Cooperation with Other Governments: United Nations: Palestine
AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
Jerusalem, Palestine,
June 16, 1944.

Unrestricted.

SUBJECT: Transmitting Proclamation concerning rescue
of Jews.

THE HONORABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
WASHINGTON,

SIR:

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a Proclamation
issued by the Elected Assembly (Assefat Ha Navkharim) relating to the rescue of European Jewry.

A general convention, composed of members of the
Elected Assembly, the Chief Rabbinate, the Executive
of the Jewish Agency and representatives of the local
communities and Jewish local authorities, was called
by the Executive of the Vaad Leumi on June 5th. The
object was to call upon the Yishuv and Diaspora to rise
and rouse the nations of the world to rescue the Jews
in Hungary and in other Balkan States.

Respectfully yours,

L. C. Pinkerton
American Consul General

Enclosure:
Copy of Proclamation.

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Enclosure to despatch No. . , dated June 16, 1944, from the American Consulate General, Jerusalem, Palestine, entitled "Transmitting Proclamation concerning rescue of Jews."

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Proclamation issued by the Alarm Convention for the Rescue of the Jewish Remnants, which took place on Monday, the 5th June, 1944, in Jerusalem.

The Nazi-German occupation of Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria exposes the remnants of European Jewry to the danger of destruction and extermination. A downpour of restrictions and evil decrees has already flooded them, especially the Jews of Hungary. Their property has already been robbed. They have already been rooted out from the economic life, and scores of thousands of Jews have already been taken to the extermination camps in Poland. A million of Jews in Hungary and about 500,000 Balkan Jews are facing extermination, if no one hastens to help them, if no extraordinary efforts are made for their rescue.

The convention of Palestine Jews refuses to believe that the democratic powers, whose strength and power have recently grown, and whose victories are increasing, will not find the effective means to stop the murdering hand, if only their will be equal to their growing power.

The convention of Palestine Jews raises its voice at the last hour, demanding:

(a) that a last and strict warning be given to the peoples and governments of the Balkans, and first of all to Hungary, that they will be held responsible for the life of the Jews who have still remained alive, and that on the forthcoming day of reckoning the rescue of Jews by them will be taken into account;

(b) that the United Nations should assist in the organization of the escaping of the Jews by all ways and means, and that they should open for them the gates of rescue of the democratic countries and their colonies, and first of all - the gates of Palestine, as well as passages through the neutral countries.

This work of rescue must be done now and not afterwards. Let not the few remnants of European Jewry be abandoned to the fate of Polish Jewry.

And to the Yishuv we say:

At this last hour, when the Nazi axe has been raised over the head of the last of our brothers, the Yishuv is called upon to make the greatest financial effort in order to increase to the greatest extent the number of the rescued.

Let the Yishuv rally around the Rescue Campaign of the Enlistment and Rescue Fund.