

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Palestine

It has come to our attention that the American Christian Palestine Committee has written all the members of Congress, asking them to write you urging that now the war in Europe is over, steps be taken to implement a pro-Zionist policy regarding Palestine with the aim of opening the country to unrestricted Jewish immigration and creating a Jewish state.

The American Christian Palestine Committee of which Senator Wagner is the chairman, includes among its members a number of distinguished non-Jews, both in Congress and elsewhere, who are interested in reaching a solution of the Palestine problem along Zionist lines. We have every reason to believe that a large number of the members of both Houses of Congress will comply with the Committee's request and will write you in the sense indicated above.

In considering this matter, you may wish to bear in mind the fact that Palestine may be included among the dependent areas for which a system of trusteeship is being evolved at San Francisco, and that definite arrangements regarding specific territories are to be considered later. You will also recall that there has been a marked growth of tension in the last few days in the Near East as a result of the crisis in Syria and Lebanon and renewed outbreaks of terrorism in Palestine itself. In the circumstances it is believed that any action on the part of the American Government along the lines desired by the American Christian Palestine Committee would increase the prevailing tension in the Near East.



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