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United Jewish Appeal, 1951-1952.



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OF THE

United Jewish Appeal

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TO ATTEND A

National Report Conference

TO HEAR THE AUTHORITATIVE FINDINGS OF THE SPECIAL
UJA LEADERSHIP MISSION NOW IN ISRAEL

*And to plan the implementation of urgent programs
that must be completed through the UJA*

before the end of December, 1951



SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 27

6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

10:00 A.M.

HOTEL COMMODORE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Please Respond on the Enclosed Card

OPEN LETTER TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

About a year ago the Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Federation appointed a committee to coordinate in Indianapolis the various aspects of the Four-Point Program of Aid to Israel. In 1951 the committee was able to coordinate the efforts of the community on behalf of both the Welfare Federation Drive and the sale of Israel Bonds. Arrangements were made for a division of time, of manpower and of effort to allow for the conduct of both campaigns without overlapping or conflict. Through these efforts in 1951, both campaigns were more successful than the general average throughout the country. It is more necessary than ever before that in 1952 there be effective coordination.

There has been an announcement on the national level that the sale of Bonds for Israel is to continue on an all year-round level. We interpret this statement as meaning that there is to be no cessation of the sale of Bonds during the period of our Welfare Federation campaign.

Because of the stark needs of Israel, it is essential that the campaigns of both the Jewish Welfare Federation which sends the major portion of its receipts to Israel in the form of free dollars, and the campaign for the sale of Bonds for Israel, which provides dollars necessary for the development of the economic welfare of the State, meet with success in 1952.

The undersigned, meeting on February 25, 1952, as the Coordinating Committee and representing much of the leadership of both the Jewish Welfare Federation and the Israel Bond Campaign, considered the problems facing the community and are unanimously recommending the following course of action in order to insure the success of both campaigns:

1. During the period March 1 to June 15, 1952, the Indianapolis Jewish community devote itself exclusively to the campaign of the Jewish Welfare Federation.
2. During this period of March 1 through June 15, there be no organized effort to sell Bonds for Israel in Indianapolis.
3. Upon completion of the Federation campaign all efforts and energies be redirected once again to the campaign for the sale of Bonds for Israel.

It is our considered opinion that by following this plan our community will be better able to discharge its responsibilities to the utmost. To that end we invite and urge the cooperation of our entire Jewish community.

ABE BORIN

LAZURE L. GOODMAN

NATHAN REGENSTREIF

MERRILL COHEN

RABBI WILLIAM P. GREENFELD

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United **PALESTINE** Appeal

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (*Keren Hayesod*)
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The Temple

East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am pleased to inform you that you have been designated as a member of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal for 1952.

The overwhelming problems faced by the Jewish Agency and the Keren Hayesod in the coming year will require not only a maximum of financial assistance but the guidance and counsel of our top leadership in this country. I am looking forward to the opportunity of working closely with you in the year ahead.

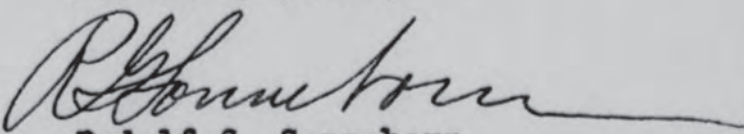
The annual meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Sunday, January 27th at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will concern itself with the election of officers for 1952, a report on UPA activities and the formulation of plans for 1952.

Since this meeting will determine basic policy for our organization, I hope you will make every effort to attend.

The meeting will be followed by a buffet supper at 6:00 p.m. in honor of Mr. Robert Silverman to mark his forty years of service to the Zionist movement and to its fund raising program.

Will you please indicate on the enclosed card that you will attend.

Cordially yours,


Rudolf G. Sonneborn
National Chairman

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They Must Never Be Homeless Again



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Dear Abba:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors has elected you to the office of National Vice-Chairman of the United Israel Appeal. As an officer you will also serve on the Executive Committee with full power.

I want to express to you my own personal pleasure in your selection.

I look forward to the prospect of working closely with you on behalf of the programs in Israel which are financed through United Israel Appeal funds.

Cordially yours,

Rudolf G. Sonneborn
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National Chairman

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

February 6, 1952

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Ellis Radinsky, Executive Director

Attached hereto is a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, which was held on January 2, 1952, at the offices of the UPA.

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CONFIDENTIAL

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
HELD ON JANUARY 2, 1952
AT 4:30 p.m. AT OFFICES OF THE UPA

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Rudolf G. Sonneborn, National Chairman, Presiding

Present

were: Miss Juliet N. Benjamin, Mendel N. Fisher, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Mrs. Bert Goldstein, Mrs. Benjamin Gottesman, Mrs. Samuel Halprin, Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, Abraham Krumbein, Dr. Harris J. Levine, Abraham L. Liebovitz, David Moskowitz, Barney Rapaport, Ellis Radinsky, Baruch Zuckerman.

Guests: Sidney S. Green, Zvi Herman, Berl Locker, Martin Panzer.

CHANGE OF NAME

While previous action had been taken on the matter at the Washington Conference, it was decided that the Board of Directors should be polled. Thus far, the vote shows 85 for changing the name of the Corporation to the United Israel Appeal, only one vote in the negative. Since the Board of Directors constitutes 120, it is obvious that a clear majority has already recorded itself for the change.

Mrs. Goldstein moved that the change of name be adopted.

It was seconded by Mr. Krumbein and unanimously approved.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JANUARY 27, 1952

Mr. Radinsky announced that the annual meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on January 27th at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City. The meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. and will be followed by a buffet dinner in honor of Robert Silverman on the completion of 50 years of service.

UPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1952

In response to a question raised by Dr. Levine on the re-constitution of the Keren Hayesod and UPA Boards, Dr. Goldmann announced that there was agreement of all parties as to the representation of both Boards.

Mrs. Goldstein asked for a clarification of the relationship of the Keren Hayesod Board to the UPA Board.

Mr. Zuckerman pointed out that each party designates a pre-determined number of Board members and this list is approved by the Keren Hayesod as members of the Board of Directors of the UPA. The number designated by the Keren Hayesod is 72, whereas 48 are designated by the communities.

In response to a question by Dr. Levine as to the members of the UPA Corporation, Mr. Radinsky pointed out that a tentative agreement had been reached which provides that the Keren Hayesod will specify the members of the UPA Corporation.

25% CLAUSE

Mr. Radinsky reviewed the action taken at the UJA conference which will permit a maximum of 25% of a contributors bond purchases to be turned over as payment of a UJA pledge. It was the intention of the UJA to make every effort to discourage the acceptance of bonds by the local Welfare Funds, but in the event of their acceptance, to take the bonds, provided they do not exceed 25% of the bond holdings of the contributor. It will be necessary for the UPA to take similar action.

Dr. Goldmann expressed the belief that the UPA should, under similar conditions, accept its share of such bonds turned in. He felt that the JDC should also accept its share of them.

Mr. Rapaport warned that the acceptance of any quantities of bonds would make for a serious shortage of dollars for Israel.

Mr. Radinsky pointed out that JDC has tentatively agreed to accept its share in bonds to a maximum of \$6,000,000 providing that bonds will be converted at the same rate as if they were dollars. However, the JDC is not prepared to put this into the UJA contract because they point out that the JDC has consistently opposed the decision to accept bonds while the UPA has taken formal action to accept them at the request of the Government of Israel. Thus, the understanding with the JDC on the acceptance of bonds will be incorporated in a separate document.

Mrs. Halprin expressed the feeling that a letter should be sent to the UJA indicating the basis of our acceptance of bonds.

Mr. Radinsky suggested the content of such a letter should point out that the most effective way to help Israel is to pay all pledges in dollars. In case, however, a Welfare Fund is obliged to accept bonds and is assured that the bonds accepted do not exceed 25% of the total bond purchases actually paid for by the contributor, the UPA will be prepared to accept these bonds from the UJA.

Mr. Krumbein moved that the UPA furnish such a letter to the UJA.

This motion was seconded by Miss Benjamin and was passed unanimously.

COORDINATION OF UJA AND BOND DRIVE

Mr. Radinsky reported that a meeting was to take place within the next day or two in Jerusalem at the request of the Prime Minister which would involve Mr. Montor, on behalf of the Bond Drive, Dr. Schwartz, on behalf of National UJA and Mr. Bernstein, on behalf of the New York UJA. It is understood that the purpose of this meeting will be to work out a means of close cooperation and a procedure for timing of campaigns.

UJA CONFERENCE

Mr. Radinsky, reporting on the UJA conference, paid tribute to the earnestness of the discussion and the high level of the proceedings. A goal of \$151,500,000 was adopted which reflects the difference between the total needs of the three

agencies and the money which may be obtained from other sources. The general consensus was that, in view of the fact that in 1948 a sum in excess of \$150,000,000 was raised, the 1952 goal will be realizable and an effective means of stimulating increased giving.

Mr. Rapaport expressed his concern that a goal of \$151,500,000 as against the 1951 statement of needs which was considerably higher, may have an adverse effect on large givers.

UJA AGREEMENT

Mr. Radinsky reviewed the long negotiations between the JDC and the UPA and pointed out that there was early agreement on all points with the exception of the matter of the JNF ceiling. There was agreement that (1) the Committee of Five to discuss USNA-NYANA needs be continued, (2) that the division of funds continue to be the same as 1951 which is 67 percent of the first \$55,000,000 distributable and 87½ percent of everything over \$55,000,000. The JDC will spend considerably more money in Israel and North Africa and less in Europe.

However, on the matter of the JNF ceiling, persistent efforts were made by the UPA to persuade the JDC to withdraw the JNF ceiling limitations in return for which the UPA and the Jewish Agency would give assurances that the JNF would not interfere with the UJA effort. Similar assurances were already given by the President of the JNF. The UPA brought into the discussion, at different times, the members of the Jewish Agency Executive, JNF leadership and the CJFNF. The JDC, however, remained adamant and contended that the elimination of the ceiling would result in expanded campaigning by JNF. While the UPA denied this consistently, an impasse was reached which had to be resolved at the Atlantic City Conference.

Negotiations continued through part of the Atlantic City Conference and was finally resolved by a decision of the members of the Jewish Agency Executive because it became apparent that the failure to arrive at an agreement would throw the entire conference into chaos and would result in the loss of top national UJA leadership. The Jewish Agency, therefore, made a decision not to destroy the UJA campaign even though they recognized that they had an obligation to try and remove the ceiling.

Dr. Goldmann supplemented the report by pointing out that he was aware that the decision to maintain the ceiling was unjust to the JNF, but was dictated by circumstances. The Jewish Agency had to choose between giving up the UJA or implementing the decision to eliminate the JNF ceiling. Only one decision was possible. He, therefore, assured the JNF representatives that the entire matter would come before the Actions Committee and that body would decide whether some compensation should be given the JNF for the failure to remove the ceiling. He pointed out that the question of the ceiling was not a matter for the UPA to decide by itself, but that it involved a second party, the JDC, which was not bound by a Congress decision. However, he wanted to make it clear that in making this decision, the Jewish Agency action should not be interpreted as a lack of appreciation of the importance of the JNF which still remains one of the main instruments for work in Israel.

Mr. Sonneborn pointed out that at one point, the JDC was ready to make a concession in terms of unlimited box collections, but that the JNF refused to accept this offer.

Dr. Levine expressed the point of view that the failure to eliminate the ceiling was a blow not only to the JNF but to the Zionist movement. The Zionist movement must now agree that the JNF must be able to retain all funds raised by it above the ceiling.

Mr. Fisher stated that the JNF did not accept the decision to continue the ceiling but that the UPA and the Jewish Agency which agreed to continue the ceiling should assume some responsibility for assisting the JNF.

Mrs. Halprin described her efforts to persuade the JDC to remove the ceiling but felt that the difficulty stemmed from the fact that the Congress made a decision which involved a party over which it had no authority. She felt that had the resolution been worded differently, it might have been possible to achieve the elimination of the ceiling. She warned that nothing should be done to undermine the decision which was agreed to by the UPA, and the campaign should not be carried out on the basis that "there is no ceiling."

Mrs. Goldstein also felt that the Congress made a mistake in trying to legislate for the JDC. She felt that every effort should be made within the limitations of the JNF traditional collections to raise maximum funds even if the JDC is reimbursed for it.

Mr. Locker warned that no one should go around stating that there is no ceiling and pointed to the JDC complaints about JNF dinners and urged that there be a very well defined list of traditional collections.

It was pointed out to Mr. Locker that such a list was already agreed upon and there was no change from the list previously appearing in the UPA contract.

Mr. Zvi Herman pointed out that the Committee in Israel decided to allow the interested parties to make their own agreement on traditional collections and that such a decision has been arrived at by the committee in this country and the decision is valid.

Dr. Levine gave his assurance that regardless of the bitterness at the failure to achieve the elimination of the ceiling, the JNF will not go out on an intensive campaign and that it only seeks to broaden the base of its activity along traditional lines and that it will not in any way conflict with the UJA.

Mr. Zuckerman moved that the agreement with the JDC be approved.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Community Insists On Its Freedom Of Action In Telegram To Amb. Eban

Unified Community Stands Fast In The Face Of Onslaught By Outsiders

The Indianapolis Jewish community awoke Tuesday morning in stunned amazement to learn that the New York officials of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel had recently planned a meeting at the Claypool Hotel on March 30 at which Golda Meyerson was to speak. Afraid of resistance by the local people who had sold more than \$600,000 worth of Israel Bonds, the New York officials did not consult the Indianapolis Bond Committee or even take the trouble to inform them of their proposed action. Using a free dinner as bait, the New York officials hoped to attract enough people to a meeting to defy the will of the organized community and to give the appearance that outside interlopers could run a successful meeting contrary to the will of responsible leadership. This unprecedented action by the New York officials was done without any concern about the possible consequences on Israel nor without serious realization that the irresponsible actions could only bring harm to that struggling young State. The American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel apparently wanted to make a test case out of Indianapolis after many communities throughout the country had refused to organize similar meetings. Eighty percent of all Jewish communities in America are now in the opening stages of planning their 1952 campaigns. All responsible American Jewish leaders are fully aware that the success of their 1952 campaigns are dependent upon a unified effort by all members of their communities without outside interference from competitive drives, such as the sale of bonds.

DECISION AGAINST WILL OF PEOPLE

Mr. Sam Ziffrin, chairman of the Indianapolis Bond Committee, reported that he was as unaware of the decision by the national bond organization as anyone else. Other staunch supporters of the bond campaign, such as Lazure L. Goodman, Julian Freeman, Morris Goodman, Mrs. Jack A. Goodman, Mrs. Lewis Levy, Merrill Cohen and scores of others who had worked diligently for months on behalf of bonds were equally uninformed. When one of the paid officials of the bond organization was asked why the local leadership had not even been shown the courtesy of being informed, he replied that he was certain that these people would be against the proposed meeting.

OUTSIDERS CHALLENGE LOCAL UNITY

This invasion of the community by outside forces is most evidently an attempt to challenge the action of the local Coordinating Committee, which two weeks ago recommended a simple but effective arrangement to assure the success of both the 1952 campaign and the future sale of bonds. This action by the Coordinating Committee was concurred in by the local top leadership of the Bond Committee as well as the top leadership of the Jewish Welfare

Federation. The Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Federation by a vote of 23 to 1 backed the action of the Coordinating Committee and expressed its full confidence in its ability to give sound advice to the Indianapolis Jewish community. The community will recall that the Coordinating Committee recommended that the community should concentrate its effort exclusively on the annual spring drive from the period March 1 to June 15. This action by the Coordinating Committee was one of several agreements arrived at in the country between the local welfare funds and the local bond committees and has been a usual type of action to enable the communities to proceed in an orderly and dignified way in meeting their responsibilities for all causes. Apparently the New York officials of the bond organization prefer disastrous chaos to orderly procedures.

LOCAL RECORD BEST IN COUNTRY

The local Coordinating Committee recognized that if the community followed their recommendations, maximum success would be assured in 1952 for aid to Israel. The Coordinating Committee's action the previous year had brought an exceptional measure of success to both the Federation campaign and the bond drive. The bond organization is fully aware that the sale of bonds in Indianapolis is probably the best record in the country. This vital aid for Israel would not have been possible if the New York officials of the Bond organization had had their way.

WORK TO PRODUCE MOST FOR ISRAEL

Indianapolis was the first Jewish community in America to establish a Coordinating Committee to work out methods of coordination and cooperation between the bond drive and the Federation campaigns. Innumerable other cities immediately followed suit. Mr. Montorf himself in an interview in Jerusalem this summer paid high tribute to the efforts of the local Coordinating Committees and stated that the success of local bond drives was

due to efforts of the Coordinating Committees established by the welfare funds. In those few communities where there were no Coordinating Committees the result of the bond campaigns and the welfare campaigns were uniformly poor yet the national officers of the bond organization have been willfully and irresponsibly harming Israel by attempting to disrupt these orderly local procedures.

BIG'S RECORD OF SABOTAGE

Many efforts were made to get some measure of coordination on the national scene between the various competing drives. All such attempts ended in failure simply because the national officers of the bond organization had sabotaged them. Local coordinating committees were established definitely because of these failures on the national scene. Responsible national leadership which met in Chicago at the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds General Assembly in December 1951 and at the United Jewish Appeal Conference held in Atlantic City the following month again went on record urging that the officials of the bond organization of the United Jewish Appeal set up a national method of coordination. The officials of the bond organization ignored these appeals but deliberately immediately thereafter informed all its employees that the bond organization regardless of consequences was to run the bond campaign 365 days a year.

UJA—BACKBONE OF ISRAELI PROGRAM

Responsible leadership is aware that the major casualty of such actions will be the United Jewish Appeal. Despite all supplementary efforts including the sale of bonds, the United Jewish Appeal is the backbone of American Jewry's program to see Israel through its present crisis. The United Jewish Appeal has raised more money for Israel than all other efforts combined. Without the United Jewish Appeal there would be literal starvation in Israel. The Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Federation has been fully aware of that critical importance of the United Jewish Appeal in this great life or death matter in Israel. During the past six years this community has made avail-

able to the UJA more than four million dollars. The Jewish Welfare Federation to meet emergencies and crises pledged its good name and faith in the future by borrowing from banks in excess of two million dollars. Any move which harms the United Jewish Appeal at this time can only be an outrageous disservice to the hundreds of thousands people who are dependent upon the United Jewish Appeal for their food. The invasion of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel of this community at a time when the Jewish Welfare Federation is planning its 1952 campaign of which more than 60 percent will go into the UJA is an action which no responsible local leader can condone.

INVASION IGNORES JWF BENEFICIARIES

But even more important, 56 other organizations are dependent upon their existence on the Federation annual campaign, many of which perform vital services for Israel at home and nationally.

BIG OFFICIAL DEFIANT

When the Bond Organization was confronted with the fact that they had been negotiating in bad faith with the Jewish Welfare Federation on having Mrs. Myerson open the 1952 Campaign, their only reply was open defiance. Meyer Steinglass, the publicity agent of the National Bond Organization who was sent to Indianapolis to put on the high-pressure effort to entice people to the March 30 meeting, stated, "We will run this meeting even if I am the only man there."

FEDERATION BRINGS SUCCESS

Stung to action by this invasion of representatives of a national organization with no local responsibilities or ties, the united India-

napolis Jewish community could make only one reply—Resistance. The unity and the harmony on the local scene which has brought so much success in past fundraising efforts and sensible planning would be maintained despite the onslaught by outside forces. The community is aware that there have been fifty years of continuous progress, effective meeting of all responsibilities, Local, National, and Overseas by unity and federated programming. The Federation is equally aware that no effort for any cause could succeed without Federation participation. It should be noted that the overwhelming amount of bonds purchased in this community was by members of the Board of the Federation. A responsible organization assumes a total need. Irresponsible interlopers can only fragmentize and bring destruction.

UNITY WILL BE MAINTAINED

In the face of the onslaught, the Indianapolis Jewish Community merely reaffirmed again that it is a sovereign community which has always made its own decisions and intends to remain thus. Local freedom of action and local sovereignty have been the rules of successful fund-raising in America, and the successful meeting of world-wide responsibilities. There is no other approach.

All leaders in Indianapolis immediately began a campaign to preserve the good name of our community. The full details of the case were laid before Ambassador Abba Eban and the top officials of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel. Most responsible organizations as well as individuals sent personal wires protesting this invasion of community rights. The challenge will be met!

COPY OF TELEGRAM
MARCH 13, 1952 11:00

AMBASSADOR ABBA EBAN
STATE OF ISRAEL
C/O ISRAELI EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT LETTER WAS SENT LAST NIGHT TO RUDOLPH SONNENBORN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN UNITED JEWISH APPEAL. QUOTE YOUR DECISION TO HAVE MRS. MYERSON SPEAK HERE UNDER AUSPICES OF BOND ORGANIZATION WAS DONE WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH RESPONSIBLE LOCAL BOND LEADERSHIP AND AGAINST EXPRESSED WISHES OF ORGANIZED COMMUNITY. EVIDENT FROM PRESS RELEASES OF THIS EVENING MAILING TODAY OF INVITATIONS BY BOND GROUP AND TELEVISION ANNOUNCEMENTS THE PLANS FOR PRESENTING MRS. MYERSON UNDER BOND SPONSORSHIP HAD MATURED PRIOR TO YOUR AGREEMENT WITH ME. WE INSIST THAT THE ANNOUNCED APPEARANCE OF MRS. MYERSON OF MARCH 30 UNDER AUSPICES OF BOND ORGANIZATION BE PUBLICLY REPUDIATED. INSIST THAT YOU ADHERE TO TERMS OF YOUR AGREEMENT OF MARCH 10 TO HAVE GOLDA MYERSON SPEAK IN INDIANAPOLIS ON MARCH 30 UNDER THE SOLE AUSPICES OF THE INDIANAPOLIS JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION. UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT MRS. MYERSON IS TO HELP OPEN THE 1952 CAMPAIGN OF THE INDIANAPOLIS JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION AND TO PRESENT THE STORY OF ISRAEL. THE CONTENTS OF THIS TELEGRAM ARE AUTHORIZED BY TOP LEADERSHIP OF LOCAL BOND COMMITTEE AND WELFARE FEDERATION INCLUDING CHAIRMAN OF BOTH CAMPAIGNS. REQUEST REPLY BY RETURN WESTERN UNION END OF QUOTE STOP SHOCKED JEWISH COMMUNITY OF INDIANAPOLIS DEEPLY RESENTS AND PROTESTS ANNOUNCED MEETING PRESENTING GOLDA MYERSON UNDER AUSPICES OF BONDS OF ISRAEL GOVERNMENT TO BE HELD CLAYPOOL HOTEL INDIANAPOLIS MARCH 30. CHAIRMAN SAM ZIFFRIN OF BOND DRIVE AND CHAIRMAN L. L. GOODMAN OF WELFARE FEDERATION DRIVE JOIN IN MAKING THIS PROTEST. THIS IS NOT A MATTER OF COORDINATION AT LOCAL LEVEL. WE HAVE COMPLETE COORDINATION OF LOCAL FORCES. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL TO FORCE THEIR ACTIONS ON AN INDEPENDENT AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY. ACTION OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVES FURTHER VIOLATES AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN RUDOLPH SONNENBORN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF UJA AND THE UNDER-SIGNED TO PRESENT MRS. MYERSON TO THE INDIANAPOLIS COMMUNITY ON MARCH 30 IN OPENING MEETING WELFARE FEDERATION CAMPAIGN. REGRET TO ADVISE HOWEVER THAT IT NOW APPEARS THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOND MEETING WERE ALREADY A FAIT ACCOMPLI EARLY THIS WEEK AND BEFORE WE CONCLUDED OUR AGREEMENT WITH SONNENBORN. THIS COMMUNITY HAS THROUGH THE YEARS A PROUD RECORD OF SUPPORTING ISRAEL THROUGH THE UJA THROUGH OTHER AGENCIES OPERATING IN ISRAEL AND THROUGH PURCHASE OF BONDS. OUR 7,200 PEOPLE IN LAST YEAR HAD WELFARE FUND CAMPAIGN OF \$600,000 AND BOND COMMITMENTS OF \$600,000. THIS IS FAR ABOVE THE GENERAL AVERAGE FOR COMMUNITIES OUR SIZE OR LARGER. THE ATTACK OF PAID REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL UPON OUR COMMUNITY WILL BE RESISTED WITH ALL OF THE FORCE AT THE COMMAND OF 7,200 DETERMINED PEOPLE WHO INSIST ON MAINTAINING THEIR INDEPENDENCE OF ACTION. ADVISE YOUR IMMEDIATE INTERCESSION OR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSEQUENCES.

JULIAN FREEMAN

Agreements Are Scraps Of Paper To Bond Officials

The amazement and chagrin of the community was compounded when it learned that Julian Freeman, President of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Honorary Chairman of the local Bond Committee, reached an agreement with Rudolph Sonnenborn, National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Chairman of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, to bring Mrs. Myerson to Indianapolis under the sole auspices of the Jewish Welfare Federation. According to this agreement, Mrs. Myerson was to speak at a dinner to open the 1952 Campaign. This meeting was for the purpose of interpreting to the community the total needs in 1952. There was to be no solicitation. At the time when Mr. Freeman concluded a solemn and honorable agreement with Mr. Sonnenborn, the national bond organization had already completed all arrangements for its competitive meeting at the Claypool Hotel, had printed all the invitations, had sent in a staff of publicity experts from New York, and had sent wires to a large number of local leaders asking that they serve on a Sponsoring Committee for the bond meeting. It is needless to point out that responsible leaders refused to participate on the Sponsoring Committee and considered this duplicity a personal affront.

Federation Stands Pat Against Bond Meeting

Insists On Priority For Its Annual Campaign

The Board of Directors Wednesday night in extraordinary session voted 34 to 1 to reaffirm the Jewish Welfare Federation's basic policy towards the March 30 meeting for Golda Myerson. It authorized the leadership to once again extend their invitation to speak on March 30 under the sole auspices of the Jewish Welfare Federation to open the 1952 campaign. Many members expressed the feeling that they were shocked that a group of outsiders without local ties, without local permission, and without any local responsibility were willfully and maliciously invading this community.

Past Community Success Due To Coordination

The meeting lasted four hours. Not only the Board of Directors but also approximately 40 outside observers listened in rapt attention as Julian Freeman, President of the Jewish Welfare Federation, reviewed the entire case from beginning to end prior to his placing the matter before the Board of Directors.

Mr. Freeman explained the origin of the bond drive, its relationship to the local communities, the participation in it by local leadership to make it the success that it is today. He also pointed out that Indianapolis' past success in the Federation campaign and the sale of bonds was due to an intelligent, effective procedure worked out by the Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee was appointed over a year ago by the Federation. Its task was to work out an orderly procedure so that there would be no conflict in the timing and methods of the two campaigns. In its action this year, it was continuing along the successful pattern of 1951.

Mr. Freeman Reviewed What Happened In Other Cities

According to Mr. Freeman, where coordination existed, both campaigns were successful. Where there was no coordination but competition, both campaigns did badly and the effects were divisive. He explained to the members that he had arranged to have Mrs. Myerson speak in Indianapolis to open the 1952 campaign. While this arrangement was being consummated, the bond organization proceeded to face the community with a fait accompli with a bond meeting prepared long in advance.

United Community Will Solve The Problem

Freeman explained to the community leadership that "the well-being of Jewry throughout the world is dependent upon an effective and responsible central organization at home. It is our only tie with the future. It is our only method of helping people in Israel. It is the only way to live in a modern world. Any attempt by outside forces to shatter this unity will shatter our existence on the American scene."

Heavy Responsibilities Ahead

Mr. Freeman told of the gravity of the problem of Israel and the tremendous job that Indianapolis faces in raising more money than last year, in obtaining enormous sums of cash through banking and private sources for permanent expenditures and short-term notes. Several members of the Board reported later that Mr. Freeman's description of the great need had a most sobering effect. Mr. Freeman further pointed out that any interference with this job would be unspeakable.

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Julian Freeman Hailed By Board

Many members noted that Mr. Freeman had undergone an intense strain during the past two weeks due to the attack upon his community, but it was the unanimous opinion that he undoubtedly gave one of the most brilliant and effective presentations in his long and distinguished career. As he concluded his remarks, the entire audience broke into prolonged applause.

Other Leaders Support Mr. Freeman

Important leaders immediately followed Mr. Freeman, expressing their opinion that the backbone of the community, the people really interested in the welfare of Israel and America, were wholeheartedly behind the Federation stand. Lazure L. Goodman reported that several board members who were unable to attend fully supported the Federation position. These people were Louis J. Borinstein, David Lurvey, Philip Adler, Jr., Mrs. Jack A. Goodman, and Walter Wolf.

Rabbi William P. Greenfield reported on recent discussions which he had had with Golda Myerson, Rudolph Sonnenborn, and other leaders in the bond organization. He indicated that the bond organization was fully aware of the meaning of its actions, but that it was determined to proceed regardless of cost.

Stroyman Makes Motion

Bernard Stroyman presented the motion of the evening for discussion: that Mrs. Golda Myerson be invited to address the opening meeting of the Jewish Welfare Federation 1952 Campaign on March 30 under the exclusive auspices of the Jewish Welfare Federation.

Bond Organization Presents Its Case

Meyer Steinglass, director of public relations for the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, who is responsible for the New York Bond organization's arrangements in this community on behalf of the Myerson meeting, presented the views of that organization. Mr. Steinglass remarked that during his stay in Indianapolis he had been questioned as to why the bond organization had not consulted with the local leadership. His response to the question was that he knew that the community was opposed to this meeting. Therefore he stated that the bond organization decided to run the meeting without local consultation or approval. He stated that in his opinion the Coordinating Committee had acted hastily and without due consideration of the meaning of its actions. He expressed the opinion that the members of the Coordinating Committee were incapable of making a proper decision under the circumstances. Therefore the bond organization was justified in completely ignoring any local wishes. He recommended that the Federation repudiate the action of the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Freeman pointed out that that Board at its previous meeting had accepted the decision of the Coordinating Committee 23-1. Mr. Freeman also pointed out that Mr. Steinglass was questioning both the rights and the wisdom of the Board of Directors' previous action.

Evidence of Complete Outside Control

A two-hour discussion from the floor then followed. Merrill Cohen, who was chairman of Big Day on February 10 and who was responsible for mobilizing the people of Indianapolis for a house to house solicitation for bonds, stated that the bond organization in Indianapolis is a dictatorship from the outside. He stated that during the entire time he was engaged on Big Day activities every move, every policy, every aspect was determined directly from New York. In his opinion the local bond committee is a faction that has no authority to act; opinions expressed by members of the committee are arbitrarily overruled. He stated that the ignoring of the bond leadership is a calculated approach and that the bond organization is actually an outside group.

Compromise Suggested

Some members of the Board expressed themselves that perhaps a joint meeting could be held on March 30 by the bond organization and the Federation. These members stated that they were fully aware that their opinions were in direct contradiction to the statements made by Mr. Steinglass, who had left no room for compromise. Other members of the Board stated that not only were attempts at compromise futile but they were contrary to the best interests of the Federation. However, an amendment was made to the original motion: "that the Jewish Welfare Federation and the Bonds for Israel jointly sponsor the meeting for Golda Myerson on March 30." Several board members immediately pointed out in opposition to the amendment that the Federation could not co-sponsor a meeting where bonds were to be sold, particularly where the sale of bonds would be injurious to the Campaign. Furthermore, they said that it would be absurd for the Federation to be partners with a group which is determined to destroy the community.

Several board members noted that not only did the bond organization maliciously attack the Jewish community but implicated many well-meaning Christians.

Senseless Expenditure of Funds

The opinion was expressed by some members of the board that they could not understand why the bond organization was "so hysterically and senselessly spending money on a meeting which would at best net insignificant returns." They stated that never before in the history of Indianapolis had an invitation been sent out inviting the community to a free dinner; never before had half-page ads been taken in the daily press inviting people to a meeting at which funds were to be raised. Lazure Goodman stated that hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of bonds had been sold in this community at insignificant cost even before the bond organization had set up its office; now thousands of dollars, sorely needed in Israel, are being recklessly spent to sell nothing.

More Evidence of Conspiracy Against the Community

As the discussion was coming to a close, Sidney Cahn, Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Federation, presented additional evidence which he stated constituted a conspiracy against the Indianapolis Jewish community.

He reported that an important leader of another city had called Mr. Freeman just before the board meeting and informed Mr. Freeman that a high official of the bond organization had requested him to try to influence Mr. Freeman on behalf of the bond organization. This man also reported that the bond official had told him that the only reason the Myerson meeting was being scheduled in Indianapolis on March 30 was as a retaliation against the community for canceling the March 9, national day for house to house solicitation for bonds. Mr. Cahn pointed out that the official completely ignored the importance of selling bonds here and also ignored the importance of Mrs. Myerson. He was merely interested in retaliation. Mr. Cahn told of the unhappy experience of Newark, Pittsburgh, Denver, and Omaha communities in which the bond organization attempted to run meetings in competition with the local campaigns, but through the determined resistance of local leadership the bond organization was forced to withdraw. He also reported that contrary to the interest of the United Jewish Appeal, the bond organization had set up competitive fund-raising meetings during the heart of the New York United Jewish Appeal campaign. "It seems," he stated, "that running competitive meetings with the campaigns apparently is a national pattern and is part of a deliberate and willful policy to injure the United Jewish Appeal."

Stroyman States His Case

Mr. Stroyman concluded the discussion when he rose to explain the reason why he made his motion. With dramatic eloquence,

he said, "I was reared and educated in Palestine, now Israel. My love for that country and my affiliation with Zionism began when I was hardly able to walk. It is therefore unthinkable that I could be accused of any attempt to injure the land of my childhood. Even though the bond organization is supposed to help Israel, in this matter I cannot keep still. The demagogic conduct of the bond organization, its actions against the community make it imperative that this community resist with all its force. This is an attempt to weaken the Jewish community, and the life of Israel is inextricably tied up with the strength of the American Jewish community. Any weakening of the community is a serious harm to Israel."

An Overwhelming Vote Of Confidence

Mr. Freeman then called for the vote. The amendment for a joint meeting was defeated 29-8. The original motion made by Mr. Stroyman, "that the Welfare Federation invite Mrs. Myerson to address the opening meeting of the Jewish Welfare Federation on March 30 under the exclusive auspices of the Jewish Welfare Federation," carried by a vote of 34-1.

Hand Of Friendship Offered

As an offer of friendship towards Mrs. Myerson and the State of Israel, the Board of Directors, at Rabbi Greenfield's suggestion, unanimously endorsed a proposal that if Mrs. Myerson appears under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Federation, all members of the Federation active in the bond organization do everything in their power to realize a large sum of cash from outstanding bond pledges to present to Mrs. Myerson.

INDIANAPOLIS JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

March 27, 1952

Dear Friend,

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Indianapolis, whose 65 members are representative of all major Jewish organizations, reaffirms its whole-hearted support of the successful effort which it has historically directed in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and other beneficiaries of its annual campaign. It likewise reaffirms its whole-hearted support of Israel and the sale of Bonds of the Israel Government.

It realizes that through both, the welfare of the people of Israel and its government has been materially aided. The Jewish Welfare Federation firmly believes that maximum results can be achieved for both the Welfare Federation campaign and the Bond drive if they are not conducted concurrently, as such competition, it recognizes, would be detrimental to both causes. The outstanding success of both the Welfare Federation campaign and the Bond sale in Indianapolis during 1951 testifies to the soundness of such planning.

Because of this, the Jewish Welfare Federation has requested that between March 1 and June 15, 1952, the local Bond organization should not conduct any organized activity, and this action was concurred in by the leadership of the local Bond Committee.

In contradiction to this agreed policy, the American Financial and Development Corporation announced a community-wide dinner meeting in Indianapolis to be addressed by Mrs. Golda Myerson on March 30 for the sale of Bonds. To avoid conflict, the Federation requested that, instead, Mrs. Myerson address the kick-off meeting for the Jewish Welfare Federation campaign of which the United Jewish Appeal is the principal beneficiary. This request was denied.

On or about March 22, 1952, a four-page letter was distributed widely within the Indianapolis Jewish community by the Bonds of Israel Government through its Indianapolis office, in which an attack was made upon the Jewish Welfare Federation, its Board of Directors, its president, Julian Freeman; the Coordinating Committee, and Rabbi William P. Greenfield. The venomous allegations and accusations by the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel are so replete with misrepresentations, distortions, and untruths that the Federation believes it beneath its dignity to make a detailed answer to them.

The Federation expresses its implicit faith and confidence in its president, Julian Freeman, and reaffirms the wisdom of the stand that he has taken in this particular matter as representing the almost unanimous opinion of the Board of Directors, and we take this occasion to pay tribute to Julian Freeman's leadership not only in Indianapolis, but also nationally as president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and as a participant and leader in Jewish and non-sectarian causes. He has been an outstanding and devoted advocate of the cause of Israel.

Rabbi William P. Greenfield has also been a loyal devotee to the cause of Israel on the local and national scene. His position in the community is such that it requires no defense by the Federation, and the attack upon him is equally unjustified.

We believe that the community is united in support of the position that a competitive drive for the sale of Bonds would result in detriment to both the Welfare Federation campaign and the Bond campaign, and that the course which we advocate will be of greater benefit to the cause of Israel through a larger subscription to the United Jewish Appeal with the present Federation campaign and better subsequent Bond results.

Sincerely yours,

NORMAN ABRAMS
PHILIP ADLER, JR.
ABE BORTS
DAVID COOK
ERNEST COHN
MERRILL K. COHEN
THEODORE B. DANN
EDWARD M. DAYAN
EMANUEL DEITZ
RICHARD P. EFRONYMSON
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SAMUEL MARTEL
LOUIS MARIS
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SAMUEL MUELLER
MAX PLESSER
JUDGE SAUL L. RABB
NATHAN REGENSTREIF
MAUREL ROTHBAUM
GEORGE SAMSON
WILLIAM L. SCHLOSS
SAM SCHAHET
LEO SELIG
BERT SICANOFF
PERCY SIMMONS
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JACOB SOLOTEKIN
BERNARD STROYMAN
VICTOR TEXLER, M.D.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOND INVITATION TO LOCAL LEADERS

Telegram Received March 11, 1952
By Maurel Rothbaum

"ON BEHALF OF HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR. I CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO SERVE ON THE SPONSORING COMMITTEE FOR THE DINNER IN HONOR OF HER EXCELLENCY GOLDA MEYERSON MINISTER OF LABOR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WHICH WILL BE HELD AT CLAYPOOL HOTEL MARCH 30 SUNDAY UNDER AUSPICES OF BONDS OF ISRAEL GOVERNMENT PLEASE WIRE YOUR ACCEPTANCE COLLECT."

WALTER SAVAGE,
BONDS OF ISRAEL
GOVERNMENT
108 E. Washington St.

TELEGRAM TO MONTOR

Mr. Henry Montor
120 Broadway
New York City

Assume you have received word from Sonnenborn and Eban re position of organized Indianapolis community re bond meeting Mar. thirtieth with Golda Meyerson Note also our agreement with Sonnenborn to present Golda Meyerson under auspices Jewish Welfare Federation on March thirtieth. Your fait accompli deeply resented by all responsible leadership. No question of local coordination involved. All local leaders both bonds and Federation firmly united and determined to resist invasion by outside forces. Record of Indianapolis re UJA and bonds excellent and should speak for itself your persistence in proceeding with March thirtieth meeting can only be harmful to Israel.

Julian Freeman

Rudolf G. Sonnenborn's
Letter To Julian Freeman

New York City
March 14, 1952

Mr. Julian Freeman
Freeman Store Equipment Co.
77 South Harding Street
Indianapolis, Indiana
Dear Julian:

When I learned that your community had determined to exclude one of the truly great personalities of our generation from being heard, it seemed to me most unfortunate. Is it either American or Jewish that one group of Jews should attempt with every weapon at their command to make it impossible for another group of Jews in that same community to assemble in order to further constructive Jewish purposes?

You are in error in asserting that at any time I had reached an agreement with you involving the Indianapolis Federation. My conversation on March 10th with Rabbi William Greenfeld and you holding phones at your end of the wire, was in the nature of a one sided dialogue — because as you took a breath, Billy took over and you afforded me little opportunity to say much. What I did state—though I am not certain you listened—was that Golda Meyerson was coming to Indianapolis on March 30th to present the critical needs of Israel at this time. I urged that all fragments of your Jewish community unite to welcome her and that every segment take maximum advantage of her presence. Your repetition of this error in misquoting our conversation to others, can only be ascribed to the vehemence with which you express your own views.

It seems to me that you are attempting to raise an issue involving the question as to whether any community in the United States can erect an iron around itself forbidding any one else access to that community unless visas and passports have been approved by one section of that community. In these United States today we are all members of one collective community and no passports are necessary.

To me, it is indeed rather shocking that a person who bears the

title of President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds should attempt to institute a practice that would isolate every community in the United States and erect barriers that would make impossible a free exchange of ideas. This certainly does not represent a democratic practice.

I happen to be a National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. I happen also to be President of the organization entrusted with the responsibility for the sale of State of Israel Bonds. I find nothing incompatible between these two responsibilities. On the contrary, they represent two of the four points which the State of Israel has recommended and which in turn all responsible American Jews have accepted as their responsibility. You, yourself, were present at the Jerusalem and the Washington meetings at which these two points were endorsed.

In Israel's present position, it is imperative that a maximum of philanthropic dollars flow to the United Jewish Appeal. It is important that every Jew that has the ability to give, should be called upon to contribute the maximum to the United Jewish Appeal through the Welfare Funds. There is no antithesis in suggesting that every community in the United States should have the right to call upon its citizens to lend a portion of their savings through State of Israel Bonds. That these two enterprises can be mutually helpful has been proved throughout the past year. It was highlighted vividly when, at the recent National Big Gifts meeting of the United Jewish Appeal in Miami on February 24th, the names of those who were making 1952 contribution to the United Jewish Appeal were announced. An examination of this list and of the list of those who have made contributions to Welfare Funds and the United Jewish Appeal in 1952, discloses that almost without exception the persons who purchased Bonds in 1952 have either given the same to the United Jewish Appeal in 1952 or have given even more. This is the best demonstration that men of responsibility and good will to Israel appreciate, that making contributions to philanthropy from tax deductible dollars does not in the slightest impair the right or the responsibility of an individual, out of his accumulated earnings, to purchase Israel Bonds to the extent his means will permit. An attempt to confuse the philanthropic and investment dollars can only be harmful to both.

The issue which you are raising, and one which can only have the most destructive effects upon the life of American Jewry, is whether any community in the United States can surround itself with a hard shell, impervious to other communities and to the world at large. I am convinced that the overwhelming majority of American Jews, who have been brought up in the tradition of democratic interchange of ideas, will not approve either the principles you seem to espouse or the methods you have chosen to present them.

Sincerely yours,

Rudolf G. Sonnenborn

FREEMAN'S REPLY TO SONNEBORN

March 18, 1952
Indianapolis

Mr. Rudolf G. Sonnenborn
300 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York
My dear Rudolf:

I have read with interest your letter dated March 14. May I comment on your letter paragraph by paragraph in the order listed in your letter.

(1) Our community is not at all taking the position that we wish to exclude Mrs. Meyerson. On the contrary, I thought we had made ourselves very clear that our community would welcome the opportunity of greeting Mrs. Meyerson.

(2) Your assumption, "One group of Jews attempting to make it impossible for another group of Jews in that community to assemble in order to further constructive Jewish purposes" has no bearing on the matter we have been discussing. There are no two groups in Indianapolis. The community is united. I know of no responsible leadership in this community that is in favor of the proposed meeting under the auspices of BIG.

(3) I must again disagree with you on your interpretation of our agreement or lack of agreement regarding our conversation of March 11. In answer to your own question addressed to me at that time, I specifically addressed you in your role as National Chairman of the UJA and described in detail the nature of the proposed opening meeting of our Welfare Federation campaign which we wanted Mrs. Meyerson to address.

(4) There is no question involved of a community in the United States erecting an iron curtain. But, there is a very definite question involved of the independence of a community. Each community is fully independent. Each community is the seat of decision on all matters that concern that community. In this instance a united community is being pressured by outside forces into an action against the will of that united community. Such action inevitably brings resentment. Such action will inevitably do none of us any good—you, Mrs. Meyerson, Mr. Eban or Julian Freeman personally. Certainly such efforts will not help Israel.

(5) I, as well as you, have found nothing incompatible between my responsibility for the sale of Israel Bonds and my responsibility to the UJA and my community. I was one of the prime movers in the local Bond Drive and was its Honorary Chairman. Where I disagree with you and have consistently disagreed with you since September 1950 is that you seem to feel that a community like Indianapolis can campaign for bonds and for free dollars at one and the same time—that a spirit of competition may help both campaigns.

I have consistently opposed such a concept. My position has been, and you personally have heard me repeat it over and over again publicly — that the same willing people must do both jobs—that those same willing people must be given the time in which to do both jobs. The time allotted for both jobs cannot run concurrently. There must be no overlapping. We believe that this approach has proven successful during the past year—that coordinated efforts have been accumulative—that competitive efforts have been substitutive.

(6) I know of no instance where I have attempted to confuse the philanthropic dollar and the investment dollar.

(7) As an American and as a Jew, I have always stood for democracy in American life and in Jewish life. In this instance, however, I see no issue of democracy being involved.

(8) The only true issue is—the Indianapolis Jewish Community wishes to use March 30th and Mrs. Meyerson's presence to kick off our Welfare Federation drive—of which some 70% goes for overseas needs, whereas that corporate entity BIG thinks a Bond meeting on the date in question to be more important and better for us.

(9) It is indeed sad that you and I—with aims so identical—can be so far apart of the means with which to attain these aims.

Sincerely yours,

Julian Freeman

LAZURE GOODMAN'S RESIGNATION

March 17, 1952
Indianapolis, Indiana

Mr. Rudolf Sonnenborn, President
American Financial Development
Corporation
120 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Sonnenborn:

Please accept my resignation as a member of the Board of Governors of the American Financial Development Corporation, effective immediately. I do not wish to be associated with your organization in view of your decision to have a public meeting in the interest of the Bond Campaign in Indianapolis on March 30, in open defiance of the expressed wish of our community, which now is in the process of organizing its own Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign.

You had previously been advised that the coordinating committee of our Jewish Welfare Federation had unanimously passed a resolution to the effect that there be no organized effort to sell bonds in our community until June 15 so as to give us time to complete our Welfare Fund Campaign without conflict.

That committee which was formed over a year ago purposely to avoid conflicts between the Bond Campaign and our Welfare Fund Campaign, has functioned successfully during that period of time, as a result of which we not only had a successful Welfare Fund Campaign, but in 1951 sold more bonds in Indianapolis than in any other Jewish Community of its size in the United States.

That committee is made up of the men who have been most active during the past year, in both the sale of bonds and in the Welfare Fund Campaign, including the present Chairman of the Bond Campaign for Indianapolis, so it should have been evident to you that this unanimous decision of the coordinating committee included the leaders in our community who had worked hardest for the success of the Bond Campaign in Indianapolis, and who continue to be interested in the welfare of Israel.

I fear that the arbitrary action of your officers in defying the wishes of our community can only result in harm to Israel through destroying the possibility of further successful organized campaigns to sell bonds in Indianapolis, and therefore, since I do not wish to be a party to such a policy, I hereby resign from your board.

Will you please acknowledge receipt of my resignation by return mail.

Very truly yours,

L. L. Goodman

Freeman's Telegram To Ambassador Eban

March 17, 1952
Indianapolis

Ambassador Abba Eban
Embassy State of Israel
Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your telegram. Understand fully heavy responsibility on Mrs. Meyerson to explain current and pressing economic needs of Israel to American public. Appreciate her efforts and want to be of greatest possible assistance. Agree Mrs. Meyerson entitled to every courtesy due a Minister of Israel and a great Jewess. For a long time the Indianapolis Jewish Welfare has waited for the opportunity to pay proper tribute to Mrs. Meyerson. Community painfully aware of our failures on occasion of Mrs. Meyerson past visits—also aware that these past assignments to rework meetings painful and embarrassing. Leadership discussed this matter many times and felt that this year Mrs. Meyerson's presence could be an occasion of great significance and proper tribute to her. We feel the 1952 Jewish Welfare Federation campaign a most crucial one and that Mrs. Meyerson's presence further necessary to fully develop added responsibilities. Community must face to meet its share of emergency cash campaigns discussed last Saturday. We feel that nothing should divert attention from the campaign and its emergency cash demands. We are again therefore cordially inviting Mrs. Meyerson to address our Indianapolis community under the auspices of the

Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Federation on March 30—to explain present critical needs of Israel and the American Jew's responsibility to meet same. Feel that our program must place emphasis on UJA through Federation plus loans both by community and individuals. We believe as you so aptly expressed at opening meeting by UJA, quote, "It remains vitally necessary for Israel's future to strengthen the UJA which is one of the most remarkable undertakings in voluntary statesmanship ever known. It is all indispensable architect of Israel's future. The other efforts on which we have embarked must supplement and augment but must not replace it." We hope Mrs. Meyerson will help us make your brilliant definition a working reality. Leaving town on business trip, but will return late Wednesday afternoon. Please let us have answer by Wednesday afternoon.

Cordially

Julian Freeman

AMB. EBAN'S REPLY

Telegram to Mr. Julian Freeman
From Washington

Have carefully considered your telegram stop Mrs. Meyerson was charged by Government Israel with responsibility of explaining to American Jewry our economic and financial situation with special reference to immediate American Jewish responsibility in that regard stop She has been courteously welcomed and received by American leaders and public everywhere stop International practice fully entitles her to tell her story wherever she desires just as Israel public invariably welcomes American statesmen whenever they come to Israel para After my conversation with you I understand organized Indianapolis Jewish community would welcome Mrs. Meyerson's appearance stop I therefore now propose that Mrs. Meyerson's public appearance 30 March be under the joint auspices of the Welfare Fund organization and Bond organization and that she explains total picture economic and financial situation stop Please cable your acceptance this compromise whereupon will secure agreement of other interests concerned. Eban

LATEST TELEGRAM TO AMBASSADOR EBAN

Hon. Abba Eban
Israel Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Fund was held last night for the purpose of discussing the March 30th meeting. It was necessary that I inform the Board of the urgency to meet the dollar needs of Israel discussed last Saturday in New York, and to inform them and make them cognizant of the difficult job ahead in terms of Welfare Federation campaign plus added bank borrowings by Federation plus added short term loans to be carried by individuals. Board took cognizance of the urgency of the need and expressed in no uncertain terms its desire to help. It recognized its responsibilities and resolved to meet them. Your compromise offer of joint sponsorship March 30th meeting submitted to them. Board was also addressed by Meyer Steinglass on behalf of Bond Corporation. The Board by an overwhelming vote of 34 to 1 once again reaffirmed its invitation to Mrs. Myerson that she appear in Indianapolis on March 30 to speak at the kick-off meeting of the Jewish Welfare Federation campaign under the exclusive auspices of the Jewish Welfare Federation. We recognize your sincere interest in this matter and we wish to thank you again for your intercession in the problem created in this community by the Bonds for Israel organization. Would appreciate an immediate answer.

Cordially, Julian Freeman

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Received March 21, 1952 9:51 P.M.

NEW YORK NEW YORK

ABRAHAM BORIN, PRESIDENT
INDIANAPOLIS ZIONIST DISTRICT
6111 CENTRAL AVENUE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

THE ZOA INNER COMMITTEE UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF PRESIDENT BROWDY THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED SITUATION INDIANAPOLIS AND GENERAL NATIONAL POLICY THESE MATTERS AND REQUESTED ME TRANSMIT ADVICES STOP WHEN ZIONISTS CONFRONTED WITH WELFARE FUND ORDER REGARDING RELATIONSHIP AND TIMING UJA AND ISRAEL BOND CAMPAIGNS SUCH ORDER CREATES PRECEDENT INTERFERING SPHERE BELONGING TO ZIONIST MOVEMENT GENERALLY AND ZOA PARTICULARLY AND IS PREJUDICIAL TO THEIR STANDING AND INFLUENCE STOP BOTH UJA AND BONDS IMPORTANT AND NEITHER GROUP CAN DECIDE TIMING BUT SHOULD BE DECIDED BY ZIONISTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BOTH CAMPAIGNS. ROLE OF NEITHER CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE PLAYED DOWN IF WELFARE FUND PERMITTED PURSUE PRESENT COURSE IT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO ZIONIST AND ISRAEL INTERESTS, ZIONISTS ARE SOVERIGN BODY REGARDING ZIONIST ACTIVITIES AND WELFARE FUNDS CANNOT DICTATE COURSE OF OUR WORK. MENDEL FISHER PRESENT AT OUR DISCUSSIONS AND WILL BE IN INDIANAPOLIS TO CONVEY OUR OPINION. IMPORTANT YOU EXTEND EVERY COOPERATION FISHER ON HIS MISSION. REGARDS:

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, SECRETARY ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
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Received March 23, 1952 5:16 P.M.

WASHINGTON D C

RABBI GREENFELD
3351 RUCKLE STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

IN REPLY QUERIES TO ME BY MANY ZIONISTS I FEEL BOUND CONVEY MY DEEP CON-
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CONSEQUENCES INEVITABLE STOP PLEASE LET ALL ZIONISTS KNOW IN THE NAME OF
MY DEEP LOVE FOR AMERICAN JEWRY THAT I BELIEVE CAUSE OF ISRAEL OF AMERICAN
PARTNERSHIP OF DEMOCRACY FREE SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY WHICH ISRAEL AND AMERICA
BOTH CHERISH WE CAN ALL BE VINDICATED BY TRIUMPHANT RESPONSE INDIANAPOLIS
JEWRY TO APPEAL OF GREAT LEADER IN ISRAEL AND SACRED CAUSE ISRAEL ECONOMIC
INDEPENDENCE.

ABBA EBAN AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL

INDIANAPOLIS JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

March 27, 1952

Dear Friend,

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Indianapolis, whose 65 members are representative of all major Jewish organizations, reaffirms its whole-hearted support of the successful effort which it has historically directed in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and other beneficiaries of its annual campaign. It likewise reaffirms its whole-hearted support of Israel and the sale of Bonds of the Israel Government.

It realizes that through both, the welfare of the people of Israel and its government has been materially aided. The Jewish Welfare Federation firmly believes that maximum results can be achieved for both the Welfare Federation campaign and the Bond drive if they are not conducted concurrently, as such competition, it recognizes, would be detrimental to both causes. The outstanding success of both the Welfare Federation campaign and the Bond sale in Indianapolis during 1951 testifies to the soundness of such planning.

Because of this, the Jewish Welfare Federation has requested that between March 1 and June 15, 1952, the local Bond organization should not conduct any organized activity, and this action was concurred in by the leadership of the local Bond Committee.

In contradiction to this agreed policy, the American Financial and Development Corporation announced a community-wide dinner meeting in Indianapolis to be addressed by Mrs. Golda Meyerson on March 30 for the sale of Bonds. To avoid conflict, the Federation requested that, instead, Mrs. Meyerson address the kick-off meeting for the Jewish Welfare Federation campaign of which the United Jewish Appeal is the principal beneficiary. This request was denied.

On or about March 22, 1952, a four-page letter was distributed widely within the Indianapolis Jewish community by the Bonds of Israel Government through its Indianapolis office, in which an attack was made upon the Jewish Welfare Federation, its Board of Directors, its president, Julian Freeman; the Coordinating Committee, and Rabbi William P. Greenfeld. The venomous allegations and accusations by the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel are so replete with misrepresentations, distortions, and untruths that the Federation believes it beneath its dignity to make a detailed answer to them.

The Federation expresses its implicit faith and confidence in its president, Julian Freeman, and reaffirms the wisdom of the stand that he has taken in this particular matter as representing the almost unanimous opinion of the Board of Directors, and we take this occasion to pay tribute to Julian Freeman's leadership not only in Indianapolis, but also nationally as president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and as a participant and leader in Jewish and non-sectarian causes. He has been an outstanding and devoted advocate of the cause of Israel.

Rabbi William P. Greenfeld has also been a loyal devotee to the cause of Israel on the local and national scene. His position in the community is such that it requires no defense by the Federation, and the attack upon him is equally unjustified.

We believe that the community is united in support of the position that a competitive drive for the sale of Bonds would result in detriment to both the Welfare Federation campaign and the Bond campaign, and that the course which we advocate will be of greater benefit to the cause of Israel through a larger subscription to the United Jewish Appeal with the present Federation campaign and better subsequent Bond results.

Sincerely yours,

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NATIONAL HOSIFRY MILLS, INC.

March 27, 1952

Dear Friend,

The Indianapolis Jewish community was shocked and horrified when it received the enclosed letter from the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel. In my opinion this is one of the most scurrilous attacks ever made upon an important American Jewish leader.

Furthermore, the letter is filled with misstatements. The enclosed clippings of the Indiana Jewish Chronicle will give you the real facts.

For your information, Julian Freeman was probably the single most important person in the organization of the Indianapolis Bond Drive. Under his impetus the local community was organized, the early Bond sales were made, and the community was made aware of the importance of the Bond issue.

Mr. Montor's heavy attack upon Mr. Freeman and this community is a most harmful action to the sale of Bonds and for the people of Israel. I feel that as a past member of the Board of Governors of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel that you should be made aware of Mr. Montor's outrageous conduct.

Sincerely yours,

Lazure L. Goodman

March 29, 1952

A Statement By Purchasers of Israel Bonds in Indianapolis to The Board of Governors of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, and the State of Israel.

We who have purchased and committed ourselves for future purchases of \$234,000 worth of Israel Bonds in Indianapolis feel ourselves obligated as a matter of honesty and conscience to make the following statement in the light of current circumstances:

1. The attack, "The Eyes of World Jewry are on Indianapolis..." is an outrageous fabrication from beginning to end. We are astounded that the State of Israel as a foreign government would lend itself to such an attack on an American Jewish community.

2. We resent and deplore the personal attack on Julian Freeman and Rabbi William P. Greenfeld. More than any single person, Mr. Freeman was responsible for the sale of \$600,000 in Bonds in Indianapolis - an amount as great as the Federation raised in 1951, and one of the best records in the entire country. He did much to arrange the meetings, organize the sale, and inspire the major purchases. Rabbi Greenfeld's friendship for Israel is well known to all of us. For twenty-five years he has been an ardent worker for Palestine and now Israel.

3. We resent and deplore the attack on Federation. Members of the Federation Board have purchased over \$300,000 in Bonds - more than one-half of the total purchases in the community. They have given leadership to the entire effort.

4. Surely this attack on our community cannot possibly have the purpose of selling Bonds in Indianapolis. Whatever its motives, it has only succeeded in undermining public confidence in the present administration of the Bond organization.

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SOLOMON GOLDMAN, RABBI

March 30, 1952

Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Federation
Indianapolis, Indiana

Gentlemen:

I am not acquainted with the background of the "affaire Indianapolis", but I do know your distinguished townsmen, Mr. Julian Freeman and Rabbi Greenfeld. And because I do I must express my sense of shock and indignation at the attempt that has been made to assassinate their characters. For high integrity and deep sense of consecration Julian Freeman has few peers among those who have risen to national leadership in recent years. He has not sought to dominate, nor does he belong among our publicity-made heroes. He is a forthright man who will not let others do his thinking for him. Likewise, Rabbi Greenfeld's convictions are deep, his courage great, and his service to Zionism considerable; and he, too, does his own thinking.

The manner of the attack on two such well-known communal servants is shocking, for its objective obviously is to eliminate them, rubbing them out, as they call it in some countries.

Some people are beginning to ask whether there isn't a camera in our midst that would bludgeon us all into submission, that has set itself up as the sole and only arbiter and steersman of our communities. Many people are beginning to ask how far it will go, and whom it will ultimately benefit.

I wonder whether His Excellency, Ambassador Eban, acted wisely when he interfered in the internal affairs of the Indianapolis Jewish community. For the past three years I have been telling American Zionists who wished to frame Israel's constitution, run its parliament, order its economic and religious life, and act as its diplomats, to become Israeli citizens. To my way of thinking, what is sauce for the American Zionists is sauce for Israelis.

I hope that we shall not have too many affaires d'honneur such as is now being fought in your city. They are not likely to redound to anybody's advantage.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Solomon Goldman

INDIANAPOLIS, March 31.- - The dinner meeting which the national Bonds for Israel office insisted on holding in Indianapolis without local clearance and without local sponsorship at the time set aside by the community for the opening of the UJA-Jewish Welfare Federation campaign was held Sunday night, March 30. Almost all local leaders refused to attend. The meeting was apparently designed to undermine the local effort in behalf of UJA.

A mixed Jewish and Christian audience of some 500 persons from Indianapolis and from other cities in the State heard Mrs. Golda Meyerson, Labor Minister of Israel, and a telephone message from Eddie Cantor. Sam Rothberg of Peoria and Henry Montor, national executive vice-president of the bond organization, came to Indianapolis. It was the first free dinner meeting in Indianapolis Jewish history.

Local residents were convinced following the meeting that the result vindicated the complete local unity maintained in the face of the national challenge. Local Zionist leaders cooperated with the Federation position although urged to oppose it by national Bond officials who came to the city for the purpose.

The unique situation arose after the Jewish Welfare Federation had invited Mrs. Meyerson to address the opening meeting of the Federation-UJA campaign on March 30 and received a telephoned assurance that its invitation was accepted. The community then discovered that invitations had previously gone out from the national Bond office in New York to local residents asking them to attend a meeting in her honor for the same date, under the auspices of the Bond organization.

Meyer Steinglass, national publicity director of Bonds for Israel, sent in to arrange the meeting, told the Federation Board that he frankly had not consulted with anyone.

The situation again brought into the open the national conflict between the national Bond office and the national United Jewish Appeal over failure to achieve national coordination of the two efforts. Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-president of the UJA, sent a telegram to Mr. Freeman supporting the united community. The telegram was read at a community religious service at Temple Beth El Friday evening addressed by Rabbi William P. Greenfeld, Julian Freeman, Federation president, and Lazure L. Goodman, Federation-UJA campaign chairman. The meeting attracted a substantially larger attendance than the bond event.

The position of the UJA nationally has been that the UJA-Federation campaign and the Bond sale drive should be held at different periods of the year in each city, and should not overlap or otherwise conflict in organization and

publicity.

The issue arose from the refusal of the national bond office to accept the unanimous agreement of the local coordinating committee, including the local bond leaders, that organized bond sales be held in abeyance while the Federation was attempting to secure philanthropic gifts for Israel and other causes. The Indianapolis plan paralleled the action of cities in both 1951 and 1952. The bond holders also called attention to the sum of more than \$600,000 sold in bonds in Indianapolis as one of the best records in the country -- and equal to the total raised by the Federation in its campaign.

By taking the initiative with a Big day on February 10, Indianapolis had anticipated the national effort scheduled for March 9.

Local leaders also were aware that in such cities as Newark meetings were scheduled by the national Bond office for Mrs. Meyerson in the midst of the Federation-UJA campaign period and had been withdrawn upon local request. It appeared that the insistence on carrying out the meeting in Indianapolis was to make this city a testing ground of national directives and community unity.

When united local opposition became evident, the Bond group offered to have the meeting under the joint auspices of the Bonds and UJA. This was unacceptable to the Federation on the ground that all efforts had to be concentrated at this time on meeting the obligation to UJA. The Federation could not accept co-sponsorship of its opening Federation-UJA campaign with an organization that was not a beneficiary and was not a philanthropic program.

The Board pointed out also that the Federation and UJA had never insisted on co-sponsorship for meetings held for Bond purposes. It also could not understand why an Israeli Cabinet Minister could not speak for UJA without the necessity of Bond auspices. The Federation Board voted, 34 to 1, to reaffirm its original position to invite Mrs. Meyerson to address the opening meeting of the Federation-UJA campaign on March 30, under its auspices. The meeting would be a large mass community rally. The Bond group rejected it.

Heading the opposition to the national Bond office action were the local bond leaders and purchasers. Thirty five of the larger bond purchasers issued a joint statement condemning the national bond action. They termed a mimeographed statement issued by the Bond office and sent to every Jewish family in Indianapolis and throughout the State, attacking the Federation as a group and Mr. Freeman and Rabbi Greenfeld personally, an "outrageous fabrication from beginning to end". They further stated that Mr. Freeman had been largely responsible for the sale of bonds in Indianapolis, and that the Federation Board members had bought over half of the total amount of bonds sold in the community.

They praised Rabbi Greenfeld's record of community service and assistance to Israel.

"Surely this attack on our community cannot possibly have the purpose of selling bonds in Indianapolis", the statement read. "Whatever its motives, it has only succeeded in undermining public confidence in the present administration of the bond organization." It also expressed disbelief that the State of Israel, as a foreign government, could knowingly have lent itself to such an attack on an American Jewish community.

A point at issue between the community and the national bond office was the limited period of the Spring Federation campaign for UJA. Community leaders commented that this period could be used by the Bond organization to collect outstanding bond pledges previously made, just as Federation does during the balance of the year, so that the flow of bond cash could continue without let-up. They thought it both necessary and fair to set aside three and one-half months for UJA campaigning and eight and one-half months for Bond sales, and contrasted this arrangement with the insistence of the Bond office to campaign during the entire 12 months. They pointed to the fact that the same people in Indianapolis have had to carry both responsibilities, could not do both at the same time, and did not want to confuse a philanthropic with an investment program.

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THE EYES OF WORLD JEWRY ARE ON INDIANAPOLIS -- IS IT FREE OR IS IT THROTTLED?

A reign of psychological terror has gripped the Jewish community of Indianapolis. One man - Julian Freeman - having an iron control over the local Federation, has initiated a campaign of fear to destroy the dinner that is to be held in tribute to Mrs. Golda Myerson. The dinner to honor one of the greatest women of our day, the Minister of Labor of Israel, will be held on Sunday evening, March 30th at the Claypool Hotel (6:30 P.M.) under the auspices of the Bonds of the Israel Government.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

1. On February 25th a small committee hand-picked by Mr. Freeman as Federation President voted an order forbidding any Bond meeting or organized Bond activity in the city of Indianapolis from March 1st to June 15th. The so-called coordinating committee took this action without a proper discussion of its implications and without adequate consideration of all of the requirements of Israel. This committee decision was made public as an open letter to the entire Jewish community without the approval of the Federation Board and without the knowledge of some of the persons whose names were signed to it. Although the Federation drive does not require that much time, Mr. Freeman insisted on closing the doors of the city to the Bond Drive for the period from March 1st to June 15th.

2. This action was rammed down the throats of the committee, despite the fact that a BIG Day^{for Israel Bonds} had been arranged for Sunday, March 9th, as part of a national one-day sales effort. The wilfulness of one man -- Mr. Freeman -- forced the local Bond group to abandon the March 9th project, thus depriving Israel of additional dollars to meet its critical needs. In his capacity as President of the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Mr. Freeman said he was going to teach the national Bond organization a lesson.

3. When the Bond dinner of March 30th was announced, Mr. Freeman was so outraged that in his role as President of the Indianapolis Federation, he threatened to cut out of its budget any agency whose officers dared to join in sponsoring the dinner for Golda Myerson.

4. In a deliberate effort to inflame the Jewish community against the Bond Drive and its leaders, Mr. Freeman induced a local Anglo-Jewish editor to publish the unfounded statement that the national Bond Drive had violated an agreement to bring Mrs. Myerson here solely under Federation auspices. He claimed that he had gotten such an agreement from Rudolf G. Sonnenborn, National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and President of the Bond organization. THIS IS NOT TRUE. NO SUCH AGREEMENT WAS EVER MADE. Yet Mr. Freeman proceeded to condemn and villify the Bond organization for violating an agreement which never existed.

5. Mr. Freeman then appealed to Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel to help resolve the situation. Ambassador Eban, who is widely known for his understanding and objectivity, answered and proposed to Mr. Freeman that the March 30th dinner be sponsored jointly by Federation and Bonds. The following is the telegram which Ambassador Eban sent to Mr. Freeman:

TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR EBAN TO MR. FREEMAN

HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED YOUR TELEGRAM STOP MRS. MYERSON WAS CHARGED BY GOVERNMENT ISRAEL WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF EXPLAINING TO AMERICAN JURY OUR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SITUATION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO IMMEDIATE JEWISH RESPONSIBILITIES IN THAT REGARD STOP SHE HAS BEEN COURTEOUSLY WELCOMED AND RECEIVED BY AMERICAN LEADERS AND PUBLIC EVERYWHERE STOP INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE FULLY ENTITLES HER TELL HER STORY WHEREVER SHE DESIRES JUST AS ISRAEL PUBLIC INVARIABLY WELCOMES AMERICAN STATESMEN WHENEVER THEY COME TO ISRAEL AFTER MY CONVERSATION WITH YOU I UNDERSTAND ORGANIZED INDIANAPOLIS JEWISH COMMUNITY WOULD WELCOME MRS. MYERSONS APPEARANCE STOP I THEREFORE NOW PROPOSE THAT MRS. MYERSONS PUBLIC APPEARANCE 30 MARCH BE UNDER THE JOINT AUSPICES OF THE WELFARE FUND ORGANIZATION AND BOND ORGANIZATION AND THAT SHE EXPLAIN TOTAL PICTURE ECONOMIC FINANCIAL SITUATION STOP PLEASE CABLE YOUR ACCEPTANCE THIS COMPROMISE WHEREUPON WILL SECURE AGREEMENT OF ALL OTHER INTERESTS CONCERNED

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The Federation President ignored the compromise proposal offered by Ambassador Eban and then called a meeting of his Board to endorse his stubborn refusal to consider a peaceful settlement. A representative of the Bond organization was invited to attend the meeting. But he was kept waiting for two hours outside the meeting room, while the President and others made statements and allegations which were unknown to the Bond representative and therefore could not be answered by him.

At about 10:15 P.M. when the Israel Bond official was admitted to the meeting, he faced an audience which only a few minutes before had been told not to pay attention to anything that he would say. The Bond official was not given an opportunity to correct any statements or refute any charges made at the Board meeting. After he finished speaking, the Bond official was asked to leave the meeting. Those members of the Board who had hoped that some compromise proposal would be offered to the Bond representative for consideration by his organization were disappointed.

The Board of Federation dutifully voted 29 to 8 to reject the Israel Ambassador's proposal.

6. The issue has gone far beyond the borders of Indianapolis. As President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Mr. Freeman is

determined to make the exclusion act against the Bonds a test case for the entire country. If the order shutting out the State of Israel Bond Drive is made the pattern for the rest of the country, it will mean the loss of millions of dollars for the Bond Drive. The economic situation in Israel is so critical that Israel cannot wait for the investment dollars she must have now.

7. Why is Indianapolis the hatchery for this national campaign to undermine the Israel Bond Issue? The fury and the fire are so intense here because Mr. Freeman believes he can not only dissuade the Jews, but even the non-Jews from attending the dinner for Mrs. Myerson. And if he can destroy this dinner, he will win the victory he is seeking at any cost to Indianapolis or to Israel. Mr. Freeman has been opposed to the Bond Drive from its very inception --- from the very time he participated in the Jerusalem conference where the Bond Issue was conceived. But he has never had the courage to take a forthright stand against it. Instead he is conducting a vicious fight against the Bonds in the name of local coordination and what is best for the community.

8. In accordance with normal procedure in the case of an important event like the Myerson dinner, distinguished non-Jews as well as Jews were invited to participate in the sponsorship of the March 30th meeting, which was also announced as a fourth anniversary celebration of the State of Israel's independence. But as soon as a list of sponsors was published in the newspapers, the Federation began to pressure all those who accepted, including the Christian leaders such as Governor Schricker, Mayor Clark and editors, clergymen and others in a concerted effort to turn them against the Israel Bonds and the dinner. This reprehensible action recalls the infamous practice to which some Jews resorted in Czarist Russia when they would go to the police to inform on other Jews in order to destroy them.

9. The question which the Jews of Indianapolis must decide is how far can any Jew go to fight an Israel Bond meeting? How far can ^{he} go to insult and disparage the position which a gr^eat woman and a member of the Cabinet of Israel has in the hearts of American Jewry? How far can Mr. Freeman go and still profess to be a friend of Israel? How far can he go without doing serious injury to Israel and to the community?

10. What is Mr. Freeman trying to accomplish? Julian Freeman wants to rule all of American Jewry with the same iron fist he uses in Indianapolis. He wants to establish himself as the dictator over the machinery of every form of fundraising for Israel. He is striving for total control of the purse strings of American Jewry for every cause and every purpose. He is exploiting his office as President of Federation here to suppress every vestige of freedom in Jewish

communal life in Indianapolis. And that, too, he would like to make the pattern for the rest of the country.

RABBI GREENFELD DECLARES WAR ON BONDS

11. Julian Freeman's rabbi is waging a holy war against the Bonds and Israel. Rabbi William P. Greenfeld, who has been the target of community criticism for certain business practices, is using his pulpit to smear the Bonds and Golda Myerson.

In a long-distance telephone conversation Rabbi Greenfeld told Mrs. Myerson that if she insisted on coming to Indianapolis for Israel Bonds, he, the rabbi and spiritual leader, would go to the Governor and tell him not to come to the dinner and to withdraw from sponsorship of the March 30th meeting. Mrs. Myerson replied that if Rabbi Greenfeld considered such a step in the best interests of Israel, he should do as he pleases.

In this situation, the Israel Bond Issue is not only fighting for its right to free access to Indianapolis or any other city. It is also fighting for the freedom of every Jew in this city and elsewhere to make his own decisions, to be able to think for himself and to make up his own mind without coercion, without intimidation and without fear. The future of Indianapolis Jewry --- the future of Israel --- depend on the right of any group of Jews to welcome and honor a great leader of Israel in this city.

The hands of many are tied. The lips of others are sealed. Only the free Jewish community can speak. AND THE VOICE OF THE JEWS OF INDIANAPOLIS MUST BE HEARD --- for the sake of their own integrity -- for the sake of Israel.

Join in affirming your own freedom of action. Show that you are proud of your democratic rights. Don't let one man's thirst for power rob you of your rights as an American and as a Jew.

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Indianapolis, Indiana

THE COMMUNITY HAS SPOKEN

A Bonds for Israel meeting was held on March 30 in Indianapolis. It was held against the advice and wishes of this community.

The record is now complete. The facts are clear. They are being set forth, so that there will be no mistake about them, now or in the future.

WHAT WERE THE ISSUES?

1. Shall a community have the right to manage its own affairs, or shall it be governed by directives of the national office of the bond organization in New York?
2. Is it the sole purpose of the American Financial and Development Corporation of Israel to sell Bonds - or do those who direct its national office have other aims?

WHAT WERE THE ANSWERS?

1. This community has demonstrated that it is united - that its unity cannot be destroyed even by the most flagrant provocation - that it will manage its affairs - that it cannot and will not be dictated to.
2. The Bond organization has demonstrated that it was not interested primarily in selling more bonds. It has effectively undermined the prospects of further bond sales in Indianapolis.

WHAT IS THE RECORD?

A free dinner meeting was held. That it could be held was never in question. There is freedom of assembly in America, and we cherish it. The only question was, what purpose would such a Bond meeting serve on March 30, the very night that the Federation - UJA campaign was to open. Almost every leader of the community - almost every bond purchaser - was conspicuous by his absence.

The Federation - UJA campaign invited Mrs. Golda Meyerson to speak under its auspices to open its 1952 drive. The Bond organization insisted that it must co-sponsor the meeting. The Federation-UJA campaign could not accept co-sponsorship of its opening meeting by the Bond organization, which is not a beneficiary, and which is an investment and not a philanthropic enterprise. The Federation - UJA had never set co-sponsorship a condition of permitting bond meetings. The Federation

policy was set by a Board vote of 34 - 1.

The period set aside for the Federation campaign for UJA - Israel and other philanthropic causes, by unanimous agreement of all parties, including the local bond chairman and Zionist leaders was 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ months. The period for the Bond drive is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ months. The bond organization is insisting on all 12 months. THERE WILL BE NO ORGANIZED BOND SALE DURING THE 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ MONTHS OF THE FEDERATION-UJA CAMPAIGN.

The Bond organization objected to the fact that no BIG Day was held on March 9 in Indianapolis. It chose to overlook the BIG Day held a month earlier in this city, and the reality that it could not be repeated successfully in a few weeks.

It sought to set up a Bond - Federation cleavage where none existed. Members of the Federation Board had given leadership to the Bond drive, have themselves bought over one-half the total dollar amounts of the bonds sold in the city.

The Bond organization sought to belittle the community's bond sales. Yet the record of over \$600,000 sold in bonds speaks for itself - it equals the Federation - UJA campaign total - it is one of the best results in the country.

The Bond organization sent special personnel into the community to try to set the local Zionists against the Federation. It failed. The local Zionists leaders, rank and file alike refused to vote against the Federation action.

The local bond leaders supported Federation - UJA. They are the same people. The 35 people who purchased the bulk of bonds have themselves issued the strongest statement condemning the national bond action.

The shameful statement sent by the bond organization to every Jewish family in Indianapolis labeled "The Eyes of World Jewry are on Indianapolis", has aroused the contempt of the Jewish people in this city. We are pained and regret that the national office should have stooped to the Big Lie.

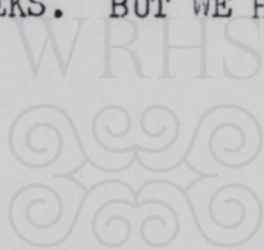
This never was a problem of local coordination. There has never been unity on the issue here. There was no local consultation or counsel for the bond setting. This was admitted publicly by the bond representative sent in to organize the meeting.

The experience of Indianapolis has shown clearly why it has been impossible to achieve national coordination between the UJA and the bond organization. It is not a two-sided problem. There is no national coordination only because one of the parties - the Bond organization - wilfully has prevented it.

Whom has the national bond office chosen to villify? The very people - the very community - who throughout the years have sacrificially worked and given through the Federation to see Israel through its crises - who at this very time are seeking to conduct an all-out campaign, the major beneficiary of which is Israel itself.

We appreciate and were heartened by the support publicly voiced to this united community by Edward M. Warburg and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, the heads of the national United Jewish Appeal.

THE BOND ORGANIZATION CHOSE TO DISREGARD THE ADVICE AND HELP OF ALL ITS FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS. IT HAS THEREBY UNDERMINED ITS FUTURE BOND SALES. IT HAS SOUGHT TO BREAK THE INDEPENDENCE AND UNITY OF THE COMMUNITY. IT HAS FAILED. THE COMMUNITY HAS REMAINED UNITED. WE WILL PROCEED TO CARRY OUT OUR OBLIGATIONS TO OUR PEOPLE IN OUR OWN CITY, IN OUR OWN COUNTRY, AND ACROSS THE SEA TO THOSE WHO DEPEND UPON UJA IN ISRAEL AND ELSEWHERE. IT HAS BEEN MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS. BUT WE HAVE PASSED THE TEST. WE SHALL NOT BE DETERRED.





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