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I appear before you this evening in a state of great perplexity and amazement. I have read and reread the remarks made by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin before the annual Labor ~~xxx~~ Party Conference in England, and I am stunned and shocked-- as ~~x~~ I know all of you are-- by ~~the~~ what he said. Here we see before us ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ ^{again, as in the White Paper 1939} the beginnings of a colossal betrayal, a crass and cynical repudiation of the profound promise that we all felt was implicit in the election of the British Labor Party to power.

My first impulse is to reserve judgment, so great is my ^{surprise} incredulity at this turn in events. And, yet, there before us-- in ~~my~~ unmistakable terms-- is ~~the announcement, final~~ the announcement of a policy ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ that ~~xxx~~ offers nothing but continued despair for the millions of ~~xxxxxxxx~~ victims of the Fascist ~~x~~ reign over the face of Europe.

To me, as one who has long argued against ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ imperialism in all its forms, the success of the Labor Party ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ appeared to be a most encouraging sign of a new trend in world politics. Here I saw the repudiation of the imperial policies that played so important a part in the international complexities that led to war.

And, lest we lose our ~~xxx~~ perspective and ~~xxxxxx~~ commit other errors to doubly confound this tragic mistake, we should understand that the offer of independence to India, the withdrawal

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JAMES C. McDONALD

LECTURER

Mr. McDonald is a recognized authority on foreign affairs and is internationally known for his work as League of Nations High Commissioner for German Refugees. He began a career of public education in international relations toward the end of the World War, in 1918. Together with such men and women as Norman Angell, Charles Beard, Herbert Croly, John Dewey, Menley O. Hudson, Lillian Wald and others of like prominence and liberal spirit, Mr. McDonald founded a committee to organize public opinion in support of a just peace. This committee later became the Foreign Policy Association, a national membership organization, engaged in research and education in the field of international relations. For fourteen years Mr. McDonald guided the Association's activities and extended its influence through weekly and fortnightly publications, the public platform and radio.

In October, 1933, Mr. McDonald accepted the post of League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Jewish and other) coming from Germany, which he retained until the close of 1935. During this time about three-fourths of the 80,000 refugees from Germany were placed in new homes through the effort of the High Commission and organizations throughout the world which raised a fund of ten million dollars. He received the American Hebrew medal "for outstanding service in promoting better understanding between Christians and Jews" in 1934 - a tribute to his work as High Commissioner. Upon resigning from the Commission, Mr. McDonald said: "When domestic policies threaten the demoralization and exile of hundreds of thousands of human beings, considerations of diplomatic correctness must yield to those of common humanity. I should be recreant if I did not call attention to the actual situation and plead that world opinion, acting through the League and its member States and other countries, move to avert the existing and impending tragedies."

In April, 1936, Mr. McDonald became a member of the editorial staff of the New York Times relinquishing this post upon assuming office as President of the Brooklyn Institute. More recently, in May of 1938, he was appointed Chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, a national committee to cooperate with the Intergovernmental Committee in facilitating the emigration of political refugees from Austria and Germany. The national committee includes Protestants, Catholics and Jews prominent in refugee work.

Mr. McDonald is Honorary Chairman of the Foreign Policy Association and of the National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany (National Refugee Service), a trustee of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations and of the Twentieth Century Fund, and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education.

RADIO COMMENTATORS

SUBJECTS: Refugees and the World Crisis; The San Francisco Conference and After; Palestine and the Post - War World.

Educator, author, student of national and international affairs, and religious thinker, Dr. ^{Howard M.} LeSourd, for the past ten years Dean of the Boston University Graduate School, is now on sabbatical leave from the University ~~as President~~ ~~Director of the Institute~~ as Director of the American Palestine Committee.

Recognized as a leading educator and social scientist, Dean LeSourd was a member of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection in 1930. Active in the development of the use of motion pictures for education, Dean LeSourd is now serving as Director of the Institute for Democratic Education, which produces the recorded "Lest We Forget" programs.

Dean LeSourd has been the head of the Boston University Radio Institute and has done pioneering work in the use of radio

in education. Not only has he inaugurated many educational series, but has had a weekly program of his own on the air for several years over station WBZ in Boston.

A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and of Union Theological Seminary, Dr. LeSourd received his Doctorate of Philosophy from Columbia University and his Doctor of Laws from his alma mater. Previous to his coming to Boston, he was adviser on religious problems at Ohio State University and professor of religious education at Western Theological Seminary and Duke University School of Religion. During the First World War he was with the Army Y.M.C.A.

Dr. LeSourd has traveled widely in Europe and the Near East. He speaks on Palestine from first-hand experience. During the summer of 1945 he flew to London on the invitation of Sir Wyndham Deedes, and while there was a Christian observer at the World Zionist Conference. He has long been interested in minority problems and world affairs, and is an ardent believer in democratic action.



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