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Mr. Moshe Shertok, head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency Executive, said in part:

"We have gone through many trials in this country, but none was as great as that of the fateful four years, 1936-39.

"Subsequently, the political decision went against us, but we emerged morally and physically stronger in Palestine at the end of 1939 than we were at the beginning of 1936. In these four years the Yishuv (Palestine Jewry) matured as a people, conscious of its responsibilities and united for its future struggle."

THE VASTER CONFLICT

"Now we are witnessing an infinitely vaster conflict in which, along with the future of civilized mankind, the very existence of the Jews as a race in Europe is at stake. But let us not forget that our struggle in this country will have to go on even after liberty wins in Europe, as all believe it will..

"Merely to survive is not enough. We do not want to remain a subject race. We are entitled to our share of human liberty. These graves unite us as nothing else. They sanctify our right to defend ourselves and our future," he concluded.