

Massacred By Foe, Ignored By Friend, A PEOPLE APPEALS TO THE CONSCIENCE OF AMERICA...

"Unless the peace that follows recognizes that the whole world is one neighborhood and does justice to the whole human race, the germs of another world war will remain as a constant threat to mankind."

President Roosevelt

Messages

in support of our demand for Jewish Representation among the United Nations were received by the New Zionist Organization from hundreds of spiritual, political and civic leaders of America. Some of the messages follow:

ELBERT D. THOMAS

U. S. Senator from Utah

The people that gave the world Isaiah's sublime vision of a world of United Nations, the people that were singled out by Hitler as the first of his victims, the people who are single minded in their devotion to the ideals of the "four freedoms"—they, too, are entitled by right to entrance into the councils of the United Nations. The Jews who already live in the future Jewish state of Palestine, and the homeless Jews who long to join them there, have earned this right to be one with us. They have suffered most; they have suffered longest; they should be recognized as one of the United Nations in war and in peace.

CLARE BOOTHE LUCE

Obviously no problem of the postwar world gives thoughtful people greater concern than the plight of Europe's millions of distressed Jewish people who have been torn so ruthlessly from their homes and who have suffered so grievously. Obviously the accredited leaders of Zionism and the Jewish people must present to any peace conference or postwar planning body proposals for the reconstruction of their lives and their homes. Obviously a world which has been outraged by the profaning of Jewish lives and Jewish homes will make the problems of world Jewry a matter of prime concern.

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

To Dr. S. Landman, legal adviser to the New Zionist Organization, London.

28th January, 1943

I look back with particular satisfaction to the recognition of Jewish nationhood and the acceptance of the Mandate for the Holy Land by His Majesty's Government during my Premiership. I am confident that our country can never go back on its pledged word to the Jewish people. The revolting treatment of the Jews by the Nazis has made any other solution than a Jewish state in Palestine unthinkable.

BISHOP FRANCIS J. McCONNELL

The Jews are entitled to national status and membership in the councils of the United Nations. As I understand, this recognition was granted in the Mandate for Palestine and the status was ratified by our Congress. By every consideration of justice and good faith this recognition of Jewry should be granted. The United States is under obligation to insist upon the redemption of all promises made to the Jews. My best wishes for the success of your enterprise.

PHILIP MURRAY

Pres. Congress of Industrial Organizations

We are living through days of unparalleled suffering, of unique cruelties imposed by men upon their fellow-men, and of heroic courage in the face of tragedy. No other people has been so visited by cruelty and tragedy as the Jews. No other people symbolize the human values for which the world war is being fought by the United States and its Allies. I whole-heartedly favor the recognition of this valiant people as a nation and Ally admitted to membership in the councils of the United Nations.

LOUIS BROMFIELD

In view of immensely complicated international situation and the importance of Palestine, believe it wise and necessary to admit Jewish elements to the councils of the United Nations.

LION FEUCHTWANGER

I need not tell you that I am whole-heartedly with you and your campaign in support of the demand of world Jewry for representation among the United Nations. We Jews from Middle Europe, who have fought Hitler from the very beginning and have now been classified all the same as enemy aliens here on the West Coast, we offer striking testimony to the hampering of the war effort by the indecisive attitude of the Allies towards the Jews.

BLOODY trails throughout Nazified Europe lead to the slaughter houses of Poland where Jews are being herded like cattle and ruthlessly murdered. Well over a million human beings have thus been exterminated; not in battle, not even as "punishment" for alleged offenses, but butchered in cold blood, in the greatest outburst of cruelty known in history.

The Allies profess to be in full sympathy with the innocent Jewish men, women, and children facing ignominious death, but they are not sympathetic enough to throw the gates of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine wide open for those who could, and can even now, escape from the Nazi hell. Hundreds of thousands of Jews at present rotting in Nazi concentration camps might have become valiant soldiers in the cause of the United Nations if not for the policy of the British Government which refused them entry into Palestine. Hundreds of thousands of Jews engaged in South-Eastern Europe could be saved now from a hell of torture and despair if not for the unjustifiable, merciless attitude of the Palestine administration.

World Peace at Stake

How can this attitude be reconciled with the ideals which the democracies claim to fight for? The democracies must defeat the Axis not only militarily but also ideologically. They must create world conditions that will make a recurrence of such disaster impossible. They must therefore reject any half measures leaving unsolved fundamental problems, as stepping stones for a future Hitler. They must particularly recognize the paramount significance of the Jewish question, which provided the main lever in the rise of Nazism and the thin edge of its deadly fifth column. They must realize that no matter what "paper solutions" are adopted, so long as the problem is not attacked at its root, so long as there exists a homeless people in the midst of the settled nations in Europe, any future trouble maker will have an easy task.

NEVERTHELESS, the Allies still ignore the gravity of the Jewish question. No assurance has thus far been given that the needs and demands of the Jewish People will be taken care of—that a place under the sun will be guaranteed to the bleeding, weary wanderers when territories and boundaries will be reestablished. Even our demand for the elementary right to fight under our own Jewish banner, emphatically expressed three years ago by our immortal leader, the late Vladimir Jabotinsky—and since persistently reiterated—even this demand has been refused. We are still compelled to fight anonymously, our sacrifice never being credited to the war-balance of the Jewish People.

ALL that the Allies promise the Jews is individual freedom and equality when the Democracies triumph. The Democracies have already triumphed in North Africa with the entry of the intrepid American forces, but even the powerful influence of the United States could not wipe out the enactments against the Jews and restore their status of equality. It has been proven over and over again that no democratic constitution in itself can fully overcome the

IN the face of the tremendous scope of the Jewish tragedy, philanthropy is impotent. Philanthropy can help only a limited number of individuals, but never great masses, certainly not an entire people. Jewish plight can be remedied only by a bold approach and definite political action. We proclaim, therefore, a drive for a political fund of

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drastic effects of actual economic and social discrimination, inherent in the economic and social conditions and animated by stubborn anti-Jewish feelings prevalent in most European countries. The gates of the ghettos will be opened, but every door to economic rehabilitation will remain closed to the Jew.

A Jewish Palestine— The Only Solution

The only solution, therefore, lies in large-scale emigration from the sorely afflicted areas to some haven of refuge, where the masses of uprooted European Jewry can be resettled on a sound social and economic basis. It is equally obvious that with the exception of Palestine, internationally promised and guaranteed as a Jewish Homeland, there is no country that will be willing to offer a haven to these masses. But if an outlet for Jewish emigration is not secured in time, inner strife and chaos will prevail in Europe—chaos that will again inevitably and relentlessly engulf this country too.

"The Jewish State is a true and proper war aim. Without it, the ulcer that poisons Europe's health cannot be healed: for without it there can be no adequate emigration of the millions whose old homes are irretrievably condemned; without it there can be no equality; and without this, no peace.
 "Among the factors whose interaction has produced this war, the Jewish bane was omnipresent. The War will have been fought in vain, the Victory will be worse than a lie if that seed is left in the ground to poison the future."
 Vladimir Jabotinsky,
 "The War and the Jew."

THE bitter irony of the present Jewish tragedy is poignantly obvious. While victory is already dawning for the United Nations, no real hope for national safety and salvation has as yet been offered to the Jewish people. It is as if the cries of woe and torment and anguish of millions of Jewish martyrs have not penetrated the hearts and minds of the Allied leaders; as if the magnitude of Jewish sacrifice in this struggle and Jewish contribution on all battlefields have failed to impress them; as if only the concentrated might of armies and empires can secure recognition of just claims.

We appeal to all men of goodwill for active support of our following demands:

- 1) All Jews who can be saved from extermination should be immediately admitted to Palestine—the future Jewish State.
- 2) A Jewish Army to fight under a Jewish banner must be created.
- 3) The admission of the Jewish people to the councils of the United Nations as an equal partner in war and peace.

The recognition of the Jewish People as an ally and their admission to the community of the United Nations is the prerequisite of a proper and realistic treatment of the Jewish question. It is the first step toward the establishment of normal relations between the Jewish people and the nations of the world. It must lead to the formation of the Jewish Government in Palestine to represent the Jewish people and its rightful aspirations.

Hitler's Challenge— Unanswered

If the Democracies want us to believe that their victory will bring freedom and justice to all, they must revise their attitude toward the Jewish people and put an end to the vagueness and uncertainty surrounding their plans concerning the Jewish future. Hitler has stung a challenge to the democratic world. He treats the Jews as an inferior people. The Democracies must answer this challenge! They must put the Jewish people right now on a basis of complete and full equality—equality on the battlefield, equality in the council chamber, equality in war and in the peace to come.

We expect support for this demand from the people of America, Gentile and Jew alike. American sympathy was with Kossuth in his attempt to free the Hungarians, with Garibaldi freeing the Italians, with Paderewski freeing the Poles, with Masaryk freeing the Czechs, with De Valera freeing the Irish. Not only Americans of Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Czech and Irish origin, Americans of all origins supported these causes. Speaking on behalf of the uprooted Jews of the Old World, we too appeal not only to American Jews, but to Americans of all origins and creeds.

The One Unrecognized Ally

Every people which expressed a desire to enter the community of the United Nations has been welcomed—the great and the small nations, the free and the enslaved, those who contributed their all in men and material to the war effort, and those whose contribution has not amounted to a single soldier! Why, in the name of our common brotherhood, cannot millions of Jews in Europe and Palestine be treated in the same manner? The Philippines under the Mandate of America are listed in the community of the United Nations. Why cannot Jewry, with its vanguard under the Mandate of Great Britain, enjoy the same privilege? We have in Palestine a community of 600,000 valiant men and women who laid the foundation for a Jewish State, a community nearly twice as large as that of Luxembourg, which is a member of the United Nations. We have in Palestine Jewry a community which has served the cause of the United Nations on the battlefield and homefront in incomparably greater proportion, yet its contributions to the common cause are not even listed in the records of the Allied war effort.

Nothing But Justice

We seek neither praise nor thanks for our endeavors and our sacrifices. All we ask is justice. We demand recognition and equality. We demand that an end be put to the anonymity of our sacrifice. We are tired of being an "Unnamed Ally," of going under countless pseudonyms and of being "Poles," "Czechs," "Greeks," or even "Palestinians." WE HAVE A NAME—WE ARE JEWS!

We demand for the Jewish People, which rallied to the Allied cause to the last man and whose sons are at this very hour fighting on every Allied battlefield—we demand for them the elementary right to be counted among the United Nations marching to victory through this holocaust of blood and sweat and tears. We demand that the blue and white banner of David shall take its proud place among the standards of the Free French, Czechs, Yugoslavs, Poles, Dutch and all the free fighting peoples. And we demand that when the day of victory comes, they shall participate in the councils of the nations in order to have a part in the molding of their destiny, as they have a part in the realization of victory.

America cannot remain deaf to this call! For this is the call of Justice, as conceived by America's founding fathers and heroes, they who have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility to every form of tyranny, eternal devotion to the cause of freedom.

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