

Urge American Jewish Conference Mobilize on Palestine Crisis

The American Jewish Conference was called upon yesterday by the Morning Freiheit Association to mobilize for solution of the Palestine crisis. The statement was signed by Ben Gold, president of the association, and Alexander Bittelman, secretary.

It reads:

To the American Jewish Conference:

In order to meet the provocative anti-Semitic attempt of Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, to precipitate armed conflict between Arabs and Jews in Palestine; in order to alleviate immediately the conditions of our brothers and sisters in the German Camps, and in order to help solve the crisis in Palestine, we ask you to undertake the following measures:

1. The American Jewish Conference shall appeal at once to President Truman and to the Secretary General of the United Nations, asking them to recommend to the Security Council of the United Nations

(a) that the United Nations assume immediately full responsibility for the fate and maintenance of the 100,000 Jewish refugees in German camps, and to intervene with the countries of the United Nations that

they open their doors for the immigration and settlement of the Jewish refugees and to provide the necessary means for same;

(b) that Britain shall transfer Palestine at once to the trusteeship of the Big Three within the United Nations for the purpose of setting up Palestine as an independent and democratic state of Arabs and Jews that will guarantee the equal national rights of both parties, and

(c) that the United Nations shall recommend to Great Britain the immediate withdrawal of all British armed forces from Palestine.

2. That the American Jewish Conference shall organize and send a delegation to President Truman for the purpose of achieving the widest opportunities for the entrance and settlement of Jewish refugees in the United States.

3. That the American Jewish Conference shall issue an appeal to the Jewish Agency in Palestine asking

that the agency open at once negotiations with the spokesmen of labor and other democratic forces of the Arab people in Palestine. These negotiations should seek an agreement for joint Arab-Jewish struggle for the independence of Palestine and for the purpose of reaching an agreement in favor of Jewish immigration into Palestine under joint Arab-Jewish control.

4. That the American Jewish Conference shall undertake to rally the widest united actions of the American Jewish in collaboration with all progressive forces of the whole American people, especially with labor and with the Negro people, in support of the foregoing proposals.

Copies of this appeal to the American Jewish Conference are being sent to the American Jewish Congress, the Emergency Zionist Council, Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, American Jewish Labor Council, and to the Jewish Labor Movement in Palestine.