

# FDR Pledges Help for Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 15 (UP).—President Roosevelt said in a message to the 47th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America today that, if reelected, he would help to bring about the realization of a "free and democratic Jewish commonwealth in Palestine."

The message, delivered by U. S. Sen. Robert F. Wagner, (D-NY) pointed out that the 1944 Democratic party platform, in keeping with the spirit of the Four Free-

doms, contained a plank favoring the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and colonization and eventual establishment of a commonwealth there.

"Efforts will be made to find appropriate ways and means of effectuating this policy as soon as practicable," the message said.

Wagner, chairman of the American Palestine Committee, told the 500 delegates that "Palestine has absorbed as many Jewish refugees as all the rest of the world put together."