

# New Document Submitted To Truman

## Envoy Calls For Transportation Of Jews From Europe

(From William Fried, U.S. Correspondent of the "Zionist Record")

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—A great sensation has been caused in Washington political circles by the publication of a report which has just been submitted to President Truman by Mr. Edwin Pauley, the President's personal envoy in Europe.

The document deals with the transportation of Jews from Europe and is equal in importance to the report of Mr. Earl Harrison, submitted to the President last year, which was responsible for the American request to admit 100,000 Jews to Palestine.

### "To Live in Peace and Dignity"

Mr. Pauley sent his report to the President immediately on his return from a tour of camps in Germany. He proposes:

1. That a share of German reparations should be used for the resettlement of Jewish displaced persons in Palestine.

2. That the American Army should be employed to transport Jews from Germany to Mediterranean ports.

3. That a conference of the United Nations be called in order to provide facilities for between 500,000 and 1,000,000 Jews of Europe to settle in countries where they could live in peace and dignity.

### Was to be Suppressed

It is understood in Washington that the State Department was anxious to suppress the report in order not to inflame the Arabs. Mr. L. Stone, the correspondent of "P.M.," obtained a copy of the report and published it in full.

In addition to the proposals mentioned above, the report gives remarkable particulars of the horrors of the exterminations of Jews, which Mr. Pauley had obtained from Mr. Justice Jackson at Nuremberg. It ends with a very warm appeal to the American Government to come to the aid of the Jews.

The White House denied that President Truman saw Mr. Pauley's report. Mr. Pauley's office replied that it could not comment since Mr. Pauley was at present in California. Sources close to Mr. Pauley say, however, that the report has been at the White House for the past five weeks.

**MR. N. KIRSCHNER**, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, sends greetings and good wishes for the New Year to the South African Jewish Community, the Yishuv and to Jewry throughout the world.

### International Trusteeship

Mr. Sumner Welles, former U.S. State Secretary, urged in a broadcast the establishment of an international trusteeship council for Palestine. At this moment of crisis, he said, the U.S. Government could no longer limit itself to expressions of sympathy for the suffering of the Jewish people.

Rabbi Silver conferred with the British Ambassador, Lord Inverchapel, on the position in Palestine. He urged the release of the detained Jewish leaders.

### Pessimism About London Conference

There is growing pessimism in Washington circles about the Palestine Conference in London. A spokesman of the Zionist Emergency Council said that all that the Jews could achieve by going to the Conference at this moment was a little improvement on the Morrison Plan and nothing more.

Much ground had already been yielded by the Jewish Agency, he added.

The well-known columnist, Max Lerner, declares that the London Conference is "as much a failure as any conference could be." He says that even within the British Cabinet there is uneasiness in this matter.

The "New York Times" says that the Conference in London offers little hope for Palestine. The objectives of the Arabs and Jews were too far apart and the British have no formula to bridge the gap.

## What a Trumpet

JERUSALEM, Tuesday.—A few days ago three Arab gentlemen entered a Jewish shop in Haifa. After a little traditional bargaining, they bought a trumpet. The purchase completed, they asked if they could leave by the back door.

The shopkeeper refused this unusual request, but he had no objection to the strange system which the customers worked out whereby one of them went round to the backyard of the store and re-

## London Conference:

### Arabs Submit Their Counter-Proposals

LONDON, Tuesday.—A special committee was established by the Palestine Conference in London to deal with the Arab counter-proposals. The committee consists of the heads of the seven Arab States. They have since had several meetings, at which Sir Norman Brook, of the Colonial Office, was present.

It is understood in London that the Arab States are definitely opposed to the establishment of a Jewish State or to the division of the country into autonomous provinces. They ask that Palestine should become a centralised and independent State, in which the rights of the Jewish community would be guaranteed.

As a "concession" they are prepared to agree to the admission of a small number of Jewish immigrants.

The Jerusalem correspondent of the London "Times" says that the union between Iraq and Transjordan is expected very soon. Dealing with the effect which this might have on Palestine, he says that much will depend on the final plan. If a Jewish State is formed in part of Palestine, the rest of the country would naturally gravitate towards its Eastern neighbours. The Palestinian Arabs are, however, opposed to such a step. The correspondent adds that some of the sponsors of the Arab Union schemes are reconciled to the establishment of a Jewish State.

Last Thursday night Dr. Goldmann and Mr. Locker again saw Mr. Bevin and Mr. Hall. It is understood in London that the discussion centred mainly on the choice of Jewish representatives to the Conference.

Mr. Bevin and Mr. Hall insisted that the detained leaders could not participate.

Immediately following the interview Mr. Locker flew to Palestine in order to participate in the meeting of the Smaller Actions Committee.

The plane in which Mr. Locker was travelling developed engine trouble, and he was held up at Castel Benito. He reached Palestine on Monday evening and immediately joined in consultations with members of the Smaller Actions Committee.

### Azzam Bey Laughed

LONDON, Tuesday.—When questioned about Britain's obligations under the Mandate, Azzam Bey, Secretary of the Arab League, laughed at a press conference last Friday. He said that the Mandate was only a temporary thing and must end in the establishment of a centralised, Palestinian State, in which Jews would be represented on a democratic basis. Jews as citizens would be eligible to vote and take part in the administration of the country, he added.

Asked whether the Arabs were definitely opposed to a Jewish State, Azzam Bey said that no Jewish State had been proposed by the British. When it was pointed out to him that the British plan provides for a Jewish province, he replied that that was different from a State. He stressed that in the Palestinian State Jews would feel safe, but said that the Arabs were opposed to Jewish immigration. Asked about the land laws, he said that this was a matter for the future Palestinian Government.

Asked if Jews had been approached with the Arab suggestion, he said: "Not so far. We must first see what the Jews will say when attending Conference."

## President Truman's New Year Message

President Truman has issued the following Rosh Hashona greeting to American Jews:

"To all my fellow-citizens of the Jewish faith, I extend hearty greetings and good wishes on their New Year's Day. Its celebration this year comes at a time when the United States and its allies seek to lay a foundation for peace throughout the world.

"This task cannot be completed unless all persons, without distinction of race, language or religion, are made secure in the enjoyment of their human rights.

"To this end, a treaty of peace is now being discussed, which will bind nations who warred against human freedom, to guarantee all their peoples freedom of opinion, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and freedom of worship. These freedoms are the heritage of centuries of civilisation. All of us share responsibility for seeing that they are extended to all mankind."

ceived the trumpet from his friend in the shop through the back window.

A few hours later an Arab procession marched down the street, complete with brass band. Amongst the leaders of the procession was our friend the trumpeter, marching under banners which, much to the amusement of the shopkeeper, proclaimed: "Boycott All Zionist Goods."