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Bell Locker  
all abstainers, agreed to  
support decision of Executive

Members felt <sup>it</sup> important enough  
to leave Israel & opening of  
Knesset to come to U.S. to  
decide this matter.

meeting opened by Locker to  
announce that Agency decision  
was final. No other arrangement  
will be recognized.

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## Kaplan

1. expressed gratitude to U.S. for loan.
2. signed contract for 30 m for agricultural development
3. will sign contracts for another 20 m. in few weeks.
4. loan was politically important as well as financially.
5. loan to be used only for purchasing capital goods in U.S.
6. in order to exploit loan, 200 m. will be needed. Quarterly reports must be submitted to Export-Import Bank describing fulfillment of projects for which loan was granted.
7. loan will be of little help to meet immediate needs - only long-term.

### Historical Review

In May 48 - there were only 3000 men in striking force. British + Arabs knew this.

No govt services (health, education, security, revenues, etc.) - no contacts with outer world (international post, telegraph, etc.) - physical + financial blockade (expulsion from Sterling bloc). Chaos.

South 20 miles from Tel Aviv - east 12 miles - This was advance of enemy at beginning. Air force was few tiny training planes. Jerusalem was cut off - besieged. Negev was cut up into isolated areas - some settlements besieged almost 6 months.

→ Had to build state to fight war.

Picture of Achievements + Difficulties

"We did honor to all the Jews". We are in process of liquidating inferiority complex in all Israel - at home + abroad.

Reason to be proud, but even more reason to be worried. We face tremendous difficulties.

Economic Problems

1. Financing of war
2. " " state
3. " " immigration

U.S. Jews not being asked for # 2. Israeli Jews will finance their own state. Ordinary

Budget is covered by ordinary income (taxes, customs, etc.). Bitter complaints in Israel in re high taxes and low efficiency of services. Schools are open for all children (including Arab). Health service considered insufficient. Ordinary budget published.

#1 - Military budget unpublished for security reasons. Not even revealed to U.S. + to Import-Export Bank.

Security still must prevail. Financial information almost as important as military.

Everyone (British, Arab)  
counted on Jewish financial  
collapse.

a. Morell did not have  
to be mobilized - that was  
given us.

b. Manpower was subjected  
to total mobilization. All men  
& money devoted to war.

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Received not penny of help  
from any country. (Cf. U.S.  
helping Benelux in 1940). We  
were & are left alone. We  
had help only from world  
jury.

40% of war budget  
from income (including contributions)  
from Jews in U.S.

60% of war budget  
from loans (from businessmen  
in Israel)

~~Joke~~

What is secret of success?  
Natural cause - God's promise  
Miraculous " - That Jews would  
make army & fight

Manpower also mostly from  
Israel - but recent census  
of army showed Jews of 50  
countries from world.



Because of heavy  
burden, many officials  
ready to give up & make  
compromises, make peace -  
in order to ensure immigration.  
we must be in peace  
with all the countries of  
The world. But until  
all other countries readjust  
their imperial, military and  
economic interests in Palestine,  
we will have only armed  
peace.

i. # 1 - we need  
help of world Jews to  
accomplish this.

#3 - Immigration - This must be shared equally by U.S. Jews with Israel.

In 9 months of state, more than 140,000 Jews came in. This is 4% monthly increase of country's total population. This is under conditions of war and no government structure.

Arabs left Israel. Jews stuck. This shows their attachment to the land.

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We are now seriously planning to bring in hundreds of thousands in

next few years. This is  
risky policy, if we fail  
to absorb them.

Now 30,000 in transit  
camps (10,000 in tents).

We have opened gates,  
but U.S. Jews must keep them  
open.

Public funds needed  
about \$1,000 per capita immigrant.

We will provide 50,000  
places in Israeli reception  
centers. We are enlarging  
many Israeli standards -  
possibility of creation of slums  
in order to rescue Jews. We  
now have regime of austerity.

May be, because of  
crisis, that we will be  
in terrible difficulty trying  
to keep gates open. We  
will try to go ahead -  
but it depends on you.  
We will adjust all our  
activities to task of immigration.  
This will require 500 million

You must not view  
campaign from view of  
① broader conditions in U.S., or  
② internal needs

but from view of joining in  
our mobilization. We are  
reducing our standard of

living. You should want  
to be partners.

(Incident of 1/2 hr. in  
Washington between meetings -  
visited Lincoln Memorial)

Israel <sup>cast</sup> types words  
of Betsey's address -  
of and by and for the  
people & This is  
true in Israel

You must help us  
to preserve this independence  
& this people.

Weizel (Yiddish)  
(reference to minister)

Desire for immigration was  
basis of our independence  
movement.

30,000 in Dec 48

28,000 in Jan 49

Plan for 1949 is minimum  
of 250,000. How is this  
achieved?

- a) 60,000 from camps to liquidate same.
- b) 20,000 assisted refugees in Europe
- c) from Eastern Europe as many as we can get out before it will be too late. Borders may be closed within year.

Weigel toured Eastern  
Europe + saw anxiety  
of Jews to get out.

1) 15,000 from Bulgaria  
(this will empty B.)

2) 5,000 from Yugoslavia  
(empty, Y.)

3) 20,000 from Czech

4) 10,000 - Poland

20,000 - Hungary

20,000 - Rumania

d) Modern lands are  
sending Jews in quantity,  
running as after Messiah.  
Difficult to regulate them,  
for they are running.

45,000

e) 25,000 from Shanghai, Aden,  
Yemen, etc.

All these people  
are absolutely poor -  
no food or clothes,  
many children, many  
sick (can't be helped.)  
We can't do what other  
lands do - keep out the  
sick. We must take  
them all in.

Reception to Israel  
involves hospitalization.

Old people  
require 6000 per capita.



Rehabilitation and  
retraining for sick or  
invalids - to make them  
productive, or to support  
them till they die.

Employment might  
get to be tough in  
future.

Main problem today is  
housing. One room with  
kitchen costs 2000 to  
erect.

(Story of Uri Saif)  
Why couldn't you be like  
Mose, Rambam, etc.? For

These questions I have no  
fear. But if they ask me  
why didn't I act like this  
could have acted, then I'm  
afraid.)

This applies to U.S. Jew.  
We can't fight, build,  
suffer, etc. - but we  
can be what we are good  
for!



Locker  
called on Lehman,  
good political move

"I sympathize with  
difficulties of Kefauver in his  
task."

"Achievements of new  
state have far surpassed  
our fondest expectations &  
hopes."

Statesmanship of  
Israel's leaders compares  
to bravery of her soldiers.  
No mistakes made.

Plan for unity. Fact  
of split saddens him.  
All communities must  
stay behind Israel.

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We sometimes exaggerate  
The matter of principle.  
We sometimes confuse  
principle with personal  
considerations.

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Plead with Selva  
(not by name) to make  
peace + unity.

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Gave assurance  
of his efforts to "make  
State of Israel a truly  
noble commonwealth."



~~Heiner Weisman~~

Weisman said there  
would be unity  
in fund-raising.

They accept M-M.

Soons resigned.

Suggested Mintor + Shapiro  
as two exec. vice-chairmen

To have to be agreed upon,  
to negotiate UJA contract.

Locker

Minority must accept  
view of majority.

Locker influenced by  
I. Goldstein's view that  
Morm should come  
back. He abstained  
because of distance  
from controversy - but  
indicated his feeling.

Weizman sent  
cable congratulations  
Mazerman on  
chairmanship for

49





UPA executive  
meeting Tuesday  
to discuss Agency  
decision



Board members  
of UPA called  
democratic meeting  
Sunday night.

Great national  
conclave

March 6 or 13

by Israeli figure

50 million

by loans

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1949 - Slogan

Year of Austerity

(for individuals +  
community needs)

(Kaplan's slogan)

to match the  
austerity of Israelis

plea for  
Israeli  
personalities  
to help in  
UJA campaign





of using slogans to  
interfere with UJA -  
such as Hagalah.

5. Many individual campaigns  
of specific institutions.

A committee of UJA, WPA,  
Israeli Consulate + American  
section of B'nai B'rith Executive  
will be set up to screen  
these ~~new~~ campaigns.

Assure full cooperation  
of Jewish Agency  
in this question.

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Kaplan

seeking  
What about investments  
of private capital in  
various corporations?

Will arrange meeting  
between leaders of B.  
investment companies and  
UGA to iron out how  
found shall handle  
selves.

Raffan

This time  
not message of  
encouragement  
but of anxiety  
over future.  
"rejoice with the trembling"

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# PALESTINE AGENCY IN ROW OVER DRIVE

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powers in Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Montor—chiefly the latter, who is to be given ever greater authority and a higher status than he ever had in the past."

For almost two weeks, the Executive has been meeting in a plenary session—the first of its kind in this country—in an effort to resolve the controversy centered about the leadership of the Appeal's campaign, particularly on the subject of Mr. Montor. Several months ago, Mr. Montor resigned as executive director of the United Palestine Appeal, which is the principal beneficiary group of the United Jewish Appeal.

At the time of his resignation, Mr. Montor said he was dissatisfied with the way funds obtained here were being spent in Palestine. He requested that the Palestine approval broaden its governing bodies in this country to give them more responsibility in the disbursement of funds. Later, this was done by granting 40 per cent representation to Jewish communities.

After Mr. Montor's resignation, differences concerning fund-raising among the Jewish people on behalf of Israel have been widely discussed in recent months.

Berl Locker, chairman of the Jerusalem section of the agency, who presided at the sessions, made a statement announcing the ruling. This expressed the hope of the executive that Dr. Neumann and Dr. Silver would reconsider their decision, saying, "we expect them to continue their much-needed work in full cooperation with their colleagues."

Mr. Locker asserted that the majority of the Executive "took the view that it is vital for the success of the 1949 campaign that Henry Morgenthau Jr., should be induced to accept the general chairmanship, that he should be given the same rights as he had in the two previous campaigns and also that he be able to invite Henry Montor to undertake the conduct of the campaign under Mr. Morgenthau's leadership."

The statement pointed out that during the controversy Mr. Montor's letter of resignation, dated Sept. 10, "became a subject of heated discussion; Mr. Montor has now withdrawn this letter and the accusations contained therein."

### TEXT OF STATEMENT

The statement issued by Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann follows:

Yesterday I, as well as Dr. Emanuel Neumann, resigned from the Executive of the Jewish Agency. A brief explanation is called for.

Our Movement is confronted with a task of staggering proportions; the transportation, absorption and resettlement in Israel of hundreds of thousands of Jews now streaming to its shores. How to mobilize the vast sums required for this purpose is the burning problem of the hour.

In our view only through the wholehearted cooperation of all sections of American Jewry working for the United Jewish Appeal in an atmosphere of harmony and good-will can we hope to meet even the minimal needs. Without it the campaign would be gravely jeopardized. Having gone to the greatest

lengths to settle the recent controversy precipitated by Mr. Henry Montor by an agreement concluded in December, we were dismayed at the reopening of the controversy and the renewed insistence that the supreme direction of the campaign be turned over to the one most responsible for the internecine conflict—one who had become a most controversial figure symbolizing to many groups and communities not harmony and good-will, but strife and bitter antagonism.

No one man or two can be regarded as indispensable. Any positive contributions they can make must be weighed against the incalculable harm likely to result from the imposition of their leadership against strong and justified opposition and in defiance of widespread sentiment and important sections of public opinion.

### Compromise Plan Scrapped

In the sessions of the Jewish Agency, we made every possible effort to reach a compromise solution which could be justified to our constituents and be generally acceptable. Protracted negotiations produced a compromise plan which was unanimously adopted by the Agency Executive on Wednesday, Feb. 5. It provided not only for the return of Mr. Morgenthau as General Chairman, but also for the inclusion of Mr. Montor in the executive management of the UJA under certain conditions and within a scheme of organization with certain controls and safeguards. That compromise plan has now been scrapped in most vital respects. The Agency Executive has yielded to the categorical demands of two men to whom it is now proposed to give dictatorial powers in the UJA over the objections of important bodies such as United Palestine Appeal and the Zionist Organization of America with a membership of 250,000 men and women.

On Monday, I was requested by the Executive to confer with Mr. Morgenthau in Florida. I agreed to make this final effort in order to persuade Mr. Morgenthau or to explore other possibilities for the sake of unity; but Mr. Morgenthau politely declined to meet.

The plan now approved by the Executive under pressure, spells an overwhelming concentration of powers in Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Montor—chiefly the latter, who is to be given ever greater authority and a higher status than he ever had in the past. It is painful but necessary to point out that such concentration of power last year led to a most serious and flagrant abuse of that power with disastrous consequences. The wretched contro-

## Diplomatic Dipsomaniacs Explained by Acheson

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16—

Secretary of State Dean Acheson confessed today that conflicting pressures for publicity and secrecy in formulating the North Atlantic pact illustrated "the bureaucrat's dilemma—or why diplomats become dipsomaniacs."

Smiling broadly, he told reporters that he found himself in the position of trying to balance two great needs.

There is, he said, an undoubted need for public information as to the objectives, purposes and methods of the proposed security alliance. But, on the other hand, there is an equally great need for calm and quiet in the formulation of a policy before it can be made public for discussion.

He said that he had once discussed this subject under the jocular title of "the bureaucrat's dilemma—or why diplomats become dipsomaniacs," in a lecture at Dartmouth College.

versy from which we are still suffering was organized and directed by Mr. Montor while occupying key positions. No sense of responsibility or loyalty deterred him from attempting to launch a new rival fund, splitting the community and threatening the very organizations which employed him.

### Scandalous Rumors Spread

He spread scandalous rumors and accusations which the Agency Executive has unanimously declared to be false and which Mr. Montor himself belatedly retracted. While Mr. Montor engaged in this incendiary business sowing dissension and distrust, Mr. Morgenthau, as general chairman, did not restrain him. On the contrary, he insisted that Mr. Montor retain his post until the end of the year, but he permitted him to use those months and the extensive facilities at his disposal to carry on his disruptive activities without let or hindrance. It is conceded that these activities have already been very costly to the United Jewish Appeal. The bill for Mr. Montor's irresponsible conduct will be paid in the final analysis by thousands of homeless Jews in desperate need of all those things which the generosity of American Jews must provide.

We regret to differ with other members of the Executive, particularly those resident in Jeru-

salem, on the proper course to follow in the best interest of the campaign in the United States. With all deference to the majority, we cannot share the responsibility for what is now being done. Those who demand unlimited and arbitrary power and those who agree to confer it must also assume full responsibility for the chain of consequences which may follow. We can only hope that the results will be better than we have reason to fear. For ourselves, we intend to continue to work in the future as in the past for the good of the movement and the welfare of Israel.

The beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal are the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Service for New Americans. A question that remained unanswered last night was the position of the United Palestine Appeal. Its executive committee is composed of a majority of Zionists under the leadership of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann.

Dr. Silver, up to his resignation, was chairman of the American Section of the agency, and is chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council, representing all Zionist bodies in this country. Dr. Neu-

mann is president of the Zionist Organization of America. Last Sunday, 700 Zionist leaders from all parts of the country at a special conference overwhelmingly endorsed the position of Dr. Neumann and Dr. Silver in the controversy.

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## ACTION IS ORDERED ON JEWISH APPEAL

Goldenberg Seeks to Hasten  
Carrying Out of Palestine  
Appeal Board Decision

The United Palestine Appeal was directed yesterday to implement immediately a decision of fifty-five members of its board of directors for the return of Henry Morgenthau Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury, and Henry Montor, to the leadership of the 1949 United Jewish Appeal campaign for \$250,000,000.

The directive was issued by Harold J. Goldenberg of Minneapolis, chairman of the National Council of the United Palestine Appeal. It was the result of action taken at a meeting of board members early yesterday morning at the offices of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, 16 East Sixty-sixth Street.

The group voted to accept a decision of the Executive of the Jewish Agency to invite Mr. Morgenthau to continue to serve as general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal with Mr. Montor to conduct the campaign under his leadership. The United Palestine Appeal is one of the three major agencies for which the United Jewish Appeal raises money. The Palestine Appeal funds are used for immigration and resettlement of Jews in Palestine.

Because of differences as to how the United Jewish Appeal should be managed, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, now president, resigned as members of the Jewish Agency after the latter urged that Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Montor be invited to lead the 1949 Jewish Appeal drive. Mr. Montor had resigned several months ago as executive head of the Palestine Appeal in a disagreement over policies.

Herman L. Weisman, a New York attorney and acting head of the Palestine Appeal, said last night that the meeting of its board members at the Jewish Agency Headquarters was convened illegally. He added that he had not received official notification of the decision at the meeting.

He has called a special meeting of the forty-eight members of the executive committee of the United Palestine Appeal at the Biltmore Hotel for 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Action will be taken at this meeting, it was said, regarding the decision of the Jewish Agency Executive as to Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Montor.

Mr. Weisman also said that the Palestine Appeal executive committee would try to restore unanimity but did not feel bound to accept "the highly dangerous precedent of accepting orders and decisions from the Jewish Agency, which are uncalled for on moral grounds and which flout the existing rules and regulations of the World Zionist Congress and the Actions Committee, which safeguard the autonomy and integrity of the UPA as an American fundraising institution in behalf of its two American beneficiaries, the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, which transmit the proceeds raised directly to beneficiaries in Israel."

## 2 ZIONIST LEADERS QUIT AGENCY IN ROW

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Silver and Neumann Protest  
Decision on Morgenthau and  
Montor as Heads of Drive

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By IRVING SPIEGEL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, two of America's leading Zionists, resigned yesterday from the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in protest against a decision of the agency, announced simultaneously, calling on Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Henry Montor to manage the United Jewish Appeal campaign for \$250,000,000.

This decision by the agency, the Zionist leaders said, "is now proposed to give dictatorial powers in the UJA over the objections of important bodies such as the United Palestine Appeal and the Zionist Organization of America with a membership of 250,000 men and women."

The Zionist leaders' statement declared that "the plan now approved by the Executive spells an overwhelming concentration of

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Goldwasser  
Success of 48 (1)  
campaign was test  
of emotional maturity  
of American Jews.

Unparalleled heroic  
achievement of Aganch  
made at <sup>5</sup> easy to  
give.

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49 campaign will be  
test of political maturity -  
do Jews still have

sense of collective  
responsibility when war  
is over? How

much \* \* \* do we  
have when glamour is  
over?

Last <sup>5</sup>/<sub>10</sub> year American Jews  
shared in sense of mobilization  
Cannot demobilize themselves  
This year. Must remain in  
state of alertness, to avoid  
political defeat (which closing  
down of immigration would be.)

~~Also~~

Creation of State is not end in itself - but aim is to find home for homeless.



The means are achieved  
The State exists.

But the end has to be fulfilled till homeless Jews have to be brought in.

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We cannot be brutal and keep Jews out. If we had created state under normal conditions, my advice

would have been to be  
brutal - to consolidate  
first + take in people later.  
But we can't do that.

1. DPs are tough. We  
can't keep them out.
2. Eastern European Jews can't  
find to be lost. Not  
another 70% of our creativity  
should be <sup>lost</sup> ~~perpetrated~~. We  
must get ~~fast~~ <sup>fast</sup> ~~to now~~ we can.
3. We cannot any more  
reject the Jews in Arab  
countries (Africa).

Who will have the courage  
to face any of the above to  
wait?

# HILTON HOTEL



## Schedule of immigration for 1949 (w/fee)

DP camps -	60,000
western Europe -	20,000
eastern Europe -	90,000
Moslem lands -	45,000
Shanghai, Aden, Yemen -	25,000
Miscellaneous	10,000

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## Money from outside sources?

- 100 - 4 million paid to JDC
- UN refugee fund - 32 million (16 from U.S.) for Arab refugees  
(7000 Jewish refugees)
- Loan - 100 million, long-term use only
- 35 million agriculture } already signed  
6 million vehicles }



Since saw you last:

- ~~1. recognition of state - not end in itself, but means to greater end.~~
1. defeat of Arab aggression. (but will have to stay strong B.G. - before Hajjah Wats. Assn. East Trans.)
2. considerable increase of territory.
3. mass flight of Arabs (not killed by Israel)
4. recognition of state - not end in itself, but means to greater end.
5. unprecedented immigration - on 1 April 16, 57 M in 23 transit camps  
May 6 - 2000  
350 M in 49

Kaplan's 3 Budgets

1. ordinary - taxes
2. military - 40% income (including contributions from abroad)  
60% about compulsory loans
3. immigrant - needed from U.S.

### Israeli sacrifices

1. regime of austerity
2. food rationing
3. possibility of creating slums.

### Dangers of restricting immigration

1. British could hit
  2. Arabs could hit
  3. Russia could hit
- } Shall Jews?

### Goldmann's analysis

1. Emotional maturity in 48 - fairly easy to respond to war
2. Political & historic maturity in 49 - devotion when glamour is over?
3. Shared in mobilization in 48 - can't demobilize now
4. State its means to end - end has yet to be achieved.
5. Can we quit or taper off now? 350,000 people in 49

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# HILTON HOTEL



Sharett's summary of last 10 1/2 months

1. establishment of state
2. almost universal recognition (including Turkey 3 days ago)
3. defeat of Arab aggression
4. considerable increase of territory
5. mass flight of Arabs (not killed by Israel)
6. unprecedented immigration

Problems Ahead:

1. Jerusalem
2. Arab refugees
3. absorption of masses
4. fixation of boundaries
5. internal economic front.

115% across board in nation  
not as much as last year; but enough.  
give Harry Pitch.

Sherett's summary - up of just  
10 months work.

1. establishment of state.
2. wide number of recognition
3. defeat of Arab aggression



Israel is matched to all  
taken together.

4. considerable increase of territory
5. mass flight of Arabs (exodus)  
(not willed by Israel)  
but it increases absorptive potential  
and political stability.

b. Jewish immigration on  
unprecedented scale.

170,000 brought in in 10 months.

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### Problems ahead

1. Jerusalem
2. Arab refugees
3. Resettlement of masses
4. Fixation of boundaries
5. Internal economic front

Last most important.

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# Importance of Community Leadership

men should be flattered. Don't  
question request of committee. Don't strike taking  
chairmanships.

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Impossible shift

Board meeting Monday night

23rd. Also further complication

of monthly Mini Club meeting <sup>luncheon</sup>

Tuesday noon 24<sup>th</sup> which cannot

be shifted. Therefore have to

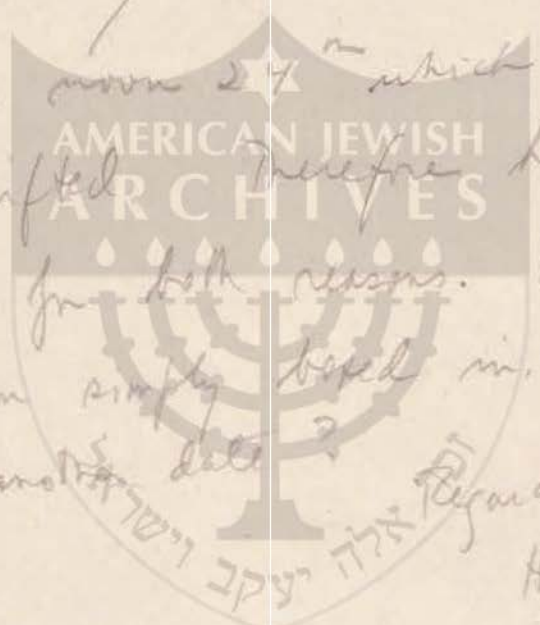
decline for both reasons. Feel badly

but am simply beset in. Want

to try another date?

Regards,

Herbert



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NEW YEAR MESSAGE

BY HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN, UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

The year 5710 is ushered in under the impact of tremendous achievements by the American Jewish community.

We are on the eve of writing the final chapter in the bitter saga of the DP camps. Before many months have passed, we will have witnessed the closing of the last Jewish DP installation in Europe.

In Israel, we have made possible the reception of nearly 250,000 newcomers in the past twelve months. We have found homes and jobs for most of them. We have succored the weary and healed the sick.

Here, in our own country, we have speeded the immigration and resettlement of the largest number of refugees to reach the United States since the beginning of the war. We have given new citizens to America, and given new life to thousands of our brethren.

Our contributions to the United Jewish Appeal have borne fruit in many corners of the world. On this Rosh Hashanah, we have just cause for rejoicing. We have good reason to feel the satisfaction that comes from a hard job well done.

But, actually our rejoicing, our satisfaction, is premature. In the reception camps of Israel, in the squalid tents and the jammed barracks, are nearly 70,000 human beings, 11,000 of them young children. They have little cause for joy. For them the New Year holds out little promise — unless we act with dispatch and with generosity.

These 70,000 camp-dwellers are the people to whom we promised a new life in Israel, a home in their homeland. We have not kept that promise. In place of jobs and an opportunity for self-support, we have given them enforced idleness — idleness which destroys a man's soul.

Nor are the 70,000 the only sufferers. Their number grows every day. The immigrants continue to pour into Israel, and the camp population swells. Every



immigrant ship that drops anchor in the roadstead of Haifa, or off the shores of Tel Aviv, adds to the numbers of those who face bitter disillusionment in the land of their dreams. This is the challenge that faces us through the United Jewish Appeal in the Year 5710.

On this Rosh Hashanah, let us determine that the promise shall not remain unfulfilled. Let us resolve that the New Year shall see those people removed from the camps and established in homes and jobs on the soil of Israel.

The job is not too great for the resources or the spirit of American Jewry. I am confident that we can and will do it.

Let us make L'Shonah Tevah more than a greeting. Let us make certain that it is a promise and a pledge to those whose hopes for a New Year depend upon our understanding.

