

## **SALUTE TO ISRAEL**

In travail and suffering the age-long hopes of the Jewish people for a national homeland have been realized. All freedom-loving mankind hails the glorious birth of the new State of Israel and welcomes it into the family of nations.

It is altogether fitting and proper that the United States should swiftly grant recognition to the new state. But the American people must see to it that this recognition is not a meaningless gesture.

The British mandate, which brought only suffering and bloodshed, has ended. But its evil effects continue as the new-born state is set upon by a triple-pronged Arab drive, British officered, equipped and subsidized. America shares with Britain the shame for this ignoble situation, which our own vacillations have permitted. President Truman's action cannot wipe away the blood which stains our hands—the blood of the gallant Jewish people who are left to defend their freedom alone.

The joint action of the United States and the Soviet Union in the United Nations paved the way for the establishment of the State of Israel. But our vacillating policy thereafter prevented any effective measures for its defense. If we had remained true to our commitments, as did the Soviet Union, the new state could have been born in peace. Even up to the last minute American delegates to the United Nations were attempting to put through a trusteeship arrangement that would have voided the previous decision. Our delegates were taken by surprise when President Truman made his recognition announcement whereby he sought to retrieve America's sullied prestige in the eyes of the world and his own election chances.

Our recognition of the State of Israel must be followed immediately by swift and vigorous action to give it meaning. This requires immediate lifting of the arms embargo, which withholds from the Jewish people the weapons for self-defense which are pouring from Britain into the hands of the Arabs; it requires immediate action by the Security Council against the Arab nations for their breach of the peace; it requires vigorous, effective measures, jointly with other nations, to guarantee security to the new Jewish state. The measure of America's sincerity in its recognition of Israel will be its readiness to forego its cold war against the Soviet Union in the defense of a brother nation and join with it for the maintenance of peace.

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