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Protest meeting, Madison Square Garden, 1945.

There is no use at this stage in examining whether the obligations which Great Britain has contracted by the Balfour letter and the Palestine Mandate were wise or unwise. The sole question is whether they are being fulfilled, or that they are incapable of fulfilment, or that our latest Government has neither the will nor the means to persevere in their fulfilment, there is one relief and one relief only which can be sought. No one could claim that the British nation is bound for all time, irrespective of events or of their own physical and moral strength to pursue the policy of establishment of the Jewish National Home. But from the moment that we recognize and proclaim that we have departed from these undertakings and are regarding the Zionist cause as a mere inconvenient incident in the Colonial Office administration of Palestine, we are bound to return our Mandate to the League of Nations and forego the strategic moral and material advantages arising from the British control of, and association with the Holy Land.

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Winston Churchill's answer to the  
Passfield White Paper

① Labov:

There is surely neither hope nor meaning in a "Jewish National Home" unless we are ~~prepared~~ prepared to let Jews, if they wish, enter this tiny land in such numbers to become a majority. There was a strong case for this before the war. There is an irresistible case now."

LLOYD GEORGE  
"The Truth about the Peace Treaties"

(2) "It was contemplated that when the time arrived for according representative institutions to Palestine, if Jews had meanwhile responded to the opportunity offered them by the idea of a National Home and had become a definite majority of the inhabitants, then Palestine would thus become a Jewish State. The notion that Jewish immigration would have to be artificially restricted in order to ensure that the Jews would be a permanent minority never entered into the heads of anyone engaged in framing the policy. That would have been regarded as unjust, and as a fraud on the people to whom we were appealing."



- 1) Our hearts <sup>are heavily burdened</sup> - If I were to attempt to make vocal - (1)  
- what would you say - to Mr. Attlee?  
- the doors of P. will be opened, Mr. A - British bayonets  
- Your armies fled beaten from Europe - You now propose -  
- You will not succeed, Mr. A. - Conscience - Your own -  
- Do you recall - just 4 months ago? (Inst.)  
- Is this solemn proclamation - also to be renewed -  
- You know full well - repeated declarations, May 1939. -  
43 - 44 - and 45 - Went beyond -  
- You know what was involved - Every Eng. statesman -  
- Lloyd George made it very clear (Inst.)  
- Why are you, in the name of Labor, backing a policy  
which never entered the heads of anyone who was engaged  
in framing the original policy - (Fraud?)  
- You, of all people! Your party of all parties!  
- You know <sup>as to what</sup> the social idealism - the promises -  
- stabbing them in the back -

2) If I were to make vocal -

- "First it finally time for you, Mr. Churchill to speak up!"  
- You are the leader of the Opposition, now - still  
- Wanted to be known as Friend of 2 - Denmark -

Branded it - "clean break of trust"

- But you did nothing - Prime Minister - oswitzer.
- You feared lest the saving - may the previous debt <sup>forgive</sup> ✓
- But the war is over now! What now, Mr. Ch.?
- Some years ago - liquidate - (Jewish).
- Should you <sup>not</sup> Mr. Ch. - ~~not~~ now again possibly call - clean.
- V NO - But <sup>why?</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>what you</sup> the question of the trustworthiness ~~about~~.
- Who ordered these restrictions? Not the League, N.L.
- G.B. - on his own - can he own most charge  
them - or as a ~~further~~ <sup>very willing</sup> steward ~~surround~~ he trust ~~that~~.

3/4 If you were to speak to Pres. Truman - what would  
you say?

- Perhaps some of the things - which I - <sup>heaps of</sup> information
- You have performed an admirable - degradation.
- First path-input act - designed -
- Next to me - good wishes - bequeathed -
- You realize, of course, that your request - even if  
no solution of problem - which existed
- It is not a Refugee problem - cannot - fallacious
- Op-Ed - not hamburger - Frontal source

True solution - Proposed - J. people to be permitted - (3)  
- Our own country was a party - Dr. W. - Cyprus  
- You yourself - and "such a policy as to result in the  
establishment there, of a free and democratic J. Community"  
- Surely you do not regard these solemn commitments  
vote-getting devices - Our confidence in you but

(a) Do not be misled by a few high-falooty shell-shocked  
try confuse you - basic problem - sound solution.  
- they speak for an insignificant section - those  
who are afraid best - comfortable existence  
- The Jews, Am. or loyal citizens - not afraid best  
their fellow-citizens - misinterpret  
- The Am. people have in a 100 ways -  
- what the J. people has been striving to achieve - what  
every other people - a country it can handle!  
- whether we have 600,000 or 200,000 is not the decision factor

(b) And you are now saying to your President - Mr. Per. - will  
you help us to achieve it - 40 Score - Cyprus  
A.F.L. - C.I.O. - 10,000 letters, thousands are piling up - in your city  
- will you listen to them - or  
few befuddled, frightened but where credentials  
the J. people refuse to validate -  
A. J. Conf - 498 - to 4 - this 4 & the Per. - are

1c/ ~~There~~ <sup>what</sup> are the people who are opposed to a J. State.  
The M'g'ts, The Arab Effenders, <sup>The Hawks & Roosevelt</sup>  
The Land - The Mr. Imperialists - <sup>a few Jews around the State House - N.Y. Times</sup>  
Who wants the J. State?  
The heart of deathless Israel - 1 1/4 million.  
600,000 - Anne. Jewry - R. J. G. -  
The religious reaction -  
When are you with, Mr. P.?

(d) We note Mr. P. - certain J. leaders - "Rescue is  
no thing! A J. State is another!"  
Their point, of course, was - sole point, their visit  
But they spoke better, they knew - of course, - Rescue  
& relief we tried - at first - After last war  
- terrible work of reconstruction -  
Graves -  
An ar hope to put an end to need for periodic  
rescue -

1e/ Mr. P. - Will you not cooperate in Permanent Solution?  
We have helped so many - Lost - Lose - 29 B  
Even The Land -  
- An we not end this - 1 M. - 30,000 - 6 M.  
- Press our just demands - Cooperate in Solution

4). Fellow Jews!

(5)

- I summon you to total mobilization in this war  
declared against us.

- Mobilize in your town rites: Affirm you follow  
citizens - Let your voice be heard in Wash. Pledge

- Carry on a sustained, unrelenting campaign. no public occasions Folk Leaders

- Mass Petition - Raise your defense funds! - They will be needed.

- We are at the cross-roads <sup>our</sup> Perth and we  
- are fighting for our survival.

