



# 250,000 RALLY FOR JEWISH REFUGE IN PALESTINE

By HELEN SIMON

A quarter of a million New Yorkers massed in and around Madison Square Park yesterday afternoon to demand a Jewish Palestine. Factories, shops and schools closed down early as workers and students converged with signs and banners on the square.

"We have joined in a mighty demonstration of support for your heroic struggle to rebuild the national life of the Jewish people and to restore dignity and honor to the broken remnants of European Jewry," the 250,000 declared in a message to Palestine's 600,000 Jews.

"We will not permit the shattered Jews of Europe to become victims of a new duplicity on the part of the British government, after their miraculous escape from the claws of the Nazi beast."

## PLEDGE TO 'OPEN GATES'

With a tremendous, swelling shout the demonstrators approved a pledge to "fight for the opening of Palestine's doors to unrestricted Jewish immigration and its reconstitution as a Jewish state."

Men and women held their signs high, motionless in the autumn cold. "No American Aid for British Betrayal," they read. "Don't Trade Jewish Blood for Arab Oil"; "The White Paper Is Britain's Shame."

At 4:15 p.m., chairman Louis Lipsky, co-chairman of the American Jewish Conference, announced: "There are 150,000 persons here." At 5 p.m., 250,000 had gathered, overflowing to jam all the side streets from 23d to 26th between Broadway and Fourth Ave. As the great meeting was about to end the CIO Furriers' contingent, some 5,000 strong, swung into the square at the head of additional tens of thousands of union demonstrators.

Lipsky urged President Truman to stick to his request that Britain immediately open Palestine's doors to 100,000 homeless Jews.

## FLAYS BRITISH ACTIONS

"The English government in Palestine," he warned, "is now engaged in bolting the windows and doors of Palestine, barricading the highways, guarding the shores of the Mediterranean, in order to prevent the homeless and stateless Jewish victims of the war from entering the Promised Land."

"It is making a parade of its military strength. It is bringing in tanks and planes. It is expelling unfriendly foreign correspondents. It is engaging in propaganda in Cairo, in London and in Washington, to create the impression that it is preparing to prevent civil war in Palestine."

"It is an amazing display of the old British imperialist method which comes as a shock to the whole liberal world, knowing that a Labor government leads the affairs of the empire and that we are supposed to be engaged in the creation of a new world order of justice and peace."

Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, scored Britain's "hypocrisy" in demanding free speech, assembly, press in Hungary or Austria while denying the same fundamental rights in Palestine. As to the argument that the Arabs oppose Jewish immigration, Dr. Goldstein said, a prosperous Jewish Palestine "is helpful to the Arab people if not to the feudal landlords and medieval potentates."

Louis Hollander, chairman of the New York State

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CIO, agreed on this point.

"It is the fascist-minded Arab landlords, the Effendis and their kind who are against the Jews in Palestine," he said. "They hate Jewish Palestine because they have witnessed the rise of a powerful labor movement there, and they see in it their doom.

"The spokesmen of the Arab League all speak with the accents of fascists. Without British aid, Ibn Saud would be nothing more than the desert bandit he was before the British Colonial Office 'developed him.'"

Hollander voiced the CIO's complete support for the rally's aims: for "revocation of the White Paper and the opening of the doors of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration."

State AFL president Thomas Murray brought the AFL's "unreserved" support. American labor, he asserted, will not stand for Britain's betrayal of promises made the Jewish people.

"We know we are not untouched by what British labor does," he commented. "We are not left unstained by whatever blot British labor brings upon itself."

Other speakers were Rabbi Seymour Zambrowski, general secretary of Mizrahi, religious Zionist organization, and David Wertheim, head of Poale Zion, labor Zionist

group. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey sent a message of support. Moishe Oisher sang the American and Jewish anthems. The rally was sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council.

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## Parley Nov. 18

### On Aid to USSR

Plans for aiding rehabilitation work in the Soviet Union will be discussed at a city-wide conference of civic, religious, fraternal and labor organizations on Nov. 18, at the Hotel Astor, it was announced yesterday by the conference co-chairmen, Mrs. Edward C. Carter, Stanley M. Isaacs and Dr. William Jay Schieffelin.

The order, effective Oct. 31, affects about 300 tankers now under charter to the WSA.

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## Frigidaire Released, Plan Uniform Price

DAYTON, O., Oct. 24 (UP).—The first frigidaires were released by General Motors today for sale to the public throughout the country.

H. M. Kelley, appliance sales manager, said a new pricing plan would enable the refrigerators to be sold at uniform prices throughout the United States, regardless of freight charges.