

Safeguard the Jewish State!

A Statement by the Morning Freiheit Association

WE have just witnessed a great and historic event. A centuries-old dream of the Jewish people is being achieved. The General Assembly of the United Nations decided to establish two independent, democratic states in Palestine—a Jewish state and an Arab state. Together with Jewish masses throughout the world, we rejoice that thereby Jewish national aspirations are moving toward realization.

The decision of the UN opens the way for a truly democratic solution that will be in the interests of both peoples of Palestine—and in the interests of world peace and democracy in general. Mainly responsible for this are the determined efforts of the Soviet Union, as well as of the new democratic Poland, and the understanding reached on this question between the Soviet Union and the United States. The UN decision has dramatically confirmed the role of the progressive forces in the world, and of the Soviet Union in the first place, in the struggle for a just solution for Palestine.

The voting in the UN showed simultaneously that the support of the United States was one of the decisive factors that helped bring about a favorable result. From experience to date, however, we must be forewarned that official American policy can become a serious obstacle to the implementation of the decision of the UN—especially with regard to guaranteeing that the projected Jewish state shall be truly free of every form of imperialist rule and oppression, that it shall be really democratic, and that it shall live in friendly collaboration with the Arab state.

The first and most pressing task of the American Jews is, therefore, to do everything in their power so that the Jewish state be truly free and independent, so that it does not become subjugated to American or Anglo-American imperialism, so that it is able to collaborate in peace and friendship with the Arab state and with the Arab world.

The demand now must be: to employ immediately all the necessary means to realize the decision of the United Nations to establish in Palestine two independent and democratic states—a Jewish state and an Arab state.

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We must constantly be on guard against every possible intrigue of the Wall Street monopolists to erect in Palestine economic, political and military bases for their predatory aims—and against the whole anti-imperialist camp led by the Soviet Union. We must expect that official Washington policy, that has forsaken the principles of Roosevelt, will place obstacles in the way of the economic and political development of the two states; that, in collaboration with British imperialism, it will seek to enflame national strife between Jews and Arabs, and will disturb the indispensable economic unity and political cooperation of the two states.

All these very serious dangers can be fought off and avoided only through the active, democratic unity of all the forces in Jewish life. This is now the solemn duty of all Jews—Zionist and non-Zionist. This is the solemn duty of every Jewish organization that is filled with a sense of responsibility to our people and wishes to see a flourishing and secure Jewish state.

The decision of the UN has created a new situation. Previous differences of opinion with regard to Palestine, in the Zionist movement, and in Jewish society in general, will slowly lose their significance. A new relationship of forces must now come into existence in Jewish life, in America as well as in Palestine, both with regard to the Jewish state and in relation to other important questions.

Now is the time for firm unity among all democratic, anti-imperialist labor and people's forces to fight for the fullest realization of the UN decision for an independent, democratic Jewish state in economic unity with the Arab state. As a matter of course, this will demand resolute struggle against the reactionary elements in Jewish life that are tied to American or Anglo-American imperialism, and that support imperialist maneuvers that are a fatal menace to the Jewish state, as well as to the freedom and independence of all peoples.

The Jewish state in Palestine has everything to gain were we in America to conduct a simultaneous and united struggle against the forces of anti-Semitism and race-hatred whose roots lie in imperialist reaction; were we to build with all our might a progressive Jewish life.

The Jewish state can live and prosper only in a world that is rendered safe from war. The very existence of our people depends upon a secure peace. We, American Jews, must therefore take our place beside all progressive, democratic forces against the war-mongers, for a firm world peace.

Our heartfelt greetings to the *Yishuv* in Palestine as it stands on the threshold of its statehood. With united forces—to safeguard the Jewish state!

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