

PORTION OF SPEECH BY SENATOR OWEN BREWSTER BEFORE
THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES, AT
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AMERICAN SECURITY

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In the words of Winston Churchill:

"You are not going to found and forge the fabric of a grand alliance to resist aggression, except by showing continued examples of your firmness in carrying out, even under difficulties, the obligations into which you have entered....Never was the need for fidelity and firmness more urgent than now."

America stands stultified before world opinion in seeking to support--all at the same time: (1) a truce with the Grand Mufti fresh from five years in Berlin with Adolf Hitler--his hands still dripping with Jewish blood; (2) a trusteeship for Palestine under some unknown trustee and supported presumably by American arms; (3) and the partition plan solemnly adopted after extensive study by two-thirds of the United Nations. Janus is outdone. This is not two-faced but three-faced.

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Americans may well demand of those in authority that the embargo shall be modified to permit arms to go to those who are defending the decision of the United Nations.

American boys have the same inalienable right to volunteer to fight for human freedom in Palestine as in Europe or China. The old world has no monopoly upon the spirit of Steuben or Kosciusko or Lafayette.

Lake Success must not become synonym for failure. One Munich for this generation should be quite enough.

The magnificent mausoleum of the League of Nations upon the shores of Lake Geneva at least served for a political generation.

Here on the shores of the East River they still go forward with the preparations to build a \$60,000,000 tomb for an organization that is being destroyed by its own hand. Its epitaph might well be "Erected to the memory of the power of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who succeeded where Hitler and Hirohito failed."

In the Partition of Palestine the nations of the world were united in supporting a just solution of an age old problem. To their support came the hosts of those who loved liberty more than life in many lands. In Palestine itself there is a deep yearning for peace among the Arabs as the Jews. The repeated assassination of Arabs who dare to dissent from the edicts of the Grand Mufti sufficiently indicates the temper of the Arab inhabitants of Palestine.

With twice as many Arabs as Jews in Palestine why is it necessary for the Grand Mufti to import his thousands of hired mercenaries from countries pledged as members of the United Nations to assist in maintaining world order under law?

Is it not even more of a travesty to realize that these mercenaries hired to defy the decision of the United Nations and the United States are being paid indirectly but in large measure from the proceeds of American oil royalties. The Transjordan Legion this last month defied the power of Great Britain by invading Palestine, although this Arab force was organized and trained by the British and is today almost entirely supported by a grant of \$8,000,000 a year from the British Treasury now in process of replenishment from the United States.

American intelligence and integrity cannot be so lightly trafficked with. American honor is far more important in this distraught world than Arabian oil.

The righteous wrath of the American people is gradually being aroused against those who would sell American good faith in the world for the will of the wisp of thirty billion barrels of utterly unavailable petroleum.

Zionism and Zionists are not today on trial. The United Nations rather has its day in court to demonstrate whether the fond hopes of its founders are to be dashed by its failure at the first obstacle.

The great dream of Zion is to be fulfilled in our day and generation because it is profoundly right.

The Jewish Homeland is to grow into the Jewish commonwealth envisioned by its founders and pledged by Woodrow Wilson in the throes of the first World War.

Both great political parties in America have pledged the development of a homeland for Jews in Palestine. It is clear now that this must mean the implementation of the partition plan and the establishment of an independent commonwealth in the Jewish portion of Palestine.

Here is one of the keys to world peace.

Make no mistake about it. The vision of the last half century of Zionist pioneers will be converted into a reality that will forever serve.

The partition plan will be implemented.

The Jewish portion of Palestine as allocated by the United Nations will become an independent commonwealth either under this administration or under the administration that will certainly succeed it.

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In the preliminary phases of both World Wars the same public psychology has been evident.

As conditions grow more tense there is increasing reluctance to recognize the critical character of the situation by what may seem an overt act ~~that it~~ such as a move toward

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Industrial mobilization
In the old days military
mobilization was often
the signal for war.

Today it is subtly
suggested to peace
loving people that
any action, ~~to war~~
looking to industrial
mobilization may
prove provocative.

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As a result the nearer a crisis approaches the more ~~difficult~~ difficult it is to secure legislative action looking to adequate preparedness on the industrial front which now ranks equally with the military in its importance in this era of total war.

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On 1939 as ^{world} conditions
grew more and more
menacing the President
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obliged to turn to ~~as the~~
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total war ~~the~~

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that each shall

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new techniques
must constantly
be developed to
take unfair
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of preparation for war.

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It ~~has~~ must not
happen again.

Adequate legislation
must be on the statute
books to implement
industrial mobilization.

The problem of an
adequate plan grows
constantly more com-
plicated ~~as~~ in this
atomic era and makes
more and more
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impersonalisation.

Legislators and executives come and go. ~~and~~ All too soon a new generation is here. ~~and~~ ^{THE} the lessons ~~are all lost~~ of two World Wars, are lost, and American youth ~~will~~ ^{may} ~~once~~ ^{again} pay the ~~price~~ ^{penalty} of our neglect.

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The essence of totalitarianism is universal service imposed by an authoritarian ^{regime} ~~government~~.

The salvation of ~~the~~ democratic ^{institutions} ~~principles~~ may be found only in universal service imposed by the good sense of millions of freedom-loving citizens.

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Universal service
emissions ~~means~~ the elimination
~~means~~ of unfair profits and
x ~~may~~ ^{may} ~~be~~ ^{never} ~~avoided~~ ^{avoided} the disruption of
our economic system
by the creation of
an enormous debt.

Obviously the
American economic
system must pay, as
it goes from this
time on in peace
or war.

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~~The~~ accumulated
The debt of the
Second World War
was ~~twice~~ as ten
times as great as
the debt of the First
World War.

Another ~~such~~ ^{comparable}
increase in our
national debt is
inconceivable, ~~without~~
~~the abolition of~~

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~~Weather~~

More drastic and carefully considered legislation to eliminate unfair profits from war is imperative.

Confidence in the system of free enterprise can be preserved in no other way.

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Capitalism's capacity
for self discipline
faces its supreme
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of Zion ~~on the hills~~
among the hills of
Palestine.

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The shots of the
Haganah, ^{also} are being
heard around the
world, ~~in every~~
~~spot~~ ~~heart~~ ~~where~~
~~love of freedom~~ ~~and~~
~~still survives.~~

~~is~~ by every ear
attuned to love of
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