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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We enclose bill for \$10. -- your kind donation
through Mr. Louis Topkis and Mr. Joseph Weiss, to inscribe
the name of Louis Lipsky in the Golden Book of the Jewish
National Fund.

Your check at your earliest convenience will be
appreciated.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, we are

In the Hope of Zion Rebuilt,

Cordially yours,

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

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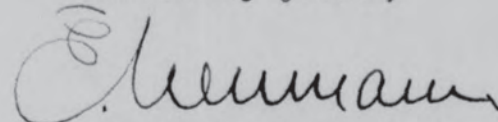
Dear Silver:

I learned only the other day that you arrived in New York the very evening when the Madison Square Meeting took place. I regret that I did not know of your arrival or presence in the city and that you did not speak on that occasion.

As you have probably heard, I have tried to be of service in the emergency in the absence of most of the leaders of the organization. When I see you next, I will tell you more about it.

Please let me know in advance when you are going to be in the city again and let us meet. As ever,

Cordially yours,



EMANUEL NEUMANN
PRESIDENT

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Sept. 25th, 1929.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver:-

I learned only the other day that you arrived in New York the very evening when the Madison Square Meeting took place. I regret that I did not know of your arrival or presence in the city and that you didnot speak on that occasion.

As you have probably heard, I have tried to be of service in the emergency in the absence of most of the leaders of the organization. When I see you next, I will tell you more about it.

Please let me know in advance when you are going to be in the city again and let us meet. As ever,

Cordially yours,

Emanuel Neumann, Pres.

Sept. 26th, 1929.

Mr. Emanuel Neumann,
Jewish National Fund,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Neumann:-

In the absence of Rabbi Silver permit
me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sept. 25th.

Rabbi Silver left Tuesday night for
the East. He can be reached Saturday or Sunday at the
Commodore Hotel in New York City.

to remain

With kindest regards, permit me

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Day
~~XXXX~~ letter
Wire collect

Sept. 27th, 1929

Meyer W. Weisgal
New York, N. Y.

Answer date N.L. 9/26/29

Rabbi Silver will be in New York Saturday and Sunday, September
twenty-eighth and ninth and can be reached at the Commodore Hotel
Your wire arrived in his absence.

I. Rothenberg, Secretary



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TENTH STOP EXPECT COOPERATION AGENCY GROUP AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
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THE FACT IT IS ON SUNDAY STRONGLY URGE YOU MAKE SACRIFICE FOR NATIONAL
FUND STOP PLEASE REPLY

EMANUEL NEUMANN.

Oct. 10th, 1929.

Mr. Emanuel Neumann,
Jewish National Fund,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:-

I wish I were free to attend the National Fund meeting on Nov. 10th. I find however that it is absolutely impossible to leave Cleveland on that day. My Sunday morning services for the season begin on November 3d and I can not the very next Sunday absent myself from the pulpit.

Please keep me in touch with the deliberations of that meeting for I am very much interested.

With best wishes, I am

As ever yours,

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MINUTES MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

November 21st, 1929

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund was held on Thursday, November 21st at 8:30 P.M. at the Zionist Office, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

PRESENT:

Mr. Emanuel Neumann, in the chair, Messrs. H. Abramowitz, A. Brenner, Samuel Bonchek, Dr. S. W. Boorstein, M.L. Brown, Philip Cruse, Rabbi E. Inselbuch, Harry J. Kahn, Miss Rachel Natelson, Louis Rinsky, Isaac H. Rubin, J. Rudavsky, Louis Segal, A. Soierer, David Wertheim.

MINUTES

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

MR. USSISHKIN'S VISIT TO AMERICA

In connection with the planned visit of Mr. Ussichkin, the following letter of Mr. Lipsky and cables passed between our office and the Head Office were read:

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
Chairman Board of Directors
Jewish National Fund Committee
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Neumann:

As you know, at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee, consideration will be given to the question involved in Mr. Ussishkin's proposed visit to America. All of us are deeply concerned, for Mr. Ussishkin's visit can be made either a great moral success or a source of much anxiety. The imposing personality of Mr. Ussishkin is a tremendous Zionist asset. His forcefulness in speech and his ability to persuade people are generally admitted, and the fact that he comes to America after an absence of over eight years, and after so much good work done in Palestine, will add to the general interest of Zionists and Jews at large. There is nobody who would want to see his great powers wasted in fruitless work in America.

It is for that reason we should do all in our power to persuade Mr. Ussishkin to put his ability in service for the purposes of Zionist propaganda, the strengthening of the Jewish National Fund, and not in an effort, doomed in advance to be fraught with great difficulties, to secure the larger funds he thinks can be gotten at this time through a public campaign. All of us are interested in not doing anything that will make the hard task of raising funds for the Palestine budget any harder than it probably will be, owing to present economic conditions. Of the first importance is the main-

tenance of a united front with our new partners, so that out of the coming year's effort, a genuine union can be cemented for all time.

Should Mr. Ussishkin come for the purposes of propaganda and for the general uplifting of the standards of giving to the Jewish National Fund, all Zionist forces will undoubtedly be united to make his visit as large a success as possible. I am sure that the Administrative Committee will vote to give him the fullest cooperation should he come in December or in March, and that all our Districts will rally to give a tribute to Mr. Ussishkin, which he so largely deserves. I hope you will use your personal influence, however, with Mr. Ussishkin, as I intend likewise to do, to persuade him to adjust himself, in an amiable manner, to the conditions which confront us.

I look forward to a strong propaganda in America, led by Mr. Ussishkin on behalf of the Jewish National Fund, which will greatly affect its regular work and will be a preparation for the large public campaign for the National Fund, which will have to be arranged, in all probability, for next year.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Very cordially yours,

(Sgd) LOUIS LIPSKY

Nov. 15, 1929

USSISHKIN KEREN JERUSALEM

ADMINISTRATION KEREN WELCOMES YOUR DECISION VISIT GREATEST ENTHUSIASM (STOP) HOPES YOUR VISIT PRODUCTIVE GREAT GOOD DESPITE UNFAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND CONTROL AS DISASTROUS CRASH STOCK MARKET SERIOUSLY AFFECTING MIDDLE CLASS (STOP) RELATIONS ZIONIST AGENCY STRAINED (STOP) UNDERSTAND WARBURG CABLED WEIZMANN AGAINST YOUR COMING (STOP) LIPSKY NOTIFIED US WELCOMES YOUR VISIT BUT WARNING AGAINST DEPARTURE USUAL FORMS KEREN ACTIVITIES (STOP) ZIONISTS GOING INTO JOINT DRIVE WITH RELIEF BUT DUE FINANCIAL CRISIS GREAT UNCERTAINTY TIME AND PLAN CAMPAIGN (STOP) SIMON THINKS VISIT INOPPORTUNE (STOP) WILL UTILIZE YOUR VISIT FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES

NEUMANN

Nov. 17, 1929

NEUMANN HAKEREN NEW YORK

YOUR CABLE COMPELS REVISION VISIT (STOP) OPPOSITION WARBURG LIPSKY AND EXCHANGE CRISIS WILL GREATLY INCREASE DIFFICULTIES PRACTICAL WORK CANNOT COME FOR PROPAGANDA AND SMALL MATTERS CABLE YOUR DETAILED OPINION WHEN WILL DECIDE

USSISHKIN

USSISHKIN KEREN JERUSALEM

OUR POSITION DIFFICULT DENIED RIGHT CAMPAIGN NO SUBSIDY FROM JOINT DRIVE
WHICH PROBABLY CONDUCTED SUCCESSIVE YEARS (STOP) UNLESS EXTRAORDINARY
STEPS TAKEN KEREN FUTURE NOT BRIGHT THEREFORE YOUR COMING MOST IMPORTANT
THOUGH CAMPAIGN MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE (STOP) ZIONIST SENTIMENT KEREN GROWING
(STOP) PRECISE METHODS ACTIVITY WILL BE DETERMINED CONSULTATION WITH YOUR
SELF HERE (STOP) WILL CALL NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND PREPARE PUBLIC MIND
(STOP) WITHOUT VISIT FUTURE ACTIVITY LIKELY SUFFER DECLINE

NEUMANN

Mr. Neumann explained that since the last meeting of the Board of Directors, the situation has changed. The representatives of the Z.O.A. had a meeting with the representatives of the J.D.C. and Mr. Warburg, at which it was proposed that the drive should be for six million dollars for one year, of which Palestine should receive $2\frac{1}{2}$ million and the other institutions $3\frac{1}{2}$ million. The constituent organizations of the U.P.A. had a meeting to consider this proposal and they have decided to agree to it, providing that in addition to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars, the Mizrachi will receive \$110,000 for their purposes in Palestine and the National Fund \$190,000. The following day Mr. Lipsky conferred with Mr. Warburg, and Mr. Warburg informed him that he could not see the justice of additional requests for the Mizrachi and the Jewish National Fund. Since both the Mizrachi and the National Fund are constituent parts of the International Zionist Organization, their needs should be covered by the budget adopted at the Zionist Congress. America's contribution of $2\frac{1}{2}$ million towards the budget should cover the needs of both the Mizrachi and the National Fund. He also learned that Mr. Warburg cabled to Dr. Weizmann against the visit of Mr. Ussishkin on the grounds that it will interfere with the Joint Drive. At a meeting of the U.P.A. held subsequent to the interview of Mr. Lipsky with Mr. Warburg, it was decided to try again and see Mr. Warburg concerning the grant to the Mizrachi. As to the National Fund, they thought that Dr. Weizmann should negotiate with Mr. Warburg directly.

Mr. Brown said that in view of the fact that the National Fund is not included in the Joint Drive, our way is clear for an independent campaign. Mr. Ussishkin should be notified to come here and a campaign be inaugurated without further delay.

Mr. Kahn asked why the National Fund was not included in the budget made up at the Zionist Congress in Zurich. He does not see the possibility of inaugurating a campaign for the National Fund, parallel with the Joint Drive, but he thinks we could increase our income by our own means of collection, if Mr. Ussishkin will come to America and stimulate the work for the National Fund.

Mr. Neumann explained that Mr. Ussishkin was always against the National Fund joining the U.P.A. and he thinks that it was at his request that the National Fund was not included in the general budget adopted at Zurich.

Mr. Bonchek said that Mr. Ussishkin was right. The National Fund

is the only independent Zionist institution and should not ^{have been} included in the budget which was understood will have to be raised by the Jewish Agency. He thinks that the Z.O.A. should be notified that the National Fund is going out for a separate campaign. He asked that a cable be sent in the name of the Board of Directors, urging him to come to America immediately. If the word campaign will be objectionable, we can call it an intensive activity for the National Fund. The results will be the same.

Mr. Rinsky thought that the coming of Mr. Ussishkin just now would do more harm than good. It may antagonize the Jewish Agency and he would not like ~~xx~~ it to be said that the National Fund was instrumental in straining the relations between the Zionists and the non-Zionists in the Agency.

Rabbi Inselbuch said that he sees no possibility how a campaign for the National Fund can be carried out now. The campaign for the Joint Drive will probably last a whole year and we should not interfere with their work. We should make every effort to raise the income of the National Fund by our own means of collection.

Mr. Segal said that taking into consideration the situation in Palestine now, a tremendous effort must be made now to raise more funds for the National Fund. Since the Joint Drive is planned for one year only, he is afraid that the National Fund will be next year in the same situation as it is now. Mr. Ussishkin should be urged to come to America immediately. His presence is needed in the interest of the National Fund and also in the higher interests of Zionism in this country. We should have a campaign, but we should see to it that it should not conflict with the general Joint Drive.

Dr. Boorstein was afraid that the coming of Mr. Ussishkin will intensify the friction between the non-Zionists and the Zionist members of the Jewish Agency. Mr. Ussishkin should be invited to come to America for the purpose of propaganda only.

After further discussion, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That a cable be sent to Mr. Ussishkin in the name of the Board of Directors, endorsing the cable of our Administrative Committee of Nov. 20th.
2. That the Administrative Committee be requested to work out a plan to raise large sums for the National Fund in this country.
3. That a national National Fund conference be called as soon as possible.

ELECTION MEMBERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Nelson Ruttenberg was unanimously elected a member of our Board of Directors.

MEMBERS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

The question of electing additional members to the Administrative Committee in accordance with the resolution of our Board of Directors meeting of October 21st, was then taken up. The following were nominated: Miss Naomi

Flex, Junior Hadassah; Mr. Bunin, Young Israel; Miss Biskin, Sec'y Palestine Women's Pioneers; Dr. Levinson. After a discussion, it was decided that this be referred to the Administrative Committee.

FLAG DAY GREATER NEW YORK

Mr. Naumann reported that with the help of Mr. Nelson Rutenberg, we received a permit to have Flag Day in Greater New York. This is a privilege which was not granted to us in years past. Decided to express the thanks of the J.W.F. to Mr. Rutenberg for his kind efforts.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

I.H.RUBIN
SEC'Y



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Dear Abba:-

I must apologize for my failure to reply to your letter of November 27th. My reason is that my little household has been upset for the past few weeks. My sister-in-law was whisked away in the dead of night for an operation, and the children have been ill in bed. I myself have been preoccupied and rather distracted.

As far as the Roll Call is concerned, my view of it coincides with your own. In fact, I delivered something of an oration against the plan at the meeting of the National Executive Committee before the vote was taken, and the result of my oration was an overwhelming vote in favor of the Roll Call. I say an overwhelming vote, but it must not be taken that the proposition was embraced with overwhelming enthusiasm, but simply because it was urged by the Administration, and no counter proposals of any kind were made, and the feeling existed that "something had to be done". As it is, I think it would be just as well to have the Roll Call roll on to its inevitable conclusion. I don't suppose it will have produced any good, unless possibly the deficit will have been increased, or some of the energy of the Zionists withdrawn from more productive work such as the membership work and Jewish National Fund activities.

With regard to the Jewish National Fund, there have been protracted discussions and deliberations, in order to avoid further encounters with the Agency Group. We have virtually agreed to waive our right and plan for an independent campaign for the J.N.F. this year. That means that Ussishkin will probably not come. But we are determined to intensify J.N.F. activities, and increase its income substantially, without running a regular public drive. We feel it can be done. But the sine qua non is a strong effort to impress the Zionists of the importance of revitalizing the J.N.F. at this time.

We therefore plan a National Fund conference, to take place in Philadelphia on January 19th. Even this step was in danger, because of an exchange of letters between Mr. Lipsky and Mr. Warburg

Cleveland, Ohio/

December 19, 1929

on the subject. Mr. Warburg seemed to scent another Zionist "plot" for raising money. However, we have by this time disabused his mind as to our intentions, and our Conference is now Kosher.

I need not expatiate to you on the vital importance of the J.N.F., and the rôle it has to play in the immediate future. I know that you are at one with me on that. The Z.O.A. officials are also beginning to recognize the unwisdom of treating this institution as Cinderella, a step-child, or something worse. From present indications, I believe the Conference may become a demonstration of Zionist unity and faith -- which is in itself something to be desired at this juncture.

May I take the liberty, first, of placing your name on the National Conference Committee, which we expect to be headed by Nathan Strauss? The purpose of this committee is to give the Conference the necessary sponsorship and support from the outset.

Secondly, and more important, we do want you to be there to address the Conference during the day, and if possible, also a public meeting in the evening. I am aware of what you have told me of the difficulty of your absenting yourself from Cleveland on a Sunday, unless there is someone of sufficient weight to occupy your pulpit. We would be happy to cooperate in that matter if there is anything we can do. Is it not possible, for instance, to secure some outstanding person to deliver a lecture from your pulpit? If necessary, we would gladly pay any honorarium for such a lecture. The people who might be available for such a lecture are probably better known to you than to me. Couldn't you possibly make such arrangements for once? I would regard it as a personal favor, besides the great public service you would render.

I honestly believe that the Jewish National Fund is an anchor to leeward, which may save our Zionist Ship of State, now tossing on angry seas.

I hope you will have forgiven me for my delay in writing to you, and for the outrageous length of this letter, and the sign of your favor and forgiveness will be your acceptance of our invitation.

With kindest personal regards to your wife and yourself, I am,
as ever

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel Neumann

EMANUEL NEUMANN

EN:EC

Dec. 27th, 1929.

Mr. Emanuel Newman,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:-

Why not start a movement to recall the Zionist Roll Call? It is going to be a flop. There are only five weeks left before the first of the New Year when preparations for the Joint Campaign for Palestine will have to begin. So far the Roll Call has been a universal fiasco. Only a miracle can enroll even 50,000 Jews by the end of the year.

Even if 100,000 Jews can be registered it would be a political disaster. On the basis of the widely heralded organization of the Jewish Agency last summer we proclaimed to the world that the whole of American Jewry is solidly behind Palestine. As a result of the Roll Call it will be discovered that less than 10% are sufficiently interested in Palestine to pay a dollar in token of their interest.

I understand, furthermore, that the work of collecting the outstanding U.P.A. pledges is being hampered by the campaign for the Roll Call. U.P.A. workers are being compelled to devote much of their time to the Roll Call, which should be devoted to the collection of Keren Hayesod pledges. As it is, we have been unable to make our monthly remittances to Palestine.

My understanding is that Mr. Lipsky tried to persuade Mr. Warburg, who was strenuously opposed to the Roll Call, that the only reason for its being projected was to keep the rank and file of Zionists busy. Of all outrageous and preposterous reasons for setting in motion a national activity this is certainly the most imbecile. Zionists throughout the country have just been through a taxing relief drive for Palestine. In another month or two they will be called upon to engage in a major effort to raise money for the Keren Hayesod. In between times Zionists together with all other Jews are busy in their respective communities raising funds for Jewish education, local charities, congregational needs, etc. etc. They certainly do not need chores assigned to them by Headquarters in order to be kept busy.

I think the Zionist Organization can recall the Roll Call with dignity, stating that the necessity for proceeding with the campaign for the Keren Hayesod is so urgent that everything else must be pushed aside for the moment.

Continued...
Mr. Emanuel Newman,

If you are of one mind with me on this subject, I think that a letter should be sent, signed by a representative group of Zionists to Headquarters requesting an immediate convocation of the Administrative Committee or of the National Executive Committee to consider the advisability of recalling the Roll Call. If this request is not granted our appeal should be made to the Zionist world.

Please let me know what you think of it.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi A. Silver,
Cleveland.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Filed 4-16-50

We attach herewith a short review of the present position of the Jewish National Fund, the Land Fund of the Zionist Organisation. You will learn from this material that the situation of our Institution is critical. Never before has it been called upon to face difficulties and dangers such as face it at the present time. In addition to all the peculiar difficulties bound up with the acquisition of land in Palestine, difficulties which in the past have been sufficiently hard to overcome but which now after the events of August last and their aftermath promise to be yet harder, in addition to these, numerous other dangers face us which we ignore at our very peril. A new buyer has appeared on the land market in Palestine who is competing with us and whose competition cannot be brushed aside - that is the Latin Church.

The difficulties and dangers are many, the need is crying, but there are no funds for carrying out our purpose.

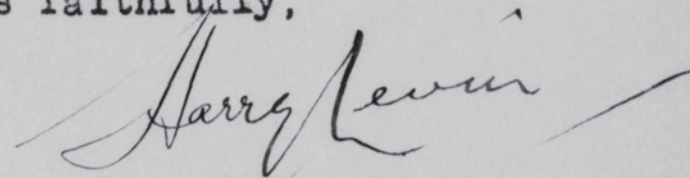
Mr. Ussishkin, President of the Fund, was to have visited America to raise large amounts for the pressing call of Geulah Haaretz - Redemption of the Land. But his proposed visit was cancelled through no desire of his own, and there remains to us in the immediate future no other source but that from which we have been drawing till now, and that is, the gifts of the masses. It is the duty of everyone of us therefore at this time to call upon the people to double and treble their efforts for the Jewish National Fund. We turn with this request to a few of our influential friends, leaders and writers in the Jewish world, and appeal to them urgently to call on their fellow-Jews in their respective spheres to intensify their work for the Jewish National Fund.

Purim, which is to be celebrated in a very near future, is the last great campaign occasion of the year of the Jewish National Fund. On its success depends largely the rise or fall of the Fund's income. We ask you, therefore, as one of those whom we know to exert particular influence upon the Jews of America, to appeal to your fellow-Jews before the Purim Campaign by means of an article on the Jewish National Fund in the section of the press at your disposal.

We trust that we can count on your assistance in this respect, and also hope that our work generally at this critical time will find in you a warm advocate.

With Zion's greetings,

Yours faithfully,



For Head Office,
KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL.



THE SITUATION OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
AT THE PRESENT TIME.

CONFIDENTIAL

Jerusalem 6th February 1930.

One of the leading planks in the Arab platform before the Commission of Enquiry appointed by the British Government to investigate the causes of the August Arab outbreak was the land question. The Zionist advocates proved up to the hilt that Jewish land acquisition not only did the Arabs no harm, but on the contrary, benefitted them to no little extent. But the Arab insistence on this matter has resulted in much hardship for the Jewish National Fund.

In the first place the Arabs occupying the great Wadi Hawarit area acquired from the Government at public auction with the million dollars guaranteed by the Zionists of Canada, refuse to leave the ground. They are a handful, had been compensated fully and were given adequate notice. But agitators did their work and these Arabs refused to leave the ground. The land itself had been bought directly from the Government; our title to it is unquestioned. The Court to whom the few Arabs tenants brought the matter re-affirmed our rights. Yet the Arabs have not yet left the ground and the Government is not helping us to take possession of it. We proposed a scheme whereby the Arabs instead of being scattered over the huge area be concentrated on an area of 2,000 dunams which we would lease to them for a year after which they would leave. The central

Government accepted our suggestion but no help has been given to us by the Government Departments concerned in making this arrangement with the Arabs.

Nor this alone. But while forbidding the Jews to occupy the land till the matter is settled, the Government allows the Arabs to sow, which still further entrenches the Arab position on the land. We are perfectly justified in all our claims. The Government recognises it and at headquarters claim they sympathise with us. But in practice we get no further. The Arabs refuse to recognise the sale or the subsequent Court decision.

This is only one instance of the Government's attitude towards our activity, an attitude which since the outbreaks has become still more chilly.

This attitude of the Government's, we greatly fear, will find expression in the not distant future in legislation which will still further tie our hands. We feel that this is not a presentiment but a fear that will in one form or another materialise.

An alarming feature of the present land position in Erez Israel is the participation in land acquisition by the Latin Church through its representative the local Patriarchate. Our first intimation of this danger was the acquisition by the Patriarchate of an area of 20,000 dunams on the Nablus-Jericho Road. Soon after the purchase of another area of 11,000 dunams in the village of Shatta near Beth Alpha was constructed for by the Patriarchate. This was a stretch which we urgently required for the most necessary extension of the Jewish settlements in the Vale of Jezreel, particularly Beth Alpha. We had not the money to negotiate for the purchase of this area at Shatta, and the Patriarchate has seized it. In the same village of Shatta is another area of 4,500 dunams the purchase of

which the Patriarchate was intending to negotiate about. Despite our financial position, however, we acquired an option on this area. At the present moment the Patriarchate is negotiating concerning an area of 5,000 dunams near Jenin at the mouth of the Emek Jezreel. The future plans of the Latin Church are unknown to us. But one thing is certain, if these acquisitions continue as part of a systematic scheme of acquisition of large areas of land, we in our present position are helpless. The purpose of these acquisitions by the Latin Church is not definitely known, but is said to be for the settlement of Armenian refugees, large numbers of whom in Turkey and the Balkan States are at present homeless.

At the present time large areas of land are available for purchase. From all parts of the country offers are reaching us of sale of large areas. The reason for these numerous offers at the present time is said to be the severe economic depression which the Arabs in all parts of the country are feeling as a result of the boycott of Jewish trade imposed by the Arab leaders.

However, these offers are made in secret, for any Arab willing to sell land to Jews is advertised in the Arab press as a traitor. But while opportunities for purchase are available now, for how long they will remain so is a question that cannot be answered. Not one can tell the direction the so-called Arab nationalist movement in Palestine will take. If the Arab leaders have their way the development of the movement will mean the utter impossibility of purchase of lands by Jews.

Knowing the seriousness of the position the Jewish National Fund has undertaken certain purchases for which it has hardly the means. Practically all our income at the present time is required to pay off obligations on previous purchases and the shouldering of

new burdens without new sources of income is a difficult venture. But in the present desperate position the Fund was obliged to strain its every effort. Among its new purchases are those in the Sharon Plain acquired with funds guaranteed by South African Zionists, an additional area of 1500 dunams in the Haifa Bay area, 4,000 dunams in the Beisan district and nearly 200 dunams of urban land near Tel Aviv. The purchase of Beisan land, may be added, was made from Bedouins to whom the Palestine Government, under Sir Herbert Samuel, had granted huge areas at £1.50 per dunam to be paid off in 15 years. These Bedouins having far more than they could cultivate, offered a portion of their land for sale, and we acquired these 4,000 dunams at a price of £4 per dunam. This is a characteristic piece of land speculation which it is interesting to note received official sanction.

We are faced also by internal difficulties: the payment of tithe and werko, till recently required from the lessees, is now required from lessors of land; thus on the large settled areas of our land we must pay these taxes, with little security of securing repayment of them to the Fund by the settlers.

This is the present position of the Fund, a position of seriousness such it has never been called upon to face before.

MINUTES MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

Feb. 20th, 1930

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund was held on Thursday, Feb. 20th at 8:30 P.M. at the Pennsylvania Hotel, 32nd St. & 7th Avenue, New York City.

PRESENT:

Mr. Emanuel Neumann, in the chair, Messrs. John. L. Bernstein, A. Brenner, Rabbi N. Ebin, Rabbi E. Inselbuch, Harry Karp, Rabbi I.M. Kowalsky, Abraham Levy, Miss R. Natelson, Louis Rinsky, B.A. Rosenblatt, I.H. Rubin, A. Spierer, David Wertheim, Elias m. Epstein and Mr. Gootstein, by invitation.

Letters of regret for inability to attend were received from Dr. S. W. Boorstein, Mr. M. L. Brown, Mr. H. Danelson, Mr. D. Podolsky and Mr. L. Segal.

NATIONAL FUND CONFERENCE

Mr. Neumann rendered a report on the Conference held in Philadelphia. He said that the Conference was attended by about 400 delegates. A great number came from very distant points like Tulsa, Okla., St. Louis and Chicago. In fact it was better than we expected. A series of resolutions were adopted. It is our task now to translate the enthusiasm of our Conference into terms of dollars and cents.

Since the Conference, the Administrative Committee has taken certain steps. As has already been reported to you, we have engaged Mr. Silverman as a field worker. He has visited a number of cities previous to the Conference and is now working in New England territory. He also arranged a conference in Boston. It is, however, too early as yet to report definitely on his actual accomplishments.

We have also engaged Mr. Goldstein who was formerly in charge of the East Side U.P.A., to carry on National Fund work among organizations. According to our judgement, he is doing a great deal of work and has already produced some actual cash. Mr. Goldstein has tried to penetrate the I.O.B.A. He was at a meeting of the I.O.B.A. Executive arranged by Mr. Goldstein last night, at which it was proposed that the I.O.B.A. redeem a tract of land in Palestine. They plan to raise the money by placing a minimum tax of 10¢ on each of their 107,000 members. They have appointed a committee to meet with us with regard to this.

We have also engaged one man in Brooklyn, Mr. Heller, to cover Williamsburgh, Eastern Parkway, Brownsville and East New York. He has already begun his work and seems to be an energetic man.

Mr. Rudensky is now on tour. His first stop was in Miami, Fla., where he raised about \$1,200 with the help of several prominent Zionists who happened to be there. He is proceeding to various other cities and we will be in a position to report further in the near future.

We have had two minor conferences, one in Boston and one in Pittsburgh, and a larger conference for the western states is taking place in St. Louis. The St. Louis Conference is being managed by Prof. Klausner, and although we fell down in the matter of a speaker, they are doing the best they can with some local talent. At this conference they intend to raise money for dunam land donations and to continue the work from that point on.

You have already heard of the gift of Mr. Israel Rokeach, obtained through the good offices of Mr. Lewin-Epstein. That was a gift of \$50,000 in cash to be used by the National Fund for the purpose of extending mortgages for small homes to people with small means on N.F. land. Since the Conference, Mr. Lewin-Epstein told us that Mr. Rokeach has added another \$4,000 to that fund.

We also have to report the gift of a group organized by Dr. Rosoff. The gift is about \$7000 to buy a piece of land near the orange plantations of that group on which to settle some of the workingmen.

The U.P.A. owes us, as you know, money from last year. They insisted on paying the banks first. They owe us now about \$9000 which we can expect to receive in the course of the next couple of months.

For the period from Oct. 1, 1928 to Feb. 15th, 1929, we raised \$77,000. For the same period this year we can report \$91,000, an increase of \$14,000. This, of course, does not include any of these large gifts. The expenses have risen for that period from \$22,000 last year to \$26,000 this year. This includes the salaries of the men who have recently been engaged and who have not yet been able to produce much by way of actual results in this period.

On motion moved by Mr. Karp and seconded by Mr. Bernstein, the report was unanimously adopted.

ELIAS M. EPSTEIN

Mr. Neumann then introduced Mr. Elias M. Epstein, Secretary of the Head Office of the Jewish National Fund in Palestine. He said that Mr. Epstein stopped in London on his way to America in anticipation of Mr. Ussishkin's visit here. The plans of the latter were changed and it was decided that Mr. Epstein come to America to attend the JNF Conference.

Mr. Epstein in a lengthy address dwelt upon the program of the National Fund in Palestine. He explained that there are big tracts of land that can be bought now at reasonable prices if the National Fund had the available funds. He said that the orange industry is the key to Palestine's prosperity and the National Fund is concentrating now in buying land suitable for orange plantations. While the price of the orange land is higher than other land in Palestine, it is worthwhile, because 100 or 150 dunams are needed to support a family on non-irrigated land while ten or twenty dunams of orange land are enough to support a small family. He also stated that the National Fund is trying to buy land situated near the Ruttenberg and Dead Sea Concessions. He referred to the recent purchases of land by the Catholic Church which is causing the Zionist Executive great concern.

ZIONIST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, LONDON

Mr. Neumann said that there is going to be an Actions Committee meeting in London to be followed by a meeting of the Jewish Agency. The question of the future work of the National Fund in this country ought to be taken up at these meetings. This year we have waived our rights to conduct a campaign and Mr. Ussishkin has waived his right of paying us a visit. Now the question must be settled once for all-- whether this is a waiver for all time or whether, after we have stepped aside and waited during the first year, we will be permitted freedom of action to conduct the campaign for the N.F. next fall or winter with Mr. Ussishkin to create the necessary sentiment in America.

At present we are quite helpless in the matter. Of course, we can go ahead and proceed with our campaigns, but, as loyal Zionists we don't want to do anything which will embarrass the Zionist Organization. The Agency meeting which will be attended by Mr. Ussishkin, Mr. Warburg, Dr. Weizmann and others should be the occasion for settling this question. If they should agree to Mr. Ussishkin's coming here next fall, we shall have given ample time for the Agency Drive to be over, and before the new drive we should have our turn. If Mr. Ussishkin should come here in the fall we feel certain that we would be successful in raising quite a substantial amount of money for the N.F. By that time the Wall Street crash will be a thing of the past and we will during the present year have paved the way for Mr. Ussishkin by our own activities and propaganda.

Mr. Levy thought that an independent campaign for the National Fund will not be fair to the newly established Jewish Agency. He believes that there is another solution to the problem. The National Fund income can be increased by other means than a campaign. Mr. Neumann ought to attend the meeting in London. He is sure that Mr. Neumann in consultation with Mr. Ussishkin will find some solution how to increase the National Fund income in America and at the same time avoiding conflict with the Agency.

Mr. Karp thought that since Mr. Neumann will probably not be in a position to go, it may be possible to arrange that Mr. Bublick should take this matter up in London for us.

Rabbi Ebin regretted very much that Mr. Ussishkin did not accept our invitation to come to America. He is sure that had he come at that time, a way would have been found for the National Fund to increase its income either through a grant from the Joint Drive or through a separate action. Mr. Ussishkin would also have created a great sentiment for the National Fund and he may have succeeded in doing here what he did in Canada several years ago.

Mr. Spierer thought that the matter must be settled in London. There it will be easy for Mr. Ussishkin to approach Mr. Warburg and arrive at some definite conclusion with him. While Mr. Lipsky and Mr. Bublick will attend the Conference, he thinks that they have other interests to take care of and they will be unable to give their full attention to National Fund problems. He thinks that Mr. Neumann should be persuaded to go to London.

Mr. Neumann said that he is very much surprised at those members who feel that we will have to lie low next year too for fear of creating difficulties with the Agency. At the Zionist Congress in Zurich a unanimous resolution was adopted that the N.F. is to raise five million dollars in the course of two years time; that Mr. Ussishkin was to come to America for the purpose of conducting the campaign. Dr. Weizmann is President of the Jewish Agency, and is as much concerned with its success as any one of us. In fact he made this his major point. It seems now that Mr. Warburg did not understand that the National Fund had thus been provided for. He did not realize the fact that such a resolution was passed about the National Fund. Whose fault this was we do not know. He supposes Mr. Ussishkin would have come if we had told him to disregard everything and go ahead, but neither he nor we wanted to create difficulties for the newly established Agency. There were many among the non-Zionists who were looking for a pretence for breaking up the entire joint campaign. The Agency agreement distinctly specified that the N.F. was to have the right to appeal to the Jewish people for funds. We had the legal and moral right to go ahead, but we yielded for the sake of Peace. We can, of course, increase our income in a relatively small way without campaigns. If we should succeed in raising \$500,000 through our ordinary methods, it will be little short of a miracle. We cannot see how it is possible to raise larger sums by small means. We find ourselves in a very peculiar position. As soon as we go out for larger sums, we are accused of campaigning. Still, we find all sorts of campaigns going on. The National Labor Campaign, the Ort, the University, etc. However, if we are always to waive our rights, we must make up our minds to refrain from going after large contributions as long as the Jewish Agency exists.

This question can be settled amicably in London. We must explain to them just what we can do without Mr. Ussishkin, and just what we can do with him at the head of a large campaign. If it is a question of letting the N.F. go on as heretofore, then there is no need for large conferences, employing field workers, etc. in other words there is no need for creating a canon to shoot sparrows. We must, if Mr. Ussishkin is to come, make our preparations months in advance. If they decide, however, that for reasons of Zionist policy it is best that the N.F. should not go ahead, we will have to abide by their decision.

The following motion moved by Mr. Levy and seconded by Rabbi Ebin was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the Administrative Committee make an effort that a representative of the Board of Directors of the National Fund in America, attend the Zionist Executive meeting in London to bring up the National Fund problems in America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event it will not be possible to have a special delegate at the meeting in London, a memorandum be submitted to the Zionist Executive explaining the position of the National Fund in America and our prospects for the future.

Mr. Epstein said that the machinery of the National Fund should be enlarged so as to take full advantage of Mr. Ussishkin's visit next fall if he does come.

Mr. Neumann assured Mr. Epstein that as soon as we will know that

our hands are free, there will be no hesitation on our part to expand the machinery of the Fund. At present we are afraid to burden ourselves with a large machinery which may suddenly be forced to disband.

EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

Mr. Neumann reported that since the Conference, The Equitable Life Insurance Co. has become very much interested in the proposition. They were evidently very much impressed by the spirit of our people, and they have been after us very energetically to do something. They are preparing a pamphlet at their own expense, but they do not reserve the right for their own company. Other companies can do the same if they so desire. They have gone a step further. It struck them that our chief problem is to get money now and they realize that after all insurance is a deferred income. They therefore ~~xxxxxxx~~ thought of another scheme, which they proposed to us. They have already used that scheme in connection with other philanthropic institutions. A hospital needed funds and they arranged a drive of this kind. They went to prospective supporters and asked these people to lend a minimum of \$250 to the institution, and assured the donors or lenders that the money will be returned to them by means of a trust agreement. They undertook to write a policy for the benefit of each of the lenders, and to pay the annual premium until they have been repaid in full what they have advanced. No medical examinations are required. The premiums are very low so that the cost will be less than about 5%. In addition to that, in case of death, the estate of the deceased get double the amount loaned.

The individual has the assurance that the money will be promptly repaid to him. The real work will have to be done by the large paid staff employed by the Company. The Equitable has about 1500 Jewish agents in New York City alone. They would establish a special week or fortnight, during which this action should be carried through. There would be propaganda months in advance. When the time comes, the agents will go out and bring in the policies. The possible results are unlimited.

They are very keen on this scheme. They have appointed a committee of their officials and have asked us to appoint a committee to work this scheme out. We have discussed this matter with a number of people and everyone sees great possibilities. It will cost us nothing. They will carry on the propaganda for the JNF. Of course, this means a large action, and if the Jewish Agency realizes it, it can call this a drive or campaign, as in a sense it is.

The Equitable people talked the matter over with Lee K. Frankel, Vice-President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. who evinced great interest in the plan.

Mr. Rubin explained that the plan will be worked somewhat as follows: 1) The National Fund in Jerusalem will come with a request to the American Jews to lend the National Fund two million dollars to acquire a certain stretch of land. This land will be marked in tracts of \$250 each. Those who will loan this amount to the National Fund will receive a dunan certificate, stating that by his loan he has helped to redeem a certain stretch of land. We will have to create the atmosphere for this loan and and the Equitable will supply the literature, placards for this purpose.

Once a favorable atmosphere will be created, the agents of the Equitable will canvass the prospects supplied to them by us. They should concentrate on this effort for a month only. This is something new which has not been done before for Palestine and he thinks that it will appeal to the Jews of America.

On a motion made by Rabbi Kowalsky and seconded by Mr. Rinsky, it was decided that the matter be referred to the Administrative Committee with full power to proceed.

BOX EFFORT

Rabbi Inselbuch thought that the boxes have tremendous possibilities and that we can expand this work without much expense through the Hebrew Schools. The children ought to be promised that if a certain amount will be accumulated in the boxes, a dunam certificate will be given to them.

Mr. Rubin said that an experiment with distributing boxes through schools was made during the visit of the Palestine Delegation consisting of Dr. Rieger, Dr. Spiegel and Miss Lotta Levinson to this country. They devoted themselves almost exclusively to this work but the results achieved were not satisfactory. Most of the 20,000 boxes distributed were ultimately lost, because the technical work attached to it was too much for the teachers to attend to.

The meeting then adjourned.



Respectfully submitted,

I. H. RUBIN
SEC'Y

366 NEW YORK AVENUE
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Dear Abba,

I duly received a copy of your
fine letter to Steinbink.

I have seen him.

Thanks, again.

I'm sorry I could not be at Washing-
ton, but I have followed the conference
with interest. You have covered yourself
with new glory—as was to be expected. Indeed,
so far as I can judge, you were the conference.

Congratulations! And warm regards to
your family.

As ever,
Emanuel

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April 18, 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 105th St. & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Abba:

As you have seen from the papers, we have had good news from London with regard to the Jewish National Fund, namely that Mr. Ussishkin, Mr. Warburg, and Dr. Weizmann have come to an agreement with regard to a visit to America by Mr. Ussishkin, who is to have the good will of Mr. Warburg and his associates in his efforts to do something big for the JNF. I have had private letters from Mr. Ussishkin and from Mr. Epstein which give a good picture of what has transpired there. Whatever misunderstandings seem to have existed previously appear to have been cleared up. Mr. Warburg not only agreed to Mr. Ussishkin's visit, but Mrs. Warburg has agreed to take the chairmanship of the Committee to run the Palestine Exhibition and Bazaar which we are planning to have in the Fall.

I feel like congratulating ourselves upon the policy we have pursued despite much provocation to maintain friendly relations with the Agency leaders when we refused to have the JNF manoeuvred into a position whereby it would serve as a cat-paw to pull someone else's political chestnuts out of the fire or be made the spear-head of an attack on the Jewish Agency.

Our friend, Mr. Julius Simon has contributed considerably to the establishment of better relations. He spent a week with Mr. Warburg going over and naturally talked "JNF" a good part of the time.

We are reliably informed that Mr. Oscar Wasserman has been won over completely to the idea of the JNF and its crucial importance at this time, and, to a lesser extent, the same is true of Mr. Max Warburg.

I feel that the coming of Mr. Ussishkin to America this Fall will be an event of great importance to the history of our Movement. I believe we should be able to find ways and means

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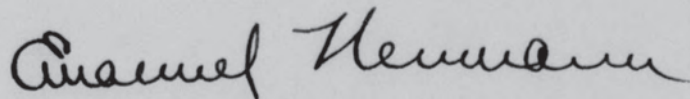
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whereby that large tract of land along the coastal plain, which the JNF has been anxious to redeem and which would give us possession of a practically continuous strip from Rishon le Zion to Haifa, will at last be secured for our purpose.

This will entail a great deal of effort on our part, of course, and I hope that I can count fully upon your cooperation. I shall write you further of our plans as they formulate themselves, and I hope you will give us the benefit of your criticisms and advice.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially and sincerely yours,



EMANUEL NEUMANN
PRESIDENT

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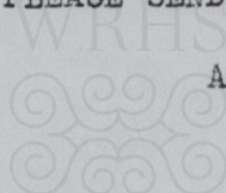
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May 21, 1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At a special National Fund Council meeting to wind up the Lag B'Omer Celebration, I was asked to express to you our most deep-felt appreciation for the splendid services you rendered recently to the Jewish National Fund and the Zionist Organization. May I also take this opportunity to convey to you my personal thanks for the spirit in which you accepted our invitation?

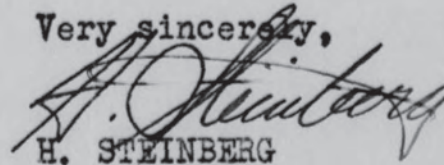
Notwithstanding the many responsibilities that are thrust upon you by our people, you willingly and gladly accepted our invitation. I have received many many compliments for the excellent program that was presented and above all for your wonderful and eloquent address on the Jewish National Fund.

You are an encouragement to us laymen to carry on our work no matter what obstacles confront us.

Will you please be good enough and let us know the amount of your expenses incurred by you to your trip to Chicago so that I may send you a check by return mail.

Again with many thanks and with the kindest of personal regards, I am

Very sincerely,



H. STEINBERG

Chairman Jewish National Fund

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May 23d, 1930

Mr. H. Steinberg,
Jewish National Fund,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Steinberg:-

Permit me to thank you for your
kind letter of May 21st.

I enjoyed my day in Chicago and
your Lag B'Omar Celebration tremendously.

My traveling and hotel expenses
amounted to \$25.

With kindest regards and best
wishes to all my Chicago friends, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

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JEANNETTE B. RUBIN — *Executive Secretary*

June 5th, 1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

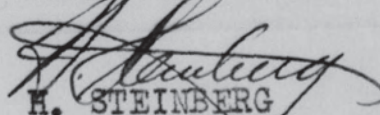
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am herewith enclosing check for \$25.00 to cover your expenses for your recent visit to Chicago.

Permit me to express once again our deep appreciation for the splendid manner in which you cooperated with us.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,


H. STEINBERG

Chairman Jewish National Fund

HS:JBR

June 25th, 1930

Mr. Emanuel Neumann,
Jewish National Fund,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Emanuel:-

I was pleased to hear from you.
We shall look forward with pleasure to having you
at our home for dinner on Sunday noon.

I shall call for you at the
Statler at 12:30 and bring you out to the house.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

October
Eight
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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Ansel Rd. and East 105th St.,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

Have been trying for the last ten days
to reach you but as yet have been unable to do so.
I must see you at the earliest possible moment, as
I have received very important news from the J. N. F.
in Jerusalem concerning the Nachlath Cleveland, upon
which I wish to consult you, and also other important
local matters.

Kindly have your secretary call me at
Garfield 8152 J immediately as to when I can see you.

Thanking you for your prompt attention, I
remain

Very truly yours,

Samuel Lomach

הקונסיל של קרן הקימת לישראל דקליבלנד, אה"י

CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

1124 EAST 105TH STREET

CLEVELAND, O.

December 5, 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I just learned from a dependable Jewish National Fund director that Ussishkin is regretting his visit to this country. He stated that he will not return to the United States after the Zionist Congress.

If we consider the local Allied Drive, it will mean a loss of five to ten thousand dollars for the Jewish National Fund. We should insist, if possible to combine the Dunam Land Action with the Allied Drive and offer Ussishkin's coming to Cleveland before the drive as an aid to the raising of the quota for the Allied Drive.

Dear Rabbi, note that we failed last year of the Dunam Land Action on account of the Allied Drive and we do not wish to repeat it again. At present, the Jewish National Fund cannot be and should not be the loser.

If it is possible, we wish that you take up the matter with Mr. Goldhammer before you leave for New York.

I shall try to see you on Wednesday, according to my appointment with you.

Very cordially yours,

Samuel Ismach

MINUTES MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

Dec. 19, 1930.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund was held on Thursday, Dec. 19th at 8:30 P.M. at the Pennsylvania Hotel, 32nd St. and 7th Avenue, New York City.

PRESENT:

Mr. Emanuel Neumann in the chair, Messrs. H. Abramowitz, Ephraim Caplan, Hyman Danelson, Rabbi Benj. W. Greenberg, Harry J. Kahn, Sol Lamport, Miss Rachel Natelson, David Podolsky, Louis Rimsky, Bernard A. Rosenblatt, I.H. Rubin, J. Rudavsky, Julius Simon, Abr. Spierer, Jos. Weiss, David Wertheim, and Max Rudensky, by invitation.

Regrets for inability to attend were received from Rabbi I. M. Kowalsky and Hon. Nelson Rattenberg.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Nov. 21st were adopted as circulated.

NATIONAL FUND CONFERENCE

Mr. Neumann reported that pursuant to the decision of the Board of Directors, a cable was sent to Mr. Ussishkin urging his visit to America. To that cable Mr. Ussishkin replied that he communicated with Dr. Weizmann, and awaited a reply from London. Dr. Weizmann communicated with America with a view to obtaining Mr. Warburg's consent. The latter strongly opposed this visit. Mr. Ussishkin subsequently cabled us that he did not wish to come without the good will and approval of Mr. Warburg, and asked us to do our utmost to get Mr. Warburg's consent.

In the meantime, we had reached the understanding with the Z.O.A. that we should call a National Conference. Mr. Lipsky thought it necessary to advise Mr. Warburg and invite him to attend. He accordingly wrote to Mr. Warburg inviting him to the Conference. Mr. Warburg replied that he objected to the calling of the Conference on the ground that it was not in accordance with the previous understanding that all the energy of the Zionists be concentrated upon the forthcoming Joint Drive. He informed the Z.O.A. that it is for them to decide how we should proceed. A meeting was called of the Z.O.A. members of our Board and the Administrative Committee of the Z.O.A., with Mr. Rothenberg in the chair. After a long discussion, it was finally decided to make clear to the Agency that the National Fund was not planning to conduct a campaign at this time, but merely intended to intensify its old activities, laying greater stress on the land donations which had been barred during the U.I.A. drive. We expect to raise through our regular sources by an intensified activity half a million dollars, in order to make up the loss of the amount formerly received from the U.P.A. After it had been made clear to the Agency that we were not planning to run a rival campaign, they finally agreed that it would be all right to call our National Fund Conference. We accordingly went ahead and made

arrangements for the Conference to be held on January 19th in Philadelphia. The Administrative Committee is now engaged in getting this conference together. This is the first time we will have a conference outside of New York City.

The Administrative Committee has made arrangements with Mr. Robert Silverman of Boston to become a field worker for the National Fund, to travel to various communities, see people and arrange for their attendance at the Conference. Mr. Rudensky is to do the same. Together they will cover perhaps 30 or 40 cities, and we may expect a well attended conference. We plan to have the Conference in the afternoon, and a public meeting in the evening. The program of the Conference has not been decided upon definitely. We are approaching various prominent people to address the meeting. If possible, we want to have someone prominent in government circles. He is trying to get Secretary Hyde, who is a pro-Zionist. We are also inviting Dr. Wise, Judge Mack, Rev. Masliansky, Julius Simon, Shmarya Levin and Ben Zvi.

We can have a very fine Conference and work up a great deal of enthusiasm for the National Fund but it must be clear that we are foregoing this year the privilege of running a large campaign, which is our right, in accordance with the authority given to us by the Zurich Congress. We are doing so in order to avoid any unpleasant conflict with the Agency.

On a motion made by Mr. Rimsky and seconded by Miss Natelson, it was decided to approve the report of Mr. Neumann.

INSURANCE

Mr. Neumann reported that for some time past Mr. Danelson has been working on a plan to get prominent insurance companies to undertake some effort for the National Fund through insurance policies and bequests. He has found that the Equitable has a special department for writing insurance for the benefit of public welfare institutions, charitable funds, etc. They met the committees in charge and finally won their support.

The question before the Board is whether to approve in principle such an activity and to authorize the Administrative Committee to make further arrangements with the Equitable. We cannot as yet decide on anything definite as the entire matter is still not very clear to us. All we know is that they are willing to publish at their expense literature pertaining to bequests and insurance for the National Fund. It is for us to develop this activity, following up their lead. Perhaps afterwards, we can proceed with other companies as well. This happens to be a particularly fine company with which to make a start.

Mr. Danelson said that we must prepare for the Equitable an outline of what we want them to do for us. He would not proceed further unless his plan will be approved of. His idea is that it is not only a matter of propaganda but education. He believes that this can become an excellent source of revenue and would make it possible for this generation to redeem all the land in Palestine. All we have to do is to make insurance for the National Fund popular. The plan he proposed to Mr. Neumann is that we organize local committees of business men who would lend their name to sponsor this under-

taking. He thinks that we can enroll 2500 people all over the country on these committees. It stands to reason that the members of the committees thus organized will take out policies and this will give us a good start. If we work hand in hand with the Equitable and pick the proper men to take care of it and use the influence of the committees thus organized, he thinks we would have at least fifteen million dollars in insurance this year. He also pointed out that the plan of the Equitable would make it possible for the National Fund to acquire loans on the cash value of the policies acquired.

Miss Natelson inquired whether the situation with the Equitable is not parallel to that which prevailed two years ago with the arrangements pending with the Judaea and when it was later found that it was not within the scope of the National Fund Constitution.

Mr. Neumann replied that since we do not do the actual selling of the insurance, the objection which was raised then would not apply in this case.

Mr. Podolsky was of the opinion that the support of the companies is not sufficient to guarantee success. What we need is the support of the agents. Furthermore he could not understand why it was necessary to approach a strange company when we have the Order, which is empowered to issue policies. He believed that since the O.B.Z. has such power, we would benefit more by approaching them, and this would be a safer, surer and much nicer way of carrying on this activity.

Mr. Kahn, too, agreed that the most important thing would be to secure the support of the agents. This is to be done by means of constantly going after them and sending them literature, a method which does not involve a large expenditure. The question is whether we are permitted to appropriate a budget of about \$15,000 for a source of income which cannot show immediate returns. As for the Order Sons of Zion, Mr. Podolsky would be perfectly justified in his objections, but he forgets that in order to take out a policy, one must be a member of the Order.

It was finally decided to appoint a special committee to look into the plan of Mr. Danelson and to take into consideration all other opinions expressed. The following committee was appointed: Judge B. A. Rosenblatt, Hyman Danelson and Harry J. Kahn.

It was further decided on motion of Mr. Simon, seconded by Judge Rosenblatt, that this committee was to have full power to go ahead with negotiations with the Equitable. Their decision will be subject to the approval of the Administrative Committee where the expenditure of money will be involved.

REPORT OF INCOME

Mr. Rubin reported that our fears lest our income will diminish were allayed. He quoted the following figures:

<u>Income</u>	- From Oct. 1, 1928 - Dec. 14th, 1928	\$29,278.	
	" Oct. 1, 1929 - Dec. 14th, 1929	39,913.	Increase - \$10,635.
<u>Expenses</u>	- From Oct. 1, 1928 - Nov. 30th, 1928	12,260.	
	" Oct. 1, 1929 - Nov. 30th, 1929	12,638.	

He also reported that due to the efforts of Mr. Nelson Ruttenberg, we were enabled to secure this year a permit for Flag Day, Dec. 8th, as a result of which the collections amounted to about \$12,000 instead of the \$7000 raised last year. A vote of appreciation was expressed to Mr. Ruttenberg for his services.

EXPANSION

Mr. Neumann reported that several propositions have been submitted for covering various sections of the city of New York; that there are a number of UPA directors available at present, and we ought to utilize such possibilities. Assuming that we will this year have an increased income, it would be well for the Board to authorize the Administrative Committee to go beyond its now limited budget to the extent of about \$25,000. This, he explained, would be used for publicity work, literature, engaging of special people, etc.

Mr. Spierer pointed out that he was in principle in agreement with Mr. Neumann in favoring an increased expenditure, even if it may mean an increase in the percentage of ratio. But he did not approve of using this money for only certain sections, instead of being extended to the entire city as a whole. He further objected to the N.F. permitting the UPA to unload its machinery on the National Fund.

Mr. Rubin said that he did not think an appropriation of \$25,000 sufficiently large. He felt that we would need at least \$40,000 in order to raise the required additional \$200,000. He recommended that a resolution be passed authorizing the Administrative Committee to expend not more than 30% of the amount collected instead of the 25% which was the maximum expenditure allowed heretofore.

Mr. Rinsky felt that it was impossible to pass on the additional \$40,000 unless we knew the entire plan; that it really did look as if we are preparing to engage the entire staff of the U.F.A. for the N.F.

On motion made by Mr. Danelson and seconded by Mr. Spierer, it was decided to empower and authorize the Administrative Committee to continue with its effort for expansion and that the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated for the purpose of carrying on that special activity. This motion was carried, Mr. Rinsky voting against it.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. RUBIN
SEC'Y