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Pioneer Women, 1945.

ABSTRACT OF ADDRESSED DELIVERED BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, OF THE TEMPLE, CLEVELAND, OHIO BEFORE THE PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION ON THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 8, 1945 AT THE HOLLENDEN HOTEL.

The disturbances in Palestine are most deplorable. But even more deplorable and condemnatory is the action of the British Government which is directly responsible for these violent outbreaks of men driven to desperation by callousness and inhumanity almost unparalleled.

Six million Jews perished during the war in Europe. Many of them might be alive today if Great Britain had not refused these doomed men, women and children refuge and sanctuary in Palestine where a Jewish National Home was guaranteed by the nations of the world. The million and a quarter Jews who survived the horrors of the war are now doomed to languish in concentration camps or live in misery and insecurity in Central and Eastern Europe because Great Britain still persists in keeping the doors of Palestine shut.

Four months ago the Labor Party, which is now in control of the Government in Great Britain called for the removal of all restrictions on Jewish immigration into Palestine and for a Jewish majority in that country. "The Arabs," they said, "have wide territories of their own. They must not claim to exclude the Jews from the small area of Palestine." The Labor Party even asked for the voluntary transferral of Arabs from Palestine to other Arab lands in order to make more room for Jewish immigrants -- something which the Zionists have never asked for because there is room in Palestine for both Jews and Arabs, and for two to three million more settlers.

Today the Labor Government of Great Britain is trying to wriggle out of these commitments and is resorting to the same excuses, delays and dilatory tactics which the Tory Government used in the past. Members of the present British Cabinet who were so loud in their championing of the Jewish National Home, and so violent in their condemnation of the infamous White Paper of 1939, have suddenly become silent. Every encouragement is given to intransigent Arab leaders, very few of whom are actually Palestinians. The Arab League is a British inspired agency to make secure British political domination in the Middle East.

Why are the rulers of the Arab States permitted to meddle in the affairs of Palestine? Why are their ministers in Washington permitted to threaten the security of the Jewish National Home which has been guaranteed by international law and which is being administered under a mandate which does not recognize the right of any Arab State to determine its status or its progress?

These spokesmen of foreign Arab States have been threatening violence and war. The American Government should clearly indicate to them that it does not intend to be intimidated or blackmailed in the carrying out of its own policies. The Arab peoples of the Near East are far more in need of the friendship and help of America than America is in need of theirs. America has become great and prosperous without the aid of these ~~Arab~~ Arab States, while these Arab States are likely to remain backward, impoverished and disease-ridden without the help which friendly America and other free peoples can give them.

President Truman has asked Prime Minister Attlee to make it possible for an immediate migration of one hundred thousand Jews to Palestine. This is in keeping with the terms of the Mandate under which Great Britain undertook to facilitate Jewish immigration to that country. President Truman was dictated by the highest humanitarian interests to help rescue at least that many of the tragic survivors of the Nazi slaughter. Why has Great Britain rejected this request of the President? President Truman has indicated that he is not inclined to press his request on Great Britain. Why not? Is the matter of such little importance? Is Palestine a colony of Great Britain, or are six million Jewish dead not enough? Must the remainder of the Jews of Europe perish in order to maintain Great Britain's imperial interest in the Near East?

Who will suffer by the admission of one hundred thousand Jews into Palestine? Not the present Jewish settlers of Palestine. They are prayerfully waiting to receive them. Not the Arabs of Palestine. ~~They~~ Their conditions have been bettered and their

standard of living has been greatly improved with every influx of Jewish settlers into the country. There is room in Palestine for at least another three million people.

But who will suffer if the President's request is rejected? The hundred thousand innocent men, women and children who have gone through the several hells of Europe in recent years, who are doomed to an inescapable fate if they remain in that war-ravaged and hate-ridden continent, and whose only hope for survival is Palestine.

Mr. Harvey D. Gibson, President of the Manufacturers' Trust Company, who returned recently from a mission abroad as the representative of the American Red Cross, reported that at least ninety-five percent of the Jews of Europe whom he had seen wanted to go to Palestine. This corroborates every report that has reached our country.

Is it not time for the conscience of the people of America and Great Britain and of the remaining free peoples of the world to make itself heard?

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