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Dear John,

I have your letter of April 17th. There is very little new to write about with regard to the general situation in Palestine, except to report that there is an increasing tension throughout the country. I do not expect any disturbances to break out for the present, but the possibility of an eruption must always be considered. It seems fairly obvious that no decision with regard to the White Paper is going to be taken by the British Government until after the elections in England in July. Until that time, it may be expected that nothing of a violent nature will occur in Palestine. After that unless there is a decision taken by the British Government and strongly enforced, which both sides can acquiesce in if not agree to, almost anything can happen in this country.

I personally wish that some large scale measure could be undertaken to bring, say, 50,000 to 100,000 Jewish children from Europe into Palestine as soon as possible, aside from all considerations with regard to how many Jewish immigrants are eventually to be allowed to come into Palestine, or with regard to the type of government that is to prevail here in the future. If these children are to be saved physically and spiritually, it ought to be done now. They cannot wait till political complexities are unravelled and diplomatic niceties are carefully weighed. This is a project, it seems to me, which ought to elicit the support of all fair-minded people with humanitarian instincts. I am sure that the money for such a project could easily be raised. This country can take care of them. There does not seem to be any other place in the world today where they can be as well absorbed and decently provided for as here in Palestine. It seems to me that the time has come when, instead of simply endorsing as limited a Jewish immigration as possible into Palestine, the American Jewish Committee might in addition undertake negotiations with other American Jewish groups for a specific project such as that I should like to recommend very strongly that the American Jewish Committee consider this matter immediately.

Thanks for the copy of "To the Councillors of Peace". It is a splendid volume. I am delighted to learn that the "human rights declaration" was adopted at San Francisco, and apparently, as I gather from a letter from Fred Lazarus, in no small measure due to your efforts.

I shall make an attempt to come to America late this summer or early this fall. If Weizman has not yet gone to America, I may stop off in England to discuss matters with him again.

With cordial greetings,

sincerely yours