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MONTHLY REPORT
OF THE
EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY
ON THE
SITUATION IN PALESTINE. - JUNE - JULY 1930.

1. Budget and Finance.

The report which is herewith presented to the Council of the Jewish Agency deals with the finances of the Palestine Executive since the 16th Congress and the inaugural meeting of the Jewish Agency Council in July and August last. Of the £750,000 which were then voted as the budget for 5690 (1929/30), £81,000 were allocated to the Hadassa Medical Organisation, and £196,075 to the Head Office of the Keren Hayesod for investments, the repayment of debts, and running expenses, so that the actual Palestine budget to be supplied by the Keren Hayesod amounted to £472,825. It was further anticipated that £9,000 would become available through the refund of outstanding loans. It was calculated that £450,000 would be raised by the United States, the balance by other countries.

2. A sequence of events - the disturbances in Palestine, followed by the collections for the Emergency Fund, the postponement of the Joint Palestine Drive in America, the economic crisis in the United States, and the continued adverse conditions in Central and Eastern Europe have made it impossible to raise the budget voted in Zurich. In order fully to cover the regular Palestine budget of £472,000, there should have been received, from October 1, 1929 to June 30, 1930 £354,000 instead of the £354,000 which should have been received in the 9 months ending on June 30, 1930, if the budget of £472,000 were to be fully covered, there were actually collected during that period reached only £184,591, which left a deficit of about £170,000. Receipts from all sources, exclusive of America, amounted to £172,205: from the United States there were received £84,000 of which £48,000 were earmarked for Hadassa, as well as Mr. Warburg's personal contribution of £30,000 and the residue of old collections for Palestine purposes, amounting to £5,000.

The Palestine Executive received from the Deutsche Bank a loan of £97,500, and a further loan of £10,000 from the Emergency Fund. Of the £361,000 thus collected, the Palestine Executive received, as stated, only £184,591, the balance going direct to the Keren Hayesod for various payments and for the expenses of the London Executive of the Agency.

3. Early in 1930 the Palestine Executive already found themselves compelled temporarily to suspend £88,000 until the position became clearer. Although the meeting of the Administrative Committee held in London in March 1930, decided to maintain the budget at the original figure, this was soon found to be impossible. Accordingly, all reductions of the budget became definitive. The department most affected was that of agricultural colonisation, whose budget was reduced from the £193,000 voted in Zurich to £121,500. Others to suffer were the budgets for immigration, labour, education, workers' cultural commission for adults, sick fund; the amount earmarked for the funding of debts was also reduced.

4. The financial position of the Palestine Executive is now as follows:

At the beginning of the fiscal year the Executive had a deficit of £76,500. The new deficit which will have collected by the end of this year will be found to amount to at least £250,000 at the 30th of September, 1930. £193,000 of this charge will fall upon the United States, the balance on the European countries. The Executive have endeavoured to meet a large portion of this deficit by effecting reductions in the budget, which aggregate £164,500, made up as follows:

Postponement of various payments of the Keren Hayesod	£ 30,000;
Non-payment of part of last year's deficit of the Executive	46,500;
Reduction of the regular Palestine budget	88,000.

In this way, there will remain at the end of the year a deficit of from £85,000 to £100,000 which, added to the deficit existing at the 1st of October, 1929, will amount to £162,000 - £176,500.

5. Latterly the Executive, assisted by the Budget Committee which was appointed by the last meeting of the Administrative Committee and consists of members of the Committee resident in Palestine, have been considering questions connected with next year's budget, with a view to laying a budget estimate before the Berlin meeting of the Administrative Committee. Owing to the impossibility of judging in Palestine the prospects of the Keren Hayesod's collections in the coming year, the Palestine Executive and the Budget Committee confined themselves to drawing up a schedule of the minimum requirements in the various fields of Palestine work. The schedule included £300,000, which according to the calculations of the Colonisation Department, are required for the consolidation of existing agricultural settlements in the Jewish Agency.

II. Immigration Department.

6. Between September 1, 1929, and July 31, 1930, there entered Palestine 5671 Jews, 4663 of that number holders of workers' certificates issued by the Government. The following table shows the monthly immigration figures:

	<u>Total number of immigrants:</u>	<u>Certificate holders:</u>
September, 1929	527	454
October, 1929	998	881
November, 1929	480	331
December, 1929	462	359
January, 1930	513	423
February, 1930	550	484
March, 1930	787	683
April, 1930	461	354
May, 1930	213	132
June, 1930	390	322
July, 1930	290	230
	<u>5671</u>	<u>4663.</u>

The lower figures of the last few months are due to the suspension of immigration; the number of certificates still in the Executive's possession is quite insignificant.

During the period under review 1665 Jews left Palestine. The immigration of last year was responsible for raising the number of Jews in Palestine to 172,000 i.e. 20% of the total population.

Of the immigrants other than certificate holders, 227 were persons with means of their own, and 781 relatives of Palestinian residents. 596 persons who had entered the country as tourists, and, having found employment, applied for permission to stay, had the conditions on which they were allowed to land cancelled.

7. The absorption of newly arrived immigrants in the economic life of the country was effected without any difficulty. 2544 workmen found employment in agriculture, over 2100 as labourers in the plantation colonies of Judaea and Samaria, 980 immigrants obtained work in the towns. The remainder found work without applying to the immigration offices of the Jewish Agency in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

8. Several groups of immigrants were the subject of negotiations with the Government in London and Jerusalem, which were mainly successful. The regulation in virtue of which intending immigrants of means were compelled to apply to the Immigration Officer in Jerusalem for a permit and usually to wait many months for a reply, was cancelled, and the British Consulates in important centres were authorised to grant immigration visas to persons able to produce £1,000 of their own. This sum need not necessarily be produced in cash, the proved ownership of goods or landed property, or the receipt of loans from the Colonisation Department of the Jewish Agency being equally acceptable for purposes of the visa.

Prior to the suspension of the immigration certificates the Jewish Agency had pointed out to the Palestine Administration that the unusually small quantity of permits for women immigrants was unjustified, did not correspond to the demand for female labour, and created difficulties for the Halutz organisations. The Palestine Government admitted the justice of the claim, and in consequence one third of the next issue of certificates subsequently suspended - was destined for women immigrants.

9. The number of Halutzim in training has greatly increased since the events of last August. Over 3000 are already in Palestine; of the 5000 in training, 30 to 40% are girls. The budget of the Hehalutz Organisation and of the smaller organisations which pursue the same aims, amounts to about £15,000 per annum. The Immigration Department of the Agency contributed £5,000, an amount to which the original budget of £6,000 voted at Zurich had to be reduced owing to financial difficulties. The Department delegated the deputy-director of the Colonisation sections, Mr. Stern, and the director of the instruction section Mr. Zemach, to the principal Halutz training centres, in order to examine methods and make recommendations. The Department also organised the tours of several propagandists, (members of Palestinian labour organisations) with a view to spreading the Halutzianic idea and strengthening the work.

A special difficulty is the question of travelling expenses of Halutzim. The very serious economic position in the countries of emigration make it practically impossible to obtain funds from local organisations almost a thing of impossibility. In the course of the current year the London Executive contributed for this purpose 6500 Pounds; 1000 pounds were provided by the Department, 1400 pounds given by Mr. Warburg, and 1500 by Jewish relief organisations and the community of Warsaw. The question of travelling expenses will prove^a very important factor when the immigration of Halutzim starts again.

10. Upon receipt of the report on the condition of Yemenite refugees at Aden, presented by Messrs. Agronsky and Thabib, the Department communicated with the Alliance Israelite Universelle, with a view to a joint collection for the benefit of refugees and orphans. The collection has already yielded sums of money which are being used for the improvement of lodging accommodation for refugees at Aden. The Department is also in communication with the management committees of orphan settlements and other similar institutions in Palestine with a view to a transference of the orphans from Aden to Palestine.

11. The Department is devoting serious attention to the provision of adequate living accommodation for Halutzim in the plantation colonies, for which purpose £9,500 have already been expended. Buildings have been erected in the colonies of the Sharon Valley and in Judaea to house 750 workers, and 10 huts, each capable of accommodating 4 newly arrived Yemenite families have been put up. The PICA also carried on an intensive building activity. The Department's programme for the current year provides for the erection of buildings to lodge 230 workers and the putting up of huts to accommodate

24 more Yemenite families. The buildings erected on Jewish Agency or Keren Kayemeth land were of masonry, elsewhere wooden buildings had to be put up.

12. The Department and the Immigration Committee, which acts as an advisory body, devoted very earnest attention to the question of middle-class immigration. Up to the present this type of immigration had been more or less of a private character. An attempt was made to estimate the approximate number of Jewish families in Eastern Europe and America, who possess the £1000 prescribed by the regulations and are able to go to Palestine immediately. According to the reports of persons recently returned from the Diaspora, the number of families fulfilling this condition is at present very restricted, but there exists a certain number of families owning some hundreds of pounds who might well be prepared to emigrate to Palestine if reasonably certain of obtaining the necessary assistance and credits on arrival. The following proposals were made with a view to the encouragement of middle-class immigration: the establishment of an organisation consisting of representatives of Palestinian farmers, manufacturers, merchants and artisans, which shall collect data and make concrete proposals; the opening of an information office for prospective middle-class immigrants; the working out of concrete plans and proposals in regard to agriculture and other occupations capable of being followed by middle-class immigrants. Other proposals under consideration concerned the sending of delegations to countries in the Galuth, the formation of groups of middle-class immigrants, and the establishment of a bank which shall assist the prospective immigrants in winding up their affairs in the Galuth. Another suggestion was to prepare land in convenient sized lots, which immigrants could take over on arrival, ready for immediate cultivation. An organisation of middle-class Palestinian residents has already come into being.

III. Colonisation Department.

13. The prospects of a good harvest which were adumbrated in our previous report, did not materialise. In February of this year mice appeared in the Afule district in unusually large numbers, but were got under control; in May, however, they reappeared in the Nuris area in unprecedented quantities, and destroyed practically the whole harvest within a few nights. The presence of a certain number of mice in our settlements is not unusual; their appearance in such hordes, however, could not have been foreseen. There was nothing to do but to accelerate the harvesting. The following table provides a comparison between the wheat harvest figures in a normal year and the present year:

	<u>Normal year</u>	<u>Current year</u>
Mishmar Haemek	105	24
Nahalal	247 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kfar Hassidim	500	125
Kfar Baruch	280	50
Balfouria	225	10
Kfar Gideon	90	8
Tel Adashim	126	15
Merhavia (Moshav)	145	32
Merhavia (Kevuza)	63	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
En Hared	134	93
Tel Joseph	110	50
Beth Alpha	48	30

The total loss is estimated at about £27,000, the whole of it - with the exception of the share of Nahalal, Kfar Yeheskiel and Ginegar, which are self-supporting - being a charge upon the Executive. Not only have the settlements lost some £14,000 which they expected to realize by the sale of their harvest, but they have not enough grain left for their own requirements, so that wheat and barley had to be bought. In view of the abnormally low prices of grain, it is hoped that the 10,000 pounds voted by the Executive for the purpose will suffice to procure what is necessary. At a joint meeting of the Department with Dr. Bodenheimer, expert of the University, it was decided to fight the plague of mice systematically by means of poisoned grain. The Government, which previously objected to the use of the most potent means - typhoid virus - on the ground that it involved danger to humans, now consented to the manufacture of this in the laboratories of the University.

14. The principal task of the Department in recent months has been the compilation of material for the memorandum on "Land and agricultural colonisation" for submission to Sir John Hope-Simpson. This necessitated a thorough investigation of colonising prospects in the coastal zone (this was done in February and March), the Jordan Valley, the Beth Shan lands and the Huleh district. Our report showed great possibilities for Jewish colonisation in these four valleys, quite apart from the hill country, the South, and the Jordan Valley.

15. The following table shows the movement in orange exports for the last two years:

Where shipped	1928/29	1929/30
To Great Britain	1,258,795 cases	1,997,436 cases
to Germany	190,857 "	421,022 "
To Egypt	51,134 "	122,739 "
To Roumania	37,276 "	39,385 "
To Holland	33,807 "	35,554 "
To Denmark	23,201 "	42,444 "
Various countries	36,711 "	37,279 "
	1,631,781 cases	2,695,861 cases

The Jewish share is estimated at 40%.

16. Within the limits of the reduced budget, the consolidation of the settlements was proceeded with, houses were built, water laid on, and additional land purchased. By arrangement with the Education Department a school, for which Miss Szold has provided the funds, will be built in Daganah. The Keren Hayesod has voted £2,200 which are at its disposal apart from the budget for the purpose of erecting strongly built living houses in Beth Alpha, on condition that these remain its property. The condition was accepted by the Executive, and the work is now in hand. It is intended to build 6 living houses at Beth Alpha and Hefzibah, the two most exposed settlements of the Emek. With the aid of an advance on account of next year's budget, all living houses and the large refectory at En Harod have been completed, so that the removal to the definitive settlement, Kumie, will be possible before the winter. With regard to Kfar M'lal, it was decided to accept the proposals of a special commission appointed by the Department, which recommended more intense cultivation methods with a view to

increasing the number of settlers. The area of each holding was reduced from 55 to 26 dunam. The Department submitted to the Advisory Committee appointed by the Emergency Fund plans and estimates for the reconstruction of Beer Tuvia, which had been destroyed during the disturbances. The plans provide for 50 settlers, each of whom shall receive 15 dunam irrigable land and 70 dunam land suitable for the cultivation of grain. The cost would amount to 825 pounds per settler. The Advisory Committee approved the plans, which it submitted to the Trustees of the Emergency Fund for final ratification. As water has been found, the primary condition for the establishment of the settlement is fulfilled.

IV. Trade & Industry Department.

17. Having overcome the depression which followed the boycott, Jewish industry has entered a period of quiet development, which is characterised less by expansion than by an improvement in the quality of goods and the consolidation of the various undertakings. The following undertakings have done particularly well: Froumin & Sons' biscuit factory, ^{lemon and orange} juice manufacturing company "Assis", various ^{textile} manufacturers, the timber and leather industries, printing works and paper mills, finally the cement factory Nesher and the "Sela" quarry, which has been sold by the Executive to a private concern. The following, on the other hand, find themselves in difficulties: The Mazzoth factory at Haifa (temporarily closed), the hosiery factory of Friedmann & Edelstein, whose men have been on strike for three months; the manufacturers of piping and pumps, whose principal customers are the orange planters, and who find themselves affected by the insecurity prevailing in the orange trade; chemical works, owing to a dispute with the Shemen soap and oil manufacturing works; the match factory "Nur" at Acre, owing to the unrest among its Jewish workmen.

18. The development of Jewish industry is best illustrated by the following table, which shows the consumption of electric power in Tel Aviv:

<u>Industry</u>	Kilowatts			
	1923-4	1924-5	1927-8	1928-9
Provisions	24,900	46,180	111,780	148,575
Textiles	7,530	41,160	130,150	188,084
Workshops	2,460	11,770	26,360	47,545
Clothing	1,040	3,100	9,510	10,526
Printing & Paper Mills	2,550	14,229	38,900	46,913
Miscellaneous	620	940	10,700	16,910

19. The trade returns still show a discrepancy between imports and exports in favour of the former. The total value of goods imported in 1929 was £7,444,404 as against £6,966,214 in the preceding year. The export totalled in 1929 £2,230,101 as against £1,864,800 in 1928.

20. The Department made numerous applications to the Government for permission to import raw materials free of duty, and for a protective tariff on Palestinian products. It was successful in the case of celluloid plates, of silver nitrate required by mirror manufacturers, of parts of machinery, and of asphalt cauldrons, all of which may now be imported into

Palestine free of duty.

21. There are now available for the first time exact figures published by the French High Commissioner's office, of the trade between Palestine and Syria (local products are exchanged between the two countries free of duty). In accordance therewith, Palestine exported to Syria 25,307 tons valued at approximately £229,000, and imported from Syria only 7,650 tons which, however, represent a much higher value, viz. about £528,000. Egypt adopted a new customs tariff, which became operative on February 17, 1930, and which raised the import duty on most goods from 8% ad valorem to 15 - 20%. The recent visit of a trade delegation from Cyprus, which negotiated with the association of Palestinian manufacturers, opens up prospects of closer trade relations with the island.

22. A delegation of the Manufacturers' Association visited South Africa in March in order to test the possibilities of South Africa as a consumer of Palestinian products. The commission was favourably impressed by what it saw.

V. Labour Department.

23. The plantation colonies, which employ some 8,000 Jewish labourers, formed in winter and spring the principal centres for the employment of new immigrants, of whom there are 2500. At present some 750 of labourers in the colonies are out of work for the following reasons: much smaller area than usual in preparation for new plantations (4000 dunam as against 15,000 in the preceding year); the desire of the planter to economise in view of the poor prices for oranges; Some of the unemployed are busy with the grape and almond harvest, and towards the middle of November orange-picking will not only fully occupy all hands available, but will also demand the influx of hundreds of new immigrants.

Of the 16,000 Jewish workmen in the towns, 9,000 are engaged in industry, handicrafts, and on public works. There were in July 497 unemployed, as compared with 810 a year ago. Whilst industry was at a standstill and even the orange trade was somewhat affected, the building trade demanded many new hands, since in the three towns the Jewish population began to migrate from the old parts of the city to the modern Jewish quarters. In the last few months, there arose in Jerusalem a new business centre and a number of smaller shops (the latter in the Machne Yehuda quarter), and several of the modern quarters, like the Bayit Wegan, were enlarged by the addition of new buildings erected by the Order Bne Brith. Non-Jewish building contractors also gave employment to many Jews in Jerusalem. In Haifa, Jewish building was assisted by credits supplied by the society "South Africa-Palestine".

The number of Jews in Government employ is smaller even than it was a year ago; only 4½% of the men engaged in public works are Jews. The harbour works give employment to 90 Jews in the quarries, though only a small number are engaged on the actual harbour works. On the other hand, about 300 Jews are working on the roads in the Emek, which are being laid down at the joint expense of the Emergency Fund and the Government.

24. In connection with the long outstanding problem of relations between employers and employees in the plantation colonies and of the establishment of labour exchanges, two facts

have become particularly prominent this year: the relatively numerous disputes between employers and employees, and the considerable progress which has been achieved with our co-operation consisting in the adoption of wages scales and the establishment of labour exchanges in several settlements in the Sharon Valley. The Executive of the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi appointed a joint commission which shall endeavour to collect the necessary data in discussions with both parties, and draw up proposals with a view to bringing about industrial peace and the establishment of joint labour exchanges. Up to the present, the Commission has had occasion to discuss only with the workers. It found the representatives of the Histadruth favouring the creation of joint labour exchanges, i.e. exchanges where employers and employees are equally represented, the representatives electing a suitable chairman; the Histadruth does not, on the other hand, favour neutral labour exchanges, i.e. offices organised by the Jewish Agency and directed by officials of the Executive.

VI. Education Department.

25. The question of secondary school examinations has not yet been satisfactorily settled. After negotiations extending over many months, the commission composed of representatives of the Hebrew University and of the Education Department of the Government prepared a detailed scheme providing for the appointment of a board of 11 (7 representatives of the University, of whom 3 representing the Jewish Agency; also 4 representatives of the Government), presided over by the Chancellor of the University. The Board will decide matters in principle, but it is proposed also that an administrative committee shall be appointed, whose chairman for the next year shall be the^a/and which shall consist of two representatives of the Government and of the University respectively. The Vaad Hachinuch after giving this proposal the most careful consideration, suggested that, instead of the Board being composed of representatives of two bodies, and the Jewish Agency being only indirectly represented, there should appear three parties with equal rights. The Vaad Hachinuch demanded further that the technical or administrative committee shall equally have a Jewish majority (3 to 2), and that the chairman shall also be a Jewish representative. This proposal the Government found itself unable to accept, and the Vaad Hachinuch decided to submit the question to the Jewish Agency and to the Vaad Leumi for their decision.

VII. Health.

26. Our report of June 27th gave a detailed account of the projected reorganisation of the health services, and mentioned two proposals, one for the transfer of the health and education services to the Vaad Leumi, the other, submitted by the American Women's Organisation Hadassa, for the transference of Hadassah hospitals to local Jewish communities. The negotiations between the Hadassah and the Municipality of Tel-Aviv have not yet been concluded. The first question, however, was carefully examined by a commission presided over by Miss Szold and consisting of representatives of the Executive and of the Vaad Leumi, and proposals were submitted to the meeting of the Administrative Committee.

^a/ Director of the Education- Dept. of the Government

27. The attitude of the Government towards the Jewish health work as demonstrated anew a short time ago. The Municipality of Tel-Aviv, giving effect to the demand of the Jewish Agency for a larger contribution of the Yishub towards the cost of the sanitary services, decided to increase its grant to the Tel-Aviv Hospital from £1,000 to £2,500. The Government refused to sanction this increase, and after the Hadassah had pointed out that under the circumstances it could not continue to keep up the hospital, it actually closed down the surgical department. Only then did the Government sanction the grant of £2,500.

The question of an abattoir for Tel-Aviv, which has been pending for many months, has been satisfactorily settled at last. The Government agreed to guarantee a loan which the Ottoman Bank granted the Tel-Aviv Municipality for this specific purpose.

The protracted negotiations with the Government regarding the Jewish mental asylum Esrath Nashim have led to a partial settlement, the Government consenting to a single grant of £2,500 which will be used to erect a new building and repair the existing premises. This grant was made only after the conditions set up by the Government had been complied with. The question of an annual subvention to the Esrath Nashim is, however, still pending.

Dr. Senator, Treasurer of the Executive, and Dr. Kaznelson, head of the Health Secretariat, submitted to the deputy director of Health a proposal aiming at a revision of the Government's attitude towards Jewish health work, and obliging the Government to support Jewish health work in three respects: a) Participation in the cost of building, b) support of medical action initiated by municipalities, c) support of work which, like the fighting of consumption and trachoma, benefit the country as a whole. A special memorandum on this subject was submitted to the deputy-director of the Government Health Department at his request.

28. Measures undertaken this year in the fight against malaria (the building of mosquito-proof houses, the erection of premises for sanitary services, supervision of swamps, distribution of mosquito-nets to new arrival, draining of swamps near Hedera paid for by that colony) have proved beneficial, and it has been observed that so far the number of malaria cases has been much smaller than in the corresponding period last year.

29. In the course of June, 51 persons fell ill with typhoid in the Emek, especially in Afule, Kfar Yeheskiel, and Beth Alpha being especially affected. At the request of the Health Department of the Executive, the Government provided beds at its hospital in Haifa, when the Emek Hospital of the Kupath Holim proved insufficient to accommodate all the patients, ordered the necessary bacteriological and serological research to be carried out in its own laboratories, supplied vaccine, and also provided an ambulance. Practically all patients have been admitted to hospital: 43 to the Kupat Cholim hospital in the Emek, 7 to the Government Hospital at Haifa, and one to the Hadassah hospital at Haifa. The whole population of the Emek

was vaccinated, sanitary conditions were improved, and other precautionary measures taken. The director of the Executive's health department visited, together with the Chief Medical Officer, 15 settlements of the Emek, and directed such steps to be taken as would prevent the recurrence of the outbreak of the disease. Since only two cases were registered since the 5th July, the epidemic can be regarded as over.

30. The Health Department is sponsoring the publication, by "Omanuth" of Tel-Aviv, of a series of pamphlets and leaflets under the title "Popular Health". Two pamphlets, "The Infant", and "The Care of the Feet", have already appeared; in addition two leaflets, "Advice on Hygiene for New Immigrants", and "Prevention of Typhoid" have likewise appeared.



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TO THE MEMBERS AND DEPUTY-MEMBERS
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE JEWISH AGENCY.

Dear Sir,

We have the honour to forward herewith
for your perusal:

1. Report of the Executive for June
and July, 1930.
2. Materials:
 - No. 24 - Keren Hayesod
 - No. 25 - Keren Kayemeth
 - No. 26 - Allocation of Emergency Fund monies.

Owing to pressure of work attendant upon the
Berlin meetings, and also to the summer vacation and
the Holy Days, the despatch of this circular was un-
avoidably delayed.

Yours faithfully,

EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY

Isaiah
Organisation Department.

R E S O L U T I O N S

of the

FIFTH SESSION OF THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL,

London, November 4 - 9, 1930.

I.

RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT WEIZMANN.

The General Council fully endorses the steps taken by Dr. Weizmann in his protest against the action of the Mandatory Power and his consequent resignation from the Presidency of the Zionist Organisation and of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The General Council accepts Dr. Weizmann's resignation and requests Dr. Weizmann to carry on the duties of his office until the next Congress.

II.

MANAGEMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

With a view to securing the cooperation of wide sections of the Zionist Organisation in the discharge of definite political tasks, the General Council, with the approval of the Executive, appoints a Special Political Commission which shall participate in the deliberations of the Executive on these specific tasks. Members of the commission shall enjoy the same rights as members of the Executive, both in the course of debate at such joint meetings, and in respect of being supplied with all available information to which, in virtue of their functions, they are entitled.

The Commission shall consist of five members, three of whom are hereby elected by the General Council, the two remaining seats being reserved for representatives respectively of the Vaad Leumi and of the Zionist Organisation of America. The General Council hereby appoints permanent deputies for members of the Commission residing abroad who, when actually deputizing shall enjoy the rights of regular members. The following are hereby appointed to serve on the Commission: Dr. M. D. Eder, Mr. Leo Motzkin (deputy Mr. I. Waiditsch), Dr. Nahum Goldmann (deputy Dr. Max Soloweitschik).

III.

FINANCE AND COLONISATION.

1. The General Council expresses the firm determination of the Zionist Organisation to devote its resources and energy to the carrying out of a scheme of systematic colonisation on a large scale, of which the following are the immediate and

principal aims:

- a. The consolidation and extension of Keren Hayesod settlements on land belonging to the Keren Kayemeth;
- b. The completion, without curtailment, of the scheme which is already in hand for settling one thousand families with funds derived from public and private sources;
- c. The energetic pursuit of a middle-class colonisation, both urban and rural, on land of the Keren Kayemeth, on the basis of private initiative.

The General Council appeals to the Jewish people in this grave hour to make an extraordinary effort in order to secure the realisation of this scheme.

2. The General Council appoints a special commission to collaborate with the appropriate economic bodies in searching out ways and preparing plans for carrying out this programme of colonisation, and to make recommendations to the next Congress.

3. The General Council appoints a commission to prepare a financial programme, consisting of Messrs. I. M. Sieff, Simon Marks, Isaac Waiditsch, Dr. Berthold Feiwel and Dr. Chaim Arlosoroff, who shall immediately commence work together with Messrs. M. Dizenhoff, A. Harzfeld and Rabbi M. Teitelbaum. The Commission is authorised to invite the collaboration of other persons.

4. In consideration of the extremely important part which the Jewish population of the United States of America plays in the upbuilding of Palestine and of the very considerable share contributed by it to the Palestine budget, the General Council appeals in this grave situation to friends in America not to postpone the launching of the Palestine Drive for 1931 beyond January.

5. The present situation must be met by the gathering of all resources, and a united struggle against all difficulties. The General Council, therefore, requests the Boards of the Keren Hayesod and of the Keren Kayemeth to work in association in the United States, and to carry through a united general Palestine Drive this year.

6. The General Council welcomes the decision of the Directors of the Keren Hayesod on the subject of contributions by Jewish communities, and hopes that the communities appealed to will answer the call, since the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine is the concern of Jewry at large.

7. The General Council suggests to the Directors of the Keren Hayesod the raising of the quota for each country.

8. In this grave hour, the General Council urgently calls upon all active Zionists who have faithfully and resolutely played their part in the sacred struggle for the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home again to devote their utmost efforts to the service of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, and the promotion of the current campaign.

9. On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the foundation of the Hareh Hayesod, the General Council extends congratulations to the Directors and all workers of our Fund of reconstruction which has done vital service for our work of colonisation and the renaissance of our people.

10. The General Council resolves to issue an appeal for a more energetic pursuit of the collecting activities of both Funds.

IV.

ORGANISATION.

A. Time and Place of Congress.

1. The General Council ratifies the decision of the Executive to convene the Seventeenth Congress at the earliest possible moment, but not later than the middle of February, 1931. The exact date shall be fixed and announced by the Executive after making the necessary enquiries.

2. After taking cognisance of the report presented by the Executive and the debate thereon, the General Council authorises the Executive to decide the place where the Congress shall be held as well as the date.

B. Shekel Campaign.

In accordance with the Executive's instructions, the months of November and December, 1930, shall be proclaimed Shekel Months for the purposes of the shekel campaign for 5691. The General Council calls upon Zionists and members of all Federations everywhere to carry through, in close conjunction with the shekel campaign, an intensive propaganda among the Jewish masses with a view to bringing within the orbit of the Organisation the readiness to work for Palestine which exists throughout Jewry, and at the same time securing the representative character of the forthcoming Congress by enrolling large numbers of new shekel payers.

C. Election of delegates.

(1) The Executive acting in agreement with the President of the Congress Court and with the Congress Attorney is authorised in special cases to grant such exemptions for the provisions of the rules regulating elections as may prove necessary in order to ensure rapid and unhampered Congress elections.

(2) The Executive acting in agreement with the President of the General Council is authorised to exercise the powers conferred on the General Council by Article 26 of the Constitution of the Zionist Organisation.

D. Election Rules.

See enclosure.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ZIONIST
ORGANISATION AND OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE
OF THE JEWISH AGENCY, ADOPTED ON
NOVEMBER 9, 1930,
IN CONNECTION WITH DR. WEIZMANN'S RESIGNATION.

I.

The General Council of the Zionist Organisation and the Political Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, having examined the Statement of Policy issued by His Majesty's Government on October 21st., 1930, place on record their considered opinion that the policy embodied in that White Paper runs counter to the repeated declarations of all the previous British Governments as well as to the previous declarations of the present Government, that on several points it contravenes essential provisions of the Mandate, that it destroys the basis for co-operation between the Jewish Agency and His Majesty's Government, that it works against an improvement in relations between Jews and Arabs in Palestine, and that in effect it threatens the very foundations of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

The idea of the Jewish National Home is based on the historic connexion of the Jewish people with Palestine, and aims at focussing once more Jewish national life in its historic home, at laying there the broad foundations of a normal, national existence, and at securing for the Jews the possibility of free political and cultural development, unimpeded by their having to submit or adjust themselves to the rules and norms of other, dominant, nations. There can be no Jewish National Home without land and men, and its very foundations are destroyed if Jewish immigration is artificially curtailed and access to the soil of Palestine is barred to Jews, as would be the case were the Mandatory Power to enforce the policy foreshadowed in its recent White Paper. The General Council of the Zionist Organisation and the Political Committee of the Jewish Agency therefore decline to accept that policy, and declare themselves in complete agreement with the protests made in their letters of resignation by Dr. Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Warburg, Chairman of its Administrative Committee, and Lord Melchett, Chairman of the Council and the Political Committee.

II.

The White Paper which marks a fundamental reversal of policy regarding the Jewish National Home, was issued without previous consultation with the Agency. This procedure is a serious violation of the status of the Jewish Agency as defined in Article 4 of the Mandate, and the General Council of the Zionist Organisation and the Political Committee of the Jewish Agency record their protest against this violation.

The General Council of the Zionist Organisation and the Political Committee of the Jewish Agency wish further to make the following observations on the most important points in the Statement of Policy:

- (a) The White Paper tends to reduce the obligation imposed on the British Government in the Mandate towards the Jewish people to an obligation towards the Jewish inhabitants of Palestine. This change is in conflict both with the letter and the spirit of the Mandate.
- (b) The White Paper suggests to the Arab population that the Jewish work of settlement involves a menace to their interests. The Jewish Agency, on the contrary, affirms that the interests of the entire population of the country are greatly furthered by Jewish colonisation.
- (c) The White Paper bases itself upon a new estimate of the cultivable or fallow but uncultivated land of Palestine, whereby, contrary to all previous official estimates, the area appears to be reduced by over five million dunam. Apart from the considerable land reserve in Transjordan, the White Paper ignores the cultivable part of the South of Palestine.
- (d) The White Paper appears to deny the Jews, in violation of Article 6 of the Mandate, any appreciable share in the State lands still available.
- (e) The White Paper disregards the fact that the colonisation financed with the funds of the Jewish Agency aims at a settlement which shall contribute towards the building up of the Jewish National Home and is devoted in a large measure to the settlement of workers without means, and thus its criticisms do not take into account the national as well as the social requirements of such colonisation. The land policy of the Jewish Agency is to prevent harmful speculation in land by making land purchased for Jewish colonisation the inalienable property of the Jewish people. Moreover, in order to further close settlement in accordance with Article 6 of the Mandate the colonists are expected to be small-holders working their own plots and not gentlemen-farmers exploiting cheap labour.
- (f) The White Paper foreshadows far-reaching restrictions, if not actually a prohibition, of the purchase of land for Jewish settlement. The General Council of the Zionist Organisation and the Political Committee of the Jewish Agency declare that such a measure is entirely unjustified economically, and maintain that the protection of the interests of the Arab tenants and owners does not in any way demand such a restriction.

(g) The White Paper subjects the immigration of Jewish workers to further restrictions by an inadmissible interpretation of the term "economic capacity of the country" and by an unjustified connection of the Arab labour market with Jewish immigration. If such restrictions are enforced, the investment of private Jewish capital in economic undertakings will cease, and this must cause irreparable injury to the entire economic development of the country. So far from observing the principle that Jewish immigration is to be determined by economic considerations alone, the White Paper maintains that in future considerations of a political nature, such as the removal of "suspicion" on the part of the Arabs, should be a deciding factor. This would render possible in future any arbitrary determination of immigration policy.

(h) The White Paper proposes the introduction of a new development policy in Palestine. The General Council of the Zionist Organisation and the Political Committee of the Jewish Agency declare that the statement in the White Paper on this matter does not afford any guarantee of an adequate recognition in this policy of the claims of the Jewish National Home in accordance with the provisions of the Mandate. They desire to emphasise that such a development policy must deal with the whole of the mandated territory, including the large land reserves in Transjordan.

The General Council of the Zionist Organisation and the Political Committee of the Jewish Agency declare that for all these reasons the Jewish Agency cannot accept the White Paper as the basis of the Government's future policy in Palestine. They believe that the British people desires to adhere to its promised word and to carry out to the full the policy laid down in the Mandate. The Jewish Agency will use all endeavours to secure the carrying out of its demands, and thus re-establish co-operation with the Mandatory Power in accordance with the spirit of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate.

III.

The General Council of the Zionist Organisation and the Political Committee of the Jewish Agency declare their solidarity with the unanimous resolution adopted by the Vaad Leumi rejecting participation on the part of the Jews in Palestine in the elections for the Legislative Council.

IV.

The General Council of the Zionist Organisation and the Political Committee of the Jewish Agency place on record their protest against the action of the Palestine Administration in refusing Mr. Vladimir Jabotinsky a visa for Palestine without any legal justification. They regard this as an arbitrary act on the part of the Administration which is incompatible with the meaning of the Mandatory provisions regarding the establishment of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

ההסתדרות הציונית . המשרד המרכזי.
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In reply please address The Secretary.

and quote the following Reference No.:

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77. GREAT RUSSELL STREET,

LONDON, W.C.1.

November 20, 1930.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL,
TO THE ZIONIST FEDERATIONS & SEPARATE UNIONS.

Gentlemen,

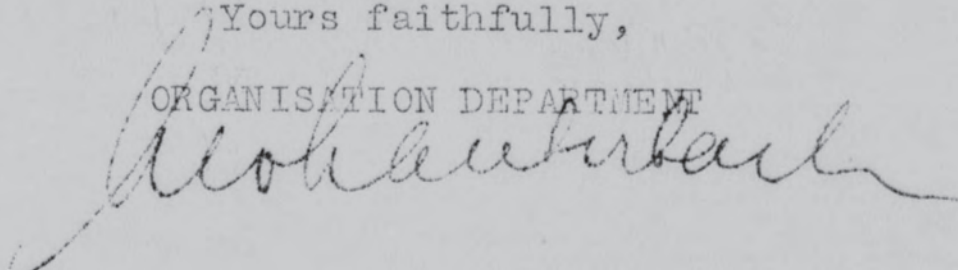
We beg to enclose the text of the resolutions adopted by the General Council at its recent meeting in London.

The political resolutions of the Council were submitted for consideration to the Standing Committee of the Jewish Agency on Political Affairs, which met in London on November 6th and 9th, 1930. We enclose also the version of the resolutions adopted by the Standing Committee.

With Zion's greetings,

Yours faithfully,

ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT



A P P E A L

by the

GENERAL ZIONIST COUNCIL

We call to-day to all faithful friends, to all builders of our land and of the Jewish future, to the whole of our people.

Stand firm and resolute by your work. No faint-heartedness must interrupt your effort. Our endeavour must gain strength, it must be great and earnest as the trial through which we are passing.

Our hopes, our right to Palestine, our work there, shall not be made dependent on transitory political factors. That force does not exist which can destroy what has been the meaning of our life and of our history for thousands of years, and to which, in the last decades, our bodies and our souls have again borne witness in the fields and the hills of Erez Israel.

In the hour of sorrow and trial our people stands united, strong, ready for fight and for sacrifice. Its protest to the conscience of Great Britain and of the world shall be strong and dignified. Unshaken in our resolve, we shall wage battle for our right, for our land and our future. Our work for Palestine, carried on with faith undimmed and courage unbroken, shall testify to the will and to the determination of the people.

The land is calling for creative endeavour. There is much to do. Our achievements in Palestine must be strengthened and definitively consolidated. The development of Jewish towns, Jewish villages, schools and industries must be assured and accelerated.

Every span of land in Jewish hands must be occupied, every economic resource brought into play; the redemption of the soil and the extension of Jewish national property must be carried on at all costs.

The land calls not only to the people at large; every individual must contribute his share to the development of agriculture and industry by his enterprise, his capital, and the work of his hands. The way must be clear, and we ourselves must be in readiness for the time when obstacles and difficulties accumulated by outside influences will be swept away.

All our friends, all Zionists the world over are urged to give unstintingly of their work and their substance to our two Funds, which are serving the redemption of the soil and the reconstruction of the land.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION.

Leo Motzkin, President.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE:

Dr. Chaim Weizmann; N. Sokolow; Lazarus Barth;
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Col. F. H. Kisch; Felix Rosenblueth; Harry Sacher;
Josef Sprinzak.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VAAD LEUMI:

Josef Baratz; M. Dizengoff.

CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS COURT:

S. Gronemann.

CONGRESS ATTORNEY:

Dr. Aron Barth.



ELECTED MEMBERS AND DEPUTY-MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL:

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Rabb. A. Teitelbaum.

London, 9. November, 1930.

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Amendments of Rules for Election of delegates
to the Zionist Congress and of the Regulations
concerning the World Election List.

The General Council of the Zionist Organisation, in pursuance of a resolution passed by the 16th Congress conferring on the General Council the necessary authority, has made the following amendments to the "Rules for the election of delegates to the Zionist Congress" and to the "Regulations concerning the World Election List." Such amendments form part and parcel of the rules and regulations in force at present.

I.

RULES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

The following alterations and additions have to be entered in the rules in force in the year 1929.

Section 5, sub-section 2 shall read as follows:

The Central Election Board shall communicate all election regulations to the Executive and shall publish them. Draft election regulations and proposed amendments of same shall, on the request of the Executive or on that of one quarter of the Members of the Central Election Board be submitted to the Executive for confirmation.

Section 6, sub-section 3 shall read as follows:

Each Central Election Board acting in agreement with the Central Shekel Commission, provided the National Shekel Union concerned is entitled to elect at least one delegate of its own, shall be permitted by a resolution passed by two thirds majority to fix "THE FINAL DATE" for the particular National Shekel Union on a date previous to that provided by sub-sections (1) and (2) of this section. Such alteration enters into force on confirmation by the Executive.

Section 13, the following shall be added to sub-section 2.

The right to vote shall be exercised only by such Shekel payers whose Shekel fees have been received by the Central Shekel Commission before "THE FINAL DATE" (and at the latest 10 days after "the final date").

Section 15, sub-section 3 and 4 to be added as follows:

(3) Central Election Boards shall amend election arrangements, in accordance with local conditions, so as to enable voters who,

on the election date happen to be outside the locality where their names are entered in the election register, to vote in a manner which will render abuses impossible.

- (4) Voting by post cannot be permitted.

Section 18 B shall read as follows:

(1) The Central Election Board shall fix and announce the date on which Polling is to take place and shall do so on a date at least three weeks in advance of the date fixed for polling.

(2) The Central Election Board shall announce publicly the last date for sending in (to such Board) nomination lists. Such last date shall be no more than seven days prior to polling day.

(3) Each nomination list must be signed by no less than 25 voters. Nomination lists have to be published in each Constituency and in proper time.

(4) Where one nomination list only has been submitted, election results can be promulgated by issuing an election regulation. The candidate is then elected delegate without polling and so are the persons nominated as deputy-candidates.

Section 19 A shall read as follows:

(1) Elections shall take place in accordance with the system of proportional representation based on nomination lists. A different system can be allowed by the Executive with the approval of the Congress Attorney, on the application of two-thirds of the members of a Central Election Board.

(2) The system and mode of election shall be fixed by election regulations (See Section 5 of these rules). Election regulations shall provide for the election of deputy-delegates.

(3) In Electoral Areas (National Shelter Unions, Electoral Groups or Electoral Unions) in which the system of proportional representation based on nomination lists will be in force and consisting of several Constituencies, election regulations shall provide for the allocation of possible vacant seats on the basis of all surplus votes available in all Constituencies forming part of the electoral area.

Section 19 F shall be amended as follows:

(1) The whole area placed under a Central Election Board forms one Constituency also where four or more delegates are eligible in the particular area. The Executive can nevertheless allow the division of the area into Constituencies if a resolution to that effect has been passed by the Central Election Board.

(2) This sub-section drops out.

(3) This sub-section is now numbered (2)

II. REGULATIONS CONCERNING WORLD ELECTION LIST.

Section 6 shall read as follows:

Additions to the world election lists, alterations of names appearing in such lists and changes in the order in which the names appear on the lists cannot be made after the list has been communicated to the Executive.

הסוכנות היהודית בשביל ארץ ישראל

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December 17, 1930.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

BRIEF SURVEY OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The following brief survey of the political situation is submitted in strict confidence as a supplement to our circular of November 20th:

1. Negotiations with the Government are likely to extend over a considerable time. Three meetings have taken place up to the present. Discussions of principle and criticism to which the earlier meetings were devoted, have now been amplified by the consideration of concrete proposals bearing on Palestinian economic problems. It must be clearly understood that it is impossible at the present juncture to make any statements with regard to the probable result of the negotiations.
2. As already stated, the Jewish Agency was represented at the first meeting by Dr. Weizmann, Mr. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, Professor Brodetsky, and Mr. Sacher, as members of the delegation; Dr. Arlosoroff, Dr. Hexter, Professor Laski, and Mr. Namier attended as experts and observers. Mr. James de Rothschild took the place of Mr. d'Avigdor Goldsmid at the subsequent meetings. Mr. Motzkin, who has been staying in London since the meetings of the General Council and the Political Committee, attended the meeting of December 5th. Mr. Leonard J. Stein was invited to join the delegation, but was unable to do so, and is acting as its legal adviser.

3. After our demands in connection with the interpretation of the Mandate and the principal problems of future work in Palestine had been set forth in two extensive memoranda, negotiations passed to two sub-committees, which are discussing certain formulas, and on which the Jewish Agency is represented. In addition, Dr. Weizmann and other spokesmen of the Jewish Agency have had numerous conversations with the members of the Government, especially the Lord-Advocate, Mr. Aitchison, who is acting as legal adviser to the Cabinet committee. The plenary meetings will be resumed shortly.

4. It is already evident that the negotiations cannot be expected to conclude before the middle of January. Since we are anxious to secure a thorough examination of the questions which we have raised, it would not be in our interests to press for a hurried termination of the negotiations.

EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY.
Organisation Department



ROBERT SZOLD
43 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

December 25, 1930.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you are undoubtedly already aware, we are organizing a National Conference to launch a campaign for the necessary funds for the Jewish Agency. This Conference will be held in New York City on January 25th.

We are taking the liberty of including your name among the signatories to the invitation, feeling confident that you will be glad to consent to this.

Very sincerely yours,

Robt. Szold

COPY OF CABLE TO BENGURION

DECEMBER 27 1930

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ABSENCE OF MEANS THREATENS A TERRIBLE CRISIS IN YISHUV BANKRUPTCY OF
AGENCY AND ITS INSTITUTIONS PARALYSIS AND DESTRUCTION OF SETTLEMENTS
INCREASES OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLOSING OF SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS JERUSALEM
EXECUTIVE IS HELPLESS STOP TO THE DESPAIRING CALL FOR HELP THERE IS
NO RESPONSE STOP DURING THE ENTIRE YEAR AMERICA HAS NOT CONTRIBUTED A
CENT FOR BUDGET FROM OTHER COUNTRIES RECEIVED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND
POUNDS STOP AS A REPLY TO OUR WARNING OF LIQUIDATION AMERICA REMITTED
TWO THOUSAND POUNDS LONDON REMITTED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS
TO PAY THIS MONTHS NOTES BUT NOT A CENT FOR EXISTING SETTLEMENTS AND
FOR OTHER VITAL NEEDS WE ARE NEARING A DISASTER RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PRESENT SITUATION RESTS WITH ZIONISTS AND NON-ZIONISTS STOP PALESTINE
LABOR WARNS THE AGENCY THAT THE PARTNERSHIP WILL BE DISSOLVED UNLESS AN
IMMEDIATE RESCUING ACTION BE UNDERTAKEN AND ENERGETIC PREPARATIONS FOR
THE CAMPAIGN TO BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY WHILE SITUATION CAN STILL BE
SAVED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH MEETING PRESENT NEEDS IS IMPERATIVE A PRACTICAL
RESPONSIBLE PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTIVE WORK PLACING COLONIZATION WORK OF
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CAMPAIGN WILL DEPEND ON SUCCESS OF MEETING ON EIGHTH REGARDS

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EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY

M A T E R I A L S

24. KEREN HAYESOD

The Annual Conference of the Zionist Organisation, held in London in 1920 decided upon the establishment of the Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) as the central financial instrument for the reconstruction of the Jewish National Home. In August 1929, the Keren Hayesod was recognised as the principal financial instrument of the enlarged Jewish Agency. A meeting held in Berlin soon after the formal inauguration of the Jewish Agency elected the new Board of Directors, which is now composed of Zionists and non-Zionists. Mr. Oscar Wassermann, Berlin, is Chairman of the Board, x) Dr. A. Hantke and Mr. L. Jaffe, Jerusalem - where the Head Office of the Fund is situated - are the managing directors. Other members of the Board are Messrs. D. M. Bressler and B. Lovenstein (U.S.A.) Dr. L. E. Visser (Holland) Dr. Bernhard Kahn, Rabbi Berlin Messrs. Kaplansky (London), Halpern (Berlin), Barth (Berlin), Naiditsch (Paris).

2. In the ten years of its existence (completed on June 30, 1930) the Keren Hayesod collected in all £ 4,209,031.8.7. Collections for the Keren Hayesod were held regularly in 60 countries, organised by the local Keren Hayesod committees, but assisted by the Head Office which delegated speakers and propagandists. The purpose of the collections was, to get the largest possible number of Jews in all countries to contribute annually an amount proportionate to their means, but also corresponding to the conception of a Jewish National Home. In this way, there disappeared every possibility of a conflict with the Keren Kajemeth, whose work is built up on the principle of individual donations on the most frequent occasions possible. The Keren Hayesod revived the traditional Jewish conception of "MAASER" (the tithe), and in a number of countries there operate Maaser regulations which fix the amount of Maaser levied on every grade of income. The number of regular contributors to the Keren Hayesod is about 200,000.

3. A survey of the results of the Keren Hayesod collections in all countries is given in Table I. which shows the amounts collected respectively for the first and second half-decade of the Fund's existence, in addition to the totals for each country, in order to demonstrate the increase in the Keren Hayesod's receipts with the passing of time.

x) Dr. Berthold Feiwel, London, deputy-chairman,

TABLE I.

RECEIPTS OF THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE KEREN HAYESOD
in the decade ending June 30, 1930

Countries	First 5 years 1.7.20-30.6.25	Second 5 years 1.7.25-30.6.30.	Total
1. U.S.A.	1 162 222.17.2	1 089 407.12.3	2 251 630.9.5
2. South Africa	100 999.17.1	215 602.7.2	316 602.4.3
3. Germany	73 976.7.1	133 651.6.0	207 627.13.1
4. England	52 840.3.1	132 421.0.1	185 261.3.2
5. Canada	84 880.12.8	78 283.4.0	163 163.16.8
6. Poland	70 501.16.10	58 882.16.0	129 384.12.10
7. Rumania	43 893.19.11	73 459.6.6	117 353.6.5
8. Argentine	41 791.0.1	54 959.10.1	96 730.10.2
9. Czechoslovakia	38 517.1.5	48 083.5.3	86 600.6.8
10. Holland	29 286.19.6	54 393.1.10	83 680.1.4
11. Erez Israel	9 582.3.9	33 282.18.6	42 865.2.3
12. Lithuania	22 548.10.2	13 006.5.10	35 554.16.0
13. Austria	11 876.9.5	23 041.8.9	34 917.18.2
14. East-Galicia	10 373.2.4	20 911.3.2	31 284.5.6
15. Bessarabia	15 222.17.5	14 393.8.0	29 616.5.5
16. Latvia	8 004.15.6	14 739.3.8	22 743.19.2
17. Bucovina	6 129.12.0	15 900.0.0	22 029.12.0
18. West-Galicia	6 044.17.3	15 381.5.2	21 426.2.5
19. Egypt.	7 799.14.11	13 340.15.5	21 140.10.4
20. France	6 371.19.3	14 346.17.2	20 718.16.5
21. Jugoslavia	6 091.1.5	14 178.1.7	20 269.6.9
22. Belgium	8 285.15.0	11 017.6.10	19 303.1.10
23. Transylvania	2 107.0.9	14 605.16.7	16 712.17.4
24. Bulgaria	9 455.2.8	7 150.9.3	16 605.11.11
25. Italy	2 239.15.2	13 405.16.11	15 645.12.1
26. Brasil	7 509.10.0	7 567.6.3	15 076.16.3
27. Russian refugees	14 604.16.3	-----	14 604.16.3
28. Finland	5 453.6.33	8 355.8.11	13 808.15.2
29. Schweiz	3 127.18.4	8 691.14.3	11 819.12.7
30. Morocco	3 278.12.0	6 945.14.6	10 224.6.6
31. Chile	3 730.19.9	6 374.10.3	10 105.10.0
32. Sweden	2 997.9.3	6 522.11.3	9 520.0.6
33. Australia	98.2.6	9 150.2.3	9 248.4.9
34. Esthonia	3 105.0.8	4 803.13.11	7 908.14.7
35. China	334.1.7	7 366.14.2	7 700.15.9
36. Tunis	3 160.18.1	3 899.9.2	7 060.7.3
37. Portugal	642.17.2	6 195.4.5	6 838.1.7
38. Algier	839.15.0	5 658.8.0	6 498.3.0
39. Danzig	3 356.15.2	2 354.13.1	5 711.8.3
40. India	813.17.5	4 433.14.9	5 247.12.2
41. Singapore	805.17.1	4 314.16.4	5 120.13.5
42. Iraq	4 269.1.7	618.17.3	4 887.18.10
43. New Zealand	-----	4 741.8.4	4 741.8.4
44. Greece	2 803.4.10	1 830.11.5	4 633.16.3
45. Denmark	2 888.6.1	1 651.12.3	4 539.18.4
46. Norway	2 097.8.4	1 047.13.0	3 145.1.4
47. Various countries	3 609.7.10	9 266.16.4	12 876.4.2
48. WIZO-jewel-fond	2 740.6.0	104.15.9	2 845.1.9
49. Individual Contrib: for expenses	16 000.0.0	-----	16 000.0.0
	1,919 311.6.9	2,289 720.1.10	4,209 031.8.7

It will be seen that in the majority of countries, especially the more important ones, the income of the Keren Hayesod has shown a marked increase in the second half-decade as compared with the first. This applies especially to South-Africa, Germany, Great Britain, Rumania, Argentine, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Palestine, Eastern Galicia Bukowina etc. On the other hand, the contributions of the United States, Canada, Poland, Lithuania and Bessarabia for the second half-decade compare unfavourably with the first five years.

4. The following table shows how the total income of four million pounds (in round figures) is distributed over the groups of countries:

T A B L E II

Countries grouped together	: amount collected	:Proportion of total
1. United States	2 251 630. 9. 5 :	53.5 %
2. Other Oversea countries Canada, South America, South Africa, Australia New-Zealand, Far-East	633 757.11. 9 :	15.1 %
3. Eastern Europe: Poland & Galicia, Rumania, Lithuania, Baltic States	434 014.11. 8 :	10.4 %
4. Central Europe: Germany Danzig, Czechoslovakia Austria, Switzerland	346 676.18. 9 :	8.2 %
5. Western Europe : England Belgium, France, Italy Portugal	331 446.16. 5 :	7.9 %
6. The East: Egypt, Iraq, Algier, Tunis, Morocco	49 811. 5.11 :	1.2 %
7. Palestine	42 865. 2. 3 :	1.1 %
8. Northern Europe: Scandinavia and Finland	31 013.15. 4 :	0.6 %
9. Various countries: (esp. Balcan States)	54 384.19. 1 :	1.3 %
10. Various sources: (Russian refugees, Jewelfonds, indiv. contributions for expenses)	33 449.18. 0 :	0.7 %
	4.209 031. 8. 7 :	100 %

5. The following table, which shows the amount of contribution per head of population, is of interest:

<u>Country</u>	<u>K.H. Contribution per head of population</u>
United States of America	£ 0. 0. 9
South Africa	0.14. 0
Germany	0. 1. 2
England	0. 1. 9
Canada	0. 1. 7
Poland	0. 0. 1
Roumania	0. 0. 9
Holland	0. 1. 7
Argentina	0. 1. 3
Czechoslovakia	0. 0. 6
Palestine	0. 0. 8
Lithuania	0. 0. 3
Austria	0. 0. 2
Bessarabia	0. 0. 2
East-Galicia	0. 0. 1
Latvia	0. 0. 5
Egypt	0. 0. 9
Bukowina	0. 0. 5
West-Galicia	0. 0. 4
Belgium	0. 1.11
Jugoslavia	0. 0. 5
Transylvania	0. 0. 4
Brazil	0. 1. 3
Finland	0.16. 8
Chile	0.10. 0
Italy	0. 0. 8
Sweden	0. 0. 8
Switzerland	0. 1. 2
Australia	0. 2. 0
New-Zealand	0.14. 5.

It will be seen that among the larger countries, South Africa heads the list, as regards contribution per head of population.

6. In the last few years Jewish communities in various countries have begun to take an interest in the Keren Hayesod and to make regular yearly contributions, or single donations, to that Fund. We enumerate below the countries concerned and the number of communities, which contribute to the Keren Hayesod, in each:

Argentina	2	Greece	9
Austria	1	Italy	2
Bucovina	9	Jugoslavia	16
Canada	17	Morocco	1
Czechoslovakia	38	Poland	3
England	3	Roumania	7
West-Galicia	6	South Africa	3
East-Galicia	10	Switzerland	1
Germany	23	Transylvania	2

7. . The money of the Keren Hayesod is expended in accordance with the budget, which is fixed by the Zionist Congress and the Council of the Jewish Agency or, in alternate years when no Congress takes place, by the Zionist General Council and the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency. The money received by the Board in Jerusalem is used to cover propaganda expenses and to effect payments in respect of various obligations entered into by the Keren Hayesod. The largest part is turned over to the Palestine Executive of the Jewish Agency, which administers these funds in accordance with the provisions of the budget.

Table III shows the manner in which the money of the Keren Hayesod has been expended since the creation of the Fund until the end of March, 1930. It will be seen that almost a third of the total has been used for agricultural colonisation. The table shows also that Keren Hayesod money has not been entirely placed a fonds perdu or invested at long sight and temporarily without interest, as in agricultural colonisation. The statement shows, rather that over £200,000 have been invested in business undertakings, especially in the Palestine Electric Corporation, the Mortgage Bank (established by the Keren Hayesod), the Palestine Land Development Company, the Palestine Mining Syndicate (holders of the Dead Sea concession), finally in the building of schools, workers' houses, etc., thus saving rent. All these investments were made by the Keren Hayesod itself. Investments are contained also in Item 12 "Miscellaneous", particularly an amount of about £24,000, which the Keren Hayesod paid upon taking over the land of the American Zion Commonwealth on account of that body's mortgage debts.

Table III

Distribution of Keren Hayesod money from 1.IV.21 to 31.III.30.

1. <u>Agricultural Colonisation</u> (incl. Agricultural Experimental Station)	£1,287,882
2. <u>Education</u> (incl. Hebrew University, Jewish National Library and Haifa Technicum)	760,882
3. <u>Public Works</u>	514,949
4. <u>Immigration</u>	377,383
5. <u>Sanitation</u>	272,018
6. <u>Investments and various undertakings, Building and lands</u>	217,472
Electrical Works	£100,000
Mortgage Bank	55,731
£41,025 Shares,	
£14,766 foundation expenses and loans on mortgages	
Houses for immigrants, schools, etc.	25,461

Palestine Land Development Company	£ 22,253
Dead Sea Concession	11,200
Artisans Bank	2,056
Mizrachi Bank	771
	<u>£217,472</u>

7. <u>Urban Colonisation</u>	65,658
8. <u>National Institutions, etc.</u>	148,464
9. <u>Religious and other Mizrahi institutions</u>	31,821
10. <u>Keren Kayemeth L'Israel for land purchase</u>	32,761
11. <u>Administrative Expenses of the Zionist Executive</u>	194,796
12. <u>Miscellaneous</u> (£24,171 for payment for mortgages on land of the American Zion Commonwealth; the lands were transferred to the Keren Hayesod)	55,894

£4,009,980
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8. The 16th Zionist Congress and the inaugural meeting of the enlarged Jewish Agency, held in Zuerich in July and August, 1929, fixed the budget for 5690 at £750,000, including Hadassah and University. It was intended to consolidate existing agricultural settlements in the current year, in order that in the course of next year new colonisation might begin, and a substantial portion of the Keren Hayesod's and the Palestine Executive's debts and commitments might be paid off. This intention could not be carried out, owing to the failure of the collections to come up to expectations. This unfortunate fact is due to a variety of causes. The August disturbances, which followed closely on the Zurich meetings, prevents the early beginning of Keren Hayesod work. It was necessary to open an emergency fund in order to assist the victims and rebuild what had been destroyed. The collections for the Emergency Fund were carried out almost throughout with the aid of the Keren Hayesod machinery. After the collections were closed, it was considered essential to allow a certain breathing-space to intervene before recommencing the regular Keren Hayesod work. The collections for the Emergency Fund therefore led to a postponement of the Keren Hayesod collections, and presumably also to the smaller contributions of many persons who had already contributed towards the Emergency Fund.

There was also another reason. Whilst in Eastern Europe the material position of the Jewish population had been very

precarious for a number of years, and similar though somewhat better conditions had prevailed also in Central Europe, the current year saw for the first time a severe economic crisis in the United States, which affected the Keren Hayesod to a quite extraordinary degree.

The consequence was that the work of the Keren Hayesod had suffered a very severe setback. The consolidation of the settlements which, as stated above, was regarded as the principal task of the year, was not carried through, and a large portion of the debts and obligations which, according to plan, should have been paid off in the course of the year, had to be held over, and now find themselves enlarged by the deficit of the current year.

The table hereunder shows the net receipts of the Keren Hayesod from the various countries for the period October 1, 1929 - June 30, 1930. The total net receipts during that period were £243,831.3.9. It was worthy of notice that the poorer countries of Eastern Europe have done better than in previous years. Bessarabia, for instance, which gave £1899 in 1929, already remitted to the Keren Hayesod £3884 for the first 8 months of the current year. It is anticipated that Bessarabia will have contributed by the end of the year more than ever before. Poland (without Galicia) also shows remarkable progress: from its average yearly contribution of £6,000, it rose last year to £11,950, collected during a campaign directed by Mr. Leib Jaffe, Director of the Keren Hayesod, and has collected £11,882 in the first 8 months of the present year. Eastern Galicia which contributed £6,900 for the Emergency Fund, was able to collect £2,850 for the Keren Hayesod in the first 8 months of the current year, as against the £2,313 which formed its total annual contribution a year ago.

Table IV.

Country	Net Receipts 5689	Net receipts (5690) from 1.10.29-30.6.30.
United States of America	£158,707. 5. 4	61,291. 4.11
South Africa	43,493.19. 1	23,542. 0. 0
Germany	32,018. 5. 9	19,394.13. 4
England	25,561. 5.11	11,880.10.10
Canada	10,156.14. 4	15,836. 1. 1
Poland	11,950. 5. 3	12,237.13. 7
Roumania	10,228. 4. 6	8,155. 1.10
Argentina	12,452. 8.10	13,639. 5. 1
Holland	9,322.10. 5	7,036. 2. 6
Tschechoslovakia	9,144.11. 3	11,127. 6. 3
Erez Israel	5,244. 2. 2	3,884.17. 9
Lithuania	2,239.17. 2	1,816. 8.10
Austria	3,407.11. 1	3,497. 2. 4
Bessarabia	1,899. 7. 9	4,169. 4. 8
West-Galicia	2,313.12. 4	9,236. 0. 4
Latvia	2,119. 9. 6	1,922.14.10

Egypt	2,299.15. 1	924. 9. 1
Bucovina	3,163.16. 0	2,036. 1. 7
West-Galicia	3,513.11. 2	3,114.13. 7
Belgium	4,161.10. 6	1,000. 0. 0
France	2,710. 9. 3	3,790.16. 8
Jugoslavia	1,309.13.11	3,506.11. 6
Bulgaria	2,045.18. 3	612.13. 8
Transjordanian	4,735. 7. 8	2,523.16. 0
Brazil	1,840. 8. 0	1,454.14. 8
Finland	1,415.12. 1	667.15.10
Marocco	1,113.17. 9	60. 0. 0
Chile	1,768.13. 0	210.12. 6
Italy	1,689. 3.11	5,892. 7.10
Sweden	246.15. 6	182.14. 2
Switzerland	1,182.16. 0	2,825.15. 0
Australia	2,376.14. 8	312.10. 0
Estonia	777. 0. 0	331.17.10
China	2,013.17. 1	160.10. 8
Tunis	1,628. 7.10	21. 2.11
Portugal	2. 6. 3	817.13. 6
Danzig	605. 0. 0	175. 0. 0
Algiers	53.10. 0	1,259.13. 7
Strait settlements	1,705. 9. 1	---
India	1,973.18. 5	247. 9.11
Iraq	163. 0. 0	---
New Zealand	1,725.10. 0	13.13.10
Greece	388.17. 4	24.19. 7
Denmark	65. 1. 1	106.14. 8
Norway	175.15.11	---
Aden	350. 0. 0	50. 0. 0
Far East	100. 0. 0	---
Dutch Indies	205. 0. 0	420. 7. 0
Gibraltar	55. 0. 0	25. 0. 0
Spain	---	33. 7. 0
Hungary	73. 1.10	698.19. 0
Peru	---	33. 0. 0
Syria	171. 8. 0	34. 6. 8
Luxembourg	---	193.12. 4
Japan	---	200. 0. 0
Individual Contributions	8. 0. 0	1,151.10. 0

£388,073. 16. 3

243,831. 3. 0.

9. In order to balance the unsatisfactory results of this year's work for the Keren Hayesod, it is essential to begin the preparations for the coming year as soon as possible. The Board of the K.H. is making arrangements for delegations, composed of personalities prominent in the movement, to visit the most important countries, and is already carrying on negotiations with the people in question. The Head Office is also engaged in preparing propaganda literature. A few months ago there appeared the Palestine Year Book, published by the Keren Hayesod and the Director of the Statistical Department of the Jewish Agency, which contains the first available statistical data in connection with all aspects of Palestine life. The Head Office published a pamphlet on the occasion of the tenth birthday of the Keren Hayesod, which gives a survey of the work carried out in Palestine during

the last decade. The pamphlet, 60,000 copies of which were distributed, appeared in the Hebrew, Yiddish, English, German, French, Hungarian, Polish and Italian language. Other pamphlets issued recently described the evolution of Tel-Aviv and Hebrew educational work in Palestine, whilst pamphlets about to appear survey agricultural work in Palestine and the activity of the Keren Hayesod. A new map of Palestine (from the air) is in preparation, and will show the principal motoring and secondary roads as well as the Jewish settlements. Other instruments of propaganda which, though in use for a number of years, are still being improved, are: the Zionistische Korrespondenz (ZIKO), which distributes news of Palestine and the work of the Keren Hayesod, and is much used by Jewish newspapers; the internal circulars of the Keren Hayesod Headquarters to their collaborators in all countries, the photographic supply office which operates from Bruenn (Czecho-Slovakia). Films prepared by the Keren Hayesod have been successfully shown in many countries. At present the Head Office is working out the conditions of a competition for the best scenario for a Keren Hayesod film.. It is propagating the idea of a "Keren Hayesod" Month, in the course of which the whole of Jewish activity shall be concentrated on the collection of funds for the Keren Hayesod. The actual date has not yet been decided.



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EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY.

M A T E R I A L S

25. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE KEREN KAYEMETH.

From the present report on the work of the Keren Kayemeth during the first nine months of 5690 (1929/30) it will be seen that the Fund has carried on successfully despite the world economic depression, the fears of impending restrictions on land purchase, and the heavy commitments which the Fund had incurred in connection with previous purchases.

1. In the course of the nine months under review, the Keren Kayemeth brought to a successful conclusion a number of land purchases. Practically the whole of the newly acquired land is situated in the coastal zone, which, owing to its suitability for intensive irrigable cultures, especially oranges, is very valuable for colonisation purposes. The purchases included 3600 dunam in the Beth Shan district, and 2280 dunam in the Valley of Sharon, the latter ^{being} part of the 15,000 dunam which the Zionist Federation of South Africa undertook to provide. The Keren Kayemeth further acquired 2927 dunam, consisting of 950 dunam near Rehoboth, 894 near Kfar Saba, and a number of smaller plots in the neighbourhood of Petach Tikva, Kfar Milal, etc., as well as 1500 dunam in the Haifa-Acre Valley. By acquiring additional 2287 dunam in the Emek Jezreel, the Keren Kayemeth rounded off its holding in the Western part of the Valley. Its urban property in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa was increased by 64,400 Pic (37,760 sq. metres).

2. During the period under review, the Keren Kayemeth made arrangements respecting the purchase of further 62,300 dunam, of which it has not yet taken possession. The negotiations refer in particular to 15,000 dunam, the purchase of which would complete the acquisition of the 48,000 dunam at Vadi Chavara with the aid of a special contribution from the Zionists of Canada. 32,500 dunam of this area are already in the possession of the Keren Kayemeth, and it is anticipated that the remainder, in respect of which protracted negotiations had been carried on, will shortly become the property of the Fund. Arrangements have also been made for the purchase of 12,700 dunam from South African contributions (in addition to the 2280 dunam already acquired), which will be completed gradually as funds arrive from South Africa.

Preliminaries have been completed for the purchase of 3000 dunam in the vicinity of Jewish colonies, including two plots near Petach Tikva, on which it is proposed to settle

a large number of Jewish labourers with their families. Agreements were also made for the purchase of additional 4200 dunam of the Beth Shan land, and of 7200 dunam in the Emek Jezreel (two plots). In respect of one of these plots in the Emek there had existed an agreement entered into by Latin Patriarch, which was subsequently rescinded. An agreement made during the period under review between the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod transferred to the former 20,000 dunam, formerly the property of the American Zion Commonwealth, which the Keren Hayesod took over when the Company found itself in difficulties, in order to prevent the return of the land into non-Jewish hands. The Keren Kayemeth undertakes to meet the financial obligations with which the land is encumbered.

3. The Board decided to purchase another 4200 dunam, in respect of which no agreement has yet been made.

4. The purchases enumerated above total some 80,000 dunam. Those transactions, on account of which £81,336 have already been expended, impose upon the Keren Kayemeth new and heavy obligations. Great care, however, was taken in framing the agreements, an important condition being that payment on account of the new purchases need not begin before 4 - 6 years, by which time the Keren Kayemeth will have discharged its obligations in connection with previous transactions.

5. The Keren Kayemeth was responsible for the planting of 233,476 trees in the course of the first nine months of 5690.

The draining of the land in the Haifa-Acre Valley, which was interrupted by last year's disturbances, was resumed and completed. A new canal, 5 - 6 kilom. long and 3 - 10 metr. wide, will divert the surplus volume of water into the Kishon.

The Keren Kayemeth was further responsible for the draining of swamps in the Kubebe region near Noss Ziona, where a number of new settlements, including Beth Hanan, the new Jewish Agency settlement, have been established. Finally, the Keren Kayemeth, in accordance with the resolutions of the last Zionist Congress, completed the water installation in 7 settlements. The total amount expended for melioration work was £1490, and for water installation £5963.

The Keren Kayemeth received a special contribution for house building, and erected 10 houses for Yemenite families in Kfar Marmorek near Rehoboth, which cost £1327.

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EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY.

M A T E R I A L S.

26. ALLOCATION OF EMERGENCY FUND MONIES.

1. After deducting expenses in connection with the Shaw Commission, the budget of the Emergency Fund appears as follows:

1)	Individual relief	210,000.-
2)	Reconstruction:	
	Safed	25,000.-
	Hebron	10,000.-
	Colonies	65,000.-
3)	Building in Jerusalem & Haifa	50,000.-
4)	Increased protection for exposed settlements (central building, roads, fencing, telephones, land purchase)	42,500.-
5)	Loans to manufacturers and merchants	15,000.-
6)	Participation in cost of projected settlement of 1000 families	50,000.-
7)	Miscellaneous	6,300.-
8)	Administration expenses of Central Office	8,500.-

£482,300.-

2. The first item of £210,000 is made up as follows:

1)	Immediate relief (food clothing, lodging, cash payments to about 17,000 refugees and victims of the riots)	42,000.-
2)	Provision for widows and orphans	32,000.-
3)	Medical aid (care of injured, assistance for their families, care of invalids, sanitary arrangements for the refugees)	9,300.-
4)	Legal aid (for persons arrested, and in drawing up claims for compensation)	10,000.-
5)	Immediate security measures (watchmen for isolated quarters, increasing number of inhabitants in exposed settlements)	16,700.-

Carried forward £110,000

6) Constructive aid (rebuilding of houses, re-establishment of about 500 families in their trade or occupation, after individual consideration of each case) 93,000

7) Hebron Yeshiva (transfer and establishment in Jerusalem) 14,263

£217,263.-

The discrepancy between this total and the £210,000 given in the statement is explained by the fact that the last item - £14,263 for the Hebron Yeshiva - represents also grants to individual members of the Yeshiva and to the families of members who lost their lives in the riots, which are included in the item "Immediate Relief".

3. Details concerning the manner in which the funds have been expended for purposes of immediate relief were given in previous reports. The figures given above represent the totals expended respectively under each head. The amount of £42,000 for direct relief means that £2.10.0 have been spent on the average for each victim of the riots.

The claims for compensation entered by the Jews after the riots totalled £900,000, of which only one tenth was paid by the Government. The £93,000 spent by the Emergency Fund for constructive aid must be considered from this point of view. Even now a substantial portion of the claims remains unpaid.

4. For purposes of reconstruction in Safed, the Emergency Fund has earmarked £25,000. It is intended to build a trading centre, consisting of 25 shops and a vegetable market, on the site of the Jewish shops destroyed during the riots, and also a new residential quarter. The difficulties which up to the present prevented the building of the trading centre were due to the fact that two Arab shops had previously existed on the site, and to the complicated conditions of ownership. Now that the Arab shops have been purchased, it should be possible to start building. According to plans, the new residential quarter is to be situated on the so-called castle hill, which is owned partly by the Scottish Mission and partly by the Government. The Government Department of Archaeology is making difficulties because the castle is regarded as an historic site. It is not yet certain whether it will be possible to overcome this objection. Without touching the £25,000 which are earmarked solely for reconstruction purposes, it has been possible, with the means supplied by the Emergency Fund for individual relief, to bring Jewish life in Safed back to normal and even to invest economic life with an animation which it has not known before the riots. The new residential quarter will serve less to provide accommodation for residents - there is no serious housing shortage in Safed - than to promote the development of the town as a holiday centre. At present, visitors seldom make extended stays in Safed owing to bad lodging accommodation.

5. The Emergency Fund earmarked £10,000 for the purpose of establishing a closer Jewish settlement at Hebron. The overwhelming majority of the refugees - Hebron was abandoned after the riots by the entire Jewish population - elected, however, not to return to Hebron, and settled elsewhere, mainly in Jerusalem.

6. In preparing plans for the reconstruction of destroyed Jewish villages, the Committee of the Emergency Fund considered only those which might reasonably be expected to develop into prosperous settlements in view of land and water conditions. These considerations prompted the decision not to rebuild Kfar Uriah and Hulda. The majority of the inhabitants of Mozza have returned to their homes, others will return shortly. The Steinberg Brick Factory at Mozzah was reopened with the aid of a grant from the Emergency Fund, and now employs 30 workmen. The Fund has made it possible for all former residents of Har Tuv to return, by rebuilding houses, supplying livestock and instruments, and providing a water installation.

7. The villagers of Beer Tuvia decided not to return, and the Emergency Fund granted them £10,000, which enabled them to settle elsewhere. As a mark of recognition the settlers conveyed their land at Beer Tuvia into the ownership of the Keren Kayemeth. The Emergency Fund decided to establish on the site a new settlement of the Moshav Ovdim class, all members of which shall be of one type, married, and possessing some agricultural training. A selection committee consisting of Messrs. Viteles (Director of the Central Bank of Cooperative Institutions), Miller (Farmers' Union), Harzfeld (Organisation of Agricultural Labourers), and Passman (Emergency Fund) was appointed, to whom two lists of candidates were submitted, by the Merkaz Haklai (Organisation of Agricultural Labourers) and the Bnei Benjamin (Sons of Colonists) respectively. After testing 180 candidates, the Committee unanimously decided in favour of the list presented by the Merkaz Haklai. The successful candidates include several former members of the Jewish battalions, whose claim to settlement - other qualifications being equal - is regarded as particularly strong.

The search for water on the Beer Tuvia site has shown excellent results, so that every settler will receive 15 dunam irrigable land. Work on the settlement will be soon taken in hand.

8. The £50,000 earmarked for building in Haifa and Jerusalem are made up as follows:

I. Haifa:

1. Purchase of land to join the Jewish quarters Hadar Hacarmel and Ard el Jahud	9.500
2. 2 houses with 22 flats each	12.500
3. Participation in cost of establishing Shechunath Ovdim on K.K.L. land in the Haifa-Acre valley	7.500
	£29.500

II. Jerusalem:

1. Building of one house with 20 flats in the Sanhedria quarter	8,500.-
2. Building of 10 houses at Talpioth, participation in cost of 48 houses at Bayit Vegan, Beth Hakerem, Givath Shaul, Mekor Haim, Persian Quarter	6,000.-
3. Rebuilding of the Gedud Avodah's farmstead at Ramath Rachel and participation in cost of building by Keren Hayesod	4,000.-
4. Rebuilding of Meshek Hapacloth farmstead near Ramath Rachel, together with Women's International Zionist Organisation)	<u>2,500.-</u>
	<u>21,000.-</u>
	£50,000.-

It is anticipated that the total will be rather below this figure owing to the participation of the Sanhedria quarter in the cost of the house to be erected there. The land at Haifa is already purchased, and the two large houses planned are in process of construction. The Schechanath Ovdim has not yet started on the building mentioned in previous reports. The building of the large house in the Sanhedria quarter at Jerusalem has not begun owing to the consent of the Town Planning Committee being still withheld. It is intended to build 40 small houses at Talpioth, but owing to difficulties with the settlers, the Fund commenced work on 10 houses only, meanwhile carrying on negotiations. 22 houses are being erected in the Bayit Vegan quarter by the Order Bnei Brith. The Emergency Fund is participating in this enterprise, as well as in the erection of 14 houses at Beth Hakerem and Bayit Vegan. All these houses are actually in construction; the remainder will be taken in hand after the signing of the agreements. The Gdud Avodah buildings are completed, but the Meshek Hapacloth is not yet reconstructed.

9. Of the £42,000 earmarked for measures of security, £22,000 were spent on erecting central buildings (schools, synagogues, children's homes) in 20 settlements, and £10,000 on road building, the Government contributing £5,000 for the latter purpose. Some of these roads were already laid down last winter, the remainder was completed in the course of the summer just past. Fencing and the installation of telephones accounted for additional expenditure.

The £15,000 for loans for manufacturers and artisans contains £2,000 intended to facilitate the resumption of exports, which suffered from the riots.

£50,000 are reserved for the settlement of 1000 Jewish working families near the plantation colonies.

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77, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,

January 1, 1931.

LONDON, W.C.1.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Dear Sir,

The Executive finds itself obliged to convene a meeting of the General Council for

January 12th in London

in order to discuss urgent matters. The reasons that have actuated the Executive to take this step are explained in a separate communication. The Chairman of the General Council has been asked for his assent.

(1) We herewith convey the formal invitation to this meeting and request you to be certain to attend despite the short notice. The meeting will begin on Monday morning January 12th, at 10.30., and will probably last three days.

(2) We enclose herewith the text of the regulations relating to the representation of absent members by deputy-members.

(3) In view of the extraordinarily serious financial position, the Executive finds itself obliged to apply once more, as a matter of exception, the tariff adopted by the 16th Congress in regard to the refund of expenses incurred by members attending the meeting. The refund according to this tariff, will be as follows:-

- (a) Passport and Visa Expenses.
- (b) Third-class railway fare and ship's cabin.
- (c) 10/- per day for the duration of the meeting.

(4) Please let us know by return whether we should reserve hotel accommodation for you.

With Zion's greetings.

ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE.

Member of the Executive.

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THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION.
CENTRAL OFFICE.

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January 1, 1931.

77, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,

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In reply please address The Secretary.

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For Personal Information Only.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Dear Sir,

As we have already informed you by wire, the Executive has found itself obliged to convene an urgent Meeting of the General Council for January 12th next in London. The formal letter of invitation is enclosed herewith.

It was impossible to explain the reasons for the convening of the Meeting in our telegraphic message. The Meeting is necessary in order to consider the critical financial situation of our work in Palestine, and to deliberate on the ways and means of preventing the immediately impending financial collapse. In connection therewith the question of the date of the Congress must be considered once more. Although our friends in America were originally in favour of the fixing of the date of the Congress for February, views have since been expressed there, particularly in the non-Zionist as well as the Zionist camp, to the effect that the holding of the Congress in February would seriously threaten the success of the campaign which is to be opened at the end of January. It has also become clear that the campaign in America, upon the success or non-success of which the fate of our movement will depend so far as its financial aspect is concerned, must absolutely be supported by the despatch of a representative delegation. Moreover, a number of measures will have to be considered in order to tide over the terrible financial crisis at the present moment, and the question therefore arises whether, under these circumstances, the date of the Congress in February which has been contemplated can be adhered to.

The Executive, after careful and prolonged investigation of the position, has reached the conviction that at the present moment solicitude for our finances and for the maintenance of the working capacity of the Organisation must take precedence over all other considerations. It is unnecessary in this connection to give any details about the financial position, but it may be said that it is appreciably more critical than it has ever been in the most serious times of financial difficulties. The Finance Commission of the Jewish

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Agency which met on December 23rd in Berlin under the Chairmanship of Mr. Oscar Wassermann, was unable to find a way out of the distressing situation and formulated proposals which we consider as impracticable to some extent, but which nevertheless clearly show the tremendous gravity of the situation. To sum up, it may be said that the income from America has entirely ceased for more than a year, that the deficit has in consequence increased by a further £200,000, that the financial situation renders an acute collapse in Palestine possible at any moment, and that salvation is possible only if, in addition to other measures, a big campaign is undertaken above all in America.

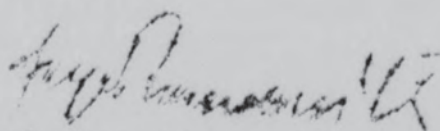
The General Council, whilst appreciating all the relevant circumstances, will, with an exact knowledge of the position, on which a detailed report will be submitted, have to decide whether the Congress shall take place in February. If the General Council should be of the opinion that the holding of the Congress in winter is necessary, then the Congress, for which preparations are meanwhile being made, will be held at the proposed time. In this case probably the date will have to be postponed only by a week owing to technical reasons.

In coming to a decision on the Congress question consideration will also have to be given to the circumstance that it is very doubtful whether the negotiations with the Government can be completed by February.

We request you to treat the contents of this communication as strictly confidential.

With Zion's greetings,

EXECUTIVE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION.



Member of the Executive.

Encl.

RULES GOVERNING THE PARTICIPATION IN
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

I.
Participation in Meetings.

Art. 46 of Constitution.

Clause 3. The MEMBERS of the General Council shall be elected in accordance with the numerical strength of the various Congress delegations of the Separate Unions, Fractions, and total number of representatives of the Federations to take part in the Congress.

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Clause 5. If any MEMBER of the General Council is prevented from attending any meeting of the General Council, he may appoint one of the DEPUTY-MEMBERS, belonging to the same group as himself to replace him at this meeting. If he makes no use of this right, the appointment may be made by the committee of the group in questions. The same applies in the case of the retirement of any member.

Art. 7 of the Standing Orders of the General Council.

The following persons are entitled to participate in the meetings of the General Council:

The MEMBERS of the General Council mentioned in Art. 46 of the Organisation Statutes.

Persons whose advice is desired for the treatment of certain questions or for the whole duration of the session by the Executive of the Presidential Board of the General Council, or who are invited by a special resolution of the General Council.

The DEPUTY-MEMBERS of the General Council shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the General Council if they so desire, but they shall not have the right to speak or vote.

II.
Refund of expenses.

Art. 52 of Constitution.

The members of the General Council, in accordance with the order of procedure of the General Council have a right to a refund of the expenses they incur through their attendance at meetings.

Art. 18 of Standing Orders of the General Council.

The refund of expenses incurred by members of the General Council shall be based on the following:

- (a) Cost of passport and visa;
- (b) 3rd class railway fare and 2nd class steamship cabin;
- (c) £1 for every day spent at the place of meeting or on the journey.

The members of the General Council shall have no claim for any refund when attending meetings of the General Council that take place on the occasion of a Congress.

The persons named in par. 46 (c) of the Constitution have a claim for the refund of their expenses only against their respective institutions and for the amounts stipulated.

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January 2, 1931.

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Recent developments in and relating to Palestine have such grave implications that a meeting is being called at which the situation, which calls for immediate action, may be given the most thorough consideration.

You are urgently requested to attend this meeting to which a limited number of leading Jews of this city will be asked. It will be held in the Vestry Rooms of Temple Emanuel, 1 East 65th Street, N.Y., on Thursday evening, January 8th, 1931, at 8 o'clock.

We shall be grateful for prompt word from you. Kindly use the enclosed card.

Very truly yours,

Cyrus Adler
CYRUS ADLER

Provisional Chairman, Committee of the
American members of the Administrative
Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine

Robert Szold
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January 21, 1931

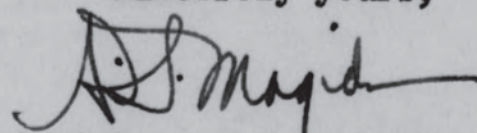
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver,

In the absence of Mr. Szold, who has been ill several days, I am taking the liberty of replying to your letter of January 15.

We have already cabled to Nathan D. Kaplan and to R. D. Kesselman informing them of Mr. Baker's arrival in Palestine on January 31. I am quite sure that Mr. Baker will be taken care of properly. I understand that he will spend just the one day in Palestine.

Sincerely yours,



Assistant to the Chairman.

The undersigned have the pleasure to invite you to a

National Conference

at

Hotel Biltmore

Madison Avenue at Forty Third Street, New York City

on

Sunday, January 25th, 1931, beginning 10 A. M.

to organize and inaugurate

a campaign

to raise the necessary funds for the 1931 budget of

The Jewish Agency for Palestine

in cooperation with

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and Hadassah

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January 28, 1931.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Szold has asked me to send
you a copy of the cable which the Campaign
Committee sent to Dr. Kahn and Mr. Hantke
on January 23rd.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Hyman

Secretary

MAL:EL
Encl.

JANUARY 23, 1931

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January 27, 1931

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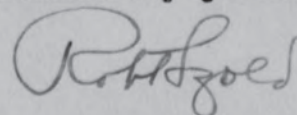
The meeting at the Biltmore on Sunday was very encouraging. Quite a different spirit prevailed from that which you saw on Thursday, January 8.

The Provisional Committee for the Campaign sent an urgent invitation to Dr. Weizmann several days ago. I shall ask Mr. Leavitt of the Agency to send you a copy of the telegram.

I have taken to heart the things concerning which you spoke to me when we supped at the Hotel Commodore when you were here, and the various other constructive suggestions of your letter of January 13.

The Campaign, I think, is really off to a good start.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman, Administration

*The Executive of the Zionist Organisation
and the Honorary Officers of the Zionist Federation
of Great Britain and Ireland
request the pleasure of the company of*

Dr. & Mrs. A. Hillel Silver

*at a Dinner
in celebration of the Seventieth Birthday of
Mr. Nahum Sokolow,
President of the Executive.*

*on Wednesday, February 1st 1931 at 7-30 p.m.
at the Savoy Hotel, Strand.*

Dr. Chaim Weizmann will preside.

Reception at 7 p.m.

*R.S.V.P. by Jan. 28th to the General Secretary.
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January 28, 1931.

Dear Mr. Warburg:

I know how eager you were to attend the national conference here at the Hotel Biltmore, last Sunday, at which the American Palestine Campaign was launched. I have the feeling that had you been able to be present, it would have refreshed your spirit as much as I hope your strength and energy will be refreshed by the short vacation you have been compelled to take because of the strain you have been under in connection with your labors for Palestine and other Jewish interests.

I am writing this letter because I know that you will not be satisfied with what you may read in the press about last Sunday's conference, but will want to have something more intimate and detailed.

I deeply regret that you were not present to share in the remarkable meeting on Sunday—to look into the faces of the more than 700 men and women who had come, many from distant places, to give encouragement to us in this new campaign, to demonstrate by their presence that they were determined to work side by side with us to save the Yishub from the desperate financial situation in which it now finds itself, through no fault of its own.

We all are deeply grateful to our good friend, Dr. Cyrus Adler, for his part in the conference. The words he spoke, during the course of his opening address, touching on the political situation regarding Palestine, created that feeling of hopefulness and determination which gripped everybody in the hall and gave the conference a lofty tone.

On the Passfield White Paper, Dr. Adler said these encouraging words:

"The whole subject has been under discussion between a Committee of the British Cabinet and the representatives of the Jewish Agency for several months and a document will be produced which no doubt will mitigate the effects of the White Paper and remove the fears which the Paper created that the National Home was to be crystallized, the purchase of lands by Jews was to be stopped and their immigration ended.

"I think I am not violating any confidence when I say at least this much, although any statement to be authoritative must be the statement which will be jointly given out by the British Government and the representatives of the Jewish Agency now in London. . . . I think that it may be taken for granted that somehow, some way, so far as the British

Government is concerned, a modus will be worked out by which the Jewish population now in Palestine will have its security and rights established and that recognition will be given that the obligation under the Mandate is not simply one for the local situation, but to the Jewish people as a whole. Such recognition involves the right of migration based upon the economic absorptive capacity of the country. Less than that we could not accept; more than that we cannot ask."

Equally strong were the words with which he impressed on the conference the present needs of the Homeland and the duty of the Jews of this country to the 100,000 people who went to Palestine "on the implied promise that the Jews of the world would back them up . . . that we have assumed the very solemn obligation which, unless it is fulfilled, may result in disaster."

There was another impressive moment in Dr. Adler's speech—the moment when he mentioned the names of Nathan Straus, of Lord Melchett, of others, including Ben Selling of Portland—whose departures from this earth so recently are a series of blows to all Israel. It added to the moving eulogy of Dr. Pool, it reminded all of us that upon our shoulders now rests the continuance of that service and devotion to Erez Israel which these beloved sons of our people gave in such full measure.

It was hard for us to get back to our work, but the strong words of Robert Szold, Chairman of the Zionist Organization of America, in which he drew such a fine picture of the Jewish Agency, helped. We were all thrilled when he exclaimed, speaking of Zurich, August, 1929:

"This day should have been one of unrestrained celebration of the launching in America of the work of the Jewish Agency. It may yet turn out to be a day of celebration if that purpose which has called us here is realized. . . ."

He alluded to the Palestine budget of the Agency—facts and figures with which you are familiar, and he gave a very convincing statement which proved to the last doubter that the \$2,500,000 we need is the irreducible minimum; that we dare not cut out another dollar from the budget without cutting away the very foundations of the institutions in Palestine, of the farming, industrial, health and educational work.

He spoke the thought of all of us, of everybody who has had anything to do with this work, of everybody at the conference when he said:

"No one who is familiar with the history of American Jewry can believe that we shall fail to rise to the occasion which faces us now. . . . None of us gathered here can dare risk the future of our people on account of a temporary financial condition. . . . It is my belief that this great emergency will find the Jewish people determined to keep pure the annals of their age-long effort at reconstruction of the Jewish National Home."

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, the President of that extremely efficient and loyal organization, the Hadassah, spoke next. She told again the story of that splendid medical and sanitary work which Hadassah is doing in Palestine and pledged the 50,000 and more members of that organization to the task of providing "life-blood to Palestine so that we may the sooner reach our goal and the realization of our hope."

Then came Louis Lipsky, the former President of the Zionist Organization of America, whose appeal to the Jews of America to support our effort, made a profound impression.

"The inspiration of our actions comes from the inner strength of the Jewish people. As long as that inner strength remains and is vigorous and has a sense of its obligations, White Papers may come and White Papers may go, but we ride over them into the hills and the valleys of

Palestine," he exclaimed. "Out of this meeting there should go a note of optimism and strength and hope. . . . If this note goes out of this conference we will find that this campaign will be a success because every Jew must feel today more than ever before that the hope of Zion represents a tangible hope—a hope that is vital for the future of the Jewish people."

Judge Julian W. Mack, who was elected one of the Honorary Chairmen of the campaign, closed the morning session. His address, tintured throughout by the inspiration he has brought back with him from his recent visit to Palestine, added to our pride in our brave chalutzim, from whom he brought back this message:

"How comes it that you Americans, you Europeans seem to be afraid because we have gone through the hell fires of massacre?" he quoted them as asking. "Why should you fear, if we have no fear, when we are confident? But if our brethren desert us, then, indeed, there may be cause for fear. If you fail us, the whole work may be set back not decades, not generations, but centuries."

The afternoon session, presided over by Robert Szold, was as inspiring as the morning session. It was marked by a great ovation to Nathan Straus, Jr., and James Marshall, when these two fine young men, noble and worthy sons of distinguished fathers, both of whom were so conspicuously and devotedly identified with the Jewish upbuilding of Palestine, signified that they, too, had answered the call and would work side by side with us in this campaign.

The first speaker at the afternoon session was Dr. Lee K. Frankel. If those who are still unresponsive to the call of Palestine were able to listen to his address, I feel our task would become much easier. As you know, his enthusiasm is always controlled by his excellent judgment, and so the conference knew the value and the importance of his statement when he declared:

"The day will come when we shall see in Palestine many of our brethren, many more than now. There is room under proper development, under careful scientific management and under statesmanlike administration, for hundreds of thousands more. Let us realize that our task is to try to bring about that long looked-for day."

I pass over the "formalities"—the adoption of resolutions and the election of the officers of the campaign. I do not need to tell you how gratified we are that you, Lieut. Gov. Lehman, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Judge Mack and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, have agreed to become the honorary chairmen of the campaign. Nor need I tell you what great strength has been given to me in the task that you have insisted I assume—the active direction of the campaign—by the election of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Nathan Straus, Jr., and James Marshall as the three other national chairmen. And so, too, I am happy that Dr. Frankel has agreed to take the responsibilities of treasurer of the campaign. I sincerely believe that if success is at all possible—and I am convinced that it is—it will be largely due to all of the men I have mentioned—each one distinguished for his ability and his devotion to the Jewish cause. Under this inspiring leadership, the Jews surely will rally, work and give.

There were other impressive speeches—by Judge William M. Lewis, who has rendered such splendid service to the cause of Palestine, and stands ready to do more; by Henrietta Szold, whose name is inextricably interwoven with Palestine upbuilding, and by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, whose great labors in the interest of the National Home have for a time taxed his health, but who, we are happy, is now ready to place his energy and his gifts at the disposal of the campaign. Dr. Wise delivered this stirring message:

"I know what American Israel will do if we go forth from this meeting, resolved that the first great effort of the Jewish Agency, on behalf of Palestine, shall not fail. I know that I am ready to do my part, and

more than my part. I am willing to go wherever my physicians will permit me to be sent, in order that I may make some contribution toward the progress and the triumph of this campaign—as triumph it must.

"This one word needs to be said. Two groups must help. Two groups today accept a burden and a solemn responsibility, and this is not any more the test and the challenge of the non-Zionists of the Agency than it is the test and the challenge to us of the Zionist Organization. . . . I was not one of the creators of the Jewish Agency. But the Jewish Agency has become, in a sense, the supreme instrumentality in the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home. I rise to pledge the uttermost of my moral and material support to this Jewish Agency campaign. Let us work together with perfect good faith and the high and undeniable resolution that what Palestine needs of America, America will give within the next few months."

His allusion to the Jewish Agency, as he expressed it during his address, was noted with deep interest:

"Twice the Agency has been tried within a year and a half, and twice the Agency has met the test effectively and, in the latter case, magnificently."

He was referring, first, to the Agency's action after the August, 1929, riots, and secondly, to its attitude toward the White Paper. Of this he said:

"That test the Agency met as a Jewish body might have been expected to meet it. There was no deviation or shadow of turning from a straight-forward, frank and unashamed support of the Zionist position. The Jewish Agency, by the Chairman of the Administrative Committee, spoke up, spoke as a Jewish body ought to have spoken!"

Young Nathan Straus spoke—briefly, effectively, and James Marshall and Shiplacoff, the well-known labor leader, also made moving addresses. But, above all, the spirit of Palestine spoke to us throughout that marvelous conference.

Before bringing this letter to a close I should like to say to you, Mr. Warburg, that you know with what reluctance I yielded to your persuasion to make myself responsible for the direction of this campaign. I hesitated because as you know I had just completed nearly a whole year of service as one of the national chairmen of the Allied Jewish Campaign, and had seriously neglected my own affairs and professional interests for a number of years in the interest of Palestine and other Jewish causes. To undertake the responsibility of this campaign means that I will be required to give to it so large a part of my time and thought for a period of many months as virtually to lay aside everything else and disregard my personal affairs.

Yet, because of my deep interest in the fate of the Jewish National Home at the present critical juncture, I have consented. But if this campaign is to succeed, it must have the completest and most generous cooperation, not only of yourself, of which I am sure, but of all the other officers of the American Palestine Campaign, and also of the thousands of Jews in this country, non-Zionists as well as Zionists, who recognize that the rebuilding of the Homeland is a paramount Jewish task with which the honor of our people is bound up.

Hoping that this finds you in completely restored health, I am

Faithfully yours,

MORRIS ROTHENBERG,

National Chairman

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February 2nd, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have the pleasure to formally notify you that at the National Conference held at the Hotel Biltmore on January 25th, you were elected a National Chairman of the newly initiated fund-raising effort in behalf of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, to be known as the American Palestine Campaign.

You were also named a member of the Board of Directors of the corporation entitled "The American Palestine Campaign, Inc.", now being organized.

It is planned to call a meeting of the Administrative Committee as soon as the acceptances of the members thereof have been received, and of course, an invitation to that meeting will be forwarded to you.

Very sincerely yours,

A. H. Fromenson
A. H. Fromenson
Temporary Secretary.

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February 4, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
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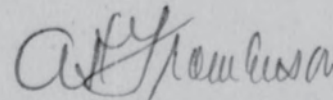
Dear Rabbi Silver:

In connection with the publicity for the American Palestine Campaign, you will be rendering a real service if you will be good enough to write an article at whatever length seems best to you, explaining why, in your judgment, Jews without distinction should at this time liberally respond to our appeal.

We are planning a series of such articles by those who have a conspicuous place among the officers of the campaign, and I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to comply with this request in the very near future.

If I can have this article from you by the beginning of next week, it will be doubly serviceable.

Cordially yours,



A. H. Fromenson

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February 6th, 1931.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

When do you next expect to be in New York?
I should very much like to sit down with you to talk over
the campaign plans, or, if you prefer it, to call a meeting
of the Campaign Chairmen.

No doubt you have received the notice inform-
ing you of the first meeting of the Administrative Committee,
but we have not heard as to whether you can attend this meeting.

Of course, it was my understanding that you
would not be able to give attention to the details of adminis-
tration, but nevertheless I am anxious to keep in touch with
you so as to have the benefit of your views.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg
Morris Rothenberg
National Chairman.

MR:P

Thurs. Feb. 19



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SPECIAL MEETING AMERICAN MEMBERS COUNCIL JEWISH AGENCY WILL
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PM VESTRY ROOMS TEMPLE EMANUEL ONE EAST SIXTY FIFTH STREET
NEWYORKCITY TO BRING MEMBERS UP TO DATE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
LONDON AND PALESTINE ALSO TO DISCUSS DATE AND PLACE NEXT
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING STOP THIS MEETING NOT BEING HELD
CONNECTION CAMPAIGN STOP PLEASE ADVISE J C HYMAN SECRETARY
TWENTY SEVEN WILLIAM STREET NEWYORKCITY WE MAY COUNT ON
YOUR ATTENDANCE=

CYRUS ADLER CHAIRMAN PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE
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February 11, 1931.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have been delighted to receive an acceptance by Prof. Albert Einstein of our invitation to be the guest of honor at a dinner tendered him by the American Palestine Campaign at the Hotel Astor in New York City on Wednesday evening, March 4th.

This should be one of the greatest Jewish events in the history of New York City, and we need your help to accomplish this, both for the sake of our distinguished guest and also for the sake of the success of the American Palestine Campaign.

Therefore, I want to urge you most earnestly to attend a meeting of a small group which will be held at the Hotel Astor on Saturday evening, February 14th, at 8:30 P.M., at which the steps that need to be taken to insure the outstanding success this event deserves to be, will be formulated.

I trust you will not fail to attend.

Sincerely,

Morris Rothenberg

Feb. 11th, 1931

Mr. J. C. Hyman,
27 William St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hyman:-

I regret very much that it will not be possible for me to attend the special meeting of the American Members of the Council of The Jewish Agency which has been called for February 15th.

I must remain in Cleveland on that day in order to be in my pulpit.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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JOSEPH C. HYMAN

February 12th, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Zionist district of St. Paul has written to inquire whether it would be possible for you to address a conference in the interests of the American Palestine Campaign which will be held in that city on February 26th.

I understand that you are scheduled to speak in Minneapolis the same day. I have advised the officers of the St. Paul district to communicate directly with you in the matter. However, the St. Paul Zionists are a very fine group. In their letter they say that they can safely promise very good results from the drive which they plan to hold shortly. Therefore, I hope that if and when this invitation is received by you from St. Paul, you will find it possible to accept it.

With best personal wishes,

Cordially yours,

Ad H. Frankel

Secretary, Administrative Committee

AHF:P

Feb. 16th, 1931

Mr. Morris Rothenberg,
American Palestine Campaign,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:-

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have not been well and my correspondence has lagged.

I should like to come to New York right away to talk over with you the matter of the American Palestine Campaign but unfortunately I can not get away for the next two weeks. I have long standing lecture engagements out of town which make it impossible for me to come to New York during the ensuing fortnight.

I shall make an effort to attend the Einstein dinner on March 4th. I could arrange to come to New York on the 3d and spend the 3d and 4th in conferences if that is convenient for you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

The one
who sent
this communication said
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*Your answer is
quite as important*

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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR LUNCHEON MEETING

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY TWENTY FIFTH AND STPAUL DISTRICT IS

DELIGHTED AND HONORED BY YOUR ACCEPTANCE PLEASE ADVISE TIME

YOU EXPECT TO ARRIVE=

L C PERLMAN..

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Will arrive in St. Paul Wednesday morning.

A. H. Silver

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STPAUL ZIONIST DISTRICT IS PREPARED TO HOLD A CONFERENCE ON
AMERICAN PALESTINE CAMPAIGN ON FEBRUARY TWENTY SIXTH OR
WHATEVER DATE SELECTED BY YOU AND CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO
ADDRESS IT PLEASE ADVISE BY WIRE IF THIS FITS IN WITH YOUR
PLANS AND FORM AND TIME OF MEETINGS PREFERRED SO NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE=

L C PERLMAN CHAIRMAN 1989 JEFFERSON AVE.

Wire 2/20/31

Can arrange to be with you Wednesday noon February 25th. A.H. Silver

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SO THAT WE MAY MEET YOU PLEASE ADVISE ROAD AND EXPECTED
TIME ARRIVAL IN STRAUL WILL ALSO BE GLAD TO MAKE HOTEL
RESERVATION AND ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENTS YOU MAY DESIRE=

L C PERLMAN...

Wire 2/24/31

Regret Very much funeral in my congregation makes it impossible
for me to be with you tomorrow.

A. H. Silver

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JOSEPH C. HYMAN

February 24th, 1931.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I was pleased to receive your letter of the 18th and to learn that you expect to be in New York on the 3rd and 4th of March, and that in that event, you will also attend the Einstein Dinner.

I am leaving for St. Louis on Thursday night to attend the mid-Western Conference, but expect to return on the morning of March 3rd. If you will therefore call the Campaign Office, I shall arrange an appointment with you so that we may spend some time in talking matters over.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg
Morris Rothenberg
National Chairman.

MR/P

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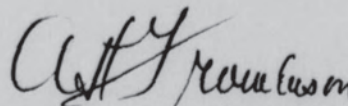
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please sign the enclosed letter to
Simon Lazarus and have it mailed from your office?

It is being written at the request of one
of our field representatives, Mr. Samuel Shulman, who has
been to Columbus and is conversant with the situation.
He assures me that a letter from you will be very helpful
indeed.

Looking forward to seeing you in New York
next week, I am

Cordially yours,



A. H. Fromenson
Secretary, Administrative Committee

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The Officers
of the
American Palestine Campaign
of the Jewish Agency for Palestine

take pleasure in inviting you

to a

Testimonial Dinner

in honor of

Professor Albert Einstein

at the Hotel Astor
Broadway at Forty-fourth Street
New York City

Wednesday Evening, March Fourth, 1931
six thirty o'clock, sharp

Cyrus Adler	James Marshall
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March 6, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The New York Committee of the American Palestine Campaign is arranging for a meeting at the Hotel Astor on Tuesday, March 17th, to be participated in by representatives of the various sections of the Greater City.

Mr. Morris Zeldin, our very able Director of New York City, has asked that you be requested to be the principal speaker at this function. I understand from Mr. Morris Rothenberg that you are scheduled to speak in New York before the Ivriah the following evening. Mr. Rothenberg wishes me to urge you to accept the engagement for the 17th. Will you please let me know your wishes in the matter?

I hope you will find it possible to accept this invitation.

Cordially yours,

A. H. Fromenson

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Secretary, Administrative Committee

AHF/BG

Day letter collect

3/11/31

I had hoped to be in New York on the seventeenth but due to the fact that I had to be in New York for two days this week on account of a death in our family my work will not permit me to be in New York on the seventeenth stop As it is I shall have to be out of the city next week for three days.

A. H. Silver

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WILL YOU PLEASE WIRE REPLY MY LETTER MARCH SIXTH RE SPEAKING AT HOTEL
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A. H. FROMENSON.

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Rabbi Silver is away from Cleveland He will return the end of the week.

Sec'y to A. H. Silver



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March 10, 1931.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

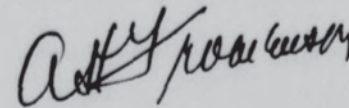
I am sending you, herewith, copy of a letter which is to be part of a broadside that we are getting ready for general mailing purposes.

We want this letter signed by all the four chairmen. Mr. Rothenberg has approved it.

In view of the fact that you will not be back to Cleveland until the end of the week, I am going to take the liberty of affixing your signature also, unless on Friday you wire me to the contrary.

I am sure that I have your consent.

Cordially yours,



A. H. Fromenson
Secretary, Administrative Committee

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To the Jews of America:

During the past two decades, a human miracle has been wrought in Palestine.

The land has been filled with life, vibrant with Jewish idealism and aspirations. Cities, towns, villages, farms, orchards and vineyards have been caused to flourish on what only recently was cruel desert and deadly swamp land.

A Hebrew educational system has been founded; a public health system established. Industry and commerce have been developed, and the waters of the Jordan have been harnessed for light, power and irrigation.

Yet, extraordinary as is this achievement, it is but symbolic of even greater achievement in the future by the 170,000 Jews who have found liberty, opportunity and happiness there, and by those who will join them in their consecrated tasks.

Prof. Albert Einstein, the greatest intellect of modern times, has spoken of it only recently in these words: "The work for Palestine has brought the Jewish people an undreamed of solidarity, and has imbued it with that optimism which every organism needs if its life is to be healthy. Today, that is manifest to all whose eyes are open."

But at this very moment, when the attitude of Great Britain toward the Jewish effort has been gratifyingly clarified, the Jewish economic position in Palestine is threatened with a breakdown because of lack of support of the activities which the Jewish Agency is sponsoring there. That would be an irreparable blow to Jewish progress in Palestine, and would reflect upon Jewish prestige the world over. This must not - dare not happen!

It is to the Jews of America - who have been such staunch friends and supporters of the Jewish pioneers of Palestine - that we call for quick and generous response to the appeal for \$2,500,000. by the American Palestine Campaign for the Jewish Agency. In the words of Prof. Einstein: "What we do in our common cause is done not only for our brothers in Palestine, but for the welfare and prestige of the entire Jewish people."

Sincerely yours,

National Chairmen

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A. H. FROMENSON

March 10, 1931.

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I learned this morning that you are not
expected back in Cleveland until the end of the week.

Meanwhile, we must go ahead with our ar-
rangements for the meeting at the Hotel Astor on March
17th, and have ventured to schedule you definitely for
that occasion.

In view of the fact that you will be in
New York the following day, at any rate, I hope that
you will make every effort so to arrange your affairs
that you can be with us on the 17th.

Very sincerely yours,

A. H. Fromenson
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Secretary, Administrative Committee

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card

March 11th, 1931

Mr. A. H. Fromenson,
Jewish Agency for Palestine,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Fromenson:-

I have just returned from New York where I attended the funeral of my dear departed sister.

You will understand that under the circumstances I can not accept any more lecture engagements besides the ones which I have already contracted for and must keep. I had intended to remain in Cleveland the whole of this week to catch up with my work but the unfortunate and sudden death of my sister necessitated my being away from the city half of this week. I am already scheduled to be in the East on Wednesday and Thursday and will not get back to Cleveland until late Friday. I can not, therefore, as much as I should like to, be with you on the 17th.

I have received the copy of the letter which you are to get out for general mailing purposes. You may affix my signature to it. I do believe, however, that quoting Einstein twice in one appeal is not necessary.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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A. H. FROMENSON

March 13, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Silver:

I wish I knew just how to phrase what is in my heart so that I could tell you, adequately, how shocked and pained I was to learn this morning, from your letter, that you had lost a sister.

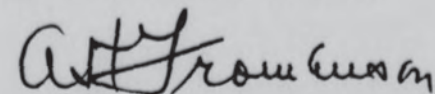
What a terrible thing it is that those who are so precious to us are suddenly taken away, and how utterly inadequate is human speech at a time like this. You know me well enough to realize the warmth of my feeling for you. Therefore, I hope that you will supply what I find it utterly impossible to say. At any rate, you know that you have my deepest sympathy.

Naturally, under the circumstances, no one would have the right to expect you to address the meeting here on the 17th, where we hoped you would be able to re-stimulate our working forces. We will have to forego that pleasure. I hope that an opportunity will present itself again soon, where we may have you and hear you.

Thanks for your permission to affix your signature to the broadside letter.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



A. H. Fromenson
Secretary, Administrative Committee

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A. H. FROMENSON

March 15th, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In the schedule of your speaking dates which you furnished Morris Rothenberg recently, you named Pittsburgh, but did not indicate just when you would be there.

As Mr. George Greenspun, who is the director of our field staff, will be in Pittsburgh shortly, it might be well for him to know just exactly when you are scheduled to speak in that city so that he may be able to coordinate with it some effort or function on behalf of the American Palestine Campaign.

I hate very much to obtrude these matters on you at this time, but I cannot very well avoid it.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Fromenson

A. H. Fromenson
Secretary, Administrative Committee.

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A. H. FROMENSON

March 17th, 1931.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have an urgent request from the officers of the St. Louis American Palestine Campaign to prevail on you to be the principal speaker at the opening function of the drive which will be held there some time in April. The committee has refrained from fixing the exact date because they want to meet your convenience.

According to the schedule that you furnished Mr. Morris Rothenberg while you were in New York, you are due to speak in Indianapolis on April 15th. Would it be possible for you to speak in St. Louis on the 14th?

You will realize of course, that I would not make this request of you except for the fact that St. Louis is such an important center. You know that the anti-Zionist fort has been held in that city by some formidable individuals, and it is only you who can overcome that situation.

Please let me hear from you by return mail, so that I may communicate with St. Louis. I hope that you will say yes, you will speak in St. Louis on April 14th.

With best personal wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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A.H. Silver

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March 24, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On March 17th I wrote you asking whether it would be possible for you to speak in St. Louis on April 14th and in Indianapolis on April 15th. I have had a letter from Mr. Fisher, who is in charge of the region asking me whether I have had a reply from you.

What decision have you arrived at? You realize that since campaign openings must be planned way ahead it is impossible for St. Louis to know whether they can count on your cooperation. And if there is anything that I could say to urge you to accept this invitation I would do so, but you know how important it is that the best possible impression be made in St. Louis, in view of the stubborn opposition in certain quarters to anything Palestinian. No one can do that more effectively than you. Yours, I believe, would be the trumpet call that would topple over the walls of Jericho.

Hoping this finds you and yours in the best of health and wishing you a happy Passover, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Fromenson

A. H. Fromenson

Secretary, Administrative Committee

AHF/BG

Card

March 24th, 1931

Mr. A. H. Fromenson,
American Palestine Campaign,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Fromenson:-

First let me thank you for your kind
note of condolence which I appreciated very much.

I should like to attend the opening
meeting of the American Palestine Campaign in St. Louis.
I can not go there on the fourteenth because we have a very
important meeting scheduled in our own Temple on that day.
I could go there on the sixteenth.

I would come on only one condition,
that the St. Louis folks make proper arrangements for the
meeting. I assume that it would be a dinner and not a mass
meeting. My experiences with St. Louis Zionists in the past
have not been very happy ones. They have a way of bungling
up meetings.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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March 25th, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Greater New York American Palestine Campaign is now planning a series of functions in the form of banquets for the more important sections of the city, to take place between May 15th and June 15th.

In view of the fact that New York produces one third of the money raised throughout the country, and further, in view of the fact that you are one of the four National Chairmen, I feel justified in urging that you give one fourth of one third of the time at your disposal for the campaign in New York.

Will you please, therefore, let me know immediately the dates during the above mentioned period when you would be free for us to utilize your services for the New York campaign. I would then inform the more important sections of the city, so that they may arrange their functions accordingly.

Please make every effort to take care of this immediately.

With real hopes for a favorable reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

Morris A. Zeldin

Morris A. Zeldin, Director
New York Campaign

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March 26, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

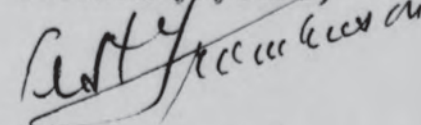
I am sending a copy of your letter of March 24th to Mr. Mendel Fisher, who is in charge of our work in St. Louis. That, I think, would be the most effective way of putting him on his mettle because I am sure that he will want to obliterate the bad impression that St. Louis has made on him.

In behalf of Mr. Fisher, I must say that the arrangements he made for Mr. Rothenberg were excellent, and, as a consequence, Mr. Rothenberg's visit to St. Louis was very effective.

I have asked Mr. Fisher to communicate with you directly.

Wishing you a happy Passover, I am

Cordially yours,



A. H. Fromenson

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March 27, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. A. H. Fromenson, Secretary of the Administrative Committee of the American-Palestine Campaign, informed us that you have consented to address a meeting in the interest of the Campaign in St. Louis, on Thursday, April 16.

It was my good fortune to arrange a few meetings for you in Boston and I still recall with great pleasure, our visit to North Adams, Mass. It goes without saying that we will perfect the very best arrangements and avoid the unpleasant experiences that you have had on one of your visits to St. Louis.

Every effort will be made to have a most dignified and worth-while dinner on the 16th, as you can readily understand that it is in our interest that your visit should be utilized to the very best advantage.

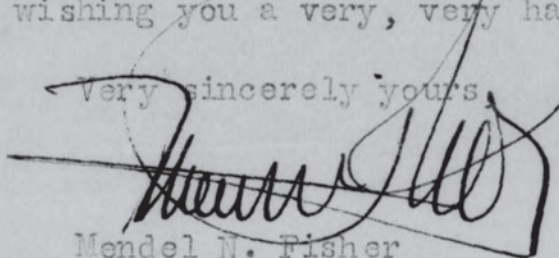
Prof. Gustave Klausner and Col. Edwin B. Meissner are working out a program and we will supervise everything so that there will be no "bungling" up of the program. The big problem at this moment is to get the Reform Jews to take part in the drive. We want to get the very best element of the Jewish community to listen to your message. Col. Meissner, who is a member of the Jewish Agency and a non-Zionist, was most enthusiastic when we received the very happy news of your coming to this city. I presume that you will arrive on Thursday morning of the 16th. We are planning a luncheon and dinner. We will submit to you the complete program for your approval as the arrangements get under way. I don't want to trouble you, but if you can let me have your most recent photograph, it will be very much appreciated. We consider it a great honor that you have consented to come here and you may rest assured, my dear Rabbi Silver, that everything will be done to make your stay a most pleasant one. Will it be possible for you to stay over for Friday? I ask you this as I know the Rabbis here will approach me on the question and I want to be in a position to answer them. I wired Mr. Fromenson, confirming the engagement and may I ask you to drop me a line telling me confidentially the kind of a program you wish. In any event, there will be no mass meeting.

March 27, 1931.

I understand that you will also be in Indianapolis on April 15. There is a Welfare Fund there and we are now negotiating to obtain our share of the budget for the American-Palestine Campaign. Your influence is very great in that community, as in all other cities, and as you meet the leaders, I am sure you will impress upon them the importance of the A. P. C. Could we arrange a luncheon there with you?

With kindest personal regards and wishing you a very, very happy Passover,

Very sincerely yours,


Mendel N. Fisher
Executive Director

MNF:SW

Thank God it was not under my regimen that the
bugging up caused you some grief. I was then in Boston. Hoborn!



cards ✓
March 30th, 1931.

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher,
1324 Chemical Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Fisher:-

Permit me to thank you for your
letter of March 27th.

I shall make every effort to be with
the St. Louis people on Thursday, April 16th.

I have asked my secretary to send you
one of my recent photographs.

I shall not be able to remain in St.
Louis over Friday as I must return to Cleveland for the week-
end.

I understand that the meeting will be
in the nature of a banquet in the evening. I am therefore
of the opinion that a luncheon at noon would be a sort of
an anti-climax. Please concentrate on one meeting.

I shall keep in mind what you say about
Indianapolis.

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With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

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TO BE THE SPEAKER HERE IN STLOUIS ON THURSDAY APRIL
SIXTEENTH PLEASE WIRE COLLECT WHETHER YOUR ITINERARY
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Answer 3/30/31

I plan to attend the opening dinner of the American Palestine Campaign in St. Louis on April sixteenth. I am delighted to know that you will accept the chairmanship of the campaign and I wish you every success.



A.H. Silver

March 31st, 1931

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher,
1324 chemical Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Fisher:-

I am enclosing herewith a photograph
of Rabbi Silver for publicity in connection with your
meeting of April 16th.

As our supply is limited may I ask
that after the photograph has served your purpose, that
you kindly return same to me.

With kindest regards, permit me
to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR FOR
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March 31st, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would be grateful for a reply to my
letter of March 25th. I have taken the liberty of
holding open several important functions, in the
hope that you will set aside some dates for us.

With best wishes for a happy Pesach, I

am

Sincerely yours,

Morris A. Zeldin

Morris A. Zeldin, Director
New York Campaign

MAZ:ES

EDWIN B. MEISSNER

8000 NORTH BROADWAY
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Mar 31 '31

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Temple Tifereth Israel,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thank you for your telegram:-

"I plan to attend the opening dinner of the American Palestine Campaign in St Louis on April sixteenth I am delighted to know that you will accept the Chairmanship of the Campaign and I wish you success."

Apparently I did not make myself clear, in that I am not Chairman of the Campaign - only Chairman of the Dinner Committee. I will do everything in my power to make this affair a success from an attendance standpoint. Having you as a speaker, assures it will be a success in so far as the program is concerned.

With cordial greetings, beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

EBM/D

Edwin B. Meissner

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Miss Irene Rothenberg,
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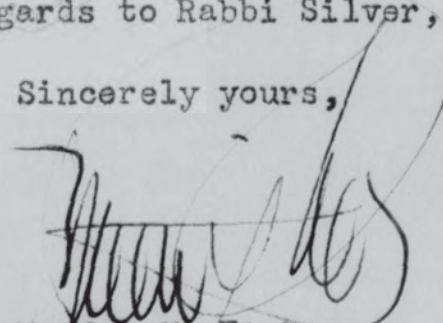
My dear Miss Rothenberg:

Thank you very much for the photograph
of Rabbi Silver that you were kind enough to send us
in connection with our meeting on April 16th.

We will return it to you just as soon as
possible.

With kindest regards to Rabbi Silver,

Sincerely yours,


Mendel N. Fisher,
Executive Director.

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Carol ✓

April 3d, 1931

Mr. Morris A. Zeldin,
The Jewish Agency,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Zeldin:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of
your letters of March 25th and 31st.

You seem to assume that I have nothing
else to do but to spend my time in New York for Campaign
purposes. Unfortunately I can not.

I am Rabbi of a large congregation and
I have tremendous congregational responsibilities besides
other duties of a non-Palestinian character.

Although I am one of the four National
Chairmen I find that you were well able to get along without
me on the occasion of your Opening Meeting at the Astor Hotel.

As you probably know I have already accepted
an invitation to open the Palestine Campaign in St. Louis on
April 16th and a similar Campaign in Baltimore on April 27th.
You know that the month of May is a very busy one for a Rabbi
who has a large Confirmation class to prepare for Shabuoth.

I shall make an effort to be with you for
the two days of Sunday, May 24th and Monday, May 25th - if the
meetings are of a character to warrant my coming.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR FOR
GREATER NEW YORK

April 7th, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Accept my sincere thanks for your letter in which you inform me that you find it possible to set aside May 24th and 25th for the New York Campaign. I wish you to know that I fully realize how busy you must be at this time of the year particularly, and that we are all the more grateful to you for giving this time to us.

Your presence here will be utilized for two important functions, at which it is hoped substantial sums of money will be raised towards the quota of the New York Campaign. Fuller particulars will be forwarded to you, as soon as the definite plans are formulated.

With many thanks, and looking forward to greeting you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Morris A. Zeldin

Morris A. Zeldin, Director
New York Campaign

MAZ:ES

April 9th, 1931

Mr. Morris A. Zeldin,
American Palestine Campaign,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Zeldin:-

Since writing to you I find
that the Temple has scheduled the graduation of its
High School for Sunday morning, May 24th which will
make it impossible for me to be with you on that day.

I shall, however, keep Monday,
May 25th for you and perhaps in the near future give
you another date.

With kindest regards and best
wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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April 10, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are very desirous of getting out a pamphlet in your name, similar to the one that was gotten out during the Allied Jewish Campaign.

I have drafted something, based on the addresses which you delivered at the Washington Conference last year, and at our meeting in this city on January 8 last. However, I think you ought to go over it. You may want to make some changes.

At any rate, will you let me have the enclosed back with your revisions, or something entirely new, at the very earliest moment? There is a great clamour for campaign literature, and we must move fast. Won't you help?

With best personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

A. H. Fromenson

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find copy of our publicity that appeared in last week's issue of the Modern View, also a few extra copies of our invitations that were mailed out several days ago. We are receiving a very fine response for the Dinner. We are to launch our Campaign officially with your coming to St. Louis.

We do not want to make the mistake of having a crowded program so our committee unanimously decided to have only one principal address, which will be your message, after which we will ask for funds for the American-Palestine Campaign. The only other preliminaries will be the sound film of Prof. Einstein's address in New York, a few selected violin solos by Mr. Arthur Baron of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the introductory remarks by Col. Edwin B. Meissner. I hope this meets with your approval. The Dinner will probably start not later than 7:00 P.M. and we expect you to deliver your address at 9:00 P.M. We do not want to tire out the audience with akdoma speeches that are usually meaningless. We have obtained the finest Dinner hall in the city.

Rabbis Ferdinand Isserman of Temple Israel, Julius Gordon of Shaare Emeth Temple, Samuel Thurman of the United Hebrew and Abraham E. Halpern of the B'nai Amoona, representing a united Rabbinat, are arranging a luncheon for you Thursday, 12:30 o'clock. This affair will not be open to the general public but in our judgment, it will serve a very useful purpose in getting some of the four hundred to meet with you and perhaps we can help the cause in this way. The greatest care and caution has been taken in working out the program as we do not wish to "bungle" up your visit this time. I hope, Rabbi Silver, you will consent to this engagement in view of the unanimous desire on the part of the Rabbis to assist us. It will not be necessary for you to strain yourself in any way on this occasion. These are the only two engagements and despite the pressure that is being brought to bear upon us we are not going to have any other events as we do not wish to tire you out.

The committee also thought that only a few people should meet you on arrival in the city so as to permit you to have plenty of time to rest. Prof. Klausner, Mr. Meissner and one or two others will meet you and breakfast with you, after which you will be left to yourself.

April 10, 1931.

I have made reservations for you at the Coronado Hotel where the Dinner will take place. Does this meet with your approval ?

You should leave Cleveland some ^{time} Wednesday evening. If you take the Big Four out of Cleveland at 10:00 P.M. you will arrive here at 8:45 in the morning. That would suit us perfectly, if it is convenient to yourself. I will be glad to make reservations for you out of St. Louis on Thursday evening, so that you may be back in Cleveland on Friday. Please let me know if this is satisfactory.

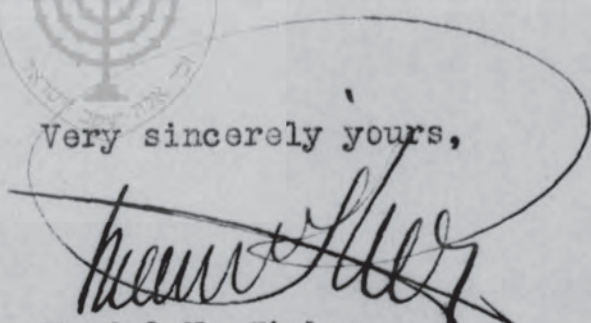
I sent the story of your coming to St. Louis to the Cleveland Jewish World, as well as to the J. T. A. The Modern View would like to have a copy of the address that you will deliver here on Thursday evening. I don't want to trouble you to much but if you could let me have an advance copy of your address, we would appreciate it very much as we want to get the benefit of the publicity in the local press on Friday morning, as well as the New York papers. You know how these newspapers are - they are always asking for advance copy. I hope you can meet that demand.

The Dinner on Thursday evening, as far as dress is concerned, is optional but I believe a large number of the people will dress formally. Under these circumstances you will have to drag along your Tuxedo.

May I ask you to be kind enough to let me know by return mail the time of your arrival? There is a great deal of enthusiasm about your coming here and a cordial welcome awaits you.

With kindest regards and best wishes

Very sincerely yours,


Mendel N. Fisher
Executive Director

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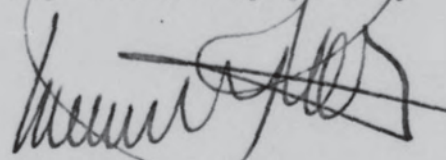
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evening at the Coronado Hotel.

I am also returning the photograph that your
Secretary was kind enough to send us.

Please wire me just as soon as possible the
time of your arrival here.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,



Mendel N. Fisher.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was indeed sorry to learn from your letter that you are unable to be in New York on Sunday, May 24th because of your graduation exercises. Nevertheless, I am pleased that you will be with us for Monday, the 25th. It is our plan to merge three important sections and conduct one large function at which you will be the guest of honor.

As soon as you find it possible to set aside another date for the New York Campaign, I would appreciate your informing us, so that some appropriate affair may be planned.

As the details for the 24th are forthcoming, we shall keep you informed.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Morris A. Zeldin

Morris A. Zeldin, Director
New York Campaign

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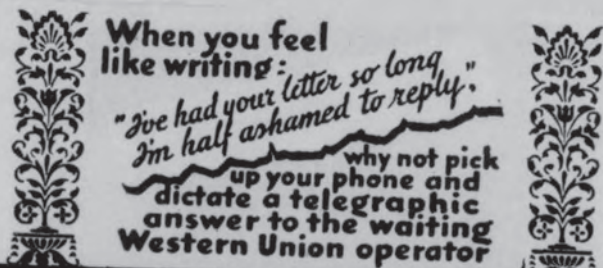
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**THE AMERICAN NON-ZIONIST MEMBERS
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27 William Street
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 15th, 1931.

Dear Friend:

Under the terms of the Constitution of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the period of office of the members of the Council terminates prior to the regular biennial meeting which this year is to take place on July 16-19, 1931 at Basle, Switzerland.

The Zionist members of the Council are selected by the World Zionist Organization in accordance with its own regulations; the selection of non-Zionist members of the Council is made by the various non-Zionist groups in the different countries.

Forty-four seats are assigned to America for non-Zionist members, and the non-Zionists of this country are called upon to submit before the next meeting of the Council a list of persons who have been duly nominated and selected to fill these forty-four places.

In order that in the selection of these persons the opinion and sanction of the non-Zionist group in the United States may be secured, the Nominating Committee, which was appointed pursuant to the resolutions of the Non-Zionist Conference held in New York City on October 21, 1928, submits the enclosed ballot for your vote and for your determination.

For your information the list of those American non-Zionist Members of the Council who became members of the Council of the Jewish Agency in August 1929 is printed on the ballot. Please note that Mr. Ben Selling's death this year created a vacancy, as also the ineligibility of Dr. Maurice B. Hexter to serve on the Council by reason of his accepting appointment as a member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency.

We enclose for your convenience a self-addressed envelope, in which we trust you will mail us the ballot and such comments and suggestions as you may have. We are desirous that this matter be expedited so that in due course the non-Zionist Members of the Council may be selected.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr. Silver:

We are of course very much disappointed at your inability to be with us at the opening of our campaign. However, you have been very good to Detroit on many occasions and I know that you will help us out in the future as the need arises and as your time permits.

We shall miss you very much but shall try to do the best we can under the circumstances.

With much appreciation for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept the unanimous appreciation of our entire committee for the brilliant and inspiring message you delivered last Thursday evening. Our campaign was launched by you most auspiciously and all those present were indelibly impressed by your prophetic message that inspired people not only to give, but to work. It was also gracious on your part to address the luncheon, although you really never promised to do so. We did our utmost to make your stay pleasant, in fact we wanted to do much more than that but for the additional engagement you had in the afternoon. The compensation for it all is the feeling that through your noble work we will be able to put this campaign over. You made a sacrifice in coming here. Now that it is all over, I hope that you took back with you only sweet memories as I fully realize that your past experiences here were not any too good. I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the Modern View. We prepared the story twenty-four hours before you delivered your speech. Under the circumstances, your address was not incorporated. I am also enclosing herewith the special report that appeared in the Globe Democrat and the St. Louis Times, as well as an advance story in the Jewish Record.

Please drop a line to Mr. Fromenson because he was very much worried about your visit. I want him to be reassured that everything went through in good order.

✓ Please drop a line to Rabbi Samuel Thurman, United Hebrew Temple, 225 So. Skinker Rd. He is chairman of the Rabbinical Council. It was a very fine spirit on the part of Rabbi Thurman to ask the guests at the luncheon to contribute.

I hope you had a very pleasant trip and I do hope that you will come back to us very, very soon to re-inspire us again. With best wishes from all of us and kindest personal greetings,

Very cordially yours,

Mendel N. Fisher
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April 20, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have received an overflowing enthusiastic report from Mendel Fisher, with regard to the addresses you delivered in St. Louis. In fact, the report verges on the ecstatic.

He wants us to thank you. But how can the American Palestine Campaign thank one of its national chairmen?

Cordially yours,

A. H. Fromenson

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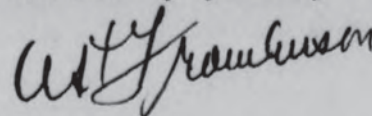
Dear Rabbi Silver:

There is a very urgent request for your invaluable cooperation in connection with the opening of the Providence American Palestine Campaign, which has been scheduled for the evening of May 24th.

I see from your correspondence with Mr. Zeldin that it would be quite impossible for you to be in Providence on that date, but I have suggested that possibly you might be prevailed upon to stay over if the Providence opening function should be postponed to May 26th. Will you please let me hear from you in connection with this matter as soon as you can?

You owe me several letters, and also a copy for a pamphlet which we are very anxious to put on the press as speedily as possible. Please do not delay this matter.

Cordially yours,



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are now engaged in organizing an American
Palestine Campaign for \$20,000 which is to begin on
May 10th.

Knowing how near to your heart is the cause of
Zion, we take the liberty of asking you to help our cam-
paign by attending a luncheon to be given for all friends
and workers on Friday noon, May 1st.

We need hardly tell you that your being with us
will serve as an impetus and much needed encouragement for
all those on whom we count for work and help.

We, therefore, hope and pray that you will see
your way clear to be with us this coming Friday noon. A
prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,

Jacob Morrison
Chairman of Campaign
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April 24th, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In view of your kind offer to set aside Monday evening, May 25th for the New York Campaign, we are pleased to inform you that we are scheduling one of our main functions for that evening, namely, a joint dinner for the Brownsville and East New York sections.

Last year Mr. Felix M. Warburg was the guest of honor at this same dinner, and only recently he remarked to Mr. Morris Rothenberg, that that was one of the most interesting and delightful evenings he spent. I fondly hope your reaction will be of a similar nature.

Please let me know where you expect to stay in New York, so that I may make arrangements to have a committee call for you.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Morris A. Zeldin

Morris A. Zeldin, Director
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OMAHA MYSELF BUT AM SO HARASSED AND PRESSED AT THIS TIME
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April 29th, 1931

Mr. Morris Zeldin,
111 Fifth Ave.,
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My dear Mr. Zeldin:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter
of April 24th.

I have definitely scheduled Brownsville
for May 25th.

I should like to have you see to it that
the meeting is held at such a time that I will be enabled
to catch the 11:30 p. m. train out of New York for Cleveland.
The annual meeting of my Congregation takes place on Tuesday,
May 26th and I simply must attend this meeting.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

St Louis

May 4th, 1931

Mr. A. H. Fromenson,
Zionist Organization
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Fromenson:-

I do not know whether your main office
or the St. Louis office is to reimburse me for my
traveling expenses to St. Louis. They amounted to \$35.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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May 6, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We will send you a check in reimbursement of your expenses in connection with St. Louis, just as soon as we can get it signed by the treasurer. Thank you for calling our attention to the matter. We had been expecting to hear from you on the subject, and had we not heard from you by the end of this week, we would have written you for a bill.

Sometime ago I wrote, asking you to prepare copy for a pamphlet, which we would like to issue in your name. Mr. Rothenberg has spoken to me about it several times, and I wish you would give it your immediate attention. You will recall that I sent you the text of the address you delivered at our meeting here on January 8th, so that you might incorporate that if you wished.

There is an increasing demand for a pamphlet by you, and I hope you will be able to find the time, within the next few days, to dictate copy to your stenographer.

We have your telegram to Mr. Zeldin, and you will hear from him or me concerning it, shortly.

Cordially yours,

A. H. Fromenson

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May 7, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Detroit is opening an Allied Jewish Campaign on Sunday, and the committee desires a telegram of greeting from you. The Jewish Agency, the Joint Distribution Committee, as well as other organizations, both national and local, are included in this campaign.

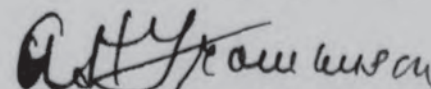
Will you please send them a telegram, addressed to Aaron DeRoy, Chairman, Allied Jewish Campaign, 1442 Griswold Street. It will be particularly effective if this telegram arrives in Detroit by noon on Sunday.

Evidently, the text of your telegram is desired for publicity purposes, as well as for reading at the opening function.

I would be grateful to you if you would send me a copy of your telegram.

Thanking you for this cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,



A. H. Fromenson
Secretary, Administrative Committee

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Day Letter May 9th, 1931

Mr. Aaron DeRoy,
Chairman Allied Jewish Campaign,
1442 Griswold St.,
Detroit, Mich.

American Jewish communities are again watching Detroit stop
You made such a remarkable and challenging success of your
Campaign last year that you stimulated many communities to
emulate you stop May you repeat your great achievement
this year stop I send you my greetings and best wishes.

Abba Hillel Silver



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May 12, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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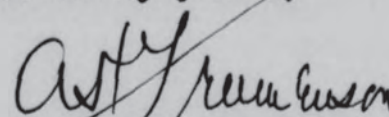
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find check for \$35., as
reimbursement for your travelling expenses to St. Louis.

I wonder when you are going to send me ma-
terial for a pamphlet over your signature. Mr. Rothenberg
is after me continually about it, and I think that you
ought to prepare this if only to save me from embarrass-
ment with my national chairmen.

Please find the time and do it soon.

Cordially yours,



A. H. Fromenson
Secretary, Administrative Committee

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CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR FOR
GREATER NEW YORK

May 13th, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret that I must bother you so much. The Committee in charge of the Brownsville and East New York Dinner, however, is extremely anxious to know where you will stay when you arrive in the City, so that they may be permitted to escort you to the Banquet.

I shall also anxiously await word from you regarding June 15th.

With kindest regards, and many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Morris A. Zeldin

Morris A. Zeldin, Director
New York Campaign

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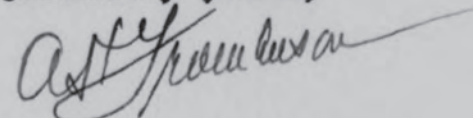
May 15, 1931.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for the copy of the
telegram you sent to Mr. Aaron De Roy, chairman of
the Allied Jewish Campaign, at my request.

Cordially yours,



A. H. Fromenson
Secretary, Administrative Committee

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF
AMERICAN PALESTINE CAMPAIGN

Held in Federation Building, Wednesday, May 20, 1931, 4:30 P. M.

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PRESENT: Messrs. Morris Rothenberg (in the chair); Harry L. Glucksmann, Joseph C. Hyman, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, and A.H. Fromenson, Secretary.

Excuses for absence received from: Cyrus Adler, James Becker, Louis Lipsky, James Marshall, Isidore D. Morrison, Nathan Straus, Jr., and Robert Szold.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Rothenberg made the following report on the campaign:

Approximately 80 campaigns have either already been held or in progress at this time, which have produced subscriptions totalling \$711,261. Among the larger cities which have already had or are about to have campaigns are: Los Angeles, Calif., Boston, Mass., Springfield, Mass., Baltimore, Md., Detroit, Mich., St. Louis, Mo., Minneapolis, Minn., St. Paul, Minn., Washington, D.C., Omaha, Nebr., Buffalo, N.Y., Portland, Ore., Richmond, Va., Milwaukee, Wisc., Wilmington, Del., Newark, N.J., Philadelphia, Pa., Providence, R.I., etc. etc. Of the sum mentioned, the New York campaign has produced \$282,671; Hadassah's share in the national total is \$221,889. The cash income up to May 20th, amounted to \$205,395.13; the national expenditure is \$30,920.70, in addition to which the office advanced to local campaigns the sum of \$26,379.25, which is to be charged to the respective communities as local expense. The sum of \$147,000. (which includes Mr. Warburg's \$50,000 contribution) has been remitted to Palestine, in addition to a special appropriation of \$1500 made to the Mizrachi and due that organization as part of the proceeds of campaigns held in several sections in New York City in which a joint arrangement for collections was made with Mizrachi by the local committees. The bank balance as of this date is \$2,163.37.

An audited account from January 1st to March 31st, 1931 was placed on file.

OUT OF TOWN CAMPAIGNS:

About 30 campaigns are scheduled to take place before the end of June. Mr. Rothenberg felt that while the organization end of the campaigns in most cities is satisfactory, the quotas assigned to the respective cities, however, with very rare exception, are not reached because of the extraordinary economic conditions which prevail. In fact, the quotas cannot be regarded as a measure by which to judge achievement in any community, in view of the present economic depression. Mr. Rothenberg personally visited the following communities: Boston, Mass., Providence, R.I., New Haven, Conn., Newark, N.J., Atlantic City, N.J., Philadelphia, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Washington, D.C., Richmond, Va., St. Louis, Mo., Chicago, Ill., St. Paul, Minn., Pottstown, Pa., and Reading, Pa.

As to Chicago, he stated that every effort made during 1930 by the Allied Jewish Campaign to get that community to launch a campaign had failed. Similarly, this year, the field men of the American Palestine Campaign had not met with success in their efforts to obtain a definite commitment.

Therefore, Mr. Rothenberg decided to accept an invitation to open the St. Paul campaign with the idea of stopping off at Chicago and using his personal efforts towards launching a campaign. He stated that he spent several days in Chicago interviewing various people and finally persuaded Judge Harry M. Fisher, Chairman of the Zionist District in Chicago to head an Agency campaign. Judge Fisher, however, made it a condition of his acceptance that the opening function of the campaign should be attended by Mr. Felix M. Warburg.

Before leaving for Chicago, Mr. Rothenberg had spoken to Mr. Warburg on the subject and had tentatively secured his consent to visit that city. When he obtained Judge Fisher's agreement to launch a campaign, he communicated with Mr. Warburg again from Chicago and was gratified to obtain Mr. Warburg's definite word that he would come to Chicago on June 9th, provided only that his health permitted.

Plans have since gotten under way in Chicago for a \$100 dinner to be tendered to Mr. Felix Warburg. The quota which Chicago accepted was \$150,000. but that figure was far beyond anything that could be expected. Whatever was obtained in Chicago at this time would be welcome since there was no possibility of having an Agency campaign in Chicago in the fall.

Detroit, where a Welfare Fund campaign for many organizations was recently held, had made the best record this year. The quota there was \$215,000 and \$218,000 was subscribed. The Agency was included for \$37,500.

NEW YORK CAMPAIGN

The New York campaign is still in progress and a number of functions are scheduled in the several sections of the city from which an additional substantial sum is expected to be secured.

It was pointed out by the Secretary of the Administrative Committee that as a result of Mr. Rothenberg's efforts, he had personally secured contributions of approximately \$90,000 to the New York campaign.

PERSONNEL:

It was reported that plans are under way to reduce the campaign personnel by June 1st. Notice to that effect had already been given to six members of the staff. The director of the New York Campaign as well as his associates are of the opinion that it would be a mistake to dismiss the New York field men because collections in New York must be made during the summer and in any event they would have to resume work in September. If laid off in the meantime, it would be difficult to take up the loose ends again. The assistant New York field men, however, are all being released.

Mr. Rothenberg stated that he desired to express his appreciation to the national office staff and the field men for having cooperated in an efficient and devoted manner during the present campaign. On motion of Mr.

Glucksman, seconded by Dr. Lowenstein, official note was made of this statement.

It was the consensus of opinion as expressed by those present at the meeting, after listening to the report of the campaign, that considering the prevailing conditions, the results thus far achieved in the campaign were gratifying.

J. D. C.

Mr. Rothenberg stated that he very much regretted to have to make reference to a statement which he is reliably informed was made at a recent meeting of the J.D.C. executive Committee by Rabbi Wise, National Chairman of the J.D.C. to the effect that J.D.C. campaigns in some sections of the country had to contend with rivalry on the part of the American Palestine Campaign effort. Mr. Rothenberg said that he did not wish to enter into any controversy, but he thought it only fair that it should be stated that almost from the very inception of the present A.P.C. ~~campaign~~ the field representatives of the A.P.C. had been making reports that in numerous cities the appearance of A.P.C. representatives was immediately followed by J.D.C. representatives who attempted to force joint campaigns where independent campaigns could be held for the A.P.C.; in several instances the J.D.C. representatives even launched money gathering efforts during the very period in which A.P.C. drives were going on. Mr. Rothenberg said that he had constantly been urged to take the matter up with the J.D.C. so as to prevent the repetition of such occurrences. Mr. Rothenberg said that he had refrained from making any complaint to the J.D.C. believing that some conflict was the inevitable result of two campaigns proceeding at the same time, and he was therefore very much surprised to learn that complaint was being made on behalf of the J.D.C.

Mr. Hyman stated that it was his opinion too that under the circumstances, where both organizations were under the necessity of raising funds during the same period some friction was bound to occur and that in all likelihood such instances could be cited by each of the organizations.

MR. WARBURG'S LOAN:

Correspondence between Mr. Warburg and Mr. Rothenberg was presented, relative to a loan of \$100,000. advanced by Mr. Warburg in September, 1930, to the Keren Hayesod, and to be repaid out of funds collected in the American Palestine Campaign in 1931. There is also a letter from the Palestine Executive in Jerusalem, which agrees to this payment.

On motion of Mr. Glucksman, seconded by Mr. Hyman, it was decided to authorize the national chairman, Mr. Morris Rothenberg, and the associate treasurer, Dr. Lowenstein, in the absence of Dr. Frankel, treasurer, to make payments to Mr. Warburg out of the collections of this campaign to the extent of \$50,000. prior to October 1, 1931.

NEW PALESTINE:

In connection with the request of the Zionist Organization for reimbursement for services rendered to the campaign, it was reported that that request had been withdrawn and that as previously authorized, an arrangement had been

entered into to pay the Z.O.A. a monthly allowance for rent, telephone and other floor service.

PUBLICITY:

It was stated that in campaigns heretofore conducted by the U.P.A., it had been the custom to issue weekly bulletins or to enter into an arrangement with THE NEW PALESTINE for the inclusion of material bearing upon the activities of the campaign. A similar recommendation was made this year by the New York Campaign Director and by the executive staff of the American Palestine Campaign that such publicity is desirable to stimulate workers in the New York Campaign as well as throughout the country.

Mr. Fromenson reported that for a period of four weeks prior to the date of this meeting, the New Palestine had been devoting two pages weekly to the activities of the campaign, and that it would be desirable to continue such publicity until the end of this year. It was further reported that the circulation of The New Palestine is about 20,000 and reaches Zionists throughout the country. The Z.O.A. states that it is not in a position to bear the expense involved in the publication of the pages devoted to the campaign.

After a full consideration of the matter by the committee, it was decided that a sum not to exceed \$1500. be appropriated for campaign publicity in The New Palestine for a period from April 15th to July 1st, and that no further appropriation be made, except upon the specific approval of the Administrative Committee.

DR. WEIZMANN'S VISIT:

Mr. Rothenberg stated that in connection with Dr. Weizmann's proposed visit to this country, every effort had been made by the campaign officers to persuade him to come here, but owing to the necessity of Dr. Weizmann's visit to Palestine and negotiations in London with the Government, he was unable to leave. It now appears that he will not come to the United States.

ASSOCIATE TREASURER:

A resolution was moved, seconded and carried

THAT in the absence of the Treasurer and Associate Treasurer authorization be given for the signing of checks on the bank account of the American Palestine Campaign to Messrs. Harry L. Glucksman and Samuel J. Roseensohn, in the order named, and that the National City Bank be so notified.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Messrs. Glucksman and Roseonsohn of this decision.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Mr. Rothenberg regretfully informed the members of the committee that in view of the great demand which had been made upon his time and energy in the direction of the campaign throughout the country as well as in New York, for almost five months, he felt that he should be relieved of the active direction of the campaign at the end of the spring activities. He pointed out that while active campaigning will suspend during the summer months, nevertheless, a great deal of attention would have to be given to collections

which may prove more difficult at this time than in other years. Also that plans for fall campaigns must be worked out during the summer months. Moreover, considerable thought had to be given to elaborating a method of fund raising for the year 1932. He thought that the present method of fund-raising would have to undergo considerable modification. In order to make effective any new fund raising scheme, the subject would have to be considered in detail and the preparation of data undertaken at once, if a part of the year 1932 is not to be lost to the Agency.

Mr. Glucksman stated that it was recognized by the committee that the burden of leadership in this campaign had been borne solely by Mr. Rothenberg, except for the cooperation that has been accorded to him by the executive staff, and that the committee feels it its duty to call attention to the desirability and to the fairness of giving prompt consideration to the problem which Mr. Rothenberg had raised.

It was the consensus of opinion that this matter be presented at a meeting of the committee with a fuller attendance. With that end in view, it was suggested that the chairman call a meeting within the next two or three weeks, and that efforts be made to secure a very large attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.





THE EXHIBITS OF THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD IN COLORFUL ARRAY: AERIAL VIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLONIAL EXPOSITION. Opened a Few Days Ago in the Forest of Vincennes, Just Outside Paris, Where Reproductions of Ancient Oriental Temples, African Mud Huts, Tuareg Tents and South Seas Monuments, With Thousands of Natives Living as in Their Own Lands, Provide a Magnificent Display of the Treasures, Art and Resources of the Far-Flung Dependencies of the Various Powers. (Times Wide World Photos, Paris Bureau.)



A FORTRESS ONCE DESIGNED TO OVERAWE SAVAGE HOSTS: AERIAL VIEW of the Pavilion of French West Africa, Typical of the Region It Represents at the Colonial Exposition in Paris. The French Government Has Spent More Than \$15,000,000 on This Great Fair, Which Is to Remain Open for Six Months.



A TRIUMPH OF THE ANCIENT ORIENTAL BUILDERS REPRODUCED IN THE FOREST OF VINCENNES: THE TEMPLE OF ANGKOR VAT IN INDO-CHINA Copied in Wood and Plaster for the Colonial Exposition, as Seen From the Air. It Is Built on the Same Scale as the Original, and Houses an Exotic Display of Far Eastern Life.

PROGRESS IN THE JEWISH COLONIES OF PALESTINE



IN THE HEART OF PALESTINE'S ALL-JEWISH CITY OF 40,000 INHABITANTS: A VIEW OF ALLENBY STREET IN TEL AVIV.



PRODUCTS OF THE SOIL OF THE HOLY LAND: BOYS of Mikveh Israel Loading a Truck With the Daily Consignment of Vegetables for Tel Aviv, Where Hebrew Is the Language of School, Shop and Home.

the Model Town Built in the Last Decade Largely With American Capital. In the Background Is the Opera House, Decidedly Modernistic in Style, Which Was Completed Only a Few Months Ago.



FARM METHODS REMINISCENT OF BIBLICAL TIMES: A COLONIST FROM POLAND, Where Ten Years Ago He Was a Petty Merchant, Plowing His Acres in the Colony of Rosh Pina in Upper Galilee, Which Is Celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Its Establishment. His Son Plows With Mules and Up-to-date Equipment.



ONE STEP IN TRANSFORMING BEAUTY INTO DIVIDENDS: GIRL COLONISTS of Benjamina Picking Flowers for the Manufacture of Perfume Essences, an Industry Introduced Into Palestine by the Jewish Immigrants.



A TYPICAL JEWISH FARMSTEAD IN BENJAMINA: HOME OF A NEW IMMIGRANT. Who With Funds Supplied by a Mortgage Bank Has Built a House and Is Engaging in Truck Gardening and Poultry Raising.

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MISS SZOLD RETURNS TO PALESTINE.

Miss Henrietta Szold, member of the Zionist Executive and of the Executive of the Vaad Leumi of Knesseth Israel, returned to Palestine the middle of last week, after a sojourn of about a year abroad.

(JAB)

VAAD LEUMI MEMORANDUM TO THE LEAGUE.

The printing of the Memorandum of the Vaad Leumi of Knesseth Israel to the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations was finished in the middle of this week. The Memorandum has been presented to the Government for transmission to Geneva.

(JAB)

BOUKHARIAN JEWS REACH JERUSALEM.

On Monday of this week the offices of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem were visited by a group of Jews from Boukhara who had taken 13 months to reach Palestine. The group fled from Boukhara to Afghanistan in April 1930. Ordered to leave the country by the Afghan authorities, they proceeded to Persia. There they were in danger of being extradited to the Soviets, but the Executive of the Jewish Agency succeeded in obtaining permits for them to enter Palestine, and after a long journey they arrived here by way of Iraq and Syria. Their first visit in Jerusalem was to the Executive, for the purpose of thanking them for their assistance in obtaining the certificates, which saved the lives of most of them. They were introduced by Mr. Asherov, representing the Boukharian Jewish community of Jerusalem, who expressed the profound gratitude of the immigrants and their intense desire to join with the rest of the Yishuv in the upbuilding of the country. Col. Kisch, who received the visitors, replied that the Executive were happy to have been able to be of assistance, and wished the newcomers success in their new life here.

(JAB)

THE OFFICIALS STATUTE.

The drafting of a new Statute for the officials of the National Institutions in Palestine was completed these days. The draft statute was drawn up by a commission of representatives of the National Institutions under the chairmanship of Dr. Ruppin and passed with certain amendments by the Institutions at several joint meetings. The Executive of the Jewish Agency are now, in accordance with the resolution of the XVth Congress, negotiating with the Officials' Organisation on the subject of this Statute. It is the intention of the Executive to submit the draft statute to the Basle Congress and to the forthcoming session of the Council of the Jewish Agency for ratification.

(JAB)

The Hebrew poet Saul Tchernichovsky, the Hebrew writer and pedagogue Zvi Scharfstein (from America) and Civil Engineer Cyril Q. Henriques are at present in Palestine as tourists.

(JAB)

REVIEW OF "MANOR".

At the conclusion of prolonged negotiations between the Executive of the Jewish Agency and the Committee of "Manor", an agreement was signed by the parties last week, on the basis of which steps will be taken to revive this enterprise. The agreement provides that a Cooperative Society, owning sufficiently large parcel of the land in Jeddah upon which the "Manor" Factory stands and the building proper and equipped with sufficient capital for beginning to operate the undertaking, shall be registered with the Government. To this Society, the Executive will hire the looms and other machinery in situ for a period of one or two years at a nominal rent. Upon the expiration of this period, the Executive will open negotiations with the Society for the sale of the machinery. (JAB)

KUPAT MILVAH VEHISSACHON, REHOBOTH.

The Annual Report of Kupat Milvah Vehissachon, Rehoboth, for 1930 has appeared. The report indicates a considerable expansion in the activities of the Kupah. The overturn increased from LP.421,000 in 1929 to LP.564,000. The amount of short-term loans increased from LP.10,000 in 1928 to LP.21,285, and that of long-term loans from LP.7,410 in the preceding year to LP.14,310. The net profit in 1930 was LP.856 (more than double that in the preceding year) and the capital of the Kupah was LP.6,057. (JAB)

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

According to the Palestine Commercial Bulletin, imports to Palestine in January 1931 were to the value of LP.508,037 as compared with LP.537,915 in January 1930, and exports from Palestine in the same month amounted to LP.240,548 as compared with LP.310,593 in the corresponding month of the previous year.- The general level of wholesale prices fell by 0.8% during February as compared with the corresponding month of 1930, Cereals and meat rose by 2.4%. The chief contributing factors to this rise were the advances in bread (native), wheat, barley and millet.- The cost of living dropped 2.2 points in January 1931 and 1.3 points in February 1931. The cost of living index for the latter month being 56.3 (Basis: January 1922 = 100). The monthly output of tobacco factories in Palestine in the six years ending 31st December 1930 was as follows: May-December 1925 - 273,069 kilos; 1926 - 488,262 kilos; 1927 - 513,437 kilos; 1929 - 653,327 kilos; 1930 - 607,009 kilos. It will be seen that the general economic decline of 1930 is reflected here too. Since 1929 the tobacco output has included steadily increasing quantities of snuff (64 kilos in 1927 - 2224 kilos in 1930). (JAB)

KUPAT CHOLIM NEWS.

The "Borochoy" Convalescent Home of Kupat Cholim on Mt. Carmel, the object of which is to provide a rest and recreation to workers who are run down after a period of strenuous work, has been opened for the summer season as usual, thanks to a remittance of \$1,000 which has been received for that purpose from the Natsionaler Arbeiter-Farband of the Jewish workers in America as the first remittance from the drive instituted by the Farband on behalf of the Convalescent Home on Mt. Carmel.- The budget of the colony of Petach Tikvah this year includes an allocation to Kupat Cholim, and it is hoped that the example of Petach Tikvah will be followed by other colonies. Whilst the contribution is small, the step marks an important advance in principle. (JAB)

TRADE WITH TRANSJORDAN.

An Official Communique of the Government notifies that a Customs Post has now been opened by the Trans-Jordan Government at Jisr Mejamie, where goods imported to Trans-Jordan from Palestine will be subject to formalities similar to those in force at the Allenby Bridge. (JAB)

KEREN HAYESOD DELEGATE IN HELSINGFORS.

The Head Office of Keren Hayesod has received a telegram from Helsingfors from Mr. Leib Jaffe relating that he was given a very friendly reception by the President of the Finnish Republic, who requested him to convey his good wishes to the Jewish people and the Palestine endeavour. The President was pleased by the gift of Tchernikhovsky's Hebrew rendering of one of the works of the great Finnish epic "Kalevala". The press of Helsingfors, both Swedish and Finnish, has published friendly articles. (JAB)

THE CONGRESS ELECTIONS IN PALESTINE.

The elections to the Zionist Congress were held all over Palestine on Monday, May 25. There were seven lists of candidates: A) The Palestine Jewish Labour Party; B) the Mizrahi; C) the Revisionists; D) the General Zionists; E) the Yemenites F) Hapoel Hamizrachi; G) Hamizrachi Hazair. A number of candidates were struck off the lists on the eve of the elections either for the reason that their consent to their candidature had not been obtained or because they had not subscribed to Keren Hayesod this year - an indispensable condition for election as a delegate to a Zionist Congress. Ten Revisionist candidates were disqualified on the latter ground alone. According to the first reports, over 20,000 of the 39,000 shekel-payers went to the polls. At the time when this Bulletin goes to press, only the results in Jerusalem and Haifa are known. These are as follows:

Votes polled	Jerusalem:	Haifa:
	3631	4162
A	1635 (45%)	2588
B	71 (2%)	190
C	947 (26%)	659
D	215 (6%)	257
E	113 (3.1%)	none
F	435 (12%)	340
G	92 (2%)	none
Blank and Disqualified ballots	25 (0.7%)	none
Referred (doubtful)	98 (2.7%)	126

PLANTING IN GAN-HADAR COMPLETED.

At Gan-Hadar (between Rehoboth and the Arab village of Nana, to be called Naamah in future), a settlement founded this year, the conclusion of the first planting was celebrated on Erev Shavuoth. "Yakhin" completed the planting of the first 280 dunams of the area of 600 dunams acquired by a group of American Zionists headed by Dr. Shmuel Rozov. The celebration was held jointly by three parties: "Yakhin", the planters (a few of whom are at present touring the country) and the group of Hanoar HaOved which is settled on the Keren Kayemeth land which was acquired for them with the help of the planters. Other guests were also present. There was far more singing and dancing than speech-making, but Mr. J. Horin, the Director of "Yakhin" paid a tribute to the founders of Gan Hadar, who made a new departure in combining their enterprise at once with the colonisation of workers, and particularly to Dr. Rozov who was as indefatigable as he was unostentatious in the development of citrus plantation. He had just organised his third group of planters. (JAB)

FROM THE PALESTINE PRESS.

I. Hebrew Press.

Congress Problems: The General Zionist point of View.

In "Haaretz" of May 15, Dr. M. Glickson deals with "Problems of Organisation and Economy" from the General Zionist point of view. As regards the specific organisation problem of leadership, Glickson asserts that whilst an objective appreciation of Dr. Weizmann's stewardship is not yet possible owing to the lack of a historical perspective, his retirement is necessitated by the fact that he has lost the subjective confidence of wide Zionist circles; without which his continuation in the presidency is undesirable both from the point of view of the Organisation and of Dr. Weizmann himself. The next Executive must obviously be a coalition executive. The coalition must be based on a mutually agreed programme of work and, the Revisionists will consent to discuss programmes of work with others, there is room, under certain conditions, for them too in such a coalition. Jabotinsky has too much pretension and too little responsibility for collegial work, but cooperation with a Revisionist like Richard L. Heim is practicable. Then there is the question of the principles and the foundations of the Zionist Organisation. It has degenerated into a mechanical agglomeration of parties. Differentiation within the organisation is inevitable, but care should be taken that it should not become the differentiation of disintegration but the differentiation of growth and development, like the differentiation of the organs in the living organism, each of which performs a function of and for the whole organism. The General Zionist platform for the last Congress but one, the Basle Congress of 1927, included the formation of Zionist Cooperation Committees, consisting of representatives of all the parties, in every country. There are really many matters on which there are no differences of opinion or conflicts of interests among the parties. A way should be sought for discovering and utilising the resultant of all the forces. In the sphere of economy and administration, first of all it is high time that the Congress resolution regarding the establishment of a central institution for controlling and supervising all Zionist institutions was carried out. It should be independent of the Executive, and should keep a watch over all of the Zionist institutions without exception, and not only in the auditing sense but from the point of view of practicality and efficiency. The whole administrative machinery needs to be reorganised. It was created under conditions that have radically changed and on assumptions which have since proved unwarranted. In those days it was believed that we were going to proceed forthwith to build the Jewish State and we needed all the Departments of a Government. Consequently, the machine is not only too big but is of altogether the wrong sort. It is not enough to discharge this or that official and to economise some thousands or even tens of thousands of pounds a year, but the whole apparatus must, so to speak, be taken apart and set up anew in a manner corresponding to the functions which need to be performed. Then there must be enacted once and for all an Officials' Statute governing the duties, privileges, salaries, pensions, etc., of the officials of all institutions owned by or connected with the Zionist Organisation or the Jewish Agency. This includes those banks which were founded by the efforts of the rank and file of the Zionist movement and which now ignore all the resolutions of the Congress and the Actions Committee regarding economies. In the matter of banks, the multiplicity of institutions and the overlapping, sometimes the mutual neutralisation of work, need attending to. A single bank with several departments would not only result in a considerable saving of expenditure, but would give direction to the work and add to its efficiency from a business and national point of view.

Our whole financial policy needs to be revised. The Funds have as much *raison d'être* as ever. But the big problem is to mobilise the financial capital of the world in the service of our colonisation work. The non-Zionists in the Jewish Agency must now found the Investment Corporation from which we expected so much. In general, we do not blame the failure of the Extended Jewish Agency, which is due mainly to entirely unforeseen developments, on our new partners. But the Agency needs to be reorganised. The time has come to translate into reality the hopes of drawing new popular elements into the undertaking. The million members scheme is deserving of earnest consideration. The General Zionists must emphasise the principle of Jewish Labour, but its application must be facilitated by means of auxiliary farms, workers' homes, a labour statute, neutral labour exchanges, etc. Education must be transferred to the Yishuv without delay, but the principle of uniformity in education must be enforced. Last of all, a delegation should be sent out to revive the spirits of the Diaspora, and a concrete plan for establishing the middle classes of Eastern Europe in Palestine.

(JAB)

II. Arabic Press.

The Yajur Murder. "Falastin" (English edition) of May 23 in a leading article entitled "Untraced Criminals" impugns the sincerity of the Jewish papers which "have spared no pains in using the failure of the discovery of criminals in the Yajur murder as a stick to beat the Arabs and the Government". They were not so indignant over the failure of the authorities to this day trace the people responsible for the consignment of rifles in iron safes from Austria which was intercepted by the police at Haifa over a year ago. In the last few years a station-master and an assistant station-master, both Jews, have absconded with misappropriated funds. Lastly, "There was a great outcry when it was supposed that the unfortunate burning of the crops of two Jewish colonies was due to Arabs; there is not a word of apology when it is found to be wrong (sic!)" - "Sowt Ashaab" (Christian, Bethlehem) of May 16, 1931, asks in a headline "Do they want a riot?" It claims that the allegation of the Jewish papers that the Yajur attacks was organised by the Arabs is unwarranted. "Sometimes the Jewish papers attack the system of Administration and lower the prestige of the Government and sometimes they accuse the Arabs boldly and openly. The meaning of these attacks is that they desire to provoke a riot between the communities and to incite the Jews against the Arabs..... It is a shame for humanity to support the Jewish National Home Scheme, which is a menace to the world's peace and to social, religious and civil order."

(JAB)

The Census. "Sowt Ashaab" of May 16 demands that the Government include Palestinian emigrants in the forthcoming census. The same demand is made by "Al-Sirat al-Mustaqim" of May 19, in which the Arabs are exhorted to assist the census officers in their work and supply them with the information required. The paper reassures its readers that the census will not be utilised for purposes of conscription, and on the other hand it reminds them that the number of Arab representatives on the Legislative Council will depend upon the number of Arabs indicated in the returns. "For the same reason the Jews will register themselves in several places."

(JAB)

The Wailing Wall. "Falastin" of May 15 commenting upon the report in "Doar Hayom" that the decision of the International Commission was favourable to the Jews, declares that the Arabs never undertook to abide by the decision of the Commission as they never admitted that the idea of any Jewish rights at the Buraq could be entertained. It would have been far better if the Government had never requested the League of Nations "where Jewish influence predominates" to appoint a Commission, and now that they have done so the best thing would be to bury the Report regardless of what its verdict may be.

A c t i v i t i e s .

FROM THE REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COLONISATION DEPARTMENT.

Some of the measures taken to make colonies self-supporting.

Ramataim (13 families). About 150 dunam of oranges were grafted here in the autumn 1929 and are making excellent progress. They will begin to bear fruit in another two years but for the time being this colony is in a difficult position owing to the fact that the dairy branch from which the settlers had to live till their orange groves begin to bear fruit failed to yield the results hoped for.

Ma'arbel. In this colony the water installation was completed and a loan of £4,000.- was granted to 50 settlers towards the development of their orange groves. Up to now there were planted in this colony about 1750 dunam of orange groves. This year the first fruit was sold by a few settlers.

Gan Shmuel (25 families). This is the one of our prosperous colonies thanks to the satisfactory profits made from its orange grove of 65 dunam. An additional 25 dunam were planted this year.

Nachlath Yehuda (57 settlers). We signed an agreement with this colony about the settlement loan which we shall grant them for the development of 8-10 dunam of orange groves for each family and for a new water installation to be built for an area of about 200 dunams of heavy land suited for irrigated forage crops and vegetables. We granted them a loan of £1,100.- for the purchase of pipes for irrigation.

Beth Chanan (40 families). At the beginning of 1930 the detailed plans for parcellation of this new colony were completed and approved. During the spring of 1930 the irrigation system was installed, the land levelled and 540 dunam of orange groves planted and grafted. The settlers, mainly coming from Bulgaria, who participate each with a sum of about £340.- in the up-building of their farm and will receive a loan of £500.- from the Keron Hayesod are well organised and work with devotion and deserved success. Their groves are in very good condition.

Kvutza Schiller (25 families). A group of workers near Rehovoth who are slowly building up their farm with their own labour. In February 1930 we received an earmarked remittance of £1,000 for them from Galicia which we used to extend their existing orange grove of 16 dunam by an additional 26 dunam and to build two poultry coops.

Ben Schemen (11 families). This colony is progressing satisfactorily. The dairy and poultry branch, their irrigated vegetable and forage fields are all in good condition.

Yemenite settlements. At Shaaraim (Rehoboth) we deep ploughed 308 dunams and at Mahne Yehouda 80 dunams in preparation of the planting of the orange groves by the settlers. The well and machinery for Shaaraim were completed by the JNF with our financial assistance. We transferred to the Marmorek quarter near Rehovoth 10 yemenite families from Beereth for whom we built stables.

Kfar Hassidim (85 families) will derive great benefit from the bridge over the Kischon river and the good road to the colony which the Government with the financial assistance of the B.I.C.A. built in 1930. We have built there 7 stables and bought two bulls last year; this year we completed at a cost of about £2,650.- the irrigation installation which will allow each farmer to irrigate about 2-3 dunam of vegetables and forage crops near the houses. The barracks were thoroughly repaired. The land at their disposal was increased from 100 to 150 dunams and the additional land prepared for sowing. The Emergency Fund granted a loan of £800 for the building of a synagogue.

Kfar Yoshua (50 families). The Government with the financial assistance of the Emergency Fund built a road from the colony to

the railway station. The Emergency Fund granted a loan of £.800 for the building of a school. We built 12 stables here last year and increased the area at the disposal of each family from 100 to 150 dunam. We granted a loan for establishment of a flour mill, and a loan of £.600 for the purchase of cows and bought a threshing machine. This well organised colony endeavours by all possible savings to develop with all possible speed the poultry and dairy branches of the farms.

Kfar Aruch (27 families). The Government with the financial assistance of the Emergency Fund built a road from the colony to the railway station. The JNF made a boring for water and found 12 m³ an hour. This will at last solve the question of drinking water for this colony.

Jadjur (25 families). In the autumn 1930 the large drainage system for the lands of Jadjur and Kfar Hassidim was completed according to the plans of Eng. Breuer. This system worked satisfactorily during last winter. The plans for irrigation for this settlement were completed and the necessary pipes (2,000 meter) and machinery for a sum of £.850 ordered for the irrigation of 90 dunam. The dairy and poultry branches of this settlement show a continuous and satisfactory progress.

Nahalal (75 families). This colony suffers greatly of the infectious abortion disease. The losses last year were estimated at over £.3,000. This disease was responsible for the falling off in the quantity of milk sold. In the other cultures, the settlement has, on the whole, progressed. About 70 dunam of grape-fruit were planted here this year by part of the colony.

Central Emek. During the winter of 1930-1931 the plan of settlement was at last completed and approved by the department.

Merhavia. - small holders' settlement (37 families). The area of land at the disposal of this colony was increased last year from 100 to 150 dunam. A water installation to distribute the water to the houses was built by us. A better crop rotation was introduced. Good progress was made with the raising of chickens. This year we built there new poultry-coops in order to increase the number of chickens held by each family from 100 to 150 fowls.

Tel Adashim (45 families). This colony showed rapid progress in poultry raising. In accordance with the settlement plan adopted for the district we increased there the poultry coops from 100 to 150 chickens per family. A loan for the purchase of a new bull was granted to the settlement.

Merhavia (kvutza) 25 families. This colony was also enabled to increase the area of land worked by it from 100 to 150 dunam per family. The experiment with the preservation and fermentation of green fodder in silos was quite satisfactory and served as a precedent for the building of silos at Misra and Gnegar this year. The former group of settlers which suffered heavily during the drought of 1928 left the colony; a new group of the Hashomer Hazair settled here in the autumn of 1929 and did well during the first year. We built here two additional poultry-coops.

Gnegar. 25 families. This kvutza has been making good year after year thanks to the excellent state of its dairy, its success with poultry raising, apiculture and the wages earned by its members in the Balfour forest. Its accumulated deficit was entirely wiped out. The total production of milk was:

1927/28	71333	liter	average	per	cow	3100	profit	£.141.-
1928/29	35120	"	"	"	"	3300	"	193.-
1929/30	126300	"	"	"	"	3625	"	385.-

We built here a silo and two additional poultry-coops.

Nouris Area. The department considered and approved the following recommendations of our standing key committee for the settlement plan for Nouris. The area at the disposal of the settlements must, be increased from 24,000 dunam to about 40,000 dunam.

Activities 3.

It is hoped that this will be rendered possible by the transfer to the JNF of the lands bought to the North of Ein Harod and Bethalfa. The yield of milk per family should be 5000 liter. The poultry branch should be doubled from 25 to 50 chickens per family. The net farm income of a family whose cows yield 5000 liter will be about £.95 and after the yield increases to 7500 liter and the grapefruit plantations will start to bear fruit the net farm income will be up to £.137 per family.

Irrigation Nouris. We entrusted Mr. Breuer with the final working out of the irrigation scheme. The irrigation fields of each settlement were finally determined and a committee of horticultural experts fixed the most suitable plots for the grape fruit plantations. Statutes for a cooperative company in which all settlements will participate were worked out with the assistance of the Central Bank and are now being considered by the settlements. The Government with the assistance of the Emergency Fund built roads to Ein Harod, Tel Yosef and Beth Alfa. These roads will both increase security and further the economic development of the Nouris Blocks.

Jordan Valley. The question of the lack of land for the colonies in the Jordan Valley was solved when in 1930 on the proposals of the department the P.I.C.A. came to an agreement with the JNF to transfer to the JNF an area of 1200 dunam of land. This enabled us to increase the area of each settler's family to about 75 dunam per family, about 20% of which will be irrigated.

Dagania A (25 families). The growing of vegetables and fruits under irrigation is increasing in importance. A setback, only temporary, it is hoped, was experienced in the export of bananas to Egypt since that country raised the tariff on bananas to such an extent that the sale of bananas there became practically unremunerative. Trail shipments of bananas have since been made with favourable results to Greece, with which a satisfactory trade is now being developed.

A school was built here for all 4 kvutzoth of the Valley from a loan of £.1,000 granted through Miss Szold.

Dagania B as the other groups in the Jordan Valley have great success with the plantation of flax for linseed. The yields of crops have been 150 kgr. per dunam and over. Hitherto the crops have been sold at remunerative prices to the Shemen Oil factory

Kfar Gun (25 families). New plans for the irrigation of the land of this group have been worked out which at a slightly higher cost of investment will deliver the water to the fields off the group at a much reduced price (0.47 mil instead of 0.99 mil per m³). Although according to our plans the group should be provided with only 300 m³ an hour, we agreed at the request of the group and of Dagania B to build a raised aqueduct and a canal with a capacity of 1500/1000 m³ an hour and to allow them to transfer part of their consolidation budget to the increased cost of the building of these two canals. This will enable these groups to irrigate in the future much increased areas of land.

Hill District.

Kiryath Anavim. This settlement specialises in the breeding of pure Dutch cows. The settlers increased their stable considerably both by natural accretion and by successful purchases of new cows in Europe. In 1929/30 they possessed 91 head of cattle (including heifers and calves) and produced 283,750 liters of milk.

Ataroth. This well-to-do colony reported the following progress in the quantities of milk marketed:

<u>1928:</u>	269444 liter
<u>1929:</u>	322614 "
<u>1930:</u>	364516 " .

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May 26th, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I think you ought to know the enthusiasm you evoked last night. I believe it was an unusual tribute, even to you, to have created such reaction on the part of those present. I must tell you you were splendid.

I believe I informed you, but I want to be doubly sure, and am therefore, writing, regarding the cancellation of the June 15th affair, which affair you were kind enough to accept to address.

After perusing the records of the affair, I was convinced that it would not be worthwhile for you to make the trip from Cleveland.

With deep appreciation, and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Morris A. Zeldin

Morris A. Zeldin, Director
New York Campaign

MAZ:ES

May 27th, 1931

Mr. Morris A. Zeldin,
c/o The Zionist Org.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Zeldin:-

I am sorry that I had to break away early from your fine meeting. As it was I missed my train and had to catch a later train.

I was very much pleased with the meeting and I hope that it resulted in some substantial gains to the Campaign.

My traveling expenses amounted to \$50.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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NEW YORK
Herald Tribune



Thursday, May 21, 1931

Where East Meets West

It is ten years since the Palestine Foundation Fund was launched in the United States, and on the anniversary the American Palestine Campaign is seeking \$2,500,000 for the maintenance of the Jewish reconstruction activities in Palestine. New York's quota is \$1,000,000.

America has contributed almost four-fifths of the \$26,000,000 which has been poured into Palestine in the decade in support of Jewish work; and only American Jewry can continue to carry the burden. The Jewish population of Palestine has risen in the interval from 65,000 to 172,000; the area of land held by Jews has grown from 115,000 acres to 300,000 acres; but the most impressive results of Jewish devotion lie in pioneer work in scientific agriculture and industry, new to the East, and in the 227 schools which culminate in

the great Hebrew University at Jerusalem. That university, standing at the crossroads of civilizations, looking East down into the Dead Sea and the desert, and West to the Mediterranean, has immense possibilities as a bridge between East and West, between races, religions, cultures which have for centuries been in conflict. American Jewry will be responsible for one of the really great achievements of the century if it can carry out the humane dream of the leaders of that university.

New York World-Telegram

AND THE EVENING MAIL
(A SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPER.)

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1931.

THE NEW PIONEERS.

IN 1921 there were 65,000 Jews in Palestine. Today the number has grown to 172,000.

For these, pioneering has meant not "Westward-HO!" but "Eastward-HO!" In the land of their Biblical fathers they are reclaiming old ground to build them new homes.

The Jews of America are now conducting a campaign to raise \$2,500,000 in America, \$1,000,000 of it in New York, for the maintenance of Jewish reconstruction activities built up in Palestine during the past decade of growth.

And the American Jews are not sending good money after bad, for, with the aid of \$20,000,000 heretofore sent from here, the area of land held by Jews has increased from 115,000 to 300,000 acres, the number of Jewish agricultural workers from 4,000 to 38,000.

Twenty thousand school children are main-

tained in 227 schools, at the head of which stands the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Pioneers, the Palestinian Jews are digging a new life out of ancient soil. They are carving out a new homeland. The movement has won the imagination of this pioneering nation as well as the religious and racial loyalty of American Jews.

The money asked will be used to stimulate immigration, initiate colonization, maintain sanitation and provide education.

-New York American Editorial Page-

-MAY 25, 1931.

THE PALESTINE COLONIES

THE Palestine colonies have always received warm support from America. Thanks to the help of the Palestine Foundation Fund, which has built up schools for them, stamped out trachoma and malaria and greatly improved the lot of 100,000 new colonists and as many Arabs, the project is no longer a dream but a reality.

The Fund is making an appeal here in New York for a million dollars to insure its stability. It is gratifying to see that the response is so warm-hearted.

American Jewry has never failed to see anything through when the goal was humane. And, though there is world economic depression, it knows if support fails just now the work of decades will be half undone. New York Jews are not going back on their policy of noblesse oblige.

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May 29th, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed herewith are a number of
editorials from metropolitan papers.

I thought these might interest
you as an indication of the widespread interest
that has been aroused in the American Palestine
Campaign and in its work in Palestine.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg
Morris Rothenberg
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

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Date 6/8/31

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June 10th, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to express my regret for the delay in sending the enclosed check. It was primarily due to Mr. Lowenstein's absence from town, and the necessity for his signature on the check.

I take pleasure in informing you that at a recent campaign committee meeting of Brownsville and East New York a resolution was unanimously passed expressing our heartiest thanks to you for your very splendid address at the Banquet, which expression of thanks I was asked to convey to you.

You will probably be glad to hear that the dinner netted \$15,000.00.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Morris A. Zeldin

Morris A. Zeldin, Director
Greater New York

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New York, June 12th, 1931

Correction to the minutes of the meeting of the
Administrative Committee of the American Palestine Campaign
Held Wednesday, May 20, 1931

In the paragraph relating to "FINANCIAL REPORT",
the statement concerning the cash income should read
as follows:

"The cash income of the American Palestine Campaign
up to May 20th, including cash raised by Hadassah
amounted to \$447,294.13."

Incidentally, the total pledged as of this
date is \$887,207.00

Very truly yours,

A. H. Fromenson

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Secretary, Administrative Committee

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July 1, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Chocorua,
New Hampshire

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you no doubt noticed, the papers these days are replete with dispatches from Europe telling of a recurrence of anti-semitism in its most brutal forms.

I take the liberty of intruding upon your vacation to ask if you would care to make some comment on the situation which the campaign could use at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor,
Associate Publicity Director

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August 4, 1931

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Chocorua
New Hampshire

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Annual Convention of the New England
Zionist Region is being planned this year for Sunday
August 30th, or Sunday, September 6th, at Manchester,
New Hampshire.

At a conference of some of the Officers to-
day it was decided that an invitation be extended to
you to be the principal guest and speaker at this
Convention.

It was felt since the Convention was being
planned for Manchester, New Hampshire, and you being
in the vicinity, that you might consent to attend.
Your acceptance will serve to help us immensely.
The various communities throughout New England will
respond, we feel sure, with much enthusiasm if we
are able to announce that you will attend.

I hope you will pardon our breaking into
your vacation in this way.

Very sincerely yours

Robert Silverman

ROBERT SILVERMAN

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"Get On With the Job"

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Editor's Note: The attitude of the Jews of Palestine toward the political situation regarding the Jewish National Home in relation to the Passfield White Paper was described by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, during the course of his address at the dinner in London on April 11th in honor of Lloyd George in the following words:

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"I have just come back from Palestine. A great deal has been heard in the last two years about Palestine. We have had the Shaw Commission, the White Paper and papers of all sorts and colours. We have been tested and analysed as much as any people. And we survive. The trees are growing, the houses are being built, and the people are working unconcerned.

"The National Home goes forward in spite of these two years of trial and tribulation. I think one is more concerned with political discussion in London than in Jerusalem, and one is sometimes more frightened of political problems in London than in Palestine. I think what one sees at present is encouraging in spite of the great economic crises and of all political difficulties.

"I do not think White Papers can destroy the National Home. There is room in Palestine for the legitimate aspirations of the Arabs as well as the legitimate aspirations of the Jews. As soon as both parties realize that we Jews are there as of right and not on sufferance as the Arabs are there of right - and no one wants to encroach on their rights - the sooner there will be peace and stability.

"There is a growing volume of feeling and opinion in Palestine which is anxious to end the futile political discussions and get on with the job of upbuilding, which is essential to both parties working in Palestine."

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SAYS WORLD LOOKS TO AMERICAN JEWS TO BUILD PALESTINE

Rabbi Goldstein Says Jews Have Opportunity Of Building Jewish
Homeland Which May Never Come Again

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The non-Jews of the world look to American Jewry for the greater part of the contributions to help rebuild Palestine, an opportunity which may never come again, if neglected now, according to Rabbi Israel Goldstein of Temple Bnai Jeshurun, an Honorary Vice-Chairman of the American Palestine Campaign, which is conducting a \$2,500,000 drive for the maintenance of Jewish reconstruction activities in Palestine. Rabbi Goldstein's remarks were made at a meeting of leading New York workers who are engaged in raising the quota of \$1,000,000 which has been accepted by the New York Jewish community.

Asserting that despite the economic depression, the Jews of America still remain the most important Jewish community in the world in point of size and affluence, Rabbi Goldstein said that American Jewry could not fail in a project with which the entire Jewish future is bound up.

In his remarks, Rabbi Goldstein said in part:

"If the Jewish people in the present day fail to build up a Jewish life in Palestine to the full extent of the possibilities which the situation holds, the opportunity may not come again. One lesson which Jews should have learned from recent experiences is that in the midst of shifting political situations the one thing which endures is actual accomplishment. The settlement of Jewish families in Palestine, the development of agriculture and industry, and the establishment of schools -- these are the realities of the situation which abide.

"To strengthen and expand these realities in Palestine is the paramount task devolving upon Jewry today. Every other problem in that land will be solved in the natural course of living together. The Jew has the good sense, the inherent feeling, and the experience to find a way of amicable living with his neighbors. Only let him be there firmly rooted and well established.

"American Jewry is under a special obligation, not only because it is in point of size and affluence the most important unit in the Jewish household, but because the world, the non-Jewish world, expects American Israel to carry the major portion of the responsibility for the Jewish development of Palestine. If American Jewry fails in making the present opportunity available, the future may never present such an opportunity again."

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"GREAT THINGS WILL COME FROM PALESTINE FOR ALL THE WORLD"

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Editor's Note: One of the most striking and valuable addresses ever delivered on the subject of the development of the Jewish National Home was that delivered by former Premier David Lloyd George in London, on April 11th last, at a public dinner in his honor. at which time announcement was made of the founding of a colony in Palestine named Yfar David, in his honor.

The complete text of this address, regarded as one of his masterpieces has been made available to (name your paper) by the American Palestine Campaign.

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"Words can hardly express the gratitude I feel to you for the enduring honour you have conferred upon me by attaching my name to a colony in the Vale of Jezreel. You will not be offended if I tell you that the names of these valleys and hills in Canaan are as sacred to the Gentile as they are even to the Jew. I heard of Jezreel and Esdraelon, of Carmel and of Zion, before I knew of the existence in my own land of the Vale of Glamorgan or of Plinlimmon. I am deeply gratified that you should think service such as I was able to render to the idea of a Jewish National Home is worthy of such commemoration. I was Prime Minister of this country when that idea took form as an act of State policy in the Balfour Declaration, and I presided over the Councils of the Imperial Cabinet which gave expression to that policy, and secured for it the sanction of our Allies. I was the principal delegate of the British Empire at San Remo where the mandate for Palestine received its final shape and was conferred upon Britain.

Eleven Years Ago.

"I shall never forget how eleven years ago, almost to this week, there assembled in that beautiful town on the shores of the Western Mediterranean, the leading Ministers of three great Powers, representing one-third of the inhabitants of the globe, to decree the conditions under which a small country on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean, small but one of the most famous in history, should be governed and developed under the supreme control, guidance and protection of the civilized nations of the world. By the terms of that document recognition was given to the historical

connection of the Jewish people with Palestine, and the grounds for reconstituting their National Home in that country.

At that gathering you had Lord Balfour, the distinguished Statesman whose name will for ever be linked in history with that policy; you had also therethe real originator and inspirer of that policy, a man who possesses that rare combination of seer and statesman, which when they appear, make history. Israel was fortunate in possessing at the moment of its great opportunity, a patriot and a Statesman capable of taking advantage of it for the benefit of his people. I need hardly say that I refer to Dr. Chaim Weizmann. At that gathering also I had the privilege, on behalf of the British Empire, of offering to another distinguished Jew the position of the first Hebrew Governor of Jerusalem for over 2,000 years, and worthily did he fulfil the expectations which were formed of him on his appointment.

Incredible Progress Made

"That was eleven years ago - only eleven years ago. The progress which has been made since then is incredible to those who knew what Palestine was at the time, and what difficulties there were, and still are, in the way. There were inherent difficulties in the backward state of the country, in the path of an effort at development. As the result of centuries of strife, neglect, and misrule a land of great natural fecundity had been reduced, as to the greatest part of it, to a stony and swampy wilderness. A land of great natural beauty had been stripped of its verdure, starved and left bare and haggard to the eye.

"It was not a home for any people, but a ruin; at best it was a site for a home. In the country itself there was no wealth left to draw upon for its restoration. What once provided abundance for five millions now only furnished a beggarly subsistence for less than a million. You could not hope in a decade to restore land reduced to such a state.

"In addition to that there were racial and religious suspicions and prejudices. These can always and everywhere easily be worked up into antipathies and antagonisms. Pride of race is a fierce thing, very susceptible and quickly roused to anger. All religion is necessarily beyond and above reason. That may perhaps account for the fact that so many religious people are not amenable to reason. To carry through a challenging policy like that of the Jewish National Home needed great tact and forbearance, but it also required unswerving courage and determination on the part of all those who were engaged in it. Zionism throughout the world had a decisive part to play. It was essential in a poverty-stricken land, as Palestine was, that

plentiful aid should come from outside, and it came, thanks to this mighty organization, under the leadership of its distinguished chief.

Jews and Arabs Benefit

"Only eleven years have passed, and since then a fertilising stream of wealth, energy, zeal, and brains has poured steadily into Canaan, gradually laving the thirsty land and invigorating and vitalising its withered strength. Barren and malarial swamps have been converted into happy, healthy, and fertile settlements. Science has harnessed to the service of man waters that have run wild and waste since the Creation, and science has also brought to the cultivation of the soil means of fertility unknown to the peasantry who once, with their own hands, made Canaan a garden. Educational institutions of which any country might be proud have been erected and endowed.

"The Jewish population has more than doubled already, and let it be noted by all critics of the Jewish National Home that the Arabs have simultaneously increased in both numbers and prosperity. The revenue of the State has leapt up, and the Arab population have had more than their full share of the benefit. Zionism has brought to an old land, a renowned but a ruined old land, new wealth, new energy, new purpose, new initiative, new intelligence, a new devotion, and a new hope. Zionism has not finished its task - far from it - but it has already accomplished so much as to demonstrate that the land flowing with milk and honey was no baseless legend.

The Mandate Must Be Carried Out

"There has been some trouble and much mischief. That was to be expected. Can you recall any movement worth prosecuting that has not encountered obstacles? Can you recall one persevered in with courage and faith where such obstacles have not been overcome in the end? If Judaism were to cease to help with renewed vigour and sacrifice because of recent discouragements it would be unworthy of its great history. The people who have faced more continuous, prolonged and varied persecution than any that have ever lived, and still kept their faith, are not going to turn back for one squalid and cowardly riot.

"The Mandatory power must also discharge its function with fidelity and resolution. Whatever doubts were raised by that egregious White Paper have been laid to rest by the correspondence between the Prime Minister and Dr. Weizmann. The Mandate is to be carried out in letter and spirit. It is a Mandate to respect the rights of all dwellers in this land, but consistently with that to carry out the decree adopted by forty civilized nations as a world policy, that every facility must be given for the establishment of a Jewish National Home.

"This Mandate must be carried out, not nervously and apologetically, as if we had been lured into something we now regretted, but firmly and fearlessly, as a policy in which we genuinely believed. Above all, it must be borne in mind that the first duty of a Government is to protect the lives and property of all its citizens without respect of race or creed. If it fails in that elementary duty it has no right to occupy the seat of Government. The Jew at Telaviv has as much right to protection as the Mohammedan in Cawnpore. The honour of the British flag is involved in guaranteeing protection to both.

The British Government's Duty

"The Government of Palestine pleaded surprise last time there was trouble. The greatest surprise of all is that they should have put up such a plea. But the element of surprise can no longer be called in aid to excuse failure in this primary function of Government.

"It is heartening to know that those who have been driven out of their homes by violence have returned to rebuild them, and I feel confident that the Jewish people throughout the world will show the same spirit as the men and women of their own kin in Palestine, and that the answer of Israel to its assailants will be to redouble the efforts of the past eleven years.

"There never has been any question of expropriation of the peoples or inhabitants of any other race or creed that have made Palestine their home and have an attachment not merely to its soil, but also to its shrines.

No Injustice to Others

"There has never been any question of injustice to Moslem or Christian. Their rights must be respected. Both Arabs and Christians, as I have already pointed out, have so far thriven owing to the success of the Zionist movement. And the greater its success in the future the more must they benefit. There is plenty of room in Palestine for a Jewish National Home without rendering any of its present dwellers or their children homeless. Palestine maintained five times its present population before science had increased indefinitely the possibilities of development, and before Canaan had become a land of such universal renown that it attracts the thought and attention of the whole world.

Jews Have Special Claim

"No land has benefited less from its fame. It is not the possibilities of soil and climate alone that have been neglected in this country. The infinite allurements of its story have never been turned adequately to the material advantage of the country and its inhabitants.

"The Jews surely have a special claim on Canaan. They are the only people who have made a success of it during the past 3,000 years. They are the only people who have made its name immortal, and as a race, they have no other home. This was their first, this has been their only home, they have no other home. They found no home in Egypt or in Babylon. Since their long exile they have found no home as a people in any other land, and this is the time and opportunity for enabling them once more to re-create their lives as a separate people in their old home and to make their contribution to humanity as a separate people, having a habitation in the land which inspired their forefathers. Later on it might be too late. Prosperity has greater dangers in store for Judah than persecution. The acid of persecution kept their national faith bright and free from rust.

"There never has been such an experiment as this attempted in the history of the world. It is an inspiring ideal. Here is a race which, when it was a small peasant people made a greater contribution to the spiritual elevation of humanity than any that ever dwelt on this earth, the people from whom sprang Moses, and Isaiah and Jesus of Nazareth.

Great Things for the Whole World.

"To-day the Jews are the same people that were scourged by the oppressor from their native land, yet not the same, for they have acquired experience no other race can claim. Driven into exile nineteen hundred years ago, without a national home, scattered over the face of the globe, mingling with every nation, yet preserving their own strong individuality, absorbing the best of every civilization, yet retaining their own ideals. They now have an impulse to rebuild their old home, to live their own national life, to renew their contribution to human thought on the same hills, under the same skies.

"Those whom Zionism is assembling together in Palestine come, and will continue to come from every quarter of the globe, from every form and fashion of national life, which they have each lived, whilst preserving the integrity of their Hebrew souls.

"Since they come enriched by contact with every national civilization on earth, we are entitled to expect great things from such an experiment, not for Palestine alone, but for the world, not only for the children of Israel, but for all the children of men."

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RESUME OF THE PURPOSES OF THE ALLIED JEWISH CAMPAIGN

The Allied Jewish Campaign is seeking \$6,000,000 for the year 1930 for the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine, as follows:

\$3,500,000 for continuing the work of the Joint Distribution Committee in rebuilding the lives of thousands of destitute Jews in Eastern Europe and in other parts of the world.

The Joint Distribution Committee has set up in many European countries a network of credit cooperatives, which are the greatest source of self-help in the economic life of the Jewish population. Over 309,000 heads of families in Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Rumania, Czecho-Slovakia, Eastern Slovakia, Vienna, and Turkey--approximately 1,550,000 individuals-- are aided by these cooperatives, which are fostered by the J.D.C., in conjunction with the ICA, through the American Joint Reconstruction Foundation.

The Gemilath Chesed Societies of Poland, fostered by the Joint Foundation, and serve over 100,000 individuals who are economically disqualified from membership in the cooperatives, enabling them to earn a livelihood.

Together, the credit cooperatives and the free loan societies constitute the greatest defensive and constructive medium for the preservation of the Jewish population.

In Palestine, it supports similar credit institutions such as the Kupath Milveh, the Central Bank of Credit Cooperatives, and the Palestine Credit Cooperatives.

Through the large number of trade-schools it maintains in many East European countries, it has made self-supporting thousands of young people who otherwise would have been an additional burden upon their already overburdened communities.

It has established and restored numerous hospitals and clinics in these countries, and created and maintains in Warsaw the only Jewish nurses' training school in that part of the world.

It is carrying on a very large child-care program to save the lives of thousands of underfed and tubercular children in Bessarabia, Transylvania, Lithuania, Latvia, and other countries. This child-care work includes sanatoria, fresh air camps, summer colonies, in which the most scientific equipment is utilized and the ablest medical skill employed to help the piteous little patients, victims of the hardships of Jewish life in Europe, get a firm grip on life.

In Poland and other countries where industry on cooperative basis has been developed, with the result that our people can no longer earn their livelihoods by the same means as before the war, the J.D.C. is helping the Jews-- and especially the youth -- to fit into the new economic life. This industrialization development of the Jewish youth of these countries, their training as artisans and mechanics, is one of the major tasks of the J.D.C.

The main activity of the J.D.C. in Russia now is the solution of the problem of the "lishentze" -- the "deprived" -- in which category there still remain some 300,000 Jews, former merchants, traders and employers. In their present status they have none of the rights of those who are classed as "producers". The task of the J.D.C. is to "industrialize" the "lishentze" -- to train them in the use of tools and machinery and qualify them for work in the great cooperative shops. This will enable them to join the unions, obtain work, and be reinstated as citizens.

The J.D.C. has, from almost the very beginning of its work, aided in the reestablishment and the maintenance of a very large number of Jewish cultural institutions, ranging from Talmud Torahs to Rabbinical schools in many East European countries.

In addition, it is engaged in many other activities in various East European countries, all for the purpose of aiding the Jews there to rehabilitate themselves and their communal life.

\$2,500,000 for the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and its constituents.

The projects of the Jewish Agency to be financed with the \$2,500,000 from the Allied Jewish Campaign, were adopted at the Zurich conference last August, when the Agency was consummated.

Besides the development of the agricultural, cultural and industrial life already established in Palestine, the specific projects undertaken by the Jewish Agency, in consonance with the League of Nations Mandate to Great Britain, not only for the over 160,000 already settled in the land, but for the even larger numbers who will settle there in the future are as follows:

Increased Jewish immigration, in accordance with the capacity of the land to absorb it;

Receiving the immigrants, maintaining them at hostels, and training them either agriculturally or industrially, and assisting them to obtain means of livelihood;

Consolidating the existing agricultural settlements;

Creating new agricultural settlements in addition to the more than 100 already established there;

Advancing loans to newly established farmers until they have become self-supporting;

Providing them with credits for dwelling houses, barns, livestock, machinery, farm-implements, seeds and other requisites for successful farming;

Consolidating the existing financial and cooperative institutions;

Improving the shipping and marketing facilities to enable the Jewish farmers to export their products quickly and more profitably, and to reduce the present high cost of handling the many commodities which Palestine, at the present time, has to import;

Meeting the religious needs of the Jewish population;

Providing funds for the Hebrew school system which, at the end of 1929, comprised 227 schools with a total attendance of 19,419. These schools include 117 kindergartens, 4 secondary schools, 4 industrial schools and workshops, and 4 technical seminaries.

Fostering the Hebrew language and Jewish culture;

Consolidation and subvention of existing Jewish hospitals (including the Hadassah Medical Organization, with its five hospitals, nurses' training school and over 50 clinics) and the subvention and development of a general health program.