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"The End Justifies the Means"

Unbelievable, but true. The May issue of the New York Yiddish monthly *Undzer Tsayt* contains the transcript of the minutes of a meeting held on February 25, 1959 by the *President's Conference*. This *Conference* consists of leading officials of 19 major national Jewish organizations in the United States, almost all of Zionist or pro-Zionist character, who have at least in theory, informally banded together to work for common Jewish interests. Marked *Strictly Confidential*, the transcript reports on this meeting attended by these leaders, as well as by Golde Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, and by Nahum Goldman, Chairman of the Jewish Agency. On the agenda was the emigration of Jews from Rumania — now unfortunately halted by the Rumanian government, but at that time a burning issue.

The outstanding fact about this meeting was the opposition of these Zionist and pro-Zionist leaders to Jewish immigration to the United States. Thus, both Golde Meir and Nahum Goldman maintained that the Rumanian Jews *want to immigrate solely to Israel and that they did not authorize anyone to intervene in favor of their immigration to other countries*. *Undzer Tsayt* takes issue with this statement and declares it to be a formalistic twist. The article asks the legitimate question: "Upon what ground and with what authorization do Dr. Goldman and Golde Meier make statements which create the impression that Rumanian Jews wish to migrate only to Israel? Even Jews now living in Israel want to go to the United States, and would emigrate here *en masse* if they only had the opportunity. It is certain that if it were in the hands of the Rumanian Jews, they would prefer to go to various countries and not last of all — to America."

However, the main disclosure of the document is the frightening fact that Mr. Maurice Bisgyer, Executive Vice-President of B'nai Brith, and Mr. Emil Baar, have made efforts to persuade Sen. Jacob K. Javits (Republican from New York State) to abandon his plan for a bill to admit Rumanian Jews to the United States. In reporting on their efforts, Mr. Bisgyer and Mr. Baar added that they could continue these efforts and that they were optimistic about achieving success...

These revelations about Jewish attempts to bar other

Jews from immigrating to the United States, unpleasant and shocking as they are, are not new. We of the *Freeland League* have on a number of occasions witnessed the zeal with which Zionist leaders and "idealists" have, under the guise of working for Zion, sabotaged actions which could benefit the entire Jewish people. Thus, in the early 40's, pressure was exerted on the Australian Federal Government by the Zionist press and spokesmen to drop the Kimberley project. This project for settlement of Jewish refugees in Western Australia was sponsored by the *Freeland League* and had already been approved by the North-Western Australian Government. Who can tell how many thousands of Jewish lives might have been saved from Hitler's claws if these anti-Jewish pressures exerted by Jews had not been effected? Who can tell how many thousands might have started a new life in Kimberley instead of ending their lives in Auschwitz?

The project in 1947-1948 for settling Jewish refugees in Surinam evoked a similar anti-Jewish campaign by overzealous Zionists. The pressure of the Zionist press in Holland and the calumnies of Zionist emissaries especially sent to Surinam was not basically different from the pressure exerted against immigration of Rumanian Jews to the United States. Jewish history also record Zionist intervention in the 30's with the late United States Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, against the settlement of Jewish refugees as homesteaders in Alaska. Were not all these efforts — where Jewish lives were literally thrown away — morally even more despicable than the current politicking with the Exodus of Rumanian Jewry?

The revelations of *Undzer Tsayt* were unfortunately ignored by the Jewish press, with the exception of the *Jewish Newsletter*. Hushing up of irresponsible acts committed by official and unofficial spokesmen of responsible Jewish organizations is not in the best interests of the Jewish community. Jewish public opinion has the right to know of behind-the-scene manipulations whereby the well-being of individual Jews is sacrificed on the altar of Zionist ideology. When so informed, such public opinion might indeed rebel against the philosophy that "*the end justifies the means*"...