be solved~~
^{only} ~~politically~~ ^{politically}. We want the right to end the need for all
future Orphans & Homeless. We want to right to
rebuild our own ^{life in our own} ~~national~~ home.



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