

# 100,000 JAM RALLY IN JEWISH PROTEST

Hear U. S. Policy on Palestine  
Assailed at Madison Square  
—War Veterans Parade

Under the auspices of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, a crowd estimated by the police at more than 100,000 persons jammed Madison Square Park and surrounding streets yesterday in a mass protest against the United States reversal of its position on partition of Palestine. Speakers denounced the American position as a betrayal of national honor and a surrender to oil lobbyists. They demanded that the United Nations partition plan be upheld.

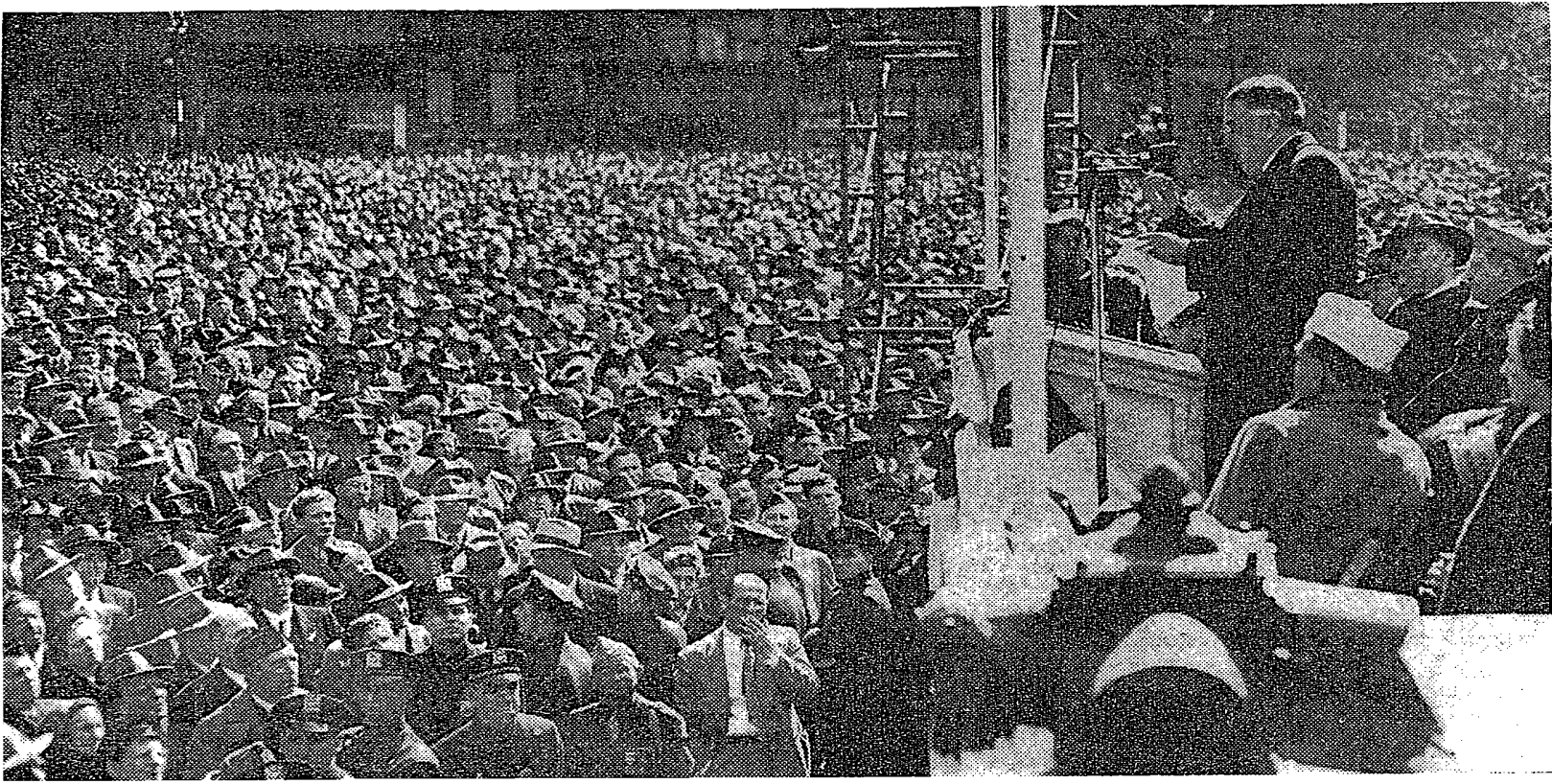
The meeting, which Chief Police Inspector Martin J. Brown said was "the biggest crowd ever in the park," was held as a mass demonstration and memorial service for Jews who have died fighting for a Jewish homeland in Palestine. It followed a parade down Fifth Avenue from Thirty-ninth Street in which Catholic, Protestant, and Negro units marched with the Jewish War Veterans.

For two and a half hours the marchers flowed past the reviewing stand in close ranks—40,000 of them, according to an estimate of Assistant Chief Inspector Frank Fristensky Jr. Along with the national colors, the color guards carried the Star of David Zionist flag and colors of various veterans' organizations. There were representatives of 100 cities and fourteen states in the line of march.

Banners proclaimed "We Fought for Peace, Not Arab Appeasement." "Oil or Honor?" "Save the U. N.—Uphold Partition." The marchers chanted "A Jewish State in Forty-eight," or called the cadence to the words, "Lift, Lift, Lift the Embargo."

War-maimed veterans, heads lifted proudly, earned applause as they passed. Many of the marchers were in uniform—the blue of

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver addressing the throng in Madison Square Park

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the Navy, gray green of the Marines, khaki of the Army, and dark blue of veterans' groups. Mufti-clad women and children marched with their men-folk. There was a kilted Irish pipers band of Clann Eiran.

The sidewalks of Fifth Avenue were lined solidly by a crowd estimated by the police at 250,000. The streets surrounding the speakers' stand, on the east side of the park, were packed so tightly that many of the parade spectators could not crowd in. Loudspeakers carried the talks to all corners of the square.

Abraham Kraditor, past national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, was the grand marshal of the parade, and Archie H. Greenberg, also a past national commander, was the chairman of the meeting.

It was a sympathetic audience that listened to the denunciations of American policy on Palestine. The crowd jeered and booed references to the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, the oil companies, the State Department, and in one instance the President. It cheered assurances of the formation of a Jewish state.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, opened his remarks with a reference to the outpouring of marchers, saying, "While certain people in Washington let the Jewish people down, the Jewish people will not let themselves down."

He asked why the United States had called for a special assembly of the United Nations to reconsider the Palestine decision. "Do the President and the Secretary of State believe that after a period of temporary trusteeship, such as they propose, the Arabs will come to accept partition?" he said.

"Those who truly love America and believe in the high moral role of leadership which destiny has assigned her in this century," Rabbi Silver continued, "wish to see her integrity remain unimpeachable and her position unassailable by any suspicion of profit-seeking or power politics."

He declared American prestige had slumped in the United Nations "as a result of the amazing reversal on Palestine."

"It is not yet too late for our beloved country to undo the mischief for which certain officials in Washington are responsible," he asserted. "Neither the Congress nor the American people would approve of these machinations. Why should a little group of conspirators be permitted to lead our great country into a morass of duplicity, undermining our prestige before the world, shaking the very foundations of the United Na-

tions, and doing grievous wrong to a people which has been struggling to regain freedom in the ancient land of Israel?"

Senator Owen Brewster of Maine opened his speech with the declaration, "Palestine and petroleum will not mix." He said that from a standpoint of national security reliance on Middle East oil was futile, and that in case of trouble "American and British oil developments in the Middle East will simply serve the Soviet."

"The righteous wrath of the American people is gradually being aroused against those who would sell America's good faith in the world for a will o' the wisp of thirty billions of utterly unobtainable petroleum," Senator Brewster said.

He declared a Jewish state in Palestine will become reality "either under this Administration or under the Administration that will certainly succeed it."

Representative Chet Holifield of California appealed for a lifting of the arms embargo against Palestine. He said much of the opposition to a Zionist state stems from anti-Semitism, and that the "bug-aboo" of a Jewish state being a threat to American national safety since American soldiers might be sent to Palestine was an error.

"I am afraid a lot of people were impressed by these arguments," he added. "I am afraid that those thus caught include the President of the United States." There were boos at this reference.

Failure to support partition, Mr. Holifield said, will cause us to "lose an opportunity to strengthen the United Nations and unless we do strengthen the United Nations there is no hope in the world."

Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, said the surrender from the "first forthright and honorable position" with respect to the partition of Palestine is a concession "that United Nations ballots can be nullified by the bullets of any state or group of states in the United Nations that finds itself outvoted." It was such a veto, General Klein said, that "murdered the League of Nations."

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, acting president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, gave a memorial prayer for the Jews killed in Palestine. Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett said the greatness of this country lies in its welcome to all races, creeds, and nationalities, which have made our people "sensitive to the claims of freedom and justice everywhere."

During the parade, members of the Stern Group were distributing leaflets that bore the black-bordered inscriptions, "In Memoriam to the British Soldiers who will die in the Fight for the Freedom of Israel" and "British Soldiers will not leave Palestine May 15."