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Frisch Resolved To Effect Unity

In his first public address since the endorsement of his candidacy for ZOA president by leaders of the national ZOA administration, Daniel Frisch reviewed the tasks confronting organized American Zionism in the ensuing year.

Speaking before the 150 delegates at the annual conference of the Michigan Zionist Region held here last week, Mr. Frisch voiced his conviction that "there will be peace—there must be peace—at the forthcoming convention, and thereafter in the ranks of General Zionists in America." He also made a strong appeal for support of the United Jewish Appeal. He strongly emphasized the need not only for the continuance of the ZOA but for the strengthening of its structure.

"It remains for a long time to come for Zionists deserving of the name to uphold the organization which represents the survivalist motif of Jewish existence. Any man or woman who poses the question 'Why a ZOA today?' assists, unwittingly to be sure, but by indirection, such organizations and such people as are in the American Council for Judaism."

"Adventure in Destruction"

Mr. Frisch charged that the new program of the American Council for Judaism would contribute to the virtual extinction of American Jewry as such. He termed the Council "an adventure in destruction of Jewish life."

"The Council has again attempted to take on a new lease of life. While admitting—reluc-

tantly—the existence of the Jewish state, it denies the premise of Jewish continuity in the Diaspora except as a shadow pseudo religious group. If the substitute for a survivalist Jewish ideology is religion as practised by members of the Council, Judaism would become extinct before very long," he said.

Reverting to the World Zionist scene, Mr. Frisch asserted that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is the only man capable of infusing the world Zionist movement with new life and declared that "to this end, Dr. Silver should be the next president of the World Zionist Organization."

"The Zionist movement calls not for dissolution but for a consecration, for a spirit of rededication to the Zionist cause, until such time as perhaps a new pattern will evolve, when new organizations and new forms will be called for on the American scene."

Morris M. Jacobs of Detroit was unanimously reelected president of the region. In his report, Mr. Jacobs stressed the efforts of Michigan Zionists for the UJA campaign.

Daniel Frisch, on a visit to his home city of Indianapolis, reaffirmed his determination to bring about internal peace and unity within the ZOA. "I have hopes and reasons to believe that we will walk into the convention united and walk out united," he said. In a press interview he promised an administration which would be "a synthesis of idealism and business management."



Vice President Alben W. Barkley, after he signed the ZOA Book of Remembrance in the nation's capital. He joined a distinguished group of U. S. statesmen in becoming an honorary member of the ZOA.

Elath, Eban Talks Scheduled For Annual ZOA Convention

Special Session to Discuss Rifkind Report on Future Program of Zionist Organization

With an expected attendance of 2,000 delegates and alternates representing close to 800 ZOA districts in 48 states, the 52nd annual convention of the ZOA, which will be held May 27-30 in New York at the Hotel Statler,

will devote a major part of its proceedings to discussion and action on the future program of the ZOA.

According to a tentative program made public by Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the convention committee, the political situation in relation to Israel as well as the World Zionist scene will be reviewed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at the political session on Sunday afternoon, May 29, which will be held at the Manhattan Center.

Among the guest speakers who will address the convention sessions will be Eliahu Elath, Israeli ambassador to the United States, and Aubrey Eban, Israeli representative to the United Nations.

A special session will be set aside for a discussion of the report drafted by a special committee headed by Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind of New York containing proposals for the future program and constitution of the World Zionist Organization, including a blueprint of the relationship of Zionism to the world Jewish community as a whole and to the government and people of Israel. It is expected that the explorations and recommendations of this report will be on a two-fold basis: Zionism as a means of helping the people of Israel, and Zionism as a constructive force in Jewish life outside of Israel. The report will clarify the future trend and direction of the Zionist movement.

At the formal opening of the convention on Saturday night, at Carnegie Hall, Dr. Emanuel Neumann will deliver his presidential address. The closing session of the convention will be a dinner in tribute to Dr. Neumann at the Hotel Statler, with Dr. Silver the principal speaker.

Preceding the formal convention opening, a youth function devoted to a discussion of cultural youth problems held on Fri-

day night will be under the sponsorship of the American Zionist Youth Commission. Saturday afternoon will be marked by the holding of an Oneg Shabat under the auspices of the Histadrut Ivrit.

It is tentatively planned to hold the election of new ZOA officers on Sunday.

It is further announced that the tentative program envisages a minimum of set speeches and the elimination of luncheons so as to afford a maximum time for discussion of all problems confronting the convention.

The convention headquarters will be at the Hotel Statler, Seventh Avenue and 32 Street.

Start of Israel's Second Year Marked by Display of Strength

By MAJOR E. LASERSON

TEL AVIV.—The independence day celebrations here revealed some of that true and mysterious spirit of the Yishuv which enabled Israel to beat stronger enemies and surmount difficulties which were considered by all observers to be unsurmountable. Popular enthusiasm reached uncontrollable proportions. For many days, schools, army units and public bodies had prepared official celebrations, but the true spirit was shown mostly in the unorganized celebrations of the people in every little settlement from the Negev to Galilee.

People's Holiday

On the eve of the anniversary, the countryside glowed with bonfires, and fireworks lit up the sky. In the Parliament, the official sitting, attended by diplomats and foreign correspondents, lost something of its formality by the absence of President Weizmann. But this was a people's rather than a statesmen's holiday. Government leaders leaving the Parliament were overwhelmed by people celebrating on the promenade. Ships in the harbor glowed with thousands of electric lights, and everyone merged with the large crowds singing and dancing everywhere. Every youth organization was allotted one public square for

organizing popular dances, with loudspeakers providing music.

The official celebrations were probably most spectacular in Jerusalem where the public showed a somewhat more serious attitude as the result of the great sufferings they had undergone and their unending awareness of the Arab lines only a few hundred yards away. The parade there was witnessed by diplomats, United Nations officials and church representatives of all religious denominations, who formed an impressive background to the demonstration. Jerusalem's military parade, coming on the same day as Aubrey Eban's statement at the UN, served to demonstrate Israel's determination to hold the city. Where one year ago desperate, poorly armed young men were fighting what appeared to be a hopeless struggle, on May 4 thousands of well-armed Israeli soldiers marched with artillery and armor in impressive array.

Diplomatic Reception

At night, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett held an official dinner for the diplomatic corps and leading Israeli statesmen and soldiers in the Sharon Hotel on the Mediterranean shore, not far from Tel Aviv. Members of the diplomatic corps, headed by American Ambassador James G. MacDonald, were also received by acting president Joseph Sprin-

zak at his official residence in Hakiria.

Children's Parades

The morning hours of independence day were devoted to the younger generation, with the older school children massing in Tel Aviv to be addressed by the Education Minister. Arab children throughout Israel participated enthusiastically in these celebrations. In Jaffa, Acre and other places where Jews and Arabs live together, celebrations, dances and parties were held jointly. A few foreign correspondents in Jaffa watched in surprise as columns of Arab children marched to the theater where they enjoyed a performance together with Jewish refugee children.

Throughout the country, from the northernmost settlement in Galilee to the Eilat beach on the Gulf of Aqaba, military parades were the order of the day, with Israel's armed forces proudly displaying their military might.

The festivities were terminated in Tel Aviv, with a garden party held in the park surrounding the Prime Minister's office. But until late at night, youths and soldiers, including members of a Druse contingent, danced in the beflagged and crowded streets as if refusing to return to normal routine life.

Israel Will Export Music

Development of music as an industry in Israel, as well as the encouragement of musical activities for cultural reasons, is a policy of the Israel government, according to Eliahu Elath, Israeli ambassador to the United States. Ambassador Elath made this comment in a conference here with Oscar Regan, president of the Israel Music Foundation.

"Because Israel is a small country and has limited natural resources," Mr. Elath pointed out, "we must seek every possible opportunity for export. Israel has many talented musicians, and the new nation is gradually creating a distinctive Israeli music. It is our hope that Americans and the people of other countries will be interested in recordings of this music and in the concert tours of Israeli artists."

Mr. Elath received from Mr. Regan the first album of the first recordings issued by the Israel Music Foundation, to be forwarded to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of Israel.

EDITORIALS

Israel's Admission to the UN

Another important hurdle has been cleared by Israel toward the final step in gaining admission into the United Nations as an equal member in the family of nations. By a vote of 33 to 11, the Ad Hoc Political Committee of the UN approved a resolution introduced jointly by Australia, United States, Uruguay, Panama, Canada and Haiti recommending to the General Assembly the admission of Israel. Action upon this resolution by the General Assembly is expected to be taken by the end of this week and if approved, the blue and white Star of David flag of Israel will be raised on the 59th flagpole which has already been set in place with the others at Lake Success.

The General Assembly approval of Israel's application is long overdue. The enemies of Israel, through all types of obstructions and maneuvers, have attempted

to delay indefinitely Israel's admission as a full-fledged nation. Even after being defeated in the Ad Hoc Committee, the anti-Israel bloc continued its attempts to obstruct Israel's admission in the General Assembly. The new state must and will be given a voice in the council of nations.

Israel is a peace-loving nation. While doing everything to assure its security in the coming years, it is simultaneously exerting its efforts for a rapprochement and understanding with its neighbors and for bringing about closer relations and co-operation with the Arabs and the other peoples of the Middle East. As a member of the UN, Israel has a great contribution to offer to the peace of the Middle East. We hope that by the time this issue reaches our readers, the General Assembly will have acted and will have approved the admission of Israel to the United Nations.

Safeguarding the Future

At the risk of belaboring the point, we are impelled once again to stress the warning made by the American Zionist leadership against a sense of complacency with regard to the future security of Israel. Even as the United Nations was discussing Israel's admission, The New York Times carried a dispatch from its correspondent in Beirut, Lebanon, which began: "To a foreign visitor, opinion seems to be unanimous in Amman, Damascus and Beirut, that Arab nations have a moral obligation to fight again in Palestine as soon as they are able to." The dispatch relates conversations which the correspondent had with Arab government officials, business men, consular officials, journalists and other elements of the population. The refrain throughout the conversations is that "the Arabs can hope for justice only through the strength of their own armies."

It is clear that it will take many years

for the enemies of Israel to be reconciled to its existence. The maintenance of an adequate standing army will continue to be a drain on Israel's economic resources. Moreover, Israel is now confronted by serious economic problems arising out of the huge influx of new immigrants. The desperate appeals which Israeli leaders are addressing to American Jewry for increased aid through contributions to the UJA and private investments, are reflective of the magnitude of the needs which must be met immediately to absorb, in gainful employment, the many thousands of immigrants who are reaching the shores of Israel each week.

The ZOA, as the backbone of the efforts for Israel in this country, must be strengthened and its ranks enlarged. It is the duty of every Zionist to give maximum support to the UJA and to promote the economic development of Israel.

A Compelling Force

The huge throngs which turned out on May 4th in New York and in other parts of the country under the auspices of the American Zionist Emergency Council to celebrate the first anniversary of the Jewish State had a two-fold significance. It manifested the sense of pride and jubilation which animated American Jewry on this memorable occasion evidencing the close feeling of kinship with the people of Israel in its struggle for independence and

freedom. In addition it gave eloquent testimony to the vibrancy and alertness of the American Zionist movement and its continued influence on the Jewish masses.

Organized American Zionism is the only force which could evoke such a mass response both in time of stress and in time of jubilation. This powerful instrument must remain inviolate and intact for the future welfare of our people and for the sake of the future security of Israel.

Hebrew as Cultural Link

The first American Conference for Hebrew Language and Culture, held last week in New York, sponsored by the Histadrut Ivrit of America and the World Hebrew Union, sharply revealed the fertile field for the promotion of Hebrew language and culture among the Jewish community in this country. With Hebrew as a major feature of the ZOA educational program, the strivings of the Conference to make American Jews conscious of and familiar with Hebrew language and culture have our whole-hearted endorsement.

The establishment of the Jewish state of Israel has underscored the efforts now being made to strengthen the cultural link between Israel and American Jewry. To this end, the promotion of Hebrew culture is one of our primary objectives. The ZOA has always worked in close conjunction with such organizations as the Histadrut Ivrit in aiding the widespread dissemination of the Hebrew language and

culture in this country. We are therefore happy to extend to Samuel J. Borowsky, who has a distinguished record in the field of Hebrew education, our felicitations and good wishes on his assumption of the presidency of that organization.

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FACING A NEW TEST



Reflections

By DR. TRUDE WEISS-ROSMARIN

Daniel Frisch's emergence as American Zionism's man of the hour—and of its future as well—has come as no surprise to me. Since my first meeting with Mr. Frisch, almost four years ago, I have been certain that he would be called upon to render our movement the supreme service for which he is now being drafted by the ZOA districts and regions, as well as by our leadership, headed by Drs. Silver and Neumann.

Daniel Frisch is the kind of man to write history and destiny, not only for the ZOA but for American Jewry at large. He will set new trends and novel standards, because he himself is different and does not conform to the ZOA presidential pattern of the past.

Frisch is a self-made man, and not only respecting his success in the world of finance. He has had very little "formal education," yet he is one of the most widely read and profoundly learned persons I have met. Arriving in this country as a youth of 20, he eked out a living as a Hebrew teacher while racing through evening public and high school in a year and a half—and then went into business. Frisch has no academic degree, but among the Ph.D.s and titled pundits, I have yet to meet one as well and as thoroughly informed as he is, and endowed with his quick intelligence and incisively analytical mind.

Realistic

Daniel Frisch can more than hold his own among writers and intellectuals. Yet he is neither a *ballan* nor an unrealistic dreamer. He can balance check books and philosophical theorems with equal ease—and simultaneously. This is why he will be setting a ZOA style altogether new, altogether successful and withal memorable.

Daniel Frisch's heartiness and warmth are not acquired veneer, but are of his person's very essence. He has no business or professional interests and obligations—only the ZOA—because he gave up his business five

years ago to devote all his time and strength to Zionism.

For the past four years Daniel Frisch has put in a full working day for the ZOA seven days a week. He is at his desk early in the morning and he stays till he drops almost with fatigue. He is not given to fancy frills and so answers his own phone and dials his own calls. He is a *folksmensch*, simple and unassuming. In this respect, too, he will be setting a new style as ZOA president. Any and every ZOA member will be able to knock at his door, without "an appointment," as hundreds have been doing all these years, and find a ready welcome and an attentive ear.

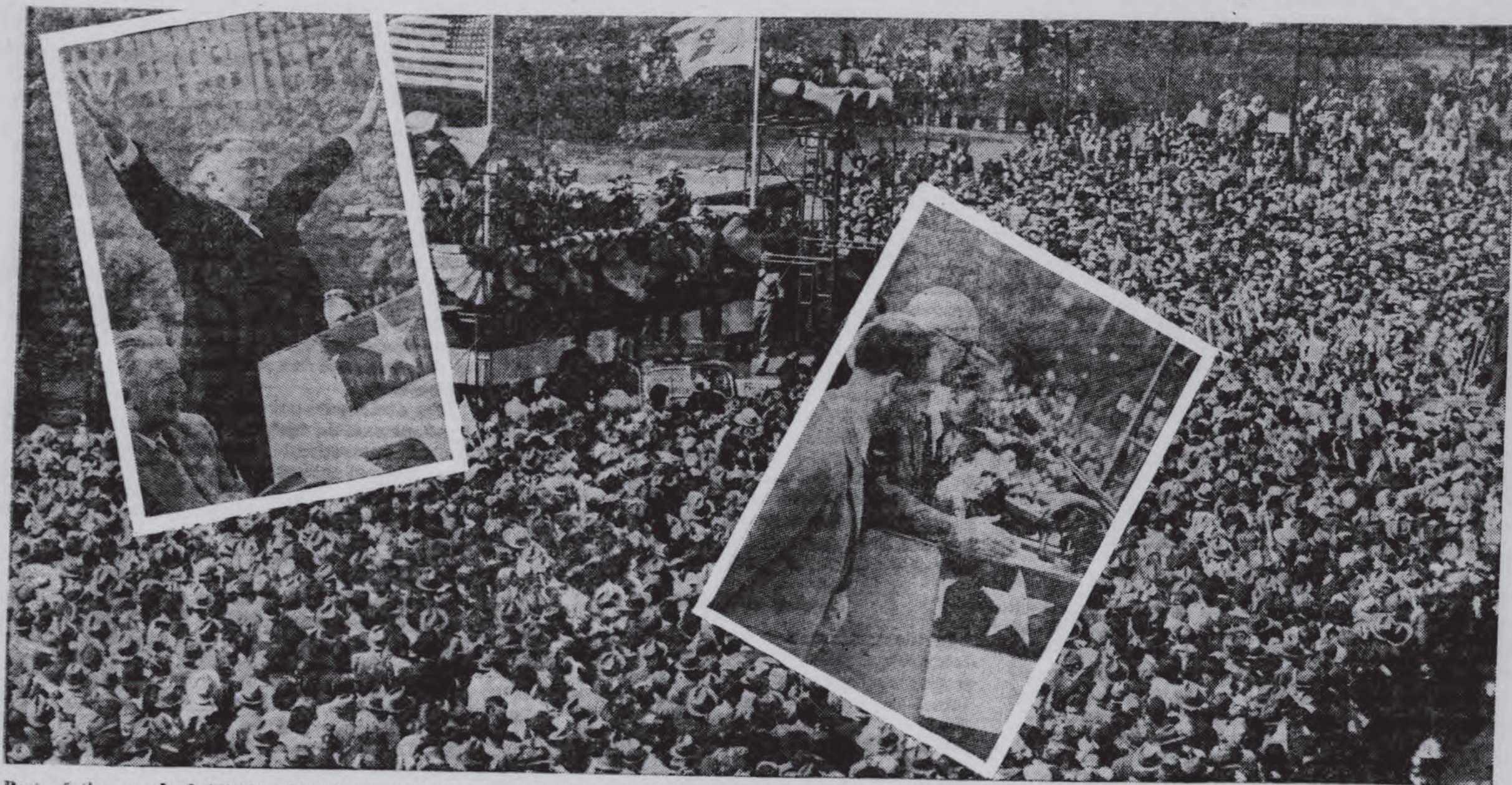
Service

Jacob served 14 years for Rachel . . . Daniel Frisch has been serving the ZOA for twice 14 years. He joined our movement in Indianapolis twice 14 years ago, and ever since he has been its untiring servant. There is no Zionist task that is too little, too arduous or too difficult for Dan Frisch! He did not even consider it "beneath his dignity" to go to Basle two weeks ahead of the ZOA Zionist Congress delegation—to get proper accommodations for the delegates. He has travelled from Maine to Florida and from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast raising money for the ZOA Expansion Fund and enlisting life members. And while discharging these day-to-day tasks, he has written ideological articles which sparkle with originality while "plumbing the depths."

Daniel Frisch has got what it takes to tide American Zionism over the present crisis. It is reassuring that our members know that he can be relied upon to do what must be done—if Israel is to become truly meaningful for us, while we aid in building the Jewish state.

Give Today to
UJA

Record Throngs Celebrate Israel's Independence



Part of the crowd of 150,000 which jammed Madison Square Park to hear leading Israeli and American Zion-

ist spokesmen at the rally marking the first anniversary of the establishment of Israel. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,

Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Dr. Emanuel Neumann are shown on the inserts as they addressed the celebrants.

150,000 Hail Israel At New York Rally

By BERNICE SOLOMON
Staff Correspondent

Festive throngs jammed a three-block avenue and all adjoining streets in New York's Madison Square Park area on May 4, the date of Israel's first independence anniversary, to hear messages of constrained joy from President Chaim Weizmann of Israel, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, which sponsored the gathering, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA president, who presided, Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog, chief Rabbi of Israel, Mayor William O'Dwyer, and others.

The crowd, estimated by police to number 150,000, included carriage-borne infants and bearded venerables, students and housewives and working men and women who had begun to descend on the park area at noon. By 3 p.m. the gathering had already begun to assume the dimensions of one of the greatest mass celebrations ever held in the streets of New York, and though the program was not scheduled to start for another hour, flag-waving celebrants jostled for positions near the speakers stand, while the skirt of the crowd eddied out through the park and down the streets towards neighboring avenues.

Sunlight glanced from hundreds of blue and white flags as they fluttered under cloudless skies against the background of grass and budding trees. In the extreme discomfort of being packed like bricks into a solid wall of humanity, members of the crowd were generally serene and cheerful, and as the leaders of American Zionism and of Israel discussed the trials of the past and the problems of the present, they broke into frequent, resounding cheers and spontaneous renditions of Hatikvah.

Throughout the city, flags of

Zion flew from the windows of homes and office buildings, and prayers of thanksgiving were offered in special synagogue services. The offices of the ZOA and many other Jewish organizations were closed for a half day holiday.

The air of pride and triumph which marked the day's proceedings was especially evident as sections of the audience at the afternoon rally surged forward time and again to get closer to their leaders.

Long before President Weizmann made his appearance, lone members of the crowd began embarking on jagged marches through the human mass to get closer up to the place where he would stand. Sometimes others picked up their trails, and followed in troupes until resistance held them firm. One man, denounced and halted by a group he tried to pass, shouted "But I must see him!"

"Listen to him, he must," a woman cried.

"If you must, you must," another man said, and made room for him to pass.

To many in the crowd, Dr. Weizmann was symbolic of Israel, and the remarks and expressions in that wilted, enthusiastic group made it very plain that the Jewish state played an important role in its members' emotional lives. The intense personal identification which American Jews feel for Israel, their possessive love for the new state and for the Zionist leaders who carried the battle standards, was again especially evident when Dr. Silver praised the people of Israel for their valor and determination. His remarks drew one of the most resounding cheers of the afternoon.

For as long as the rally con-

Support of Israel Reaffirmed At Anniversary Celebrations

Hundreds of thousands of New York's Jews joined their fellow Jews in Israel and throughout the world in joyous and exciting celebration of the first anniversary of the birth of Israel May 4.

In an afternoon rally at Madison Square Park, 150,000 celebrants heard Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Mayor William O'Dwyer, Israeli Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog and other outstanding speakers praise the achievements of the new state in the first year of its existence, call for its early admission to the United Nations, and warn of the tremendous burdens that the country still faces in the absorption of thousands of new immigrants arriving there constantly.

The rally, sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council, was followed in the evening by a concert and meeting at

continued, people streamed from the neighboring subways to swell the audience. Two bearded stalwarts in black alpaca coats for whom this was plainly a rare expedition from the environs of home and synagogue listened to Dr. Neumann's opening remarks from the outer edges of the crowd. As the speeches continued they were surrounded and pressed forward by newcomers, and before long their faces bobbed back and forth in the heart of the crowd, still good natured and attentive. I caught a final glimpse of them when the rally ended. As they moved towards the street corner a flag vendor, making his last sales bids, approached them. One of the men spontaneously reached for a blue and white flag and hurriedly paid, and switched it mildly overhead as they swept into the subway.

Carnegie Hall, at which Senators Paul H. Douglas, Illinois Democrat, and Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Massachusetts Republican, joined Dr. Silver and Aubrey Eban, Israeli representative at the UN, in calling for Israel's prompt admission to the world organization.

The day was also marked by a dinner in honor of Dr. Weizmann in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, at which Governor Thomas E. Dewey and H. V. Morgenthau, Jr., UJA general chairman, spoke.

The congratulations of the entire American people on the anniversary was expressed in a telegram sent by President Truman to Dr. Weizmann. It read:

"On this first anniversary of the independence of Israel, it gives me great pleasure to convey to Your Excellency and to the people of Israel the hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes of the people of the United States."

Dr. Weizmann replied:

"Your message of greetings and congratulations on the occasion of the first anniversary of the independence of Israel is most warmly and gratefully appreciated. The people of Israel will never forget the part played by your great country as well as your personal sympathy and helpful attitude at all times in the achievement of their national independence."

At the Carnegie Hall celebration, Dr. Silver sounded a note of warning when he pointed out that "there are still many diffi-

cult problems which continue to confront the new state. No permanent peace has as yet been signed, the boundaries of the country have as yet not been fixed and the final status of Jerusalem still remains to be determined. In this connection, it should be realized that the state of Israel is in favor of maximum guarantees to safeguard the holy places which are sacred to the three great religions of mankind. The solution does not seem to lie in the direction of the internationalization of the city of Jerusalem because of the manifold difficulties involved in implementing such an arrangement, but rather in some adequate international supervision of the immunity of the sacred places."

In a statement issued on the occasion of the anniversary, Dr. Neumann declared that the new state is entering its second year "confronted by such problems as faced no other nation . . . It is lacking in adequate housing and the financial means to absorb in productive employment the many thousands of its new citizens whose lives must be rebuilt. The economy of Israel must be strengthened so that it may integrate its newcomers and enable it to become a bulwark of democracy in the Middle East."

In a cable of felicitations on the anniversary to Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, Dr. Neumann pledged the ZOA's "continued service and cooperation in meeting the great problems which will confront the whole Jewish people until Israel has been fully rebuilt and firmly established to dwell securely and in peace among the nations of the world."

Israel: Remedy for Anti-Semitism

By ELIAHU BEN-HORIN

I

"Jew, go to Jerusalem" used to be the favorite slogan of Europe's anti-Semites. Incited mobs shouted these words with anger and hate many a time on Kurfuerstendamm in Berlin and on the streets of Budapest, Vienna and Bucharest. With the establishment of Israel, both the wish of the anti-Semites and the age-old dream of the Jews stand a good chance of fulfillment.

This sounds like a very strange partnership. It is difficult to conceive of an anti-Semite and a Jew striving towards the same goal, of those mortal enemies, anti-Semitism and Jewish nationalism, helping each other. Yet, when one looks back at the 50 years of political Zionism, one is struck by the close interdependence between Jew-hatred in the world and the movement for Jewish national renaissance in Palestine.

In the past, it was anti-Semitism that exercised an influence on the growth of Zionism, on the size and tempo of Jewish emigration to Palestine and on the political destinies of the Jewish people. Will the position now be reversed? Will the creation of Israel have an effect on anti-Semitism in the world?

Turning Points

When Herman Bahr, a student in Vienna University and a leader of the "Union of German Students of Vienna," delivered himself, in 1883, of an anti-Semitic eulogy of Richard Wagner, he could not visualize even in his wildest dreams that he was rendering a great service to the national rebirth of the Jewish people. No more did the instigators of the famous Dreyfus case in France entertain any such notion. Yet these were to become the turning points in Theodor Herzl's entire outlook.

Purshkevitch and the "Black Hundred" in Russia, Cuza and the "Iron Guard" in Rumania, Grabski and the Endeks in Poland, Hitler and the S.S. in Germany, Malan and the National Party in South Africa, Amin el Hussein and the Pan-Islamists in the Middle East, together with their counterparts in many lands—have all served to propel Jews towards the shores of Palestine and into the arms of Zionist ideology.

To be sure, Zionism has deep positive roots in Jewish history and in Jewish national thought. For generations, Jews have been longing for Palestine and dreaming of return to Zion. Zionism has a well thought out ideology, which rests firmly on positive and constructive foundations. But the whip of anti-Semitism helped, without doubt, to speed up the process of the "Zionification" of Jewry. Thus, in Samson's phrase, "out of the strong came forth sweetness . . ."

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Zionists will agree with the above analysis of the part anti-Semitic persecution has had in making Zionists out of Jews who were inclined towards assimilation and who would have preferred to escape their Jewish-

ness. Many Zionists, however, would probably deny that they themselves were ever prodded by anti-Semitism. They would claim that they came to believe in the Zionist solution of the Jewish problem without any stimulus from the hostile outside world. I do not doubt that these Zionists honestly believe their own claims, but I am afraid that they are mistaken. Even the most confirmed and enthusiastic Zionists, even those who have grown up in Zionist homes and considered themselves firm believers in a Jewish Palestine since early childhood, have been "helped along" in their Zionism by anti-Semitism. It may have been no more than a kick in school, or refusal of membership in a students organization, or a "restricted" summer resort, or an anti-Semitic remark in the street; or it may have been something more serious and hurtful: a job refused, a scientific career cut short, an ambition thwarted, a great love unconsummated. Indeed, a Zionist—because of his Zionist outlook and Jewish national pride—is likely to feel every kick and every discrimination much more acutely than a non-Zionist Jew. One may say, therefore, with considerable certainty that anti-Semitism has helped to strengthen and deepen the Zionist convictions even of the staunchest Jewish nationalists.

Shaped Anti-Zionism

In the non-Zionist and anti-Zionist camps within Jewry, too, anti-Semitism has played a decisive role in shaping convictions and policies. The shadow of Jew-hatred hovered heavily over the "Germans of Mosaic Persuasion" in pre-Hitler Germany, over the various groups of Jewish assimilationists in Poland, France and other European countries in pre-World War II days, as well as over Lessing Rosenwald's "American Council for Judaism." Their great fear of anti-Semitic reactions to Jewish statehood was undoubtedly the main factor in shaping their anti-Zionism.

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We all know, of course, that primitive Jew-hatred has been used by unscrupulous demagogues for their own aims. The Czarist Government in Russia used the Jewish question as a lightning rod to divert the thoughts of the under-privileged masses of the Russian people from their misery and from the responsibility for that misery of their upper-class oppressors. The Jewish problem served as Hitler's ladder on his climb to control of Germany and to attempted world domination. It has been said: "If there were no Jews in the world, Hitler would have had to invent them in order to achieve his objectives." When there are no Jews in Europe, or when their number becomes exceedingly small, this kind of centrally directed anti-Semitism will lose its breeding ground.

Economic competition, religious prejudices, personal jealousies, race hatreds, psychological antagonisms—are but a few of the many factors responsible for Jew-

hated in this world. To expect Israel magically to wipe out anti-Semitism of all kinds, would be unwarranted optimism. There is, however, one basic feature underlying all types of anti-Semitism, which may indeed be eliminated by Jewish statehood. I refer to the defenselessness of the Jew.

Aggressor's Delight

The Jews have been the "aggressor's delight." The anti-Semite took no risks in attacking them. If he organized a pogrom, in most cases the Jewish community was physically too weak to defend itself effectively, and certainly could not inflict casualties on the pogromists. If he republished the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," all the Jews could do was to protest against these vicious insinuations.

The anti-Semite not only felt completely safe from retribution on the spot, but did not have to expect any serious international repercussions, either. Persecutions directed against a German minority in Rumania, in Poland, in Czechoslovakia, or anywhere in the world, would have brought about speedy intervention by the Reich. When South Africa discriminated against its Indian inhabitants, India came to their defense. There has been no state on the globe from which diplomatic defense of Jewish minorities could rightfully be expected.

The emergence of Israel may make it much more difficult and costly for the Arabs of Aden to massacre the local Jewish community or for the anti-Semites of Rumania to persecute the Jews. The representative of Israel in the United Nations would be sure to make every effort towards the enforcement by the international body of whatever sanctions there exist to suppress aggression and discrimination.

Defense of Jewish Rights

Jewish minorities are no longer as defenseless as they were in the past. Whatever prestige and influence Israel will possess, would be available for the defense of Jewish rights. Anti-Semitic governments may be mindful of complications on the international scene if they allow Jew-hatred to blossom in their domains.

The very fact of Israel's existence on God's earth is bound not only to discourage anti-Semites but also to encourage the Jews greatly. A Jew in Brooklyn or in Buenos Aires, reading at breakfast a dispatch about the session of the Israeli Parliament instead of a gruesome story about the latest anti-Semitic outbreak, will find it a refreshing change. Reports about President Truman entertaining President Weizmann, or about the flag of Israel flying over Blair House or at Flushing Meadow are a new source of pride for the Jews everywhere. They give the Jews the feeling of normalcy and equality.

Israel may yet do wonders for the Jew, for his sense of security and for his relations with the non-Jewish world. This, in turn, may prove to be the best psychological cure for anti-Semitism.

Decline of the Arab League

By MALKAH RAYMIST

JERUSALEM.—The Arab League is the name of an expensive and utterly unworkable British political instrument which was launched with great hopes and has turned out a disappointment to all concerned.

As far back as 1942, Anthony Eden, then Foreign Secretary, made an official statement that Great Britain would view with favor the establishment of a body called the Arab League, whose aims would be to unite the Arab states and to protect their interests. In other words: the setting up of the League was a purely British idea. Wrapped in glamorous promises, active financial support from Britain and the prospect of becoming the bulwark of anti-Soviet defense, the idea caught on. In 1944 it materialized.

Ignored Agenda

The Arab League was launched with headquarters in Egypt. It was set up in expensive premises, engaged an expensive staff and held several large and a dozen small meetings a year. Every year the representatives of all the Arab states foregathered in the sun-drenched cities of Egypt in winter, the cool mountain resorts of the Lebanon in summer or the picturesque palaces of Damascus. There always was a long and serious-sounding agenda with many vital questions, such as social reforms, public hygiene, education, income tax. Plans were made for the amalgamation of fiscal systems of the Middle East and for the abolition of passports, visas and custom duties between the Arab states. There even was a project of introducing a single currency and of unifying the army under a joint command, with contributions from each state according to its population and financial capacity. But there was also on each

agenda the question of anti-Zionist activities. That was the League's undoing. It never went any further than making anti-Jewish declarations, for which it used up all its time, money and energy.

Whatever place the Zionist problem might occupy on the agenda, it always was taken up first and remained last. At all Arab League sessions without exception, whether public or secret, whether ordinary or urgent, Zionism was actually the only question ever thoroughly discussed. More often than not the other questions did not even crop up; if they did, it was to be briefly referred to and voted to be put on the agenda of the next meeting. This was repeated at every League meeting and became almost practice and routine.

Useless Contraption

The Arab League, during the four years of its existence, did not achieve a single step in any direction, except to discuss Zionism *ad nauseum*. Violent speeches were made, threats proffered and the entire world taken as witness of Zionist "iniquities" and warned against the immediate danger of Zionist "evil aims." More ingenuity was exercised in ways of anti-Jewish boycott and persecution of Jews within the Arab countries. These persecutions, as we know, take on the gruesome form of medieval tyranny, while the boycott is exercised in flagrant violation of international commercial conventions. Invectives, threats, violent denunciations, endless vituperations—these were the upshot of every League meeting and were the only resolutions ever put into action. Decisions that Arabs have to stand united against the common enemy—the Jews—were safe and common ground, and everyone agreed, and solemn pledges were

made to defend the Arab liberties and the "Arab way of life." These were invariably the sole results of the Arab League sessions. Such meetings, however, did nothing to fortify Arab unity or to facilitate social progress. It is true, they provided the Arab temperaments with a safe and easy outlet. But this was not the original aim of Britain when she sponsored the Arab League. The incapacity of Arab statesmen has sabotaged British ambitions and turned the League into a costly and utterly useless contraption.

The Arab League failed even as conciliator. Several times it attempted to reconcile Ibn Saud with King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan, to end the historical feud between their two dynasties, but failed. It even failed to smooth down minor misunderstandings such as arose inside the two opposed blocs within the League: the Hashemites (Trans-Jordan and Iraq), and Ibn Saud and Egypt (with Syria hanging between the two, adhering hither and thither according to what looked more promising). As to the social reforms, they always figure on the agenda, but no one has ever attempted to take them seriously.

Indisputable Failure

During the war with Israel the Arab League saw its chance to prove itself and to become the controlling center of Arab power, after crushing the Jews. But now that it has all turned out exactly the other way round, the Arabs themselves are realizing the expensive farce.

During the war with Israel, the Arab League saw its called the Arab League. After having been licked, they dare not accept the very pressing offers of help made by the British, for that would mean further consolidation and expansion of British interests in the Middle East.

Arabs Join Jews In Israel Festivities

By H. DAGISH

TEL AVIV.—"Let us go out into the streets and celebrate with the people their holiday and ours."

With these simple words, Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israeli Parliament, concluded the special session of the Knesset at 7 P.M. on May 3, inaugurating the first anniversary of Israel's independence. The streets outside the Knesset building were jammed as thousands gathered to cheer the notables who came out to join the dancing. Up and down the streets, flags were mounted and bright lights flooded the open squares where the dancing continued all night.

The radio, which played songs and dance music throughout the holiday, blared forth from every house, and a special folk dance program, inviting listeners to join, was enthusiastically received throughout the country. Rockets were seen in the skies everywhere, and the settlements in Galilee were lit up by huge bonfires on the mountains.

Non-Jews Celebrated

Israel's non-Jews enjoyed the proceedings immensely. Druse villagers in the north gave exhibitions of their own dancing, brandishing rifles on horseback and shooting into the air. Nazareth's Christian Arabs, dressed in their holiday best, were entertained by their own Arab mayor and the Jewish military governor. Candy was distributed among the children and a free movie was shown at the newly opened theater.

In the Negev, Bedouin sheiks were luncheon guests at Jewish settlements and took part in marksmanship tournaments.

The diplomatic corps was feted at a Foreign Office dinner and at official government receptions.

The celebration began with special religious services in the synagogues in the presence of cabinet members who were cheered and applauded in violation of synagogue etiquette. Particularly loud applause greeted an Arab member of the Knesset who participated in Tel Aviv's main synagogue's services. Even the Rabbi's sermon was applauded, especially when he stressed that Jerusalem was ours. Tears streamed down the faces of the pious as the holy scrolls were paraded and cantors chanted the special prayer, once designed for Jewish kings, for the leaders of the government. Jerusalemites were especially moved when the holy scrolls, saved from the Kfar Etzion battle with the Arab Legion, were brought through the city gates.

The Rabbis decreed that the Omer mourning laws were not applicable on this day and many weddings were held throughout the country.

The Parades

The climax of the holiday was reached with the many military parades that took place. In the colonies, the parades were headed by old settlers who had participated in their defense since their establishment. They marched armed with old Turkish rifles, picks and pitchforks, their only weapons 30 years ago. The parade in Jerusalem included many war trophies, including an artillery piece on which was inscribed "Chief Inspector of the Egyptian Government."

In Tel Aviv, the parade did not come off on schedule because the army could not control the 250,000 onlookers who surged into the streets and blocked the line of march. When it finally got under way, it was a sight to behold, with all arms of the military forces taking part.

220,000 Enter Israel in Year

More than 220,000 immigrants were received in Israel during its first year as an independent state, it has been reported by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the \$250,000,000 United Jewish Appeal, which supports the immigration and settlement of refugees entering the Jewish state.

During the Hebrew calendar year beginning May 14, 1948 and ending May 4, the United Palestine Appeal, the United Jewish Appeal agency in Israel, furnished financial support which made possible the establishment of 65 new agricultural settlements, as well as the expansion and development of already existing settlements. Thirty-five additional settlements are now under construction.

In order to care for and settle the influx of immigrants, a large number of housing units were built with UJA funds. However, the rate of immigration—which has now reached 35,000 per month—has so far outstripped the current financial resources available to the United Jewish Appeal that 60,000 immigrants are without homes. These immigrants are quartered in barracks and tents in 26 transit camps which have been set up by the Jewish Agency. Another eight camps are being erected to accommodate new arrivals.

Congress Pauses in Two-Hour Tribute on Israel's Birthday

By MURRAY FRANK

WASHINGTON. — The first anniversary of the establishment of Israel ushered in a period of festivities and celebrations in Washington which will continue for several weeks to come. Among the more important and outstanding events were the diplomatic reception by the Israeli Ambassador and Mrs. Eliahu Elath, the two hours devoted by the House of Representatives when some 30 members of Congress paid tribute to the state of Israel, the Israeli exhibit at the Library of Congress, and the editorials in the Washington press in connection with the anniversary.

On the eve of the anniversary, Ambassador Elath issued a statement in which he emphasized that Israel now seeks "peace with our neighbors and formal admission into the family of nations." He extended greetings to the American Jewish community and urged it to continue its unqualified support "so that Israel in the years ahead may be privileged to play its part in world affairs and to lend stature and dignity to Jews everywhere."

The diplomatic reception on the evening of May 4 was an event that will long be remembered in Washington. It was a brilliant affair which was attended by nearly 1,000 guests. About a fourth of the guests were from the diplomatic corps, including ambassadors, ministers, counselors, secretaries and attaches from the embassies and legations of 37 countries. Among the countries represented were Britain, the U.S.S.R., France, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Hungary and other European countries. From the British Commonwealth of Nations came Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

The Latin-American republics were well represented, among them: Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Cuba, Venezuela and others. Representatives came from the two Negro republics, Haiti in the Caribbean area and Liberia in Africa. Others were from China, the Philippines and Siam.

American Guests

Most prominent, of course, was the huge American delegation. From the Supreme Court came Justices William O. Douglas and Harold H. Burton. From President Truman's Cabinet came Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan, Air Force Secretary Stuart Symington and Undersecretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman. The large State Department delegation was led by Undersecretary James Webb and Assistant Secretary Dean Rusk, and included also the chief of the Near East Division, Joseph Satterthwaite, and many of his staff.

A substantial group came from Capitol Hill, numbering close to 75 Senators and Representatives from both political parties and including nearly all members of the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs committees. Among the Senators present were Robert Taft (O.), Hubert Humphrey (Minn.), Irving Ives (N. Y.), Estes Kefauver (Tenn.), Owen Brew-



A Jewish immigrant from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, operates this small sidewalk store in Yehudia, near Lydda, in Israel.

ster (Me.), Elbert Thomas (Utah), Charles Tobey (N. H.) and others. Speaker Sam Rayburn (Tex.) and former Speaker Joseph Martin (Mass.) led the delegation of some 40 House members.

There were also many distinguished representatives from the press and other well-known personalities, such as columnists Drew Pearson and Walter Lippman; Pulitzer Prize winner Herbert Elliston, editor of the Washington Post; correspondents Edgar Mowrer, Fitzhugh Turner, I. F. Stone; John McCloy, president of the International Bank; Sir Herbert Broadley, deputy director of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization; former Attorney General Francis Biddle; and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the late president.

That same afternoon, Rep. Arthur Klein (D., N. Y.) introduced a resolution in Congress calling upon President Truman to proclaim each year an Israel Independence Day on which special observances are to be held throughout the U. S., though the day is not to be a legal holiday. It was too late for action on the resolution this year, but Klein is determined to push passage of it for observances in the future. Klein also obtained a special two-hour consent in the House the same day for members of Congress to pay tribute to Israel. About 30 members availed themselves of the opportunity, among them: Klein, majority leader John McCormack (Mass.), John Dingell (Mich.), Andrew Biemiller (Wis.), Abraham Multer (N. Y.), Harold Donohue (Mass.), Isidore Dolinger (N. Y.), Eugene Keogh (N. Y.), Harry Davenport (Pa.), Emanuel Celler (N. Y.), Adolph Sabath (Ill.), Louis Heller (N. Y.), Anthony Tauriello (N. Y.), Clement Zablocki (Wis.), Jacob Javits (N. Y.), Daniel Flood (Pa.), Sidney Yates (Ill.) and about a dozen others.

Of interest is also the fact that at the conclusion of his opening remarks, Rep. Klein placed in the record the full text of the radio address by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, delivered over the ABC Network on May 2, 1949, in connection with the first anniversary of the independence of Israel.

Characteristic of the editorial

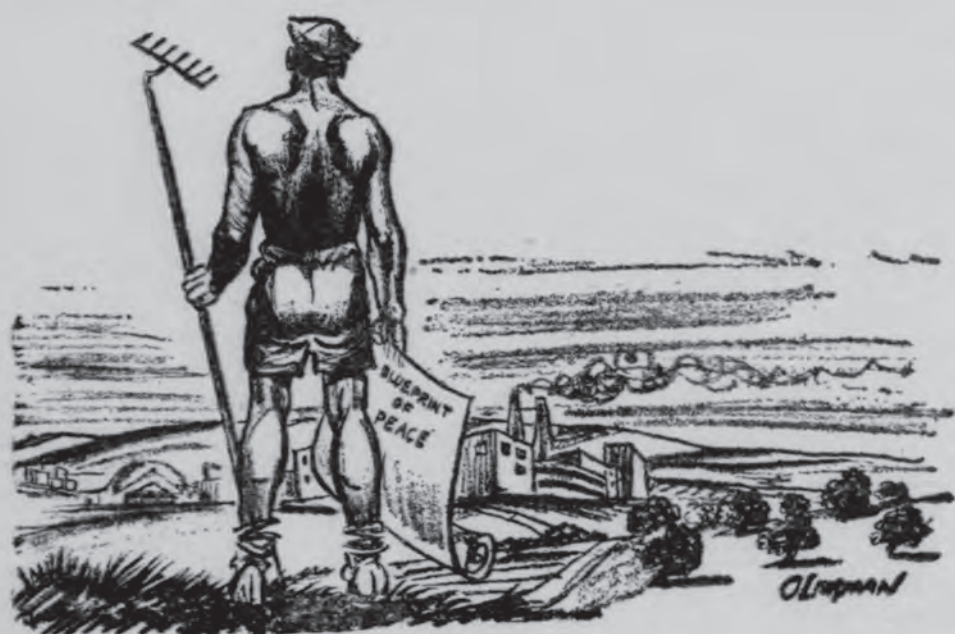
comment on the anniversary is the observation by the Washington Post that the failure thus far to admit Israel into the UN is not so much Israel's loss as the world's. "Israel," says the Post, "has shown a political maturity and a sense of independence quite remarkable for a one-year-old born in the midst of extraordinary difficulties . . . As for the world, the loss involved in postponing the election of Israel as the 59th member of the United Nations is measured by deterioration in the Middle East. Israel has all the attributes of an island of stability, and these should be and could be used for the common benefit."

Finally, a word about the exhibit at the Library of Congress. With the cooperation of the Israeli Embassy, the Library has collected a large assortment of rare photographs, first editions, historic documents, plans, diagrams and drafts in connection with the growth of the Jewish settlement of Palestine in the last 50 to 60 years, particularly current developments in Israel. Many of these were flown to this country from Israel for the occasion.

On display are beautiful photographs of Jewish cities and agricultural settlements, the first minted Israeli coins, the first Hebrew telegram, the first ship with an all-Jewish crew, a complete collection of Palestinian and Israeli stamps, the arrival of immigrants from Europe, North Africa, Aden and other parts of the world, the role of women in the upbuilding of the country, early pictures of President Weizmann and Prime Minister Ben Gurion, and numerous exhibit shelves containing other interesting material. The exhibit will be open until June 15, in the main exhibition hall of the main Library building.

UJA Sponsors "Year 2" Broadcast.

A national broadcast marking the first anniversary of the establishment of Israel will be presented by the United Jewish Appeal on Sunday, May 15, at 4:30 P.M. (Eastern Daylight Time) over the network of the American Broadcasting Company.





Two elderly New York Jews listen intently to the speakers at the Madison Square Park celebration of the anniversary of Israel's independence.

Inside the News

By HAROLD U. RIBALOW

In spite of the fact that the solidity of Israel's status is more firm than ever, a number of widely-circulated national magazines have not given up the fight against Zion and continue—in rather subtle form—to attempt to build up both sympathy for the Arabs and emphasis on America's substantial investments in the Middle East. A few issues ago, *Life* magazine devoted 17 pages to Aramco's \$250,000,000 investment in the Middle East. King Ibn Saud clears \$11,000 a day and Aramco, which is "secretive about its profits," makes \$625,000 a day. That ain't hay, but it is oil. *The Reader's Digest*, in a recent issue, also ran a long piece on the wonderful American towns in the Middle East which are important to the United States. All this recalls that in the past few years, such articles were not spontaneously-accepted articles but planted pieces, part of an anti-Zionist (now anti-Israel) pattern.

A Shocking Case

This manifestation also has its amusing side. For now, only after the Israeli situation is strong, does the New York Times publish a Sunday piece by Clifton Daniel which analyzes the internal problems in the Arab countries and reveals (as if we didn't know!) that those lands have governments which "are chronically inefficient and irresolute, careless of their constitutions and often flagrantly corrupt." His bill of particulars against the Arabs makes shocking reading to those who have been led to believe that the Arab lands can be judged by American, or Western, standards. It is all old-hat now, but interesting because the *Times*, in the past, didn't used to print such material.

A columnist never knows beforehand which of the items he picks up will be of real importance to his readers. Two items in this column in recent months really prompted many readers to express themselves in letters to this column. One of the stories dealt with the finding of recent Biblical scrolls. Details appeared in an archeological magazine and many requests came in ask-

ing where the magazine could be obtained. Now there seems to be a squabble concerning the authenticity of the scrolls. Those who think scholars are bloodless individuals will be surprised at the heat engendered in the correspondence between Dr. E. Sukenik, a great authority on such data, and Prof. Solomon Zeitlin, who was castigated by Dr. Sukenik for doubting the authenticity of the scrolls. We don't have an opinion as to who is right and who isn't, but with so many readers interested in the original story, we pass along the news of the conflicting viewpoints.

Commentary's Fiction

The other story concerns *Commentary*, about which there were harsh (some thought) and soft (others thought) words in this column. Many misunderstood the gist of our remarks and thought we were comparing the kind of service offered by *Commentary* to that given by the large-circulation organization papers. We never implied that; merely stated that it seemed a reflection on the Jewish community in America that *Commentary*, in spite of what many consider its faults, cannot win a mass readership (but neither can *Harper's* or the *Atlantic*). This is, however, one point we'd like to clear up. Because the bad stories in *Commentary* stick in our mind, we gave some readers the impression that their fiction generally is bad. A careful re-reading of the *Commentary* files in our possession reveal that the stories, in the main, stack up with any published in any of the literary magazines in the United States. We know that original charges always remain in one's mind longer than do retractions, but we do not hesitate to clarify our views on *Commentary's* fiction.

Some cultural notes: *Oliver Twist*, which has raised a real rumpus in America lately, is facing more trouble. A New York ex-magistrate is bringing legal suit against education officials who refuse to eliminate both the Dickens' novel and Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* from the public schools. . . . *The Goldbergs*, on television,

are as heartwarming a plea (if still needed) for Jewish living in America as one can find anywhere . . . *The Last Stop*, a Polish movie which pulls no punches on life in a concentration camp, received rave reviews from New York critics who generally don't plug films with great shock impact . . . *Newsweek* magazine published a survey which, to the editors of the magazine, reveals a trend of anti-Semitism in the recent Soviet "cultural purge," which does not disturb the pattern of the recent flip-flop against Israel by the American Communist Party, always a small group, but whose gyrations continue to amuse many observers of the American social and political scene.

Israeli Stamps

When this columnist visited the Israeli consulate (and everyone should), he asked, right off, whether the consulate gets many requests for Israeli stamps. The answer was—as it is in all consulates—yes, indeed. Well, those who are stamp collectors or, to get fancy about it, philatelists, there is an Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of America (225 W. Huron Street, Chicago 10, Ill.) which issues a newsletter and which is of value to all collectors. Israel itself, aware of the philatelist's interest in stamps, has a philatelic service department in its Ministry of Transport and Communications, which issues releases describing its latest stamps. We hope this information is useful, or will be, to those who relax with stamps.



DR. MORDECAI ELIASH
New Israeli Minister to London

A Bridge to Israel

By RABBI AARON DECTER

Our generation has had the rare privilege of witnessing one of the most significant and moving dramas in the history of man—not only the birth of the state of Israel but also the convening of the first elected assembly (Knesset) Israel has had in 1800 years. What the survival of the new republic of Israel means to the democratic world is being attested by the thousands of editorials in American newspapers.

Israel's friends, and certainly Israel's enemies, will watch its progress closely, for it is a great sounding board of many great ideas. Israel will be judged by what it does for and with the Arabs; by the economic and social techniques that they have created and are creating today; by the advance of its arts and sciences, as well as the humanities. Together with that, we American Jews and Jews throughout the world will be equally judged by what Israel does and sometimes fails to do.

It is precisely because of this profound identification with Israel that it is important for us to understand why continued enrollment of membership in the Zionist Organization is so vital.

Bridge to Israel

First of all it is vital because the continuance of the Zionist Organization will mean the creation and the maintenance of a bridge between Israel and Galuth. I remember that among the many stories that our parents told us was the story of what would happen "az Meshiach vet kumen." When the Messiah will come, so goes the story, the nations of the world will build tremendous bridges of steel and iron across the many seas and lands and they will pass thereon. Those bridges will be unable to hold their weight and they will fall into the oceans, but Israel will build a bridge of paper and all the Jews from the four corners of the world will pass thereon and, miracle of miracles, the bridge of paper will hold up the many tens of thousands. The old folk tale signifies a great spiritual truth. It means, however, more than a bridge of monies, of greenbacks, of paper, between Israel and the Galuth; it means a spiritual bridge.

In the first place, the Zionist Organization will be called upon, as it already has been, to create a tremendous bridge of investments, securities and so forth. But that is only half the story. It will be a paper bridge in the literary, artistic and musical sense as well, that we, the Zionist Organization, will create. It will be a bridge of culture and a bridge of Torah.

Secondly, increased and continued membership in the Zionist Organization is essential to influence the future pattern of Jewish community life in America. That influence must come from our Zionist ideals and Zionist visions. What is that influence?

It is first of all the spirit of chalutzuth—the spirit of pioneering. For us, pioneering does not mean the conquest of marshes, swamps, rocks, sand, desert, as it means for the chalutz of Israel. For us chalutzuth means spiritual pioneering, it means the introduction of new ideas and new values into Jewish life in America. The stimulus from the trans-

lation into reality in Israel of the age-old prophetic ideals of social justice can be a tremendous blessing if introduced to the life of American Jewry.

More Democracy Here

The influence of Jewish democratic spirit and self-emancipation are consistent with the great American ideals of freedom. The first free election in Israel in 1800 years—the first free elections held anywhere in the Middle East in our day—can be for us a symbol of an inner force of redemption. We Zionists, who for years have borne the greater share of the burden of financing the rebuilding of Israel, must help to introduce a greater measure of democracy into the pattern of American Jewish community living. Jewish leadership in America must take its mandate from the people, even as Zionist leadership has always come back to the grass roots of the Jewish people in America.

Zionism can influence American Jewish life culturally and educationally as well. There is a tremendous need for complete reorganization of Jewish education in America, to make it serve the basic needs of American Jewish boys and girls. The trouble with most of our Jewish education here is that it is maintaining the same forms as yesteryear. The present needs for American Jewish boys and girls are far different than those of the past. Jewish education must be the oxygen that can give them a new lease on life.

Thirdly, an increased membership in the Zionist organization is essential to establish a strong body of friends of Israel.

Membership is still the most essential armament of our people. The experiences of the Israelis during the past nine months have taught the world that a determined group of people with convictions can overcome all odds; that a people with patience and faith can emerge triumphant.

Our work is not finished, it is only beginning.

Only an armistice has been signed. Peace has not yet come completely to Israel or the Middle East. How then can we feel that we have done our share?

The army of Israel has not yet been demobilized. The democratic army of Zionists dare not demobilize itself. The complete unfolding of the story of Israel can only take place with the help of American Zionists.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann has declared that if Israel is to compete in the economy of the world, it must develop standards of excellence, expertness and morality in its industry, science, economics and education.

American Techniques

That is why we still need an organized Zionist movement—to provide American know-how and industrial techniques to Israeli industry. We need an increased membership in the Zionist Organization to help develop highest standards of expertness and excellence for industry in Israel.

Destiny has decreed that we be the architects of this new-born nation. It is up to each of us, the leaders and members of the Zionist movement, the originators of this dream, to see it through.

Let us Zionists insure that Israel will continue to live!

The Task Confronting the ZOA Convention

By PAUL J. GAISER

The forthcoming convention of the ZOA is charged with the task of dispelling the doubt and confusion in the minds of many Jews in this country as to the purpose and future activity of the organization. Many well-meaning Zionists are laboring under the false conception that with the establishment of the state of Israel the ZOA has fulfilled its mission and hence has no further purpose except to provide the necessary material aid and assistance to the new state, and should therefore be gradually demobilized and finally disbanded.

Mission of Zionism

This dangerous notion stems from lack of appreciation and clear understanding and conception of the true aims and principles upon which Zionism is founded. Zionism is not dedicated solely to the purpose of establishing a "legally assured, publicly secured" home for the Jewish people in Palestine. Its ideology is not limited to numbers, geographic areas, emergencies or the physical redemption of the Jewish people. Zionism is the expression of Jewish hope, the physical and spiritual survival of the people, wherever they are. It is not merely a political movement, but is in essence "Judaism," synonymous for the Galuth and Israel as well. Rhythmic pulsation of Zionism is felt in every phase of Jewish life and it creates the dominant pattern of Jewish thinking. Zionism is the sum total of Jewish religion, culture and learning representing the totality of Judaism in all its aspects and interpretation.

It is difficult to conceive the removal of the Zionist pattern from the prayers, T'filin, talith, Bible, prophets, traditional observances, ceremonies, Jewish holidays and the vast Jewish culture accumulated throughout the ages. How can the soul be separated from the body and yet remain living? The mission

of Zionism has never been limited to time and space, but constantly throughout the long Jewish struggle it has inspired, nourished, sustained and strengthened Judaism.

The ZOA, as the agency entrusted with the great task of implementing Zionism ideology in the American Jewish community, has yet to accomplish this phase of its sacred mission, and while it executed its task magnificently in the initial phase of the Zionist program, by energetic and brilliant political activity, and may claim an undisputed valuable contribution to the establishment of the state of Israel, it has yet to prove and assert itself in the other branch of the Zionist program: spiritual and cultural activity in the life of the American Jewish community.

Zionism in America needs no re-orientation but rather a re-affirmation of its divine mission and great principles.

Long Neglect

For the last quarter of a century, American Jewry was engaged feverishly in constant activity in the fields of "rescue" charity and philanthropy, grossly neglecting the spiritual and cultural needs of the Jewish community, as a result of which American Jewry finds itself literally at the verge of cultural starvation and spiritual bankruptcy. The long period of neglect in these fields has caused *heskeruth* to reign supreme in the life of the American Jewish community. The *am-ha-arazoth* has infested itself in the American Jewish body, gradually degenerating the body of this great *kibutz goluth*, and unless immediate earnest attention is directed towards this tragic problem with the view of a practical and workable plan, American Jewry will succumb to the inevitable. For the strength to survive does not rest in the size and number of the community, but in the spiritual and cultural

values, the only durable power which will sustain and insure the survival of the people. The true danger is not in the struggle without, but the decay within.

Zionism, as well as Judaism, is falsely conceived by those who question the purpose of further activity by the ZOA. Their evaluation does not stem from an inner conviction of the true positive values of Jewish learning, culture and tradition, which values have proven durable and indestructible throughout the ages, but from an objective and negative appraisal of false standards and values which do not contain the ingredients of permanence or durability. Israel has survived not by its might, but by its spirit, and by holding tight to its traditions and cultural values.

It is, therefore, high time for American Jewry to pause in earnest concentration of *heshbon hanefesh*, and to direct its thinking and activity toward the goal of rehabilitating the cultural and spiritual life of American Jewry.

ZOA Equipped

The ZOA is now the most potent force in American Jew-

ish life and the only practical agency fitted for this tremendous task. It is well organized, fully equipped and geared technically and mechanically, staffed with excellent personnel and experienced lay leaders, and for many years has been in close touch with the Jewish problem. Having been relieved of the heavy burden of constant political activity, to which it devoted most of its energies and attention for the past quarter of a century, it should assume the leadership in a great crusade to revive and revitalize Jewish spiritual and cultural life in America, without which Zionism, which is the essence of Judaism, cannot survive. Zionist leaders should unite in this common purpose and strengthen the ZOA so that it may proceed with the same zeal and determination manifested in the united political struggle for Israel.

The forthcoming convention of the ZOA, among other important problems on the agenda, must give priority to this problem. It must formulate and submit a definite, clear and concise program, together with a practical and workable plan to imple-

ment that program, if the ZOA is to claim justification for its future existence. Unless this is done, its *raison d'être* may validly be challenged.

The maintenance of a skeleton "education department" is entirely inadequate. It must organize a permanent conference, in conjunction with other existing Jewish organizations, including educators, rabbis and lay leaders, to supply it with the necessary facilities, technical advice, and ways and means to carry on a vast and practical education program.

It is, therefore, imperative that the coming leadership of the ZOA consist of persons who are capable and versed in Jewish life, culture and tradition; who are near to the Jewish people and its eternal problem, and committed to the ideal of Jewish survival. It is only through the inspiration, guidance and deep conviction of such leaders that a program such as here suggested may be implemented with some degree of assurance for its eventual success. The convention, therefore, must choose carefully and elect wisely.

Goldstein Outlines Future Program For General Zionist Confederation

JERUSALEM. — Opening the conference of the World Confederation of General Zionists held here, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Confederation and treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, declared that "Israel needs a sound General Zionist program which will provide a fair chance for private initiative and will pronounce our belief in one labor federation and one educational system; national unity should prevail above economic class interests."

Similarities in Platform

Dr. Goldstein stressed the need for the Confederation to decide the future relationship between the Progressive Party in Israel and the

General Zionist Confederation, adding that the "policy platforms of both these groups are almost identical."

Need for Culture

Speaking on general conditions, Dr. Goldstein said "we shall need the hard core of weather-proof Zionist organizations all over the world. Important tasks are before us, tasks which only the Zionist organizations are able to and must perform. We must educate the Jews of the Diaspora for *chalutzit*. The future of the 5,000,000 American Jews is very important for itself as well as for the future of Israel. Jewish life needs positive cultural values and the deep knowledge of Judaism which will strengthen Jewish life everywhere."

Let the People Know

By DR. CARL HERMANN VOSS,
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Misinformation and misinterpretation, distortion of facts and dissemination of untruths have come in these latter months from church circles, missionary groups and educational organizations with institutional interests in the Middle East. Certain ecclesiastical leaders, such as Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin and Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, and certain religious journals, such as the *Christian Century* and the *Living Church*, have been particularly guilty of launching vicious attacks on Israel. There has been no Christian grace in their anti-Israeli views.

Some of these individuals want to continue fighting the old and out-of-date battle of "Zionism versus anti-Zionism." They are reluctant to give even the de facto recognition which Bevin has been compelled by circumstances to give the new Israel.

These anti-Israelis fulminate about the Holy Places, but fail to note that Holy Places within Is-

rael are safeguarded and have been guaranteed as inviolate. They overlook the fact that it was Arab troops, commanded by British officers "seconded" for the purpose, who directed the bombing of the Notre Dame Hospice and captured the sacred Old City of Jerusalem.

These opponents of the new Israel accuse the Israelis of "secularism," forgetting that the driving selfless idealism of the Zionists in Palestine has spiritual qualities.

Cry for Arabs

These anti-Israel voices cry havoc about the Arab refugees, whose sad state was caused, it must not be forgotten, by officials of the British mandate before last May 15 and by the terror induced by marauding Arab bands and invading Arab armies. The new Israel, concerned as she is with the half million Arab refugees, could be pardoned for being more concerned at the moment with Jews in the ghettos of the Mediterranean lands, who are

systematically being persecuted and disenfranchised, expropriated and dispossessed, by Arab states.

The anti-Israelis talk of anti-Semitism increasing because of the new Israel, but in their hearts they know full well that Israel has strengthened the status and increased the self-respect and dignity of every Jew throughout the world. No longer is the Jew cursed with a sense of "not belonging." It can be truly said that Israel has decreased, not increased, anti-Semitism in America and throughout the world.

One may well ask: "Is not this anti-Israeli attitude an anti-Semitism of 1949?"

Should Be Grateful

Christians should be grateful that the new Jewish state is established. The Holy Land is being redeemed today. The charm and beauty, the grace and loveliness, which once characterized that sacred spot, are being restored; above all else, the Holy Places are carefully guarded.

Israel is a democratic haven in the midst of a feudal and often pro-fascist Middle East. Here is a democratic ferment, certainly the best bulwark against violent reaction on both right and left.

By helping the new Israel, by encouraging its growth and inter-



Army chief of staff Brigadier Yakov Dori presents a cup to the captain of the winning team following the championship soccer match held between two Israeli service teams recently.

preting it correctly to the public, act of atonement, an atonement for the persecution of Jews by Christians through the centuries.



Israeli Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog, with his wife, as they arrived in this country recently.

UN Accepts Israel; Obstructionists Fail

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President Weizmann and shortly after that meeting, Aubrey Eban, Israeli representative at the UN, announced that Israel was agreeable to the extension of the international regime for sacred sites from the Old City to the New, implying the inclusion of modern churches, their mission school and other institutions outside the Old City walls. It was not clear what, if any, autonomy for the religious institutions was involved in his proposal. He did make clear, however, that the internationalization would have to exclude all secular aspects such as administration, policing, taxation. The city, as such, was to be retained and ruled by Israel as an integral part of the Jewish state.

No sooner had Dr. Weizmann stated in a shipboard interview before his departure that the way had been paved for a Jerusalem settlement as a consequence of his talk with Cardinal Spellman, than the Cardinal's aide issued a statement to the effect that there existed no agreement on the truly fundamental issues and that, besides, the Cardinal had no authority to commit the Church to any formula. This statement may have been indicative of the Vatican's mood or it may have been a conciliatory gesture towards some Latin American delegations, lest they grumble that had they known that Cardinal Spellman had been authorized to negotiate a compromise they might have saved face by less vigorously opposing Israel's application for membership. There is support for this view in the fact that the well-publicized "Latin-American opposition" dissipated completely, and even Argentina joined in voting for the admission of Israel at the crucial session of the Ad Hoc Political Committee.

Norway, by voting for the admission of Israel, dispelled the legend of a Scandinavian bloc lined up against Israel. It is undeniable, however, that some Scandinavian countries opposed the admission of Israel. Israel's failure to apprehend the assas-

sins of Swedish Count Folke Bernadotte, the late UN Palestine Mediator, was listed as the primary reason. Although the Bernadotte issue was doubtless an irritant, the issues were far deeper. Even before May 15, 1948, UN records will show, the Swedish delegation to the UN, for purely religious reasons, fought bitterly for the internationalization of Jerusalem and for guarantees and a large measure of autonomy for the Christian institutions.

French Interest

The French delegation also showed preoccupation with Jerusalem long before the establishment of Israel as a sovereign state. Unlike British imperialism, French imperial policy in the Levant has always been concerned with Christian ecclesiastical interests. Partially through British connivance with Syrian and Lebanese nationalists, France was forced to yield her mandates over the two countries at the end of World War II. There could be no more suitable disguise for French reinfiltration than her participation, in some manner, in an international regime for Jerusalem, Old and New, sacred and secular. Unfortunately for France, Turkey nurses her own ambitions. The Turk member of the UN Conciliation Commission stated them clearly recently when he proposed an alliance of Moslem states, plus Lebanon and Israel, headed by Turkey. Ankara would constitute the balance of power in such alliance. Whether Israel would enter into such arrangement is irrelevant to this discussion, but that the re-emergence of France in Levant affairs, via Jerusalem, would impede Turkey's planning there is no doubt.

More Than Entry

France was active last week both at Lake Success and Lausanne, hoping to acquire by a flank movement at Lake Success the aims she might find it more difficult to attain in Switzerland. It was hoped that Israel would be forced into bartering Jerusalem for recognition. Britain's role requires no elaboration. Thus the fight at Lake

The other day, in the course of a chat with a Jewish writer of fiction who, like not a few Jewish novelists, would like to write "the great American Jewish novel," I said: "If I were a writer of fiction, I might explore the peculiar type of Jewish dual personality which American Jewish conditions have developed."

"Do you mean dual personality of the Somerset Maugham kind?" he asked.

"No. Because there is nothing Jewish in that, it being a phenomenon of what Maugham calls 'the human element.' The duality I am thinking of is altogether different. It is the dual personality of men like Dr. Simon Bernstein, whom necessity compels to divide themselves into two halves, giving one half to the sublime realms of scholarship and the other to a desk job which might be filled as well by someone of lesser stature."

The Real Bernstein

For almost three decades a loyal servant of the ZOA, as director of the Palestine Bureau and editor of the *Yiddische Folk*, Dr. Bernstein is among the best known and best loved of American Zionists. Yet, I dare say, the majority of those who listen to his reports at ZOA conventions and read his editorials and articles in the *Yiddische Folk*, do not know the real Simon Bernstein—the first, and the more important half, of this uniquely accomplished dual personality.

The real Simon Bernstein is the greatest living authority on

Success involved more than the ritual of Israeli admission, the value of which is by no means uniformly assayed even in Israel.

Israel's Stakes

The opponents of Israel and the proponents of an internationalized Jerusalem and the return of the Arab refugees failed to impose diplomatic barter agreements upon Israel for obvious reasons:

One need not expatiate on the economic upheaval that the mass return of Arab refugees would cause in Israel, a state already unprecedentedly taxed by its recent war expenditures, and the tasks of reconverting to a peacetime economy while retaining war-preparedness, and of absorbing a quarter of a million refugees annually.

However, the upheaval would be no less perhaps if Jerusalem were completely internationalized, because the city is a key to the new state's security, and unless held by the Jews might some day serve as a funnel for an attacking force sweeping down through the Judean hills. Besides, Jerusalem and its environs have been mapped out by the Israelis for intensive development, so that it might serve as an industrial and commercial base, providing livelihood and homes for hundreds of thousands of newcomers.

Cognizant of the military and economic significance of Jerusalem, at least two of the great powers and all the Arab states pressed last week at Lake Success and Lausanne for the city's complete internationalization. But for these very reasons, Israel could under no circumstance afford to succumb to their pressure.

medieval Hebrew poetry and liturgy. This Simon Bernstein has spent every free hour for many decades poring over Hebrew manuscripts, copying them patiently and painstakingly—then studying and annotating the copied texts before presenting them in books and learned journals to the public (if the scholarly group inclined to reading such books and journals can be called "public") and to posterity.

In the years of his maturity Bialik, our modern Hebrew Poet Laureate, often stressed that our generation is even more in need of *kinus*, i.e. the collection of the literary treasures of the past, than of *yetzirah*, i.e. new creation. As Bialik was of those who practise what they preach, he spent some 15 years compiling his *Sefer Ha-Aggadah*, editing Solomon Ibn Gabirol's poems and getting similar *kinus* projects started and well on the way.

Dr. Bernstein's life work is a happy synthesis of *kinus* and *yetzirah*. He has collected and redeemed from oblivion priceless cultural treasures and opened them up for the modern reader of Hebrew, thanks to his genius for creative scholarship and original exposition and analysis. He has done prodigiously both in the *kinus* and in the *yetzirah* realms.

Redeemer of Poets

Phenomenally many-sided, without being superficial, Dr. Bernstein has authored books on Zionism, great personalities of Jewish history (*Shomrey Ha-Chomot*), and on challenging moments and problems confronting those "guardians of our walls" (*be-chazon hadorot*). But he has made his abiding and most valuable contributions as the redeemer of forgotten Hebrew poets and poems of the past. Dr. Bernstein is said to have published some three thousand Hebrew poems for the first time, poems of whose existence no one knew and which, if not for his loving devotion and arduous labor, would still be hidden away in the manuscript chambers of the libraries. Dr. Bernstein has been a prodigious *meikitz nirdamim*—an awakener of the slumbering and forgotten treasures of our literature. Although he has given us a magnificent edition of Yehudah Halevi's *Divan*, enhanced by a truly brilliant introduction and notes which are veritable eye-openers even to the initiates, most of his efforts have been dedicated to obscure poets—minor writers whose importance lies not so much in their own personal genius as in the historical interest and associations of their writings. In the pursuit of the untrodden paths of medieval Hebrew poetry and liturgy, Dr. Bernstein has lifted from oblivion scores of Hebrew verse written in Italy during the 16th to 18th centuries (*Mishirey Yisrael B'Italya*). He rendered the same service of rescue to poems written in Turkey, where a flourishing Jewish center developed upon the arrival of numbers of exiles from Spain, after 1492, and to poems written in North Africa and other Arab countries.

Truly thrilling is Dr. Bernstein's discovery of Solomon Dapiera, a major poet of the Spanish school, about whom and

whose poetry very little was previously known. Dr. Bernstein published Dapiera's poems, supplied the volume with an introduction reconstructing the poet's life and times with the help of painstaking documentary evidence adduced from his own and the works of contemporaries, and adorned the book with brilliant scholarly notes, which are exciting. If not for Dr. Bernstein, we would not know that Solomon Dapiera, whom other scholars and historians had dismissed and overlooked as unimportant, was the last great poet of the "golden age of Hebrew literature in Spain" and the author of some 400 extant (about the rest that were possibly lost we do not know) poems, both secular and religious. He rendered the same service of love to Immanuel Franshis, an important Italian forgotten Hebrew poet, whose writings are of special Zionist interest because of his preoccupation with the theme of Redemption.

Modena Edition

Another brilliant gem in Dr. Bernstein's crown of achievements is his critical edition of the *Divan* of Leon De Modena, an *enfant terrible* of Italian Hebrew poets—and Hebrew poets generally. A child prodigy, Modena's great gifts were matched, and partly frustrated, by great passions, especially by his love of gambling. He was a genius of great contradictions. Other scholars had tried their mettle on the Modena theme—but one has to be a Dr. Bernstein, that is to say, more than a mere dry-as-dust antiquarian, to do justice to a complicated man of this type.

Reflecting on the fact that during all these years of concerted and concentrated scholarly work, Dr. Bernstein has ably directed one of the most important ZOA departments, while simultaneously editing the ZOA Yiddish magazine, one cannot help marvelling at the genius, the self-discipline and the self-abnegation this feat required.

Meeting Dr. Bernstein at a Zionist meeting—sociable, jovial, chatty and bubbling over with good talk and pointed anecdotes about the early builders of our movement—one would never believe that this is the same man whom one has seen for years and years, sitting absorbed in and bent over ancient manuscripts in the library, unseeing of what goes on around him, jealous of even a moment's fleeting greeting—because that moment belongs to the thing that matters above all: Jewish scholarship.



SAMUEL J. BOROWSKY
Elected president of the
Histadrut Ivrit of America

Browdy, Back from Israel, Optimistic on Investments

Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Brooklyn ZOA Region and a ZOA national vice president, returned this week from a six-week stay in Israel where he made a study of investment possibilities in behalf of The Israel Corporation of America, of which he is treasurer.

Mr. Browdy brought back a glowing picture of the phenomenal achievements of Israel. He paid tribute to the work of the Zionists who had helped to create "a beautiful state and an excellent beginning," adding that "right now I think it is the duty of the ZOA and its members to strengthen their ranks and finish the job that was started, that is, to help build the state until its foundations and future are secure."

Having toured every nook and corner of the country and inspected numerous industrial establishments, Mr. Browdy also conferred with major industrialists and small merchants. He discussed also the question of private capital with high government officials and said that he came to the conclusion that there were excellent chances for corporations or individuals to invest their money in the state of Israel. He voiced the conviction that such investments will "bear wonderful fruit. Any one with a little foresight who would invest his money today in the state of Israel will reap a healthy harvest."

As far as the government is concerned, he reported it is willing to make reasonable inducements and concessions for the investment of private capital. "In fact, the Minister of Finance of the state of Israel gave me concrete assurance in this connection. Of course, the Finance Minister pointed out that it is understood that these investments must be legitimate enterprises and not in the nature of fly-by-night or get-rich-quick propositions. If we have sound and sane business enterprises, then on that basis the government is willing to go along and make reasonable concessions," Mr. Browdy reported.

Weekend Broadcasts

Broadcasts of the ZOA's Report from Israel over WMCA every evening at 10:03, which are eliminated from time to time by broadcasts of night baseball games carrying over the 10:03 PM time, will be made up each week by special programs on Saturdays and Sundays at the regular hour.

Listeners are asked to consult the radio columns of the daily newspapers for exact scheduling.

Angell Pledges Support to Israel

In a letter addressed to Charles Schwager of New York, Congressman Homer D. Angell wrote that he rejoices "with the thousands of Americans and the people throughout the world in the establishment of this state, a dream centuries old which has at last come to full realization. I hope that we here in America, this great liberty-loving country, will do everything in our power to uphold the independence of this new republic to the end that it may indeed be a haven of refuge for the Jewish people."

cial connection whatsoever with *Israel Speaks* nor has it any voice in its policies nor any power to direct any of its operations.

I should appreciate the publication of this letter in the next issue of *The New Palestine*.

ARTHUR LOURIE
Consul General of Israel

We regret that through an inadvertence, Mr. Lourie was not called before publishing his letter. On the other hand, Mr. Lourie's letter contained no indication that it was confidential. We therefore saw no objection to publishing the exchange of letters between him and Dr. Marks. At the same time, we note from Mr. Lourie's letter that he again emphasized the fact that there is no connection between the Israeli government and *Israel Speaks*.—Ed.

The Correspondence On 'Israel Speaks'

Editor, *The New Palestine*:

Under the title "Why Is *Israel Speaks* Still Meddling?", the last issue of *The New Palestine* contains an exchange of letters between Dr. Sidney Marks, executive director of the ZOA, and myself.

It was at no time indicated that it was proposed to publish my interchange of letters with Dr. Marks nor was my permission asked regarding such publication.

May I say that as a matter of courtesy, if for no other reason, it would have been proper to have consulted me before giving this material to the press.

As regards the substance of the matter itself, you will be fully aware that following the dissolution of "Americans for Haganah" and its publications, a new privately-owned corporation was formed on a non-profit making basis to publish *Israel Speaks*. I wish to place on record and to emphasize that the government of Israel has no finan-

"Report" Aired Israel Fetes

Listeners to the ZOA's Report from Israel broadcasts were taken into the midst of Israel's independence day celebrations last week.

Correspondent Arthur Holzman, in his broadcast on May 4, painted a word and music picture of Israel's first year as a sovereign nation, beginning with the historic Declaration of Independence in a little museum in Tel

Aviv on that date last year. At that time, correspondent Holzman went out into the streets of Tel Aviv with his portable recording equipment and transcribed on wax the sounds of the hours when Israel's citizens danced and sang in every street, gathering

place and home. These historic moments in the life of a people were heard again in the special independence day broadcast. Seconds later, the listener was taken into the present—5 Iyar, 5709—to hear Israel mark its first birthday.

N.E. Parley to Hear Eban

Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli representative to the United Nations, will head the list of illustrious figures who will address the 29th annual convention of the New England Zionist Region which is taking place in Boston Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. This year's New England convention promises to be one of the most outstanding and inspirational conventions in the 30 years of the region's history, according to Dr. Michael Lucacer, president of the region. Dr. Arthur I. Shain of Boston is convention chairman.

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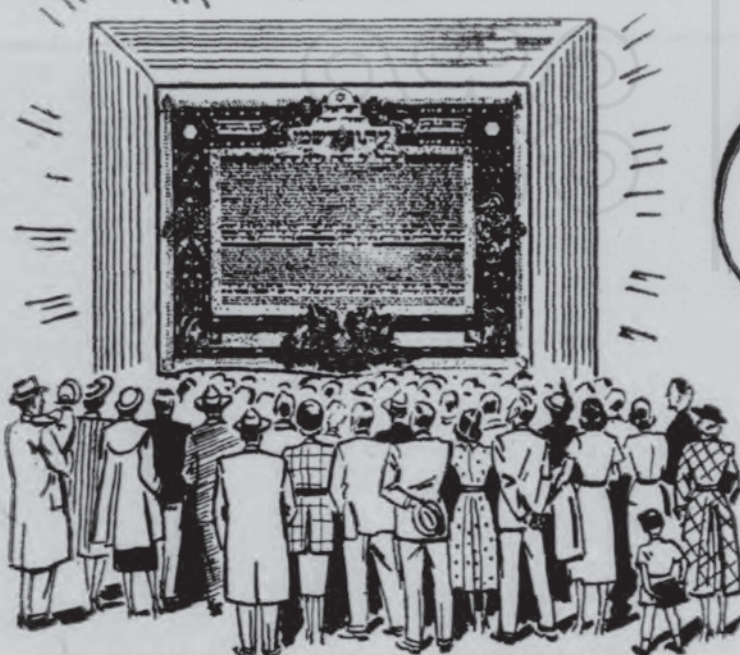
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The demand for the writing and publishing of more Jewish literature for children, expressed in this column some months ago and repeated by others, is apparently having some effect, much to the relief of parents and teachers. The market for Jewish juveniles—and one must first of all think in such commercial terms—is broad indeed, and it would be a good guess that the major Jewish publishers find children's books their best sellers.

The problem of what to bring "the child in the house," which confronts dinner or week-end guests, finds a ready answer in

a book; and those in search of appropriate but inexpensive gifts are urged to scan the ever-growing publishers' lists.

One of the best of the latest crop is a biography, *Theodore Herzl*, by Deborah Pessin (published for the National Education Department of the ZOA by Behrman House, \$2.00). Children love to read the thrilling lives

of great men, and in this volume, youngsters 10 to 15—and doubtless older as well—will find a compound of every element which makes for exciting reading.

Herzl and Israel

Miss Pessin exploits every dramatic incident in the life of Herzl, and weaves her tale with skillful emphasis on mounting suspense. The story ends abruptly, as did Herzl's life, but a brief epilogue spans the years and makes the connection between the hero and the new state of Israel.

There is no moral to preach; the book tells a vibrant chapter from modern Jewish history, but in such a way as to thrill any intelligent child and sharpen his interest in Jewish affairs.

For the younger child, we have *ABC Bible and Holiday Stories* by Daisy Phillips Aronoff (Bloch Publishing Co. \$2.00). Colorfully printed and tastefully illustrated, the book will appeal to the child of A-B-C age. "A is for Abraham, the very first Jew . . ." it begins, and proceeds through the alphabet with additional story material for each letter.

Some of the choices could have been more felicitous. "K is for King . . ." but in this instance Ahasuerus. Why not David—or Solomon? And why "Q" for Queen of Sheba? The rhymes are simple, however, and the little ones should have no more difficulty remembering them. "Z is for Zedakah, the word that we say, when we wish to help others, by giving each day. . . ." The accompanying paragraphs discuss the concept of Zedakah in language which the kindergartner can understand.

The Little Tractor

The prize children's book of the year is without doubt *The Little Tractor Who Travelled to Israel*, by Evelyn Lavow Greenberg and pictures by Israel Levy (Behrman House, \$1.00). The book is intended for youngsters roughly between 3 and 10, but even adults will be captivated by its delightful charm. The story has humor, pathos, adventure, suspense—and the usual surprise ending by which youngsters often judge their reading. It is easy reading, and yet has content of intrinsic value. It should lead any list of current books for Jewish children.

Shulamith Ish Kishor, whose name is a by-word in the field of children's literature, has done two more fascinating books, *The Stranger Within Thy Gates* and *The Palace of Eagles* (Bloch Publishing Co.—Shoulson, \$2.50 each). Both books are collections of short stories, more than 20 in each, and told with the skill and imagination which mark all Miss Ish Kishor's tales.

These stories are for the most part modern fairy tales and legends, plucked from Jewish lore. Why must Jewish children confine their imaginative world of make-believe to Rumpelstiltskin or Raggedy Anne, or the (to me abhorrent, though classical) Little Black Sambo? Jewish literature has its own fairies and magicians, its own lovely queens and brave princes, and dozens of these characters appear on the pages of Miss Ish Kishor's two books.

The stories are delightfully fantastic and impossible, which

should score in their favor with the public they are intended to please.

For the older boys and girls, those who in my day used to read Frank Merriwell and Tom Swift, there is *Boot Camp* by Henry J. Berkowitz (Jewish Publication Society, \$2.00). This is an adventurous story of a young Jew's experiences in a Naval Training Station, which the author knows

from first hand experience as a war-time chaplain. He skillfully combines the very real problems of a young man in the service with the additional problems he faces because of his faith. It is a fast-moving, exciting book which adolescents will enjoy.

Note well the price on all of these books; they are on a level which almost everyone can afford. Next time you are in need of a modest gift for a child—think of a book.

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BOOKS—Old and New

By CARL ALPERT

Singer of Redemption

By PHILIP RUBIN

He was only a *badchan*, a singer and master of ceremonies at Jewish weddings in Russia at the latter half of the nineteenth century. Yet he achieved a popularity, a fame, among millions of Jews in and out of Russia matched by only a handful of other Jews during that long period and afterwards. Scores of his *lieder*, for which he wrote both the words and the music, became the vehicle of expression, the outpouring in song, for three generations of East European Jewish men and women, for your *bohe* and *zaide*, if not for your *mame* and *tate*. Through him, your forbears and mine voiced their sorrows and hopes, their longings and aspirations, and their humble self-criticism as well.

His name was Eliakum Zunser.

Eliakum Zunser . . . Does that name bring nostalgic memories of a childhood and youth when you heard these songs from your mother's lips and yourself became saturated with them? Does it recall your lost innocence and bring a sneaking desire to recoup that which had all but vanished in the course of the years as you became more and more sophisticated? The recollection of Zunser will do this to you, provided you are old enough and belong to the biggest of all Jewish tribes, the East-European, Yiddish-speaking one.

Intensely Jewish

Often on Saturdays, as the Sabbath Day would fade out, mother would intone the sweet melancholy strains of *Rochel Mivakon al Boneho* (Rachel Weeps Over Her Children); those children who were once so happy in their own land where they had lawgivers, kings and prophets of their own, but were now scattered over the face of the earth and were everywhere hated and oppressed. To forget her own troubles—*tsores*, of course, in her language—mother might suddenly burst into the cheerful strains of *Die Soche*, that celebrated song in praise of farm life which winds up with a blessing for the early Palestine pioneers who had really dug into the soil, or the equally famous *Shivath Zion*, that stirring song of redemption in which Mother Zion, looking through the windows of her desolate house, sees the return of her long-absent children and gives vent to her joy, a song whose words seem so timely at this moment of the Great Return. Or mother might be in the mood for *Noch dem Neisten*, *Jhurnal*, or *Der Aristocrat*, *Elegie Levanda*, *Der Alter Foter*, that heart-breaking lament of an old father cast out by his children, or the two American songs: *Dos Goldene Land* and *Der Peddler* or children's ditties like *Der Zumer mit dem Vinter* and *Die Shtok Spiel*. If she had enough time on her hands, my mother, like many another mother in Yiddish-speaking Israel, might regale herself—and her children—with that lengthy ballad of the Haskalah period, of the birth of the Russian-Jewish enlightenment and its disappointing aftermath of persecution and pogroms, *Der Neizehnter Yahrhundert*—to my mind musically one of the finest Jewish songs ever written.

Zunser was so intensely Zionist because he was so intensely Jewish, and he was so intensely Jewish because he was so intensely human—let us not forget that. That is why the Jewish masses, the ordinary folk, loved his songs so much. Reared in such poverty as is to us today almost inconceivable, with an education only slightly more than that of the average Jew of his place and age, he was one with the common folks, he shared their problems, gave expression to what was in their minds and hearts.

Came to U. S.

Zunser, who was born in 1836 in Vilna and died in New York in 1913, a year before the outbreak of the first World War, spent the last twenty-odd years of his life here in the United States. To us as American Jews it should be a source of pride that this man with kind little eyes, gray beard, and spare, short figure, who toward the end ran a little printing shop on the East Side, was among us so many years, shared the bitter struggles of the immigrant to gain an economic foothold in the New World and created here some of his finest songs. As American Zionists we should always be grateful for his inspiring chant, *A Brief fun der Mutter Zion*, in which Jews in this country were urged to do more for the upbuilding of Palestine than they were doing at that time, toward the end of the 19 Century.

In the last verse of *Shivath Zion*, the song written in 1884 in honor of the *Biluim*, the Jewish students who were the first pioneers in Palestine, the song which became so potent a factor in spreading the Zionist ideal during an entire generation, Zunser expressed the belief that the names of these students "will endure like Ezra's unto the last days." If so, his name, too, should endure. Among those who are to find a niche in the Hall of Fame of Zionist immortals, which no doubt will soon be set up in the state of Israel, would it not be proper to include this *chalutz* in song, this singer of Jewish redemption, the humble *badchan* from Vilna, Eliakum Zunser?

The Year of Miracles

By DAVID EIDELSBURG

Strange as it may seem, the Jewish people that held on to life miraculously was, by the very dictum of its faith, *not* to rely on miracles. Supernatural occurrences were not to be taken as proof or as deciding factors in the formulation of religious law and conduct. In fact, the guiding spirits of our religious philosophy persistently minimized the significance of miracles in determining the right and wrong of human relations. That fact is highly dramatized in Talmudic literature.

Of course, this is by no means to suggest that the sages of historical Judaism did not believe in miracles. They did unreservedly. They were profoundly convinced of their infinite state of being. They saw miracles in the natural course of life, in every-day existence, in the myriads of things around us and within us which we mortals call "natural."

In the very "natural course of things," in their unchangeability, they saw the greatest of all miracles. That the order of Creation may not be disturbed by supernatural incidents was the command of the Creator Himself: "While the earth remains, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease."

Miracles Followed

It was when the tribe of Israel was first to be molded into a people, and then for safeguarding its existence, that miracles did come into play, openly, concretely, for everybody to see. Then eternal nature did change in behalf of the eternal people.

But did such changes occur under all conditions and circumstances? Were miracles wrought for our people regardless of their conduct and behavior? Again, no! A firm, hard-trying condition was exacted from them *a priori*. That condition was—readiness to die *Al Kiddush Hashem*, readiness for self-sacrifice on the altar of national existence. Invariably, one might say, miracles followed such collective acts of self-sacrifice, instead of preceding them.

During the past year, marking our rebirth as an independent nation, many happenings bordering on the supernatural occurred before our very eyes and the eyes of the whole world. Things came to be which could not be accounted for by the ordinary human process of reasoning. The most striking aspect about them was that they read, almost in every detail, like a chapter out of the Book of Exodus—the chapter in which the spirit of self-sacrifice revealed itself first and the great miracle came closely after, not the other way around.

With Pharaoh and all his host pursuing furiously behind them, with the desert and its wild animals and snakes all around them, and with the deep Red Sea in front of them, the children of Israel saw no escape. The only course left was the course ordered by God through Moses: "Do not cry unto me, speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward"—straight into the sea! Only the true spirit of self-sacrifice will bring salvation. When this order was obeyed, the supernatural appeared, the course of nature changed, the Red Sea receded before them.

In our time the repetition of the ancient Exodus miracle received a different name, when the heroes of modern Israel "revealed" to the world their victorious "secret weapon" (they termed it "*B'ain Breira*"—no other alternative). But the meaning of it all is practically the same: There was no road of escape; super-human bravery and heroism were the inevitable course. When this was pursued miracles followed.

Seven nations, organized and militarily supported by a world power, surrounded a comparatively small group of freedom-loving people with the announced determination either to destroy them on the spot to the very last soul, or drown them in the sea. Fight to the last man, even if only with bare hands—fight to the last drop of blood—was the answer!

Scattered Like Dust

Events followed that stunned the world. Miracles on almost every step accompanied the self-sacrifice of the outnumbered few, and even like the Egyptian pursuers of old, the enemy went down to ignoble defeat. He was scattered like dust before the small army of Israeli fighters and liberators.

Thus, in many, many ways, too numerous to mention, the history of miracles did repeat itself in the year of our national rebirth!

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Zionists Rally to Aid Israel Corporation

A series of important Zionist meetings are being held in various parts of the country in aid of the purposes of the Israel Corporation of America, which is devoted to the promotion of the economic development of Israel through private investment.

Most of these gatherings are being sponsored by ZOA regions, which are spearheading these efforts. With the UJA holding top priority in the activities of the

regions, the need to join the gift dollar with the investment dollar, to contribute toward the promotion of industrial enterprises in the Jewish state and thus provide gainful employment for the huge number of immigrants entering the country is also being stressed.

Among the meetings already held and to be held in behalf of the ICA are:

May 8—Goldman's Hotel,

Pleasantville (N. J.), under the sponsorship of the New Jersey Zionist Region. Principal speaker at this gathering was Abe Tuvim, executive director of the ICA.

May 15—A meeting under the auspices of the Manhattan Region—Hotel Park Sheraton; principal speaker will be Albert Schiff, president of the ICA.

May 18—Meetings will be held under auspices of the New England Region at which Robert Nathan, noted authority of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, will be the speaker; by the Westchester Region, in New Ro-

shelle, which will be addressed by Abe Tuvim; at the Pick-Ohio Hotel, Youngstown, under the sponsorship of the Tri-State Region, at which Seymour Liebman, director of the ZOA Economic Department will be the speaker.

May 22—Albert Schiff will address a meeting of the Ohio Valley Region at the La Salle Hotel in South Bend (Ind.).

In addition to these meetings, an intensified effort in behalf of the ICA is now being organized for the Boston area under the chairmanship of Dr. Leon S. Medalia, chairman of the Com-

mittee of Projects for Israel of Brookline Post of the Jewish War Veterans of America.

Another intensified effort is now also under way in the Philadelphia area under the chairmanship of William Syk, associate treasurer of the ZOA and member of the Board of Directors of the ICA.

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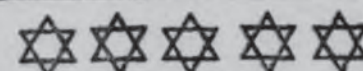
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ZOA Education News

Educators, Stars Pledge Aid To ZOA Playwriting Contest

A committee of distinguished Jewish educators will serve in advisory capacity in the ZOA's national playwriting contest, it was announced this week. This will assist the national judges—Norman Corwin, popular radio writer, Moss Hart, author of numerous Broadway successes, and Eddie Cantor, of stage, screen and radio—in selecting the prize winning one-act plays.

The advisory committee is composed of Dr. Israel S. Chipkin, Rabbi Armond Cohen, Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, Miss Hannah Goldberg, Dr. Robert Gordis, Dr. Louis L. Kaplan, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld and Rabbi David Polish.

Both the educators and the entertainment stars have pledged their full cooperation to the ZOA project, which is offering a total of \$1,000 in prizes, and which seeks to encourage the creation of dramatic material dealing with the development of a full and

meaningful Jewish life in the United States.

The contest is open to both amateur and professional playwrights, and closing date is

October 4, 1949. A full set of the contest rules may be obtained from the ZOA Education Department, 41 E. 42nd St., New York 17.

District Notes

The Grinnell Institute of International Affairs at Grinnell (Ia.), under the direction of Dr. Joseph Dunner, chairman of the Political Science Department of Grinnell College, will hold an Institute on Problems of the Middle East June 10 through June 12. Among the speakers will be Dr. Ralph Bunche, Major Wellesley Aron, Professor George Y. Bijjani, Dr. Tarak-

nath Das, Dr. S. Ralph Harlow, and Dr. Dunner.

The Baltimore District has set up a complete Zionist library in its headquarters. The books, pamphlets, and albums were obtained from the ZOA Book Bureau.

In celebration of Israel's first anniversary, the Oklahoma City District has presented a Zionist book shelf to the local public library, an Israeli flag outfit to the State of Oklahoma, a set of the Encyclopedia Hebraica to the University of Oklahoma, and an engraved copy of the Israeli Declaration of Independence to Federal Judge Murrah.

The Bayside Zionist District of Long Island (N. Y.) is sponsoring a Scrap Book Contest on Israel open to Sunday School students of all religious groups in Bayside. Rabbi David W. Gordon is chairman of the contest, and judges include Zionists and local ministers.

A forum recently conducted by the Steubenville ZOA District at its monthly meeting was devoted to a discussion of the role played by Zionist and other groups in the life of the local community. Rabbi Harold B. Waintrup, district president, is educational chairman of the Tri-State Region.

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The section dealing with preparations prior to departure to Israel contains information on passports and visas, sea and air accommodations, recommended clothing lists, etc. Advice to the visitor in Israel includes comments on customs, language, tips, restaurants and hotels, religion, and all the usual problems with which the visitor will be concerned.

An outstanding feature of the book is the light-hearted humor which enlivens the pages and makes for fascinating reading without reducing the value of the basic information.

Copies are 50 cents each, and may be obtained through the ZOA Education Department, 41 East 42 Street, New York 17, N. Y.

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English Zionist leader, writer and lecturer, who is now on a visit to the United States. She has gained an international reputation for her stimulating and enlightening talks on Zionist affairs. The ZOA Speakers Bureau is handling her schedule here.

Successful Institute In Philadelphia

The last of a series of ten Monday evening sessions in connection with the ZOA Fellowship of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization was held this month, with Carl Alpert, national direc-

tor of the ZOA Education Department, as guest speaker.

The series consisted of three Hebrew classes which met weekly, followed by the Institute on Israel. National and local educators among the speakers included: Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, Jehuda Hellman, Dr. Benjamin Akzin, Dr. William Chomsky, Marcelle Hirschmann, Prof. Edwin Samuel, Dr. Solomon Grayzel, Dr. Leo L. Honor and Dr. Leon Leibreich. The series was arranged by the Education Committee of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization, of which Arnold R. Ginsburg is chairman and Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, co-chairman. It will be resumed early in the Fall, according to an announcement by Michael H. Egnal, president.

Another project of the Education Committee is the ZOA Luncheon Club, which meets weekly.

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New London Honors Senator Shafner

A testimonial dinner was recently given by the New London (Conn.) Zionist District for State Senator Perry T. Shafner, first vice president of the New London District. The main speakers were Lt. Governor William T. Carroll, who represented Governor Chester Bowles, and Senator Alfred Wechsler, majority leader of the State Senate. Dr. C. John Satti, former Secretary of State, was the toastmaster. Morris Mallove, member of the National ZOA Administrative Council and state chairman of the Israel Corporation of America, also participated in the program.

Sunnyside, Eastern Pa. Districts Hear Unger

Rabbi Jerome Unger, ZOA associate executive director, addressed the Executive Board of the Eastern Pennsylvania Zionist Region recently on the future program and objectives of the ZOA. He spoke on a similar topic on Monday, May 2, at a gala meeting of the Sunnyside (L. I.) Zionist District which celebrated the first anniversary of the state of Israel.

Rabbi Unger installed George P. Vassil, who has been reelected president of the District, and vice presidents Samuel D. Paul, Max P. Rosensweig, and Sidney M. Firestone; corresponding secretary Kaiser Gordon; recording secretary Isaac Fenster; and treasurer David Brady.

Manhattan to Hear Neumann, Frisch

Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Daniel Frisch will be the main speakers at the sixth annual conference of the Manhattan ZOA Region, to be held May 14-15 in New York. Louis Dince is conference chairman.

The sessions will feature a report on activities of the Region within the past year by Regional president Irving Galt, and special Book of Remembrance ceremonies. A debate between spokesmen for the Committee for Progressive Zionism and the ZOA administration will also be presented at one of the sessions of the conference.

May Endorsed

The Nashville (Tenn.) ZOA District, headed by Henry Kantor, has endorsed the candidacy of Mortimer May for president of the ZOA at the next convention. "Besides long service in our movement, Mortimer May embodies idealism and executive ability," the statement said.

Endorsement of Mortimer May's candidacy also comes from the Palm Beach County District of Florida, of which Carl F. Altman is president.

The ZOA district of St. Petersburg (Fla.) has also endorsed the nomination of Mr. May, according to an announcement by Alfred M. Clavan, president.

Membership Chairman of the Month

IRWIN BECK

Brighton Beach Boom Baffles Beck.

This is not the kind of headline that is likely to appear in any Zionist publication because the phenomenal rise in ZOA membership in the Brighton Beach District last year was the result of work not likely to be unfamiliar to the man primarily responsible for the efforts.

In the 1947-48 year, the district's numerical strength was almost double that of the previous year. What was the secret of this fine record? In Beck's own words, the formula: "Never mind fanfare and fluff. Leg work is the only thing that produces. Leg work is what we will do."

That the formula was a success is obvious. The details of the campaign are interesting to show the amount of effort put forth in order to achieve it.

Sixty two-man teams were organized under Beck's direction to go out and do a thorough job of canvassing in the community. In addition, public appeals for Zionist affiliation were made on the Brighton Beach boardwalk during the spring and summer on Sundays, and work-



Brighton Beach's Beck
No fanfare, no fluff

ers were assigned to do follow-up work on prospects.

The value of these efforts was demonstrated in various forms. Attendance at meetings of the district picked up and the prestige of the organization was heightened immeasurably. Zionist projects received a greater response from the membership than had ever been attained previously. Drives for the Jewish National Fund and the Metropolitan Zionist Fund reached new peaks. The Food for Israel campaign was a glowing triumph.

All this is good evidence of the multiple benefits that accrue to a district from such a simple thing as membership effort. Results in every other kind of endeavor that the district undertakes are multiplied with a minimum amount of work for enrollment purposes.

As a result of the job Beck did in Brighton Beach, the Brooklyn Region coopted him to be its membership co-chairman and he is now hard at work duplicating his efforts on a larger scale.

Beck does not expect to be baffled by a boom in Brooklyn either.

Robbins on ZOA Speaking Tour

Dr. Morton J. Robbins of Nashua (N. H.), member of the National ZOA Executive Committee and honorary president of the New England Zionist Region, was recently guest speaker at the Michigan Zionist State Regional Convention at Grand Rapids. Dr. Robbins also addressed a public anniversary celebration sponsored jointly by the Forest Hills Zionist District and Hadassah Chapter at the Jewish Community Center in Forest Hills, the Bronx Zionist District, and the Cleveland (O.) Zionist District.

Flatbush Synagogue To Honor Liebman

The annual UJA dinner of the East Midwood Jewish Center, on May 24th, will be tendered in honor of Seymour B. Liebman, vice president of the Center and director of the ZOA Economic Commission, according to a statement issued by Harry L. Abrams, president of the Center. The testimonial is in tribute to Mr. Liebman's many years of service to the Center as editor of its bulletin and in many other phases of its activities.

Phil Lassar, president of the Flatbush Zionist Organization, has announced that the members of his district will participate with the East Midwood Jewish Center in paying tribute to Mr. Liebman, and in helping the Center attain its UJA goal of \$1,500,000.

Dr. Frank Kingdon will be the speaker at the dinner.

Western N. Y. Re-elects Rudolph

Bernard G. Rudolph was reelected president of the Western New York Zionist Region recently, at a meeting held in Syracuse. Other officers elected are Irving Norry, Marvin Gerstman, Dr. Eugene Fischer, vice presidents; William Nimelman, treasurer; Bernard S. Cohen, secretary; M. Rudolph, M. Nimelman and Jack Philipson, delegates to the ZOA convention, and Rabbi Joseph Rudonsky, alternate.

Dr. Sidney Marks, national ZOA executive director, who addressed the meeting, discussed the tasks which confront the organization today, among them aid and support to the immigrants streaming into Israel through colonization and industrial projects, the establishment of institutions for social and industrial hygiene, an institute of trade and commerce, a tourist reception center, and other projects which will help make the new state self-sustaining.

Sculptor Podell Is Long Branch Member

Maurice Podell, the sculptor whose works are among those on display at the Annual Members Exhibition of the Painters and Sculptors Society of New Jersey, is a member of the Long Branch District of the ZOA.

Mr. Podell, whose artistry developed from a hobby of molding figures out of bread, recently exhibited his work at the Whitney Museum in New York City. Among his bronze statues is one representing Buchenwald. His latest work is a huge bust and head of Moses.

Bronx Youth Hold Institute

The Bronx Zionist Youth Commission is conducting a week-end institute May 13-16 at the Plugat Aliyah Farm at Wappingers Falls. It was announced by Mr. Max G. Rubinstein, chairman of the commission. Participating will be members of the Leaders Council and Senior Council of Bronx Young Judaea and representatives of Masada, Junior Hadassah and the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America.

Krug Leaves Buffalo For Chicago Post

Mark M. Krug, executive director of the Buffalo (N.Y.) Bureau of Jewish Education, has resigned his position to become associate superintendent of the Chicago Board of Jewish Education.

Mr. Krug has also been serving as a member of the two-man presidium of the Buffalo Zionist District.

Bronx Parley to Hear Neumann, Frisch

Leading Zionists will address the Bronx Zionist Region's seventeenth annual convention May 13-15 at the Rosner-Auerbach Hotel, Spring Valley (N. Y.), regional president David Moskowitz has announced. They will include Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA president, Daniel Frisch, ZOA vice president, and Judge Bernard Rosenblatt, former chairman of Keren Hayesod, who has just returned from Israel.

Dallas Elects Rabbi Annes

Rabbi Pierce Annes of Congregation Tiferet Israel was elected president of the Dallas Zionist District recently. Sherman Kaplan, Louis Kreditor and Israel Rosenfield were chosen as vice presidents; Myer Rachofsky as treasurer; and Harry L. Kaplan as secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Segal were appointed to the offices of membership chairman and executive secretary, respectively.

Zionah District Names Alperin

Seymour Alperin was named president of the newly organized Zionah District 134 in the Bronx at its first elections held recently. Arnold Perlbind and Rosalind Rosenberg were named first and second vice presidents.

Other officers of the District are Milton Hecht, social chairman; Daniel Kimmelman, membership chairman; Michael Malowitz, education chairman; Joel Offen, house chairman; Walter Hauser, public relations chairman; Gloria Starr, recording secretary; Nettie Nadler, corresponding secretary; and Gertrude Kimmelman.

Miami Beach Elects Stone

Alfred Stone was elected president of the Miami Beach Zionist District at a recent meeting. Dr. David S. Andron, I. R. Goodman, S. A. Goodman, Ben Zion Ginsburg and Seymour Rubin were elected vice presidents; Bertram Miller, financial secretary; Philip Salmon, recording secretary; Louis Miller, treasurer; and Shepherd Broad, chairman of the Board of Directors.



Harry A. Kosmacher (right), president of the Rockaway Park District, receives a citation from national membership chairman Joseph Goldberg on the District's achievements in its enrollment effort. District membership chairman Sam Seidenberg (center) looks on.

N. J. Instructs Convention Delegates to Back Frisch

Rev. Martin Adolf Reelected Region President

The annual conference of the New Jersey Region unanimously adopted a resolution ratifying the action of the regional executive committee in endorsing the candidacy of Daniel Frisch for ZOA president. At the same time the resolution instructs the New Jersey delegates to the convention to cast their votes for Mr. Frisch in the elections.

Rev. Martin Adolf was unanimously reelected president of the region for another term. The



REV. MARTIN ADOLF

convention also adopted a resolution paying tribute to Rev. Adolf for his services and activities as president of the region in the past year.

Following a full discussion on the forthcoming activities of the region, the conference, in recognition of the need for an expanded educational program, voted to allocate \$5,000 for youth work and the engagement of an educational director, in conjunction with Hadassah.

One of the first projects to be

initiated by the region in the ensuing year is the adoption by it of a colony in Israel. In a statement to a representative of *The New Palestine*, Rev. Adolf stated that one of the first steps which he intends to take at the next meeting of the Administrative Council of the region is to introduce a motion for the establishment of a Nachlat Frisch on JNF land in Israel.

The region's resolution endorsing Mr. Frisch's candidacy reads in part:

"We delegates of the New Jersey Region in convention assembled at Pleasantdale (N. J.) this 8th day of May, 1949, hereby confirm and ratify the action of the Executive Committee in its endorsement of Daniel Frisch at the forthcoming convention and we direct our delegates to said convention to support the candidacy of Daniel Frisch as president of the ZOA."

ICA Session

A successful session devoted to the Israel Corporation of America was held at the New Jersey Regional conference at which Abe Tuvim, ICA executive director, spoke. The session was also addressed by Benjamin Gordon of Teaneck and Ellis Goodman of Camden. Ira Katchen was chairman.

A resolution was adopted expressing confidence in the Silver-Neumann administration and urged that Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann be recalled to leadership in the Jewish Agency Executive.

More Frisch Endorsements

The ZOA District in Sacramento (Cal.) has endorsed the candidacy of Daniel Frisch for ZOA president.

A general meeting of the membership of the Richmond Hill (L.I.) Zionist District with a membership of 600, unanimously approved the policies and administration of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann, and endorsed the candidacy of Daniel Frisch for president of the ZOA.

Westchester Confab To Hear Neumann

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA president, will be principal speaker at the 14th annual conference of the Westchester Zionist Region Sunday, May 15, in New Rochelle, it was announced by Irving Libman, conference chairman. Dr. Neumann will address the evening session at 8:30 P.M. on "How Israel Can Spearhead Democracy in the Middle East."

The afternoon session will have as its principal speaker Abe Tuvim, executive director of the Israel Corporation of America and the American Zionist Emergency Council. Irwin Schindler is also scheduled to speak.

Libman Reelected In New Rochelle

Irving Libman was reelected president of the Zionist Organization of New Rochelle at a recent meeting which featured the program of the Israel Music Foundation. Elected to serve with him were Robert Heimowitz, Philip Kasakove and Dr. Lyon P. Strean, vice presidents; Sol Gerstein, treasurer; Mrs. Alvin Ruskin, corresponding secretary; Rabbi Gershon Feigon, financial secretary; Elliot Glassberg, recording secretary.

Bnai Zion Names Group for Silver

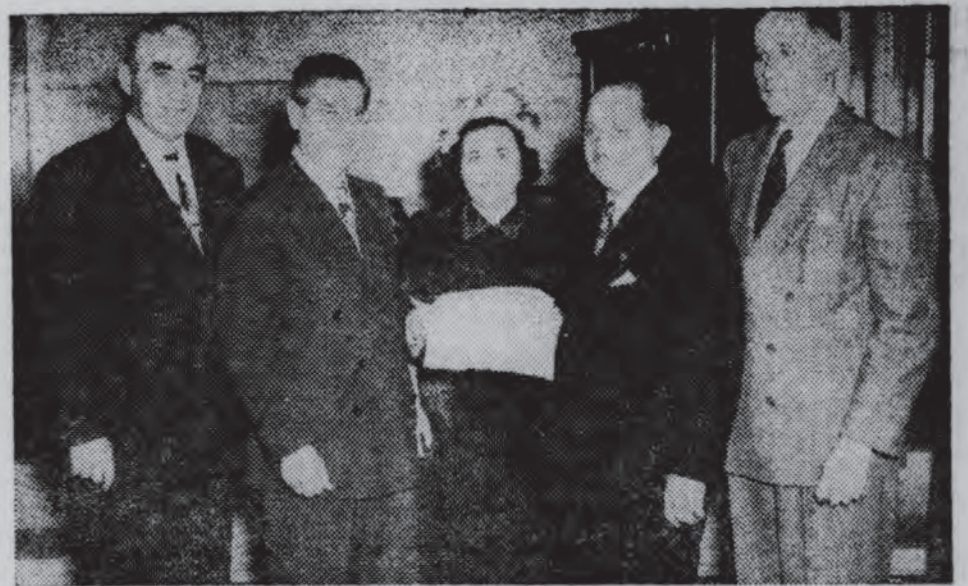
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was honored on Israel's first anniversary when Bnai Zion, national fraternal Zionist organization, named a branch for him, it was announced last week by Harry A. Pine, Grand Master.

The Bnai Zion division, to be known as the "Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Camp No. 11" is being organized by Dr. Harris J. Levine, prominent Zionist leader. Among the charter members of the new branch are Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Daniel Frisch and Albert Schiff, president of the Israel Corporation of America, as well as other leading Zionists.

Membership in the new group will include a \$100 life insurance certificate with the Jewish National Fund, the land redemption agency in Israel, as the beneficiary.

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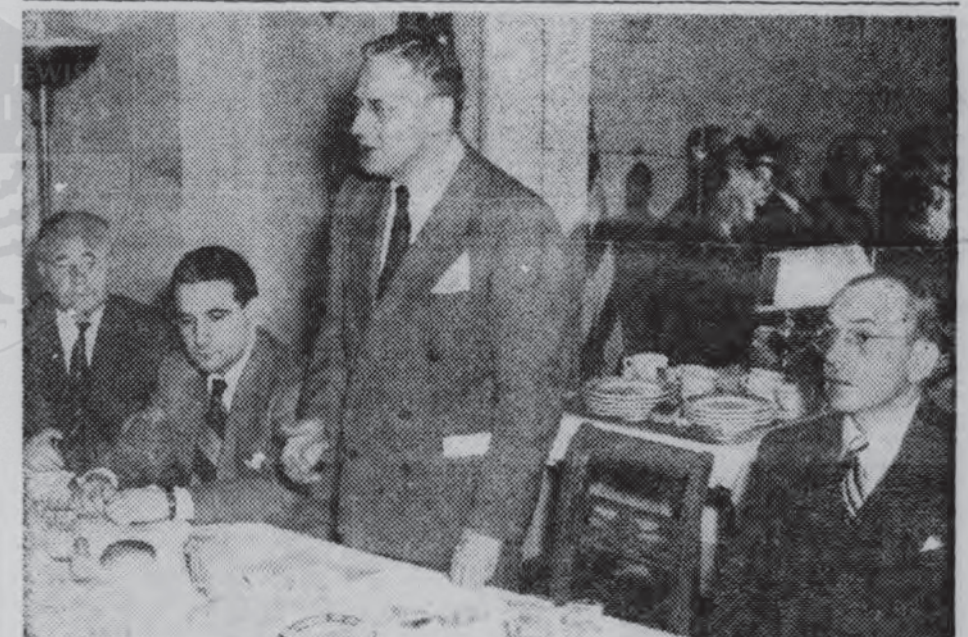
For the first time anywhere, a Sabbath Eve service composed by 14 distinguished contemporary Israeli composers will be performed from manuscript by Cantor David J. Putterman and choir, directed by Max Helfman, Friday, May 20, at 8:30 P.M., at the Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 Street, New York City.



Paul Cohen, chairman of the Bronx Food for Israel drive, presents certificates of honor to leading volunteers who helped collect more than 300,000 pounds of food in the region as part of the ZOA campaign. Left to right: Morton Martell, Cohen, Susan Geller, Bronx Region president David Moskowitz and Charles I. Berger.



Mayor Stanley W. Church of New Rochelle (N.Y.) receives a going-away gift from Joseph W. Greenleaf, president of the Westchester ZOA Region, prior to the Mayor's departure to Israel on the tour arranged by the American Christian Palestine Committee. Participating in the ceremony were (l. to r.) Irving Libman, Alvin Miller, Mr. Greenleaf, Mayor Church, S. Harold Labow, J. M. Rosen, Philip Scheiner and Benjamin Flax.



Albert Schiff, president of The Israel Corporation of America, addresses a breakfast meeting of the Manhattan ZOA Region on behalf of the ICA. Left to right: Samuel Greenblatt, ICA comptroller; Harry Torczyner, chairman of the meeting; Mr. Schiff; and Dr. Harry F. Wechsler, Manhattan Economic Affairs chairman.

Israel Issues Independence Stamp

Israel has issued a postal entire (stamped envelope) honoring its first independence day, as reckoned by the Hebrew calendar.

The entire has a cachet of the emblem of the state of Israel. This cachet features, in addition to the seal, the back of a Roman coin in 70 A.D. showing a Roman soldier triumphantly glaring down at a figure of Judea, and bears the Roman inscription *Idaea Capta* which means "Judea Capitulated." It also features the official emblem of Haganah.

The flag design (a 30 mills value) will be imprinted on the envelope and the first day covers will be cancelled in all three principal cities as well as "Tabul" (the Tel Aviv Stamp Exhibition.)

The first picture of the envelope was brought to Gimbels department store in New York by Mr. D. Gal-Ezer of the Ministry of Communications of

UJA Sets "12 Days"

"Twelve Days of Commemoration" to mark the first anniversary of Israel's independence were dedicated in New York at a dinner in honor of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of Israel, May 4, under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal.

The 12-day anniversary period, which started May 4, will end on May 15.

On the occasion of the anniversary dinner, which was also to be in the nature of a farewell to Dr. Weizmann on the eve of his departure, the president of Israel paid personal tribute to UJA campaign leaders from all parts of the country.

Israel, who has just arrived in this country, according to Jacques Minkus of Gimbels stamp department.



ZOA vice president Daniel Frisch addresses the delegates at the annual convention of the Michigan Zionist Region. Left to right are Mrs. H. B. Shaine, Mr. Shaine, re-elected regional vice president, Mr. Frisch, Morris M. Jacobs, re-elected regional president, Mrs. Jacobs.

Mack Says Israel Needs Strong ZOA

Nathan Mack, who was president of the Jewish Community of Las Vegas (Nev.) from 1939 to 1947 and chairman of many Jewish drives in the city during that time, stated on his return recently from the UJA overseas mission to Israel that a strong American Zionist Organization is one of Israel's greatest needs.

Mr. Mack, who, although he now resides in Los Angeles, was drafted by the Las Vegas Community to become its president once again in 1948, pointed out that Israel is absorbing many more immigrants than was thought possible, but that a saturation point would be reached unless American Jewry continued its tremendous support through

UJA and a flood of private investments.

Mr. Mack will return from Los Angeles to Las Vegas shortly to help put the 1949 UJA drive over the top.



NATHAN MACK



SECRETARY-GENERAL

23 May 1949

Dear Dr. Silver,

The Secretary-General very much appreciated your letter of 13 May and has asked me to thank you on his behalf, since his very heavy schedule during and after the General Assembly has made it impossible for him to write as soon as he would have liked.

Sincerely yours,

Clyde Nichols

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"UNTIL HER TRIUMPH GO FORTH AS BRIGHTNESS"

Abba Hillel Silver

The nation that for so long had been outcast has now been welcomed back into the world community of nations, self-redeemed, proudly vindicated, and justified in its faith.

It is an historic moment of incomparable grandeur!

The nation that first kindled for mankind the vision of universal peace and of free peoples made one in law and dedicated to righteousness has now taken its honored place in the association of the United Nations, the heir of the ancient vision of Israel and the guardian of that inextinguishable hope.

It is drama of profound spiritual depth and majesty!

The nation that was so often consigned to death has risen again from its immemorial crucifixion and has returned to sovereign national life. The world has now opened its gates that this nation which kept faithfulness through the weary centuries might enter in.

It is elixir of hope for our world's despair. It is comfort for all who must wait through the desolate night of watching for the coming of dawn.

The nation whose voice was silent for centuries in the council chambers of the world, though its accents never failed to reverberate in the conscience of mankind, will now be free to speak as one having authority, and it will speak as of old of peace, of justice, and of brotherhood.

It is deep present satisfaction! It is an ineluctable challenge for the future!

Surely this is a day of flashing hopes. It is a day also of radiant memories. This is your day, you valorous men of Israel, who did not weary nor grow faint throughout the long years of the great tribulation. Gather round as the Flag of Israel is unfurled to join the proud company of the flags of all the free nations of the earth.

It is your day, you martyrs of Maidanek and Treblinka; you heroes of Galil and the Negeb, you pioneers of the unsundered dream who cleared the way for our people's redemption, you exiles who walked the broken roads of the inhospitable cen-

turies. Gather round! And you men of Masada and the lion-hearted of Bar Kochba and of Judah the Maccabee. And you poets and seers who sustained the tired hearts of our people on the long road. Gather round with us of this generation and together, let us salute this wondrous day. And prayerfully, let us repeat the everlasting words of prophecy:

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