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November 12, 1953

Dear Sir:

We received the enclosed letter recently, following the distribution of a leaflet (copy attached) at the Madison Square Garden Jerusalem celebration.

The suspension of Betar's subsidy is a blatant and obvious attempt to suppress the democratic expression of ideas within the Zionist Movement. The above-mentioned leaflet merely expresses the classic views of our movement on the partition of Eretz Yisrael, which have been well known since the days when Ze'ev Jabotinsky fought the first partition scheme in 1922.

It is an outrage that the Jewish Agency should resort to such dastardly devices in an effort to impose its will and silence opposition. Since when has the World Zionist Organization become a 'closed corporation' in which no contrary voice is permitted to be raised in opposition to the party line?

That the Agency should employ methods of economic pressure, particularly at a time when it is itself decrying the use of such pressure on the part of the U.S. State Department, is the height of hypocrisy and the depth of duplicity.

We call upon you, as a responsible Zionist leader, to help nullify this attempt at thought control, by using your influence with those who are guilty of applying totalitarian methods to suppress divergent views.

Respectfully yours,

Mordecai Ben-Emek

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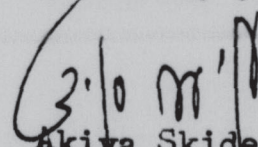
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Brit Trumpeldor
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Dear Chaverim:

We regret to advise you that, as a consequence of your activity at the Madison Square Garden Jerusalem Celebration, we have decided to withhold any further allocations to you at this time. The Youth and Chalutzit Committee of the Jewish Agency Executive will have to consider, in the near future, the advisability of continuing the Jewish Agency support for a youth organization which engages in public activity which is clearly not in the interests of organized Zionism.

Sincerely yours,


Akiya Skidell
Director

Youth and Chalutzit Dept.

AS:lh

*I remember this, 'O God and moan:
I see each town built on its' site,
While God's own city is down to the grave.*

—Neilah Service—Yom Kippur



*May my right hand wither . . .
May my tongue cleave to the roof
of my mouth . . .*

Psalms: 137

I have forgotten thee, O Jerusalem!

Tonight is not an occasion for celebration! It is a time for tears and mourning!

Today—for the first time in our history Jews are forbidden to pray at the Wailing Wall (Kotel Ha ma'aravi)!

Today—for the first time since its destruction Jerusalem is “*Judenrein*”—the only city in the world in which Jews are forbidden to live!

FANTASTIC—BUT TRUE!

The joyous day of the establishment of Israel's independence was one of the blackest in the history of Jerusalem. Not only was a Jewish State established without its historic capital, but an iron wall was erected to separate the Jewish nation and its capital city. . . .

“*Jerusalem*”—does not mean the 30 year old “*New City*,” which is a modern superb built on the outskirts of “*the world's oldest capital city*.” It means rather: the 3,000 year old, historic “*Old City of Jerusalem*”—the city of David and Solomon, of Abraham and Jeremiah. It means:—Mt. Moriah, the site of the Holy Temple, The Western Wall and the Tower of David. It means: The Jerusalem of History built on seven hills, surrounded by its ancient wall, hallowed, mourned and loved by the Jewish people from times immemorial.

This city is now occupied by the Jordan Arab Legion, and is outside of the boundaries of the partitioned State of Israel.

You have therefor been brought to this celebration under false pretenses. It is the greatest shame and disgrace, reflecting the height of gall and audacity to “celebrate” Jerusalem's anniversary at a time that our Holy City is in enemy hands, forsaken, desolate, destroyed, and widowed from her own people. . . .

— — — *This is blasphemy of the worst kind . . .*

— — — *It is a mockery of 2,000 years of prayers for Jerusalem's restoration . . .*

— — — *It is an insult to those who fought and died in her defense . . .*

This applies not to Jerusalem alone for nearly none of the sacred historic places, associated with our early history are now within the borders of the State of Israel. — — —

For how long will we tolerate a mutilated, partitioned Jewish State deprived of:

Holy Jerusalem; The Temple Site; The Tower of David; The Citadel of Zion; Mt. Moria; Mt. of Olives; and Mt. Scopus (with its Hadassah Hospital; Hebrew University; and National Library); Rachel's Tomb; The Caves of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at Hebron; Bethlehem; the birthplace of David; The Hills of Judea; The Bashan and Gilead east of the Jordan; Jerico; Shiloh; Mt. Nebo; Mt. Hermon; Mt. Gerizim; Mt. Ebal; Shomron; Jenin; Tulkarm; Kefar Etzion, Neve Jacob, Ramalah, Jacob's Well, etc.—Ad infinitum!!

How long will we be satisfied with only 20% of Eretz-Israel? With a 700 mile long frontier that can not be defended? With daily murders, raids, and infiltrations? Rav Aluf Makleff, Chief of the Israel General Staff said that *"It is a bad irrationally drawn frontier, never meant to last."*

Partition is a failure! It was a fatal error to have accepted it at the outset, and now it is taking its toll in life and property. Time is working against us. The sooner we act, the quicker will we avert the inevitable tragedy.

A partitioned, divided Eretz-Israel, deprived of the Jordan River, the fertile plains of Trans-Jordan, and historic Jerusalem—which legally and historically belong to us is a mockery and a violation of the most sacred ideals and principles of the Jewish people.

A glance at a map of the State of Israel will prove that as it now stands, the Jewish State is a freak, crippled by the mutilation of its boundaries and the severance of 80% of its original territory.

**The Jewish People can never surrender Jerusalem,
or any portion of Erets-Israel!**

**Two Jerusalems, a "New" and an "Old," an "Arab" and
"Jewish" is an absurdity!**

**Erets-Israel must be united and its capital restored!
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest.**

(Isaiah:62:1,2)

**This is our immediate task: The reuniting of Jerusalem,
"old" and "new," the elimination of the propaganda hoax
called the Hashmite Kingdom of Jordan and the re-establish-
ment of Jewish rule over all of Erets-Israel on Both Sides
of the Jordan.**

**JEWS—DON'T BE DECEIVED! CHARITY CAN NOT PER-
MANENTLY SOLVE ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC ILLS!**

**ONLY AN ERETS-ISRAEL WITHIN ITS NATURAL HIS-
TORIC BORDERS OFFERS A PERMANENT SOLUTION!**



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