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American Zionist Emergency Council, reorganization plan (AZEC
and Committee of Eight to merge into American Zionist Council),
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OUTLINE OF PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

1. The Committee of Eight and the American Zionist Emergency Council is to be merged into one body to be known as the American Zionist Council.
2. This body shall consist of the members of the Jewish Agency Executive, resident in the United States, and representatives of American Zionist parties as follows:

Zionist Organization of America
Poale Zion
Hadassah
Mizrachi
Revisionists

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3. The Council shall carry on and direct all political activities and all other activities on behalf of the Jewish Agency undertaken in this country. It will carry out directives from the Jewish Agency, its officers and bodies of authority of the ~~Jewish~~ Agency.
4. All officials and employees, whether American or from abroad, shall function under the direction of the American Zionist Council, its officers, committees, and sub-committees.
5. The Council shall elect a chairman, four vice-chairmen, a treasurer and such other executive officers as may be deemed necessary.
6. Approaches to the American Government or to other governments or diplomatic representatives in the United States shall be made only through the channels of the Council and in accordance with decisions taken by it.

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Attached is a blueprint which is a picture of the departmental organization of the Council. The divisions, departments or bureaus included are:

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT. This department will assume the responsibility of translating the policy of the Council into action. It will consult and

work with that division of the Council into which category the action falls. It will deal with financial and budgetary matters and will provide facilities and personnel for the various sections of the Council. It has the responsibility of keeping each section of the Council on an efficient and effective level.

PUBLIC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT has the responsibility of transmitting to the public the information desired by the Council in accordance with the decision on policy taken by the Council. Whenever any division or bureau of the Council finds itself in the position of needing some method of release of public information, it will consult with the Public Information Department which in turn will help to provide the material and facilities needed. As far as the departments of the Council are concerned, they will carry through their tasks of giving information to the public in accordance with the decisions of the Public Information Department which must reflect the decisions and policies of the Council. The Department will work in the fields of press, radio and magazines.

PUBLICATIONS. This Department will provide the other sections of the Council with needed pamphlets, reprints and publications. It will have the responsibility for stimulating and promoting the publications ^{OF} and books and articles favorable to the objectives of our movement.

POLITICAL ^{SECRETARIAT} AID. This Bureau will ^{POLITICAL} draft material for the Council and the sections of the Council which require ^{SUCH} ~~political~~ material. ~~and~~ It will have the responsibility of checking political matters handled by all ~~other~~ departments ^{OF THE COUNCIL}

SPEAKERS BUREAU. This Bureau will provide speakers for public inter-party Zionist functions, both Christian and Jewish. It will have the responsibility of developing a program whereby speakers will be sent to interest academic and civic circles.

RESEARCH ^{DEPARTMENT} AND ~~INTERNAL INFORMATION~~. It will be the function of this Department to provide technical information with reference to the various

problems involved in our movement to the sections and departments of the Council as they find the need for such information.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS DEPARTMENT. This division will be the liaison between the Council and its local representatives throughout America. It will transmit to local chairmen and committees the directives which come as a result of policy adopted by the Council.

THE JEWISH AGENCY BUREAU. Whenever it is necessary that statements on behalf of the Jewish Agency be made in America, this Bureau will handle such matters. It may only act in accordance with the decisions taken by the Council and through orders coming to it from the Council. Externally it will act as the official representative in America of the Jewish Agency, but is subject to the control of the Council.

ECONOMIC BUREAU. This Department will deal with matters which relate to the development of the economy of Palestine, with ^{THE} purchasing and the selling of commodities in accordance with the directives of the Jewish Agency in Palestine as transmitted to the Council.

LATIN AMERICAN BUREAU. This Bureau will deal with Zionist affairs in Latin America.

WASHINGTON BUREAU. This Bureau will be the official office of the Council in Washington. It will deal with members of the American Government in accordance with the ~~wheel and the~~ decisions of the Council.

LIAISON DEPARTMENT WITH COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS. The responsibility of this Division lies in ^{AND DEVELOPING} securing effective instruments of organization from all sections of the American public. It will work with Christian, Jewish, non-Sectarian, labor, civic organizations, etc.

UNITED NATIONS BUREAU. This office will carry through the policy of the Council in relation to its activities within the United Nations Organization.

DEVOTE ITSELF

PUBLIC OPINION CULTIVATION. This division will ~~promote~~ ^{DEVOTE ITSELF} to the ~~question~~ ^{PUBLIC OPINION} CULTIVATION of important personalities who may be regarded as ~~information~~ ^{PUBLIC OPINION} makers to a favorable viewpoint with regard to our movement. It will also assume the responsibility of inducing these personalities to assist us in our work.

FUNCTIONS

OFFICE OF ARAB AFFAIRS. The ~~representatives~~ ^{FUNCTIONS} of this Department fall within the category of countering the propaganda of the various Arab offices, of exposing the activities of the Arab offices and the ~~redjehans~~ ^{FRONT ORGANIZATIONS}, and of cultivating Arab sources which may be favorable to our movement.

APPARENT

Note: The absence of the regular standing committees is ~~apparent~~ ^{APPARENT} with the exception of the Finance Committee which will be set up in connection with the office of the treasurer. In carrying through the day to day work of the various departments and bureaus of the Council, the Chairman will necessarily have to appoint various committees in order to assist in the work. These committees will be temporary in their nature and will serve until they are discharged by the Chairman.