

# We Extend a Hand Of Amity to the Arabs



By DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

We are deeply gratified with the action of the General Assembly of the United Nations. It marks a turning point in Jewish history. It is an impressive reaffirmation of the just claim of the Jewish people to rebuild its national life in its ancestral home.

This noble decision to re-establish the Jewish state and restore the Jewish people to its rightful place in the family of nations will redound to the everlasting credit of the United Nations and will be recorded as one of its most significant achievements. The Jewish people will forever be grateful to the nations which contributed to the decision. We are especially appreciative of the leadership provided by the United States and the Soviet Union and are happy that in the solution of the Palestine problem these two great powers worked harmoniously together.

The Jewish people is keenly aware of the great responsibilities which the decision of the United Nations has placed upon it and it will do its utmost to merit their confidence as it moves forward into the new day to fulfill the mandates of its destiny. The Jewish people will strive to build the Jewish state in Palestine in the spirit of its heroic spiritual leaders of the past whose teachings made that country the Holy Land of mankind.

We pray for the peace of Palestine. We extend a hand of genuine friendship to the new Arab state which is to be established in Palestine. The Jewish nation in Palestine will be eager to cooperate fully with its Arab neighbor and to contribute within the framework of the economic union to the progress and prosperity of the whole of Palestine. In this historic hour we call upon the Arab people of Palestine and all neighboring Arab countries to join with us in an era of peaceful and fruitful collaboration.

May the establishment of the Jewish state proceed as rapidly as possible and may its doors be opened without delay to admit all those whose hope of return to their people's homeland has been so long deferred.

## Mazel Tov!

As we go to press, wires and written messages are pouring in to the headquarters of the ZOA from hundreds of communities throughout the country, as well as from Palestine and Europe, congratulating

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann on the victory achieved at the UN for the establishment of a sovereign Jewish state in Palestine.

# A Busy Thanksgiving Day for Zion Leaders

By SAUL GOTTLIEB

FLUSHING MEADOW.—Feverish activity highlighted the work of the American Section of the Jewish Agency during the crucial Thanksgiving period of grace. Following the close vote on Wednesday, the Jewish Agency, aware of the possibility of disaster which could have come with an adverse vote, worked with intensity and with great effect in lining up abstaining or doubtful nations to the side of partition.

The first immediate result was the defection of Haiti from the ranks of the Arabs to the partition side.

### Key Workers

Here is the roundup of events as they occurred during Thanksgiving, events which were historic in their implication and which, in the main, lead to the conviction that the key work was done by the American Zionist leaders, headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, who had been delegated to line up the doubtful Latin-American countries, nations within the American sphere and lands which generally can be influenced by the United States. The final vote attested to the success of this effort.

On Thanksgiving, as millions of Americans carved turkeys and gave little thought to politics, an influential group of American Senators met with President Truman and offered their earnest representation in favor of the partition plan. The President was said to have promised to take a "personal hand" in the negotiations toward lining up nations for the plan.

Fifteen Senators signed a collective telegram which was sent to many UN delegations expressing the very strong sentiment of the American Congress for the passage of the partition plan.

### Christian Support

American Christian friends of the Zionist cause made representation to various foreign governments personally urging a vote for the partition plan.

Another aspect was covered when the influential Washington Post published an editorial issued in time for it to be seen by all top officials in Washington, declaring that there was something strange going on when American-influenced delegations were voting against the American stand.

After organizing all this activity, largely on the American front, the members of the Jewish Agency Executive, working hard all day and all night, met at midnight in the Jewish Agency offices and made a final check on the lineup. The situation looked more hopeful at that point. Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann and Moshe Shertok, Rabbi Gold and Dr. Goldmann were among those whose labors bore fruit but the main fact is that the entire Jewish Agency did not allow Thanksgiving to be a day of feasting. It was a day, a long, arduous day, of work—and prayer.

# One of the Greatest Moments in History



By DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN

In this solemn moment, I send the greetings of American Zionists to the Yishuv whose magnificent courage, steadfastness and moral strength have been our inspiration in darkest days.

Our first thought is of the millions of our brothers and sisters whose ashes are strewn over the continent of Europe and, above all, of the survivors who have been suffering and waiting so long for the beginning of the redemption. This is one of the greatest moments in Jewish history. It is also a high moment in the life of the United Nations. The decision arrived at does not fully satisfy the just claims and historic aspirations of the Jewish people but it does offer us a measure of justice. It is a triumphant vindication of the Zionist ideal at the hands of the highest international tribunal and holds the promise of national freedom and early independence.

The battle has been long and hard. It was won only through the united will and determination of the Jewish people throughout the world, led and inspired by the Yishuv.

The Zionists of America are profoundly grateful that they were invited to contribute their share toward the outcome.

They have long realized the particular responsibilities resting upon them in view of the key position and leading role of the United States in the international arena. Today American Zionists are happy that their prolonged and strenuous efforts to win the support of the American people and Government have been crowned with success, for without that support, victory at the UN would have been impossible.

I hope that the feeling of joy which must sweep through the Jews of the world will be tempered by a sober sense of the very great tasks and heavy responsibilities which devolve upon us all if the political decision is to be translated into concrete reality.

## Palestine Issue Cost UN \$1,000,000, Says Evatt

LAKE SUCCESS.—Herbert Evatt, Australia's Foreign Minister and chairman of the Ad Hoc Palestine Committee, told newspapermen at a press conference immediately after the dissolution of the Ad Hoc Com-

mittee that the Palestine problem had cost the UN \$1,000,000.

Obviously fatigued and nervous, Evatt told reporters that he believed partition should be accepted by the UN.