

is to be checked carefully, and that not only the Chief Executive of the State, but also the people of the State as a whole, are looking to them for intelligent, administration in their respective spheres.

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WELCOME TO DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT, WORLD  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND PRESIDENT OF JEWISH  
AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

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**I**T is my official privilege, as well as a personal pleasure, to join with the other representatives of the people of Maryland, and with the leaders of Jewry in our State, in extending a most cordial welcome to Dr. Weizman, scientist, philosopher and statesman, self-dedicated to the cause of the Zionist world movement in behalf of Jewry's national home in Palestine, Dr. Weizman has given evidence of a broad humanitarianism that could not fail to find a warm response in the hearts of the people of Maryland, irrespective of race or creed.

Fired by the same spirit of mental and spiritual independence that, more than 300 years ago, sent that intrepid band of English adventurers to the shores of the Potomac, to found a colony where they could live and worship without interference or molestation, Dr. Weizman and those associated with him are working valiantly to help solve the tortuous problems that beset their people today. In this endeavor, they cannot fail to enlist the sympathy, and helpful cooperation, of everyone in our State, and in this great country of ours who truly appreciates, and properly evaluates, the privileges of freedom that are ours.

Sheltered as we are here in America by a Constitution that guarantees, and for more than a century and a half has preserved for all our citizens, no matter to what minority group they might belong, those God-given rights of liberty of thought, word, and action, we find it difficult sometimes to realize the extent to which these personal rights are being violated throughout the world today. We read in the press accounts of persecutions being laid upon the conquered peoples of Poland and Central Europe, of the outrages to which Jewish and other groups in these lands are being subjected, but it seems too far away, so remote, that sometimes it may leave us cold.

To men like Dr. Weizman and his associates, however, who come face to face with these persecutions in the afflicted countries, or who see the results of the diabolical work in the broken, homeless men, women and children that stream to them for aid in their destitution, the picture is a vivid one, disheartening, seemingly almost impossible of correction, so vast is its scope. When they come before us, therefore, as Dr. Weizman does today, to plead the cause of their thousands of unfortunate charges: when they attempt to bring home to us the utter destitution and despair that grip so many thousands in the