THE tensile strength of humanity is being put to its supreme test these days.

Human valor, loyalty, patriotism, strength of purpose, are being challenged. Human anguish, bloodshed, sudden death, cruelty and greed, are unloosed.

The human race is like a steel blade which is being bent to its capacity. How much pressure can it bear before it snaps? How much punishment can it take? What is its inherent strength?

Today, as never before, a put-upon human race, harassed by man's perfidy to man, needs assurances of our transcendent strength.

The Allied countries, under vicious lambasting, take anxious stock of their human assets. How much can we endure in the name of love of country, freedom, and the dignity of man?

We know in our hearts that it is in our bone and sinew, in our marrow and spirit, ultimately to win the right kind of peace. But still, as the smoke thickens and the spill of precious blood continues, we need more and more assurances of the quality of valor that resides in the human race.

Look to Palestine for some of this assurance! There, cradled in that old Testament land of rugged rock, barren desert, is living evidence of the heights to which human beings can rise under stress.

Look you to the persecuted, broken people of an ancient race, whose means of livelihood have been struck from their hands. With those hands bleeding, they have taken up new residence, many of them late in life, in a land they know only from race memory.

Look to these strange pioneers of what is apparently a deathless and ageless race. They have been stricken to the heart. They have been driven from homelands, where for centuries they have lived in dignity and decency. They have been battered from pillar to post; tortured by hunger, exposure; agonized by way of separated families, degraded by way of race hatred.

Look to those people and see, how out of barren Palestinian rock, they have torn a (Continued on page 87)
White Paper and the American Government have never given its endorsement to that policy. Under international law therefore, the White Paper has no validity.

It is difficult to reconcile the Great Britain that issued the Balfour Declaration with the Britain that promulgated the White Paper. The Britain of Balfour's day was full of faith and hope for the future, responsive to the cries for justice for the Jewish people. The Britain of the White Paper was foolishly nursing the delusion that peace could be won without a battle, that solutions could be achieved by injustices committed to satisfy insatiable appetites of conquest and greed. Britain has come a long way out of the maze of compromise and appeasement. But with regard to Palestine she has acted in terms of the forgotten days of feudalism. That is a danger signal not merely for the Jewish people, but for all peoples who are not powerful enough to compel a proper consideration for their rights. In this respect the situation in Palestine is not an isolated example of undemocratic action. It should serve as a storm signal to those whose faith is greater than their vision, whose love of humanity is greater than their sense of realism and vigilance.

**Our Human Assets**

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