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United Jewish Appeal, United Palestine Appeal, 1948-1949.

THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KEREN HAYESOD AND THE
KEREN KAYEMETH TO CONSTITUTE THE 1948 UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

AGREE, EMT entered into as of the 1st day of Jan. 1948, by and between the PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD), INC., A New York membership corporation, the party of the first part; (hereinafter referred to as the "Keren Hayesod") and the JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH LE ISRAEL), INC., a New York membership corporation, party of the second part (hereinafter referred to as the "Keren Kayemeth").

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, efficiency and economy in the raising of funds for their respective purposes have been aided by the creation of a centralized administration in the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL during the years 1936 through 1947 inclusive.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. The parties hereto agree to conduct a joint campaign to secure in the United States funds for their respective purposes and they do hereby constitute and appoint "THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL", a membership corporation organized under the Laws of the State of New York, as their agents and in their behalf to conduct and manage the aforesaid campaign during and for the calendar year 1948.
2. The aim of the campaign shall be to raise for the parties hereto a maximum sum in cash and pledges during the period commencing January 1, 1948 and ending December 31, 1948.
3. It is agreed that the stationery and the national and local pub-

licity relating to the Joint Campaign shall describe UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL as being for and on behalf of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth. It is agreed that in addition to such activities as it desires to carry on and without curtailment of any of its prerogatives, Keren Hayesod may call upon the United Palestine Appeal to give especial attention to publicity, propaganda and educational activity with reference to Keren Hayesod including but not limited to the holding of conferences to further interest in and knowledge of the importance, meaning and activities of Keren Hayesod.

4. It is agreed that all monies, pledges and subscriptions received or secured by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, or by either of the parties to this agreement during or for the period of January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948, shall, except as herein other provided, be remitted to the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, INC. and the same shall constitute a common pool of the parties hereto to be disbursed as hereinafter set forth.

5. It is agreed that all sums received or realized as a result of the said Joint Campaign conducted by the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL itself or through the JEWISH NATIONAL FUND on behalf of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall become part of the aforesaid common pool and shall be disbursed as follows:

All duly authorized campaign expenses and other duly authorized expenses of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall be a first lien and charge against all monies received. The net proceeds of the campaign after deduction of all duly authorized expenditures shall be allocated on the basis of parity between the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

6. It is the right and intention of the parties hereto to devote the sums to be received by them from UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL both to the normal purposes and activities of their respective organizations, and to such special requirements as in their own respective judgments may be deemed necessary or advisable in the discharge of their duties and functions.

7. Neither of the parties hereto shall engage in any separate fund-raising activity except as herein specifically permitted and agreed upon. All funds and pledges, received or secured by either of the parties hereunto on account of or as a result of any fund-raising effort conducted after January 1, 1948, and prior to December 31, 1948, shall be deemed, pledged, received or secured for and on account of the 1948 campaign herein provided for, except as hereinafter provided, and shall be paid into the treasury of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, it being understood that the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall continue to collect unpaid subscriptions of pledges to the campaigns heretofore conducted by it and shall dispose of all sums collected pursuant to the applicable agreements between the parties hereto.

8. It is agreed that all bequests and legacies which either of the parties hereto may receive or become entitled to, shall be retained in entirety by the party to this agreement which is the beneficiary thereof.

9. It is agreed that the accounts of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall be audited monthly by certified Public Accountants to be chosen by the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, with the approval and consent of the parties hereto, and that a duplicate copy of such audits shall promptly be delivered to UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and to each of the parties hereto. It is further agreed that

each of the parties hereto shall have its respective books of accounts audited monthly during 1948 by Certified Public Accountants, and shall promptly deliver to the other a copy thereof.

10. It is agreed and understood that neither the Keren Hayesod nor the Keren Kayemeth, parties to this agreement, merge as organizations with UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. They shall maintain their separate identities and independence as organizations and may carry on their normal and established duties and functions, except as limited by this agreement.

It is agreed and understood that the following activities of the Keren Kayemeth shall continue to be conducted through the established Keren Kayemeth apparatus:

- a. Box collections
- b. Sale of JNF Stamps
- c. Flag and flower day collections
- d. Chanukah and Purim collections
- e. Tree planting
- f. Lag B'Omer celebrations
- g. Collections from children in Hebrew Schools
- h. Golden book inscriptions
- i. Incidental collections at festivals, simchas, Bar Mitzvahs, weddings and similar occasional collections
- j. Sefer Hayered
- k. Dunam land donations
- l. Nachlas

11. The parties hereto expressly agree that UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall have the right to negotiate an agreement with any other organization for a joint campaign subject to final ratification by the head of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Kayesod) Inc. and the Jewish National Fund, Inc. and upon such ratification and approval, such agreement with any other organizations shall be binding on the parties hereto and the parties hereto shall

take no action which is contrary to or which may constitute a breach of said agreement.

The parties hereto agree further to promote and aid the campaign which may be conducted by or participated in by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL during the year 1948, and to take no action which will harm or impede the collection of funds by such campaigns.

It is further agreed that the parties hereto have approved and ratified the agreement between the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and the JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE for the conduct of a joint campaign in 1948.

12. It is, however, agreed that the net proceeds derived from the aforementioned activities of the Keren Kayemeth and such activities of the Keren Hayesod as may be properly conducted by it, after the administrative expenses incurred in connection therewith shall have been deducted, shall belong to and be a part of the common pool of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. It is further agreed that the activities mentioned in Paragraph "10", and this Paragraph "12", shall be so conducted as not to interfere with or be hurtful to the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and its activities. A committee to consider and adjust claims of violations of the provisions of this Paragraph "12", consisting of one designee of the Keren Kayemeth, one designee of the Keren Hayesod and a third member to be chosen by the two so designated shall be constituted if request therefor is at any time or from time to time made by either of the parties hereto.

13. Loans made by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL to meet expenditures other than campaign and usual administrative costs shall require prior approval by

the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

Should any such loans be made by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, the parties hereto shall participate equally in the funds derived from such loans. Loans separately secured by either the parties hereto for their respective purposes shall be obligation of and accrue to the benefit of such respective party.

14. It is agreed that the successful prosecution of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL will be enhanced by the cooperation and support of the Zionist Organization of America, the Poale-Zion, Zeire Zion, the Mizrahi Organization of America, and Hashomer Hatzair (which organizations are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Zionist Parties"). The Zionist Parties by conducting year-round educational and propaganda activities and issuing publications in which the activities of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and its constituents KEREN HAYESOD and KEREN KAYEMETH are publicized, are providing an essential background for the successful conduct of campaigns of, and on behalf of, the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. Therefore, the parties hereto agree to invite the Zionist Parties to give their cooperation to UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL for 1948 and they agree in consideration of services rendered to make available to the Zionist Organization of America \$54,000, the Poale Zion-Zeire Zion \$9,800, Mizrahi organization of America \$9,800, and Hashomer Hatzair \$3,000. The above service charges shall be paid in twelve (12) equal monthly installments. It is, however, expressly understood that the agreements with the Zionist Parties shall provide that their publications and literature shall be available to the fullest extent reasonably possible for the publicity and promotion purposes of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, KEREN HAYESOD and KEREN KAYEMETH, and

shall give adequate emphasis to the primacy of the needs of the said national funds, and that the Zionist Parties by their meetings, conferences, propaganda and publicity material, and with the cooperation of their officers and members shall nationally, and locally, participate in the activities of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL to the end that maximum results may be obtained for the 1948 campaign.

15. It is agreed that the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL for 1948 shall make the following allocations:

To the Mizrahi Palestine Fund the total sum of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) to be paid in twelve (12) monthly installments, provided that the amount realized by the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL from the 1948 United Jewish Appeal Campaign is not less than the amount realized from the 1947 campaign, and provided further that if the amount realized by the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL as aforesaid shall exceed the amount realized by it from the 1947 campaign, then the Mizrahi Palestine Fund shall be entitled to apply for an additional allocation. In the event the amount realized by the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL as aforesaid shall be less than the amount realized by it from the 1947 campaign, then the aforesaid allocation for 1948 shall be proportionately reduced. The letterheads and literature of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall indicate in appropriate form that its campaign is conducted also for the benefit of the Mizrahi Palestine Fund, and the work of the Mizrahi Palestine Fund shall be appropriately described in the publicity literature of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. The parties hereto agree to the foregoing allotment on the following terms and conditions: The Mizrahi Palestine Fund and the Mizrahi

Zionist Organization indicate their agreement hereto by affixing their signatures at the place provided therefore at the end of this agreement.

a. All of the monies made available to the Mizrahi Palestine Fund hereunder shall be transmitted to and spent entirely within Palestine by the Mizrahi Palestine Fund.

b. Accounting for such expenditures in Palestine by the Mizrahi Palestine Fund duly audited and certified shall be made semi-annually to the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem, and a duplicate shall be delivered to the United Palestine Appeal.

c. Upon notice being received by the United Palestine Appeal from the Jewish Agency in Palestine that the accounting referred to in the previous sub-paragraph has not been received by them, the United Palestine Appeal shall be entitled to withhold further payment to the Mizrahi Palestine Fund until the matter is adjusted.

d. The Mizrahi Palestine Fund will immediately upon receipt pay to the United Palestine Appeal all funds which it may receive in 1948 from any other source. The Mizrahi Palestine Fund shall semi-annually deliver to the United Palestine Appeal a detailed statement duly certified by its auditors of all income received from all sources other than the United Palestine Appeal.

e. The Mizrahi Palestine Fund, the Mizrahi Organization of America and the Hapoel Hamizrachi hereby expressly agree that neither they nor their respective subsidiaries or affiliates will conduct, directly or indirectly, or aid in the conduct of separate fund-raising efforts for Palestine purposes. It is further agreed that Hapoel Hamizrachi in Palestine and Hapoel Hamizrachi

in the United States shall consent to the foregoing provision that they will not conduct directly or indirectly or aid in the conduct of separate fund-raising efforts for Palestine purposes. The consent of Hapoel Hamizrachi in Palestine may be made by cable and that of Hapoel Hamizrachi in the United States may be by letter, duly signed by said organizations.

f. The Mizrachi Organization of America and the Mizrachi Palestine Fund agree that they will deliver to United Palestine Appeal semi-annually a detailed statement, duly certified by their auditors, of all income except membership dues which it is to pay over to United Palestine Appeal pursuant to this agreement, including all allotments by Welfare Chests and receipts from all other sources; also a certified account of income and expenditures of said Mizrachi Organization of America and Mizrachi Palestine Fund. The Mizrachi Organization of America represents that it has received the written consent of Mizrachi Women's Organization, that said Mizrachi Women's Organization will not make application to Welfare Funds, the Mizrachi Organization of America agrees that it will do all in its power to assure full performance by Mizrachi Women's Organization of its said agreement.

16. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein set forth, all monies raised by Keren Kayemeth through the activities described in Paragraph "10" above may be retained in the Treasury of the Keren Kayemeth, provided, however, that the sums so retained as indicated upon the monthly audits hereinabove referred to, shall be charged against the funds which may then be due or may thereafter become due to the Keren Kayemeth under this agreement. It is understood and agreed also that the procedure above set forth shall be fol-

lowed with respect to any and all funds raised by Keren Hayesod, pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph "12" above. The amounts raised in any one month by the Keren Kayemeth after a deduction of authorized expenditures, shall be transferred to the treasury of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL no later than the fifteenth day of the month following. Such sums become part of the pool of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL for distribution as herein indicated.

17. The parties hereto hereby agree to assign, transfer and pay over to UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL all contributions or pledges to which this agreement is applicable received by them respectively, and to do all further acts required to make the title of the said UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL to such contributions and pledges complete and absolute.

18. By reason of the existence of emergency conditions in Palestine, which will necessitate special expenditure, it is mutually agreed that out of each and every payment of the proceeds of the campaign made by the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL to the parties hereto respectively, each party will upon receipt of such payment remit one-third thereof to their respective headquarters in Jerusalem, to be expended by them for emergency purposes, and as set forth in the cable dated November 17, 1939, signed by Ussishkin, Hantke and Kaplan.

This provision is subject to the ratification of Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth of Jerusalem, and in the event that the two bodies do not concur, the final decision shall be left to the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

19. It is distinctly understood and agreed that UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL is hereby constituted as the agent of the parties hereto solely for the

for the purpose of the campaign beginning January 1, 1948 and ending December 31, 1948, and that the parties hereto do not assume any existing liabilities of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL or responsibility of any character by reason of any matter or transaction of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL occurring prior to January 1, 1948 except such liabilities as arise out of or in connection with the campaigns during the years 1936 through 1947, as provided for in the respective agreements between the parties hereto and held for them by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. It is further agreed that neither of the parties hereto shall receive or be entitled to receive any monies, credits or assets coming to the treasury of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL or to which the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL may become entitled by reason of any matter or transaction occurring prior to January 1, 1936.

2C. The parties agree that the 1948 campaign of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall be conducted in the manner set forth in this agreement, namely;

(a) The UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall have as its officers, the persons designated by the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, as shown on the schedule attached to this agreement.

(b) That the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall have a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee consisting of the persons whose names are set forth on a schedule hereto affixed and made a part of this agreement. There shall also be a National Council to be designated by United Palestine Appeal.

(c) The Board of Directors, and between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall have full authority, control, management and conduct of the activities of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL as mentioned in this agreement including the employment and release of staff and personnel.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once every two months and the Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month, in each case with the exception of the summer months.

21. It is agreed that all checks, drafts and other instruments for the withdrawal of funds and all negotiable papers of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall be signed by any two officers who are authorized to sign by resolution of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, provided, however, that one of the signers shall be one of the National Treasurers.

22. On or before November 1, 1948, the parties hereto shall, on the call of either party as hereinafter set forth, meet to determine whether or not the combined campaign herein agreed upon shall be renewed and continued for a further term of twelve (12) months commencing January 1, 1949 and terminating December 31, 1949. Such meeting shall be held in the office of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, 41 East 42nd Street, New York. If no such meeting is called or takes place on or before November 1, 1948 or if no agreement is reached by December 1st, for an extension of this contract beyond December 31, 1948, then this agreement shall terminate and come to an end on December 31, 1948. In the event that the parties shall fail to renew this agreement, UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall continue to act as their agent and in their behalf solely to collect unpaid subscriptions or pledges to the campaign conducted in and for the years 1936 through 1948.

In the event of the termination of this agreement the Keren Kayemeth shall be given the right to receive copies of all records at the disposal of the United Palestine Appeal in the conduct of its campaign and that the Keren

Hayesod shall have the same right to the records at the disposal of the Keren Kayemeth in the conduct of its campaign.

23. Each of the parties hereto agree to execute any further documents and to do any and all acts reasonably necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of this agreement.

24. It is agreed that no allocations, appropriations, loans or advances shall be made by the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL for any purpose not provided for in the agreement, unless authorization therefor first is given by the said Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth.

25. The Executive Directors of the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund respectively shall be invited to attend meetings of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and have access to UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL records and be liaison representatives between the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and their respective organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD) Inc.

BY _____

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH LE ISRAEL), INC.

BY _____

The Mizrahi Palestine Fund and the Mizrahi Zionist Organization hereby agree to the terms and conditions set forth above.

MIZRACHI PALESTINE FUND

BY _____

MIZRACHI ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, INC.

BY _____

National Conference for Israel

SPONSORED BY THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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September 29, 1948

Dear Friend:

You are cordially invited to attend the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal at the Palmer House in Chicago, beginning Saturday, November 6th at 8:00 p.m. and all day Sunday, November 7th beginning at 10:00 a.m.

All of us who have had a share in the upbuilding of the Jewish community in Israel, and who have contributed towards the building of its foundations, may well be proud of our achievements. In the dignity it lends, in the statesmanship it has displayed and in the haven it has provided since its establishment to some 50,000 newcomers—the new State of Israel has vindicated our proudest hopes.

These tasks, however, are only beginning. It is a young state still fighting for its existence. It has yet to fulfill the promise of home for many thousands of our people languishing in D.P. camps and in the grip of persecution in many parts of the world. The small community of Israel with its limited resources cannot, by itself, assume all of these burdens. You and I, concerned as we are with the future of our people, must be prepared to lend them ever greater support than we have in the past.

We must be able to measure the problems ahead and organize our plans to meet them. That will be the objective of this vital conference.

We will be guided in our discussions and considerations by outstanding leaders and experts of world renown.

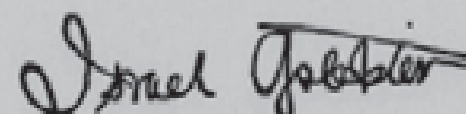
OPENING SESSION: SATURDAY, November 6th at 8:00 F.M.

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LUNCHEON SESSION: 1:00 P.M.

Please make your luncheon reservations at once on the enclosed card.

Faithfully yours,



National Chairman

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Noted Guest Speakers

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Dr. Israel Goldstein

Treasurer of the World Zionist Organization,
Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann

Member of the World Zionist Executive,
President of the Zionist Organization of America.

Major-General John H. Hilldring

As Assistant Secretary of State and as a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations, General Hilldring made a great contribution to the creation of the State of Israel.

Robert R. Nathan

One of the country's top-ranking economists and formerly Deputy Director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. Author of "Palestine: Problem and Promise."

Judge Morris Rothenberg

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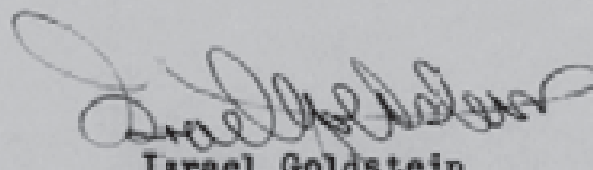
Dear Friend:

The last Executive Committee meeting was adjourned, because of the lateness of the hour, during the discussion of a very crucial matter facing the UPA. We will continue the meeting and the consideration of this problem on Thursday, October 14th at 8:30 P.M., in the office of the UPA, 41 East 42nd Street, Room 310.

I hope you will make every effort to attend this meeting.

Please indicate on the enclosed card that we may expect you.

Cordially yours,



Israel Goldstein
National Chairman

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att.



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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (*Keren Hayesod*)

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (*Keren Kayemesh*)

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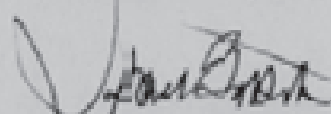
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Berl Locker called me from Tel Aviv to say that they had a meeting of the Executive there this morning to discuss problems with which we are confronted here.

He conveyed to me the report that they are terribly disturbed at the prospect of a split in the Welfare Fund group with its repercussions in the United Jewish Appeal. They urge us to make every effort to avert such a split and to go as far as we can in meeting the requests for community representation in the United Palestine Appeal. They urge that we do not take final action at the UPA tonight unless it can be favorable action. They again repeat their suggestion that if a favorable decision cannot be reached by the UPA tonight, there should be a meeting of the whole Executive on the suggestion and that two or three of our people here should come to Israel for that meeting. Should that be impossible, one of them ought to come here.

Cordially yours,



Dr. Israel Goldstein
National Chairman

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY LARGE CITY PLANNING CONFERENCE

October 24, 1948 — Pittsburgh, Pa.

On Reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal for 1949

The National Planning Conference of the thirty largest communities, meeting in Pittsburgh on October 24, 1948, requests the President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to appoint a committee to work toward reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal for 1949. It is understood that this committee recommended by the Planning Conference will work closely with the committee established by the Council Board,* and in the event that the latter is unsuccessful in resolving the differences affecting the United Palestine Appeal will explore other possibilities of reconstituting the United Jewish Appeal for 1949 in behalf of the communities.

*(The National Planning Conference took cognizance of the fact that the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has authorized a committee to concern itself with problems arising in the organization of the United Palestine Appeal and affecting reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal.)

On Miscellaneous Appeals for Europe and Palestine

At a National Planning Conference of the thirty largest communities in Pittsburgh on Sunday, October 24, 1948, it was agreed that the holding of independent campaigns for food, materials, or cash contributions for needs in Europe and Israel to supplement the services and programs of the JDC and the UPA, is harmful to the best interests of the causes served by these agencies because it tends to divert energies and funds from the UJA, which has the basic responsibility of meeting these needs in Europe and Israel.

We therefore strongly recommend that the UJA be asked to assume the responsibility of clearing with its beneficiaries and with any related agencies, the validity of such independent appeals of new organizations and/or projects not existing prior to 1945, and advise the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the welfare funds of the country, and all other interested agencies whether these appeals have its endorsement and deserve support.

Be it further resolved that the UJA be asked to implement this resolution immediately and advise the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds of its action on this resolution.

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November 1, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

In connection with your visit to the United Palestine Appeal Conference when you are to address the Opening Session on Saturday Evening, November 6th at the Palmer House, we have reserved a room for you at that hotel.

We have also arranged for your return transportation both by plane and rail. The schedule is as follows:

Capital Airlines
Leaves 11:00 PM
Arrives 2:30 AM

New York Central Train
Leaves 11:30 PM
Arrives 7:30 AM

The evening session is scheduled to start at 8:00 PM and you are to be the closing speaker of this session. Dr. Israel Goldstein will preside. The program will include local greetings and short addresses by Dr. Chaim Greenberg and Rabbi Max Kirshblum.

I am looking forward to seeing you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Robert Silverman

Robert Silverman
Secretary

RS:s

123 West Madison St.
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They Must Never Be Homeless Again



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November 1, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
 The Temple
 E. 105th Street at Ansel Road
 Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is a reminder note about your participation in the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal which will be held in Chicago on November 6th and 7th at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois.

I am attaching herewith a list of the main speakers who will be participating in the Conference indicating the session at which each will appear.

Looking forward to seeing you again and with best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Harry Seave

Harry Seave
 Acting Director

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They Must Never Be Homeless Again

TENTATIVE PROGRAM
U.P.A. CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 6-7, 1948
PALMER HOUSE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SATURDAY, November 6th, 8:00 P.M.

Speakers: Dr. Israel Goldstein - National Chairman, United Palestine Appeal
Rabbi Max Kirshblum - Mizrahi Palestine Fund
Chaim Greenberg - Member of the World Zionist Executive
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver- Chairman, American Section of the
Jewish Agency for Palestine

SUNDAY MORNING, November 7th, 10:00 A.M.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, presiding

National Anthem and Hatikvah

Speakers: Charles Ress - President, Palestine Foundation Fund
Judge Morris Rothenberg - President, Jewish National Fund
Robert R. Nathan - Economist: Author of "Palestine: Problem
and Promise"

Discussion - Questions and Answers

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, November 7th, 3:00 P.M.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, presiding

Speakers: Dr. Emanuel Neumann - President, Zionist Organization
Eliahu Epstein - Special Representative, Provisional Government
of Israel to the United States
Major-General John H. Hildring

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PLEASE AIRMAIL TO ME AT PALMER HOUSE CHICAGO. THANKS=
HAROLD E STEINBERG PUBLICITY DIRECTOR
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL=

November 3, 1948

Mr. Robert Silverman, Secretary
National Conference for Israel
123 West Madison Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

My dear Mr. Silverman:

Thank you for your letter of November 1st informing me that a room has been reserved for me at the Palmer House. I expect to arrive in Chicago early in the afternoon.

With regard to my return trip, I am grateful for the arrangements which you have made but I already have a reservation on the 11:30 P.M. train.

With all good wishes and looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

November 5, 1948

FROM: STANLEY C. MYERS, President

TO: MEMBER AGENCIES

I am in New York where I have been personally participating in the efforts of the Council to conciliate the differences within the United Palestine Appeal as instructed by our Board of Directors at Pittsburgh.

While here I have been informed by a number of our member agencies that they have received telegrams from the UPA asking them to designate representatives to advise the UPA on carrying out provisions for re-organization which the UPA itself has adopted. By this step the UPA is undertaking to implement its own decisions taken several weeks ago for broadening the structure of the UPA. As we understand it, what the UPA has in mind is setting up an advisory group of community leaders similar to what other national and overseas agencies have established.

The negotiations which we have been conducting have been going on daily, with Daniel Shiman, Edwin Rosenberg and your President acting for the Council. Our committee has been meeting with the two groups individually and jointly.

Since the negotiations are still in process we cannot give you any final report. I can tell you, however, that I believe some progress has been made and we are hopeful that they can be worked out successfully. We shall keep you informed of further steps.

At the same time, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Large City Planning Conference, we are exploring actively the constitution of a United Jewish Appeal for 1949 to assure maximum unified effort by American Jewry for major overseas needs. You will recall that our instruction is to work out a UJA under community auspices if the UJA is not itself re-constituted in the traditional manner.

(Dictated by phone Nov. 5, 1948, to Mr. Steinberg for UPA National Conference in Chicago, November 6th.)

The state of Israel has been put in a straitjacket by a truce which keeps the five Arab invading armies indefinitely on its borders. Israel is compelled to keep its entire manpower of military age mobilized at a time when they should be employed in developing the economy of the new state. The military cost added to the huge cost involved in absorbing and maintaining the hundreds of thousands of refugees who are pouring into the country is a terrific drain on the resources of the new state which cannot be long maintained. It is the clear policy of Great Britain to keep Israel in that military and economic straitjacket until it yields up the Negev which was assigned to Israel by the United Nations last November and which Great Britain covets for its oil and its potential military bases.

Whenever Israel is compelled to break out of this straitjacket in defense against Arab truce violations or to protect its convoys dispatched with United Nations knowledge to outlying Jewish settlements, Great Britain raises a clamor in the Security Council and calls for sanctions against Israel. The same Great Britain fought tooth and nail against the imposition of sanctions upon the Arab states when they left the boundaries of their own countries and invaded Palestine in an effort to alter by violence the decision of the United Nations. In not one instance of Arab truce violation so certified by the United Nations representatives did Great Britain call for sanctions. *Copy to table 22 and if Israel has reason to get*

Unfortunately, the United States Delegation is continuing to play along with Great Britain as Marshall did when he agreed to the surrender of the Negev. The American resolution which was adopted by the Security Council the other day is the original Anglo-Chinese resolution sugar-coated. The spokesmen of the United States Delegation are continuing to flout the clear intent and purpose of the instructions which they received from the President of the United States, and under the guise of clever phrasing are doing the very opposite of what the President has instructed them to do. This has happened more than once in the past. *Van der S. B. - No withdrawal.*

The real issue in Palestine is, of course, not the truce, but peace, and peace will never be had if Israel is called upon to surrender half of its territory to satisfy not the needs of any Arab state, but the imperial ambitions of Great Britain. The enemies of peace in Palestine continue to be the Bevin government of Great Britain. It is sabotaging every effort to bring the Jews and Arabs together for direct negotiations to establish peace. How long will President Truman permit the initiative to remain in the hands of Mr. Bevin who has contributed only war and chaos, suffering and tragedy to both Jews and Arabs in the Holy Land. *the only way to peace is by force*

AHS:er

RESOLUTION PASSED BY NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL HELD IN CHICAGO
AT THE PALMER HOUSE
Sunday, November 7th, 1948

RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING UPA

In view of the heavy responsibilities assumed by the Jewish Agency for Palestine in agreement with the State of Israel and the increased financial requirements that are necessary for the admission, absorption and resettlement of the free and vastly augmented stream of Jewish immigration into Palestine now proceeding at a rate exceeding 100,000 per year, and conscious of the corresponding responsibility resting upon American Jews in that regard, we the delegates assembled at the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal on November 7, 1948, at the Palmer House, in the city of Chicago

HEREBY RESOLVE THAT

1) the United Palestine Appeal do everything in its power to mobilize the continued support and generosity of American Jewry in behalf of the people of Israel and the OLIM pouring into that country on a scale commensurate with the demonstrated needs and the creative opportunity for the rapid upbuilding of the Jewish homeland;

2) the National Conference of the UPA notes with approval the steps which have been taken by the Executive Committee of the UPA to strengthen the UPA as the central fund-raising instrument of American Jews for the upbuilding of Israel and its expressed intention to provide for increased representation of Jewish communities and welfare funds in the governing bodies of the UPA as reflected in the resolution unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee on October 21, 1948, namely:

"The Executive Committee views with favor the inclusion on the governing bodies of the UPA of representatives of Jewish communities, welfare funds and federations to the extent of one-third of the membership of such governing bodies by a procedure to be determined in consultation with recognized leaders of communities and welfare funds organizations. The Executive Committee recommends this plan to the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund for approval and early action by their governing bodies."

3) It is understood that under the rules and regulations of the Zionist Movement, final authority for determining the allocation of funds raised for Jewish needs in Israel continues to rest with the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem and the central institutions which are vested with appropriate authority by the World Zionist Congress. As in the past, the proceeds of the UJA campaign received by the UPA (less its operational expenses) will continue to be remitted in equal parts to the offices in New York, of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) and the Jewish National Fund. It is likewise understood that all final decisions regarding allocations and appropriations of funds raised by the UPA and its constituents, the Keren Hayesod

and Keren Kayemeth, with the exception of administrative budgets, are in the competence of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Keren Kayemeth of Jerusalem - without thereby affecting the existing structure and practices of the American Jewish National Fund and the American Palestine Foundation Fund or their right to consider proposals and recommendations for allocations in or on behalf of Palestine. The UPA shall also have the corresponding power to consider all such proposals and to make its own recommendations with regard to them.



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CABLEGRAM FROM ELIEZER KAPLAN -- ISRAEL GOVERNMENT -- TEL AVIV,

NOVEMBER 5, 1948

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL -- PALMER HOUSE -- CHICAGO, ILL.

HEARTIEST GREETINGS TO UPA CONVENTION. YOU ARE ASSEMBLED THIS FATEFUL HOUR AFTER A YEAR OF GREAT ORDEAL AND GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS. THE ARMED FORCES, THE FLOWER OF YOUTHS OF ISRAEL, STOOD THE TEST OF BATTLE OF SURVIVAL AND PROTECTED OUR RIGHTS TO LIFE AND FREEDOM AND OUR POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. EIGHTY THOUSAND IMMIGRANTS SO FAR ENTERED ISRAEL THIS YEAR. NEARLY FORTY NEW SETTLEMENTS WERE ESTABLISHED. A NEW ROAD AND A NEW WATER AND LIFELINE TO JERUSALEM WAS CONSTRUCTED. ISRAEL AND JEWISH PEOPLE FACING THIS YEAR GIGANTIC TASKS WHILE THE WAR FOR FREEDOM AND EXISTENCE IS STILL RAGING AND THE RETURN TO ZION ONLY COMMENCING. BEFORE US THERE ARE DAZZLING PROSPECTS AND MORTAL DANGERS IN CONNECTION WITH FINAL DEFENSE AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE LIQUIDATION OF THE TRAGIC REFUGEE PROBLEM IN THE DIASPORA. THE YISHUV WHICH SACRIFICED BLOOD AND TREASURE WILL SHOULDER FURTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AND BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE BURDEN AS HITHERTO. BUT, THE SOLUTION OF THE JEWISH PROBLEM, IMMIGRATION, MUST BE WORLD JEWRY'S RESPONSIBILITY. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE TWO THOUSAND YEARS THE GATES OF ZION ARE WIDELY OPEN TO JEWS, BUT THE NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS IS DEPENDENT FIRST AND FOREMOST ON THE GREAT AMERICAN JEWRY'S REALIZATION OF HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY. THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IS THE ONLY LIMIT FOR IMMIGRATION. EVERY IMMIGRANT'S FIRST ESTABLISHMENT IS REQUIRING \$500. HIS FULL SETTLEMENT \$2000. VISION AND REALISTIC APPROACH ARE ESSENTIAL AT THIS FATEFUL HOUR. UNITY OF ALL FORCES AND REORGANIZATION ARE IMPERATIVE FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THIS TREMENDOUS TASK. I FIRMLY BELIEVE AMERICAN JEWRY WITH ITS SPLENDID RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS WILL PROVE EQUAL TO THIS ENORMOUS TASK. GREATER EFFORTS AND SACRIFICES ARE THE PRE-CONDITION FOR SUCCESS. AMERICAN JEWRY TOOK UPON ITSELF AN ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BY PUTTING THEIR REPRESENTATIVE AS HEAD OF THE

TREASURY OF THE JEWISH AGENCY. HIS SUCCESS IS DEPENDENT MAINLY ON YOUR
EFFORTS. I HOPE YOU WILL FIND THE WAY FOR AN UNIFIED CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL
ASSURE MATERIAL MEANS AND THE CONSUMMATION OF THE GREAT DREAM OF OUR
RETURN TO THE JEWISH HOMELAND.

KAPLAN



APPENDIX B

MESSAGE FROM THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE IN JERUSALEM
November 9, 1948

TO UPA CONFERENCE CHICAGO

THE EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY IN JERUSALEM SENDS YOU MOST CORDIAL GREETINGS AND WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR DELIBERATIONS. THE TASK OF THE JEWISH AGENCY AND ITS FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, THE KEREN HAYESOD AND THE KEREN KAYEMETH, HAS ASSUMED WIDEST SCOPE IN THIS ERA OF INDEPENDENCE. WHILE ISRAEL'S ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE ARE INSCRIBING GLORIOUS PAGES OF THE STORY OF JEWISH HEROISM, THE WORK OF SALVATION AND RECONSTRUCTION MUST CONTINUE AT EVER GROWING SCALE. THE ALIYAH HAS REACHED NUMBERS WHICH ARE WITHOUT COMPARISON IN THE HISTORY OF OUR RETURN. THE TASK OF RECEIVING, HOUSING AND ABSORBING MANY THOUSANDS WEEK BY WEEK RAISES TREMENDOUS ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. NEW SETTLEMENTS ARE UPSPRINGING IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. REVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT OF JERUSALEM HAS BECOME CENTRAL ISSUE FOR WHOLE MOVEMENT. THESE AND OTHER TASKS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WHOLE JEWISH PEOPLE. AMERICAN JEWRY'S CENTRAL POSITION IN THIS HISTORIC EFFORT IS OBVIOUS. WE DEEPLY DEPLORE DIFFERENCES U.S.A. ENDANGERING HARMONY IN THIS CRUCIAL HOUR. ANY SPLIT DISASTROUS. UNITY OF ACTION MUST BE MAINTAINED. THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, WHOSE CONTRIBUTION TO UPEUILDING ERETZ ISRAEL SO GREAT MUST REMAIN THE MAINSTAY OF AMERICAN JEWRY'S EFFORT FOR ISRAEL. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR CONFERENCE WILL BE ANIMATED BY SENSE OF HIGHEST RESPONSIBILITY AND STATEMANSHIP. OUR CHAIRMAN WILL LEAVE SOONEST FOR STATES, TO CONSULT WITH COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS ON WAYS AND MEANS OF SECURING BEST INTERESTS OUR GREAT CAUSE. SHALOM.

EXECUTIVE JEWISH AGENCY JERUSALEM

BURL LOCKER - CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX B

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DR ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
HOTEL PALMER HOUSE CHGO

FOLLOWING CABLE ADDRESSED JEVAGENCY JUST RECEIVED FROM
LOCKER QUOTE HAVE CABLED TODAY FEINBERG SHULMAN QUOTE
YOURS 31 OCTOBER GREATLY APPRECIATED WHOLEHEARTEDLY
ACCEPTING YOUR ASSURANCE DEVOTION TO ISRAEL STOP VIEW
WITH GRAVEST APPREHENSION ANY ACTION WIDENING BREACH
THIS FATEFUL JUNCTURE EVERYBODY CONCERNED MUST MAKE
EXTREME EFFORT RESTORE UNITY AND MAINTAIN HARMONIOUS
COOPERATION STOP THIS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE BASIS CONGRESS
DECISIONS STOP CONSIDER ATTEMPT INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN
FRAUGHT GRAVEST DANGERS OUR COMMON CAUSE AND URGE YOU
ABSTAIN ANY PREPARATIONS THIS DIRECTION STOP LEAVING
FOR USA NEXT WEEK UNQUOTE.



NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE OF LARGE CITIES
October 24, 1948 — Pittsburgh, Pa.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON INDEPENDENT APPEALS

At a National Planning Conference of the thirty largest communities in Pittsburgh on Sunday, October 24, 1948, it was agreed that the holding of independent campaigns for food, materials, or cash contributions for needs in Europe and Israel to supplement the services and programs of the JDC and the UJA, is harmful to the best interests of the causes served by these agencies because it tends to divert energies and funds from the UJA, which has the basic responsibility of meeting these needs in Europe and Israel.

We therefore strongly recommend that the UJA be asked to assume the responsibility of clearing with its beneficiaries and with any related agencies, the validity of such independent appeals of new organizations and/or projects not existing prior to 1945, and advise the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the welfare funds of the country, and all other interested agencies whether these appeals have its endorsement and deserve support.

Be it further resolved that the UJA be asked to implement this resolution immediately and advise the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds of its action on this resolution.

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RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
HELD IN CHICAGO, ILL. AT THE PALMER HOUSE
Sunday, November 7, 1948

RESOLUTION ON FUND RAISING

We the delegates assembled at the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal, solemnly reaffirm the position which the United Palestine Appeal has occupied for a quarter of a century as the central and official fund-raising agency of American Jewry, for Palestine and Israel, representing the two major Zionist Funds, Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund), Keren Kayemeth and officially recognized by the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Realizing the crucial importance of the 1949 campaign for the future of Israel and the need for the maximum concentration of effort, and the necessity for unified and disciplined action, we call upon all Jews sincerely devoted to the Cause, to reduce to a minimum the confusion, overlapping and consequent harm that are bound to result from separate appeals for funds for Israel.



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The following is a quotation from the BUSINESS DIGEST, organ of the Haifa Chamber of Shipping, November 10, 1948, page 600:

"MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU AND UNITED JEWISH APPEAL IN THE U.S.A.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau will be the Israel Finance Minister, Mr. E. Kaplan's personal representative in the U.S.A. and head the United Jewish Appeal there. Mr. Morgenthau accepted this task at Mr. Kaplan's request, on condition that he will have the Israel Government's full support for all his actions. He is said to have stated that he would immediately remove Dr. Silver's followers from any positions of influence in Appeal matters. It is also rumoured that Mr. Morgenthau will shortly propose the separation of the United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish Agency in the United States."

*I received this except from our
friends in Haifa. It might be of
interest to you*

Kindest regards

J. Sebestyen

November 11, 1948

PROPOSALS FOR UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

I. STRUCTURE OF ORGANIZATION

1. The United Palestine Appeal shall be established as a permanent, autonomous fund-raising agency for the Palestine Foundation Fund and Jewish National Fund.
2. Its governing bodies shall be composed of nominees, to the extent of one half, named by the Palestine Foundation Fund and Jewish National Fund, and the other half consisting of representatives selected by the Jewish communities of America, the method of selection of the latter to be devised in association with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.
3. The United Palestine Appeal shall be incorporated in its new form and be governed by appropriate by-laws, including a provision that members of governing bodies unable to attend meetings may use proxies.

II. POWERS OF ORGANIZATION

1. The UPA shall elect its own officers, devise its campaign plans and determine its administrative budget.
2. The UPA shall negotiate and conclude agreements for a United Jewish Appeal, subject to the proviso that the section of such an agreement that may refer to the traditional collections of the Jewish National Fund shall be subject to the approval of that Fund.
3. All funds accruing to the United Palestine Appeal shall be dispatched promptly by the UPA to the beneficiaries in Israel, in accordance with agreements governing the distribution of funds as between the Palestine Foundation Fund and Jewish National Fund, with the exception of such funds as may be retained in America in accordance with the following procedures.
4. The funds accruing to the United Palestine Appeal shall be utilized for the administrative budgets of the UPA, Palestine Foundation Fund office

in America and Jewish National Fund operations in America.

5. Decisions on which additional agencies, beyond the Palestine Foundation Fund and Jewish National Fund, shall be included in the United Palestine Appeal shall be made by the United Palestine Appeal, with the understanding that no decision, affirmative or negative, shall have validity unless it shall have been concurred in and approved by the Executive of the Jewish Agency, in Israel. It is understood that the Palestine Foundation Fund in America and the Jewish National Fund in America may submit recommendations to the United Palestine Appeal on additional agencies, with the decision on these recommendations resting with the UPA.
6. Decisions on appropriations to other bodies in the United States, and not for expenditures in Israel, shall be made by the UPA, with the understanding that no decision, affirmative or negative, shall have validity unless it shall have been concurred in and approved by the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Israel. It is understood that the Palestine Foundation Fund in America and the Jewish National Fund in America may submit recommendations to the UPA with respect to such appropriations, with the decision on such recommendations resting with the UPA.
7. It is understood that the term "administrative expense" in reference to the activities of the UPA, Palestine Foundation Fund and Jewish National Fund, which may be paid out of UPA income, shall be restricted to administrative, fund-raising and educational (community service) expenditures. It shall not refer to the administrative expenses of departments, bureaus, offices and bodies set up and maintained or supported out of UPA funds, such as Zionist Archives and Library, Economic Bureau, Palestine Bureau, Services for Palestine, Inc., the Commission on Palestine Surveys, etc. Appropriations for such activities shall be treated in the same manner as all other appropriations and allocations referred to above.

United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

M E M O R A N D U M

November 12, 1948

To: The Members of the Board of Directors
From: Herman L. Weisman, Acting National Chairman

I believe you will be interested in a copy of a memorandum which was dispatched today to the officers of the major Welfare Funds.

HLM:SCG
att.

HARRY SEEVE
115-25 Metropolitan Ave.
Kew Gardens, L.I., N.Y.

November 15, 1948

M E M O R A N D U M

TO Members, United Palestine Appeal Board of Directors
FROM Harry Seove

My colleagues and I believe that our decision to dissociate ourselves from the United Palestine Appeal is a matter that is of concern to all the members of its Board of Directors. I am, therefore, enclosing a copy of our letter of resignation. We shall welcome any comments.

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

November 15, 1948

Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Acting National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Weisman:

As indicated to you in our recent conversation, we are resigning from the United Palestine Appeal.

Each of us is grateful to the UPA for having afforded us the opportunity, during the many years of our association with it, to render a service to our people, and to the Zionist movement. During these years each of us in his respective capacity has interpreted to the American Jewish Community, through the spoken and written word, the needs of the Jewish homeland, and has had the privilege of taking part in the glorious chapter which the American Jewish Community has written in the last few years.

You and some of your associates have been kind enough to commend repeatedly the devotion, the loyalty and the effectiveness with which we have served the UPA. We are appreciative of the efforts exerted by you and your colleagues, in the past few days, urging the continuation of our association with the UPA. Since we have been connected with the Zionist movement, both in a voluntary and in a professional capacity for the most of our adult lives - one of us has been in the civil service of the movement for more than thirty-five years - you will understand that we tender our resignation with the greatest reluctance and only after the most careful deliberation and profound soul-searching.

We had hoped that the leadership of the UPA would be responsive to the growing insistence of the leaders of all the communities on a determining voice in its administration. We are now convinced that there is no sincere intention to reorganize the UPA to this end. In all the resolutions passed by the UPA and its constituent agencies and in the statements released to the press the basic question of real and effective reorganization has been studiously avoided and ignored. Despite the issuance of an invitation to the Welfare Funds for the purpose of consultation on broadening the base of representation and augmenting the authority of the UPA, the small Executive Committee of the UPA precipitated a decision in one of the most vital aspects of future administration.

At the insistence of the President of the Zionist Organization of America, they rushed through the appointment of an Executive Director whose primary qualification for this post, regardless of his abilities, is his abiding loyalty and indebtedness to the leaders of the ZOA. This action which presents a

Mr. Herman L. Weisman

November 15, 1948

fait accompli for 1949 was taken without reference to the UPA's Board of Directors or to the Welfare Funds invited for consultation, and in spite of our warnings that this appointment would, of necessity, confirm the charges as to the political character of the UPA. This was done also in ruthless disregard for the unanimous decision of a representative Nominations Committee and over the protest of the representatives of the Labor Zionist Movement.

We have watched with apprehension the growing rift between the UPA and many significant contributors and workers of the United Jewish Appeal. We have avoided taking sides in this issue. Neither were we prepared to join in denouncing the men whom we have come to regard as selfless and consecrated servants of the Jewish people.

We have repeatedly expressed to you our feeling that every effort should be made to meet sincerely the demands of these community leaders so that a unified and strengthened UPA could mobilize American Jewry to the heights of generosity to meet the challenge of Jewish needs in Israel. We pointed out that failure to resolve these differences would threaten not only the UPA but also the continuation of the United Jewish Appeal. We are convinced that the leadership of the UPA has not shown the necessary statesmanship and readiness to resolve that problem.

We regret that we have to end an association that has given us the opportunity to serve Israel. We feel that we can now serve best by dissociating ourselves from the UPA until such time as the UPA is reorganized so that it again becomes an effective and non-political instrument for meeting the growing needs of the Jewish homeland.

In view of the fact that this entire issue has been discussed in the press, we feel that our action is a matter of public concern.

Cordially yours,

Harry Seave, Acting Director

Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, Director of Information

Ellis Radinsky, Director of Community Contacts

Dr. George Stefansky, Director of Research

Sidney S. Green, Comptroller

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THE UNION OF SEPHARDIC CONGREGATIONS, INC.

99 Central Park West
New York 23, N. Y.

November 19, 1948

Mr. Herman L. Weisman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Weisman:

For many months past our Union has been concerned with the conditions under which so many Jews are living in Moslem lands. The Committee for the Forgotten Million in which I have been active is, as you probably know, undertaking a large scale program of health for these underprivileged Jews.

But the political pressure from which so many Jewish communities in Moslem lands are suffering makes every aspect of reconstructive work intensively difficult.

It might therefore be of far reaching value were some outstanding American leaders to go on a mission of inquiry and investigation to such countries as those in the Middle East, in order that they may bring back a report as to the conditions in which the Jews are living in such historic communities as those of Egypt, Syria and Iraq.

It is my hope that it will be found possible to arrange for such a mission. Its life saving value could be immeasurably high.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ D. de Sola Pool
President

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

November 23, 1948

Dr. David de Sola Pool
99 Central Park West
New York 23, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Pool:

I have received your letter of November 19th and take note of its contents.

It is my understanding that the American Zionist Emergency Council is considering the advisability for a number of United States Senators to make a tour of the Middle East and Israel, and that one of the purposes of this tour is to bring back pertinent material in regard to conditions affecting Jews in the Arab countries.

I am sending a copy of your letter, as well as my reply, to the American Zionist Emergency Council, and I am sure that if and whether their plan is realized you will receive information about it.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Herman L. Weisman
Acting National Chairman

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November 26, 1948

Mr. Herman L. Weisman

Dr. Israel Goldstein

I have the impression that a good deal of the JDC work being done in the DP camps would, upon analysis, be found to be not exactly essential. There is, for example, the so-called retraining program on which they are spending several million dollars. I have heard from reliable sources that these people are better off when their retraining is done in Israel upon their arrival there.

With reference to transportation charges, IRO will reimburse JDC to the extent of about \$2,000,000, possibly in the course of the next month or so. In negotiating the agreement for 1949, we might proceed on the assumption that IRO would bear the transportation charges to Israel and that the JDC would accordingly have less of the load to carry. If the JDC should balk at that arrangement, we might offer an alternative suggestion for an internal agreement that the JDC would refund to the UPA the amount that they would receive from IRO. Actually, the Jewish Agency might be in a position to arrange these matters of transportation itself with IRO since, in a sense, it represents the Jewish State, and that while previously the JDC may have been in a good position, the situation is changing rapidly in favor of the Jewish Agency, especially as soon as Israel has de jure recognition.

Under these circumstances an 80/20 arrangement with JDC might be generous.

It has been suggested to me that it might be advisable for us to send somebody over immediately to Europe to see what the JDC is actually doing there. Perhaps it will take too long to wait for such a report since we have begun our negotiations. Nevertheless, we may be called upon somewhere in the course of our negotiations to let the JDC know how its work is regarded.

There is a practical suggestion which I should like to leave with you before I go back to Israel.

1. That the USA increase its contribution to IRO, earmarking the increased amount for use in connection with transport and resettlement in Israel. I understand that there is a precedent in the case of Canada where IRO makes a contribution not only for transportation charges, but also for getting the immigrant on his feet in the new land. I believe it is called a "landing aid".

It may be that the person to see about this is Mr. Warren. Mr. Bookstein has dealt with some of the people in Washington in connection with these matters and might be in a position to be helpful.

Incidentally, I understand IRO has budgeted for 50,000 DPs. If the number is larger, we have a proper claim upon them for a larger amount.

It might be worthwhile trying to get a special grant in Congress on the basis of

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President Truman's long-standing promise that he would give economic help for resettlement of the 100,000.

It has been suggested to me that an extra appropriation might be available if a deal is worked out whereby this proposal is linked with a proposal being prepared to ask Congress to appropriate \$12,000,000 for the Arab refugees. As I understand it, the proponents of the Arab refugee grant are hesitant, fearing an unfavorable public reaction and might be glad to make an arrangement whereby a grant would also be made available for Jewish use. It is a political question as to whether such a deal is advisable, but I mention it since it was mentioned to me.

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EDWIN ROSENBERG
417 Fifth Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

December 31, 1948

Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Acting Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 E. 42nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Weisman:

I have received a letter from Rabbi A. H. Silver as Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, enclosing a copy of his letter to you, with the request that I put into writing the statements I made to the five employees who had resigned from the United Palestine Appeal concerning the conditions under which they could return to their positions. I noted also that upon receipt of such a communication from me, the Executive of the Jewish Agency recommended unanimously to the U.P.A. acceptance of the recommendations I have made for the reinstatement of the five men.

I have the stenotype record of my remarks to the Jewish Agency last Monday, and I am happy to set forth the following amplification of my letter of December 14 to you, covering that content in accordance with Dr. Silver's request.

I want to make it clear that I reviewed with the five men the content of the letters I was going to send to them and to you, and emphasized that unless they were willing to accept the conditions contained therein with a full understanding of their meaning and implications, they could not expect to return to their positions in the U.P.A. I stated that these conditions were to constitute an agreement, so that the U.P.A. could, if it wished, publish that statement as an acceptance by the men of the conditions under which they could return to their posts.

I made a special point of including the words "undivided loyalty" in my letter. I wanted to make sure that there would be no question in anyone's mind as to what was intended and expected.

In that regard, I made it clear and so stated in writing, that in returning these men would be working under the direction of the present Executive Director and Executive Committee of the U.P.A. Their pledge of undivided loyalty was made with that fact fully discussed and understood.

It was also clearly understood that if they did not live up to their part of the agreement, their positions would no longer be secure; that any agreement the U.P.A. would make with them was contingent on their carrying out the terms of that agreement.

2. Mr. Herman L. Weisman

December 31, 1948

It was on the basis of these conversations and correspondence, in which all of the above points were thoroughly explored and answered to my satisfaction (and to what I understand to be the best interests of the U.P.A. and the people served by the U.P.A.), that I wrote to you that the U.P.A. could expect the "undivided loyalty and devoted service" of these men, and recommended that they return to their positions as of December 20.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

"EDWIN ROSENBERG"

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THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KEREN HAYESOD AND THE
KEREN KAYEMETH TO CONSTITUTE THE 1949 UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

AGREEMENT entered into as of the 1st day of Jan. 1949, by and between the PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD), INC., a New York membership corporation, the party of the first part; (hereinafter referred to as the "Keren Hayesod") and the JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH LE ISRAEL), INC., a New York membership corporation, party of the second part (hereinafter referred to as the "Keren Kayemeth").

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, efficiency and economy in the raising of funds for their respective purposes have been aided by the creation of a centralized administration in the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL during the years 1936 through 1948 inclusive, and WHEREAS, Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth believe that the efficiency and economy heretofore attained will be maintained and enhanced by the reconstitution of the United Palestine Appeal for 1949 with certain additional functions and powers and with provision for Community representation on its Governing Bodies,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. The parties hereto agree to conduct a joint campaign to secure in the United States funds for their respective purposes and they do hereby constitute and appoint "THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL", a membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, as their agents and in their behalf to conduct and manage the aforesaid campaign during and for the calendar year 1949.

2. The aim of the campaign shall be to raise for the parties hereto a maximum sum in cash and pledges during the period commencing January 1, 1949,

and ending December 31, 1949.

3. It is agreed that the stationery and the national and local publicity relating to the Joint Campaign shall describe UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL as being for and on behalf of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth. It is agreed that in addition to such activities as it desires to carry on and without curtailment of any of its prerogatives, Keren Hayesod may call upon the United Palestine Appeal to give especial attention to publicity, propaganda and educational activity with reference to Keren Hayesod including but not limited to the holding of conferences, to further interest in and knowledge of the importance, meaning and activities of Keren Hayesod.

4. It is agreed that all monies, pledges and subscriptions received or secured by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, or by either of the parties to this agreement during or for the period of January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949 shall, except as herein otherwise provided, be remitted to the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, INC. and the same shall constitute a common pool of the parties hereto to be disbursed as hereinafter set forth.

5. It is agreed that all sums received or realized as a result of the said Joint Campaign conducted by the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL itself or through the JEWISH NATIONAL FUND on behalf of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall become part of the aforesaid common pool and shall be disbursed as follows:

All duly authorized campaign expenses and other duly authorized expenses of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall be a first lien and charge against all monies received. The net proceeds of the campaign after deduction of all duly authorized expenditures shall be allocated on a basis of parity between the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

6. It is the right and intention of the parties hereto to devote the sums to be received by them from UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL both to the normal purposes and activities of their respective organizations, and to such special requirements as in their own respective judgments may be deemed necessary or advisable in the discharge of their duties and functions.

7. Neither of the parties hereto shall engage in any separate fund-raising activity except as herein specifically permitted and agreed upon. All funds and pledges, received or secured by either of the parties hereunto on account of or as a result of any fund-raising effort conducted after January 1, 1949, and prior to December 31, 1949, shall be deemed, pledged, received or secured for and on account of the 1949 campaign herein provided for, except as hereinafter provided, and shall be paid into the treasury of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, it being understood that the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall continue to collect unpaid subscriptions of pledges to the campaigns heretofore conducted by it and shall dispose of all sums collected pursuant to the applicable agreements between the parties hereto.

8. It is agreed that all bequests and legacies which either of the parties hereto may receive or become entitled to, shall be retained in entirety by the party to this agreement which is the beneficiary thereof.

9. It is agreed that the accounts of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall be audited monthly by Certified Public Accountants to be chosen by the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, with the approval and consent of the parties hereto, and that a duplicate copy of such audits shall promptly be delivered to UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and to each of the parties hereto. It is further agreed

that each of the parties hereto shall have its respective books of accounts audited monthly during 1949 by Certified Public Accountants, and shall promptly deliver to the other a copy thereof.

10. It is agreed and understood that neither the Keren Hayesod nor the Keren Kayemeth, parties to this agreement, merge as organizations with UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. They shall maintain their separate identities and independence as organizations and may carry on their normal and established duties and functions, except as limited by this agreement.

It is agreed and understood that the following activities of the Keren Kayemeth shall continue to be conducted through the established Keren Kayemeth apparatus:

- a. Box collections
- b. Sale of JNF stamps
- c. Flag and flower day collections
- d. Chanukah and Purim collections
- e. Tree planting
- f. Lag B'Omer celebrations
- g. Collections from children in Hebrew Schools
- h. Golden Book Inscriptions
- i. Incidental collections at festivals, simchas, Bar Mitzvahs, weddings and similar occasional collections
- j. Sefer Hayalet
- k. Dunam land donations
- l. Nachlas

11. The parties hereto expressly agree that UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall have the right to negotiate an agreement with any other organizations for a joint campaign subject to final ratification by the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) Inc. and the Jewish National Fund, Inc., and upon such final ratification, such agreement with any other organizations shall be binding on the parties hereto and the parties hereto shall take no action which is contrary to or which may constitute a breach of said agreement.

The parties hereto agree further to promote and aid the campaign which may be conducted by or participated in by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL during the year 1949, and to take no action which will harm or impede the collection of funds by such campaigns.

12. It is, however, agreed that the net proceeds derived from the aforementioned activities of the Keren Kayemeth and such activities of the Keren Hayesod as may be properly conducted by it, after the administrative expenses incurred in connection therewith shall have been deducted, shall belong to and be a part of the common pool of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. It is further agreed that the activities mentioned in Paragraph "10", and this paragraph "12", shall be so conducted as not to interfere with or be hurtful to the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and its activities.

13. Loans made by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL to meet expenditures other than campaign and usual administrative costs shall require prior approval by the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

Should any such loan be made by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, the parties hereto shall participate equally in the funds derived from such loans. Loans separately secured by either the parties hereto for their respective purposes shall be obligation of and accrue to the benefit of such respective party.

14. It is agreed that the successful prosecution of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL will be enhanced by the cooperation and support of the Zionist Organization of America, the Poale Zion, Zeire-Zion, the Mizrachi Organization of America, and Hashomer Hatzair (which organizations are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Zionist Parties"). The Zionist Parties by

conducting year-round educational and propaganda activities and issuing publications in which the activities of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and its constituents KEREN HAYESOD and KEREN KAYEMETH are publicized, are providing an essential background for the successful conduct of campaigns of, and on behalf of, the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. Therefore, the parties hereto agree to invite the Zionist Parties to give their cooperation to UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL for 1949, and they agree in consideration of services rendered to make available to the Zionist Organization of America \$54,000, the Poale Zion-Zeire Zion \$9,800, Mizrahi Organization of America \$9,800, and Hashomer Hatzair \$5,000. The above service charges shall be paid in twelve (12) equal monthly installments. It is, however, expressly understood that the agreements with the Zionist Parties shall provide that their publications and literature shall be available to the fullest extent reasonably possible for the publicity and promotion purposes of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, KEREN HAYESOD and KEREN KAYEMETH, and shall give adequate emphasis to the primacy of the needs of the said national funds, and that the Zionist Parties by their meetings, conferences, propaganda and publicity material, and with the cooperation of their officers and members shall nationally, and locally participate in the activities of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL to the end that maximum results may be obtained for the 1949 campaign.

15. When and if any allocations payable out of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL funds to any organization, group or agency other than Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth shall be approved finally by Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth in Israel and by the Executive of the Jewish Agency, the parties hereto shall execute promptly an agreement supplemental to this agreement setting forth the

amount, method of payment of such allocation, and the terms and conditions under which payment of such allocation shall be made.

16. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein set forth, all monies raised by Keren Kayemeth through the activities described in Paragraph "10" above may be retained in the Treasury of the Keren Kayemeth, provided, however, that the sums so retained as indicated upon the monthly audits hereinabove referred to, shall be charged against the funds which may then be due or may thereafter become due to the Keren Kayemeth under this agreement. It is understood and agreed also that the procedure above set forth shall be followed with respect to any and all funds raised by Keren Hayesod, pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph "12" above. The amounts raised in any one month by the Keren Kayemeth after a deduction of authorized expenditures, shall be transferred to the treasury of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL no later than the 15th day of the month following. Such sums become part of the pool of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL for distribution as herein indicated.

17. The parties hereto hereby agree to assign, transfer and pay over to UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL all contributions or pledges to which this agreement is applicable received by them respectively, and to do all further acts required to make the title of the said UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL to such contributions and pledges complete and absolute.

18. By reason of the existence of emergency conditions in Israel which will necessitate special expenditure, it is mutually agreed that out of each and every payment of the proceeds of the campaign made by the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL to the parties hereto respectively, each party will upon receipt of such payment remit one-third thereof to their respective headquarters in

Jerusalem, to be expended by them for the emergency purposes, and as set forth in the cable dated November 17, 1939, signed by Ussishkin, Hantke, and Kaplan.

This provision is subject to the ratification of Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth of Jerusalem, and in the event that the two bodies do not concur, the final decision shall be left to the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

19. It is distinctly understood and agreed that UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL is hereby constituted as the agent of the parties hereto solely for the purpose of the campaign beginning January 1, 1949, and ending December 31, 1949, and that the parties hereto do not assume any existing liabilities of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL or responsibility of any character by reason of any matter or transaction of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL occurring prior to January 1, 1949 except such liabilities as arise out of or in connection with the campaigns during the years 1936 through 1948, as provided for in the respective agreements between the parties hereto and held for them by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. It is further agreed that neither of the parties hereto shall receive or be entitled to receive any monies, credits or assets coming to the treasury of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL or to which the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL may become entitled by reason of any matter or transaction occurring prior to January 1, 1936.

20. The parties agree that the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL for 1949 shall be reconstituted as follows:

a. The governing bodies of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall be a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee having such number of members as the

parties hereto shall designate at a later date. There shall also be a National Council, the members of which shall be designated by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and which shall have advisory functions only.

b. The Board of Directors, and between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, shall have full authority, control, management and conduct of the activities of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL as mentioned in this agreement including the employment and release of staff and personnel.

c. Sixty percent (60%) of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee respectively, shall be designated by the parties hereto jointly, or if they do not agree, each of the parties hereto shall designate thirty percent (30%) of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, respectively. Forty percent (40%) of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee respectively, shall consist of Community Representatives designated in accordance with procedures to be formulated by UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL in consultation with the Council of Welfare Funds.

d. The UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall adopt By-Laws for the conduct of its affairs not inconsistent with the provisions of this agreement and shall elect its officers pursuant to said By-Laws.

e. The present Executive Committee of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall take all actions which may be necessary for the reconstitution of UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL for 1949 as herein provided.

21. On or before November 1, 1949, the parties hereto shall, on the call of either party as hereinafter set forth, meet to determine whether or not the combined campaign herein agreed upon shall be renewed and continued for a further term of twelve (12) months commencing January 1, 1950 and ter-

minating December 31, 1950. Such meeting shall be held in the office of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, 41 East 42 Street, New York. If no such meeting is called or takes place on or before November 1, 1949 or if no agreement is reached by December 1st for an extension of this contract beyond December 31, 1949, then this agreement shall terminate and come to an end on December 31, 1949. In the event that the parties shall fail to renew this agreement, UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL shall continue to act as their agent and in their behalf solely to collect unpaid subscriptions or pledges to the campaign conducted in and for the years 1936 through 1949.

In the event of the termination of this agreement the Keren Kayemeth shall be given the right to receive copies of all records at the disposal of the United Palestine Appeal in the conduct of its campaign and that the Keren Hayesod shall have the same right to the records at the disposal of the Keren Kayemeth in the conduct of its campaign.

22. Each of the parties hereto agree to execute any further documents and to do any and all acts reasonably necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of this agreement.

23. The Executive Directors of the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund respectively shall be invited to attend meetings of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and have access to UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL records and be liaison representatives between the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and their respective organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Kayesod)

Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth Le Israel)

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JANUARY SEVENTH 1230 PM LUNCHEON AT NEW YORK UPA
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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, IF CLOSED DLR TO RESIDENCE
=CARE THE TEMPLE EAST 105 AT ANSEL RD CLEVE=

PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU OFFICIALLY YOU HAVE BEEN NAMED MEMBER
PREPARATORY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL UJA CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC CITY WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12-13 HOTEL
CHELSEA. COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE DETAILED REPORTS ON
REQUIREMENTS OF UJA AGENCIES AND WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY
OF MAKING RECOMMENDATION TO ENTIRE CONFERENCE FOR NATIONAL
1949 UJA GOAL. PLENARY SESSION STARTS WEDNESDAY LUNCH ONE PM
. COMMITTEE SESSIONS HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING AT SIX PM
DINNER AND THURSDAY MORNING NINE AM BREAKFAST. ALL OTHER
DELEGATES WILL BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS. COMMITTEE WILL
REPORT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION FOR NATIONAL GOAL THURSDAY
AFTERNOON AT PLENARY SESSION TO CONTINUE THROUGH DINNER
AND EVENING. LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING YOU PERSONALLY IN
ATLANTIC CITY=

=WILLIAM ROSENWALD HERMAN L WEISMAN JONAH B WISE
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN=

12-13 UJA 1949 UJA PLENARY PM PM AM ..

*The officers take pleasure
in inviting you to attend the*

*1949 National Conference of the
United Jewish Appeal*

going forward on the basis of

A Decade of Dedicated Service

*through united fund raising
on behalf of the JDC, UJA and U.S.N.A.*

Wednesday evening, January 12

Thursday, January 13

and Friday, January 14, 1949

at the Chelsea Hotel

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PLEASE ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL ON FRIDAY, JANUARY TWENTY-FIRST
AT 12:30 PM. 41 EAST 42ND STREET, ROOM 310. FOR PURPOSE OF
DEALING WITH ALLOCATIONS REQUESTED BY VARIOUS AGENCIES AND
TO HEAR REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, BY THE PALESTINE
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C O P Y

Henry Montor
3338-210th Street
Bayside, Long Island

January 24, 1949

United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

In recent weeks, in discussion of the launching of the United Jewish Appeal campaign, reference has been made publicly and privately to the letter I wrote to the United Palestine Appeal on September 10th submitting my resignation. It is regrettable that note has not been taken of the fact that on October 21st I wrote to the United Palestine Appeal withdrawing the letter dated September 10th.

It is appropriate for me to point out at this time that any circulation or publication of the letter of September 10th was not undertaken by me and was without my approval. I could regret nothing more than that it should in any way serve to lessen support of the genuine needs of Israel.

As Vice-President of the Palestine Economic Corporation, I continue to have full knowledge of the total needs of Israel and of the urgent necessity for maximum generosity by the Jews of America to the United Jewish Appeal. I shall be glad to render whatever service I can in my present capacity toward that end.

Insofar as my letter of September 10th is concerned, I ask not only for its withdrawal but that it be expunged from the record. I offer my apologies to any person or organization that took offense at its contents.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY MONTOR

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FACTS and COMMENTS

The Beginning Of The End Of A Tragic Quarrel

The week was crowded with so many historic and happy events for Israel that their cumulative effect is almost overwhelming. All one can and need do is to enumerate them. They are: -- the freeing of the 11,000 Cyprus refugees; the granting of the \$100,000,000 loan to Israel by the U.S.; the de facto recognition of Israel by France and Italy; and, above all, Britain's retreat from the Bevin Policy on Palestine with the resultant recognition of Israel. Each one of these events by itself would, in normal times, be enough to fill the heart with hope and joy. Coming as they did all in one week, they are almost bewildering.

Of all these great events which will doubtless put their mark on Jewish life for generations to come, one stands out above all others. This is the British retreat from what has become known as "Bevinism" as expressed in the decision of the Labor Government to recognize Israel. To those who have known England and the British people intimately and who witnessed the simple, kindly and decent manner in which the Jewish problem had been dealt with in England between two world wars, the gradual deterioration of the relationship between the British and the Jews after the last war, was a tragedy more poignant than anything that had happened during that tragic period. For if ever a great people was on the verge of solving the Jewish problem in a civilized manner, without force or propaganda and without making a problem of the solution itself, it was England. To watch this unique effort being gradually soured, embittered and poisoned to the extent of the rise of a serious anti-Semitic feeling, was enough to undermine one's faith in humanity and make one despair of human nature.

It is customary in Jewish circles to put the entire blame for this near-tragedy on England, or at best on the British government, or Mr. Bevin. But this is too simple and one-sided an explanation. Of course, the British government, especially the Foreign Office, blundered. Mr. Bevin was stubborn, unjust, cruel and particularly un-English in his handling of the entire Palestine issue. He was fanatical and even criminal in the "Exodus" and Cyprus incidents. Yet, this does not tell the entire story.

The wanton and brutal acts of the terrorists in Palestine during and after the war and still more, the cruel propaganda of hatred against England throughout the Jewish world that has been pouring over the pages of a large section of the Jewish press and the hearts of many kindly Jewish people, have contributed their share to the poisoning of the relations. The hate campaign against England, the comparison of the British with the Nazis, the various boycotts, the "dancing in the streets" of the "Hebrews" whenever an innocent Englishman was killed, flogged, or humiliated -- all this led not less than Bevinism to the gradual deterioration of the Anglo-Jewish relationship. The future Jewish historian will write about this deplorable manifestation with amazement and will describe it as a species of "anti-Semitism in reverse", -- one of the more tragic effects of Hitlerism on Jewish psychology.

It is good, therefore, that a step has been taken now to end this painful period and that the step was taken by England. Morally, the phase was a calamity for both peoples. There are those who will say that without this painful manifestation, Israel would never have come into existence and that people like Bevin yield only to force and hatred. But in the first place, this is not true. Israel was not born of hatred, terrorism and destruction, but through the creative effort and great need of the Jewish people. Secondly, even if the hate mongers were right and Israel could not emerge without a collective hate-campaign against another people, it were better that the Jewish state were not in existence, than to come into the world by such means.

William Zukerman

An Incomprehensible Internecine Strife

The storm raging within the UPA has not abated this week. If anything, it has increased in force and is rapidly approaching the stage of an hurricane. The trouble still revolves around Mr. Henry Montor, although it now takes the form of a fight around Mr. Henry Morgenthau's chairmanship of the UJA. Mr. Morgenthau, it now appears, has laid down the reinstatement of Mr. Montor as head of the UPA as a condition for his (Morgenthau) acceptance of the chairmanship. This has incensed the leaders of the ZOA who see in it an outrage of the democratic principle and an attempt by non-Zionists to foist upon them as director a person who many of them have come to dislike intensely and with whom they could no longer work because of emotional reasons, even if they agreed to do so for rational reasons.

As the situation now stands, the entire Executive Committee of the Palestine section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine is now on the way from Jerusalem to New York to try to settle the controversy before it ruins the 1949 campaign of the UJA. The ZOA leaders object to the action of the Palestine section of the Jewish Agency interfering in purely American Zionist affairs. On the other hand, the Labor Zionists disagree with the ZOA leadership on this point. Mr. Baruch Zuckerman, the president of the Labor Zionist Organization, stated his position on the controversy at a press conference last week. The gist of it was that he and the Labor Zionists do not like working with Mr. Montor any more than do Mr. Neumann and Dr. Silver, but the interests of the UJA campaign are above personal likes and dislikes. Without Montor, there is no Morgenthau; without Morgenthau, the UJA campaign will be a failure, therefore the Labor Zionists are for the reinstatement of Mr. Montor.

This view is shared also by a number of leading General Zionists high in councils of the Israeli government, who do not belong to the "dissident" group, but who claim that the Jewish Agency for Palestine is the highest authority in the world Zionist movement and that the American Zionists, therefore, must abide by its decisions whether they like them or not. To an average non-party American Jew, the entire affair seems incomprehensible despite the profound emotions that it seems to evoke.

How loyal Zionists, who have devoted their lives for their cause, should, at the last and most critical moment of its career, choose to jeopardize its chances for success because of an internecine struggle which has all the earmarks of a personal or party struggle for power and position, seems almost incredible.

Nevertheless, this is the case.

What is going on in the UJA now is a struggle not between Zionists and non-Zionists, but between parties within the Zionist movement itself.

NEWS in BRIEF

Results of the first Israeli national election show that the Socialist-Labor Party, "Mapai", has received the largest percentage of votes, 40 percent; the left-wing Labor Party "Mapam", 15 percent; the Religious bloc, 15 percent; the Freedom Party, 10 percent; General Zionists, 6 percent; Progressive Zionists, 5 percent; the Communist Party, 2 percent; the Sternists, 1 percent. The remaining 6 percent was divided among the other parties. In other words, the present coalition government, under the leadership of the Socialist Labor Party, remains in control.

This is what has been generally expected. The Jewish state is not something that happened accidentally. It is a growth of more than a generation that has now ripened into a political body. The seed from which it grew up was the Socialist Labor movement and it was quite natural that the ripe fruit should be that of labor. The "Mapai" and its left-wing "Mapam" together control more than half of the new Jewish state numerically and also in spirit. This is how the Jewish state was conceived after the first world war and this is how it has turned out to be.

France and Italy have recognized Israel. Australia and New Zealand will follow suit. The United States promised full recognition immediately after the elections in Israel. Great Britain is bound by a Cabinet decision to recognize Israel de facto and is waiting only for an opportune moment to make the announcement. A permanent armistice has been signed between Israel and Egypt despite the difficulties over boundaries in the Negev. The Israeli delegation at the UN is sure to renew its application for membership and is certain of receiving the approval of the Security Council, -- these are some of more important political events of the week.

The American Jewish Committee has changed presidents, but not programs or leadership. Former Judge Joseph Proskauer has withdrawn from the presidency and Mr. Jacob Blaustein has been elected to take his place. The new and the retiring presidents belong to the same social and financial brackets of Jewish society and both reflect the mind and trends of the Jewish higher middle-class in the United States. That class, like most others of Jewish society, has recently become more conscious of its Jewishness, although its definition of that term is very vague and indefinite. It strongly supports the Jewish state in words and deeds, but insists that its members are first of all American Jews and their homeland is the United States. This is now the stand also of American Zionism as formulated by Dr. Emanuel Neuman. The difference between the AJC and the ZOA is now only one of emphasis, not of principle. The new president of the AJC has promised to follow in the footsteps of the old.

The question of double loyalty has been raised again this week by the American Council for Judaism through a speech by the Rev. Henry Eloan Coffin, a prominent liberal Protestant theologian and a great friend of the Jews, delivered at a luncheon meeting of the Council. The speech had a note of alarm in it which does not seem to be justified at the present moment. "I beg of you, as Americans and as representatives of a great spiritual community, to keep your heads and stand fast on the American pattern. This is your homeland and not overseas somewhere", Dr. Coffin warned. In view of the declaration of the American Jewish Committee of this week and of the stand of the ZOA, the alarm seems to be over-emphasized at least now. The fact is that the emergence of Israel seems to have clarified the question of double loyalty more than it has ever been, and because of this, the danger of it is smaller than ever before.

The plight of the Jews in the Arab countries is coming to the front with a growing urgency. For the sake of the record, the World Jewish Congress was the first organization to draw attention to this plight and other organizations have followed. Among the latter is the Zionist Labor Committee for Relief and Rehabilitation which has now sent its secretary, Mr. Z. Baumgold to North Africa to investigate the situation and bring back a plan for action. The Committee, which has a record of excellent relief work for Jewish children in Europe after the war, finds its work in Europe gradually coming to an end because of the tremendous immigration of the children to Israel. Mr. Baumgold, who was in Europe last year, visited the Jewish communities of North Africa and, like most other observers, was horrified by the poverty and backwardness that he had found. He reported to his Committee upon his return and it now has decided to send him back there with a view to work out a program of practical aid which Mr. Baumgold is now doing.

The 75th anniversary of one of the greatest American Jews, often described as the "Grand Old Man of American Jewry", -- Dr. Stephen Wise, will be observed in March by a number of Jewish social and religious organizations which have announced this week the preliminary preparations for the celebration. Dr. Wise will be honored both as a great religious teacher and as a figure in Jewish social and political life. It appears from the first announcement that the emphasis will be on the religious aspect of Dr. Wise's activities which, in the long run, is the truest and profoundest of his remarkable career.

"A khaki election", -- this is how Mr. Gershon Agronsky, editor of the Jewish Post of Jerusalem and one of the best-informed men about Israel and the Middle East, characterized the first Israeli national election. It was a war election very much like the famous British election of David Lloyd George in 1918 after the first World War, he said. The significance of it is that it will keep the new state in the same forms in which the "Yishuv" (the Jewish community in Palestine before the establishment of the Jewish State) has brought it up socially, economically and politically. It is possible that these forms will change under the impact of the tremendous Jewish immigration, but it is good that in this critical moment of transition, the old-established form of social justice, upon which the state was built, has been retained and that there will be no radical change. Mr. Agronsky is in this country now in behalf of the Histadruth (the Jewish Trade Union movement of Israel). He is one of those vital journalists found in every new pioneer country, who help to make the news which they report; a type of man who are not mere observers, but creatures of the new life which they describe from day to day. His report at a press conference this week of how his paper was produced under Arab bombardment, gave a fascinating glimpse of Jerusalem under siege.

The decision of the Jewish Agency to suspend the street collections for Palestine which Rabbi Hillel Silver made public this week, will be met with a feeling of relief and gratefulness by American Jews who have managed to retain a modicum of good taste in the midst of the recent avalanche of campaigns and fund collections for the Jewish state. The street collections, with their sound-trucks and loudspeakers reciting the story of "six million Jews who were exterminated in Europe", with Jewish children begging in the streets and subways, reached the height of vulgarity and bad taste; apart from the fact that they were also a prolific source of all kinds of frauds perpetrated by individual crooks, or by organized crooked societies who capitalized the historic Jewish occasion for their personal gains. They were a shame to the Jewish Community and an insult to the Jewish state. The Jewish Agency should have performed its present good deed six months ago, as Jewish journalists of all newspapers have been urging it to do.

February 3, 1949

Editor, The Forward
175 East Broadway
New York, New York

My dear Editor:

My attention has been drawn to a series of articles in your paper on the Monitor issue written by Mr. Ehrenreich. In order to keep your readers fully and accurately informed, I am sure that you will permit the responsible officers of the United Palestine Appeal to give their version of the affair which I believe you will find will contradict Mr. Ehrenreich's account in nearly every essential respect.

My purpose in writing this letter is to correct certain statements of Mr. Ehrenreich which involve me personally. I do it in order to keep the record straight. (1) In his article of Wednesday, February 2, 1949, Mr. Ehrenreich states that at the United Palestine Appeal Conference, which was held in Chicago last November, a call to Mr. Morgenthau to act as the 1949 Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign was omitted from a resolution at the request of Mr. Weizman, Acting Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, who spoke "in the name of Rabbi Silver and Mr. Neuman". It is furthermore stated that Mr. Zuckerman pleaded with us not to omit such a call. I should like to state categorically that I had nothing to do with that resolution, that Mr. Weizman never discussed it with me, nor did Mr. Zuckerman. At no time did I discuss with anyone in Chicago any resolution. Had I been consulted, I most certainly would have advised the inclusion of such a call. When the matter was subsequently brought to my attention at a meeting of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, I expressed my regrets at the omission. As a result proper representations were made to Mr. Morgenthau wherein he was accused of the unwelcome desire of the Zionists of America to have him continue as Chairman in 1949.

This is not to suggest, however, that I regard Mr. Morgenthau as indispensable to the 1949 Campaign. I do not. I do not believe that the 1948 Campaign was a success. It fell short of the goal set by over one hundred million dollars. When one considers that in 1946, when the doors of Palestine were closed and no Jewish state had been proclaimed, no glorious military victories won by the armies of Israel, no mass immigration and no unprecedented upsurge of pro-Israel sentiment in the United States, the sum of over \$100,000,000 was raised with no General Chairman, one must conclude that the great year of destiny, 1948, when historic events the like of which have not occurred in Jewish history in 2,000 years took place, the Campaign which hardly achieved 60% of its goal was not a success. The Campaign would have achieved even less were it not for the relatively good showing which the city of New York, for the first time in many years, made. As everyone knows, Mr. Morgenthau had little and Mr. Monitor had nothing whatever to do with the New York City campaign.

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Mr. Morgenthau is not indispensable, and therefore, cannot impose conditions which would force the United Palestine Appeal to accept for the position of Executive Director of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign, a position which calls for the utmost non-partisanship, political neutrality and tact, a partisan and irresponsible political meddler.

(2) In the same article it is suggested that the Zionist administration wants Dr. Silver to be the National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and that negotiations have been carried on to that end. It is clearly implied in the article that Dr. Silver is really opposed to Mr. Morgenthau in the hope that he himself would become Chairman. I should like to state that I have not been asked to take the chairmanship, that I do not wish to take the chairmanship, and that if offered, I shall not accept it. I was for six years Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and Co-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. I believe that I have done my share. Furthermore, I am heavily burdened with other Zionist responsibilities.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILJEL SILVER

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M E M O R A N D U M

February 21, 1949

TO: Members of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal
FROM: Harold J. Goldenberg

In order that you may be promptly informed of the action taken by the meeting of the Board of Directors held last night, Sunday, February 20, at the office of the Jewish Agency in New York City, I am attaching herewith a brief report of the decisions reached at that meeting.

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STATEMENT ADOPTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
Sunday, February 20, 1949

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The officers of the United Palestine Appeal, having repeatedly refused, since April of 1948, to call a meeting of the Board of Directors of the UPA, contrary to the provisions of the agreement constituting the UPA which requires meetings of the Board of Directors to be held at least once every two months; and in recent months having refused repeatedly to convene a meeting of the Board of Directors despite requests of many officers and members thereof, as well as of the Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; and pursuant to a call for a meeting issued by sixteen members of the Board, a meeting of the Board was held on Sunday, February 20, 1949, in New York City at the office of the Jewish Agency. There were present at this meeting 55 members of the Board of Directors representing communities from all parts of the United States, constituting one of the best-attended meetings of the Board of Directors since its inception. There were also present at the said meeting, by invitation, Mr. Berl Locker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance of the State of Israel, the five members of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, as well as other members of the Jewish Agency now in attendance in this country. Harold J. Goldenberg of Minneapolis, Minn., was elected chairman of the meeting and Joseph Shulman of Paterson, N.J. was secretary thereof. Mr. Locker reported fully on the decisions of the Executive of the Jewish Agency with regard to the organization of the United Jewish Appeal for 1949. There followed a full discussion of the entire matter.

Thereupon the following decisions were adopted unanimously:

1) This Board accepts unreservedly the decision of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine with regard to the organization of the UJA campaign for 1949. It expresses its appreciation to the Jewish Agency for its efforts in persuading the Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., to continue as General Chairman of the UJA in 1949, with Henry Montor to conduct the campaign as a means of assuring the most generous and devoted support of American Jewry for the fund-raising program of the UJA;

2) The Board resolves to convey to the UJA nationally, and to the local communities of which they are members, the solemn determination of the members of this Board to give the utmost in service and sacrifice for a successful UJA campaign;

3) The Board directs the officers of the UJA to implement immediately the decisions of this Board.

4) The Board assures the Executive of the Jewish Agency of its fullest support of all steps that they may take in order to implement its decisions with regard to the UJA campaign for 1949.

Attached hereto is a list of the members of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal who attended this meeting.

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at

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

Sunday, February 20, 1949

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with a profound sense of responsibility both as Americans and as Jews, that we are taking the liberty of enclosing herewith a copy of the RESOLUTIONS FOR UNITY AMONG OUR JEWISH LEADERS, adopted by our COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF BENSONHURST AND MAPLETON.

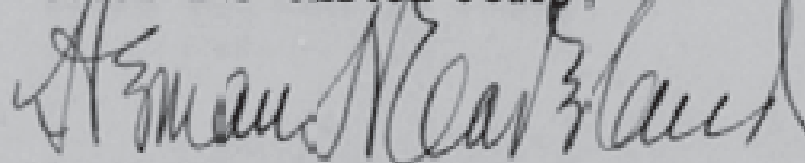
In submitting this Resolution for your thoughtful consideration, may we respectfully suggest that in whatever way you decide to be best, you use your full influence, as a distinguished leader, to speed Jewish Unity:—so vital to the success of our 1949 United Jewish Appeal.

It is our considered conclusion that the overwhelming sentiment of American Jewry is for Unity:—in thought and in action.

To bring that Unity to fruition is a sacred obligation of every responsible Jewish leader in our great country.

It is a high privilege for us to join with you in that effort.

Yours for United Jewry.



Herman Neaderland,
President of the Council of
Jewish Organizations of
Bensonhurst and Mapleton.



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AN APPEAL FOR JEWISH UNITY
BY THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF
BENSONHURST AND MAPLETON

THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF BENSONHURST AND MAPLETON OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, REPRESENTS A POPULATION OF OVER 100,000 AMERICANS OF JEWISH FAITH.

IT WAS ORGANIZED TEN YEARS AGO IN THE CONVICTION THAT UNITY IN JEWISH LIFE PROMOTES THE HIGHEST DESTINY OF OUR PEOPLE.

IT BELIEVES THAT DISSENSION IS THE TRAGEDY IN JEWISH LIFE THAT SAPS ITS STRENGTH AND LEADS TO DEFEAT.

IT IS DEDICATED TO THE FACT THAT A UNITED JEWRY AS A PROUD AND SUCCESSFUL AMERICAN CITIZENRY, BEST SERVES OUR BLESSED AMERICA AND IS AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE TO JEWRY EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

IT HOLDS THAT NO ONE MAN OR GROUP OF MEN, IS ABOVE THE PRINCIPLE OF JEWISH UNITY AND IS JUSTIFIED IN ENDANGERING OR DISTURBING IT.

OUR COUNCIL THEREFORE VIEWS WITH DEEPEST CONCERN THE DIVISION THAT NOW EXISTS IN THE RANKS OF JEWISH LEADERSHIP IN AMERICA.

IT DEEPLY REGRETS THE LACK OF STATESMANSHIP AMONG JEWISH LEADERS IN NOT FINDING THE GOLDEN MEAN OF COOPERATION, THUS CAUSING UNCERTAINTY, DOUBT AND DIVISIVENESS IN AMERICAN JEWRY.

OUR COUNCIL EMPHASIZES THAT IN THIS HISTORIC PERIOD AFFECTING THE FUTURE OF OUR TREASURED NATION OF ISRAEL AND THE FATE OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OUR HOMELESS PEOPLE, UNITY IS OF COMPELLING IMPORTANCE AND MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ASSURING THE MAXIMUM HELPFULNESS AMERICAN JEWRY CAN POSSIBLY GIVE.

IT UNQUALIFIEDLY RECORDS THAT NO MAN OR GROUP OF MEN SHOULD DARE TO DISTURB THE UNITY OF AMERICAN JEWRY AND IMPAIR ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

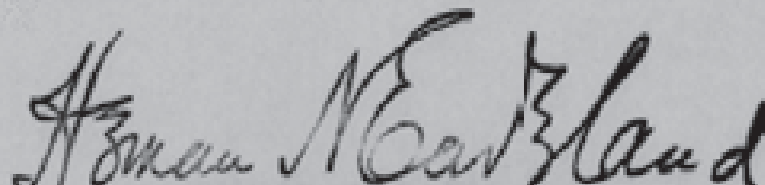
OUR COUNCIL APPLAUDS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN AMERICA IN CONTRIBUTING CONSISTENTLY THROUGH THE YEARS, SO MUCH IN TREASURE AND SERVICE TO THE REALIZATION OF THE REBIRTH OF OUR JEWISH NATION IN PALESTINE.

IT RECOGNIZES ESPECIALLY THAT OUR ISRAEL HOMELAND AND JEWRY IN THE DIASPORA ARE THE PROBLEMS OF ALL THE JEWS OF AMERICA.

IT KNOWS THAT LEADERSHIP OF UNIMPEACHABLE CHARACTER AND WIDE PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE IS NECESSARY TO UNITE ALL AMERICAN JEWRY TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST GOAL IN ANSWER TO JEWRY'S NEEDS.

OUR COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF BENSONHURST AND MAPLETON URGES THAT THERE BE A FURTHER MEETING OF JEWISH LEADERS TO THE END THAT A PROGRAM OF UNITY BE DEFINITELY CONCLUDED, AS A NECESSARY STEP TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CURRENT UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN.

AND OUR COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF BENSONHURST AND MAPLETON PLEDGES ITS FULLEST MEASURE OF COOPERATION IN ACHIEVING THAT HIGH MEASURE OF SUCCESS FOR THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL WHICH IS THE HOPE AND INSPIRATION OF JEWRY EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD.


HERMAN NEADERLAND
PRESIDENT

RESOLUTION ADOPTED SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1949
AT EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
HOUSE OF BENSONHURST, 7802 BAY PARKWAY, BROOKLYN, N. Y.



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:FULFILLING RESOLUTION OF UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF
DIRECTORS HEREBY CALLED TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS RE 1949
UJA CAMPAIGN AT HOTEL BILTMORE ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 28
AT 800 PM REGARDS=

:HERMAN L WEISMAN ACTING NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL=

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STATEMENT BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AT THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UPA ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 28, 1949

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"Our position has been right along that the campaign for the United Jewish Appeal in order to succeed must be headed off by men who would promote harmony and rally all forces in American Jewry. We accordingly regarded the concentration of authority over the conduct of the 1949 campaign in the hands of Mr. Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Mr. Henry Montor as decidedly harmful to the goal of the fund-raising effort for Israel, having in mind that large sections of American Jewry strongly disapprove of Mr. Montor's methods and irresponsible behavior, which the Jewish Agency Executive itself deplored and declared his accusations as unfounded. We re-affirm our long-standing conviction that entrusting an individual who has won widespread hostility as a result of his political machination and intrigues with full authority over the direction of the 1949 campaign, can produce only further tension and controversy.

Furthermore we have opposed the unwarranted intervention of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in the internal administrative affairs of an autonomous Zionist body such as the United Palestine Appeal which has been in the field of fund-raising for Palestine for a quarter of a century and which has received its sanction and authority from the World Zionist Congress. We regard the attempt to supplant this time-honored American Fund, which has raised hundreds of millions of dollars for Palestine by the incorporation on the part of the Jewish Agency as a substitute body to take over the functions of the United Palestine Appeal as distinctly harmful to the cause of the fund-raising effort and may contribute to the disintegration of the Zionist movement in the United States. The Executive of the United Palestine Appeal has twice, after lengthy consideration of the matter and after hearing the case of the Jewish Agency fully presented, rejected its recommendations in favor of a compromise formula which as recently as February 9th had the unanimous approval of all members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency. We were astounded to read in the press this morning that the Jewish Agency has reportedly signed an agreement with the other beneficiaries of the United Palestine Appeal in spite of the fact that the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal had not yet had an opportunity to take a position on this matter.

Because we were thus confronted with a lamentable fait accompli, we had no other recourse than to advise our friends to refrain from voting at the Board meeting. We did not wish further to prolong the controversy; on the other hand we could not approve the action which was taken. We wish it clearly understood that those who have demanded absolute control over the campaign and those of the Executive of the Jewish Agency who capitulated to such demands, must now assume full responsibility for the campaign.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Zionist Organization of America, who is now in Los Angeles, has requested that his name be associated with this statement of mine."

C O P Y

Air Mail
Special Delivery

March 2, 1949

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.,
United Jewish Appeal,
165 West 46th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Morgenthau:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of March 1st, 1949, advising us that you have resumed the general chairmanship of the UJA for 1949. I regret sincerely to state that I am deeply disturbed and sadly disappointed by your undignified and ungentlemanly action prior to the assumption of this general chairmanship. It grieves us to believe that men of caliber, men of integrity, men to whom we have looked as our leaders must resort to trickery and deceit in order to gain their own personal ends. We cannot admire the devious, nefarious and the round about manner you have chosen to be coaxed into the general chairmanship of the UJA for 1949.

This matter has been discussed thoroughly with the Joliet Jewish Welfare Chest and it is our feeling that unless the United Palestine Appeal is one of the constituent agencies in the UJA we will not under any circumstances consider your general chairmanship binding upon us. We in effect demand that the status of the UJA revert back to its status as of the National Conference of the UJA on January 13th and 14th, at which time you were not the general chairman nor was Mr. Henry Montor an executive of the UJA.

We might add, that your actions, and I refer specifically to you, Mr. Morgenthau, and to Mr. Montor, your actions have caused disunity among American Jewry and the effects thereof will be felt in the collections on the 1948 campaign and the fund raising in the 1949 campaign.

We are not being arbitrary in this matter. On the contrary it is to us a matter of principle involved and when two individuals will assume the responsibility of breaking asunder the UJA for means of getting back into the limelight and into a remunerative position, such as

Mr. Henry Morgenthau - 2

March 2nd

Henry Montor's was, we have reason to question and to doubt the sincerity of such men. We, therefore, feel that we cannot consider your general chairmanship nor Mr. Montor's reinstatement unless this has met with the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal, including Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Herman L. Weisman.

Before taking any further action on the 1949 campaign we will await further word to determine the status of the constituent agencies of the UJA for 1949.

Sincerely yours,

JOLIET JEWISH WELFARE CHEST

Rabbi Morris M. Herschman

Secretary



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March 2, 1949

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Though it has not been my pleasure to meet you personally I have been keeping in close touch with the struggle for power that has been waged by the Morgenthau-Montor faction.

As a community we stand united behind you and Dr. Neumann. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which has been addressed to Mr. Morgenthau. I believe the letter is self explanatory and needs no further comment at this time. Please be assured that any action or steps that you might deem feasible or necessary to take will have the support of at least the Joliet Jewish community, which has recognized your invaluable contribution to World Jewry.

With warmest personal regards and every best wish, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Morris M. Hershman
Rabbi Morris M. Hershman

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HENRY MORGENTHAU, Jr.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN, UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, 185 WEST 46TH STREET, NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

March 3, 1949

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I should like you to consider this invitation as an urgent call to attend an EMERGENCY NATIONAL CONFERENCE of the United Jewish Appeal on Saturday evening, March 19th, and Sunday, March 20th. The sessions which will be held at the Shoreham Hotel in WASHINGTON will begin with dinner at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday and close at about 4:30 P.M. on Sunday.

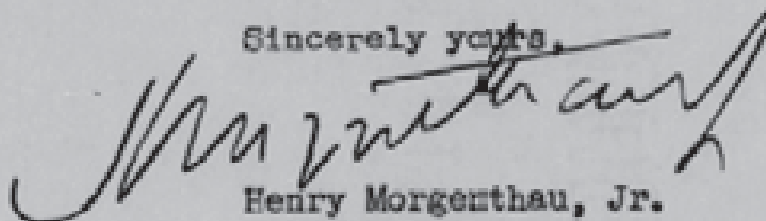
This is without doubt the biggest year in recent Jewish history. And we must not lose any time in getting on with the biggest job of our lives. If we succeed, we shall open a new era of achievement for our fellow Jews in Israel and Europe. If we fail, we shall fumble the greatest opportunities ever given to any generation for mass settlement and rehabilitation.

How shall we go about the biggest job that ever faced us? How shall we raise substantially more than last year's total of \$150,000,000? It seems to me that all of us together must plan immediately, work energetically and dedicate ourselves, body and soul, to the 1949 campaign.

I want to urge you in the strongest terms possible to participate in the WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, so that the 1949 UJA may be launched effectively and with the greatest mobilization of all forces in American Jewish leadership.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Washington and officially welcoming you to the army of warriors for a successful United Jewish Appeal in 1949.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Morgenthau, Jr.', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

March 3, 1949

Rabbi Morris M. Hershman
Joliet Jewish Welfare Chest
Clinton Street & Eastern Ave.
Joliet, Illinois

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and sending me a copy of the letter which you sent to Mr. Morgenthau. I deeply appreciate the sentiments which you express. I believe that what has transpired has opened the eyes of many loyal Zionists throughout the country, and that in the long run the Zionists of America and the Zionist movement will profit from this experience.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Special Delivery

March 4, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Neumann:

Pursuant to the decision of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal, held on Monday, February 28th, I have appointed you a member of a committee which is to give consideration to the reorganization of the staff of the UPA.

The first meeting will take place at the office of the United Palestine Appeal, 41 East 42nd Street, Room 310, on Tuesday, March 8th at 4:00 p.m.

I earnestly urge you to be present since there are pressing matters to be considered.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg
Morris Rothenberg
Acting National Chairman

MR:GG

Morris said - on it. Spoke to Sid about our being represented



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Chicago	2	2
Philadelphia	2	4
Los Angeles	2	5
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Detroit	1	1
Newark	1	5
Cleveland	1	5
Baltimore	1	5
Pittsburgh	1	2
San Francisco	1	1
St. Louis	1	4
Miami	1	1
Milwaukee	1	1
Washington	1	3
Hartford	1	1
Providence	1	1
Cincinnati	1	1
Rochester	1	1
Minneapolis	1	1
Kansas City	1	-
New Haven	1	1
Paterson	1	1
Buffalo	1	1
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Regional Representation (exclusive of major cities)

New York City	6	74
Central Atlantic	2	11
New England	1	9
West Central	2	3
East Central	2	3
Southeast	2	4
Southwest	1	3
New York State	1	3
Western	1	-
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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OF GREATER NEW YORK

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SAMUEL JAFFE
Director of Publicity

March 9, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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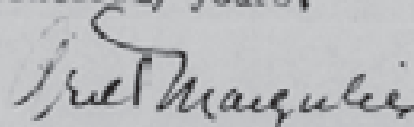
Dear Dr. Silver:

May we ask a favor of you? Will you please send us, at your earliest convenience, the text of the speech you made in St. Louis on March 3, wherein you pledge the support of Zionists to the 1949 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

If copies of your speech are not available, could you send us a statement incorporating the sentiments expressed in the speech you made. I need not tell you how helpful this would be to us in our campaign here in New York.

Thank you for your very kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Ariel Margulies

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Security Council Votes to Admit Israel to U.N. Membership

LAKE SUCCESS, (JTA) — THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL LAST week voted to recommend the admission of Israel to membership in the United Nations. The vote was 9 to 1, with Britain abstaining. Egypt cast the lone negative vote, charging that the Israeli application was being "railroaded" through the Council.

Immediate approval of the Israeli application was urged at the Council session by U.S. delegate Warren Austin. He emphasized that there is no doubt that Israel constitutes a state within the meaning of that term under international law. He also pointed out that Israel qualifies for U.N. membership under the provisions of the Charter which specify that a state must be peace-loving to qualify for admission.

"The people of Israel," he said, "have given the world a convincing demonstration of their ability to organize their government and establish a system of administration and law-making under the most difficult conditions." He especially lauded the armistice agreement reached recently between Israel and Egypt at Rhodes.

French delegate Guy de la Tournelle announced that France would vote in favor of Israel's admission since the Jewish state was peace-loving and was able and willing to respect the Charter. There is no doubt that Israel is an independent state, he added.

Soviet delegate Yacob Malik said that Russia was in favor of Israel's admission at the last session of the Council in Paris and would vote in favor of it now. All the legal requirements of the Charter, he said, have been met by Israel and it is therefore the duty of the Council "to act favorably at once on Israel's application for U.N. membership."

Contest Chinese Proposal

Austin and Malik strongly contested a Chinese proposal that the application be referred to the Membership Committee. The U.S. delegate pointed out that the Membership Committee had dealt with the question in Paris last December and that the application required no further discussion. "I do not favor postponement at this time," he said. The Soviet delegate argued in the same vein.

Dr. T. F. Tsiang of China said his suggestion was not intended to prejudice the ultimate outcome of the question, or to be a device for postponement. China, he declared, had recognized Israel on March 1, and he intended to vote for Israel's admission when the matter came to the vote.

Mahmoud Fawzi Bey, the Egyptian delegate, in a violent tirade apparently aimed at the home audience in Egypt, said that Israel's application should be discarded because of Israel's "long record of disobedience to the Security Council and the United Nations." The least that could be done, he declared, was to follow the suggestion of the Chinese delegate. Gawzi asked the president of the Council to explain why Israel's application was moved ahead on the agenda. "How about the territory Israel is still holding in de-

application was urged at the Council session by U.S. delegate Warren Austin. He emphasized that there is no doubt that Israel constitutes a state within the meaning of that term under international law. He also pointed out that Israel qualifies for U.N. membership under the provisions of the Charter which specify that a state must be peace-loving to qualify for admission.

He repeatedly warned the Council against over-rating the significance of the armistice agreement Egypt signed at Rhodes. This agreement, he said, is purely "a military one."

In Tel Aviv the decision of the United Nations Security Council recommendation for admittance of Israel into the U.N. was acclaimed by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok.

The decision, he said, was particularly gratifying because such a large majority passed it, including the United States, Russia, France, China, two Latin American republics and Norway and Sweden. That Britain could not bring itself to vote but abstained, he said, showed how hard certain prejudices die, but this was something the state of Israel would have to take in its stride. "It is a fair assumption," Shertok added, "that the decision of the Security Council assures our admission at the forth-coming session of the U.N. General Assembly."

Religious Bloc, Progressives Join Mapai in Cabinet

Tel Aviv, (JTA)—Israeli Prime Minister-designate David Ben Gurion and members of the Mapai Party, the Religious Bloc and the Progressive Zionists who have agreed to serve in his new administration met here to formulate the Cabinet's program.

Three places in the cabinet have been reserved for representatives of Mapam, the left-wing United Workers Party, in the event that party reconsiders a decision it reached against participation in the government. A similar decision was taken by the General Zionists who have been allocated one seat in the Cabinet.

Efforts to secure Mapam's agreement to enter the Cabinet were continuing and sources close to Ben-Gurion expressed the belief that Mapam's assent would be forthcoming in a matter of time. The general council of Mapam, by a vote of 150 to 33, decided against entering the government on a basis of acceptance of collective responsibility for government policy.

Earlier, the General Zionists also refused a bid to join the government because, they said, Ben-Gurion had failed to accept their proposals.

Ben Gurion's party will hold seven portfolios in the new Cabinet. Three have been assigned to the Religious Bloc, one to the Progressive Zionists, while four have been set aside to the Mapam and the General Zionists. The government, thus constituted, would be a coalition of all Israeli parties with the

exception of the extreme rightist groups and the Communists. The composition of the Cabinet, as agreed upon, was as follows:

Prime Minister, Minister of Defense, (and possibly Minister of Development)—David Ben Gurion (Mapai.)
Foreign Affairs—Moshe Shertok (Mapai.)
Finance—Eli'ezer Kaplan (Mapai.)
Posts and Communications—David Remez (Mapai.)
Labor and Insurance—Mrs. Goldie Myerson (Mapai.)
Education—Zalman Rubashov (Mapai.)
Food Distribution and Supply—Dr. Bernard Joseph (Mapai.)
Religion—Dr. Judah L. Fishman (Religious Bloc.)
Interior and Immigration—Moshe Shapira (Religious Bloc.)
Social Welfare—Rabbi L. M. Levin (Religious Bloc.)
Justice—Dr. Felix Rosenbluth (Progressives.)

Reserved for Mapam are the portfolios of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Housing and Public Works and Health. The Ministry of Trade and Industry is being held for the General Zionists.

ISRAEL

Crowds Honor Israeli Head; Award 'Weizmann Prizes'

Tel Aviv, (JTA)—"Weizmann Day" celebrations reached their climax this week with a festive reception in honor of the Israeli President at Hachim Hall here following an all-day welcome in which children lined the 12-mile highway from Dr. Weizmann's home in Rehovoth to Tel Aviv, waving and cheering as he passed on his first visit to Tel Aviv since his election last month.

Tens of thousands of people crowded the streets leading to Hachim Hall. Others lined rooftops and balconies of flag-decked houses. The reception was attended by the entire diplomatic corps, members of the newly-elected Israeli parliament, members of the Tel Aviv

municipal council, the Chief Rabbi and other distinguished guests.

Three prizes in honor of President Weizmann were announced at the reception by Mayor Israel Rokach. The prizes, established by the Tel Aviv municipality to encourage scientific work, will be awarded annually and will be known as "Weizmann Awards." They were granted to Prof. Shaul Adler for his work in the field of combatting malaria and healing leprosy, to Prof. M. Ollendorf of the Haifa Technical Institute for his achievements in chemistry and bio-chemistry, and to Dr. M. Rosenfeld of the Weizmann Institute for his efforts in the field of vision.

Replying to greetings, President Weizmann said that Israel, the world's youngest state, will have to develop and grow through science. It is not sufficient for Israel to be a free people in its own state, he said, adding that science will have to be taught "to all our people," especially to the younger generation. Israel must develop scientific institutions, he insisted.

THE NATIONS

U.S. Officials Ban Film Showing Nazi Crimes

Berlin, (JTA)—State and Army Department officials in Washington have decided not to exhibit the United States military government's powerful documentary film "Nuremberg" to audiences in the United States, it was reported here this week. The film exposes Nazi brutality.

The reason assertedly given for withholding the picture—a history of the Nazi movement in Germany — from American movie-goers is that it would revive anti-German feeling among Americans. This decision was made by a group of officials of the two departments when the military government forwarded it for approval to the capital. The opinion of the Washington reviewers appeared to be that the film might raise opposition to Marshall Plan grants to Germany in coming years.



CYPRUS WAS CLEARED RECENTLY of all its internees. As the happy arrivals came into Israeli territory they were overjoyed, but they did not expect what awaited them. Above photo is one scene of this "royal" reception. As the "Hatikvah" is played on the docks of Haifa high officers of the Israeli armed forces stand at attention welcoming the newcomers on the S. S. Galilah to their new homeland.

WHAT HAS
HAPPENED

LAST-HOUR NEWS

By WM. ZUKERMAN

WHAT WILL
HAPPEN

SENTINEL-GRAM

Sentinel's New York Correspondent
New York 33, N.Y.

The curtain has fallen this week upon the final act of the UPA drama which had held considerable number of American Jews in suspense and bewilderment during the last 6 months. At a closed meeting, the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal (a Zionist body), voted 52 to 0 (with 30 abstentions) to accept the Jewish Agency Executive's endorsement of Morgenthau and Montor as sole directors of the 1949 campaign for \$250 million. This was, of course, a public and resounding defeat for the leadership of the Zionist organization, led by Drs. Silver and Neumann, who strongly opposed the directorship of Montor whom they claimed, had betrayed their confidence and started the whole rift in the campaign.

The UPA directors were faced with a difficult problem. On the one hand they supported their Zionist leaders, Drs. Silver and Neumann. On the other hand, they were faced with an ultimatum that if they did not accept Montor, they would be squeezed out of the UJA campaign entirely. To make the ultimatum more effective, the Jewish Agency formed itself into a corporation last week which could legally conduct the campaign without the UPA. Thus, there was nothing left for the UPA directors to do but to yield in order not to lose the benefits of the UJA and also not to prolong the fight which was threatening the entire success of the 1949 campaign.

"We were confronted with a lamentable fait accompli and we had no other recourse than to advise our friends to refrain from voting", said Dr. Silver. "On the other hand, we could not approve the action taken. We wish it clearly understood that those who demand absolute control and the Executive members of the Jewish Agency who capitulated to these demands, must assume full responsibility for the campaign". With these words Dr. Silver left the room in the Biltmore Hotel where the final meeting was held.

But while the curtain fell upon this act of the drama, there was general feeling that the controversy was far from ended and that much will be heard of it, probably in more dramatic form, later on. The rank and file of the majority of American Zionists feel embittered and frustrated by an act which they consider undemocratic and unjust. They smart under a feeling of humiliation and defeat which is particularly galling because it was inflicted upon them by their fellow-Zionists of the Jewish Agency from Jerusalem in an alliance with non-Zionists. To add to the complications, the question of rivalry between Israeli and American Zionists has also been injected. A mere formal vote cannot do away with deep controversial issues such as these was the prevailing opinion among leading Zionists after the meeting. Confirming this was the report on the following day that Drs. Neumann and Silver were determined to carry their case to the rank and file of the Zionist movement. Dr. Neumann is already in California on a speaking tour and Dr. Silver is to leave shortly.

In the modest home of Premier David Ben-Gurion in Tel Aviv, a drama of a different kind is being reenacted. There the leaders of Israeli parties are meeting behind closed doors to decide on the formation of the first permanent cabinet for the Jewish State. The Provisional government resigned over a month ago and President Chaim Weizmann has entrusted the Prime Minister with the formation of a new cabinet which evidently is not an easy task.

It is known that Premier Ben-Gurion has decided to enlarge the cabinet from 13 to 15 members, providing three seats each for the powerful Mapam Party and for the Orthodox Religious bloc comprising a number of splinter religious parties in Israel. The minority Progressive Party, the General Zionists and the Sephardic community were offered one seat each. Mapai, the leading moderate-Socialist party of Israel, would get six seats.

The Orthodox, Progressive and Sephardim have accepted this arrangement. The General Zionists demand an extra seat. But the biggest holdout is the Mapam. This party is a militant socialist party with a program of maximal planning by the State. It is not communistic, but it opposes the present Israeli policy of neutrality between the East and West. Its contention is that the West (The U.S. and Great Britain), cannot be trusted, and the party leans heavily to an orientation towards Soviet Russia. The party is now holding caucus meetings to decide how many seats to demand.

The Religious bloc is also giving Ben-Gurion considerable trouble. The Orthodox parties are in a somewhat aggressive mood and they demand that Israel should live by the laws of the "Torah", i.e. that Sabbath observance, Kashruth (dietary law), and other strictly Orthodox laws be enforced by the State, they particularly demand that marriages and divorces should be controlled by the Religious Courts under their control, thus barring civil and particularly mixed marriages. The real fight behind the scenes is between the Religious bloc which wants the ancient Torah as a model for Israel and the Mapam which advocates a modern Twentieth century democratic socialistic state.

The Editor Views the News

'SACRED COW' OR 'FATTED CALF'?

By J. I. FISHBEIN

The controversy over the administration of the United Jewish Appeal has ended temporarily at least by the board of directors of the United Palestine Appeal voting to accept a Jewish Agency executive decision which returned Henry Morgenthau, Jr., to the general chairmanship of the 1949 U.J.A. drive and Henry Montor to its executive directorship.



The vote was 52 in favor of accepting the Agency executive's decision and 30 abstentions. The abstainees were supporters of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who recently resigned from the Agency executive over the U.J.A. decision. Judge Morris Rothenberg, national chairman of the Jewish National Fund of the U.S., was named acting national chairman of the U.P.A., succeeding Herman L. Weisman.

Dr. Silver issued a statement reaffirming his objections to Montor and emphasizing his opposition to "the unwarranted intervention" of the Jewish Agency executive "in the internal administrative affairs of an autonomous Zionist body such as the United Palestine Appeal." Declaring that he was "astounded" to read in the press that the Jewish Agency had signed an agreement with the other beneficiaries of the U.P.A. prior to the meeting of the U.P.A. board of directors, Dr. Silver said:

"Because we were thus confronted with a lamentable fait accompli we had no other recourse than to advise our friends to refrain from voting at the board meeting. We did not wish further to prolong the controversy; on the other hand, we could not approve the action which was taken. We wish it clearly understood that those who have demanded absolute control over the campaign and those of the executive of the Jewish Agency who capitulated to such demands, must now assume full responsibility for the campaign."

There is one phase of the current Silver-U.J.A. controversy, however, that has not appeared in the Jewish press. That phase deals with the open intervention of certain Israeli politicians in the dispute. (see opposite page.)

Through the medium of the Jewish Agency, whose executive flew here from Jerusalem to push through the Morgenthau-Montor coup, the wishes of the powerful Zionist Organization was completely pushed aside. The Agency went so far as to incorporate itself as a fund raising organization in Albany N.Y. in preparation for going ahead without the United Palestine Appeal.

Whether one agrees with Dr. Silver or not, every fair-minded person will endorse his statement following the filing of the incorporation papers in which he declared:

"It is an ill-advised move on the part of the executive of the Jewish Agency which is aimed to side-step the legally-constituted Zionist agencies in the United States. It is an unwarranted threat to their existence and might bring about the disintegration of the Zionist movement in the United States."

This whole affair however, has deeper ramifications than its effect on the Zionist movement alone. In blunt words, we must face the fact that some Israeli leaders have taken it upon themselves to openly intervene in the internal affairs of American Jewry without having been invited to do so. This is an insult to our intelligence as mature men and women having minds of our own.

We have always insisted that American Jewry has no

right interfering in the internal affairs of Israel. The SENTINEL has fought from the very beginning for the right of the people of Israel to determine their own destiny. We do not intend to tell the Israelis how to run their government. We want to help all we can, but we do not propose to force our will upon them.

By the same token, we do not expect them to impose their will upon us. We do not need to have them tell us whom we ought to hire and whom we ought to fire in our fund raising campaigns. Neither Mr. Morgenthau or Mr. Montor are delegated representatives of American Jewry. They certainly do not represent the rank and file. They are part and parcel of the huge "trust" that has developed in the past few years. To force them down the throats of the Zionist movement is the most unforgivable kind of high pressure tactics.

In connection with this, it is necessary to point out another important fact. While Israel will always be the deep concern of every conscientious Jew, it must never become a 'sacred cow' whose actions are beyond criticism. We ought to have no hesitation, for example, in making known to our fellow Jews in Israel that we resent the intervention of those who have forced an unwelcomed leadership upon us. That is too high a price to ask us to pay for helping. We cannot sacrifice the future independence of the 5½ million Jews in America, even to raise a few extra million dollars for Israel. If the only way we can help build the Jewish homeland is to hand over American Jewry, bound hand and foot, to the assimilationists of the American Jewish Committee, we will have to find some other way. Such an alternative is too high a price!

We have already travelled too far along the gutted highway that leads to the total disintegration of American Jewish organizational life. We cannot risk further retrogression. We can find many ways to help build Israel without mortgaging our future to the moneybags of the "trust." That is part of the myth they have been trying to cram down our throats for the past three years. . . . namely that we can't raise "big" money without forfeiting our organizational independence. That isn't true! Zionists will still find ways of contributing their full share even though they are no longer an official part of the U.J.A.

Let's remember one thing.

While we are being sold the idea that Israel and the U.J.A. are "sacred cows" in whose name even undemocratic actions can be excused, we ourselves are becoming the "fatted calf." Five or ten years from now Israel will be a great and prosperous nation. Nothing can alter that promise. But what about American Jewry? What will be our lot if the assimilationist blue-bloods continue their growing dictatorial control over every facet of Jewish life? What will be the pattern of Jewish living they will hand to our children? What will happen to the cultural heritage of American Jewry. . . granted that Israel achieves the heights.

Fear of criticizing "sacred cows" can lead the "fatted calf" to the slaughter house. We cannot afford the risk.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

A Protest to Kate Smith

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed copy of my letter to Miss Kate Smith.

This March 1st broadcast was so vicious in intent that it incited me to immediate action.

"Dear Miss Smith:

"Your radio broadcast of March 1st in which you spoke of the movie 'Olivier Twist' being shown in Berlin created within me a feeling of dismay. I was shocked to learn that one who presumes, as you do, to be an exponent of Liberty and Tolerance in political planning and human conduct should reveal such an abysmal and unfortunate ignorance of the content and application of these words.

"Not only on this occasion, but on previous broadcasts, when you leave the role of entertainer and assume that of news analyst and moralist, your pious phrases on Brotherhood, etc., further reveal your glaring lack of insight and understanding of the subject which you make so brave, but pitifully futile an effort to discuss.

"Has it ever occurred to you, Miss Smith, that this small surviving group of Jews in Berlin who protested the showing of the film because it incited racial tensions, this 'noisy minority', to whom you so disparagingly refer, had just had six million of its' people consigned to lime pits and gas chambers by the majority of a population who also used films, press and radio to circulate their wicked propaganda directed toward the 'noisy minority'?"

"Again, Miss Smith, has it ever occurred to you that this same 'noisy minority' in a thoroughly human fashion may want to avert a repetition of such a disaster by voicing an active protest against these symptoms as soon as their tendencies are apparent?"

"Because you have at your disposal so vital an instrumentality in the molding of public opinion, as is the radio, I must protest your constant and deliberate misuse of your self-imposed role of news analyst.

"I am certain that you, your sponsor, and the radio audience will benefit by your directing your energies in the channel of ballad singing. Analyses of the news and comments upon it over the radio should properly be left in the hands of qualified experts in these fields.

"I feel it my public duty to send copies of this letter to your sponsor and to the radio editors of the leading American newspapers.

Very truly yours,
MRS. BERNARD H. SACHAR.

Hungary Accuses U.S. of Hiding Ghetto Liquidator

Budapest, (JTA)—The Hungarian press last week published a government communique revealing that American military authorities in Germany have refused to extradite Laszlo Megay, wartime mayor of Ungvar Ushgorrod, who is charged with having supervised the liquidation of the town's ghetto.

March 10, 1949

Mr. Charles Ross
420 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Friend;

Thank you for the information which you sent me. I think it should be included in the form of a letter signed by someone and sent to the U.P.A., in which the question of the legality of Judge Rothenberg's election should be raised.

I am returning the documents which you sent me - the agreements of 1948 and 1949 between the K.H. and the K.K.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ANS:er
Encs.

March 11, 1949

Mr. Ariel Margulies
United Jewish Appeal
250 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

My dear Mr. Margulies:

The statement which I made at the St. Louis meeting was correctly reported in the J.T.A. No further elaboration is needed. The leadership of the Zionist Organization of America were at no time fighting the U.J.A. and they should not be required time and again to re-assert their loyalty to this fund or their interest in the 1949 campaign. We were fighting the imposition of a dictatorship in the top leadership of the U.J.A. campaign, and more especially, that of a self-confessed liar and defamer of the Zionist Organization of America as well as a mischievous political meddler.

Very sincerely yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

ANS:er

March 15, 1949.

Rabbi Jack J. Cohen
Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation
15 West 86th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Jack:

In accordance with your suggestion, I have prepared a memorandum on the UJA controversy based largely on a sermon which I delivered on February 25th. Quite apart from the merits of the case, I have been greatly distressed by the Reconstructionist position, because the magazine has achieved a reputation for absolute integrity. In the stand it took on the UJA I believe it had a completely erroneous slant. Furthermore, the last editorial that appeared, made no pretense at being impersonal.

You will recall pointing out to me in a previous letter that in what it had said hitherto the Reconstructionist had refrained from any reference to personalities.

I am not sending on the memorandum to you, because I believe the letter of Frank Cohen which you will undoubtedly publish, is a better statement.

Because of your personal regard for him and his fairness of judgment, I would earnestly suggest that you solicit the views of our mutual friend, Max Simon, by writing to him. He attended the decisive meeting of the UJA Board, and after hearing the case debated, took his stand with Silver. Of the several Clevelanders present at that meeting, he alone took this position.

Time will prove that with all of its devotion to Israel, American Jewry will have to work out its own fate quite independently. This is the basic issue that is involved here, and I respectfully submit that the Reconstructionist was in error on this issue.

When we meet in New York next week, there will be an opportunity to discuss this further.

Most cordially,

A. L. C.

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RUSH BULLETIN ON THE BIGGEST CAMPAIGN IN JEWISH HISTORY

March 24, 1949

CINCINNATI SHOWS 22% INCREASE AT BIG GIFTS DINNER

Cincinnati, Ohio, which conducted one of the most successful campaigns of 1948, also proved on Tuesday night, March 22, that MORE MONEY CAN BE RAISED IN 1949 THAN IN 1948. In this community, too, a month ago there had been talk of economic deterioration, of bad business, of doubt whether last year's gifts could be repeated. All of these doubts are now resolved.

At a Big Gifts meeting held at the Hotel Gibson, a group which last year contributed about \$331,000, announced \$403,000. Guest of honor for the occasion was Hon. Moshe Sharett, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel. Joining him was Harold J. Goldenberg, Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal National Campaign Cabinet. Frederick Rauh is Chairman of the 1949 Cincinnati campaign. Mr. Rauh and Sol Luckman, President of the Cincinnati Jewish Welfare Fund, headed a delegation of 12 outstanding Cincinnatians at the Washington Rededication Conference on the weekend of March 19th and 20th. At the Washington meeting the Cincinnati delegation presented a \$500,000 check in anticipation of their successful campaign for 1949.

The largest gift of \$55,000 for the Meyers family was announced by Sidney Meyers (Women's Apparel). The Rose-Moskowitz (Metals) gift was increased from \$40,000 to \$50,000. Frederick Rauh (Shirt Mfg.) went from \$4,500 to \$7,000; Joseph H. Hoodin (Lawyer), from \$5,000 to \$6,500; Sol Luckman, (Clothing) \$16,000 to \$17,000; Max Getz (Jewelry) \$10,000.

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PITTSBURGH RAISES \$344,000 FOR 26% INCREASE AT BIG GIFTS OPENING

The unbroken victories of the UJA in the week following the Washington Rededication Conference included Pittsburgh on Wednesday night, March 23. A group of men who had contributed \$273,000 in 1948 went to \$344,000 for 1949. The meeting had Hon. Moshe Sharett as the guest of the occasion. Mr. Edward J. Kelsky was host at a luncheon for Mr. Sharett at which 60 of the community's leaders were present. Present with the distinguished Israeli leader at Pittsburgh for the day was Charles Fruchtman, Chairman of the Toledo, Ohio campaign, whose increase from \$125,000 to \$250,000 at the Washington Conference did so much to create the new national campaign atmosphere. They were joined by Harold J. Goldenberg. Herman Fineberg is Chairman of the 1949 Pittsburgh campaign.

Top contributions included M. W. Singer & Co. (Scrap), from \$20,000 to \$25,000; Isadore Rosenfeld family, from \$11,000 to \$15,000; Leonard H. Krieger and Associates, from \$40,000 to \$50,000; Sidney Stark (Penn Overall Supply Co.) from \$7,750 to \$11,500; A. R. Cohen contributed \$50,000; Benjamin Chait announced from \$3,800 to \$5,000; Herman Fineberg and Cecil Rudin increased from \$9,750 to \$12,500.

SMALL TOWNS ALSO JOIN THE TREND

Hollywood, Florida this week proved that it is possible to raise MORE MONEY IN 1949 THAN IN 1948 in small towns as well as big. The Hollywood community, one of the smallest in the nation, had an immensely successful campaign in 1948. Two weeks ago, when the campaign for 1949 was discussed, there was widespread conviction that there was no possibility even to approximate the amount raised last year. However, when the campaign was opened this week at a Big Gifts meeting, the group which had contributed \$78,800 in 1948 raised their pledges to \$97,600. The Chairman of the Hollywood campaign is Ben Tobin.

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M E M O R A N D U M

March 24, 1949

TO: Members of the Board of Directors

FROM: Ellis Radinsky, Executive Director

SUBJECT: REPORT ON COMMITTEE OF TEN

The Board of Directors at its meeting on February 28th instructed Judge Rothenberg, Acting National Chairman, to appoint a Committee of Ten to deal with the problem of the reorganization of the staff of the United Palestine Appeal and to assist in the implementation of the agreement arrived at by the UPA and the Committee of Contributors.

Attached is a report of the Committee of Ten.

United Palestine Appeal
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REPORT ON COMMITTEE OF TEN

Appointment of Committee of Ten

The Committee of Ten appointed by Judge Morris Rothenberg, Acting National Chairman are as follows:

Abraham Feinberg
Leon Gellman
Harold J. Goldenberg
Mrs. Samuel Halprin
Dr. Harris J. Levine
Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Charles Ress
David Wertheim
George Wise
Baruch Zuckerman

Jacob Sincoff, ex-officio
Herman L. Weisman, ex-officio

Meeting of Committee of Ten, Wednesday, March 16, 1949.

A meeting of the Committee of Ten was held at the office of the United Palestine Appeal, Wednesday, March 16, 1949. Those present were:

Judge Morris Rothenberg, presiding
Miss Juliet M. Benjamin for Mrs. Halprin
Abraham Feinberg
Harold J. Goldenberg
Charles Ress
Louis Segal for David Wertheim
Jacques Torczyner for Dr. Emanuel Neumann
George Wise
Bernard Zuckerman

Jacob Sincoff, ex-officio

The following decisions were arrived at:

Executive Director

A letter from Mr. Harry L. Shapiro, Executive Vice-Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, was presented to the meeting stating the desire of Mr. Shapiro to resign his office. Mr. Shapiro was requested to appear before the meeting and confirmed the request made in his letter. Mr. Shapiro also stated his belief that he was entitled to severance compensation in view of the fact that in leaving the American Zionist Emergency Council to take a post with the United Palestine Appeal, he had forfeited certain benefits to which he might have been entitled had he remained with the Emergency Council. After consideration of the matter, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Shapiro's resignation be accepted. It was also agreed that the Chairman, Judge Morris Rothenberg, be empowered to resolve the matter of compensation with Mr. Shapiro. Subsequent to the meeting, Judge Morris Rothenberg

met with Mr. Shapiro and concluded the matter of compensation in a mutually satisfactory manner.

The Committee of Ten elected Mr. Ellis Radinsky as Executive Director of the United Palestine Appeal.

Staff Reorganization

The Committee authorized the Chairman to appoint a sub-committee of three, which, together with the Executive Director and the Acting National Chairman, would consider the reorganization of UPA staff. The Committee authorized the organization of a program for the United Palestine Appeal on the basis of a considerable reduction over the 1948 administrative budget.

Implementation of Agreement

The Chairman was authorized to notify Mr. Edwin Rosenberg of the decision of the UPA Board to implement the agreement with the Committee of Contributors. The Chairman was also authorized to extend invitations to the constituent organizations of the UPA; namely, the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod, to name their representatives to the reorganized Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal, and also to extend invitations to the Community Welfare Funds to name their representatives to the UPA Board. While it was agreed that these steps should be taken, it was the understanding that the entire plan would be submitted to the Board of Directors at its next meeting for approval.

By-Laws

The Chairman was also authorized to set up a committee to prepare by-laws for the United Palestine Appeal, which are to be submitted to the reconstituted Board of Directors.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, 1949

TELEGRAM

APRIL 26, 1949

HON. HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.
GENERAL CHAIRMAN, UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
MAYFLOWER HOTEL
AKRON, OHIO

NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF DEMONSTRATIONS BY RECENT ARRIVALS IN
ISRAEL AGAINST INADEQUATE LIVING CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION
DIRECTLY RECEIVED FROM JEWISH AGENCY OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC
SITUATION ISRAEL ALL DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS URGENTLY CALLS FOR
OUR CONSIDERATION OF SITUATION AS RELATED TO CAMPAIGN POLICY
AND ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO MEET CRISIS. SUGGEST IMMEDIATE
MEETING UJA CHAIRMEN AND EXPERT ADVISORS TO CONSIDER MATTER.
REGARDS.

MORRIS ROTHENBERG

MR: msp

The U.P.A. is a membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York in 1927. Undoubtedly it adopted by-laws immediately after it was organized but U.P.A. has not operated under the said by-laws for many years. They are undoubtedly antiquated and of no practical meaning at the present time. I haven't seen them for many years. Since 1936 the procedure of setting up U.P.A. each year has been as follows: Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth enter into an agreement in writing which provides in substance that U.P.A. shall be the agent or representative of the two funds in the matter of the campaign for the collection of funds. It provides that the proceeds of the campaign shall be divided equally between the two funds and contains other provisions governing the methods to be followed by U.P.A. The agreement also designates all of the officers, including the National Chairman, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. This procedure has been followed since, I believe, 1936. Of course, it is rather anomalous that a corporation's officers and governing bodies should be designated in this way. Normally, in a membership corporation the members elect the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors elect the officers and generally the Executive Committee, if any. The members of a membership corporation are the original incorporators and such other persons as are chosen as members. It can hardly be said that the original incorporators, some of whom I believe have died, are or have been acting as members. It would seem by reason of the procedure followed that the actual functioning members of U.P.A., at least since the contract method was adopted, have been only Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth and these two bodies have each year, by an agreement elected a Board of Directors, etc. as stated above. They act through a joint committee made up of an equal number of represent-

atives of the two bodies. The officers, including Dr. Iarsel Goldstein, as National Chairman, Directors and Executive Committee for 1948 were designated by an agreement between Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth dated January 1, 1948. Recently I prepared the 1949 agreement. Judge Rothenberg approved its terms at a conference with me. I have signed the agreement but Judge Rothenberg has not yet done so. In the absence of the designation of Officers, Directors and Executive Committee for 1949, the 1948 Officers, Directors and Executive Committee have the right to function. There is no express provision in the agreement with respect to the designation of successors to fill vacancies in the offices or governing bodies of U.P.A. Since the National Chairman was designated by the two funds, it would follow that only the two funds can fill vacancies caused by resignations or otherwise. I do not believe that the Board of Directors or Executive Committee have that right. While it is true that the Executive Committee was designated on the basis of party representation, certainly to a larger extent than is true with respect to the Board of Directors, nevertheless this was a procedure followed by the joint committee by ~~their~~ consent rather than pursuant to a provision of the agreement. The 1948 Committee includes persons who are not party representatives. However, I think it may be argued with considerable merit that both funds approved and accepted the action of the Executive Committee when Herman Weisman was designated Acting Chairman. This statement cannot be made with respect to the designation of Judge Rothenberg. It seems to me that the action of the Board of Directors may be attacked also on the ground that Mr. Weisman had been designated and had acted as Acting Chairman for some weeks. His designation was not made subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Consequently, it may be said that the Board of Directors had no power to remove Weisman and elect Judge

Rothenberg. The procedure followed is subject to attack also because in the call of the meeting there was no notice given that such action would be taken. It was understood by everyone that the meeting would concern itself only with the Morgenthau - Montor issue. Certainly this was the purpose expressed at the meeting of the Executive Committee at which it was voted to call the meeting of the Board of Directors. This has been written hastily but it is accurate and I trust will make some aspects of the matter clear.

Charles F. Ross



United Palestine Appeal
41 East 43rd Street
New York 17, New York

M E M O R A N D U M

May 18, 1949

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 March 23, 1949 at the United Palestine appeal office.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1949
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF THE UPA

PRESENT WERE: Judge Morris Rothenberg, presiding; Miss Sarah Behrman, Miss Juliet N. Benjamin, Benjamin G. Browdy, Meyer Brown, Mendel N. Fisher, Mrs. Abraham N. Geller, Daniel Frisch, Abraham Krumbein, Judge Louis Levinthal, Abraham L. Liebovitz, Louis Lipeky, Milton Lukashok, Charles Ress, Louis Segal, Robert Silverman, Jacob Sincoff, Rudolf G. Sonneborn, Elihu D. Stone, Herman L. Weisman, David Wertheim, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, and Charles Wolf.

Sidney Green and Ellis Radinsky

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AGREEMENT

In opening the meeting, Judge Rothenberg presented the question of the agreement between the UPA and the JDC. He announced the agreement between the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth had been signed, which gives authority to the UPA to negotiate with the JDC. These negotiations are now progressing and the authorization of the Executive Committee is needed.

Judge Rothenberg read a letter from Berl Locker which outlined the terms of the agreement with the JDC. "After deductions of expenses and except for the amounts to be paid to the United Service for New Americans, the amounts should be divided as follows:

Out of the first \$100,000,000	- 55% to UPA 45% to JDC
Out of the next \$25,000,000	- 70% to UPA 30% to JDC
Out of all funds over and above \$125,000,000	- 85% to UPA 15% to JDC."

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The letter also suggested that, "in all other respects the agreement between the UPA and the JDC concerning the UJA of 1949 shall be in conformity with the memorandum of agreement entered into between the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, Ltd., Jerusalem; the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the United Service for New Americans entered into on the 27th day of February, 1949."

The new agreement also provides for a ceiling of \$1,800,000 net for the Jewish National Fund.

It was pointed out that the JDC would spend at least \$15,000,000 of their funds for transportation even though this is not to be part of the written contract.

Mr. Weisman supplemented with a report that a provision will have to be made for an accounting of funds raised by Materials for Palestine, with the UJA receiving credit for this amount.

He pointed out that there had been a tentative agreement on the rate of distribution but a letter from Dr. Goldstein, representing the Jewish Agency, had raised serious objections to the division of funds. It was also the feeling that additional concessions should be obtained from the JDC in view of the International Refugee Organization money which the JDC expects to receive. It was still not

clear how much would be involved in the IRO money.

It would now appear, as a result of Mr. Locker's letter, that the Agency has agreed to accept the terms of the agreement. In effect, action approving this agreement will confirm the provisions of an agreement made on February 27th by the Jewish Agency and the other two constituent elements in the UJA. The acceptance of this agreement will supersede any other preliminary arrangements previously made. There is also the matter of the control of multiple campaigns which the JDC insisted on.

The motion to authorize the signing of the agreement was passed unanimously.

LOAN

Mr. Radinsky read a letter addressed to Judge Rothenberg by Mr. Berl Locker asking for authorization to the officers of the UPA to secure a loan of \$15,000,000.

Judge Rothenberg described in detail the various efforts now being carried out by the Jewish Agency and the JNF to obtain loans for Israel.

Mr. Weisman moved that the chair be authorized to negotiate a loan for \$15,000,000, including \$5,000,000 already owed, or such portion as has now to be repaid, on the same terms negotiated last year which required the payment in equal shares to the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

Judge Rothenberg in restating the motion added, "that nothing shall be done to prejudice the effort of the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael to get its long-term loan."

The motion was carried.

INCLUSION NEW YORK UJA

Mr. Radinsky reported on the request made by New York UJA for approval of the inclusion into the 1949 campaign of the Jewish Telegraph Agency, Jewish Welfare Board, American Friends of the Hebrew University, American Jewish Congress and the Joint Defense Appeal. The New York UJA felt any further delay would be injurious to their campaign and all other parties had agreed to their inclusion.

The pattern for inclusions for 1949 provides for a basis of a 5% increase over 1948 allocations and for proportionate sharing of the funds as they are received, thus eliminating favoring any organization in the disbursements of these funds.

The motion to approve the agreement on inclusions was carried unanimously.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE OF TEN

Judge Rothenberg reported on the meeting of the Committee of Ten which accepted the resignation of Harry L. Shapiro and elected Ellis Radinsky as Executive Director.

COMMITTEE ON MULTIPLE CAMPAIGNS

Mr. Radinsky reported on the organization of the Committee on Multiple Campaigns set up by the Jewish Agency in an effort to eliminate unauthorized campaigns and coordinate authorized campaigns with an eye toward protecting the priority of the UJA. He also reported on the effort to control the activity of the Israeli Supply Mission. A number of questions were raised on the activity and function of the Committee and it was pointed out that some effort will be made by the Committee to work out reasonable goals with many of the smaller campaigns which are competing with the UJA.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

A report was rendered on the UJA Conference of Rededication held in Washington on March 19th and 20th of 1949. Particular tribute was paid to the magnificent contribution made by the Mazer family and its stimulus to fund-raising. It was pointed out that the Conference resulted in overcoming earlier pessimism and that it achieved the goal of bringing about a spirit of rededication. Approximately \$27,000,000 in cash was turned in at this Conference.

Judge Rothenberg paid tribute to the leadership of the UJA campaign and pointed out in 12 days of work they had achieved remarkable results.

Mr. Sincoff reported that \$9,000,000 in cash was now clearing the banks and the UPA would receive 55% of this amount.

UJA CORPORATION

Mr. Weisman pointed out that the UJA Corporation is in need of reorganization and that it is important to make some replacements among the seven UPA members. He pointed out that we were still carrying such names as Dr. Goldstein, who is now in Israel, and he suggested that replacements be made for members who are no longer identified with the UPA and those who are not in the country.

Miss Benjamin suggested the matter might be left to the Committee of Ten.

Mr. Weisman suggested that members be named by the Executive Committee subject to the ratification by the Board.

Dr. Wise moved that the chair appoint a committee of three or five to designate members of the Corporation with power to report their decisions to the Corporation.

Mr. Ress moved for an amendment that the Committee report back to the Executive Committee or Board of Directors whichever is more feasible.

The motion to appoint a Committee to designate the seven UPA representatives of the Corporation and the amendment to report back were carried.

REORGANIZATION OF UPA

Mr. Ress inquired as to the progress in the reorganization of the UPA Boards and pointed out that the Board of Directors must first approve the report of the Committee of Ten before any definitive action is taken.

Judge Rothenberg stated that a meeting of the Board will be called as soon as feasible.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

M E M O R A N D U M

June 1, 1949

To: Members of the Board of Directors
From: Ellis Radinsky, Executive Director

Attached hereto is a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal, which was held on May 12, 1949.

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL TO BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, MAY 12 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE PARAMOUNT
RESTAURANT, 138 WEST 43RD STREET, NEW YORK CITY

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PRESENT WERE: Judge Morris Rothenberg, Presiding

Bernard Alexander, Juliet Benjamin, Sarah Behrman,
Rabbi Isidore Breslau, Abraham Beinberg, Mendel N.
Fisher, Hayim Fineman, Daniel Frisch, Harold J.
Goldenberg, Sylvan Gotshal, Adolph Hamburger, Dora
R. Inselbuch, Dr. Harris Levine, Louis E. Levinthal,
Louis Lipsky, Philip W. Lown, Morris Mallove, Samuel
Markewich, Fred Monesson, Henry Montor, Abraham A.
Redelheim, Sol Reiter, Charles Ress, Samuel Rothberg,
Joseph Shulman, Robert Silverman, Michael Stavitsky,
Dewey D. Stone, Jacques Tarczyner, Joshua Trachtenberg,
Ralph Wechsler, Meyer W. Weisgal, Herman L. Weisman,
Charles Wolf, Mose I. Speert.

GUESTS: Maurice Boukstein, Gottlieb Hammer, Meir Hartman,
Dr. Joseph Weiss

OTHERS: Grace Gray, Sidney Green, Martin Panzer, Ellis Radinsky
Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, Florence Schalkind, Dr. George
Stefansky, Harold Steinberg, Meyer F. Steinglass

TRIBUTE TO DR. STEPHEN S. WISE AND RABBI MEIR BERLIN

Judge Rothenberg asking the Board members to rise, expressed the sorrow of the United Palestine Appeal in the passing of a colleague and former chairman of the body. He paid tribute to the invaluable services rendered by Dr. Wise.

Judge Rothenberg expressed his sense of sorrow at the passing of Rabbi Meir Berlin, leader of the World Mizrahi Organization.

REORGANIZATION OF UPA

Ellis Radinsky reported on the action taken by the Committee of Ten with reference to the proposed plan for the reorganization of the UPA. The Committee of Ten discussed the procedure suggested by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and approved the method in principle. The Committee suggested some changes in the language and also called upon the local Welfare Funds to make their selection in the most democratic manner possible. The Committee suggested an increase from 110 to 120 representatives maintaining the ratio of 60-40, 60% to be chosen by the Beken Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth and 40% to be chosen by the communities. This revision would provide four more representatives for New York City which would now be entitled to 10. All communities having a Jewish population of 20,000 or more would be entitled to one representative, with Chicago, Los Angeles and Philadelphia having two representatives. Smaller communities would be represented through the 8 regions of the CJFUF with one or two representatives, depending on the number of Jewish communities included in the region. It was pointed

out that while the Committee of Ten had approved the general plan, it was necessary to have Board action before the plan is implemented. Mr. Radinsky also pointed out that in his discussions with the CJFWE they were eager to have the two Funds designate their representatives before the local communities are called upon to select their representatives.

Mr. Monesson expressed the feeling that Boston should be entitled to two representatives because of its excellent record of service to the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Radinsky, in response to a question by Mr. Goldenberg, suggested that the reason for the CJFWE request that the two Funds name their representatives first was that they were interested in knowing which of the local representatives would be named by the two Funds so that the local community could then make their decision more intelligently.

Judge Rothenberg reported that at a meeting of the Joint Jewish National Fund-Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael Committee held before the Board meeting, it was decided to recommend that the CJFWE should encourage the communities to make their selection before the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth designated their representatives.

Mr. Hess pointed out that there were compelling reasons why the two Funds could not take immediate action. He said that the Zionist Organization of America Convention will take place later in the month and that any effort to work out a formula for representation of the two Funds would of necessity consume considerable time and therefore in the interest of prompt action the local communities should be urged to designate their representatives at once.

Mr. Frisch, in response to Mr. Monesson's request, indicated that if the Council could not revise the community schedule, it might be possible for the ZOA to relinquish one representative, thereby giving Boston two community representatives.

Mr. Goldenberg moved

that the officers be authorized to use their best efforts to implement the decision in negotiation with the CJFWE.

The motion was carried.

COMMITTEE OF THREE

Mr. Radinsky reported on the decisions of the Committee of Three consisting of Abraham Feinberg, Abraham Krumbein, and David Wertheim, which had been set up to deal with the problem of staff reorganization. He pointed out that the budget of the UPA for 1949 had been sharply reduced and that every aspect of the UPA operational program was carefully examined by the Committee. Departments were combined and a number of executive positions open were not filled. The net result was a substantial reduction over the 1948 budget.

A motion was made to accept the budget.

The motion was unanimously carried.

LOANS

Judge Rothenberg announced the signing of the agreement between the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Service for New Americans. He reported on the precarious economic situation facing the UPA agencies in Israel. He spoke of the pressure under which the Jewish Agency is functioning and the efforts being made to obtain maximum cash in order to alleviate the distress caused by unlimited immigration. As a result of these pressures the Jewish Agency has called upon the UPA to obtain a short term loan of \$15,000,000 at the earliest possible moment. He also pointed out that Dr. Granovsky on his recent visit to America had initiated discussions for a long term loan for \$15,000,000 in order to help the JTF meet its obligation to the Government of Israel for the purchase of large tracts of land for the settlement of immigrants. He described the recent activities of Dr. Joseph Weiss on behalf of the Keren Kayemeth in his efforts to obtain a long term loan. It was pointed out that before any final action could be taken by the UPA it would be necessary to have authorization from the Board of Directors to obtain a loan.

Mr. Boukstein reported on the negotiations for the UPA loan stating that the loan would be provided by both the Manufacturers Trust and the National City Bank. The rate of interest requested by the banks is 2-3/4%, but this point is still under negotiation. Repayment of the loan would be based on 33-1/3% of all monies collected. In general, the terms of the loan were substantially the same as provided in previous arrangements with the Manufacturers Trust. The following resolution was then presented:

RESOLVED, that the Acting National Chairman or the Treasurer or the Associate Treasurer of the corporation be and hereby are authorized to enter into one or more agreements with the Manufacturers Trust Company, 55 Broad Street, New York, N.Y., and the National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street, New York, N.Y., providing for the borrowing by the corporation from the said banks of the sum of \$15,000,000, repayable within one year in monthly installments, bearing interest on unpaid principal at the rate of 2-3/4% maximum, per annum, and in connection therewith to issue one or more promissory notes and to give the said banks an undertaking in writing in behalf of the corporation.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers of the corporation and they hereby are authorized to sign, execute and deliver to the said banks or any of them any further writings and to furnish any further information in respect of or in connection with said loans, subject to the approval of the counsel of the corporation.

A motion to adopt the resolution was unanimously carried.

Judge Rothenberg pointed out that every effort will be made to make compatible both loans now under negotiation but should any difficulty arise in the negotiations, the decision as to priority of the loans would be left with the authorities in Jerusalem.

Henry Montor urged that every effort be made to keep the rate of interest down to a maximum of 2 1/2% because any increased rate may have a serious effect on rates of interest on loans extended to the Funds and in the communities.

UJA CAMPAIGN

Mr. Montor reporting on the present status of the UJA campaign pointed out that on March 7th, when the present program of the UJA was initiated, cash received from all campaigns from January 1, 1949 totalled \$14,634,000 as against cash received by March 7th in 1948 from all campaigns of \$47,000,000. It was this serious disparity in the face of mounting needs in Israel which gave the UJA and the communities the incentive to intensify their cash collections. The position of the UJA as of May 12, 1949 had so greatly improved since March 7th that as of this date the UJA has received in cash approximately \$61,000,000 as against \$62,000,000 for the same period in 1948. Mr. Montor paid tribute to the communities of America for their splendid response to the urgent needs in Israel.

As far as the allotments were concerned, the UJA had received between January 1 and May 12, 1949 the sum of \$29,224,000 as compared with \$27,000,000 for the same period in 1948. The increase is accounted for to a large extent by the proportion of distribution between the agencies. He pointed out that these figures were no index of the status of the campaign because they represent enormous efforts to mobilize all cash possible to meet the emergency. The precedent of communities obtaining bank loans which was started last year when Golda Myerson was in the United States was repeated this year. Communities will now have to bend every effort to repay these loans.

Mr. Montor further stated that the campaign had been seriously handicapped by the late start. This handicap is becoming increasingly serious as we approach the summer months, and the time necessary to wind up the campaign is lacking. The next four weeks up until June 15th will determine the outcome of the campaign. New York City is experiencing the same difficult problems and the result of their campaign may well determine the success or failure of the National UJA for 1949. Mr. Montor reviewed the campaign in various other cities paying particular tribute to the excellent achievement in Baltimore, Cleveland and San Francisco. Mr. Montor said that the difficulties resulting from the inclusion of local capital funds in UJA campaigns had not resulted in any increase in giving but on the contrary had hurt the UJA interests. The matter of capital funds campaigns for local needs has become so serious that the UJA officers have adopted a formal policy which will make clear to the local communities that the UJA will not participate in any campaign in which local capital funds are included to the detriment of the UJA.

The economic situation in the country is a serious factor in the campaign and regardless of whether or not income has been reduced there is a growing hysteria which called for the most aggressive kind of campaigning. The entry of 30,000 immigrants monthly in Israel does not seem to make much more of an impact upon the communities than if the figure were 5,000.

Mr. Montor paid tribute to Mr. Morgenthau and to Judge Rothenberg for their tireless efforts on behalf of the campaign. He also stated that the success thus far attained would not have been possible without the devoted and extraordinary service of three men, Harold J. Goldenberg, Samuel Rothberg and Julian Venezky. He also paid tribute to the devotion of men like Herman Gilman, Morris Berinstein, Joseph Mazer, Charles Fruchtman, Sol Reiter and a host of others who have contributed so much of their time and energy. The services of Dr. Weizmann, of Mr. Sharett, Chief Rabbi Herzog, and of Mr. Eban were invaluable in this year's campaign. He expressed his deep appreciation to Mr. Weisgal who permitted the UJA to use Dr. Weizmann at a great sacrifice to the Weizmann Institute.

In closing, he pointed out that the campaign was now in its middle stages. It can be made to approximate the 1948 campaign or it can be a complete failure depending on the energy and devotion provided by its leadership in the

next few weeks. It is hoped that with the arrival of Golda Meyerson, who is coming here at a great sacrifice and with the presence of Dr. Goldstein who is expected soon, the success of the 1949 campaign may be assured. He called upon the Board members of the UPA to continue to give utmost cooperation so that the maximum results may be achieved even if the total needs in Israel cannot be met.

Judge Rothenberg paid tribute to Mr. Morgenthau, and to the splendid direction which Mr. Montor was giving to the campaign, and which was so largely responsible for the results thus far attained.

DEPARTURE OF HAROLD GOLDENBERG

Judge Rothenberg then informed the Board of the imminent departure of Harold J. Goldenberg to take up residence in Israel. He paid tribute to his magnificent service to the UJA in 1948 and 1949 and described it as a symbol of the highest Zionist devotion. He said that Mr. Goldenberg's concentration of energy and skill had been of inestimable value in easing the pressing problems in Israel. He and his colleagues, Samuel Rothberg and Julian Venezky had earned the deepest gratitude of all of us. He was certain that the history of Jewish fund-raising during the last few years will record the outstanding contribution made by Mr. Goldenberg. He hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Goldenberg would find in Israel the realization of their life's dream. He expressed the good wishes of the Board of the UPA to Mr. and Mrs. Goldenberg.

In responding, Mr. Goldenberg expressed his appreciation for the sentiments and the warm wishes of Judge Rothenberg and all present, and his confidence in the future of Israel. While he and Mrs. Goldenberg are to reside in Israel, he hoped to take his vacation in America, perhaps during UJA campaigns. He paid tribute to the spirit of devotion of Jews throughout America, and he hoped to be able to continue to maintain contact with them even after he settled in Israel.

Judge Rothenberg also expressed the good wishes of the Board of Directors of the UPA to Mr. and Mrs. Weisgal who will soon leave to make their residence in Israel.

FINANCIAL REPORT ON UPA

Sidney Green, reporting on the finances of the UPA, stated that the UPA had received to date from the UJA from all campaigns \$29,224,000 as against \$27,879,000 in the same period last year. In 1948 the sum of \$27,879,000 included a loan of \$5,000,000 from the JDC so that comparative figures minus the loan would be \$29,224,000 as against \$22,879,000 for 1948. UPA received from JNF \$664,500 and \$2,600 in bequests, thus making a total income of \$29,891,000.

Disbursements for this year to JNF were \$13,270,000 and to the Palestine Foundation Fund \$13,270,000, Mizrahi Palestine Fund \$375,000. Repayment of loans made last year amounted to \$2,762,000. Remaining amount covers Executive Committee grants, budgetary expenses, service payments, interest on loans, etc.

There was some discussion on service payments. Judge Rothenberg pointed out that the continuation of the 1949 service payments were made at the request of the Chairman of the Jewish Agency and that this subject may be reviewed in terms of the 1950 campaign.

Mr. Shulman suggested that the UPA Board should go on record as opposing the continuation of service payments so that any action which may be taken may have the benefit of the attitude of the UPA Board.

Mr. Stone suggested that the matter be referred to the new Board.

MULTIPLE CAMPAIGNS

Mr. Radinsky described the background of the effort to control multiple campaigns for Israel which were growing in number and becoming a more serious threat to the priority of the UJA. He described the organization of the Committee set up by the Jewish Agency and reported on some of the progress made. While there is still much to achieve, the Committee has had some limited success in coordinating authorized campaigns and eliminating unauthorized campaigns.

VISITS TO ISRAEL

Judge Rothenberg stated that the national agencies have long expressed the desire that staff members of the funds be given occasional opportunity to visit Israel and develop a closer relationship with the program for which they are working. There are members of the staff who have been working zealously for many years and it would be to our advantage to provide occasional visits on a limited basis. The officers of the UJA would not be prepared to make such arrangements without the approval of the Board. Mr. Montor moved that the national chairman be authorized to act in this matter with full power. At the suggestion of Judge Rothenberg, the motion was revised empowering the Acting National Chairman to deal with this problem in consultation with the Finance Committee.

The motion was unanimously passed.

MEIR HARTMAN

The Chairman introduced Meir Hartman, Director of Anidar, who had recently arrived in this country in an effort to negotiate for funds and material for housing of immigrants.

Mr. Hartman described the gigantic problem of housing resulting from the influx of hundreds of thousands of new immigrants. He said that the program of housing immigrants could not be met on the basis of private investment alone and that capital would have to be provided by the National Funds. He agreed with Mr. Montor that the American Jews did not really appreciate the staggering problem which unlimited immigration is now forcing upon Israel. He expressed his concern with the misconception which many Israeli leaders were under that American Jewry will respond with the same understanding of the problem as the people in Israel. On the other hand, he felt that it was perhaps unfair to present a totally black picture because it should be pointed out that out of 220,000 who have come to Israel, 160,000 have found some kind of housing. But it is clear that all facilities are now totally exhausted and the problem will become even more aggravated unless there is a concentration of all forces both of National Funds and investment capital for the immediate launching of large-scale housing projects. He was confident that with this concentration of energies and resources the housing problem in Israel could be met.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Dr. Silver. The author is one of Master-Servant Group

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The Editor Views the News

THE AMERICAN JEW AND ISRAEL

A Guest Editorial By MAX SWIREN

The Yishuv has met the challenge of statehood with responsible leadership, political maturity and military might. Underlying this majestic achievement was the inspirational strength of an ideal that manifested itself in heroic courage on the battlefield and indestructible unity behind the lines. As we proclaim our faith in Israel, as we glory in the valor and victories of the Haganah, as we applaud the emptying of the DP camps and flooding immigration into Israel, we in America must rededicate ourselves to dynamic support of Israel. We must draw upon the same spirit and create the same indestructible unity, free from paralyzing, organizational quarrels and hampering personal ambitions.

Americans have a primary responsibility for driving Bevin bitterness and sinister oil inferences from the international council tables. Forceful moral leadership in the defense of human rights must be encouraged in Washington.

We must continue, with unparalleled understanding and generosity, our financial contribution to the establishment of homes and opportunity in Israel for uprooted Jews. On the economic front we give more than money. Industrial development, stimulated by American know-how and venture capital, holds the key to expanding absorptive capacity. Those who cannot participate directly in new industrial enterprises may combine investment with faith in such American corporations as Ampel-American Palestine Trading Corporation, Economic Palestine Corporation, and the newly formed Israel Investment Corporation. Finally, Americans must assure sustained support of the forces of defense that have so decisively routed the hordes of Arab aggressors and their British allies.

The greatest impediment to unified effort is the multiplicity of organizations in the American Zionist movement. With few exceptions, each American group is lined up with an Israeli political party. The Z.O.A. is tied to the Israeli General Zionists, the Labor Zionist Organization to the Mapai, the United Zionist Revisionist Organization to its right-wing affiliate, the Mizrachi to its Israeli counterpart. Why these divisive party loyalties? Why not a united Americans for Israel with ties to the country as a whole? Political preferences are for the voters of Israel, exercising their democratic franchise. And so is the formulation of Israel's social and political policies that flows in some measure from control of the purse strings.

On the surface the exclusion of Israeli leaders from the Jewish Agency for Palestine proceeds upon the principle of non-intervention in the internal and external affairs of the State of Israel. Its effect, however, has been to exclude Israel from a voice in the allocation and disbursement of the U.P.A. funds intended for that country. Americans, selected in the main by the Z.O.A., hold exclusive control of the purse strings. The Israeli Minister of Finance, Eliezer Kaplan, equipped by technical training and two decades of experience, has been replaced in the powerful office of Treasurer of the Jewish Agency by an American

rabbi. Distinguished though he may be in the pulpit, our rabbi has none of the qualifications of an economist or fiscal expert.

A conference has been called for December 11th and 12th by a newly formed "Committee of Contributors and Workers" to consider measures for (1) participation of local federations and welfare funds in the control of U.P.A., (2) remittance directly to Israel of all funds raised here for Israel, without siphoning off any part for American activity, and (3) transfer of final authority for allocation of American contributions to the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem.

While uneasy about no share in the disbursement of these vital funds, Israeli leaders are fearful that division in a unified channel for aid to Israel, forged in the United States these past years, may jeopardize the effectiveness of our financial support. The indispensable force of unity must not be shaken by a denial of democratic processes here or of participation by the Israeli community in shaping the financial policies that will influence their destiny. It is not unity but greed for personal power and projection of political preferences that must give way.

It is shocking that the great resources provided by American Jews are no longer available to the State of Israel for its defense. That shortsighted decision must be repudiated and reversed. It is incongruous to spend millions to build settlements in the Negev but not a dollar to beat back the British armor attacking those settlements.

Until unrestricted aid to Israel is restored, friends of Zva Defense Army of Israel will know what to do. Material for Israel (formerly Material for Palestine) has in ten months built a virtual funnel of supply through which jeeps, trucks, surgical instruments, medicines, electronic equipment, clothing and food have been poured into Israel. While small in relation to the towering U.J.A. quota, Material for Israel has achieved impressive magnitude and must go forward now with increasing intensity to fill the void created by the "no money for defense" policy.

Nine young men and women of Haganah are touring the country to give a first-hand account of what our supplies have meant in terms of morale and fighting power on the bloody sands of the Negev and the crags of the Galilee. One of them, Corporal Aliza Penuei, spoke with warmth of the field radio unit which he manned under fire on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road. It came from Chicago. So did the half-track that meant so much to Lieutenant Zambavel Chefitz and his comrades in driving back the Arab invaders. The message of these young people is more vital to us than the prestige of organizational presidents or executive directors. It is in the grass roots of American Jewish life that unity for Israel is taking hold. We who walk more erect and with a newborn pride will not be denied our solidarity with the pioneers and defenders of Israel. No organization and no organizational leadership are big enough to thwart that heartfelt purpose.

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MEMORANDUM ON AUTHORITY
OVER THE NATIONAL FUNDS
OR JOINT CAMPAIGNS IN
THEIR BEHALF

The purpose of this memorandum is to call attention to resolutions and other information bearing upon the questions described within. It is not proposed to do more than afford an informed basis on which to draw conclusions concerning these questions.

The question of authority and control over the National Funds and joint campaigns divides itself into the following headings: relationship between the local branches and their respective headquarters in Jerusalem; relationship between the headquarters in Jerusalem and the Zionist Executive; the authority of the Control Office; and the legal status of the Jewish National Fund and Foundation Fund Corporations in the United States.

Relationship Between Local Offices and Headquarters

From the basic conceptions of the Funds themselves and from the various resolutions adopted by Zionist Congresses, the committees of the National Funds in the different countries are subject to directives from the Boards of Directors at Jerusalem, and deal with them exclusively. By implication, the Boards in Jerusalem of the Keren Kayemeth Leisrael and the Keren Hayesod have theoretical control over their respective branches. In fact, it would appear from the resolutions of the 17th Congress (July, 1931) that headquarters contributed subsidies for expenses in various countries. Resolution No. 8 reads:

"The Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod is urged to dispense as far as possible with subsidies for expenses to different countries."¹

Moreover, the Congress urged the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod to decrease expenditures. Resolution No. 9 reads:

"The Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod is urged to strive for a possible decrease in the expenses of the Keren Hayesod in different countries."²

¹ Protokoll der Verhandlungen des XVII Zionisten-Kongresses, London, 1931, 482

² Ibid.

The general practice, however, of the Boards of Directors of the respective Funds was to permit the different regional and land committees and offices to conduct their campaigns and to administer their offices as they saw fit, not limiting them in any way and not exercising any control over them. Thus, the following resolution of the 22nd Congress (December, 1946) merely prohibited local funds from allocating moneys which they raised for any purpose whatever without the previous approval of the head offices and the Executive. The conduct of campaigns and their administrative management were left exclusively with local committees.

"The entire proceeds of either campaign, whether separate or joint, in any country, for the benefit of the Keren Kayemeth or the Keren Hayesod, shall be placed at the disposal of the head office of those Funds in Jerusalem, after deduction of the necessary expenses for organizing the campaigns and for the administrative requirements of the Funds in that country. No regional committee of the Keren Kayemeth or the Keren Hayesod, or any other body, shall be entitled to allocate sums from the moneys raised for such a campaign or from the money of the Funds in general for any purpose whatever without the previous approval of the head office concerned and of the Executive of the Jewish Agency."³

Relationship Between Head Offices in Jerusalem and the Executive

The relationship between the head offices of the Funds in Jerusalem and the Zionist Executive is more of a theoretical discussion than of practical application. Theoretically, the Keren Hayesod directorate was to have been composed of representatives of Keren Hayesod contributors all over the world, 50 per cent, and persons appointed by the Executive of the Zionist Organization, 50 per cent. In practice, however, the Boards of Directors of the head offices were controlled by the Executive.

There is, however, a possible avenue of controlling the administrative aspects of the Fund's land or regional committees through the Control Office of the Zionist Congress. In 1927, the 15th Zionist Congress decided to es-

³ Resolutions of the 22nd Zionist Congress, Jerusalem, 1947 (mimeographed), 45

establish a Control Office, whose authority it defined thus:

"The Congress establishes a Control Office for the purpose of controlling all Zionist institutions or institutions dependent upon or responsible to the Zionist Organization that have an income and expenditure. The object of the control is: a) to ensure proper businesslike management; b) to safeguard and execute Zionist decisions and directives in all branches of administration; c) to guarantee cooperation of all departments and institutions; d) to unify and simplify and decrease cost of administrative apparatus."⁴

Four years later, the 17th Congress declared:

"The Control Office is independent of the Executive of the Zionist Organization and of the Jewish Agency and is solely responsible to the legislative bodies of the Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency, to which bodies it has to submit half-yearly reports."⁵

The range of activities of the Control Office was defined by the 19th Congress in September, 1935:

"a) The range of activity of the Control Office covers the Executive of the Zionist Organization, the Executive of the Jewish Agency, the Board of Directors of the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael and Keren Hayesod, and all their institutions and departments in Palestine and outside of Palestine."⁶

It would therefore appear that all Zionist institutions, including the KKL and the KH, are subject to the Control Office.

It was expected that the respective institutions and offices would, as a rule, comply with the recommendations of the controller. However, if any office or committee felt that it should not do so, the Congress provided:

"In the event of one administration disagreeing with the controller's conclusions, the administration is not bound to desist from execution of such decisions as are in contradiction to the controller's views; however, the controller is entitled to put the question through the good offices of the Executive before the Actions Committee for decision. In such a case, the Executive has to bring the matter before the next session of the Actions Committee."⁷

One of the major issues dealt with by various Congresses in connection with the National Funds was the question of combined campaigns, either of

4 Protokoll der Verhandlungen des XV Zionisten-Kongresses, London, 1927, 504-505.

5 Protokoll der Verhandlungen des XVII Zionisten-Kongresses, 485.

6 XIX Zionisten-Kongress Beschlüsse, Jerusalem, 1936, 22.

7 See Establishment of the Central Control Office of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Palestine By Dr. E. Schmorak, Jerusalem, May 1947, submitted to General Zionist Council meeting of that date, pages 43, 80, 84.

the two Funds alone, or in combination with other funds specific to the respective countries. The 19th Congress (1935) adopted the following resolution on the subject:

"Recognizing the importance of preserving the character of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth as the central financial instrument of the upbuilding of Palestine, the Congress requests that the campaigns and the collection of moneys for these Funds shall be independent and conducted in their own names, and shall not be included or combined with other campaigns. In those countries where special conditions demand the temporary combination of the National Funds or a combination with other funds on behalf of Palestine and other Jewish causes, the agreements for such combinations, which will be made by the various Zionist organizations or central regional committees, shall not be valid until the consent of the Zionist Executive and the Executive of the two Funds shall have been obtained in advance." ⁸

The 22nd Zionist Congress of December, 1946 adopted the following resolution on this subject:

"Every proposal for an agreement between regional committees of the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod in any country whatever on the conducting of a joint campaign, as well as every proposal for an agreement between regional committees of the Funds and any Zionist or Jewish campaign or Zionist or Jewish body, shall be submitted to the approval of the head offices of the Keren Kayemeth, the Keren Hayesod and the Executive of the Jewish Agency. In case of disagreement, the matter shall be put before the General Zionist Council for final decision. Until its approval is forthcoming, no agreement of the above kind is valid.

"This decision does not apply to agreements or allocations which have been made already for 1947. As for the future, negotiations shall be opened between the Executive of the Jewish Agency, the head offices of the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod on the one side, and the regional committees of the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod in the United States of America and other countries on the other, with a view to determine a procedure satisfactory to all interested parties. In case of disagreement, the matter shall be put before the Zionist Council for final decision not later than October 1947." ⁹

In August 1948 the Zionist General Council, meeting in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, took up the issue and adopted the following resolution:

⁸ Kongress Hatzioni Hayod Tet. Tel Aviv. 1937. 521.

⁹ Resolutions of the 22nd Zionist Congress. 45.

"1. The General Council resolves that in view of the present emergency a special arrangement shall be made in respect of the campaigns of the National Funds for the year 5709 (October 1948 - September 1949), as follows:

"(a) In the United States, Great Britain and Canada, where united campaigns are in existence, Keren Kayemeth and Keren Hayesod shall continue under the same arrangements as existed in the past, and the basis of distribution of the proceeds between the two Funds shall remain as hitherto. The Keren Kayemeth shall continue its traditional collections, and the integrity of the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod shall be fully maintained." 10

The Organization Department of the Executive, relying on this decision of the General Council, set up a Central Board in charge of the united campaign, comprising representatives of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and the Boards of Directors of the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod.

As far as the campaign for 1949 is concerned - at least until September 1949 - this is covered by the above General Council resolution. It is of further relevance that the American Funds in reliance upon such action of the General Council have agreed to establish a UPA for 1949 and to maintain the existing arrangements regarding division of proceeds between them. The UPA, in turn, made an agreement with the JDC, assented to by United Service for New Americans and a memorandum thereof has been furnished to New York UJA in accordance with the requirements of its by-laws.

Legal Status of the American Jewish National Fund
and Foundation Fund Corporations

In the Articles of Incorporation of both Funds, nowhere is there any indication as to control over the administration outside of the Board of Directors of each respective corporation. In fact, both American institutions of the Funds designate the head offices of the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael and Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem (originally in England) as their agents, rather than

10 A Letter to Zionists, issued by the Executive of the Jewish Agency and the Zionist Organization, Jerusalem, October 11, 1948, 9.

the reverse.

After defining the objectives and purposes of the Jewish National Fund, Article 3, Paragraph 3, of its Articles of Incorporation reads:

"To transmit and forward the contributions, pledges, donations, moneys, funds, securities, subscriptions, gifts, legacies, bequests and property received by this Corporation, after converting into cash funds, such parts thereof as may not be in that form, and after deducting the legitimate expenses incident to the collection of such funds and the operation of this association, to the Keren Kayemeth Le Israel Ltd., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of England for the purposes of carrying out and achieving the objectives set forth in Section 1 hereof, which corporation shall be the agent of the Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth Le Israel) Inc., in the attainment of any of the objectives aforesaid, and which shall expend the funds transmitted to it as aforesaid in such manner as in the judgement of the Board of Directors of the said Keren Kayemeth Le Israel Ltd. or in the judgment of such persons as are authorized by its charter and by-laws to expend its funds, shall be deemed best to carry out and achieve the objectives set forth in Section 1 thereof."

Paragraph 5 of the same Article reads:

"All the net receipts of the Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth Israel), Inc. from whatever source derived, shall be forwarded to the head office of the Keren Kayemeth Le Israel Ltd. in Jerusalem, Palestine, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of this Article."

The powers of the Board of Directors as regards administration and all other issues is defined in Article 5, Paragraph 2, thus:

"The Board of Directors shall have control of the property and affairs of the Association and shall fix its policies; employ necessary staff; accept new members; authorize proper expenditures; and take all necessary and proper steps to carry out the purpose of this association."

The stated purpose of the Keren Hayeset is practically the same as that of Keren Kayemeth Le Israel, and so is the paragraph dealing with the transmission of moneys to the head office. Article 1, Paragraph (d) of the original Articles of Incorporation states, as regards the powers of administration of the Corporation:

"To do or cause to be done, to appoint and cause to be appointed, such agents as it may from time to time determine for the doing of all matters that may in its judgment be necessary or proper for carrying out any of the purposes thereof."

Basis for Conclusions

1. As to special allocations, final authority rests with head offices of the Funds and the Executive of the Jewish Agency.
2. As to proposals for a joint campaign, approval is to be sought by the American Funds of their head offices and the Executive of the Jewish Agency, but in case of disagreement, final decision rests with the General Zionist Council.
3. Other administrative matters not disposed of by the Congress, or delegated to the Funds or the Executive of the Jewish Agency, are:
 - (a) Specifically within the authority of the Control Office, which is itself independent of the Funds and of the Agency, and subject to the authority (except for reports) of the Actions Committee, or
 - (b) Specifically reserved to Congress or the Actions Committee.
4. In August 1948 the Actions Committee authorized the continuation of the UPA and the UJA, which authority is to be exercised and approved as per paragraphs 1,2,3, above.
5. The tax exempt status of the American Funds are not open to question by reason of any change since the termination of the Mandate for Palestine; the same may not be true as to the tax exempt status of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which was secured prior to the Mandate's termination, and after being rescinded was reinstated without reference to a de facto change in the Jewish Agency as a legal entity since May 14, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman L. Weisman

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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	<u>1947 ACTUAL</u>	<u>1948 ESTIMATED</u>
Total Receipts	\$42,869,747.38	\$65,000,000.00
Less:		
Administrative Expenses	379,770.97	450,000.00
Service Payments	<u>76,600.00</u>	<u>76,600.00</u>
	456,370.97	526,600.00
Net Receipts	<u>42,413,376.41</u>	64,473,400.00
Allocations:		
Jewish National Fund	20,853,423.79	
Palestine Foundation Fund	20,853,423.79	
Misrachi Palestine Fund	750,000.00	975,000.00
Hebrew University	<u>30,000.00</u>	
	<u>42,486,847.58</u>	<u>63,498,400.00</u>

KEREN HAYESOD

	<u>1947 ACTUAL</u>	<u>1948 ESTIMATED</u>
Total Receipts	\$21,221,281.26	\$31,750,000.00
Less:		
Administrative Expenses	91,122.54	150,000.00
Zionist Archives	<u>37,131.57</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
	128,254.11	200,000.00
Net Receipts	21,093,027.15	31,550,000.00
Non-Recurring Disbursements:		
Palestine Exhibition	147,095.10	
Palestine Week	16,282.38	
Commission on Palestine Surveys	22,500.00	7,500.00
Palestine Pavillion	<u>858.83</u>	
	186,737.31	<u>7,500.00</u>
Balance	<u>20,906,289.84</u>	31,542,500.00
Remitted to:		
Keren Hayesod & Jewish Agency	21,817,528.63	30,000,000.00
Emergency Council	340,384.80	345,000.00
General Zionists, Weizmann	<u>342,500.00</u>	<u>505,000.00</u>
Institute, Hebrew Univ.		
	<u>22,500,413.43</u>	<u>30,850,000.00</u>

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TELAVIV (ISRAEL)

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YOU MY VIEW THAT IF PRESENT UPA CONTROVERSY CONTINUES BECAUSE YOUR FAILURE ABIDE
OUR REQUESTS THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF AGENCY ABILITY MEET FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS
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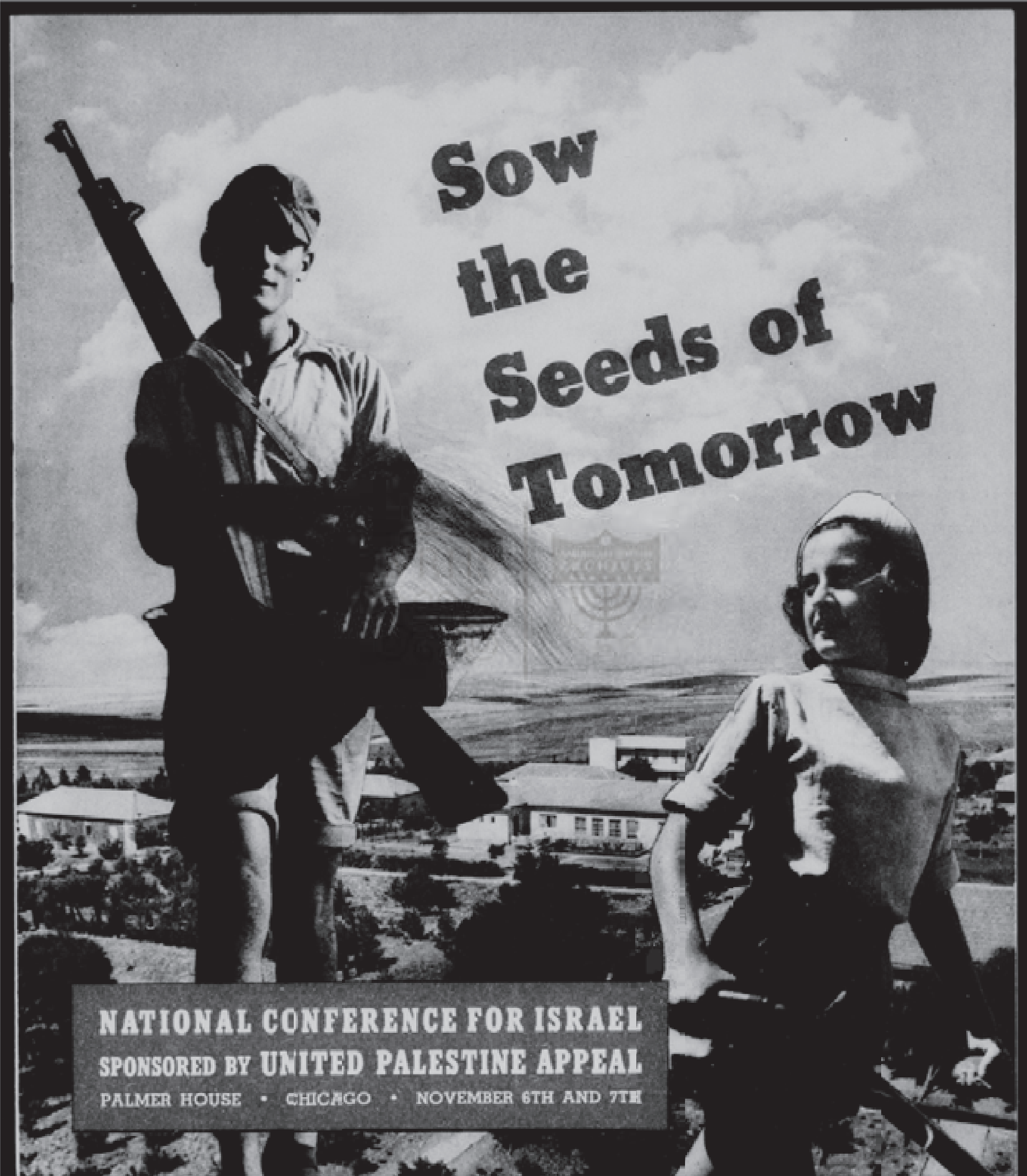
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