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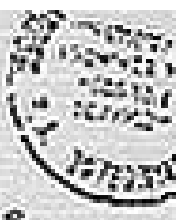


The Palestine problem was a continuing one throughout the greater part of President Truman's Administration. In this file are copies of numerous releases relating to the subject but no attempt is here made to go into details.

The White House files contain voluminous letters and other papers bearing on the subject and other sources are in the Department of State and elsewhere.

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At a press conference on August 16, 1945, the President was asked about the United States position on Palestine and whether the question of a Jewish National State had been mentioned at the Potsdam conference. He said that it had been discussed with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his successor, Prime Minister Clement Attlee but not with Premier Stalin as there was nothing that Stalin could do about it any way.

As to the American position on Palestine, the President said the United States's view was that we wanted to let as many of the Jews into Palestine as possible and still maintain civil peace. He said that it would have to be worked out with the British and the Arabs for a Jewish State. He said there was no idea in mind of sending a strong military force of, say 500,000 to keep peace in Palestine.

On October 18, 1945, at a press conference the President was asked if he had had any further correspondence with Prime Minister Attlee on the Palestine question and he said he had not recently but that he had had quite a voluminous correspondence at one time and that he made some suggestions to Attlee which were still being considered. He said he asked Attlee to admit 100,000 Jews into Palestine and he hoped that Attlee would comply with the request.

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