IN THE SCALES OF JUSTICE

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I firmly hope that this demand will be satisfied. I refuse to believe that considerations of so-called realistic politics, such as expressed in the Chamberlain White Paper on Palestine, can stand against the requirements of justice and humanity. Truly realistic politics are grounded in moral values, in the sense and respect of the human personality, in the understanding of the solutions required by human conscience. To do justice to the Jewish people, to make it possible for them to feel at home in some corner of the earth—in that corner where their ancestors dwelt—is an urgent matter of truly realistic, truly human and truly democratic politics.

I also trust that after these days of darkness, the plague of racism will disappear from the face of the earth, and Jews and Christians will cooperate in an effort to further justice and brotherhood in human civilization.