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SECRETARY OF STATE,

Washington.

31, November 3, 4 p.m.

Demonstrations protesting against a Zionist state
in Palestine were held in Damascus yesterday the 27th
anniversary of Balfour Declaration as forecast in my
30, October 26. They were, however, very orderly and
the Government, apparently fearing that demonstrations
might get out of hand and be used for political purposes
did not permit any portion of the city to be closed
as originally planned.

The demonstrators were mostly composed of students
and were addressed by the Prime Minister. One group
of about 100 Moslem students marched to the Legation
but caused no disturbance. Their representatives and
those of the university students called on me, however,
to protest against the statements of American politicians
advocating a Jewish commonwealth. Two committees represent-
ing the association organized former students of the

American University
-2-31, November 3, 4 p.m., from Damascus

American University at Beirut mentioned in my telegram No. 50 and another association of leading deputies and journalists also called and left notes of protest. A number of telegrams of protest were also received from various associations.

While earnestly defending their cause and expressing disappointment in the attitude toward Palestine of President Roosevelt, Dewey and others the visitors took pains to express their admiration and friendliness otherwise for the United States.

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