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Zionist conference, London, 1945.

London Speech

1) Glad of opportunity - 6 - to state -

What we say here to-day to one
criticism - castigate - lacerate -
b/c to -

To learn from our past mis-
takes - ~~all made~~ - A Pause - a fresh start

~~Mistakes not merely of leadership~~
I should, at outset - tribute -

yoke of leadership - crown of thorns
Years of Blackout + Breakdown
Years of Recession + Defeat.

Courage - burdens; Steadfastness

Sacrificial loyalty - + others

All members of Executive - Faith-

ful servants all - day-by-day

discouragement - of men,

callous govt. + ^{hard} circumstances -

We may not always agree -

approve - sharply dissent -

unmindful - ungrateful.

2/ Thousands of Jews were lost - rescue -
colonies - land - indust - social
10.000 £ - pol. positions - defended -
All this cannot be dissociated
from the labors of men - on chosen
men - 33171 - not absolute)

3/ And meeting here for first time -
as a world conf. - colossal efforts
- often unsuccessful - parties
escaped - Sept 11 - G.B. - Yomim
U.S.A.

Visited England 1942 - darkest
U.S.A. - living organ - uncontrolled

A great hour - small people

there is enough to build on!

4/ I know how heavy - suggest
too much of depression -
despair - in utterances of
both -

The days ahead are battle days -
and it does not inspire the
- black - magic - inexpressible -
youth - "I do not envy them"

~~for a people~~

Nor will you arouse - Fear -
inhibits - curb - paralyze -
Hope alone paves way to great
ideals! (2. Bible)

(Churchill at Dunkirk.
Roosevelt at Windsor - Gweepers
Akiba - Jerusalem -

and in passing

5) Yes bet B. S's ^{said} not-determination
+ holi n' sh - I ^{must} really think
the latter is a more ~~strong~~ ^{strong}
+ inspiring call to ~~battle~~
victorious battle.

6) A more hopeful mood - Pleased -
exaggerated - A Vict. for holi n' sh
@ It is good to know - heavily
committed

- (b) A "party" commit. - w/ a personal commitment = Far more important ^(hooker) - p. 12, 13, 12 1962 1/1 - a belated lesson - Not too late! - ~~2 leaders~~ - one is dead, gone -
- (c) I welcomed the personal committee of F.D.R. - Not enough! Dem. + Republ. Parties - " " Resolution, Senate + House - Not content "to wait a little while longer" - ^{under} postponed only reason - fear of displeasing
- (c) But even "Party" can - U.S. - directives - State Dept. continued pressure - "defy" crack
- (d) had auto naturally - Translate into a new policy - Pressure!
- (e) Now! - delay - don't provide emergency - at once - one of its first acts - will an inquirer

the legend of Ross. was in the way
 We may have to attack
 You must be prepared - Dangerous?
 Why are we better > just & sincere!

~~Here~~ It is not subordination
 as Amer. loyalties -

We save the honor & soul

8). It is a hard, brutal world
 true - & ∴ the gentle, patient, faithful
 trad. diplomatic - personal of
^{& personal interests} ~~person~~ is inadequate - ^{5/18/12} ~~5/18/12~~

We must throw away the
 have into the balance - the best
 honor - & the final decision -

We must make the American
 people speak! The must make
 the M. people speak! ^{then I find with Christian} ~~then I find with Christian~~
 let the J. people speak with
 in distress - indignation - A
 very, very, chorus, & words!

Our leader

It is surely the highest states-
manship to be unshakable!

9/ B. B. - a leader -
resistance - preparatory
moved - What else can a people
do given to despair? Not
1/3 or 1/4 - or 6!

Shall Pol. Jews fight - to save
world - & shall they not fight?
Eng. could have spread
seeds - will Jews, Pol -

10/ But - B. B. - if you believe
that we might have to resort
to ultima ratio - how are
you preparing people - not
only physically - side by side
- with others
Every few weeks & months
- surprises - all are well
- You confuse - impatient
- it is not for us - it is not for us
- unless you prepare - green light
A double ! Truth Facts !

↑ Our Nat. Tragedy is our Nat. Humiliation
Look 1.5 billion - unless - 700 million - or better (9)

Confuse it with Refugees -
which may yet defeat Zionism!

In this brief, time have I for, too
pt. of part - ~~conclude~~ bell - ~~conclude~~

13/ Particular - All opposed -
Are we going to remain firm!
Insure - one particular is enough -
Shadow of Statehood - substance
of a viable state - when unlikely.

14/ Mr. Lunden: "I am not bound to
succeed, but I am bound to live up
to what I set I have. I am not bound
to win, but I am bound to be free"

Our duty is to live up - right
guidance, an hint - lessons our eyes
+ to give world our best judgment
as to how our problem - unlike for the

15/ And to our people - odds
are against us! Always of us -
unscathed - scattering of Cain - Dark
Age - but of primes

drawn material swamp / Emerson

But they all had the courage,
their faith - & the dream
and therein lay their invincible
strength.



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- London, Eng.

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