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PROPOSED PLAN FOR RECONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

The following represents a consensus upon a fair and reasonable method of constituting the United Palestine Appeal subject to ratification of the bodies concerned.

1. The UPA shall elect its own officers and fix and define its own operational budget for administrative purposes. It shall determine and establish appropriate national and local campaign apparatus for the purpose of advancing fund raising activities in behalf of Israel.
2. It shall negotiate and conclude an agreement for the establishment of the joint campaign conducted by the UJA, the provisions of which are subject to the approval or ratification by the Palestine Foundation Fund and Jewish National Fund. Any provisions relating to the traditional collections of the Jewish National Fund in the UJA agreement shall in addition have the concurrence of the Jewish National Fund. All proceeds of the UJA campaign received by the UPA, less its own operational expenses, shall be transmitted in equal parts to the main offices in New York of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund.
3. It is understood that the rules and regulations of the World Zionist Organization place the authority for allocation of funds raised for the benefit of Israel upon the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

- a) The UPA shall have authority to pass upon proposals for allocations of funds to agencies other than the Palestine Foundation Fund and Jewish National Fund for expenditures in Israel, provided that such action has the effect of a recommendation to the Jewish Agency for Palestine whose decision shall be final.

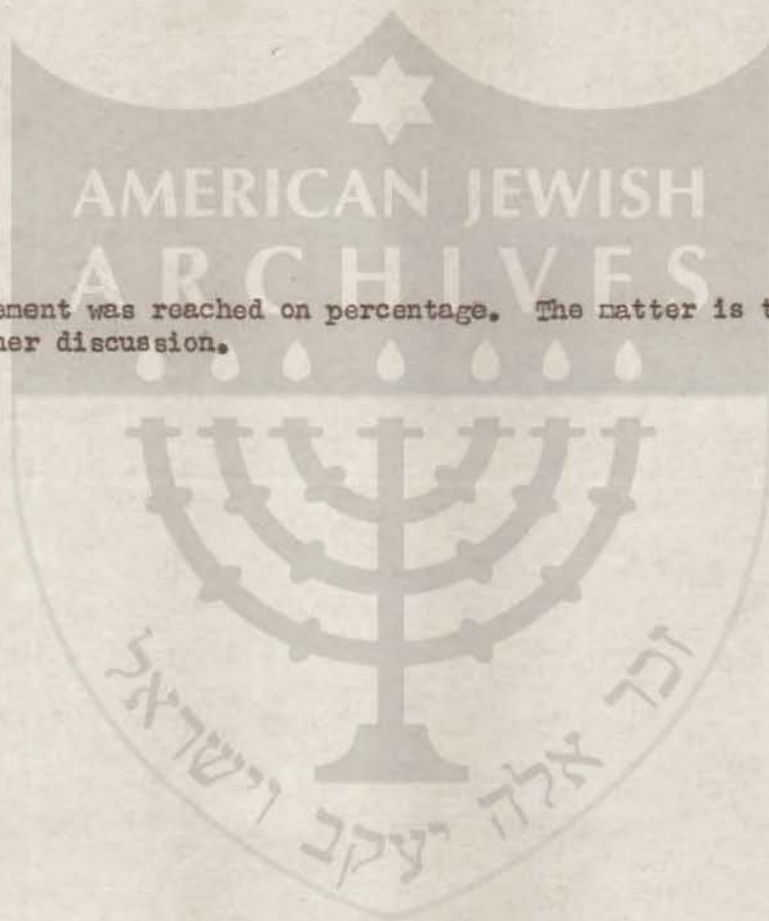
Nothing herein is intended to eliminate or curtail any existing practices of the American Jewish National Fund and American Palestine Foundation Fund in making recommendations to the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Israel on the subject of expenditure of funds in Israel.

- b) In respect of expenditures in America (other than ordinary administrative budgets of the American Palestine Foundation Fund and American Jewish National Fund) the American Palestine Foundation Fund and American Jewish National Fund shall not make or authorize any allocations unless;
 1. The UPA shall have passed favorably on the matter and with the subsequent approval of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Israel; or
 2. The UPA shall have disapproved the allocation and upon review the Jewish Agency for Palestine shall have nevertheless approved the same; provided however if any allocation is disapproved by the UPA by a vote of 70% or more of the governing body of the UPA present at a meeting duly and regularly called and held pursuant to notice stating the purposes of the meeting then the Jewish Agency for Palestine

shall not be requested to review such disapproval by the UPA.

4. The governing bodies of the UPA shall be so constituted as to include representation of Jewish communities selected pursuant to a mutually satisfactory democratic procedure to be determined in consultation with the recognized leaders of communities and welfare fund organizations, to the extent of one third* of the membership of such governing bodies.

* No agreement was reached on percentage. The matter is the subject of further discussion.



(Appendix B)

RESOLUTION PASSED BY NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL HELD IN CHICAGO
AT THE PALMER HOUSE, SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 1948

RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING UPA

In view of the heavy responsibilities assumed by the Jewish Agency for Palestine in agreement with the state of Israel and the increased financial requirements that are necessary for the admission, absorption and resettlement of the free and vastly augmented stream of Jewish immigration into Palestine now proceeding at a rate exceeding 100,000 per year, and conscious of the corresponding responsibility resting upon American Jews in that regard, we the delegates assembled at the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal on November 7, 1948, at the Palmer House, in the city of Chicago

HEREBY RESOLVE THAT:

a) The United Palestine Appeal do everything in its power to mobilize the continued support and generosity of American Jewry in behalf of the people of Israel and the OLIM pouring into that country on a scale commensurate with the demonstrated needs and the creative opportunity for the rapid upbuilding of the Jewish homeland.

b) We express our profound appreciation to the many thousands of men and women and to the organized Jewish communities and Welfare Funds throughout the country for their whole-hearted cooperation and their superb efforts in the 1948 campaigns under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal; and we extend to the communities and Welfare Fund organizations a cordial invitation and an earnest call to cooperate with the United Palestine Appeal in its present endeavor to broaden the basis of representation on its governing bodies, thus consolidating the organized strength of American Jewry on behalf of the people of Israel.

2. The National Conference of the UPA notes with approval the steps which have been taken by the Executive Committee of the UPA to strengthen the UPA as the central fund-raising instrument of American Jews for the upbuilding of Israel and its expressed intention to provide for increased representation of Jewish communities and welfare funds in the governing bodies of the UPA as reflected in the resolution unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee on October 21, 1948, namely:

"The Executive Committee views with favor the inclusion on the governing bodies of the UPA of representatives of Jewish communities, welfare funds and federations to the extent of one-third of the membership of such governing bodies by a procedure to be determined in consultation with recognized leaders of communities and welfare fund organizations. The Executive Committee recommends this plan to the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund for approval and early action by their governing bodies."

3. It is understood that under the rules and regulations of the Zionist movement, final authority for determining the allocation of funds raised for Jewish needs in Israel continues to rest with the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem and the central institutions which are vested with appropriate authority by the World Zionist Congress. As in the past, the proceeds of the UJA campaign received by the UPA (less its operational expenses) will continue to be remitted in equal parts to the head offices in New York, of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) and the Jewish National Fund and (to such other beneficiary funds as may be included in the United Palestine Appeal from time to time.) It is likewise understood that all final decisions regarding allocations and appropriations of funds raised by the UPA and its constituents, the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, with the exception of administrative budgets, are in the competence of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Keren Kayemeth of Jerusalem- without thereby affecting the existing structure and autonomy of the American Jewish National Fund and the American Palestine Foundation Fund or their right to consider proposals and recommendations for allocations in or on behalf of Palestine. The UPA shall also have the corresponding power to consider all such proposals and to make its own recommendations with regard to them.

COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS AND WORKERS

6 East 34th Street, New York City

Abraham Feinberg
Chairman

Joseph Shulman
Secretary

October 29, 1948

Dear Friend:

The basis for the creation of the Committee of Contributors and Workers is: the Jews of America who raise the funds and give the funds have a right to a voice in the administration of the funds.

The Committee was formally established at the Hotel Henry, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Friday, October 22, 1948, when some eighty men from thirty-five communities in the United States came together to discuss the issues and adopt a program of action.

We invite you formally to associate yourself with this Committee, and by your participation in its work to help achieve its objectives.

At this time, we are urging that the United Palestine Appeal be reconstituted (a) so that the Jewish communities of America, through which the funds are raised, shall share adequately in the governing bodies of the UPA; and (b) that these governing bodies have complete power over disbursement of UPA funds in the United States. We are convinced that acceptance of this proposal will immeasurably strengthen fund-raising for Israel in the United States. The communities and the contributors and workers have a right to such participation. To fail to grant it is to weaken the bonds between America and Israel.

After reading the summary within, you will appreciate that we are engaged in a great effort to reassure the contributors and workers of the United Jewish Appeal that more than ever their devotion and their resources are warranted for the era of large immigration and rebuilding upon which Israel has launched.

I shall look forward to word from you that we may count upon your joining our Committee.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph Shulman

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A COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED

On October 22, 1948 a group of some eighty men from thirty-five communities met at the Hotel Henry in Pittsburgh to consider the rights of contributors to share in the administration of the United Palestine Appeal which is, today, the principal beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal.

Leading workers for the United Jewish Appeal, nationally and locally, were present. These men, in their own communities, by their services as campaign chairmen or officers, as leading workers and contributors, had supplied the spark which resulted in the greatest campaigns in the history of philanthropy. Men like Julian Venezky, Peoria, National Chairman for Regions of the United Jewish Appeal; Rudolf Sonneborn, New York, National Chairman for Trades and Industries of the United Jewish Appeal; Harold J. Goldenberg, Minneapolis, Associate National Chairman, with Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., of the Committee of UJA Campaign Techniques; Samuel Rothberg, Peoria, National Vice Chairman for Trades and Industries; Joseph Shulman, Paterson, National Chairman of the Textile Division of the UJA; Fred Monosson, Boston, National Chairman of Rainwear Industry for UJA; Leon Mohill, Pittsfield, National Vice-Chairman for the Newspaper and Publishers Division; Joseph Cherner, Washington, National Vice-Chairman of the Automobile Division; E. N. Grueskin, Sioux City, Associate National Chairman for Regions; Samuel Daroff, National Vice-Chairman of the Clothing Division.

Many other distinguished American Jewish leaders have associated themselves with this committee, now known as the COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS AND WORKERS. They are serving in their capacities as individuals and not in relation to the positions they hold in their local communities. The Committee includes such men as Milton Kahn and Herman Gilman of Boston; Michael A. Stavitsky, Herbert Abeles, Joel Gross, George Sagan, Ivan Levenson, Samuel Klein of Newark; Eugene M. Solow of Dallas; Nathan Shainberg of Memphis; Israel Rogosin, Nathan Scheinman, David Kluger, Nahum Bernstein of New York; J. Benjamin Katzner, Elkan Meyers and M. I. Speert of Baltimore; Morris W. Berinstein and Alex Holstein of Syracuse; Harold A. Goldman of Des Moines; David Uchill and Rabbi Herbert Friedman of Denver; Morris Cafritz, Edmund I. Kaufmann, Isadore Breslau of Washington; Benjamin R. Harris of Chicago; Manuel Eskind of Nashville; Louis Berry, Max Osnos and Joseph Holtzman of Detroit; I. E. Goldstein and William S. Cohen of St. Louis; Maurice S. Tabor of Buffalo; Sol Luckman of Cincinnati; Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner and Eugene Klein of Cleveland; Moritz Gottlieb of Allentown; Alex Lowenthal of Pittsburgh; and Harry Levine of Leominster.

At the October 22 meeting, Abraham Feinberg of New York, Associate Chairman of the New York United Jewish Appeal, and President of Americans for Haganah, was named Chairman; and Joseph Shulman of Paterson, Secretary. Other officers will be selected at subsequent meetings of the Committee.

WHY THE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED

The purposes of the Committee were first explored at a meeting held in New York City on September 26. It had become clear that changes in the fund-raising structure in America were necessitated by events that had taken place in Israel. In the first place, the State of Israel had been proclaimed on May 15. In the second place, in order to make a sharp distinction between philanthropy and government, the Jewish Agency for Palestine had, in July, adopted a resolution barring it from turning any of its receipts over to the State of Israel and barring the use of any of its money for political and military activities. In the third place, the Zionist Actions Committee, meeting in August in Israel, had brought about substantial changes in the

personnel of the Jewish Agency Executive which is ultimately responsible for the expenditure of funds raised in the United States. With the exception of Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance in the State of Israel, none of the other powerful figures known to the American Jewish community who are now the principal officers of the Government of Israel, remained on the Jewish Agency Executive. Mr. Kaplan, who had been Treasurer of the Executive for fifteen years, remains on that body but without any special portfolio.

The men who met in New York on September 26 felt that substantial changes were required on the American scene. They understood that more, and not less, money would be needed in 1949 for the immigration and settlement program in Israel. They recognized that in order to achieve that objective, there had to be the utmost reassurance that funds were being wisely administered by fully representative groups. Questions were raised as to whether it was desirable at this time to consider at all constitutional questions of responsibility, inasmuch as public debate might lead to acrimony and the loss of much needed funds. There were others who said that the best interests of Israel itself required that all contributors and communities be assured that there was full community responsibility for the funds, rather than through only one segment of the community. It was, therefore, essential in the interests of better and greater fund-raising to clear the air and meet the issue frankly.

Note was taken of the fact that the United Palestine Appeal, as at present constituted, is established on an annual basis by the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth in the United States. Of the 125 directors of the Keren Hayesod, 69 are named by the Zionist Organization of America, and most of the others by the three other Zionist bodies. Of the directors of the Keren Kayemeth, an effective majority of 40% is selected by the Zionist Organization of America.

The meeting on September 26 felt that good organization alone, as well as the inherent rights of workers and contributors for the campaign, required that the Jewish communities, now having no representation whatsoever in these organizations, should be brought into them on an adequate, effective basis.

A letter was then addressed by 22 men to the Jewish Agency Executive. It read as follows:

"We, the undersigned, contributors to and workers for the United Jewish Appeal, believe reorganization in the fund-raising for Palestine in the United States is indispensable.

"We are mindful of the fact that the Extended Jewish Agency and its fiscal instrument, the Palestine Foundation Fund, were designed to give representation to the total Jewish community in their administration. Today, the Zionist Organization of America alone exercises complete control, in effect, of the basic institutions for Palestine fund-raising in this country. We do not believe that this is in accord with the fundamental charters or calculated to evoke the most generous response from the American Jewish community.

"We recognize that the need for funds to speed immigration and settlement in Israel is urgent. We believe also that every step must be taken to reassure the Jewish community in the United States that the soundest procedures in fund-raising are being followed; and that the wisest precautions have been taken to see to it that all funds intended for Palestine are so disposed.

"In recent years, the United Jewish Appeal has been the channel through which

funds for Palestine have been raised. Not any one segment of the community, but the total community has responded. If the funds for Palestine are to be raised on an adequate level, then the total community must have a significant part in responsibility for the administration of these funds. This is the essence of the democratic Jewish spirit. It is best calculated to advance the interest of fund-raising for Israel.

"Therefore, we urgently ask the officers of the Jewish Agency to take steps at once to reorganize the United Palestine Appeal so that it may be fully representative of American Jewry's deep interest in Israel; and that it may provide fullest guarantees that the large sums that will be needed for Israel are being most wisely administered.

"A subcommittee of the undersigned has been formed to confer with you promptly so that action may be taken in time to safeguard a successful United Jewish Appeal campaign in 1949.

"Our interest in Israel cannot be shaken. But we must emphasize that the channels we shall use for the manifestation of that interest will be determined by the understanding of our position that you will show.

"We would respectfully ask that you arrange a date for a meeting within a week.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Shulman"

The other signatories were Milton Kahn, Boston; Leon Mohill, Pittsfield; E. M. Solow, Dallas; Nahum Bernstein, New York; Nathan Shainberg, Memphis; M. I. Speert, Baltimore; Morris W. Berinstein, Syracuse; Fred Monosson, Boston; Abraham Feinberg, Mt. Vernon; Harold J. Goldenberg, Minneapolis; Harold A. Goldman, Des Moines; Michael A. Stavitsky, Newark; Joseph Cherner, Washington; Nathan Sheinman, New York; Sol M. Reiter, Newburgh; E. N. Grueskin, Sioux City; Rudolf G. Sonneborn, New York; Samuel Rothberg, Peoria; J. Benjamin Katzner, Baltimore; Julian H. Venezky, Peoria and Herman Gilman, Boston.

A HISTORY OF MEETINGS

On September 29, the Jewish Agency, American Section, replied that "the problem you raise is .. the concern of the United Palestine Appeal (and) that the UPA is an autonomous body and that the Jewish Agency for Palestine in no way determines its structure or form of organization."

Taking this suggestion, the group endeavored to arrange a meeting with representatives of the UPA. The first such meeting was held on October 5, with Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Chairman of the UPA, Judge Morris Rothenberg, President of the Jewish National Fund, and Jacob Sincoff, Associate Treasurer of the UPA, representing the UPA.

At this first meeting, the viewpoint of the group was expressed by Mr. Shulman when he said that a very large number of contributors in the United States and those who do a great deal of the work in campaigning feel they have no voice whatsoever as to what becomes of those funds. They want to correct that. They do not look backward in comment upon anything that has been done. They only look forward. They want to be able to go on campaigning and be able to say conscientiously to the contributing public: we are fully aware of how disbursements are made; the work is carried on with maximum efficiency; we can testify to that of personal, first-hand knowledge.

Harry Levine of Leominster, Mass., another representative of the Committee, observed that a psychological change has occurred in American Jewry. Only in the last three years has American Jewry learned how to give big money. Now the givers have matured. They are beginning to ask questions. Nobody doubts that a good job has been done and that the money has been spent well. From this point on, more and more money will be required for Israeli development. Men who are giving the kind of money being contributed now want to know more. It was his assumption that the UPA would welcome that interest. He urged the UPA to give an answer in reasonable time and not prolong discussion endlessly.

Abraham Feinberg pointed out that the United Palestine Appeal is the only segment of the United Jewish Appeal which has any political affiliation. In view of the changes in the political sphere in the last few months, it is important to review the situation anew. Regardless of the purity of the motives of the people now responsible for the funds, if they have a political orientation they should be the first to invite the cooperation of non-political and apolitical forces. Those now responsible for the funds belong to a political sphere. But the money is raised by all the people. He estimated that there are 1,300,000 contributors to the United Jewish Appeal. There may be at the most some 400-500,000 enrolled Zionists. Obviously, he said, there are more non-enrolled people than enrolled Zionists. These people, too, have a right to a voice. Since they constitute, in fact, a majority of the givers they have the right to demand a voice.

At a meeting of the UPA Executive Committee on October 7th, it was stated that the UPA had no powers to determine the structure of the UPA, but that this was the responsibility of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth. Later, meetings were held with representatives of these two organizations.

The demand of the Committee was substantially along these lines:

(1) The United Palestine Appeal, which is now set up by virtue of an annual agreement between the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, should be reconstituted as a permanent body, with the Jewish communities of the United States naming at least fifty percent of the Board and all governing bodies.

(2) The United Palestine Appeal, which now has no powers whatsoever, should have power given to it so that it would have control over the disbursement in the United States of funds obtained by the UPA; with the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Israel determining expenditures in Israel.

THE OCTOBER 22nd PITTSBURGH MEETING

Prolonged conversations with UPA and with associated bodies having proved fruitless, it was decided to convene a meeting at Pittsburgh on October 22nd. Unanimously, the men gathered at Pittsburgh felt that the existing situation was not tolerable and required improvement. A discussion that lasted for many hours went into all aspects of the situation. The following resolution resulted.

(1) A Committee of Contributors and Workers shall be established; (2) Officers of the Committee shall be named; (3) every effort must be made to mobilize pressure upon the United Palestine Appeal so that it shall be reconstituted with adequate representation named by the Jewish communities themselves and with full powers over expenditures in the United States; (4) the Committee shall be empowered to communicate with all communities and individuals to obtain support for the Committee deliberations and actions; (5) authorize the Committee to publicize its

activities as required; (6) only in the event of failure to bring about a satisfactory reconstitution of the UPA, the desirability of setting up a new Israeli fund shall be explored, after consultation with all interested parties, and only after convoking a meeting of the Jewish communities to advise upon this step; and (7) the Committee shall advise the JDC and USNA of its actions.

This resolution was adopted unanimously, except that four votes were recorded in opposition to point six.

WHAT DOES THE COMMITTEE WANT?

The Committee of Contributors and Workers wants a partnership between the agencies which spend the funds and the communities which raise them. Both Jewish and American principles justify "representation with taxation." It is the view of the Committee that any refusal to accord at least fifty percent representation on the UPA governing bodies can only lead to misconstruction, on the one hand, and weaken the interests of American Jewish communities in the Israel development program, on the other.

WHO MAY JOIN THE COMMITTEE?

Seeking endorsement of its position, the Committee of Contributors and Workers welcomes the support of any Jew or Jewess in the United States who takes part in local fund-raising efforts from which the United Jewish Appeal benefits. The Committee will appreciate the written expression of support of its proposals so that in its further negotiations it may be strengthened by the knowledge that it truly represents the thinking of the great majority of contributors and workers of the United Jewish Appeal.



COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS AND WORKERS

6 East 34th Street
New York, N. Y.

Abraham Feinberg, Chairman

Joseph Shulman, Secretary

October 29, 1948

To: Members of Committee
From: Joseph Shulman

On Thursday, October 28, at 5:30 P.M. there was a meeting in New York of members of the sub-committee to consider further action. Among those present were: Abraham Feinberg, presiding; Fred Monosson, Boston; Harold Goldenberg, Minneapolis; Joseph Cherner and A.S. Kay, Washington; Sol Reiter, Newburgh; Michael Stavitsky, Newark; Rudolf Sonneborn, Nahum Bernstein, New York; Joseph Shulman, Paterson.

This report of the meeting of the UPA Executive Committee held at noon, October 28, was presented.

1. A resolution was adopted by the UPA Executive Committee authorizing a UPA Sub-committee to meet with the committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds "and other interested bodies." It was made clear that the UPA would decline to meet with representatives of the Committee of Contributors and Workers.
2. Scores of telegrams were received at the United Palestine Appeal office from communities throughout the country, urging the UPA to accept the recommendation of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds with regard to inviting Eliezer Kaplan, Israeli Finance Minister, to come to this country to "resolve the differences" arising out of the UPA situation. Communities such as Cleveland, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Detroit, Kansas City, Syracuse, Omaha, Boston, Pittsburgh, etc. etc. sent messages. **BUT NONE OF THESE MESSAGES WERE READ TO THE UPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR CIRCULATED.** The UPA Executive Committee was, therefore, given no inkling of the widespread support throughout the country of the basic position of the Committee of Contributors and Workers.
3. There was prolonged discussion on what steps should be taken by the UPA in the light of the pressure being applied by our Committee for (a) at least 50% representation of the Jewish communities on the UPA governing bodies and (b) full powers for the UPA over the disbursement of funds in the United States.

The UPA Executive Committee was NOT TOLD DIRECTLY that the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds had adopted unanimously the following resolution on October 23 in Pittsburgh:

"The Board of Directors, upon motion made, duly seconded and carried, authorized the President to appoint a committee to consult with the United Palestine Appeal and the Committee of Contributors and Workers, with a view to the speedy launching of the 1949 United Jewish Appeal, leaving to this committee, with power to act, the decision as to whether Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance of the Provisional Government of Israel, shall be invited to come to the United States to help resolve the differences."

Mr. Harold Goldenberg, who attended the UPA Executive Committee meeting, was the one who called attention to the resolution. Officers of the UPA, Rabbi Israel Goldstein and Herman Weisman, who were present when the Council Board adopted the resolution referred to it only obliquely.

In the midst of this discussion, Mr. Meier Hartman, a Palestinian assistant of Rabbi Israel Goldstein, newly-elected Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, reported that there had been a message from Berl Locker, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Tel Aviv. He did not read the message or indicate that its contents were available. He reported that the message declared that the Executive in Palestine had done everything possible to persuade Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., General Chairman of the UJA, who is now in Israel, that charges being made in the U.S.A. in regard to the distribution of funds were unfounded; and that the Executive had decided to send a delegation to the United States.

That was all that was reported. **BUT**, the following is actually the message sent to the office of the American Section of the Jewish Agency in New York City

on October 28th:

"EXECUTIVE EXTREMELY WORRIED LATEST UPA DEVELOPMENTS STOP CANNOT ACCEPT VIEW THAT AMERICAN SECTION ALONE ENTITLED DEAL WITH SITUATION AS OUR WHOLE WORK IN ISRAEL VITALLY DEPENDS ON SUCCESSFUL UPA AMERICA STOP DONT UNDERSTAND WHY MY TELEPHONIC REQUEST TO GOLDSTEIN SHOULD HAVE CREATED ANY MISUNDERSTANDING AS EYE ONLY CONVEYED EXECUTIVE'S UNANIMOUS VIEW THAT ANY DISUNITY THIS JUNCTURE FATAL AND UNANIMOUS REQUEST TO ACT IN CONCILIATORY MANNER AND MAKE EXTREME EFFORT TO HEAL BREACH STOP THIS STILL EXECUTIVE'S UNANIMOUS VIEW.

"IN MEET WITH MORGENTHAU WE DID OUR BEST TO CONTRADICT RUMOURS SPREAD IN USA THAT AMERICAN SECTION OR ZOA MAY DICTATE EXECUTIVE OR ISRAEL, QUOTED TO HIM LAST CONGRESS DECISION THAT ENTIRE PROCEEDS EVERY CAMPAIGN OF KK AND KH SHALL BE PLACED DISPOSAL HEAD OFFICES THOSE FUNDS IN JERUSALEM AFTER DEDUCTING CAMPAIGN EXPENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND THAT NO OTHER ALLOCATIONS ALLOWED WITHOUT PREVIOUS APPROVAL BY HEAD OFFICES FUNDS CONCERNED AND EXECUTIVE STOP

"VIEW LATEST DEVELOPMENTS EXECUTIVE YESTERDAY'S MEETING UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED DISPATCH SOONEST POSSIBLE DELEGATION TO USA TO CONSIDER SITUATION WITH MEMBERS AMERICAN SECTION AND MAKE EXTREME EFFORT NORMALIZE SITUATION STOP WILL INFORM YOU SOONEST COMPOSITION AND TIME ARRIVAL REGARDS

Berl Locker"

The report made by Mr. Hartman was seized upon eagerly as disposing of the necessity of having to make a decision with respect to an invitation to Mr. Kaplan.

A motion had been made by Mr. Baruch Zukerman, President of Poale Zion, that Mr. Kaplan should be invited to come to this country to serve the best interests of the UPA and to use his best efforts to establish the strongest possible UJA for 1949. No vote was taken on this motion.

Thus, the UPA Executive Committee took no action to invite Mr. Eliezer Kaplan to the United States to consider what was best for the interests of Israel.

4. Arrangements have been made for a meeting between our Committee and representatives of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in New York on October 29. Our Committee will be represented by Abraham Feinberg, Joseph Shulman and Harold Goldenberg.

5. The sub-committee of our Committee, meeting on October 28, voted to proceed with all steps ^{prepare} to a national conference to consider the establishment of a new Israeli fund. The decision was made in view of the fact that every effort had been exhausted to negotiate with the UPA to constitute an effective, representative UPA. We were and are prepared to negotiate with the UPA. The UPA declines to negotiate. We are, therefore, proceeding with the next step in the resolution adopted at our meeting at the Hotel Henry, Pittsburgh, on October 22.

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COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS AND WORKERS

6 East 34th Street

New York 16, N. Y.

Abraham Feinberg
Chairman

Joseph Shulman
Secretary

No. 2

November 6, 1948

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Meetings with UPA

Since the meeting in Pittsburgh on October 22nd, your officers have tried conscientiously to negotiate with the United Palestine Appeal to bring about an effective reorganization of that body. At a meeting of the UPA Executive Committee, a resolution was adopted prohibiting any contact between UPA representatives and officers of the Committee of Contributors. Nevertheless, there has been such contact.

(1) The Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, at Pittsburgh on October 23, adopted unanimously a resolution to name a committee to "resolve the differences." The resolution included a suggestion that Eliezer Kaplan, Israeli Finance Minister, might be invited to this country. The Committee of Contributors was approached. It agreed wholeheartedly to accept Mr. Kaplan as mediator or negotiator or in any other capacity. The UPA Executive Committee has declined to take action on the suggestion.

(2) On Friday, October 29, representatives of the Committee met with spokesmen for the Council of Federations and explained the Committee point of view. On November 1, officers of the UPA met with Council of Federations spokesmen and indicated what their views were. Through Council intervention, a meeting of the UPA and Committee representatives was arranged on November 3 and then again on November 4. At this latter meeting, Stanley Meyers, President of the Council of Federations, Edwin Rosenberg, of New York, and Philip Bernstein, Assistant Director of the Council, were present.

(3) The UPA spokesmen, Herman L. Weisman, Charles Ress and Benjamin Browdy, emphasized that they could not commit their organization since final action had to be taken by the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth (the parent organizations of UPA). Mr. Weisman reduced to writing a program essentially as follows: (a) that one third representation on the governing bodies of the UPA be given to the communities; (b) that the UPA name its own officers; that any decision with respect to terms of a United Jewish Appeal be

subject to ratification by Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth; that all income be remitted in equal parts to the New York offices of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth; that no appropriations be made by Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth unless approval shall have been given by the UPA, and in that event, the approval is to constitute a recommendation to the Jewish Agency for Palestine; that in the event of disapproval of a project by 70% of those present at a UPA meeting, there shall be no further recourse to the Jewish Agency.

(4) The representatives of the Committee stated that they could not make any commitment as to whether these terms were considered satisfactory but would call a meeting of the Committee to consider it.

CHARGES AGAINST UPA

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of New York, and Charles J. Rosenbloom, of Pittsburgh, both formerly National Chairmen of the United Palestine Appeal, last week sent a telegram to members throughout the country pointing out that no meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal has been called to deal with the vital issues facing that body. The two leaders stated that all decisions have been made by "the smaller Executive Committee" of the UPA, whereas the full power for conduct of the affairs of the UPA lies with the Board of Directors. It is understood that scores of members of the UPA Board have wired to Rabbi Israel Goldstein, UPA Chairman, demanding that a Board meeting be held. At the meeting of the UPA Executive Committee on November 2, the question of calling a Board meeting was considered but action was deferred. Suggestions that a meeting of the Board be held in Chicago, to coincide with the UPA national conference, were not acted upon. Members of the Board of UPA have emphasized that in the most crucial issues that have ever faced the UPA, involving such matters as the demand for reconstitution of the UPA to broaden representation and an invitation to Eliezer Kaplan to come to the United States to deal with the critical situation, the Board of Directors was completely ignored.

CABLE FROM BERL LOCKER

In response to a cable from the officers of the Committee of Contributors, assuring the Jewish Agency in Israel that its activities were designed to strengthen fund-raising for Israel in this country, Berl Locker, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, pleaded that "everybody concerned must make extreme effort restore unity and maintain harmonious cooperation." Mr. Locker urged abstention from preparations for an independent campaign and said he was on his way to the United States and would be here next week.

ADDING MEMBERS

Here is what Philip Meyers, Co-Chairman of the 1948 Cincinnati campaign and State Chairman of the UJA for Ohio, has to say about the purposes of the Committee:

"I certainly agree that those who do the work of collecting the huge sums being collected in this country, those who give not only of their own time but most liberally of their money, should have a voice in the governing bodies of the agencies for which the money is being collected.

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Secretary

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Dear Friend:

The Committee of Contributors and Workers is winning friends and supporters everywhere. Its basic idea that those who raise and contribute the funds in our communities should be involved effectively in responsibility for the administration of those funds is unchallenged.

Since my last communication to you, we have endeavored to negotiate a formula with the United Palestine Appeal for an effective, reconstituted UPA. To date we have not succeeded. Every time we have seemed to approach some basis of understanding, we have found that the principals with whom we spoke were not the principals. We shall continue this week in the effort to create the basis for harmonious cooperation. We are still trying to persuade the United Palestine Appeal that the following two factors are essential for successful fund-raising in 1949: (1) A reconstituted UPA in which the communities shall have at least fifty percent representation; and (2) a UPA which shall have full power over the disbursement of funds that may be spent in the United States, with emphasis on the quick dispatch to Israel of all funds raised in this country for that purpose.

The strength of our Committee is the strength of its personnel. Have you joined the Committee, thus helping us achieve our objectives?

If you wish us to add the names of friends to the list of those receiving these messages, please advise.

We send you herewith a summary of some of the events which have transpired in regard to our objectives.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Shulman
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WHO DETERMINES UPA POLICIES?

In the last month, policies of the utmost importance for America and for Israel have been acted upon by the United Palestine Appeal. But the Board of Directors, which is supposed to have "full authority, control, management and conduct of the activities of the United Palestine Appeal," has not been called into session. The smaller Executive Committee has been resorted to for all decisions.

IGNORING THE COMMUNITIES

At Pittsburgh on October 23, the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds adopted a resolution. It read as follows:

"The Board of Directors, upon motion made, duly seconded and carried, authorized the President to appoint a committee to counsel with the United Palestine Appeal and the Committee of Contributors and Workers, with a view to the speedy launching of the 1949 United Jewish Appeal, leaving to this committee, with power to act, the decisions as to whether Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance of the Provisional Government of Israel, shall be invited to come to the United States to help resolve the differences."

The Committee of Contributors told the Council sub-committee that it was prepared to accept the offices of Mr. Kaplan. The United Palestine Appeal has declined to take the same position.

Many communities, following the meeting of the Council Board in Pittsburgh, sent telegrams to the United Palestine Appeal urging acceptance of the Council resolution and every effort at mediation. NOT ONE OF THESE TELEGRAMS WAS READ at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the UPA at which consideration was given to the question as to whether Mr. Kaplan should be invited to this country. The Committee of the UPA was not even made aware that such telegrams, resulting from hours of serious discussion in scores of communities, had been received.

UPA CONFERENCE AT CHICAGO

On the week-end of November 6-7 the United Palestine Appeal held a "national conference" in Chicago. Members of the Board of Directors of the UPA had urged that a meeting of the Board be held in Chicago to deal with the urgent questions facing that body. The request was ignored.

However, the subject of the reconstitution of the UPA was thrown into the Resolutions Committee. There was an all-night discussion. The resolution that was there adopted was replaced with another resolution which Herman L. Weisman, Acting Chairman of the UPA, submitted as his suggestion for establishing an harmonious atmosphere at the conference. But Mr. Weisman apparently reckoned without the persons who were actually in control of the conference. For he then made available an entirely new resolution, the net effect of which was to ignore virtually every recommendation that had been made for the effective reconstitution of the United Palestine Appeal.

Because of the dissatisfaction voiced by prominent members of the Board of the UPA, Mr. Weisman suggested that a group of them go to the hotel room of Mr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Zionist Organization of America. Much of the action that took place at the conference revolved around that room. After the group had been discussing the nature of the resolution for several hours, and after they had been assured

that no action would be taken on the conference floor during their absence, a messenger appeared with word that the disputed resolution had already been presented and "adopted unanimously," while every single leader who was opposed to the resolution was meeting with Mr. Neumann.

Much of what transpired at the UPA conference and much of what has been happening within the United Palestine Appeal is reflected in a statement issued at Chicago by a group headed by Harold J. Goldenberg, Minneapolis, National Associate Chairman of the Campaign Technique Committee of the United Jewish Appeal; Samuel Rothberg, Associate National Chairman of the Trades and Industries Division of the United Jewish Appeal; Julian Venezky, National Chairman for Regions of the United Jewish Appeal; Eugene M. Solow, Dallas, Associate National Chairman for United Jewish Appeal Regions. Others who had attended the conference with Mr. Neumann, included Fred Monosson, Boston; Benjamin Harris, Chicago; Nathan Shainberg and Abe Waldauer, Memphis.

The statement issued by Messrs. Goldenberg, Rothberg, Venezky and Solow was as follows:

"We, the undersigned, members of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal, deplore the resolutions adopted at the national meeting of the UPA in Chicago and especially deplore the method by which the resolutions were submitted to a vote.

"In view of differences of opinion as to the nature of resolutions that should be submitted to the conference, we and a number of others were invited to meet with Emanuel Neumann, President of the Zionist Organization of America, to discuss the resolutions with him. In deference to him, we spent several hours in his hotel room exchanging views on the resolutions. Suddenly a messenger appeared with word for Mr. Neumann that the resolutions which we had come to discuss with him had already been presented on the floor of the conference and had been adopted. We believe that no description of this method of procedure is required.

"It had been our intention to read the following declaration to the conference. We were prevented from doing so in the belief that no action would be taken until we had returned to the meeting room. We feel that this expression of views is even more essential to avoid misunderstanding by the public as to the nature of the UPA conference held in Chicago.

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"We declare that this national meeting of the UPA has no authority for any resolutions or decisions affecting the structure of that organization.

"In the last month, the officers of the UPA have been acting, together with the small Executive Committee, on the most vital issues affecting fund-raising for Israel in the United States. The Board of Directors, which is the body entrusted with full power over the management and conduct of the UPA, has not been convened or consulted. Every suggestion that the Board of Directors be called into session has been ignored or rejected, presumably because the officers of the UPA know that the majority of the Board, if brought together, would totally repudiate the position that the officers have taken.

"This meeting was convened to serve as a sounding board for the needs of the organization. It was specifically declared in advance that it had no authority, either

under the agreement which creates the UPA or in the rights accorded to it by the officers, to deal with any formal questions. It was brought into being in order that a series of speeches might be delivered.

"But now the small group of willful men who effectively control the UPA have decided that this platform shall be used for the dissemination of a point of view which will assure their continued dominance of the UPA. Knowing that this meeting consists of persons who have not been delegated any power either by the Jewish communities from which they come or from any particular organization, those who run this conference believe that a resolution emanating from this meeting will mislead public opinion in America into believing that this is a constitutional assembly in accordance with the laws and regulations of the organization.

"We assert that the very introduction of any resolution at this meeting was a token of bad faith on the part of the officers of the UPA. The officers have been in negotiation with a committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in order to work out a formula for a reconstitution of the UPA. Assurances were given that no public action would be taken until all methods of negotiation had been exhausted. Nevertheless, believing that this mass meeting would serve as a good forum for the projection of their point of view, those who control this meeting are risking that the gravest charges of bad faith will be laid at the door of the UPA.

"Furthermore, Berl Locker, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, has cabled that he will be in the United States in a few days to take all necessary action to heal the breach affecting the UPA. Despite his imminent arrival, action is proposed which would do irreparable harm to the free opportunity he should be given to act in the interests of harmony for the sake of Israel.

"Every time that action has been proposed within the UPA regarding its structure, it has been pointed out that its parent organizations, Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, are the only ones with power to take action. Despite that known fact, it is proposed at this mass meeting of the UPA to pass judgment on the organizational structure of the UPA. This insistence upon action can only be construed as a device aimed at public opinion and not a genuine deliberation of a duly constituted gathering of the UPA.

"The action proposed here is linked with the continuous refusal of the officers of the UPA to take reasonable measures to negotiate with an important body of men and women throughout the nation who are the bulwark of fund-raising for the United Jewish Appeal. Surely this country will question the good faith of the officers of the UPA when it is told that the UPA declined to accept the suggestion to invite to this country Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Finance Minister of the State of Israel, to resolve the differences that exist. Mr. Kaplan knows more of the economic needs of Israel and is more familiar with the fund-raising procedures in the United States than any living individual. Those who have urged a reconstitution of the UPA are perfectly agreeable to the acceptance of his mediation. The UPA officers, who pretend to defend the interests of Israel, have refused to accept Mr. Kaplan's mediation. No resolution passed by this conference can whitewash the unwillingness of the UPA to abide by the views of the highest financial officer of the Government of the State of Israel.

"Israel will need great sums in 1949. We plead with this conference to avoid taking action which can have no purpose other than to widen the breach which already exists as concerns the affairs of the UPA. This conference, in accepting the resolution, would assume the gravest responsibility for undermining the fund-raising prospects

for Israel in the United States. Those who have power should use it with moderation. To do otherwise will be to fail to take advantage of the deep-seated devotion of the vast majority of American Jews to the swiftest possible development of the State of Israel."

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UPA OFFERS REPRESENTATION

That the pressure exerted by the Committee of Contributors and Workers is being felt is reflected in the hasty -- though completely inadequate -- action which the United Palestine Appeal is now taking. For some twenty years now, the UPA has been a closed corporation, dominated by the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth -- and, since 1941, by the Zionist Organization of America. In the month that the Committee of Contributors has been operating, more reforms have been considered by the UPA than in the last generation.

BUT the reforms are only superficial. They are merely designed to take the heat off the UPA. They do not go to the root of the problems touched upon by the Committee of Contributors. This is important to remember so that Federations, Welfare Funds and Community Councils will not be taken in by the vague, if flattering, attention now being paid them by the UPA.

(1) The UPA last week sent a telegram to Welfare Funds saying that "in order strengthen fund-raising machinery in interest of Jewish needs in Europe and Israel, the United Palestine Appeal now proceeding to broaden its structure, in cooperation with the communities and Welfare Fund organizations. Executive Committee UPA at its meeting

October 21st adopted unanimous decision in favor broadening basis of representation on all its governing bodies by including additional representatives of communities and Welfare Funds.... and also adopted further important plans to increase UPA functions and authority."

The UPA telegram goes on to ask the Welfare Fund for "designation by your group of two members of your Board who would be available for consultation by correspondence or if necessary also by personal conferences."

(2) At the very same time, Sidney Marks, Executive Director of the Zionist Organization of America, sent a telegram to Zionist District presidents, pointing out that a telegram had been sent to the local Welfare Fund asking for the designation of members available for consultation "regarding proposed plan for placing representatives on all UPA governing bodies to extent of one-third."

The Zionist machinery is then called upon to "contact your Welfare Fund leaders to induce full, friendly cooperation with UPA, especially and more particularly by their designating two or three persons for consultation."

To add to the pressure, Rabbi Jerome Unger, Assistant Executive Director, followed up with another telegram to the Zionist district heads. This time, "Dr. Neumann (President of Z.O.A.) urges your speediest response concerning designation your Welfare Fund representative for national UPA matters." To make sure there is no misunderstanding, the telegram urges "necessary have important and friendly individuals designated."

In none of the telegrams does either the UPA or ZOA, which to all intents and purposes is now fully running the UPA (with all the ZOA lay and executive leadership called into action for that purpose)

point out that representation on the UPA is meaningless, as long as the UPA has no power.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE WELFARE FUNDS OF AMERICA ARE BEING ASKED TO GIVE RESPECTABILITY TO UPA OPERATIONS WITHOUT IN ANY REAL WAY SHARING IN THE FUNDAMENTAL POWERS THAT COMMUNITIES SHOULD HAVE BECAUSE IT IS THEY WHO RAISE THE MONEY.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The list of those formally associating themselves with the Committee of Contributors and Workers grows steadily.

We are glad to welcome Bernard Alexander of Trenton, N.J., affectionately known as "Barney" by thousands of friends in the State of New Jersey, to whose Jewish communal development he has been an outstanding contributor.

Another new member is Monroe D. Trichter of Trimount Clothing Co., Boston, whose generosity and labor for the Boston Combined Jewish Appeal have been among the important reasons for the success of that community's enterprises.

Julius Goodman, one of the mainstays of the Jewish community of Troy, N.Y., is also in "complete agreement" with the Committee of Contributors.

Benjamin Sosland, one of the important printers and publishers of Kansas City, Mo., is another welcome addition to our membership.

THE MISSING MESSAGE

The UPA asked Eliezer Kaplan, Finance Minister of the State of Israel, to send a message to its conference last week-end in Chicago. A cable was sent from Tel Aviv -- and received. But the message was not read at Chicago.

Could it have been because this appeared in that message?

"Vision and realistic approach are essential at this fateful hour. Unity of all forces and reorganization are imperative for the fulfillment of this tremendous task."



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Meetings with UPA

Since the meeting in Pittsburgh on October 22nd, your officers have tried conscientiously to negotiate with the United Palestine Appeal to bring about an effective reorganization of that body. At a meeting of the UPA Executive Committee, a resolution was adopted prohibiting any contact between UPA representatives and officers of the Committee of Contributors. Nevertheless, there has been such contact.

(1) The Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, at Pittsburgh on October 23, adopted unanimously a resolution to name a committee to "resolve the differences." The resolution included a suggestion that Eliezer Kaplan, Israeli Finance Minister, might be invited to this country. The Committee of Contributors was approached. It agreed wholeheartedly to accept Mr. Kaplan as mediator or negotiator or in any other capacity. The UPA Executive Committee has declined to take action on the suggestion.

(2) On Friday, October 29, representatives of the Committee met with spokesmen for the Council of Federations and explained the Committee point of view. On November 1, officers of the UPA met with Council of Federations spokesmen and indicated what their views were. Through Council intervention, a meeting of the UPA and Committee representatives was arranged on November 3 and then again on November 4. At this latter meeting, Stanley Meyers, President of the Council of Federations, Edwin Rosenberg, of New York, and Philip Bernstein, Assistant Director of the Council, were present.

(3) The UPA spokesmen, Herman L. Weisman, Charles Ress and Benjamin Browdy, emphasized that they could not commit their organization since final action had to be taken by the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth (the parent organizations of UPA). Mr. Weisman reduced to writing a program essentially as follows: (a) that one third representation on the governing bodies of the UPA be given to the communities; (b) that the UPA name its own officers; that any decision with respect to terms of a United Jewish Appeal be

subject to ratification by Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth; that all income be remitted in equal parts to the New York offices of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth; that no appropriations be made by Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth unless approval shall have been given by the UPA, and in that event, the approval is to constitute a recommendation to the Jewish Agency for Palestine; that in the event of disapproval of a project by 70% of those present at a UPA meeting, there shall be no further recourse to the Jewish Agency.

(4) The representatives of the Committee stated that they could not make any commitment as to whether these terms were considered satisfactory but would call a meeting of the Committee to consider it.

CHARGES AGAINST UPA

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of New York, and Charles J. Rosenbloom, of Pittsburgh, both formerly National Chairmen of the United Palestine Appeal, last week sent a telegram to members throughout the country pointing out that no meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal has been called to deal with the vital issues facing that body. The two leaders stated that all decisions have been made by "the smaller Executive Committee" of the UPA, whereas the full power for conduct of the affairs of the UPA lies with the Board of Directors. It is understood that scores of members of the UPA Board have wired to Rabbi Israel Goldstein, UPA Chairman, demanding that a Board meeting be held. At the meeting of the UPA Executive Committee on November 2, the question of calling a Board meeting was considered but action was deferred. Suggestions that a meeting of the Board be held in Chicago, to coincide with the UPA national conference, were not acted upon. Members of the Board of UPA have emphasized that in the most crucial issues that have ever faced the UPA, involving such matters as the demand for reconstitution of the UPA to broaden representation and an invitation to Eliezer Kaplan to come to the United States to deal with the critical situation, the Board of Directors was completely ignored.

CABLE FROM BERL LOCKER

In response to a cable from the officers of the Committee of Contributors, assuring the Jewish Agency in Israel that its activities were designed to strengthen fund-raising for Israel in this country, Berl Locker, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, pleaded that "everybody concerned must make extreme effort restore unity and maintain harmonious cooperation." Mr. Locker urged abstention from preparations for an independent campaign and said he was on his way to the United States and would be here next week.

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Committee of Contributors
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

November 11, 1948

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Officers of Welfare Funds
FROM: Herman L. Weisman, Acting National Chairman, United Palestine Appeal
SUBJECT: Progress report on community representation in UPA

BACKGROUND

In recent months, the officers and the Executive Committee of the UPA have been considering formal changes in the governing bodies of the United Palestine Appeal, so as to enlarge the participation of representatives of the organized Jewish communities in the affairs and the administration of the UPA. While there has been no demand from the communities for representation, a number of people identified with the UPA itself have urged the changes referred to.

The emergence of Israel as the prime factor in the fund raising prospects in the United States, and the magnificent role played by Jews of all elements in the unprecedented response to Jewish needs in the last few years underscores the desirability of a strong and effective UPA.

Looking forward to an even greater effort in the coming year, the Executive Committee, on October 21st, passed the following resolution:

"The Executive Committee, having heard the progress report rendered by the representatives of the Keren Hayesod, and the Jewish National Fund on the subject of widening the basis of representation on the governing bodies of the United Palestine Appeal

RESOLVES that the Executive Committee views with favor the inclusion on the governing bodies of the United Palestine Appeal of representatives of Jewish communities, welfare funds and federations up to one-third of the membership of such governing bodies by a procedure to be determined in consultation with recognized leaders of communities and welfare funds organizations. The Executive Committee recommends this plan to the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund for approval and early action by their governing bodies."

This resolution was approved in principle by the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund.

The Executive Committee also unanimously approved the report of its own sub-committee, which called for a revision of the powers of the United Palestine Appeal as follows:

"With regard to appropriations to bodies and for purposes other than Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, the procedure shall be as heretofore; those bodies shall pass upon those requests for allocations, shall make a recommendation to the Jewish Agency for Palestine, whose decision shall be binding, but they add that the Executive Committee of the UPA shall have notice of such request, shall have the right to debate it and come to a decision to recommend or not to recommend. If they are in agreement with it, the two bodies will join in the commendation to the Jewish Agency. If they differ, they will have the right to communicate to the Jewish Agency for Palestine their opinion, and in any case the decision of the Jewish Agency shall be binding."

CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS

On October 22 and 23, at a meeting of the thirty major cities, sponsored by the CJFWF in Pittsburgh, the Chairman of the UPA, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Herman L. Weisman, then Co-Chairman of its Executive Committee, reiterated their acceptance of this proposal and reported the adoption of the resolution of October 21st and declared their readiness to consult with the CJFWF and the communities on the manner for implementing this resolution.

Immediately thereafter, the Executive Committee of the UPA authorized the appointment of a sub-committee which was to meet with a similar sub-committee of the CJFWF for the purpose of exploring techniques and procedures for involving the communities in the governing bodies of the UPA.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS

Since the meeting of the CJFWF in Pittsburgh and in conjunction with a committee set up by the CJFWF, the sub-committee of the UPA has had numerous meetings with groups interested in this matter. The committee of the UPA has been completely at the disposal of the CJFWF committee for discussions on any aspect of this problem.

At its last meeting on Wednesday, November 3rd, the Executive Committee of the UPA received the report of its sub-committee and discussed the problem of the committee's efforts to find a means of implementation. It became evident

that a direct approach to communities and consultation with their leadership was advisable in order to consult with qualified leaders about a formula which would be both feasible and satisfactory to the communities.

After informing the CJFWF of its contents, the following wire was dispatched to the major Welfare Funds throughout the country:

"KINDLY CONVEY FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS STOP
IN CONNECTION PREPARATIONS FOR 1949 UNIFIED CAMPAIGN FOR OVERSEAS NEEDS
AND IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN FUNDRAISING MACHINERY IN INTEREST OF JEWISH
NEEDS IN EUROPE AND ISRAEL THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL NOW PROCEEDING
TO BROADEN ITS STRUCTURE IN COOPERATION WITH COMMUNITIES AND WELFARE
FUND ORGANIZATIONS STOP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPA AT ITS MEETING OCTOBER
TWENTYFIRST ADOPTED UNANIMOUS DECISION IN FAVOR BROADENING BASIS OF
REPRESENTATION ON ALL ITS GOVERNING BODIES BY INCLUDING ADDITIONAL
REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITIES AND WELFARE FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY
AND ALSO ADOPTED FURTHER IMPORTANT PLANS TO INCREASE UPA FUNCTIONS AND
AUTHORITY STOP UPA DESIROUS ENLISTING AT ONCE COOPERATION REPRESENTATIVES
COMMUNITIES AND WELFARE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSULTATION FOR BEST
IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PLANS STOP WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DESIGNATION
BY YOUR GROUP OF TWO MEMBERS OF YOUR BOARD WHO WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR
CONSULTATION BY CORRESPONDENCE OR IF NECESSARY ALSO BY PERSONAL CONFERENCES
STOP CJFWF WHOSE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE WE GREATLY APPRECIATE IS BEING KEPT
INFORMED KINDLY ADDRESS REPLIES TO HERMAN L. WEISMAN CO-CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE UPA 295 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL"

UPA CONFERENCE

On November 6th and 7th, the annual national conference of the United Palestine Appeal was convened at the Palmer House in Chicago. The matter of expanding the UPA became, of course, one of the major considerations to which the delegates directed their attention. For many hours the Resolutions Committee

discussed every aspect of the problem and had an opportunity to hear presentations of many points of view.

The discussions of the Resolutions Committee continued until the very last session of the Conference at which a draft of a resolution was presented to the plenary session. Again after consideration of all points of view, the attached resolution was unanimously adopted. (Appendix A).

VIEWS OF ISRAEL

Coinciding with these developments, the Jewish Agency Executive both in its American section and in the section residing in Jerusalem gave consideration to these proposals. There was an unanimous agreement on the importance of facilitating the implementation of a plan for broadening representation on the United Palestine Appeal at the very earliest moment. On several occasions the Jewish Agency Executive in Palestine, in cabled and telephonic messages both to the United Palestine Appeal and to the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, urged this in order to assure a completely united effort in behalf of Israel in this crucial period. (attached herewith are copies of cabled messages (appendix B)).

Dr. Goldstein, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, made the following statements to the UPA Conference on November 7th, after Mr. Weisman reported that the above resolutions represented substantial agreement:

"As all of you know, there has been a good deal of discussion in the air in the past number of weeks. I think it is a tribute to the Zionist devotion of all concerned that we have come to unanimous agreement in the resolutions which have been adopted. I know that these resolutions are in the spirit of a point of view conveyed on behalf of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem to the effect that any attempt for an independent campaign is froth with the gravest danger for our common cause. That refers to a campaign for Israel independent from the United Palestine Appeal, and I am sure that all of you will be able to go home with the renewed sense of reassurance, and will be able to tell your communities that when it comes to the last test, Zionists are able to settle their differences with dignity and with mutual respect.

Therefore, this conference of the United Palestine Appeal can become a source of great strength for the future, can become a source of dynamic power with reference to the United Jewish Appeal of 1949. We have conferred upon ourselves a tribute for statesmanship in behalf of Israel and the Jews who need Israel. We go forth from this conference strengthened for the future responsibilities which face all of us together."

Taking cognizance of the need for unifying the many efforts which are being carried out in behalf of various Palestine causes and in response to a resolution adopted by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in Pittsburgh on October 23, 1948 (appendix C). The United Palestine Appeal conference passed a resolution discouraging such independent efforts. (Appendix D).

PROSPECTS

The United Palestine Appeal is cognizant of the necessity of promptly organizing the United Jewish Appeal effort for 1949 and is, therefore - even while conducting these explorations - initiating discussions with the Joint Distribution Committee, looking towards the early consummation for an agreement for 1949.

In order to bring to a successful conclusion the discussions regarding the reorganization of the United Palestine Appeal and the establishment of the United Jewish Appeal for 1949, we urge you to give immediate attention to the wired request for the appointment of representatives from your welfare funds, who will be available for consultation with the United Palestine Appeal.

We can assure you that the United Palestine Appeal is eager to bring about the most effective and representative organization which will ensure a completely unified effort, enabling the American Jewish community to rise to the unprecedented opportunities for Jewish resettlement in Israel and for the relief of our brethren overseas.

APPENDIX A

RESOLUTION PASSED BY NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL HELD IN CHICAGO
AT THE PALMER HOUSE
Sunday, November 7th, 1948

RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING UPA

In view of the heavy responsibilities assumed by the Jewish Agency for Palestine in agreement with the State of Israel and the increased financial requirements that are necessary for the admission, absorption and resettlement of the free and vastly augmented stream of Jewish immigration into Palestine now proceeding at a rate exceeding 100,000 per year, and conscious of the corresponding responsibility resting upon American Jews in that regard, we the delegates assembled at the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal on November 7, 1948, at the Palmer House, in the city of Chicago

HEREBY RESOLVE THAT

1) the United Palestine Appeal do everything in its power to mobilize the continued support and generosity of American Jewry in behalf of the people of Israel and the OLIM pouring into that country on a scale commensurate with the demonstrated needs and the creative opportunity for the rapid upbuilding of the Jewish homeland;

2) the National Conference of the UPA notes with approval the steps which have been taken by the Executive Committee of the UPA to strengthen the UPA as the central fund-raising instrument of American Jews for the upbuilding of Israel and its expressed intention to provide for increased representation of Jewish communities and welfare funds in the governing bodies of the UPA as reflected in the resolution unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee on October 21, 1948, namely:

"The Executive Committee views with favor the inclusion on the governing bodies of the UPA of representatives of Jewish communities, welfare funds and federations to the extent of one-third of the membership of such governing bodies by a procedure to be determined in consultation with recognized leaders of communities and welfare funds organizations. The Executive Committee recommends this plan to the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund for approval and early action by their governing bodies."

3) It is understood that under the rules and regulations of the Zionist Movement, final authority for determining the allocation of funds raised for Jewish needs in Israel continues to rest with the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem and the central institutions which are vested with appropriate authority by the World Zionist Congress. As in the past, the proceeds of the UJA campaign received by the UPA (less its operational expenses) will continue to be remitted in equal parts to the offices in New York, of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) and the Jewish National Fund. It is likewise understood that all final decisions regarding allocations and appropriations of funds raised by the UPA and its constituents, the Keren Hayesod

and Keren Kayemeth, with the exception of administrative budgets, are in the competence of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Keren Kayemeth of Jerusalem - without thereby affecting the existing structure and practices of the American Jewish National Fund and the American Palestine Foundation Fund or their right to consider proposals and recommendations for allocations in or on behalf of Palestine. The UPA shall also have the corresponding power to consider all such proposals and to make its own recommendations with regard to them.



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CABLEGRAM FROM ELIEZER KAPLAN -- ISRAEL GOVERNMENT -- TEL AVIV,

NOVEMBER 5, 1948

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL -- PALMER HOUSE -- CHICAGO, ILL.

HEARTIEST GREETINGS TO UPA CONVENTION. YOU ARE ASSEMBLED THIS FATEFUL HOUR AFTER A YEAR OF GREAT ORDEAL AND GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS. THE ARMED FORCES, THE FLOWER OF YOUTHS OF ISRAEL, STOOD THE TEST OF BATTLE OF SURVIVAL AND PROTECTED OUR RIGHTS TO LIFE AND FREEDOM AND OUR POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. EIGHTY THOUSAND IMMIGRANTS SO FAR ENTERED ISRAEL THIS YEAR. NEARLY FORTY NEW SETTLEMENTS WERE ESTABLISHED. A NEW ROAD AND A NEW WATER AND LIFELINE TO JERUSALEM WAS CONSTRUCTED. ISRAEL AND JEWISH PEOPLE FACING THIS YEAR GIGANTIC TASKS WHILE THE WAR FOR FREEDOM AND EXISTENCE IS STILL RAGING AND THE RETURN TO ZION ONLY COMMENCING. BEFORE US THERE ARE DAZZLING PROSPECTS AND MORTAL DANGERS IN CONNECTION WITH FINAL DEFENSE AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE LIQUIDATION OF THE TRAGIC REFUGEE PROBLEM IN THE DIASPORA. THE YISHUV WHICH SACRIFICED BLOOD AND TREASURE WILL SHOULDER FURTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AND BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE BURDEN AS HITHERTO. BUT, THE SOLUTION OF THE JEWISH PROBLEM, IMMIGRATION, MUST BE WORLD JEWRY'S RESPONSIBILITY. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE TWO THOUSAND YEARS THE GATES OF ZION ARE WIDELY OPEN TO JEWS, BUT THE NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS IS DEPENDENT FIRST AND FOREMOST ON THE GREAT AMERICAN JEWRY'S REALIZATION OF HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY. THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IS THE ONLY LIMIT FOR IMMIGRATION. EVERY IMMIGRANT'S FIRST ESTABLISHMENT IS REQUIRING \$500. HIS FULL SETTLEMENT \$2000. VISION AND REALISTIC APPROACH ARE ESSENTIAL AT THIS FATEFUL HOUR. UNITY OF ALL FORCES AND REORGANIZATION ARE IMPERATIVE FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THIS TREMENDOUS TASK. I FIRMLY BELIEVE AMERICAN JEWRY WITH ITS SPLENDID RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS WILL PROVE EQUAL TO THIS ENORMOUS TASK. GREATER EFFORTS AND SACRIFICES ARE THE PRE-CONDITION FOR SUCCESS. AMERICAN JEWRY TOOK UPON ITSELF AN ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BY PUTTING THEIR REPRESENTATIVE AS HEAD OF THE

TREASURY OF THE JEWISH AGENCY. HIS SUCCESS IS DEPENDENT MAINLY ON YOUR EFFORTS. I HOPE YOU WILL FIND THE WAY FOR AN UNIFIED CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL ASSURE MATERIAL MEANS AND THE CONSUMMATION OF THE GREAT DREAM OF OUR RETURN TO THE JEWISH HOMELAND.

KAPLAN



APPENDIX B

MESSAGE FROM THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE IN JERUSALEM
November 9, 1948

TO UPA CONFERENCE CHICAGO

THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY IN JERUSALEM SENDS YOU MOST CORDIAL GREETINGS AND WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR DELIBERATIONS. THE TASK OF THE JEWISH AGENCY AND ITS FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, THE KEREN HAYESOD AND THE KEREN KAYEMETH, HAS ASSUMED WIDEST SCOPE IN THIS ERA OF INDEPENDENCE. WHILE ISRAEL'S ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE ARE INSCRIBING GLORIOUS PAGES OF THE STORY OF JEWISH HEROISM, THE WORK OF SALVATION AND RECONSTRUCTION MUST CONTINUE AT EVER GROWING SCALE. THE ALIYAH HAS REACHED NUMBERS WHICH ARE WITHOUT COMPARISON IN THE HISTORY OF OUR RETURN. THE TASK OF RECEIVING, HOUSING AND ABSORBING MANY THOUSANDS WEEK BY WEEK RAISES TREMENDOUS ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. NEW SETTLEMENTS ARE UPSPRINGING IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. REVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT OF JERUSALEM HAS BECOME CENTRAL ISSUE FOR WHOLE MOVEMENT. THESE AND OTHER TASKS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WHOLE JEWISH PEOPLE. AMERICAN JEWRY'S CENTRAL POSITION IN THIS HISTORIC EFFORT IS OBVIOUS. WE DEEPLY DEPLORE DIFFERENCES U.S.A. ENDANGERING HARMONY IN THIS CRUCIAL HOUR. ANY SPLIT DISASTROUS. UNITY OF ACTION MUST BE MAINTAINED. THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, WHOSE CONTRIBUTION TO UPEUILDING ERETZ ISRAEL SO GREAT MUST REMAIN THE MAINSTAY OF AMERICAN JEWRY'S EFFORT FOR ISRAEL. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR CONFERENCE WILL BE ANIVATED BY SENSE OF HIGHEST RESPONSIBILITY AND STATEMANSHIP, OUR CHAIRMAN WILL LEAVE SOONEST FOR STATES, TO CONSULT WITH COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS ON WAYS AND MEANS OF SECURING BEST INTERESTS OUR GREAT CAUSE. SHALOM.

EXECUTIVE JEWISH AGENCY JERUSALEM

B'RL LOCKER - CHAIRMAN

WESTERN UNION

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DR ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
HOTEL PALMER HOUSE CHGO

FOLLOWING CABLE ADDRESSED JEVAGENCY JUST RECEIVED FROM
LOCKER QUOTE HAVE CABLED TODAY FEINBERG SHULMAN QUOTE
YOURS 31 OCTOBER GREATLY APPRECIATED WHOLEHEARTEDLY
ACCEPTING YOUR ASSURANCE DEVOTION TO ISRAEL STOP VIEW
WITH GRAVEST APPREHENSION ANY ACTION WIDENING BREACH
THIS FATEFUL JUNCTURE EVERYBODY CONCERNED MUST MAKE
EXTREME EFFORT RESTORE UNITY AND MAINTAIN HARMONIOUS
COOPERATION STOP THIS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE BASIS CONGRESS
DECISIONS STOP CONSIDER ATTEMPT INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN
FRAUGHT GRAVEST DANGERS OUR COMMON CAUSE AND URGE YOU
ABSTAIN ANY PREPARATIONS THIS DIRECTION STOP LEAVING
FOR USA NEXT WEEK UNQUOTE.



NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE OF LARGE CITIES
October 24, 1948-- Pittsburgh, Pa.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON INDEPENDENT APPEALS

At a National Planning Conference of the thirty largest communities in Pittsburgh on Sunday, October 24, 1948, it was agreed that the holding of independent campaigns for food, materials, or cash contributions for needs in Europe and Israel to supplement the services and programs of the JDC and the UPA, is harmful to the best interests of the causes served by these agencies because it tends to divert energies and funds from the UJA, which has the basic responsibility of meeting these needs in Europe and Israel.

We therefore strongly recommend that the UJA be asked to assume the responsibility of clearing with its beneficiaries and with any related agencies, the validity of such independent appeals of new organizations and/or projects not existing prior to 1945, and advise the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the welfare funds of the country, and all other interested agencies whether these appeals have its endorsement and deserve support.

Be it further resolved that the UJA be asked to implement this resolution immediately and advise the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds of its action on this resolution.

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APPENDIX D

RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
HELD IN CHICAGO, ILL. AT THE PALMER HOUSE
Sunday, November 7, 1948

RESOLUTION ON FUND RAISING

We the delegates assembled at the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal, solemnly reaffirm the position which the United Palestine Appeal has occupied for a quarter of a century as the central and official fund-raising agency of American Jewry, for Palestine and Israel, representing the two major Zionist Funds, Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund), Keren Kayemeth and officially recognized by the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Realizing the crucial importance of the 1949 campaign for the future of Israel and the need for the maximum concentration of effort, and the necessity for unified and disciplined action, we call upon all Jews sincerely devoted to the Cause, to reduce to a minimum the confusion, overlapping and consequent harm that are bound to result from separate appeals for funds for Israel.



AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS AND WORKERS

November 11, 1948 - 5:00 P.M.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB, NEW YORK

Abraham Feinberg, Chairman
presiding

I REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS SINCE OCTOBER 22

- (a) Meetings with UPA
- (b) Meetings with Council of Federations
--Draft of November 4 (Appendix A)

By Joseph Shulman

II REPORT ON UPA CONFERENCE, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 6-7

--UPA Resolution (Appendix B)

By Harold J. Goldenberg

III OTHER NEGOTIATIONS

- (a) Status of Eliezer Kaplan
- (b) Status of Berl Locker

IV FURTHER ACTION

General Discussion

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6 East 34th Street

New York 16, N.Y.

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Number 4

November 19, 1948

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A REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS

As a result of steps taken by representatives of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, a meeting was held at the Council office in New York City on Thursday, November 18 to discuss the reconstitution of the United Palestine Appeal. It began at 10:00 A.M. and ended at 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Edwin Rosenberg presided as chairman of the sub-committee of the Council of Federations. He was joined by Messrs. Harry L. Lurie, Executive Director of the Council and Philip Bernstein, his Associate. Mr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Zionist Organization of America, and Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Acting National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, represented the U.P.A. The Committee of Contributors to the U.J.A. was represented by Abraham Feinberg, Joseph Shulman, Fred Monosson, Harold Goldenberg and Samuel Rothberg.

The only topic reviewed was the demand of the Committee of Contributors that funds obtained by the UPA must be remitted directly and promptly to Palestine instead of being channelled through the New York office of the Palestine Foundation Fund and Jewish National Fund.

Messrs. Neumann and Weisman read at great length the resolutions adopted by the World Zionist Congress in 1946 in attempting to prove that the position they were taking, that funds should be channelled through New York, was

justified. The spokesmen for the Committee of Contributors pointed out that they were not bound by the decisions of the World Zionist Congress. Their views were prompted by their feeling that the American Jewish community wants a situation whereby all the funds would be channelled promptly to Palestine and be made available instantly. They made reference to the fact that in the past there had been unnecessary delays in transmission.

During the first session which lasted from 10:00 AM until 12:45 PM, the representatives of the U.P.A. declined under all circumstances to yield to the fundamental point. They insisted that it would be interpreted in the country as a condemnation of the practices of the past if the present method of transmitting funds were abandoned. The members of the Committee of Contributors said that they were not interested in making criticism of the past but solely in establishing a procedure for the future that would be to Israel's best interest.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM with a seeming impasse. The discussions were resumed at 2:00 PM and during the next three-and-a-half hours the continuous insistence by the Committee of Contributors resulted in a change-about in the position of the UPA spokesmen. They finally agreed that the funds should be made available by the UPA directly to Palestine. Accordingly, the following point was agreed upon and initialed:

"The UPA will with the greatest promptitude make available the proceeds of the 1949 campaign to the principal beneficiaries, namely the Treasury of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and the head offices of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth in Israel, and will disburse such funds through agencies and procedures authorized by them."

It should be noted, however, that Mr. Neumann told the conferees that it was his intention to urge the authorities in Palestine to utilize the agencies in New York as the instrumentalities through which funds could be transmitted as in the past.

Further negotiations on all other points outstanding for a satisfactory reconstitution of the United Palestine Appeal were scheduled for Monday afternoon, November 22nd.

Please do not assume any conclusion as a result of action taken on the one point above.

DECEMBER 11-12

Have you made reservations for the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Atlantic City, December 11th and 12th for the National Conference arranged by the Committee of Contributors?

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COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS to United Jewish Appeal

6 East 34th Street
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November 22, 1948.

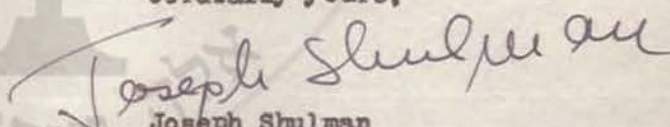
Rabbi Herbert Friedman,
Temple Emanuel,
1595 Pearl Street,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing
herewith a complete set of the material sent out
by the Committee up to this date.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Joseph Shulman
Secretary

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COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS AND WORKERS

6 East 34th Street, New York City

Abraham Feinberg
Chairman

Joseph Shulman
Secretary

October 29, 1948

Dear Friend:

The basis for the creation of the Committee of Contributors and Workers is: the Jews of America who raise the funds and give the funds have a right to a voice in the administration of the funds.

The Committee was formally established at the Hotel Henry, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Friday, October 22, 1948, when some eighty men from thirty-five communities in the United States came together to discuss the issues and adopt a program of action.

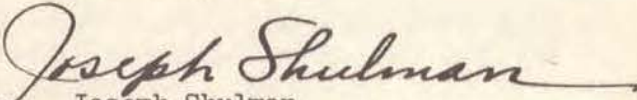
We invite you formally to associate yourself with this Committee, and by your participation in its work to help achieve its objectives.

At this time, we are urging that the United Palestine Appeal be reconstituted (a) so that the Jewish communities of America, through which the funds are raised, shall share adequately in the governing bodies of the UPA; and (b) that these governing bodies have complete power over disbursement of UPA funds in the United States. We are convinced that acceptance of this proposal will immeasurably strengthen fund-raising for Israel in the United States. The communities and the contributors and workers have a right to such participation. To fail to grant it is to weaken the bonds between America and Israel.

After reading the summary within, you will appreciate that we are engaged in a great effort to reassure the contributors and workers of the United Jewish Appeal that more than ever their devotion and their resources are warranted for the era of large immigration and rebuilding upon which Israel has launched.

I shall look forward to word from you that we may count upon your joining our Committee.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph Shulman

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A COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED

On October 22, 1948 a group of some eighty men from thirty-five communities met at the Hotel Henry in Pittsburgh to consider the rights of contributors to share in the administration of the United Palestine Appeal which is, today, the principal beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal.

Leading workers for the United Jewish Appeal, nationally and locally, were present. These men, in their own communities, by their services as campaign chairmen or officers, as leading workers and contributors, had supplied the spark which resulted in the greatest campaigns in the history of philanthropy. Men like Julian Venezky, Peoria, National Chairman for Regions of the United Jewish Appeal; Rudolf Sonneborn, New York, National Chairman for Trades and Industries of the United Jewish Appeal; Harold J. Goldenberg, Minneapolis, Associate National Chairman, with Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., of the Committee of UJA Campaign Techniques; Samuel Rothberg, Peoria, National Vice Chairman for Trades and Industries; Joseph Shulman, Paterson, National Chairman of the Textile Division of the UJA; Fred Monosson, Boston, National Chairman of Rainwear Industry for UJA; Leon Mohill, Pittsfield, National Vice-Chairman for the Newspaper and Publishers Division; Joseph Cherner, Washington, National Vice-Chairman of the Automobile Division; E. N. Grueskin, Sioux City, Associate National Chairman for Regions; Samuel Daroff, National Vice-Chairman of the Clothing Division.

Many other distinguished American Jewish leaders have associated themselves with this committee, now known as the COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS AND WORKERS. They are serving in their capacities as individuals and not in relation to the positions they hold in their local communities. The Committee includes such men as Milton Kahn and Herman Gilman of Boston; Michael A. Stavitsky, Herbert Abeles, Joel Gross, George Sagan, Ivan Levenson, Samuel Klein of Newark; Eugene M. Solow of Dallas; Nathan Shainberg of Memphis; Israel Rogosin, Nathan Scheinman, David Kluger, Nahum Bernstein of New York; J. Benjamin Katzner, Elkan Meyers and M. I. Speert of Baltimore; Morris W. Berinstein and Alex Holstein of Syracuse; Harold A. Goldman of Des Moines; David Uchill and Rabbi Herbert Friedman of Denver; Morris Cafritz, Edmund I. Kaufmann, Isadore Breslau of Washington; Benjamin R. Harris of Chicago; Manuel Eskind of Nashville; Louis Berry, Max Osnos and Joseph Holtzman of Detroit; I. E. Goldstein and William S. Cohen of St. Louis; Maurice S. Tabor of Buffalo; Sol Luckman of Cincinnati; Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner and Eugene Klein of Cleveland; Moritz Gottlieb of Allentown; Alex Lowenthal of Pittsburgh; and Harry Levine of Leominster.

At the October 22 meeting, Abraham Feinberg of New York, Associate Chairman of the New York United Jewish Appeal, and President of Americans for Haganah, was named Chairman; and Joseph Shulman of Paterson, Secretary. Other officers will be selected at subsequent meetings of the Committee.

WHY THE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED

The purposes of the Committee were first explored at a meeting held in New York City on September 26. It had become clear that changes in the fund-raising structure in America were necessitated by events that had taken place in Israel. In the first place, the State of Israel had been proclaimed on May 15. In the second place, in order to make a sharp distinction between philanthropy and government, the Jewish Agency for Palestine had, in July, adopted a resolution barring it from turning any of its receipts over to the State of Israel and barring the use of any of its money for political and military activities. In the third place, the Zionist Actions Committee, meeting in August in Israel, had brought about substantial changes in the

personnel of the Jewish Agency Executive which is ultimately responsible for the expenditure of funds raised in the United States. With the exception of Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance in the State of Israel, none of the other powerful figures known to the American Jewish community who are now the principal officers of the Government of Israel, remained on the Jewish Agency Executive. Mr. Kaplan, who had been Treasurer of the Executive for fifteen years, remains on that body but without any special portfolio.

The men who met in New York on September 26 felt that substantial changes were required on the American scene. They understood that more, and not less, money would be needed in 1949 for the immigration and settlement program in Israel. They recognized that in order to achieve that objective, there had to be the utmost re-assurance that funds were being wisely administered by fully representative groups. Questions were raised as to whether it was desirable at this time to consider at all constitutional questions of responsibility, inasmuch as public debate might lead to acrimony and the loss of much needed funds. There were others who said that the best interests of Israel itself required that all contributors and communities be assured that there was full community responsibility for the funds, rather than through only one segment of the community. It was, therefore, essential in the interests of better and greater fund-raising to clear the air and meet the issue frankly.

Note was taken of the fact that the United Palestine Appeal, as at present constituted, is established on an annual basis by the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth in the United States. Of the 125 directors of the Keren Hayesod, 69 are named by the Zionist Organization of America, and most of the others by the three other Zionist bodies. Of the directors of the Keren Kayemeth, an effective majority of 40% is selected by the Zionist Organization of America.

The meeting on September 26 felt that good organization alone, as well as the inherent rights of workers and contributors for the campaign, required that the Jewish communities, now having no representation whatsoever in these organizations, should be brought into them on an adequate, effective basis.

A letter was then addressed by 22 men to the Jewish Agency Executive. It read as follows:

"We, the undersigned, contributors to and workers for the United Jewish Appeal, believe reorganization in the fund-raising for Palestine in the United States is indispensable.

"We are mindful of the fact that the Extended Jewish Agency and its fiscal instrument, the Palestine Foundation Fund, were designed to give representation to the total Jewish community in their administration. Today, the Zionist Organization of America alone exercises complete control, in effect, of the basic institutions for Palestine fund-raising in this country. We do not believe that this is in accord with the fundamental charters or calculated to evoke the most generous response from the American Jewish community.

"We recognize that the need for funds to speed immigration and settlement in Israel is urgent. We believe also that every step must be taken to reassure the Jewish community in the United States that the soundest procedures in fund-raising are being followed; and that the wisest precautions have been taken to see to it that all funds intended for Palestine are so disposed.

"In recent years, the United Jewish Appeal has been the channel through which

funds for Palestine have been raised. Not any one segment of the community, but the total community has responded. If the funds for Palestine are to be raised on an adequate level, then the total community must have a significant part in responsibility for the administration of these funds. This is the essence of the democratic Jewish spirit. It is best calculated to advance the interest of fund-raising for Israel.

"Therefore, we urgently ask the officers of the Jewish Agency to take steps at once to reorganize the United Palestine Appeal so that it may be fully representative of American Jewry's deep interest in Israel; and that it may provide fullest guarantees that the large sums that will be needed for Israel are being most wisely administered.

"A subcommittee of the undersigned has been formed to confer with you promptly so that action may be taken in time to safeguard a successful United Jewish Appeal campaign in 1949.

"Our interest in Israel cannot be shaken. But we must emphasize that the channels we shall use for the manifestation of that interest will be determined by the understanding of our position that you will show.

"We would respectfully ask that you arrange a date for a meeting within a week.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Shulman"

The other signatories were Milton Kahn, Boston; Leon Mohill, Pittsfield; E. M. Solow, Dallas; Nahum Bernstein, New York; Nathan Shainberg, Memphis; M. I. Speert, Baltimore; Morris W. Berinstein, Syracuse; Fred Monosson, Boston; Abraham Feinberg, Mt. Vernon; Harold J. Goldenberg, Minneapolis; Harold A. Goldman, Des Moines; Michael A. Stavitsky, Newark; Joseph Cherner, Washington; Nathan Sheinman, New York; Sol M. Reiter, Newburgh; E. N. Grueskin, Sioux City; Rudolf G. Sonneborn, New York; Samuel Rothberg, Peoria; J. Benjamin Katzner, Baltimore; Julian H. Venezky, Peoria and Herman Gilman, Boston.

A HISTORY OF MEETINGS

On September 29, the Jewish Agency, American Section, replied that "the problem you raise is .. the concern of the United Palestine Appeal (and) that the UPA is an autonomous body and that the Jewish Agency for Palestine in no way determines its structure or form of organization."

Taking this suggestion, the group endeavored to arrange a meeting with representatives of the UPA. The first such meeting was held on October 5, with Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Chairman of the UPA, Judge Morris Rothenberg, President of the Jewish National Fund, and Jacob Sincoff, Associate Treasurer of the UPA, representing the UPA.

At this first meeting, the viewpoint of the group was expressed by Mr. Shulman when he said that a very large number of contributors in the United States and those who do a great deal of the work in campaigning feel they have no voice whatsoever as to what becomes of those funds. They want to correct that. They do not look backward in comment upon anything that has been done. They only look forward. They want to be able to go on campaigning and be able to say conscientiously to the contributing public: we are fully aware of how disbursements are made; the work is carried on with maximum efficiency; we can testify to that of personal, first-hand knowledge.

Harry Levine of Leominster, Mass., another representative of the Committee, observed that a psychological change has occurred in American Jewry. Only in the last three years has American Jewry learned how to give big money. Now the givers have matured. They are beginning to ask questions. Nobody doubts that a good job has been done and that the money has been spent well. From this point on, more and more money will be required for Israeli development. Men who are giving the kind of money being contributed now want to know more. It was his assumption that the UPA would welcome that interest. He urged the UPA to give an answer in reasonable time and not prolong discussion endlessly.

Abraham Feinberg pointed out that the United Palestine Appeal is the only segment of the United Jewish Appeal which has any political affiliation. In view of the changes in the political sphere in the last few months, it is important to review the situation anew. Regardless of the purity of the motives of the people now responsible for the funds, if they have a political orientation they should be the first to invite the cooperation of non-political and apolitical forces. Those now responsible for the funds belong to a political sphere. But the money is raised by all the people. He estimated that there are 1,300,000 contributors to the United Jewish Appeal. There may be at the most some 400-500,000 enrolled Zionists. Obviously, he said, there are more non-enrolled people than enrolled Zionists. These people, too, have a right to a voice. Since they constitute, in fact, a majority of the givers they have the right to demand a voice.

At a meeting of the UPA Executive Committee on October 7th, it was stated that the UPA had no powers to determine the structure of the UPA, but that this was the responsibility of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth. Later, meetings were held with representatives of these two organizations.

The demand of the Committee was substantially along these lines:

(1) The United Palestine Appeal, which is now set up by virtue of an annual agreement between the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, should be reconstituted as a permanent body, with the Jewish communities of the United States naming at least fifty percent of the Board and all governing bodies.

(2) The United Palestine Appeal, which now has no powers whatsoever, should have power given to it so that it would have control over the disbursement in the United States of funds obtained by the UPA; with the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Israel determining expenditures in Israel.

THE OCTOBER 22nd PITTSBURGH MEETING

Prolonged conversations with UPA and with associated bodies having proved fruitless, it was decided to convene a meeting at Pittsburgh on October 22nd. Unanimously, the men gathered at Pittsburgh felt that the existing situation was not tolerable and required improvement. A discussion that lasted for many hours went into all aspects of the situation. The following resolution resulted.

(1) A Committee of Contributors and Workers shall be established; (2) Officers of the Committee shall be named; (3) every effort must be made to mobilize pressure upon the United Palestine Appeal so that it shall be reconstituted with adequate representation named by the Jewish communities themselves and with full powers over expenditures in the United States; (4) the Committee shall be empowered to communicate with all communities and individuals to obtain support for the Committee deliberations and actions; (5) authorize the Committee to publicize its

activities as required; (6) only in the event of failure to bring about a satisfactory reconstitution of the UPA, the desirability of setting up a new Israeli fund shall be explored, after consultation with all interested parties, and only after convoking a meeting of the Jewish communities to advise upon this step; and (7) the Committee shall advise the JDC and USNA of its actions.

This resolution was adopted unanimously, except that four votes were recorded in opposition to point six.

WHAT DOES THE COMMITTEE WANT?

The Committee of Contributors and Workers wants a partnership between the agencies which spend the funds and the communities which raise them. Both Jewish and American principles justify "representation with taxation." It is the view of the Committee that any refusal to accord at least fifty percent representation on the UPA governing bodies can only lead to misconstruction, on the one hand, and weaken the interests of American Jewish communities in the Israel development program, on the other.

WHO MAY JOIN THE COMMITTEE?

Seeking endorsement of its position, the Committee of Contributors and Workers welcomes the support of any Jew or Jewess in the United States who takes part in local fund-raising efforts from which the United Jewish Appeal benefits. The Committee will appreciate the written expression of support of its proposals so that in its further negotiations it may be strengthened by the knowledge that it truly represents the thinking of the great majority of contributors and workers of the United Jewish Appeal.



Committee of Contributors and Workers
6 East 34th Street
New York City

ABRAHAM FEINBERG
Chairman

JOSEPH SHULMAN
Secretary

November 9, 1948

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Since the meeting in Pittsburgh on October 22nd, your officers have tried conscientiously to negotiate with the United Palestine Appeal to bring about an effective reorganization of that body. At a meeting of the UPA Executive Committee, a resolution was adopted prohibiting any contact between UPA representatives and officers of the Committee of Contributors. Nevertheless, there has been such contact.

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The Zionist machinery is then called upon to "contact your Welfare Fund leaders to induce full, friendly cooperation with UPA, especially and more particularly by their designating two or three persons for consultation."

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As a result of steps taken by representatives of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, a meeting was held at the Council office in New York City on Thursday, November 18 to discuss the reconstitution of the United Palestine Appeal. It began at 10:00 A.M. and ended at 5:30 P.M.

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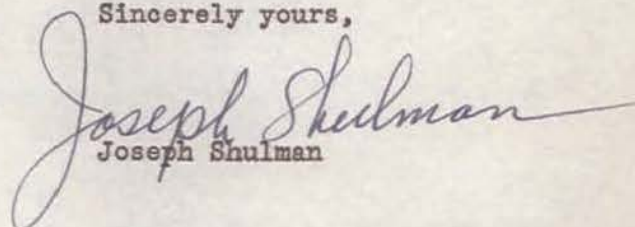
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under the agreement which creates the UPA or in the rights accorded to it by the officers, to deal with any formal questions. It was brought into being in order that a series of speeches might be delivered.

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"We assert that the very introduction of any resolution at this meeting was a token of bad faith on the part of the officers of the UPA. The officers have been in negotiation with a committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in order to work out a formula for a reconstitution of the UPA. Assurances were given that no public action would be taken until all methods of negotiation had been exhausted. Nevertheless, believing that this mass meeting would serve as a good forum for the projection of their point of view, those who control this meeting are risking that the gravest charges of bad faith will be laid at the door of the UPA.

"Furthermore, Berl Locker, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, has cabled that he will be in the United States in a few days to take all necessary action to heal the breach affecting the UPA. Despite his imminent arrival, action is proposed which would do irreparable harm to the free opportunity he should be given to act in the interests of harmony for the sake of Israel.

"Every time that action has been proposed within the UPA regarding its structure, it has been pointed out that its parent organizations, Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, are the only ones with power to take action. Despite that known fact, it is proposed at this mass meeting of the UPA to pass judgment on the organizational structure of the UPA. This insistence upon action can only be construed as a device aimed at public opinion and not a genuine deliberation of a duly constituted gathering of the UPA.

"The action proposed here is linked with the continuous refusal of the officers of the UPA to take reasonable measures to negotiate with an important body of men and women throughout the nation who are the bulwark of fund-raising for the United Jewish Appeal. Surely this country will question the good faith of the officers of the UPA when it is told that the UPA declined to accept the suggestion to invite to this country Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Finance Minister of the State of Israel, to resolve the differences that exist. Mr. Kaplan knows more of the economic needs of Israel and is more familiar with the fund-raising procedures in the United States than any living individual. Those who have urged a reconstitution of the UPA are perfectly agreeable to the acceptance of his mediation. The UPA officers, who pretend to defend the interests of Israel, have refused to accept Mr. Kaplan's mediation. No resolution passed by this conference can whitewash the unwillingness of the UPA to abide by the views of the highest financial officer of the Government of the State of Israel.

"Israel will need great sums in 1949. We plead with this conference to avoid taking action which can have no purpose other than to widen the breach which already exists as concerns the affairs of the UPA. This conference, in accepting the resolution, would assume the gravest responsibility for undermining the fund-raising prospects

for Israel in the United States. Those who have power should use it with moderation. To do otherwise will be to fail to take advantage of the deep-seated devotion of the vast majority of American Jews to the swiftest possible development of the State of Israel."

ADDING MEMBERS

Here is what Philip Meyers, Co-Chairman of the 1948 Cincinnati campaign and State Chairman of the UJA for Ohio, has to say about the purposes of the Committee:

"I certainly agree that those who do the work of collecting the huge sums being collected in this country, those who give not only of their own time but most liberally of their money, should have a voice in the governing bodies of the agencies for which the money is being collected.

"I believe that the Committee will have the support of all of us here in Cincinnati who have been connected with money-raising endeavors."

Rudolph E. Lifson, Chairman of the New Jersey Region of the UJA, and former Chairman of the Elizabeth campaign says:

"I am completely in agreement with your point of view and want to lend my moral support to your program. If there is anything that I can do to be of assistance to the Committee, I will be glad to offer my services.

"Mrs. Lifson, who has been co-chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal in Elizabeth for the last five years, feels exactly as I do and wants to add her support to your Committee."

Howard T. Saperston, attorney and one of the outstanding leaders of the Buffalo Jewish community, says:

"I would be very glad to associate myself with your Committee."

COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS

Room 1014
250 West 57th Street

New York 19, N.Y.

November 19, 1948.

Dear Friend:

From its very inception it has been the policy of our Committee to keep the officers of the Welfare Funds and Federations throughout the country completely informed of the activities of our Committee and progress of its negotiations with the United Palestine Appeal. I am, therefore, enclosing herewith a copy of the letter, dated November 15th, which the Secretary of our Committee sent to the Mediation Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

I believe that you and your associates will also wish to note the fact that our Committee is inviting contributors and community leaders to meet with us at a National Conference at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J., on Saturday and Sunday, December 11th and 12th. This conference may well be a history-making event in American Jewish life. It will discuss the vital problems of:

- a) how to obtain maximum participation of all elements in the fund-raising programs for Israel; and
- b) how to provide such aid to Israel directly.

I hope you and some of your associates in the leadership of your community will be able to attend this conference and assist us in the formulation of our plans. We are anxious to have the benefit of your personal experience and judgment. Your participation need not be construed as official representation of your local Welfare Fund. Please let me hear from you.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Abraham Feinberg
Chairman

AF/a.

COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS
To The
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

November 15, 1948.

Mr. Edwin Rosenberg,
Council of Jewish Federations
and Welfare Fund,
165 West 46th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

You requested that the Committee of Contributors summarize its basic position in respect to a reconstitution of the United Palestine Appeal. A meeting of our Committee was held on November 11th to formulate the principles which guide us. They are as follows:

- 1) The Jewish communities of America should have at least fifty percent representation on a self-governing United Palestine Appeal, fully empowered to administer all its affairs. The determination of such representation shall be in consultation with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.
- 2) All funds received by the United Palestine Appeal, less administrative expenses, should be transmitted directly and promptly by the United Palestine Appeal to the beneficiary agencies in Israel.
- 3) The United Palestine Appeal alone shall be empowered to make recommendations as to appropriations, disbursements or grants for activity in the United States or Israel outside the basic agencies of the United Palestine Appeal, but the final decision on all such matters shall rest with the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Israel.

The matter of the implementation of the above principles, once they shall have been agreed upon by all parties, shall be left to persons technically equipped to deal with the subject.

In further response to your request, the Committee authorized the selection of a subcommittee to negotiate for an effective reconstitution of the United Palestine Appeal. That subcommittee is at your disposal, standing ready for any negotiations.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Joseph Shulman

JOSEPH SHULMAN
Secretary

JS/a.

Committee of Contributors
MEMORANDUM

To Chairmen of Local Emergency Committees

Date December 15, 1948

From Abe Tuvim

A communication of tremendous importance from the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Israel has just been received by the American Section of the Jewish Agency. This cable clarifies the issues raised in connection with the recent controversy concerning Zionist fund-raising in the United States. It leaves no doubt as to the body which has "full responsibility for representing, guiding and supervising all activities on behalf of the Zionist movement and the Jewish Agency on the American scene and all organized efforts connected with the upbuilding of Israel." That body, the Executive makes clear, is the American Section of the Jewish Agency whose chairman is Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

The American Zionist movement now has a precise directive establishing the paramount authority of the American Section of the Jewish Agency over the political, organizational, fund-raising and all other Zionist activities carried on in the United States. The decisions of the American Section are binding upon all branches of American Zionism. Contravention of its decisions is action in defiance of the recognized and responsible authority of our movement.

The Zionist groups represented in your local emergency committee will unquestionably wish to provide their members with authoritative information which will clarify any issue raised by the recent controversy. We are, therefore, sending you the full text of the Executive's cable addressed to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. The cable follows:

"THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY IN JERUSALEM HAS LEARNED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE DIFFERENCES AFFECTING THE U.P.A. HAVE BEEN SETTLED BY AGREEMENT TERMINATING A CONTROVERSY WHICH MIGHT HAVE IMPAIRED THE 1949 CAMPAIGN STOP WE WOULD REQUEST YOU TO CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION OF THE STATESMANSHIP AND PATIENCE DISPLAYED BY THE LEADERS OF THE ZIONIST FUNDS UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE AS WELL AS OF THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY SHOWN BY ALL CONCERNED AND THE VALUABLE COOPERATION OF THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS STOP NOW

THAT UNITY IS ASSURED ISRAEL LOOKS FORWARD TO FULL RESUMPTION OF THE WORK ON WHICH THE IMMIGRATION OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS THEIR ABSORPTION AND SETTLEMENT ON THE LAND IS SO LARGELY DEPEND-
ENT STOP. THE EXECUTIVE WISHES TO PLACE ON RECORD ITS HIGH APPRE-
CIATION OF THE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE KEREN HAYESOD AND KEREN
KAYEMETH IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE THEIR INCEPTION AND EXPRESSES
THE HOPE THAT BACKED BY THE WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT OF AMERICAN
JEWRY THE U.P.A. WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN THE FUTURE AS IN
THE PAST AS A UNIFYING CENTRAL FUND-RAISING AGENCY FOR THE UP-
BUILDING OF ISRAEL STOP WE NOTE WITH PARTICULAR SATISFACTION
THAT THE STATUS AND INTEGRITY OF THE HISTORIC ZIONIST FUNDS
HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED AND THEIR AUTHORITY FULLY UPHELD STOP.
WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEND A MESSAGE OF COMPLETE SOLIDARITY
WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE USA STOP WE PARTICULARLY DESIRE TO
EXPRESS THAT THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE JEWISH AGENCY WITH ITS
PAST RECORD OF GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THE POLITICAL FIELD IS
ENTRUSTED NOW AS HERETOFORE WITH FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPRE-
SENTING GUIDING AND SUPERVISING ALL ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE
ZIONIST MOVEMENT AND THE JEWISH AGENCY ON THE AMERICAN SCENE AND
ALL ORGANIZED EFFORT CONNECTED WITH THE UPBUILDING OF ISRAEL STOP
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AN ERA OF CLOSEST COOPERATION WITH THE
MOVEMENT FIRMLY UNITED BEHIND ITS DULY ELECTED LEADERSHIP.

EXECUTIVE JEWISH AGENCY"

Kindest regards.

AT:RB

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December 7, 1948.

ATLANTIC CITY CONFERENCE CANCELLED

AMERICAN JEWISH
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Dear Friend:

We hasten to inform you that the conference of the Committee of Contributors, originally planned for Atlantic City this weekend, December 11th and 12th, has been cancelled. The Committee of Contributors today approved an agreement looking towards the re-organization of the United Palestine Appeal for 1949, as formulated under the mediation of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. A condition of the agreement was the cancellation of this conference.

An official announcement of this agreement will be issued by the headquarters of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

In the meantime we would appreciate your cooperation in advising friends who planned to attend the conference. We want to thank you for your interest and your cooperation in the past.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Abraham Feinberg
Chairman

Joseph Shulman
Secretary

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December 17, 1948

Enclosed you will find a translation of an article appearing in the Yiddish press written by S. Margoshes, Acting Publicity Director of the Zionist Organization of America.

You will note that the gentle art of character assassination is now being extended to attack such devoted servants of the Jewish people as Henry Morgenthau, Jr., General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance of the State of Israel.

We would welcome your reactions.

"DER TOG" (THE DAY) -- December 16, 1948

THE NEW CONSPIRACY
By: Dr. S. Margoshes

I am told that the conflict within the United Palestine Appeal or rather between the Montor group and the Zionist Organization of America is ended, and that it is possible now to turn to other things - and I am prepared to believe it. I know that there has been concluded a peace agreement, and I have read the text of the agreement just as others did. Therefore, I am well acquainted with its contents, and I know that the Montor revolt against the Zionist Organization of America has not brought about a revolution in American Zionism. In the administration of the Zionist Funds in America everything has remained as it was, and the "rebels" have not succeeded in anything. I am also well aware that the Montor group in the last minute has given up all its plans for calling a special conference, which would have proclaimed a competitive fund vis-a-vis the United Palestine Appeal, thus destroying the united Jewish front for Eretz Israel.

I know everything: I am not a greenhorn in Zionist affairs, but perhaps for that reason my heart is heavy. I really would like to believe that we have been freed from that Montor conflict, but I have my doubts. The Montor revolt against the United Palestine Appeal has been defeated, but I am afraid that the revolt against American Zionism and in particular against the Zionist Organization of America has not been given up, since after all, it is not only the question of Mr. Montor's job - although a job which pays \$40,000 a year is nothing to scoff at. There is the question of a combination and an alliance of forces whose aim it is to destroy the entire Zionist movement in America, and to grab the control - and that in the name of Zion - of the entire Jewish community of America, no more and no less. Whether Montor alone will lead that conspiracy is not important to me at all. That man alone has not begun to be of interest to me, and it is my belief that one has made too much noise about him. What is important is that behind the Montor group there is hiding a two-fold conspiracy against American Zionism, the conspiracy both on the American scene and the scene in Eretz Israel, and in that conspiracy there are involved quite a number of important groups and personalities. And, of them it is written in the Bible: "and the sons of Korah did not die."

First of all there is the conspiracy against the Zionist funds in America: against the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund. The Montor group speaks of reforms in the administration of those two main Zionist Funds, but their real intention is to destroy completely these two Funds. In the last analysis these two old-established great Zionist financial instruments that are administered by Zionists for Zionist purposes, are the backbone of the upbuilding of Palestine. That adds responsibility to the Zionist movement in America which the Montor group wants to get rid of. If one can succeed in undermining the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, then it will be much easier to dig a grave for American Zionism. The Montor group, in addition to previously good and faithful Zionists, includes also a large number of old and stubborn non-Zionists and anti-Zionists, has no respect whatsoever for the Zionist history and for the historic role which the two Zionist Funds played in the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland and in preparing the establishment of the state of Israel. In the name of so-called "efficiency" they are prepared to murder the two financial Zionist institutions. I hear that it is said that Mr. Morgenthau, after his return from Eretz Israel, has become a convinced opponent of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth. He wants to establish a new general fund which should be administered by other people and it is a "secret" for the entire public that Mr. Morgenthau and the Montor group are very closely related. It is quite simple: one is prepared to destroy the Zionist Funds by taking them out of the hands of their builders, the American Zionists and the Zionist Organization of America.

But the conspiracy against the Zionist Funds is only a part of the great conspiracy on the American scene. That conspiracy does not aim alone at American Zionism and its influence, but also against the independence of the American Jewish community. The simple method is by grabbing the hegemony in

American Judaism and to remove the influence of the Zionist organizations of which, at the present time, one is deadly afraid. In the same way as fear has a thousand eyes, so the Jewish assimilationists and half-assimilationists in America are seeing the thousand-times exaggerated danger that the Zionists intend to fortify their influence on the American masses, and that thus the day may come when they, the Zionists, will become the governing power in American Jewish life. In order to avoid this, one has to take from the Zionists that holy name which is the secret of their power, namely - Eretz Israel. And thus, the assimilationists in America, and the half-assimilationists have conceived the peculiar plan to kill American Zionism through the means of Eretz Israel. In other words, if a sufficient number of anti-Zionists will now join the bandwagon of the State of Israel which now makes its triumphant tour through the whole of America, it will become possible to steer away that bandwagon from the Zionist movement, and deliver it into the hands of those who for fifty years or more have carried on a silent or open warfare against the Jewish Homeland. As peculiar as that may sound, it is nevertheless the truth that in America has begun a new grouping of forces which can be called the anti-Zionist and pro-Israel party. And this party, whose aim is no less than to grab for themselves the leadership in American Judaism can, of course, not achieve their aim except over the dead body of American Zionism. And since one has such high aims, there are, of course, all means permissible including, of course, unwarranted and unnecessary conflicts in the United Jewish Appeal and the destruction of the Zionist Funds.

It is interesting and at the same time regrettable that to this combination of anti-Zionist forces who have conspired to that extent against the entire American Jewish community, have associated themselves elements belonging to both the Zionist Organization of America and the Government of Israel. It is certainly not logical and certainly not worthy of Zionists to conclude an alliance with the Jewish assimilationists and half-assimilationists in America, but our old sages who certainly were excellent psychologists have already recognized in ancient times that "love and hatred break up the front." So great was in some circles, both in America and Israel, the jealousy and the hatred of the ZOA and their leadership that this hatred led to an alliance between Zionists and enemies of Zion. Thus, for instance, it is known that the present opposition within the ZOA which calls itself Committee for Progressive Zionism, stands unwavering behind the Montor group although it must be clear for everyone in his senses that the Montor group aims not only at the destruction of the prestige and the authority of the ZOA but of the entire Zionist movement. However, what is perhaps less known is the fact that certain Mapai elements who belong to the Government of Israel have permitted themselves to be seduced by their antagonism and hatred to the Silver-Neumann leadership in America to work hand-in-glove with the Montor group. Thus, for instance, the press in Israel has stated that there is sufficient reason to believe that Eliezer Kaplan, the former treasurer of the Jewish Agency, and now Finance Minister in the Israeli Government, is behind Montor and his group in the United States. It is no secret that quite a number of Zionist leaders in America have urged Eliezer Kaplan that he call off Montor's attack on the United Palestine Appeal and on American Zionism - but without success. At the same time, Eliezer Kaplan has entrusted Mr. Montor, who was involved in open warfare against the American Zionist movement, with a very important and confidential task. I do not know whether Eliezer Kaplan's ideology is the main reason for his present connection with the Montor group. The socialist Kaplan anyhow belongs to the minimalists in the Zionist movement, whenever it comes to a conflict with the gross bourgeoisie and the powerful of this world. But I am quite convinced that his spiritual concept and, in particular, his partisan opposition to the present leadership of the ZOA, certainly has had a lot to do with his relations to the Montor group and to the conflict in American Zionism.

However one looks at the agreement between the Zionist Organization and the Montor group, in the matter of the United Palestine Appeal - whether one believes it is a truce or an interval in long-term warfare - the net result is that one thing is certain: the dangers resulting from the Montor group, not only for Zionism in America but for the entire American Jewish community, are by no means ended. It is safe to assume that those dangers instead of decreasing or vanishing in the new future, will grow and become more threatening in the course of time - unless the Zionists of the world - and with that I mean also the Zionists who now belong to the opposition within the Zionist Organization of America and the respectable elements in the Government of Israel - will, forgetting their internal differences, join forces and with an enormous effort fight and defeat the new great danger which has arisen against all of them.

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AN ANALYSIS OF OUR PRESENT POSITION

Now, with the United Palestine Appeal issue temporarily resolved, it is important for us to obtain some perspective on the struggle that lies ahead and on our role in it. Forgetting for the moment the success or failure in achieving specific reforms within the United Palestine Appeal, we must lift our sights so that we may evaluate the underlying struggle which transcends the changes of structure and function of the United Palestine Appeal.

Basically, we are facing a political struggle, the implications of which are of vital concern not only to the American Jewish community, but to Israel as well. The events of the last year in Israel have caught the Jewish community of America unprepared and have unfortunately had little effect on Zionist thinking in the moment of realization. There are two principal questions:

- 1) Shall the support and energy for Israel be confined to the small and limited group who compose the existing Zionist Organization; and
- 2) Shall Israel be free to work out its own destiny without political interference from the Zionist Organization of America.

The struggle for the reforms in the United Palestine Appeal must be looked upon as the opening skirmish in a war to give Israel maximum aid and to defend its integrity. To have aroused the country, to have brought about serious dissension, to have endangered the United Jewish Appeal for 1949, would be unpardonable unless we showed sufficient responsibility to convert this struggle into a program for achieving our major ends. Such a struggle, if fought, must be fought with the total mobilization of all elements in the Jewish community. The ZOA leadership has obtained control during these past few years by using all the facilities of a "machine" and also because of the preoccupation with the specific communal service and fund-raising on the part of the responsible Jewish leaders throughout the country. There must be no illusion that a struggle to break the "machine" will succeed without the use of the energies, resources, and the devotion of the best leadership in the country. It must also be recognized that the "machine" will not crumble in the first onslaught. It will put its well-oiled machinery and press to work in destroying its enemy. It will increase its vilification and will resort to even greater attacks against those who would destroy it. The opposition to the "machine" must be prepared for an all-out struggle for the next year or two. We cannot stop the "machine" by an occasional blast, nor by the use of small arms. In order to plan the program we must pursue to free America and Israel from the limited and confining political ambitions of the ZOA leadership, we must know the nature of the "machine."

ZOA Control

The Zionist Organization of America has created a powerful organization with undue influence on Zionist world affairs, on three fronts. They are: 1) Political; 2) Financial; and 3) Press and Public Relations.

The Political Front

In view of the fact that the American Jewish community remains the only large Jewish community outside of Israel, it provided a field for developing Zionist membership which was unequalled in any other part of the world. Five million Jews were a reservoir from which the ZOA leadership could draw membership. Having authority from the World Zionist Congress as a recognized channel for membership, the Zionist Organization of America, by making no other requirement but the payment of \$5 or \$6, riding on the crest of interest in Palestine, capitalizing on the destruction of the Jewish community of Europe, living on the glamour of achievement in Israel, were able to enlist approximately 200,000 members who were kept faithful to the administration by being shielded from any real understanding of its motives. The Zionist press was used for the purpose of glorifying its leadership and present distorted pictures which played down anything which might take away from the glory of the ZOA leadership.

The Zionist Organization of America, because of its numbers, and because of the ineffectual organization of the other parties, set up machinery such as the American Zionist Emergency Council, which provided a platform for political

activities and gave the necessary window-dressing for the ZOA leadership to be able to present to the country and the world the impression that they speak for the entire Zionist movement. By the ruthless process of eliminating all Zionist leaders of stature who might take exception to "the party line" they were able to surround themselves by inconsequential men whose one virtue was unquestioned loyalty to its leaders.

Policies which brought about, radical departures from previous ZOA philosophy were made without consultation of the rank and file, who were ignorant of the developments, or for that matter of the ambition of its leadership. Thus, the ambitions of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann were the only determinants for ZOA policy. The ideology of Group 'A' which supported the social developments in Palestine was discarded in favor of the Group 'B' ideology, which turned the General Zionists into a militant force to oppose and destroy the social patterns in Palestine. It made the General Zionist movement a rallying point for anti-labor activities.

Through the weight of its membership and through the destruction of all elements which disagreed, it was able to come to the World Zionist Congress in powerful numbers and with a bloc that could be counted on for obedience and loyalty to its leadership. This solid bloc, in the face of divided and divergent points of view of other delegations was able to stymie or defeat plans and resolutions presented by the Palestinian delegations. Thus, through the Congresses, this new machine began to exert undue influence over Palestine Zionist foreign and domestic policies. Dr. Chaim Weizmann's humiliation and defeat as president of the Zionist World Organization was only one of the victories of the Zionist Organization of America. The defeat of Eliezer Kaplan's plan for reorganization of the United Palestine Appeal, which provided for community representation, was another victory for the Zionist Organization of America.

The Confederation of General Zionists was revived as a means of bringing within the orbit of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann's influence General Zionists throughout the world. Dr. Israel Goldstein, who had proved his loyalty, was given the responsibility for this new world organization with the blessings of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann. This was, of course, necessary if the General Zionists were to become a world organization for the purpose of combatting progressive elements in Israel. This was to be some compensation for the fact that the General Zionists had practically no mass-support in Israel.

There were other steps taken recently to strengthen the influence of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann in world Zionist affairs. After the loss of the only progressive elements within the General Zionist movement, Haoved Hazoni and the Gruenbaum faction, they began to enlist the support of the most reactionary elements in Israel, who had never been identified with any party, and they expressed sympathy for the rising Cheruth movement, made up of former members of the Irgun and the Revisionists. On many occasions they expounded the claims of Revisionists. On the American scene they made Mizrachi dependent upon them.

Space does not permit a detailed report on all the ramifications of this aggressive effort on the part of the Zionist Organization of America to build this powerful machine for the control and conquest of political power in order to shape the future of Israel. Suffice it to say that this remains one of the most dangerous threats to the freedom of Israel.

On the Financial Front

One of the most powerful instruments which the Zionist Organization of America has wielded in its struggle for power, at home and in Israel, has been one which was fashioned to a large extent without their help. The United Jewish appeal, responsive to the staggering needs in Europe and in Palestine, was able to stimulate Jewish communities throughout the country to provide gigantic sums of money for relief in Europe and upbuilding in Palestine. In view of the fact that the Zionist Organization of America had assured itself of complete control of the instruments for transmitting funds to Palestine, even in the days when small funds were forthcoming, they became the heirs of this new windfall. In spite of the fact that the Zionist groups played only a minor role in raising the funds, and in spite of the fact that the funds came, for the most part from non-affiliated Jews throughout the country, the ZOA leadership tightened its control over the distribution of these funds. It used the influence of these dollars for bringing about political alignments and for exerting undue influence in Zionist affairs. It kept the United Palestine Appeal as an ineffectual creature of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, which were dominated by the Zionist Organization of America. Here

again it used the other parties as a front and frequently as a tool. There is no need to elaborate on the undue influence exerted by the ZOA leadership on world Zionist affairs, since it has been recently made clear that the American Zionist leaders have practically converted the Jewish Agency to just another front for their political ambitions. They have resisted any genuine participation by the community leaders who were primarily responsible for raising the funds. In recent months they have taken over the United Palestine appeal more firmly than ever before by their choice of chairman and executive director. Control of funds provides the oil for the machine. Unless this control is broken, Israel will receive decreasing amounts of funds, and the United Palestine appeal will serve the ZOA more and Israel less.

On the Press and Public Relations Front

One of the most effective weapons in the hands of the ZOA leadership is its press and its control of the Yiddish and most of the Anglo-Jewish periodicals. Through its "New Palestine" and other periodicals, it reaches out to every part of the country on an organized basis, and helps to mold public opinion in its own way. It, of course, permits no real discussion of issues, and it studiously avoids any material which might question the wisdom of its policies and its leadership. It has made itself the primary channel for providing information on Zionism and Israel, and has through the use of funds and patronage dominated the Yiddish press and thereby excluded from its columns any objective discussion of Zionist issues. Since Palestine news has been of great importance, the hand-outs of its publicity department have been readily accepted by the Anglo-Jewish press. Needless to say, the releases and reports are colored in its favor. Many of the Yiddish journalists are in its pay. Its influence on the Jewish Agency and on all other Zionist institutions guarantees that its publications and its releases will be written in a way which strengthens the ZOA's point of view, and admires its leadership. There is no free forum for a frank discussion of the wisdom of Zionist policies. The occasional emergency and the haphazard organization of a limited opposition paper is no more of a threat to the leadership of the Zionist Organization of America than an occasional sting of a bee on the hide of an elephant.

The control of the press and the press services is perhaps the most potent weapon in maintaining the ignorance of Zionist masses.

A Suggested Program

If a serious effort is to be made to develop mass support for Israel and to relieve Israel of the pressure of self-seeking and ambitious Zionist leadership in this country we must carry on the struggle on all fronts even in those areas where they now have absolute supremacy. A prerequisite for the development of this issue is a solid core of community leaders who recognize that this struggle transcends in importance even such vital matters as fund raising in 1949. There must be a crusading zeal on the part of men and women who will be prepared to carry the struggle if need be into every city and town in the country. There must be no illusion that the battle could be fought by funds and professional direction alone.

If the ingredient of leadership is available, we must go ahead with the prompt development of a national structure under the professional guidance of men who know the field and who know the country. It will require a comprehensive program which will provide for us the vehicles necessary to combat the machine in the various arenas in which this struggle can be fought.

1. The Political arena

There has been a rather ineffectual opposition within the ZOA known as the Committee for Progressive Zionism. It has suffered from its lack of homogeneity and from a lack of consistent and full-time programs. Through its periodical, it has occasionally provided pin pricks and its activity has been limited to certain seasons of the year, generally, pre-convention months. Its chief difficulty is that it has functioned as an ad hoc committee and its leadership has stepped gingerly between loyalty and treason to the ZOA. In moments of aggressiveness, it has been denounced by some of its own membership. In moments of appeasement it has been denounced by others. From the absence of a clear-cut policy, from a lack of aggressive missionary work and from a failure to fight issues to their logical conclusion, the Committee for Progressive Zionism has been ineffectual.

However, the Committee for Progressive Zionism provides a vehicle which should be carefully considered as a useful instrument for a consistent and all-out struggle within the ZQa in order to reform the present organization and to replace its irresponsible leadership. This organization must be properly financed, properly staffed and its program clearly defined and intensively promoted.

There is some question whether there should be a formal relationship between the Committee for Progressive Zionism and this new national organization which we contemplate. There are many within the ranks of the Committee of Contributors who would be reluctant to become identified with any segment of the present ZQa. There are others who do not want to become part of a struggle within the Zionist movement. Whether the Committee for Progressive Zionism becomes part of the new national organization or not, there certainly can be a close collaboration between both organizations.

One should also give consideration to the advisability of setting up in this country a new political party interested in mobilizing all elements for the purpose of supporting the work in Israel and for the purpose of encouraging the progressive elements in the State of Israel. In essence, there is need for a new Zionist organization in the finest tradition of general Zionism. In its original concept general Zionism was a territorial movement devoid of any political ambitions other than the facilitation of the development of a Jewish homeland. If it showed any political tendency it was in support of progressive elements within Israel. There is reason to believe that with the establishment of the State of Israel, there might be hundreds of thousands of Jews who would be prepared to join a new Zionist party which would not involve them in any struggle with the Jews of Israel who should be left to determine their own political destiny. There are many thousands of Jews who, in the last few years, have come closer to Israel, but who have been reluctant to become part of the ZQa. This new party could accept all American Jews, regardless of their past affiliation.

A new party can be developed without the waste of effort of struggle within the old party. Instead of destroying towers of strength built by years of control, one simply sidesteps it and deprives it of new blood and thereby allows it to crumble under its own weight. The establishment of a new party is not simple. There are certain requirements set down by the World Zionist Congress. There is a limitation of time if this party is to play any role in the next World Zionist Congress which is scheduled to take place in August. There might be a possibility of establishing an international character by joining with the new progressive party in Israel. There is a possibility of working out some alliance in terms of a joint slate with the Labor Zionists in this country, or with Hadassah or with both.

In general, if the Committee for Progressive Zionism is to be maintained, the struggle must start at once with an eye towards an independent slate at the ZQa convention in July. If a new party is to be established, the ZQa convention can be disregarded and a more intensive effort be directed towards representation at the World Zionist Congress through the sale of Shkolim and through possible alliances. In any case, the political struggle within the Zionist movement, is of paramount importance and must be promoted vigorously.

2. The Financial arena

It is of great significance that the decision to continue the Committee of Contributors brought about anger almost to the point of consternation on the part of the UFA leadership. There is no doubt that they saw in the continuation of the Committee a very serious threat to their control of the UFA. One should judge by the distress of the enemy that this very sensitive area must continue to feel pressure of a growing Committee of Contributors. The Committee of Contributors was successful in mobilizing the finest and most significant group of community leaders of any organization in this country. It must continue to function not only as a watch dog of Palestine funds but it must continue to press for the elimination of political control of public Jewish funds.

The ZQa must be deprived of the strength and sustenance which they managed to obtain from the handling and transmission of funds. The ZQa would lose considerable strength in the political field and in Israel if the funds raised from the public could be transmitted directly to Israel.

It is important that the Committee of Contributors continue to throw the searchlight on funds raised for Israel and to strengthen its forces in every community in the country. There are a number of specific tasks which lie ahead for the Committee of Contributors. Briefly they are: 1) to push for the prompt reorganization of the UFA in the spirit and letter of the newly arrived at agreement; 2) to obtain the best and most representative community leaders among the 40% on the UFA Boards; 3) to be in constant touch with this 40% as well as the 60% from the Zionist parties to make issues clear, to point up improper practices and policies and to generally influence proper action within the UFA.

Such an organization must be in closest touch with Welfare Funds, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and use its influence within the United Jewish Appeal.

3. Press and Public Relations arena

It should be obvious to anyone who has been reading the Yiddish and anglo-Jewish press that the Committee of Contributors has been given practically no space and little editorial approval. It has been reported to us that even in Israel the press carried biased stories favoring the ZOA leadership. While it is true that some of the biased reactions came from malice and some were paid for, it is only fair to state that we lack the vehicles for reaching the press. There is a need for an anglo-Jewish paper which can reach out into every community and tell the story and to discuss the issues. The New Palestine with a circulation of well over 200,000 is one of the new national anglo-Jewish papers. Its point of view is obviously partisan, its aim is to glorify the ZOA leadership. This can only be fought by the establishment at the earliest moment of a periodical which will appear either weekly or bi-weekly and which will have the support and direction of the Committee of Contributors and other interested parties. It may be possible to consider the conversion of such a periodical as Haganah Speaks into an anglo-Jewish paper, national in scope, which will provide news on Israel and devote considerable space to problems within the American Jewish community. Such an instrument can be of inestimable value to and in fact, an essential part of the struggle that must be carried on.

Related to this, but functioning independently, should be a press service for the Yiddish and anglo-Yiddish press throughout the Country. The anglo-Jewish press with its limited resources is entirely dependent on handouts and press services. The JTA and Falcor are at present its chief source of supply of news. Even canned editorials are frequently gobbled up and used in toto by the anglo-Jewish press. Fortunately, there still exists the shell of a press service known as the Independent Jewish Press. It has been long gasping for breath and only prompt action can resuscitate it. It has contacts throughout the country and it is known to the anglo-Jewish press. We understand that its facilities could be taken over, enlarged and improved if funds and central direction were available. It could provide cable service from Israel and it could counteract some of the colored stories which appear in the JTA or provide material which does not appear within that service.

Thus, with the anglo-Jewish press and with the press service, we could carry the issues to the public and correct some of the distorted reporting on which the anglo-Jewish press and Yiddish press now depend.

STRUCTURE

In order to provide a planful and coordinated service it would seem desirable that there be set up an organization with aims broad enough to incorporate all of these activities. Obviously, there would be need for expert personnel in each of the various fields. But the overall program should have the benefit of a coordinated plan. Perhaps, an organization known as Americans United for Israel might have the kind of broad program to provide a cover for the variety of activities in which we must engage.

FINANCES

Details on the financial needs for these organizations could be worked out at an early date. Some of the programs would be eligible for Welfare Fund support, i.e. press service. Others would have some source of income, i.e. the newspaper. Others would have to depend entirely upon contributions

by interested parties. It is clear, however, that for the first year's operation there would be a need for the sum of between \$350,000 and \$500,000. These funds would have to be obtained by the leadership in conjunction with professional personnel. There would be little likelihood of conducting a public campaign but the funds could be obtained by personal solicitation of contributions running from \$1,000 to \$10,000 a piece.

There is before us the alternative: either dissolution of the Committee of Contributors with the satisfaction that some improvements have been obtained or the setting up of a virile and dynamic organization determined to break the hold of ZOA leadership and to help free Israel from its unwholesome interference.



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Report on Meeting of Committee of Contributors
and Workers, Nov. 11, 1948, at New York.

Return to
Shulman

Harold Goldenberg of Minneapolis gave a summary of negotiations held with the UPA since Oct. 22. gist of this report was to indicate that Neumann had operated in bad faith, and that negotiations seemed to be fairly sterile. Example of bad faith was fact that at UPA conference in Chicago over weekend of Nov. 6-7, while a group of our Committee was meeting with Neumann in his room upstairs in the hotel, to iron out a compromise, a resolution was being offered (and passed) on the conference floor downstairs. When a note was sent up to Neumann indicating this fact, he smiled and said that further negotiations were academic, that the UPA had just passed its resolution, and there it was. Our group was tremendously disillusioned.

The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is still attempting to help arbitrate. They have asked us for a statement of our principles in writing, and for another meeting between three of our group and Silver, Neumann, and Goldstein of the UPA. We drafted such a statement, and appointed a committee of Goldenberg, Fred Monosson, Abe Feinberg, Sam Rothberg, Joe Shulman to meet with them.

Our statement of principles contains simply three items:

1. That there should be 50% community representation on the UPA board, in order to give those who raise the money a voice in its disbursement.
2. That funds be transmitted directly to Israel, without going through Keren Kayemeth and Keren Hayesod offices in New York.
3. That the Jewish Agency Executive in Israel have a voice in the allocation of monies destined for Israel.

Although it was agreed to draft this statement, and appoint the group to negotiate further on the basis of it, the feeling was that nothing would result. All seemed convinced that Silver and Neumann would never give up control over the funds, and that additional negotiation was only for public relations value - namely, that our Committee must exhaust every effort, in order to avoid the accusation that we operated in haste and that we split the UJA through our stubbornness. So another series of negotiations will take place, but with the prevailing sentiment that they are already foredoomed.

Someone asked about Eliezer Kaplan's attitude. It must remain in confidence, out of deference to him, but confidentially, it can be said that he has already expressed himself as being sympathetic to the aims of our Committee. This cannot be stated publically, however.

Montor summed up the three courses of action left open to us:

1. Accept the fact that the ZOA should control the UPA. Give up the fight. Some men sincerely might not want to fight, might prefer peace and unity, at any price.
2. Try to reform the UPA slightly, by accepting their offer of 1/3 community representation, and giving up point 2 of our principles (which is really the important one, since the percentage of representation can always be agreed upon, and is only secondary anyhow.) This would help remove some of the pressure from Kaplan, who is struggling alone in Israel against UPA domination from the States. (Example of the delegation of Revisionists who came to US to ask for an allocation from UPA. This is incredible.)

3. Create a new channel through which Jews of America can give funds for Israel, and know that those funds will be transmitted if full, directly, and without political strings attached.

Great deal of discussion followed on these three alternative courses of action, and it was agreed that anything less than the third was simply sparring with the issue. The six points of the Pittsburgh meeting of Oct. 22 were re-read, and it was felt that all provisions of the first five had already been complied with, and that it was now time to implement #6. Here are the six points, repeated:

1. A committee of Contributors and Workers shall be established.
2. Officers of the Committee shall be named.
3. Every effort must be made to mobilize pressure upon the UPA so that it shall be reconstituted with adequate representation named by the Jewish communities themselves and with full powers over expenditures in the US.
4. The Committee shall be empowered to communicate with all communities and individuals to obtain support for the Committee deliberations and actions.
5. Authorize the Committee to publicize its activities as required.
6. Only in the event of failure to bring about a satisfactory reconstitution of the UPA, the desirability of setting up a new Israeli fund shall be explored, after consultation with all interested parties, and only after convoking a meeting of the Jewish communities to advise upon this step.

7. The Committee shall advise the JDC and USNA of its actions.

General sentiment, strongly expressed, was that points 1-5 above had been implemented, and it was now time for #6. #7 would come later. Goldenberg moved #6, many people discussed it at very great length. Maurice Bernstein of Syracuse and Fred Harris of Chicago expressed some doubts, but agreed to go along, and everyone else spoke heatedly in favor. Resolution was passed to convoke a National Conference in Atlantic City on Dec. 11-12. Conference call would be issued by our Committee to all Welfare Funds of country. Purpose of Conference would be to consider ways and means of establishing most effective type of aid to Israel.

After resolution was passed, more general discussion was held, in which various questions were asked. What is Morgenthau's attitude? No one can speak for him. But his recent trip to Israel made a terrific impression on him. He is wholly and solely devoted now to devising means to help Israel. He asked the Jerusalem Section of the Agency Executive to prepare a declaration of independence, as it were, severing itself from the ZOA. He will not head any UJA in 1949, ~~with~~ the UPA constituted as it is presently. Whether he will join a new fund is not known. But he will certainly find some channel through which to work.

Someone asked why the entire UPA board (120 men) had not been called into session. It was reported that Silver and "eumann have consistently opposed that, because it is known that 84 of the board members

are sympathetic to the principles of the Committee, and would force the UPA to accept them. Therefore all proceedings have gone through only the Executive of the UPA, not their whole board. Efforts by Wise, by many individual board members to have a meeting convoked have failed.

Need for good public relations was stressed. Absolutely essential to explain to community welfare funds what is happening. Also absolutely essential to prepare some sort of manual or memorandum for Committee members themselves, so they may have answers to questions raised back in their respective communities.

Samuel Cher, vice-president of Young & Rubicam, a devoted Zionist and member of this Committee, will prepare a public relations program, with help of Montor.



*Committee
of Contributors*

HENRY MONTOR

3338-210TH STREET, BAYSIDE, LONG ISLAND

November 26, 1948

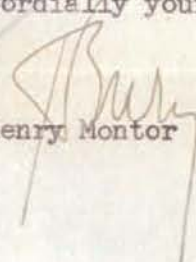
Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
Temple Emanuel
1595 Pearl Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter of November 23rd to Joseph Shulman about your visit to Omaha. I am delighted with the results. Certainly there could be no one better to speak temperately and objectively of what is involved.

With warm regards and looking forward to seeing you in December, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor

HM:BG

November 23, 1948

Mr. Joseph Shulman
Committee of Contributors and Workers
6 East 34th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Shulman:

On my way back to Denver from the east, I had a speaking engagement in Omaha, Nebraska. I utilized my presence in the city that day to call together a group of the leading Omaha people, to explain to them some of the details of our negotiations, and most particularly our objectives. I am appending a list of the men present, and want you to know that they are the leaders of the Omaha campaign.

You will also be interested to know that they were unanimously sympathetic to the point of view of our committee. I am sure they will make every effort to have a substantial delegation present at Atlantic City on December 11th, if the conference is held.

The following is the list of names who heard the complete version of our story:

Milton Livingston	David Goldman
David Blacker	Joseph Rice
Louis Somberg	Harry Trustin
Harry Kulakofsky	

By checking the list you will see that all of these men are either large contributors or are the officers of the Omaha Federation.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

F/s

cc Mr. Henry Montor

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UPA BREAKS FAITH AGAIN

Our negotiations with the UPA have again been brought to an impasse by another breach of faith on the part of the UPA leadership. After a number of negotiating meetings, the last of which held at the office of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, ran from Monday evening, November 22nd, at 5:00 P.M. until Tuesday morning, November 23rd at 6:00 A.M., general agreement was reached in several important areas with the understanding that final agreement would depend on the ultimate phrasing which would have to be submitted to each party for review and endorsement. It was clearly understood by all parties including the Mediating Committee of the CJFWF that the preliminary documents dealing with these areas were designed only for review by the parties concerned and would be treated as highly confidential. It was also agreed in the preliminary discussions that under no circumstances was there to be any public announcement until final agreement in all points had been reached, at which time only the CJFWF would be authorized to issue a public statement. However, on the morning of Wednesday, November 24th, there appeared in all of the Yiddish press in New York City full statements giving distorted and biased reports of an alleged agreement. The statements themselves leave no doubt as to their source. One Yiddish paper cited as the source of the information "one of the most prominent Zionist leaders;" another refers to a statement by Dr. Emanuel

Neumann, one of the UPA negotiators.

Although this new violation of good faith on the part of the people representing the UPA was a great shock to us, of still greater concern is the revelation of the real intentions of the leaders of the UPA. It is very evident from the statements made and the interpretation offered that the representatives of the UPA do not give the same interpretation to the words used in negotiations and agreements as do the representatives of our Committee. Even where agreement has already been reached and where a paragraph has been initiated by both sides, the vagaries of language are already being used to nullify the changes envisaged and to assure the continuation of the present unsatisfactory arrangements.

Our Committee has as its prime objectives two fundamental changes in the present structure and operations of the UPA, both of which have to do with its relationship with Israel:

- 1) The Committee insists that all funds raised by the UPA be transmitted directly to Israel. Several days ago, it had reached an accord with the representatives of the UPA on a paragraph which it thought would guarantee such procedure. We thought we had an agreement. The ZOA leaders, however, are now insisting that the same paragraph can also be used to assure the continuation of the present arrangements, by which complicated diversionary processes delay the transmission of funds to Israel.
- 2) The second aim of the Committee is that only the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Israel would have final authority as to all allocations and grants outside of the basic beneficiaries. The UPA representatives are now complicating the matter by insisting that such authority also be granted to the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, which would further diminish and weaken the supreme authority of the Jewish Agency.

It has become quite clear to the officers of the Committee of Contributors that if unity is to be achieved and a strong and effective UJA campaign for 1949 is to be created, negotiations with the representatives of the UPA must begin all over again.

The Negotiating Committee of the Committee of Contributors is prepared, despite the breach of faith that took place in Chicago and this newest disappointment, to meet again with the representatives of the UPA in order to arrive at a clear cut and unequivocal program which would help create the most effective machinery for bringing aid to Israel and would, at the same time, assure that that aid shall in no way be diverted or delayed.

It is obvious, however, that under these circumstances our plans for a conference of community leaders in Atlantic City, on December 11th and 12th, become increasingly important. We will then be able to present a full report on our negotiations and at the same time take counsel with the leaders of the American Jewish communities on how to achieve the most effective means of providing aid to Israel directly.

ATLANTIC CITY

Please make your reservations at once and urge other community leaders to join with us at the Emergency Conference in Atlantic City at the Hotel Ritz-Carlton on Saturday and Sunday, December 11th and 12th.

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CONFIDENTIAL

January 3, 1949

Dear Friend:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee of Contributors held at the Hotel Astor on Tuesday evening, December 28th, 1948. The following decisions were made:

- 1) The Committee of Contributors will do everything within its power to encourage maximum support of the United Jewish Appeal campaign in 1949.
- 2) It will make every effort to encourage the continued leadership of Henry Morgenthau, Jr. as General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. It will also do everything within its power to urge the continuation of Henry Montor's services in the United Jewish Appeal.

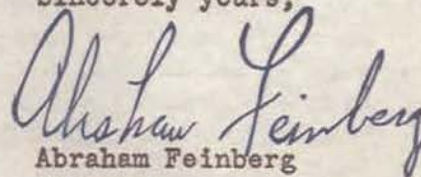
A report was presented at the meeting on steps being taken to implement the re-organization of the United Palestine Appeal so as to include 40% representation of the communities. The Committee expressed its gratification at the prompt steps being taken by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in its effort to work out plans speedily for selecting the 40% participation by the Jewish communities on the Boards of the United Palestine Appeal.

We would urge community leaders to facilitate the early choice of representatives on the UPA Boards, and we are prepared to extend whatever help we can in bringing about the prompt selection and the earliest possible reconstitution of the UPA.

In the meantime, we would like to urge you to make every effort to be present at the Atlantic City Conference in order to assure the UJA maximum support for the crucial campaign in 1949.

We value your past support and look forward to continued cooperation on behalf of effective fund-raising for Jewish needs.

Sincerely yours,


Abraham Feinberg
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250 West 57 St. Room 1014
New York 19, N. Y.

December 30, 1948

Mr. William Rosenwald
Mr. Herman L. Weisman
Dr. Jonah B. Wise
United Jewish Appeal
165 West 46th St.
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT

the Committee of Contributors will, with the utmost dispatch, urge its members, friends and supporters throughout the country to give maximum assistance to the United Jewish Appeal campaign in 1949.

The Committee of Contributors, recognizing the critical needs of Israel, the urgent programs for relief in Europe, and care of immigrants in this country, pledges itself to help arouse the country to the challenge in 1949.

I would like to assure you that the members of the Committee will be prepared to assume whatever responsibility may be assigned to them so that the most effective mobilization of American Jewry can take place in order to bring about the success of the campaign. We are asking our people to rededicate themselves to the sacred task of bringing relief and rehabilitation to Jews who may need it.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

January 3, 1949

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
1595 Pearl St.
Denver, Colo.

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

You are cordially invited to attend a meeting of the membership of the Committee of Contributors which will be held at the Hotel Ritz-Carlton in Atlantic City on Wednesday evening, January 12th at 10:30 P.M. This meeting will be limited to our own membership and will be held at a time which will not interfere with the UJA Conference which will be in session. At this meeting there will be a full and frank discussion on the activities of the Committee of Contributors thus far, and plans will be developed for our Philadelphia meeting as well as for our future role in the American Jewish scene.

Our Executive Committee met last on Tuesday, December 28, at which time a number of decisions were arrived at, which we would like to share with you. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Committee of Contributors would pledge its fullest support to the 1949 campaign, in view of the critical needs in Israel and in Europe. It was made clear that the struggle for reform in the organization of the United Palestine Appeal was motivated by our deep concern that the maximum assistance be given to Jews in Israel. A letter pledging the full support of our membership has already been sent to the National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

The meeting also dealt with the problem of implementing at once the changes brought about as a result of our negotiations. It is reassuring to learn that the CJFWF is taking the necessary steps in conjunction with the UPA and representatives of Committee of Contributors to select the 40% representation on the UPA Boards. We would like to urge you to do everything possible to see that the formula arrived at is carried out and that the choice in your community or in your region is made promptly and is representative of your local organization.

The Committee also determined to press for the drafting of Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr. as General Chairman in 1949. It was also decided that

the agencies be urged to persuade Mr. Henry Montor to continue as fund raising director of the UJA. It was sincerely felt that without these two men the campaign in 1949 would be seriously handicapped.

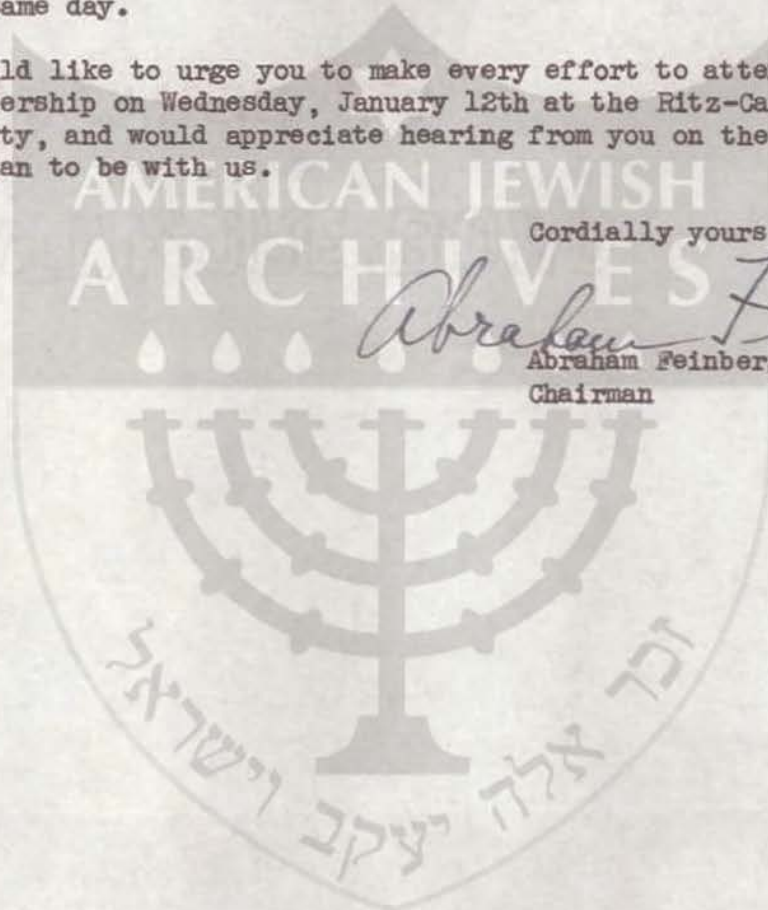
It was also decided that the Committee of Contributors would hold a general meeting at the Hotel Adelphia in Philadelphia on Friday, January 14th at 9:00 A.M. This meeting would be held immediately prior to the opening of the General Assembly of the CJFWF which meets in that city later the same day.

We would like to urge you to make every effort to attend the meeting of our membership on Wednesday, January 12th at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Atlantic City, and would appreciate hearing from you on the enclosed card that you plan to be with us.

Cordially yours,

Abraham Feinberg
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January 21, 1949

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
Temple Emanuel
1595 Pearl Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

I am informed that the Committee of Progressive Zionism is holding a meeting of extraordinary emergency character on Sunday, January 30th beginning at 10 A.M. and lasting throughout the day, at the Biltmore Hotel, New York. I strongly urge you to join me in attending.

I am not myself a member of the Committee for Progressive Zionism but I regard its work at this stage as of crucial importance for American Jewry and Israel. It is waging a struggle in which the very foundations of Jewish life in this country are involved.

We have just been through a struggle involving the United Palestine Appeal. We have been confronted with the spectacle of a few men dominating a great cause. It is now January 21st, and an agreement signed on December 5th has not yet been implemented. This is but an illustration of a chaos and terror in many other directions which threatens to poison the atmosphere of American Jewish life.

It is extremely urgent that the Committee for Progressive Zionism know that its liberal, tolerant, progressive views on American Jewry and Israel reflect the thinking of a substantial number of our community leaders.

Please give this meeting top priority on your calendar, and join me on Sunday, January 30th at the Hotel Biltmore, New York at 10 A.M.

Please use the enclosed card.

Cordially yours,

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December 14, 1948

Dear Rabbi Freidman:

As you were previously advised, an agreement was reached for the reconstitution of the United Palestine Appeal. As agreed with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, that body made a single announcement of the terms on our common behalf.

The Committee of Contributors and Workers decided, at a meeting in New York on December 5 at which the terms of agreement were ratified, to continue to function. It has already rendered a service and it can continue to be helpful. We hope that we may count upon your affiliation and co-operation.

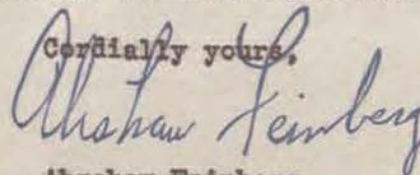
Very decided changes were agreed upon with respect to the United Palestine Appeal structure: (1) its governing bodies will now include 40% representation from the Jewish communities; (2) the prompt transmission of funds to Israel by the UPA is intended; (3) for the first time the UPA will have a voice in respect to disbursements and appropriations whether in this country or in Israel. The Committee of Contributors and Workers did not achieve all that it sought. That is reflected in a copy of a letter, herewith enclosed, sent to Mr. Edwin Rosenberg, Chairman of the Council Conciliation Committee. At the same time, accuracy requires that it be said that definite gains were made. That can easily be seen from another document, herewith enclosed, which puts in parallel columns the conditions which previously existed and those which are now to obtain.

We do not wish to take the attitude that the Committee "won" anything. If anyone has gained, it is American Jewry and Israel. We prefer to concentrate on the constructive aspects of the job ahead. We cannot but note, of course, that certain Zionist organs of opinion are making their own interpretation of what has been achieved. Two of the Yiddish papers and the official organ of the Zionist Organization insist that no changes whatever have taken place. One may understand the desire of affected institutions to salve injured pride, although we do not understand why there should be any need for it.

The agreement with the Committee of Contributors was submitted last week to the American Section of the Jewish Agency (World Zionist Organization). It is, naturally, gratifying that the great majority approved the agreement, although it is difficult to understand why Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver cast a negative vote; and why Mr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the ZOA, abstained from voting.

The officers and members of the Executive Committee join me in expressing appreciation of your interest. We would appreciate your comment and your assurance of support for our further efforts to assure maximum fund-raising under maximum guarantees of the most effective use of the labor and resources of the American Jewish community.

Cordially yours,



Abraham Feinberg
Chairman

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COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS
Room 1014
250 West 57th Street
New York 19, N.Y.

December 6, 1948

Mr. Edwin Rosenberg
417 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

I have been instructed to convey to you the decisions and the feelings expressed by the Executive Committee of the Committee of Contributors and Workers, at its meeting in New York City on December 5th, 1948.

- 1) It accepts the recommendations made by its sub-committee on proposals for the reconstitution of the United Palestine Appeal.
- 2) It agrees to the cancellation of the national conference scheduled for Atlantic City on December 11th and 12th.
- 3) The Committee of Contributors and Workers will continue to function.

Inasmuch as our approval of the proposals carries reservations, it is appropriate to review the background of the discussions.

On November 15th, we addressed a letter to you in which we described simply what our Committee wished to achieve:

- a) The creation of a self-governing United Palestine Appeal, with fifty percent of its governing bodies named by the Jewish communities.
- b) The remittance promptly and directly of all funds raised by the United Palestine Appeal to the Jewish Agency in Israel.
- c) The determination over all appropriations and disbursements to be left to the Jewish Agency in Israel, with the power of recommendation reserved to the UPA.

In respect to the first demand, we note that the communities will have only forty percent representation. It is imperative that the formula for selection of such representation will give the community, and especially the fund-raising machinery in the community, complete freedom in selection.

Whether the UPA will be self-governing must be demonstrated in action to be taken. Even as discussions have proceeded, we have found that decisions have been taken. We trust, however, that these are only temporary decisions and do not bind the UPA as to 1949. We refer to such matters as the selection of a Chairman, the appointment of an Executive Director and the headquarters of the UPA. We also note that discussions have been progressing for appropriations and disbursements affecting 1949. In this case, too, we earnestly hope that no action will be taken until community representation is available.

Our aim in seeking a self-governing autonomous United Palestine Appeal has been very simple. We believe that since it is to be the most important fund-raising institution of 1949, it must reflect the interest of the whole Jewish community of America, upon which the success of the 1949 campaign must depend. It should

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be clear that to the extent that the UPA involves that community in genuine, effective representation in the work and decisions of the UPA, to that extent will a response be forthcoming.

In making our second and third demands, we are reflecting the view of the overwhelming majority of contributors who want their funds to go immediately to Israel without too many intermediaries. We feel this essential, for reassurance to contributors. We feel it imperative in relation to the pressing needs in Israel.

We have been told that to change the present method of remitting funds is to cast aspersions upon old and honored institutions. We do not believe that the Jewish community will feel that improvement in the methods of aiding Israel is a slur upon any organization but will rather hail such advances as an act of statesmanship on the part of the agencies involved.

We should also like to make clear why we have urged that the "Jewish Agency in Israel" should be the address to which funds should be transmitted. Contributors feel that Israel itself is the best place where decisions on the distribution of money may be made. The people there are on the ground. They have a complete picture of all the needs and the resources.

During discussions with representatives of the Zionist movement, the resolutions of the World Zionist Congress of 1948 were cited as authority for one position or another. It is striking that the Zionist movement, which has rendered such great service in helping to establish a Jewish State in Israel, should be so unmindful of all the changes that have taken place since 1946 as to suggest that documents of that year are unalterable guides to 1949.

There is an even more important fact that must be kept in mind. The World Zionist Organization represents enrolled Zionists. It can hardly be expected that the Jewish contributors of America, among whom are vast numbers, perhaps a majority, who are not enrolled Zionists, should be governed by an instrumentality in which they have no voice. If institutions of the past are to be cited as guides to action in 1949, then the Zionist movement should also make use of the Jewish Agency for Palestine which was established in 1929 to give equal representation to Zionists and non-Zionists. The Jewish Agency as then created, has been allowed to lapse. It is the World Zionist Organization alone which functions.

A thorough-going reorganization of fund-raising, which we hope will be achieved in the not too distant future, would provide for the creation of an instrument in which all sections of American Jewry would play an effective role, not merely in giving money but in determining its uses. It cannot be too often reiterated that Jews who are sufficiently understanding and generous as to give funds for philanthropic purposes in Israel must be considered sufficiently sympathetic and loyal to share in disbursing those funds.

There is still another reason why the remittance of funds to the "Jewish Agency in Israel" is good fund-raising procedure. It would help to reassure contributors that all money that is raised becomes available for such purposes as may be deemed best by a central, supervisory body. Those who have responsibility for the disbursement of funds raised in America should not be tied down by technical formulae of previous eras. Contributors want to be assured that dollars will be used when

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and where needed and not necessarily in accordance with procedures completely outdated as a result of the existence of the State of Israel.

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An analysis of what our Committee sought and what it has achieved shows substantial progress but it indicates that more needs to be done. It is possible that in the fulfillment of the proposals now made, observance of the spirit even more than of the letter of the proposals will bring about even more of the objectives that the Committee has sought.

At our meeting we were faced with two alternatives: a) to accept an incomplete draft; or b) to initiate steps for the launching of a fund which might give our constituency another method of channeling their support to Israel.

Having reviewed earnestly all the considerations before it, the Committee has decided to accept the first alternative.

We hope that the necessity for making the whole community of America responsible for the great needs in Israel will be quickly realized by the Government of the State of Israel. In the last analysis, in our view, it is that Government which must decide what is best for the inhabitants of the State.

The Government of Israel should know that it may rely on the support of the Jewish community of America for those activities which are properly the responsibility of Jews outside of Israel. That support is based not on any ideological differentiations between American Jews but on the universal recognition that the mass settlement of Jews in Israel is the greatest constructive task on which the Jewish people can engage.

We earnestly hope that the Government will not make a distinction between one type of Jews in America and another, but will go forward on the premise that all American Jews are united in their desire to be helpful. But responsibilities and rights go together, as the people of Israel are demonstrating with such impressive results in their own land.

We thank the Council and especially you for patient, helpful labors.

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Feinberg
Chairman

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THE STRUCTURE OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

What It Used To Be -- And What Is Intended Under the New Agreement

(The following parallel columns carry, first, the exact language of the major provisions of the agreement reached between the Committee of Contributors and the United Palestine Appeal affecting the reconstitution of the UPA; and, secondly, a description of the situation that used to prevail in that particular area in previous years.)

<u>NEW AGREEMENT</u>	<u>OLD STATUS</u>
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"1. REPRESENTATION ON GOVERNING BODIES	
All governing bodies of the United Palestine Appeal shall consist of representatives of the Keren Hayesod and Jewish National Fund in the proportion of 60 percent, and representatives designated by the communities in the proportion of 40 percent. The procedure for designation of community representatives shall be determined by the United Palestine Appeal in consultation with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which latter body will consult also with a sub-committee of the Committee of Contributors and Workers."	' At no time since it was founded ' in 1925 has the United Palestine ' Appeal had representation on ' its governing bodies chosen ' directly by the Jewish commu- ' nities of America.
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"2. DISBURSEMENTS	
The United Palestine Appeal will with the greatest promptitude make available all monies received in 1949 to the principal beneficiaries, namely, the Treasury of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the head offices of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth in Israel, and will disburse such funds through agencies and procedures authorized by them."	' Previously the UPA turned over ' its income to the New York ' offices of the Keren Hayesod ' and Keren Kayemeth for eventual ' transmission by these latter.
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"3. SPECIAL GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS	
The United Palestine Appeal will henceforth be empowered to make its own recommendations regarding all proposals for allocations or grants outside the principal beneficiaries, namely the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem. Nothing herein shall preclude the American Keren Hayesod and Jewish National Fund from continuing to consider proposals of this character and to make their recommendations	'

NEW AGREEMENT

thereon, provided, however, that they communicate their recommendations to the United Palestine Appeal for consideration and action by it before communicating them to the principal beneficiaries in Israel. In case of disagreement within the United Palestine Appeal or the constituent funds both majority and minority views will be transmitted. Final authority on all grants and allocations rests with the head office or head offices concerned and the Executive of the Jewish Agency.

OLD STATUS

Hitherto, the United Palestine Appeal had no voice whatsoever in decisions as to what money was to be awarded to any purpose or organization, aside from the funds intended for the principal beneficiaries. Millions of dollars have been involved.

Now, for the first time, the UPA -- and that means the Jewish community of America -- will have brought before it recommendations on which it may decide. The whole public will be involved. The Committee of Contributors also gained its purpose of emphasizing that the final decision must be made in Israel, not in America.

(The fourth paragraph referred to the cancellation of the December 11-12 conference scheduled at Atlantic City by the Committee of Contributors)

(The fifth paragraph referred to the single announcement of the agreement)

"The Board of the United Palestine Appeal will elect its own officers and Executive Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Section One of the agreement; will determine the administrative budget of the United Palestine Appeal; will determine all matters of staff personnel; and will establish all rules of procedure as required for the functions of the United Palestine Appeal."

Hitherto, the Board and Executive Committee and the officers of the UPA were all selected by the New York offices of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth which, in turn, have majority representation from the Zionist Organization of America.

Up until this time, the UPA has not been governed by any by-laws of its own. All substantive decisions were transferred to the New York offices of the Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) and Keren Kayemeth (Jewish National Fund)

NEW AGREEMENT

"Provision will be made for mail or telegraph votes by the United Palestine Appeal Executive Committee on important matters when requested by any two members of the Committee so that all may have an opportunity to vote on such items."

OLD STATUS

' Previously, only the votes of
' members who attended meetings
' were recorded. The Committee
' of Contributors pressed for
' this clause to assure the most
' representative kind of decision
' and because it realized that it
' might happen that representa-
' tives of communities might not
' always be able to be present in
' person.

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"The United Palestine Appeal will have the responsibility for negotiating an agreement with the Joint Distribution Committee for the joint campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, subject to the final authority of the head office or head offices concerned and the Executive of the Jewish Agency."

' Hitherto, negotiations by the
' UPA with the JDC were subject
' to ratification by the New York
' offices of the Keren Hayesod
' and Keren Kayemeth.

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Committee of Contributors and Workers

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Dear Rabbi Friedman:

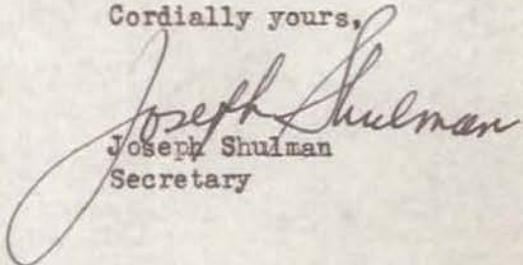
It was encouraging indeed to have your letter of November 23rd in which you describe the meeting in Omaha. I notice from the list of those who attended, that you talked with the most significant community leaders in that city. Because I know your sentiments and your ability to articulate them, I am confident that we have made many converts in that city.

We thought we had made some progress in our negotiations with the United Palestine Appeal leadership, but we were soon disillusioned when they rushed to the press in spite of a promise not to issue any statements, and claimed victory and also insisted that nothing had been changed even though they had tentatively agreed to a number of our points. It is now clear that there is no sincere desire on the part of the leadership to modify the method of transmitting or allocating funds.

We are, therefore, going ahead with our conference and we will have to rely upon our good friends to stimulate attendance and to join with us in making plans for further action.

I want to tell you personally that I value your leadership.

Cordially yours,


Joseph Shulman
Secretary

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December 3, 1948.

Dear Friend:

The first response to the invitation extended to community leaders to attend the National Emergency Conference for Israel, to be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Atlantic City, on December 11th and 12th, has been encouraging.

The nature of the problems to be discussed and the acceptances from significant community leaders which have already been received promise a history-making conference.

We regret that it will be impossible to permit attendance for those who have not made reservations in advance. The hotel facilities available are limited, and we are anxious to make adequate reservations for you. We therefore urge that you promptly indicate on the enclosed card your intention of attending.

We believe that this conference will help shape the future of American Jewish support for Israel. We sincerely hope that we will have the benefit of your participation and counsel in a matter which is of vital importance to the future of fund-raising for Israel.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Shulman

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Rabbi Herbert Freedman
E. 16th Ave., at Pearl St.
Denver, Colo.

Dear Rabbi Freedman:

It is important that we have a representative attendance at our Atlantic City Conference.

I know that we can count on you to make a number of contacts to assure that responsible leaders will be present.

Would you please let us know what progress you are making.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Shulman

Joseph Shulman
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SENT FOLLOWING WIRE TO HEAD YOUR WELFARE FUND QUOTE COMMITTEE
 OF CONTRIBUTORS AND WORKERS ORGANIZED AT PITTSBURGH ON OCTOBER
 22 TO OBTAIN EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION IN UNITED
 PALESTINE APPEAL AND TO ASSURE FULL CONTROL BY UPA ITSELF ON
 EXPENDITURES IN UNITED STATES WOULD BE GLAD OF OPPORTUNITY TO
 MEET WITH YOUR BOARD TO EXPLAIN ITS POSITION AND ANSWER ALL
 QUESTIONS. ONE OR MORE OF OUR SPOKESMEN ALL OF WHOM ARE LAY
 LEADERS ACTIVE IN UNITED JEWISH APPEAL WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR
 TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU AND ASSOCIATES. WOULD APPRECIATE WIRE
 TO JOSEPH SHULMAN SECRETARY ONE OF OUR LAY LEADERS 6 EAST 34
 STREET NEW YORK INDICATING APPROPRIATE DATE. WE ARE FIGHTING
 FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL CONTRIBUTORS AND COMMUNITIES FOR SHARE
 IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISBURSING FUNDS WE ALL RAISE REGARDS
 ABRAHAM FEINBERG CHAIRMAN JOSEPH SHULMAN SECRETARY HAROLD
 GOLDENBERG SAM ROTHBERG JULIAN VENEZKY EUGENE SOLOW E N
 GRUESKIN MILTON KAHN SOL LUCKMAN LOUIS BERRY I E GOLDSTEIN
 UNQUOTE TRUST YOU WILL FOLLOW THROUGH TO OBTAIN ACTION REGARDS=

JOSEPH SHULMAN=

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:RABBI HERBERT FRIEDMAN, DLR DONT FONE=

TEMPLE EMANUEL 1595 PEARL ST DVR=

1948 NOV 7 PM 7 2

:IMPERATIVE YOU ATTEND MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 FIVE
PM FOR BALANCE OF EVENING AT NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB, 233
MADISON AVE. NEW YORK. WE MUST MAKE FINAL DECISION ON
DISCUSSIONS COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS HAS HAD WITH UPA OR
IMPLEMENT BALANCE RESOLUTION ADOPTED PITTSBURGH. CANNOT
OVEREMPHASIZE CRUCIAL NATURE THIS MEETING. WIRE JOSEPH
SHULMAN 6 E. 34TH STREET WE MAY EXPECT YOU=

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DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

DECISIVE MEETING OF COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY
DECEMBER FIFTH AT THE HOTEL ASTOR IN NEW YORK CITY AT
NOON. IMPERATIVE YOU ATTEND. PLEASE WIRE ACCEPTANCE=

ABRAHAM FEINBERG JOSEPH SHULMAN COMMITTEE OF

CONTRIBUTORS 250 WEST 57TH ST ROOM 1014 NEW YORK CITY=

250 57 1014=

AC - 2839
No. 59 To Rose
1042d Mail

SENDER IS AWAITING A SPEEDY

answer

PLEASE GIVE IT TO THE MESSENGER
OR TELEPHONE

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TEMPLE EMANUEL 15 95 PEARL ST DVR

=CONVENING IMPORTANT MEETING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CONTRIBUTORS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON COMPREHENSIVE

PROGRAM AND PLANS FOR 1949 AT HOTEL ASTOR TUESDAY

DECEMBER 28TH AT 5 PM. VITAL HAVE YOUR PARTICIPATION

AND COUNSEL. PLEASE WIRE ME ROOM 1014 250 WEST 57TH

STREET YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND. REGARDS=

=ABRAHAM FEINBERG CHAIRMAN=

1949 28 5 PM 1014 250 57.

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TEMPLE EMANUEL ~~1595~~ PEARL ST DVR=

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DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

HAVE NOT HEARD FROM YOU REGARDING COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTORS
MEETING HOTEL ASTOR NEW YORK CITY TUESDAY DECEMBER 28TH 5 PM.
YOUR PRESENCE EXTREMELY URGENT. PLEASE WIRE YOUR INTENTION
ATTENDING=

:ABRAHAM FEINBERG=

AC 2839 → *David M.*

DE 2566

:28 5 PM=

Dec 28 1948
By *NS* *816a* *marked*
12/24

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RABBI HERBERT FRIEDMAN:

=1595 PEARL ST DENVER COLO=

AMERICAN JEWISH

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FUND-RAISING LEADERS AUSPICES

COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTORS AT RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL, ATLANTIC CITY, DECEMBER 11-12 TAKING SHAPE. URGENT HAVE INFORMATION DATE YOUR ARRIVAL AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. PLEASE ADVISE RETURN WIRE. ESSENTIAL YOU TELEPHONE KEYLEADERS YOUR VICINITY

IN ORDER ASSURE PROPER ATTENDANCE. ASK THEM WIRE US RESERVATIONS AT ONCE. REGARDS:

-ABRAHAM FEINBERG JOSEPH SHULMAN COMMITTEE OF CONTRIBUTORS ROOM 1014 250 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK CITY NY:

=11-12 1014 250 57=

AC 2839da
DE 2566

No. To wife (auth.)
By CR 811 DLD