

AMERICANS APPEAL FOR JEWISH REFUGE

Pro-Palestine Federation Asks Britain to Take a Strong Course in Holy Land.

AIMS OF MANDATE CITED

Petition Urges It Be Made Clear to 'Turbulent Element' That These Will Be Carried Out.

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WASHINGTON, May 30.—A petition addressed to Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin expressive of the hope that Great Britain will steer a course favoring the establishment of a free Jewish nation in Palestine such as would provide refuge for millions of persecuted Jews in Eastern Europe and Germany was presented to Sir Ronald Lindsay, the British Ambassador, today by a Christian delegation representing the Pro-Palestine Federation of America and headed by the Right Rev. James F. Freeman, Episcopal Bishop of Washington.

The petition, in expressing the opinion of enlightened Christian leadership in the United States, favoring a larger Jewish immigration into Palestine, stressed the intolerable sufferings of the millions of Jews in "the European holocaust."

Urges Definite Policy

It suggested the need for a clear and definite policy on the part of the British Government in the carrying out of the stipulations of the Palestine mandate.

The "sincere belief" was voiced that, in a time when bigotry and prejudice seem "to have engulfed a major portion of the civilized world, the Anglo-Saxon community of nations is called upon to blaze the trail for the dawn of a new era of freedom, justice and human enlightenment."

The petition was signed by Samuel Harden Church, president of Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, president of the the Union of Congregational Churches in America; Ivan Lee Holt, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, St. Louis, Mo.; Frederick B. Robinson, president of City College, New York; John Haynes Holmes, Community Church, New York; W. R. Hopkins, City Manager, Cleveland, Ohio, and George Gordon Battle, New York.

The Pro-Palestine Federation of America is a national organization of American Christian sympathizers and supporters of the Jewish national home cause, with offices at 307 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Text of Petition

The text of the petition follows:

The plight of millions of human beings in Eastern Europe and Germany has stirred the conscience of enlightened mankind. Mere compassion and commiseration with the sufferings of these victims of prejudice and persecution, however, are not enough.

Bold practical measures to save these unfortunate millions from total annihilation are now called for. It is the consensus of enlightened Christian American opinion that God has bestowed upon England one of the greatest missions in human history—

the salvation of Israel and restoration to its ancient patrimony. Great Britain has it within her power to throw open the gates of Palestine and let in the victimized and persecuted Jews escaping from the European holocaust.

Enlightened Christian opinion in America is now eager to see the provisions of the Palestine mandate carried out. It is eager to see the settling of the Jews in the land facilitated in accordance with the stipulations of the mandate. Above all it would welcome the removal of any impediments and obstructions to the social-economic development of the country, which untimely and premature projects of self-government would cause, in the present condition of the country.

Recognizes Problems

We are mindful of the complex and difficult task faced by His Majesty's government in Palestine. We also appreciate the anxiety and sincerity with which the Palestine Government is grappling with the problems there. We, however, feel that the right solution calls for a definite policy, which should, once and for all, make clear to the turbulent element in Palestine that His Majesty's government, as mandatory power, will carry out its trust to help transform Palestine into a Jewish homeland to which the persecuted Jews of the world may freely come, and where they may have the right to constitute themselves into a free nation.

It is our fond hope and sincere belief that in the present grave

world emergency, when the dark spectre of bigotry and prejudice seems to have engulfed a major portion of the civilized world, the Anglo-Saxon community of nations is called upon to blaze the trail for the dawn of a new era of freedom, justice and human enlightenment. The restoration of the land of Israel to the children of Israel is the guiding star in this great struggle for a better world and a better humanity.