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## Jacksonville Jews Protest to British Consul Here

A declaration condemning British policies in Palestine, adopted at a meeting in the Jewish Center last week was presented to Francis J. White, British vice-consul here, "for transmittal to his government."

A committee composed of Mrs. Maurice Cherry, president of Haddassah; Jacob Becker, president of the Jacksonville Zionist District, and Rabbi David Panitz, of the Jewish Center, presented the document to White at the consul's office in the Barnett building.

### "Reign of Terror" Condemned

The statement, unanimously adopted, addressed "To the People and Government of Great Britain," is as follows:

Jacksonville, Florida  
December 12, 1945

To the People and Government of Great Britain

We voice our condemnation of the reign of terror instituted against Jews in Palestine by British officials and British troops there. We call public attention to the illegality of the Palestine White Paper of 1939, and at all restrictive measures taken under the terms of that document, in clear violation of sacred pledges given by the British Government not only to the Jewish people, but to the nations of the world, when the mandate was conferred.

We warn that continuance of these policies of intimidation and terror in Palestine and elsewhere will earn for the British people the scorn and contempt of freedom loving peoples everywhere, and will serve to identify Britain as a menace to peace and security against which downtrodden and oppressed nations must defend themselves.

A declaration addressed to President Truman was adopted at the same time, signed by all present. The letter, which is being forwarded to Washington, is as follows:

Jacksonville, Florida  
December 12, 1945

President Harry S. Truman  
Washington, D. C.

The undersigned, members of the audience present at a protest meeting in Jacksonville, Florida this date, respectfully call to your attention the following statement, unanimously adopted, and to which we fully subscribe.

We view with deepest disappointment your failure to adhere to your original request to Great Britain for the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine, and we have no alternative but to believe that the Executive branch of our government is becoming dangerously subservient to the

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## B'NAI B'RITH FIRST CIVILIAN ORGANIZATION TO GET WAR SERVICE CITATION FROM NAVY DEPARTMENT



(ABOVE)—Text of the Navy Department's citation to B'nai B'rith in recognition of its outstanding war time service on behalf of the U. S. Navy. The citation reads: "In recognition of exceptional accomplishment in behalf of the U. S. Navy and of meritorious contribution to the national war effort."

(BELOW)—Navy honors B'nai B'rith for war-time service—Rear Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, former chief of staff to Admiral Nimitz, acting as the official representative of the Navy, presents Navy citation to Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith. Looking on are Ben G. Shapiro, president of Boston's Amos Lodge, which originated B'nai B'rith serve-a-ship program in 1942, and Lt. Col. Elliot Niles, a member of B'nai B'rith's National Postwar Service-Americanism Commission, who inaugurated the serve-a-ship program of which he is chairman, with service to the battleship Massachusetts.

## 1946 CALLED CRUCIAL FOR THE JEWS OF EUROPE

J.D.C. NEEDS ESTIMATED AT \$58,350,000 FOR 1946

NEW YORK — "The test of survival for the nearly 1,500,000 Jews still alive in continental Europe will come in 1946, a crucial year in Jewish history," Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Chairman of the European Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, told an audience of 2,000 recently at the thirty-first annual meeting of the J.D.C. in the Hotel Commodore.

Dr. Schwartz, who returned to the United States from Europe, spoke at an afternoon session of the meeting, along with Edward M. M. Warburg, newly elected Chairman of the Committee, and Rabbi Judah Nadich, chief Jewish chaplain in the European Theatre of Operations and former special adviser on Jewish affairs

to General Dwight Eisenhower.

Joint Distribution Committee needs for 1946, estimated at \$58,350,000, were announced at a morning session of the meeting.

Stating that 75 per cent of Europe's Jews live in countries where the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) is not operating, Dr. Schwartz said that nearly half of the Jews in continental Europe outside the Soviet Union are "directly dependent on the Joint Distribution Committee for major aid. Moreover," he added, "the vast majority of 750,000 other Jews there also depend on the J.D.C. for help other than direct relief."

"The year 1946 presents a two-fold problem in the efforts to save the remnants of European Jewry," he said. "First, we must continue and expand our emergency relief program of food, clothing, medicine and housing. Second, we must begin a broad scale program of economic and spiritual reconstruction. Unless this is done," he added, "unless Europe's Jews are given the opportunity to help themselves, their ability to survive will be seriously impaired."

## FLORIDA OBSERVES HILLEL SABBATH ON DECEMBER 28TH.

### 1,000 Cities Join In JNF Meet On Jan. 4th.

NEW YORK (Special) — A National Conference on Palestine, dedicated to resisting the illegal British edicts restricting Jewish land purchase in the Jewish National Home, has been summoned for the first week of January, 1946. The sessions will be held in the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., from January 4th to January 6th. The call to the Conference was issued by Judge Morris Rothenberg, President of the Jewish National Fund of America, in behalf of the Fund's Board of Directors on which representatives of all Zionist parties and groups are represented. Delegates of JNF Councils in more than a thousand communities in all parts of the nation are expected to participate in the sessions.

Dr. Abraham Granovsky, leading authority on the Palestine land problem and head of the World Jewish National Fund, who is now on a visit to this country; Senator Alben W. Barkley, Majority Leader in the Senate of the United States; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who will have returned from his flying visit to Palestine, and other prominent leaders will take part in the deliberations.

With the aim in mind that the Jewish people of Florida become acquainted with the purposes and activities of the 120 B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations in the United States, Canada, and Cuba, and as the beginning of an educational campaign preliminary to the proposed Hillel Building Drive for \$150,000.00 to erect a Hillel house at the University of Florida in Gainesville and at the Florida State College for Women in Tallahassee, Rabbi Alex J. Goldman, Director of Hillel at the Florida State College for Women, has instituted and arranged the observance of Hillel Sabbath throughout the State of Florida on Friday evening, December 28th. In sixteen synagogues and temples in Florida, Hillel students from the Florida State College for Women will deliver the sermon that evening on the subject, "Through Hillel, Youth Calls American Jewry."

The following is a list of congregations cooperating with the Sabbath and the Hillel students who will address the synagogues:

In Miami, Florida: Temple Israel, Miss Pearl Sapero. Beth David Congregation, Miss Gladys Novak.

In Miami Beach, Florida: Beth Shalom Center, Miss Vivian Schaeffer.

In West Palm Beach, Fla.: Beth Israel Temple, Miss Shirlee Barish. Temple Beth El, Miss Esther Barrish.

In Tampa, Florida: Rodeph (Continued on Page 2)

## Jewish Leaders Will Attend Meeting In Birmingham on January 6

Jewish leaders throughout the Southeast will attend the Southeast Regional Meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee in the Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, on Sunday, January 6, it was announced this week at national headquarters of the Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York. States included in this region are: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

First-hand reports on the living conditions of the nearly 1,500,000 surviving Jews of Europe and the large-scale relief and rehabilitation activities in their behalf now being carried on by the J.D.C. all over the world will be presented by Major Judah Nadich, chief Jewish chaplain in the European Theatre of Operations and former special adviser on Jewish affairs to General Dwight D. Eisenhower; and Moses A. Leavitt, J.D.C. Secretary and one of America's leading authorities in the field of overseas relief.

"The test of survival for Europe's Jews, the chief sufferers of the Nazi regime of terror, will come in 1946, a crucial year in Jewish history," according to Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Chairman of the European Council of the Committee, who returned from the continent last week to address the J.D.C. annual meeting, which recommended that \$58,350,000 be used to meet J.D.C. needs and carry out its programs in 1946.

Dr. Schwartz reported that in 1945 the J.D.C. "worked in more countries, helped more suffers, and provided more relief than any

other year," he said. "The J.D.C. has spent nearly \$28,000,000 overseas this year. All over the world Jews were helped back to health from starvation, helped to start life anew. But 1946 presents an even greater challenge, for it is the critical year, the year that will determine whether those who have so far survived will live or die."

Southeast Regional members of the J.D.C. Board of Directors, who issued the call for widespread attendance and support of the meeting are:

Birmingham, Ala.: William P. Engle,  
Miami, Fla.: Stanley C. Myers.  
Tampa, Fla.: Day J. Apte.  
Atlanta, Ga.: Armand May.  
New Orleans, La.: Emil W. Leipziger and Edgar B. Stern.  
Goldsboro, N. C.: Lionel Weil.  
Columbia, S. C.: Hyman Rubin.  
Memphis, Tenn.: William W. Goodman.

Nashville, Tenn.: Lee W. Kuhn.  
In the United States the Joint Distribution Committee receives its funds from the campaign collections of the United Jewish Appeal.

## As We Look to 1946 - -

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and orphans; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN