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111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

January 10, 1929

To the members of the National Executive Committee:

You have already received efficial notice of the meeting of the National Executive Committee. I desire, however, to emphasize the importance of this meeting and urge your attendance.

We have reached a point in the development of the present Zionist situation which will require, on the part of every responsible Zionist, the utmost of attention and cooperation. Unless at this time the Zionist Organization finds the backing of a resolute, one-minied, devoted leadership both local and national, and a loyalty and sacrificial spirit on the part of the rank and file, it will be almost impossible for us to maintain that position in American Jewish life which we have hitherts occupied. You can show your interest and devotion, in the first place, by attending the meeting of the National Executive Committee on Jenuary 18th.

The annual Conference of the National Fund is to be held in Philadelphia on Sunday, Jenuary 19th. Every Zionist who is concerned in the future of the National Fund, and knows of the meaning of the National Fund in the development of Zionist ideals, will certainly make it his business to attend also the National Fund Conference.

For these two reasons, therefore, I would urge every member of the National Executive Committee to be in Philadelphia on Saturday evening, January 18th, and all day Sunday, January 19th.

Very cordially yours,

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111 FIFTH AVENUE MEW YORK

August 22, 1929.

Dear Member:

We have received today, the following cablegram from Mr. Louis Lipsky:-

"Leaving London August 31st Empress Scotland for Montreal Arriving New York seventh or eighth Arrange Administrative Meeting Wednesday, Lips'ty."

In compliance with the President's request, a meeting is called of the Administrative Committee in New York City, for Wednesday, September 11th.

It is extremely important that there be a full attendance at this first meeting of the Administrative Committee of the current year, to meet the President upon his return to this country after his prolonged illness and his arduous work in Zurich.

Please reserve this date. You will be informed soon as to the exact time and place of the meeting. Also, be kind enough to inform us whether you will be able to attend.

Cordially yours,

L M hubinow Executive Director

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# MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE Held at Zionist Offices, September 3rd, 1929, at 4 P.M.

PRESENT: Dr. Kaliski in the chair; Messre. Bernstein, Coralnik, Flerst, Freiberger, Israel Goldstein, Jonah J. Goldstein, Perlman, Robbins, Rosenblatt, Ruttenberg, Wattenberg,

By Invitation: Mr. Neumann and Mrs. Szold.

# PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Neumann reported that his Committee recommends to the Administrative Committee that a reprint of Senator Borah's speech be made, to be utilized in connection with the formation of the Pro-Palestine Committee.

Senator Borsh informed Mr. Neumann that there is a possibility that he may take the floor of the Senate in connection with this matter, and he fears that his effectiveness would be lessened if he would assume a leading part in the formation of a Pro-Palestine Committee. Mr. Borsh, however, would be glad to write a letter concerning the Pro-Palestine Committee.

Senator Borah was of the opinion that there may be a possibility of having a representative of the United States on the Board of Inquiry, which is being established by Great Britain, in view of the fact that American lives were lost and American property damaged in Palestine. Mr. Neumann further stated that the work of the Pro-Palestine Committee, together with the establishment of a temporary office in Washington, would involve an expenditure of approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The consensus of opinion of the Administrative Committee was that it is necessary to establish temporarily a Washington office and to form a Pro-Palostine Committee, but in view of the fact of the tremendous expenditure of funds necessary, it was decided that before ant definite arrangements are made, that we should await the return of Mr. Warburg and Mr. Lipsky so that a definite plan can be worked out for the financing of this project.

## JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY:

The Jawish Telegraphic Agency have been of great assistance in the present amergency. They have sent telegrams to Semators, Congressmen, members of the Gabinet and prominent clergymen, asking them for an expression of apinion on the present emergency. This work, together with the cabled reports which have been received from London and Palestine, has involved them in a tremendous expenditure of funds, and they are now on the verge of bankruptcy.

Mr. Lipsky urged that financial assistance be given the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in view of the splendid selvices which they have rendered.

Dr. Kaliski reported that he had secured the sum of \$5000. as a partial parment on the expenses which had been incurred by the Zicnist Organization in connection with this work. He further stated that he would take up the matter of the J.T.A. with Mr. Brown and Mr. Warburg, upon his return from Europe, within a few days.

# WASHINGTON OFFICE:

After a lengthy discussion on the necessity of having a Washington office and the proper personnel, it was decided that Mr. Neumann be empowered to make tentative arrangements for the prosent emergency with Mr. Max Rhoace for the establishment of a Temporary office, and that this matter be taken up upon Mr. Lipsky's return from Europe.

# COMPITTEE ON FORMMATION OF Z.O.A. POLICY:

Mr. Rosenblatt reported that in accordance with the last meeting of the Administrative Committee, the recommendation concerning the representation of the Jewish Agency on the Board of Inquiry, with the suggestion that this representative be an American non-Jew, had already lean forwarded to Mr. Lipsky.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Kaliski communicate with Mr. Warburg upon his return to New York, and make an appointment with Mr. Warburg and the members of the Administrative Committee.

### MON-JEWISH MEETING:

Dr. Goldstein reported that he was in communication with the Federal Council of Churches and that they had already telegraphed Bishop Manning to secure the use of the Cathodral of St. John The Divane either for Sunday, September 8th, or Sunday, September 15th.

It was recommended that outstanding Americans be asked to participate as speakers at this meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Zionist Organization place at the disposal of the Mederal Council the staff of the Zibnist Organization of America, and that the expenses of this meeting be covered by the Zionist Organization.

Dr. Goldstein also reported that the Federal Council would be glad to cooperate with the Zionist Organization of America in holding similar meetings throughout the country.

#### PARADE:

In view of the changed political conditions in Palestine and London, it was decided to postpone the parade indefinitely.

#### WEEKLY BULLE IN:

It was moved, seconded and carried that a special bulletin be sent to the Zionist Districts and Hadassah Chapters, keeping them informed of the Palestine situation, and outlining few them a plan of activity which would assist in bringing public pressure to bear on Great Britain.

### LOUIS MARSHALL:

It was moved, seconded and carried that a cable be dispatched to Louis Marshall, expressing to him the hope of all Zienists in America for a speedy recovery in his present illness.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Tannenbaum
Secretary

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111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

September 10, 1929

To the members of the Administrative Committee:

This is to remind you that a special meeting of the Administrative Committee has been called for Saturday evening, September 14th, at the Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th Street, New York, at 8:30 P. M.

Mr. Louis Lipsky and other members of the American Delegation to the Congress will be present.

Every member of the Committee is urgently recuested to attend.

Cordially yours,

A. Tannenbaum Acting Secretary

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September 10, 1929

To the members of the National Executive Committee:

This is to remind you that the first meeting of the National Executive Committee has been called for Sunday, September 15th. The morning session will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, 7th Ave., and 33rd Street, New York, at 10:30 A. M. The Afternoon session will be held at the Town Hall, 113 West 43rd Street, New York, at 3 P. M.

Every member of the Committee is urgently requested to attend.

Cordinally yours,

A. Tannenbaum Asting Secretary



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111 FIFTH AVENUE

September 16, 1929

To the Members of the Administrative Committee:

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America will be held Wednesday evening, September 18th at 8:30 o'clock at the Hotel Astor, 44th Street and Broadway, New York.

This meeting is called for the purpose of discussing the future political action of the Zion-ist Organization and to formulate plans regarding Zionist activities in this country for the immediate future.

It is of utmost importance that every member of the Administrative Committee attend this meeting so that there may be a full expression of cpinion on all matters pertaining to the present Zionist situation.

Very cordially yours

Secretary

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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 25th, JEWISH CLUB, 23 WEST 73rd STREET, NEW YORK CITY

PRECENT: Messrs. Louis Lipsky (in the chair) Mrs. Silverman, Dr. Geldstein, Fierst, Wattenberg, Freiberger, Dr. Ratnoff, Dr. Kaliski, Weinberg, Rothenberg, Ferlman; by Invitation - Mrs. Epstein, Mr. Cowen, Mr. Maltin, Mr. Caplan, Mrs. Stold and Emanuel Neumann.

Chairman gave a review of the present Zionist situation and outlined a plan as recommended by the Administrative Staff for an extraordinary action in the enrollment of 100,000 Jews in the Zionist Organization on the basis of \$2.00 per member. He pointed out the political significance of such an undertaking and the advantages that would access to the Organization as a result of the large body of public opinion that would be engendered because of the campaign. In connection with the popular membership, the Chairman suggested the advisability of calling an extraordinary Zionist Convention for the purpose of officially launching the campaign and to strengthen the Organization generally.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the advisability of the plan proposed in which Dr. Goldstein, Dr, Kaliski, Mrs. Silverman, Mrs. Epstein, Mr. Fierst, Dr. Ratnoff, Mr. Rothenberg and Mr. Weisgal participated. Some members pointed out the dangers of such an undertaking and the serious effects it will have on the present \$6.00 membership of the Organization, while others insisted that such action as proposed by the Chairman was the only possible course in this emergency, and that any other action will be neither understood, nor appreciated nor responded to.

In further discussion of the matter, it was pointed out that even if the Administrative Committee were completely in favor of the proposals, it could not take any action without the authority of the National Executive Committee.

It was then decided that a special meeting of the Administrative Committee be called for Sunday afternoon and an extraordinary meeting of the National Executive Committee members of New York and vicinity to be called for Sunday night, where the question of the special enrollment is to be decided upon.

### HERZL MEMORIAL BOOK:

Mr. Weisgal presented the following financial report on the Herzl Memorial Book: -

September 23, 1929

Summary of Income and Disburcements

INCOME

\$54,946.52

# HETZL MEMORIAL BOOK (CONTINUED)

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Less Amt. To be refunded

by Z.O.A..... Total net expense

\$27,403.69

Net Income of Herzl Memorial Book \$27,542.83

# Statement of Cash Income and Disbursements

Balance..... \$11,576.25

# Less Advances to Z.C.A.

Total Advances

7,478.17

Balance in bank

\$ 4,098.08

### DISBURSEMENTS

Expenses

Fund ruising and other administrative expenses............. 1,577.85

Administrative Clerical help.... 1,C87.70

Printing (Brooklyn Eagle on acc). 7,500.00

D. Luxe edition..... 803.85

Outs and art work ..... 1,362.24

8200

Distursements (continued)	
Postage\$ 1,072.00	
Envelopes 295.55	
Circular letter to subscribers Printing and mailing 660.89 Postage	
Advertising commissions 1,590.59	
Miscellaneous 187.33	
Accounts Payable	\$24,417.73
Brooklyn Eagle (balance) 5,000.00 Mrs. Archibald Silverman 102,99 Estimated future expenses 300.00 Total accounts payable. TOTAL GROSS EXPENSE	5,402.99 \$29,820.72
To be refunded by Z. O. A.	
Weisgal's expenses to Detroit  as per agreement	<u>2,417.03</u> \$27,403.69
INCOME	
Cash Income	
Contributions and copies\$33,182.58	
Advertising (gross)	
TOTAL CASH INCOME	\$35,993.98
Notes Receivable	
St. Louis district, Dec. 17 \$ 2,000.00  Morris Eiserman, Sept. 13 1,000.00  Chicago district, Oct.2 2,000.00  Maurice Samuel, Nov 500.00	
TOTAL NOTES RECEIVABLE	5,500.00

# Accounts Receivable

Advertising (net)	\$ 632.40
Received by Z.O.A., to be refunded to Herzl No.:	
David Freiberger contribution	100.00
Los Angeles-membership refund to be transferred as per instruc-	
tions of district	66.76
Amalgamated Bank	25,00
Manufacturers Trust Co	156.00
I. M. M	207,25
National City Co	187.43
Murad	154.00
Hicks	23.70
Total	\$1,552.54
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Pledges outstanding	\$11,900.00

TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

\$13,452.54

Total Income

\$54,946.52

It was decided to receive the report with the thanks of the Committee and to ask the Herzl Memorial Committee to continue to function until the outstanding debts will have been collected.

# INVITING DAVID A BROWN TO ADMINISTRATIVE COLUMNTER MEETING:

It was decided to invite Mr. David A. Brown, Chairman of the Falestine Emergency Fund to attend the next regular meeting of the Administrative Committee, and to report on the results thus far achieved.

# ORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE COMMITTEE:

The Thairman recommended to the Administrative Committee that the Office Committee consisting of the heads of the departments of the ZOA and the UPA, which functioned for several years as the intermediary between.

the Administrative staff and the Administrative Committee, should be reconstituted so that it may again act as the Advisory Committee to the Administrative Committee with regard to the Administrative matters.

It was unanimously decided that the Committee be re-constituted to act in an advisory capacity to the Administrative Committee.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Chairman reported on the activities undertaken by the Committee on Public Information and on the matters that are still under discussion by the Committee. They included:-

- 1. Question of an audience with Mr. MacDonald when he comesto this country.
  - 2. Pro-Palestine Committee
  - 3. Pro-Palestine Bulletin
  - 4. Political office in Washington
  - 5. Public Relations Committee
- 6. The organization of the American Branch of the Jewish Agency and the question of an All-Jewish conference.
- 7. The enlargement of the committee to include other parties within the organization and influential Zionists.

The Chairman then presented a memorandum by the Sub-Committee on Public Information consisting of Messrs. James Waterman, Wise, Henry Montor and the Secretary, which suggested a series of pamphlets to be issued forthwith and a number of other undertakings designed to inform Public Information regarding Zionism and the situation in Palestine.

Chairman further reported that the Committee of Public Information took up the question with the London and Jerusalem headquarters regarding the report that the Commission on Inquiry is to hold its session under closed doors.

Mr. Rothenberg and Mr. Neumann stated that the reports from Palestine regarding the arrests of Jews for possession of arms was very disquieting and characterized the action of the local authority as "monstrous". It seemed to them that the case was being "prep ared for the Commissioner of Inquiry by the arrests of so many Jews.

The Administrative Committee approved of the steps thus far taken by the Committee on Public Information.

The Chairman then pointed out that a large fund will be necessary to carry on the work of this Committee and that he contemplated calling a conference of Zionists for Monday or Tuesday of next week in order to raise the money needed.

### RESIGNATION OF MR. I.D. MORRISON:

The Chairman read the following letter from Mr. I. D. Morrison.

September 24, 1939

Louis Lipsky, President Zionist Organization of America 111 Fifth Avenue New York City

Dear Sir;

"I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, as well as of the Administrative Committee thereof, to take effect immediately.

Will you kindly submit, this resignation at the next ensuing meeting of both committees respectively?

Very truly yours,"

(Signed) I. D. Morrison

It was decided to defer action on this resignation.

# RESIGNATION OF MR. WILLIAM B. LEAF:

The Chairman then read the following letter from Mr. William B. Leaf:

September 27, 1929

Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal, Secty Zionist Organization of America 111 Fifth Avenue New York City

Dear Weisgal:

"I regret that on account of my health being what it is, I have to ask you to hand in my resignation as Chairman on Publications.

I shall endeavor to be of some service in the Administrative Committee but could not possibly attend meetings more than once a month.

Sincerely yours,"

(Signed) Wm. B. Leaf

The resignation of Mr. Leaf as Chairman of the Publications Committee was accepted with regret and the committee expressed deep appreciation of the splendid services rendered by Mr. Leaf during the past year as Chairman of the Publications Committee.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Heyer W. Weisgal Secretary NIGHT LETTER SEPT. 26th, 1929

Rabbi A. H. Silver

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ZOA SUNDAY
AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 29th TWO THIRTY ASTOR HOTEL NEWYORK TO BE
FOLLOWED BY EXTRAORDINARY MEETING NEC MEMBERS OF EASTERN STATES
TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FUTURE MOVEMENT IN
AMERICA STOP YOUR PRESENCE URGENTLY REQUESTED

MEYER W. WEISGAL SEC'Y. MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA HELD SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1929, AT 8:30 P.M. HOTEL ASTOR, NEW YORK CITY.

PRESENT: Dr. Haller (in the chair), Mesers, Meyer Goldberg, Louis Rimsky, Leo Wolfmon, David Freiberger, Mr. Goldstein, M. Margulies, Chas. A. Cowen, Louis Braines, Perth Amboy; F. Kobak, Louis J. Moss, Eklyn; Samuel Warzel, Bridgeport; Philip Duria, Edward Cohen, M. I. Silverman, Norwich, Conn; Louis Cohen, New London, Conn; Jacob Margolis, Waterbury; Meyer S. Mintz, Newark; James Weterman Wise, Bernard G, Richards, Nathan Balber, E. Neumann, J. I. Rudovsky, Nathan Elkin, Maurice Eisenberg, Louis Topkis, Wilmington, Del; Harry I. Idpnitz, Miami, Fla; Harry Simonhoff, Martin C. Levy, Philadelphia; Louis E. Berman, Louis P. Pecker, M. Heller, Joseph Levitt, Irving Sebsovitz, Samuel Goldstein, Jacob S. Renk, Hklyn; Isidor Hassin, I. Kadis, Sarah Kussy, Robert Silverman, Bernard Stone, Jacob Schwolsky, Louis Minderman, Leon Zolotkoff, Emil Steinbach, Mrs. Julia H. Cohen, Pittsburgh; Mrs. A. H. Vixman, Pittsburgh, Sadie Hassin, Dr. Joseph Feldman, Dr. Leon Levinson, Leon J. Rosenthal, Max Levy, A. Tennenbeum, I. H. Rubin, Dr. J. Tenenbeum, Dr. I. H. Leventhal, M. Blumberg, Israel Maltin, Alex Rothenberg.

This being the first meeting of the National Executive Committee to be presided over by the new Chairman, Dr. Heller, he extended his gweetings to the members of the Committee and appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him at the Convention. He stated that all members of the Executive Committee should be conscious of the waight of responsibility which rests upon them and that it devolves upon the manbers of the National Executive Committee, especially in these times of stress and emergency, to lay down questions of principle, as the members believed they would be laid down by the Zionists whom they represent.

The Chairman stated that a report on the situation in Palestine was presented at a previous mosting of the National Executive Committee at which the mashers voiced their sentiments and protests. It is now necessary for the Zionists throughout the country to demonstrate that they have the capacity for wise and immediate action. The members of the National Executive Committee are confronted with the question as to what they will do in their respective communities in connection with the activities which must be insugurated with regard to Palestine, the influence which should be exerted as partners in the Jewish Agency and the determination of the future policy with respect to the mandetery government, as well as the activities to be launched and meinteined by the Zionist Executive in Palastine. The Notional Executive Committee has therefore been cummened by the Administrative Committee to consider the following: -

# JOINT CAMPAIGN WITH UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN AND JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE:

The Chairman stated that the Administrative Committee had discussed the question of holding a joint campaign during the coming year, together with the United Jewish Campaign and the Jeint Eistribution Committee beginning Jamary lat, and whether this campaign shall be conducted under the enapices of the Jawish Agency which shall include the Joint Fistribution Committee or whether that shall be a separate campaign by the Agency for Palestine for one year and another campaign for the United Jawish Campaign for relief purposes in Eastern Europe. This question is now open for discussion and the Administrative Committee would like to have an expression of opinion as to the judgment and wisdom of the Executive Committee in this matter. Mr. Cowen suggested that Mr. Lipsky place before the Committee the conditions that obtain in the matter and the various arguments on both sides.

Mr. Lipsky stated that this matter was formally before the National Executive Committee in the following manner: Sometime before the holding of the Biltmore Conference in New York about a year ago, there were discussions between the Zionist Organization and the non-Zionists in America with regard to the future of the Jewish Agency and the Constitution. At this time it was apparent that the non-Zionists had in mind that the first campaign for funds might be a joint campaign, but there was no decision on the matter. Nothing further was heard about this except that there were occasional rumors as to the probability of a joint campaign. At Zurch meetings were held between Mr. Marshall and Mr. Warburg, Judge Lewis, Mr. Rothenberg and Mr Lipsky, as well as representatives of the Keren Hayesod, at which time talk of a joint campaign was injected, but no decision was arrived at. It became clear that Mr. Warburg, Mr. Marshall and Dr. Frankel were inclined toward a joint campaign. The natter took shape however, for the first time in the United States, last Sanday when a meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee was held at which it was agreed that the suggestion should formally be made by the Joint Distribution Committee to the Jewish Agency and the United Palestine, or whoseever will be responsible for the collection of funds for Palastine, that a joint campaign is desirable. A resolution was passed to that effect and a sub-committee was appointed with authority to proceed with negotiations for the purpose of effecting such joint campaign. The matter came up again at a meeting of the American members of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency at which both Zionists and non-Zionists were present on Thursday night, and it become apparent that all the non-Zionist members of the Administrative Committee of the Agency believed that as a matter of practicality as well as unity, there should be a joint campaign. A proposal was made that a Committee be appointed by the American members of the Administrative Ocumittee of the Jewish Agency, to take up this question with the Joint DistBibution Campaign and to have it discussed also with the interested parties in the collection of funds.

It was understood at the meeting on Thursday night that no decision would be arrived at until there was agreement between the various collecting agencies, the Zionist Organization, the Mizrachi, Hadassah, Poale Zion etc. At that meeting, there was an objection raised by the Zionist members on the ground that a joint campaign for Palestine at this time, before the Jewish Agency had come into existence, without the appearance on the scene of the Jewish Agency, would be destructive of the very purposes of the Agency since the Jewish public could not be confronted with a fund-raising activity for Palestine without the evidence that the Jewish Agency was not in effective control. The suggestion was made therefore, that in view of the practical reasons given for holding a joint campaign, that some way should be found by which the Jewish Agency as such, should function in the campaign, and if that provise were accepted, the Zionists would agree in principle, to hold a joint campaign.

Mr. Lipsky suggested to the meeting then, and it seemed to make an impression upon the non-Zionists, that the campaign could be under the suspices of the American section of the Jewish Agency, cooperating with the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, for a fund of twenty-five million dollars, to be raised in three years and to be used first, for the purpose of upbuilding the National Home in Palestine in accordance with the mandate and second, for the relief of Jewish sufferers in Egstern Europe. The set-up would be practically the same as before, but instead of representing a combination of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, the set-up would completely reveal that the Jewish

Applicy covers the whole field and the subordinate to it would be the Joint Pistribution Committee and the United Palestineappeal, so that the Sub-Committee appointed by the Jewish Agency will consist of members of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, Hedasseh, Migrachi, the Jewish National Fund and all the organizations concerned in the United Palestine Appeal.

Mr. Lipsky stated that it was important to get an expression of opinion from the members of the Netional Executive Committee in order that the Administrative Committee may be guided in its decision. He reiterated that the proposal was for a joint campaign for three years for twenty-five million dollars, to be divided equally between the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee. It was assumed that the requirements of the Joint Distribution Committee will be \$1,500,000 a year and that the United Palestine Appeal will require a similar amount, which together with expenses will be twenty-five million dollars for three years. Of this \$3,500,000 of the Joint Distribution Committee, \$3,500,000 will be for relief, only a small part will be for colonization purposes in Russia. The larger part of the budget for Russian colonization has been provided by a contribution of one million dollars from Mr. Reservald and contributions from others.

Mr. lapsky pointed out that since the idea of \$2,500,000 for relief work in Eastern Europe had been formulated, a proposal has some from Mr. Rosen to the Joint Distribution Committee, for the industrialization of the declassed Jaws in Russia, who because they are without occupation, cannot become members of the ruling political party. It was therefore proposed to turn them into working men and to obtain employment for them in certain factories in order to do away with their disabilities. This has been worked out very carefully and does not represent Zienist objections with regard to Russian colonization. The Joint Distribution Committee has therefore decided to provide one million dollars a year for three years for this purpose and consequently, the budget was raised to three and a helf million dellars, and the Zienist budget therefore automatically went up to three and a helf million dollars, making a total of twenty-five million dollars for three years.

With regard to the Palestine budget, Mr. Lipsky pointed out that it was the Budget edopted at Zurich which did not include the Jewish National Fund because the Jewish National Fund did not want to be included. Mr. Lipsky felt that the Jewish National Fund would raise any objections to this because it was so agreed at the Congress, but that the Committee will raise serious objections to the multiplicity of independent fand-raising on the part of the Gewerkshaften and the Micrachi. The Palestine budget represented by the budget adopted at the Congress, includes the Medassah budget, an item for the Hebrew University, but loss not include the Micrachi budget. The total amount of this budget is actually not three and a half million dollars, but it has been placed at this figure in order to include the \$250,000 for the Jewish National Fund.

The above, Mr. Lipsky stated, was the situation and it is very important that the Assision which will be unde by the National Executive Committee, should take into account all the facts. Mr.Lipsky believed that there was no primiple involved in the matter, but what was most practical and best for all interests concerned. He pointed out that the non-Zicnists have a number of very good reasons why they think a joint compaign is essential. It was apparent that for Warburg was keenly interested in the success of this venture and he felt that his group would be at a disadventage and considerably embarrassed if at this juncture an independent campaign for Pelectine would be conjusted. Moreover, the general public was not accustomed to giving for Pelectine and if there was an independent fluxi-raising machinery for Pelectine

alove, it will be necessary to contact the psychology of prejudice equinat a situation which will be detrimental to Zionist interests. The Agency represents the idea of unity and a united fund which will be strong enemgh to overcome any prejudice that may exist with regard to Palestine.

Mr. Lipsky added that he was not supporting this argument but that he was merely presenting it, since it was made in absolute good faith with the idea of serving the interests of Palestine, and must not be regarded in the light of anyone's taking advantage of tactics or strategy. He was of the opinion that if this can be made a campaign of the Jawish Agency, representing the unity of the Jewish people, this impression of unity will be a tramendous

factor in the success of the campaign, since it will be the first united Netional Campaign of the Javs in this country, for constructive relief, under

A protracted discussion followed.

a unified menagement.

Mr. M. I. gilverman urged the Zionists to use their influence with the Joint Distribution Committee to have the Tarbuth schools in Polend and Lithuania receive part of the money for cultural purposes.

Mr. Edward Cohen stated that he is heartily in favor of endorsing the proposed action for a joint campaign, but he cannot understand why the Mizrachi has been emitted from the budget. He was of the opinion that if no provision is made for the Mizrachi in the budget, they be permitted to leunch their own campaign for funds.

Mr. Lipsky explained that if in addition to providing for the Keren Hayesod budget to the extent of \$3,500,000. including Hadasseh, in addition to making provision for the National Fund, the Misrachi end the Gewerkschaften will collect funds for themselves, the Jewish Agency group will raise objections. He pointed out that there may be difficulties in convincing the Jewish Agency group about the inclusion of the Misrachi in the budget, and also with regard to the recognition of the legal rights of the Misrachi and the Gewerkschaften to earry on campaigns outside of this enterprise.

Dr. Tenenbaum objected to the proposal for a joint compaign for three years. He believed that at this time we ought to raise a budget of at least \$10,000,000 for reconstruction in order to bring into Palestine an increased immigration and provide them with the necessary means.

Dr. Wurzel declared that he was in favor of a joint campaign, and also an increased immigration into Pelestine.

Mr. Cowen pointed out that in view of the fact that we are bound to work with the members of the Jewish Agency, we must have a joint campaign, but what we should not the ourselves up with a budget beyond two years. He emphasized the importance of finding some other way as soon as possible to commit ourselves to a program that will make it possible to bring an increased immigration into Pelestine, and to place legionnaires and other Chalutzim on the land.

Mr. Wolfson fevered the holding of a joint compaign on condition that the amount of money allotted to Pelestine be greatly increased.

Miss Kussy urged that in the event that a joint campaign took place, the Ziomists should be permitted to have their own propagends literature.

Mr. Bernari Stone stated that a joint samped on was probably inovitable, especially in view of the pressure from local Committees throughout

the country for such joint compaign in the past. He believed that it would be wise for the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization to instruct its negotiators to try and secure a campaign for one year instead of three years, not on the ground of principle, but for prestical reasons, since in communities where such three year campaigns have taken place, the collections in the second and third year have seriously fullen off and when the Joint Distribution Committee endeavored to collect this money by prosecuting the delinquent accounts, considerable ill-felling was created. Mr. Robert Silverman was in favor of such joint campaign for practical reasons. Mr. Harry Kahn pointed out that the actual requirements of the Joint Distribution Committee were two and a half million dollars whereas the Zionist budget required three and a half million dollars, and that in the event that only fifteen million instead of twenty-five million will be reised, it will not be fair for the Mionist budget to be allotted fifty percent and the Joint Distribution Committee a similar amount. It was essential therefore to safeguard the minimum Palestine budget. It was finally moved by Mr. Kahn and seconded and carried unanimously, THAT this National Executive Committee authorize the Administrative Committee to treat through the Jewish Agency with the Joint Distribution Committee looking toward a Joint campai,m. It was moved, seconded and carried also that the National Executive Committee refer to the Administrative Committee, all questions relative jo the time and amount of this joint compaign, with the request that the Administrative Committee use its best judgment to get the best possible terms. PROPOSED ZICNIST ROLL-CALL: The Chairman stated that collections for the Energency Fund for Palestine does not acquit Ziohists of their duty. Consequently, the question has arisen as to what the Zionists can do in addition to the more or less sporedic collections that are taking place throughout this country. Therefore, the Administrative Committee both at its meeting last Wednesday night end at a special meeting this afternoon, gave very careful consideration to the important question as to how the forces of the Zionist Organization can be increased and to alighm into the Organization as many persons throughout the United States as possible, so that the answer to the events in Palestine will be many thousands of men and women registered in the Zionist Organization and increased strength for the Organization. The Administrative Committee therefore, has a proposal to make with regard to this most important matter which should receive the most earnest consideration of the members of the National Executive Consideration The Chairman than called upon Mr. Waisgal to propert the matter. Mr. Weisgal reported that the Administrative James the considered for a number of days the question of how the Zicnist Usanization of America can be strengthened in order to give an indication to world at large that the events that occurred in Palestine have not in any way affected the Jaws of America with regard to their allegiance to Palestine. The Administrative Committee therefore came to the conclusion that at this time it is necessary to gather a roll call of Jews in the United States to shaw the world that the Jews in America are behind the Zionist movement, and a resolution was

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adopted at the meeting held this afternoon, calling upon the Zionists of America to enroll a quarter of a million Jews within the Zionist Organization. It is proposed that this enrollment shall be on the basis not of regular membership in the Zionist Organization, but of shakel-payers in the form of \$2.00 per capita.

Mr. Weisgal pointed out that the Administrative Committee felt that it would not undertake such an action without getting the reaction of the Zionists throughout the country, and for this reason the meeting of the National Executive Committee was called. He stated that since the time was brisf and it was impossible to get a full attendance of the entire membership of the Dommittee, a telegram was sent to the members, asking them to send in their opinion with regard to this particular question. The returns indicated that 25 communities were in favor of the proposed action, 7 opposed and 3 doubtful, as follows:

YES Re. \$2.00 Membership-Abraham Bengis, Omaha, Nebr; Iarael
Zilber, Detroit, Mich; Samuel Hoffenberg, Hartford, Conn; J. S.
Rabinowitz, Providence, R. I; Dr. I. Berger, Providence, R. I;
Herman E. Ries, Marion, Ind; Harry T. Kollman, Baltimore, Md;
L.E. Devinthal, Philadelphia; Samuel Caplan, Building; Mrs.
Archibald Silverman, Providence, R. I.; Israel Coldstein, New York
City; Gustave Klausner, St. Louis, Mo; George J. Klein, Rebbi
Bernett Binckner, Esra Shapiro and Isaac Carmel, all of Cleveland,
Chic; Louis A. Freed, Houston, Texas; Dr. B. Jekoven, Chicago; Marxistan, Chicago; Hardwig Press, Marphis, Tenn; J. Soldman,
Charleston, S. C; Irving Lipsitch, Los Angeles, Cal; I. Kahanowitz,
Greensburg, Pa; Ben M. Goldman, Los Angeles, Cal; Philip Slomovitz, Detroit, Mich; Samuel Hoffenberg, New waven, Conn; Isidore
Hershfield, Washington, D. C;

M: Solomon Rivlin, Columbus, Ohio, but will abide by decision.

A. B. Deutch, Kansas City, Kans; Max Simon, Cloveland, O; M. J.

Storin, St. Louis, Mo; Aaron Riche, Los Angeles, Cel; but will

spoperate. Nathan Mirov, Shraveppet, La; Mayer Abrems, Chicago;

S. Finestone, Norfolk, Val Minnette Baum, Ft. Wayne, Ind. but will
cooperate. Bernhardt Edidin, Chicago;

Before opening the discussion on the question, the chairman pointed out that at the meeting of the Administrative Committee it was felt that we have no constitutional right to make people who pay \$2.00/members of the Zionist Organization. It was therefore suggested that it might be editable, as one of the actions to be taken by the National Hascutive Committee, that an extraordinary Convention of the Zionist Organization be called to consider this and other questions. He then real the following resolution which was adopted at the meeting of the Administrative Committee:

"That the Administrative Committee decides upon a call to the Jews of the country to back up the position of the Tionist Organization by participating in a Netional Zionist Roll Call for Palestine, and that each person enrolled be asked to pay the sum of \$2. which shall include the shakel, and that this be recommended for the acceptance of the Netional Executive Committee."

Mr. Berman said that he favored the proposal for Associate membership, and he moved as following:

"That the recommendation of the Administrative Committee be adopted."

A Lengthy discussion than followed:

Mr. Shelvin stated that if it is only a matter of securing personal endorsements it is not necessary to have a compaign, but that what we needed was the good will of infliential non-Jews.

Mr. Lipsky stated that, as Mr. Shelvin knows, he has a great deal of respect for his opinion but it is apparent that Mr. Shelvin has been away for some time and is not informed as to what has been done in connection with the matter about which he has been talking. One thing has nothing to do with the other, but it is easy to see how both operations will help each other. Mr. Lipsky took objection with Mr. Shelvin for characterizing the recent events in Palestine as "the drifter churben", and that there was no ground for saying that, because those who are on the inside in Palestine know that this is the first event in regard to the history of the Jaws in Palestine in the last two thousand years, in which the Jaws stood their ground and so fer as they possibly could, they maintained their position. This was their first formal and organized encounter with those who disputed their position in Palestine.

business of the Arabs, has happened also to a certain extent, with regard to the British Government, and it is not to our disadvantage. It is very unfortunate of course, that lives were lost and property destroyed, but it is not a "churben," but the beginning of an advance with regard to the attitude of the British Government. Mr. hipsky pointed out that for ten years we have been avoiding the issue and have been standing by, seeing the British Government adopt various rules, regulations and policies in order to maintain a position of peace with the Arabs, and we have been keeping quiet because that was the only thing that we could do, just as any people engaged in a transnoon, makes terms with conditions until it is in a stronger position to deal with the

Mr. Lipsky pointed out that under the conditions imposed upon us during the past ten years, we managed to get into Palestine one hundred thousand people and whereas, ten years, ago, there were only sixty-five thousand Jews in the country, to-day, there are one hundred and sixty-five thousand, who for the first time are able to hold their own against an onelaught of the Arabs. With regard to the Arabs, Mr. Lipsky stated that we must make terms and come to an universanding later.

With regard to the gritish Government however, we must use this time in order to force reconsideration of their policy. When they are that they have troubles of their own, they will tell the truth, but their troubles are their troubles and our troubles are ours, and they have to take core of their troubles and we of ours.

Mr. Lipsky pointed out also that there is a tremendous amount of public opinion against us in the United States, which is not an enti-British country and where the Anglo-Saxon element is very powerful and influential, and it will take a great deal of skill to overcome the influence prevailing in the United States with regard to the British civilisation, etc.

Mr. Lipsky pointed out however, that then's to the work of the Committee on Public Information, there has been in the United States, during the past four meeks, a transmious amount of sympathy with the Zionist movement, beginning with the President, Senator Boran, etc., but on the other hand, most people regard the events in Palestine as not within the realm of

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American interest. It is therefore essential to do everything possible to arouse public opinion and win sympathy in order that America may be successful in making an impression upon the British Government.

Mr. Lipsky called attention to the fact that in everything that has been said at this meeting, not one word has been spoken regarding the question as to where the Organization will get money to carry on this political work and creating public opinion. The Zionists must understand that this is the time when the Zionist Organization must become a factor for the development of this public opinion and must become stronger then ever before. It will therefore be necessary to a meal to the Zionists of the country with the request that they provide the Organization with a Fund of from \$75,000 to \$100,000, in order to properly carry on the work of Public Information.

Mr. Lipsky stated also that it is assential to have as many Jews as possible in back of the Zionist Organization and rally around the Zionist flag and to create the opinion among Jews and non-Jews that the Jewish people are determined to stand by the flag of Zionism and the Basle Program.

Mr. Lipsky recalled that Zionist membership has been reduced by the process of selection and that at the Convention in Detroit, it was decided to remit the full \$6.00 dues to the National Organization, making the membership dues actually \$8.00. The time has row come, however, when it is wrong to pursue such policy of elective organization and it is necessary to do what was done in 1918, in order to get a popular Zionist roll call, which cannot be done on the basis of a \$6.00 membership, since there is a tremendous amount of work involved in getting persons to solicit \$6.00 membership, but it is a comparatively easy matter to secure sympathizers on the basis of \$2.00.

Mr. Lipsky was of the opinion that 100,000 persons can be secured on the basis of \$2.00 and 200,000 if the dues are \$1.00, and that the army of Zionists that will thus be created at this time will come into our ranks not as they did in 1918-19, but into an organization register, and records of the names and the addresses will be kept. A campaign for the popular enrollment of Zionists is most opportune at this time. The relief campaign will be over immediately after Rosh Hashonah and there will be no campaign for funds for Palestine until after the first of Jamuary. Moreover, in the intervening three months, the Zionists will in all probability, not go out for \$6.00 membership dues and the question therefore is, what can be done now to build up in these three months such an enormous assembly of strength with regard to Zionist tradition, that when we struct anything after January let, we will have a much stronger position and be able to deal more effectively with regard to anything that happens in connection with the Jewish Agency.

Mr. Lipsky stated that when the present select organization will be turned into a copular democratic organization in which every Jew who is sympathetic and interested can join, it will be of transndous value to us in creating public opinion.

Mr. Lipsky recommended that the Zicnists whould have enough imagination to see that the popularization and the democratic station of the Zionist Organization will make it an instrument of popular will and that this will serve the purpose not only of public opinion, but the registration of the whole Jewry of America.

Mr. Hassin pointed out that this is a remedy to strengthem the organization and that everyone should realize that this proposal is limked up with the present situation. He stated however, that at this time when the Jews of the world are waiting for an official word from the Zionist Organization, to

come out now with an appeal for a \$3.00 manbership to fraught with danger since it will be interpreted as an indication of the bankruptcy of the Zionist Organization. He said further that while he would favor this proposal at some other time, it is not opportune at this juncture when the organization should come forward with larger plans.

Mr. Cowen urged the importance of adopting the motion, pointing out the necessity to increase the number of those who are registered in fevor of the Basle Program.

Mr. Steinbach was of the opinion that this roll call would seriously affect the \$6. membership.

Mr. Spicehandler also urged the importance of adopting the motion.

Mr. Richards declared that he is opposed to the action that is proposed to be taken, and suggested that other plans be devised for the immediate raising of funds.

Mr. Margolies of Waterbury favored the proposal for the Zionist enrollment and urged that the organisation be strengthened as far as possible.

Mr. Neumann, who was the next speaker, said that he has been follows ing with great interest, the arguments made both at the Administrative Commit-tee of last week and at this meeting. He said that he was open-minded on this question and conscious of the importance of immediate action, but that the proposition was not sufficiently clear. He agreed with those who took exception to Mr. Shelvin's reference to the "driter churben", but was of the opinion that from the political standpoint, he personally doubted very much the wisdom at the present moment of this action for 100,000 or 150,000 members, nor did he see any merits in the proposition from the dinancial standpoint since it will cost as much to secure a member as the income derived therefrom. Other ways must therefore be found to secure money for the organization. He pointed out that he had suggested to the ad-interim Administrative Committee on Monday after the outbreaks in Palestine, the creationed a special political fund for the Zionist Organization simultaneously with an appeal for the Relief Fund. With regard to the argument that this would be an edventage from the Organizations's standpoint, Mr. Namann said that here there was some semblesce of the argument since an enlarged membership will mean an increased strength of the organization, but the trouble is that the type of persons who are attracted by such popular membership do not constitute material for strength; He believed that the time has come, not so much for extending the Zionist Organization, but deepening it and making membership mean something, more than it did before, and that new forms should be found wherein Zionist intalligance could be concentreted and crystalized, but that this could not be done by getting a large army of \$2.00 members,

Mr. Lipsky stated that he had no desire to treat lightly any of the arguments presented here, especially because there is a great deal of merit in some of the points made against this plan. However, account must be taken of the situation. This meeting of the National Executive Committee was celled for the purpose of getting a concensus of opinion with regard to something which deals in some degree with a Constitutional action. Mr. Lipsky stated that although a number of suggestions that were made here, are valid, they are not valid against this proposition. He referred to some of the points made by Mr. Shelvin, particularly with regard to the attitude of the Organization toward the British Government. Mr. Lipsky took it for granted that everybody knew that with regard to that situation, the Organization has a machinery that has been taking care of this and that a very hard struggle has been going on between the Ziomist Executive in London and the Colonial office, and that we

must deal not only with the situation in Palestine, but with the situation in London.

With regard to the preparation of the material for the case that is to be submitted to the Commission of Inquiry, this is in the heads of energetic and intelligent persons in London who have the support of almost every leading personality, since every person of consequence is assisting the Exemutive in making an impression upon the Colonial office and creating such public opinion as may be favorable to our Cause. In Palestine, however, there is the greatest confusion because every little incident arouses public indignation.

Mr. Lipsky pointed out that the answer to what has happened in Pelestine is not merely relief, but action and support in this country. He stated also that there are some persons who demand that the Organization issue a call for the sending of chalutzim from America to Palestine which, however, cannot be done at this meeting, and which might be telten up at en extraordinary convention. He said that the Zionists must be as strong as possible, in order that whatever we say should be received with a certain degree of confidence and in order that it may make an impression upon our non-Zionist partners. He believed that everyone will agree with another proposition which has reference to the remarks of Mr. Richards and Mr. Maltin. It is true that in 1913, 560,000 persons signed the petition circuls ted by the Zionist Organization, but that petition from the actual political point of view was superficial, and the \$2.00 membership at that time was superficial because there was practically no Organization at all then; there was only a provisional Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization with a 50¢ per capita tax, with Zionists or manized in societies which were subsequently changed by the Bittsburgh Convention, into districts.

Mr. Lipsky stated that what is intended now is to build up a large army of Jews to stand behind the Zionist Organization, and that this popular enrollment will not only have a great propaganda effect, but will create a tremendous impression upon the public, since it is not merely a superficiel action, but an action that has tangible value. Moreover, Mr. Lipsky pointed out that there is no other alternative, since the only kind of power that the Zionists can gether is represented in this form. This, Mr. Lipsky pointed out, is thework close at hand, and it is the duty of every Zionist to go shead with this plan.

The Chairman stated that the question, before the house were:

First, the resolution that this National Executive Committee gives its consent to the recommendation of the Administrative Committee for the issuing of a call to the Jews of this country to back up the position of the Zionist Organization by participating in the national roll call for Palestine, and that such enrollment should be on the basis of \$2.00.

Second, Mr. Shelvin's amendment, That the Administrative Committee be authorized to secure the signature of the Javish Organizations in the country, indicating their support of the work in Palestine, the Palestine Mendete, the Basle Program, etc.

A vote was then taken and the substitute motion of Mr. Shelvin was lost while the original motion of the Administration Committee endorsing the roll call was carried.

Mr. Cowen than made the following two motions:

THAT the National Executive Committee authorize the Administrative Committee to return to active Districts \$1.00 of the \$6.00 now paid to the National Office; and

THAT the National Executive Committee recommend to the Administrative Committee to make available a fund for public information.

The above motions were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Hessin made the suggestion that the Administrative Committee be requested to send all the necessary information to the Districts.

In line with the decision of the Administrative Committee to ask the National Executive Committee to act upon the suggestion of an Extraordinary Convention, it was moved and seconded

THAT the Administrative Committee be suthorized to call an Extraordinary Convention if in its opinion it is advisable to do so.

The chairman concluded the meeting by thanking the mambers for having come to the meeting, and for their cooperation.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Meyer W. Weisgal Secretary

# A Personal Message from the President

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA One Eleven Fifth Avenue NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 8, 1929.

To the Officers of Zionist Districts, Hadassah Chapters, Camps Order Sons of Zion

#### Fellow Zionists:

Many months have passed since I have communicated with you through the regular monthly letters which we have exchanged. During that time much has happened in the Jewish world. The consummation of the Jewish Agency has given to our cause an impetus which should do much to enspirit us as Zionists. The recent events in Palestine, on the other hand, have caused us grave concern and given us many hours of unhappiness. Inaction is the one thing we should avoid.

The present hour is fraught with great significance. Through our efforts, public opinion has been made to realize the justice of our position in Palestine. But we must improve the occasion by demonstrating in a positive, forceful manner that the Jews of America are unanimously determined to proceed with our work in Palestine. For that purpose certain action has been adopted, which you can make effective. I urge you to read the message which is included herewith and to take immediate steps to carry out the suggestions contained in it.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the splendid manner in which you have cooperated with those officers who were in charge of the Organization during my absence, both during the time of the Zionist Convention and during the more recent events in Palestine, when Zionists in a spontaneous, powerful manner showed their strength and their sense of discipline.

With very best wishes for a Happy New Year. I am.

Cordially yours,

Irnis Lipsky



# Fellow Ziorists:

The shock of recent happenings in Palestine has now been fused into a strong determination to pursue positive action for a more favorable state of affairs in Palestine, and a strengthening of the Zionist movement in general. The generous response to the appeal of the Palestine Emergency Fund indicates that American Jews are anxious to show in concrete form their confidence in the Jewish future in Palestine.

There has been too much complacency with regard to the man and woman power of the Zionist Organization. Zionist sympathies have been allowed to be absorbed within the scope of fund-raising agencies, and there has been a woeful neglect to enroll and register these sympathies within the Zionist Organization. The results of this policy are visible in our membership records. While tens of thousands have responded to the call for emergency relief, and thousands have given of their substance to the United Palestine Appeal, only a fragment of that support is to be found in their membership.

In the political world it is not only money that counts. In a time of change, when new conditions are being created; it is the man power behind the money contribution which is of the utmost importance. When political issues are directly at stake, it is the number of men and women who are part of the corporate responsibility of the movement that makes the larger effect. If at the present time our voice is to be made effective in connection with the disturbed conditions that prevail in Palestine, the required mass support of our organization must be raised at least to a level of equality with the financial support we are receiving from American Jewry.

Those who gave up their lives in Palestine a few weeks ago will have died in vain unless we, living in the Galuth, shall so labor in the cause as to secure a better and safer future for the Jewish people in Palestine. It is the voice of America which, by the accident of history, is a dominant and determining factor in the present political situation. What we win in America in the way of sympathy and interest weighs heavily in the balance of political opportunity. The public opinion of America can be won if it is made clear that the large mass of American Jewry is back of the Zionist movement.

The Zionist Executive in London and Jerusalem, led by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, are engaged in protecting our Palestine front. The Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America has taken effective steps to strengthen our political position in America through the dissemination of accurate information with regard to what is being done in Palestine, and with regard to the justice and the peaceful intent of our cause; and is giving as much support as possible to the efforts of the

Zionist Executive. To further strengthen these efforts, the National Executive Committee has decided to call upon the Zionists of America to engage in a National Zionist Roll Call to enable us to utilize this mass-support for immediate purposes. Every Jew is to be called upon to place his name on our register, to indicate his personal identification and affiliation with the Zionist Organization.

The enrollment fee is to be \$2.00 per capita. A part of this amount will be allocated for District expenses. The payment of the shekel of 50 cents will be included. Every person thus enrolled will be given the right to vote for delegates to the next Zionist Congress. The rest of the fee will be used for essential political and propaganda work to strengthen the Zionist position.

You are therefore called upon immediately to summon a meeting of all the members of your organization to discuss the plans enclosed in connection with this enrollment campaign. A letter will be addressed by the Central Office to every recorded member, asking him or her to give his individual cooperation in this effort. A list of emergency speakers will be made available. The entire man-power of the Zionist Organization must be mobilized for this effort. Our army of volunteers must go forth filled with the enthusiasm of success so that from this campaign there will emerge a greater and more powerful Zionist movement in America. (This campaign is to exclude the regular membership who are expected to pay their annual dues January 1, 1939.)

Our pioneers in Palestine stand on guard. They are determined and courageous and may be depended upon to hold their own against any adverse circumstances that may develop. We look forward expectantly so a favorable restatement by the Mandatory Government of its larger policy in Palestine. We believe that we shall be able ultimately to establish the foundations of peace with the progressive liberal Arabs of Palestine. It is the duty of every Zionist to act in this emergency with the same courage, determination and energy which is being exhibited by the Jews of Palestine. Not to lose a day. Not to lose an opportunity. Not to give way to doubt. But to work with power that out of this critical situation, the National Home may be protected, strengthened and extended.

Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal, Secretary of the Organization, has been placed in charge of this undertaking and all correspondence relative to the national Zionist census should be addressed to him. 300

MENUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA HOLD WEDNESDAY EVENING. OCTOBER 9th, 1929 AT THE JEWISH CLUB, 23 W.73rd St., NEW YORK CITY

PRESENT: Messrs. Lipsky (in the chair) Wattenberg, Liebovitz, Kaliski, Ratnoff, Margoshes, Eiserman, Weinberg, Robbins, Rabbi Goldstein, Weisgal, Ruttenberg, Fierst, Topkis, Freiberger, Coralnik, Mrs. Lamport, Mrs. Silverman: By Invitation, Mrs. Pool, Mr. Cowen, Robert Silverman.

The Chairman opened the meeting by extending greetings to Dr. Margoshes who had just returned from Palestine and expressed the appreciation of the Zionists in this country for Dr. Margoshes! reports in "The Tag", which have been of great value. He stated that Dr. Margoshes would be given an opportunity to report later in the evening.

# REPORT REGARDING NATIONAL ZIONIST ROLLCALL:

Mr. Lipsky recalled that at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee, it was decided to recommend to the National Executive Committee the proposal for a National Zionist Rollcall, which recommendation was adopted by the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman stated that in order to disabuse the minds of some members of the Administrative Committee, it should be said that this rollcall is not for the purpose of getting members for the Zionist Organization since it was unierstood that these persons who will be enrolled will pay \$2.00 and that they are nothing more than shekel payers with no more rights then those of shekel payers.

Mr. Lipsky then called upon Mr. Weisgal to report further on this matter.

Mr. Weisgol reported that it is planned to enroll 250,000 Jews in the United States at \$2.00 each and that the plans for this campaign have been made in accordance with the goal to be achieved. The United Palestine Appeal Directors in New York and throughout the country are to cooperate in this undertaking, in addition to such other forces as may be secured. It is planned that the campaign should begin on Saturday evening, November 2nd, Balfour Day, and to be followed by meetings on Sunday in every Jewish community wherever possible. These meetings are not to be merely Ziorist gatherings, but all Javish comferences. In New York the compaigns will begin with a large meeting on November 3rd, at Mecca Temple, to be preceded by a worker's meeting on October 23rd, where the volunteers will be enrolled. A large part of the literature to be used in this campaign has already been prepared, to go cut to Zionist Districts as well as to the individual members, and the first letter has already been sent out to the Charmen and Secretaries of the districts, asking them to call meetings and givin; them detailed outlines as to procedure. Another letter with a booklet of enrollment applications will be sent out to 25,000 Zionists, asking each one to enroll ten people.

The above, Mr. Weisgal stated, is so far as the mechanism of the campaign is concerned. He pointed out however, that it is not planned to make this mulicall a purely Zionist affair but a large Jewish undertaking and to give the impression to the public that it is not a membership campaign, but the enrollment of Jews within the Zionist Organization in order to strengthen the political position of the Organization. It is proposed that

some time during the campaign, perhaps in November, there will be established in New York, registration places in restaurants; stores, etc., for the enrollment of volunteers and members. A Committee has been appointed consisting of a number of people in the office to run this dampaign. Mr. Weisgal reiterated that the mechanism of the campaign is proceeding quite satisfactorily and that now the most important thing is for the Administrative Committee to pass on the budget which the Committee in charge of this campaign has worked out, because the Committee feels that it cannot proceed with its work unless the budget required is appropriated.

Mr. Weisgal pointed out that this budget does not actually involve the advancing of the sum required, but in order to carry out the action involving 250,000 Jews, it is necessary to make some initial outlay. In the final analysis however, this budget will actually be a revolving fund, to be covered as the money for the enrollment campaign comes in. Mr. Weisgal stated also that this campaign will mean an income of \$500,000; that even if it is \$250,000, in order to assure its success, plans must be made accordingly.

Mr. Weisgal then presented the following budget and urged that the Administrative Committee pass upon it immediately.

## ESTIMATED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES

# FOR 250,000 ROLL CALL CAMPAIGN

# ENDING DEC. 31st 1929

Part payment of U.P.A. Expenses of Regional Offices	\$ 10,000.00
R.R. Fare and Per Diem of Regional Directors	3,000.00
Incidental Expenses of N.Y. Sectional Directors	1,000.00
Regional Conferences	2,000.00
Speakers Fees, R.R. Fares and Per Diem	10,000.00
Advertising in National Dailies	4,500.00
Buttons (Insignis to Everyone Enrolled)	3,000.00
Literature, Show Cards, Registration Cards	4,000.00
Publicity Assistants	1,000.00
Mail Campaign - 3 Letters	4,000.00
Mail District Campaign - 5 Letters	350.00
Office Frinting	500.00
Office Records	2,000.00
Contingent	\$ 45,350.00 4,000.00 \$ 49,350.00

Mr. Fierst stated that he has no objection to this plan and the budget that has been worked out, but in view of the financial position of the Zionist Organization of America, it must not be approached to finance this project.

Mr. Robbins suggested that the Administrative Committee authorize the office to go to the extent of borrowing \$5000.00 in order to start this campaign, and any other disbursements in connection with this work must come out of the proceeds of the campaign.

The following motion was then made and seconded:

That the Administrative Committee decide that the income from this enrollment campaign should be regarded as a separate financial operation and kept in a separate fund; that out of the income, the budget to the extent of \$50,000 will be met, with the understanding that the operation should be started by making a loan of \$5000.00 which the office is authorized to make. It is understood also that the Administrative Committee approves of the above budget.

Mr. Lipsky explained that what is intended by the above resolution is, that the Organization assumes responsibility for this operation, but that it does not want to be put in a position where it will be financially responsible for it; and that although the Administrative Committee senctions the securing of the first \$5000.00 necessary to start the work, it asks the Committee in charge of the compaign not to act too hastily in the matter, but to report to the Administrative Committee from time to time, in order that the manner in which the work will be proceeded with shall be commensurate with the results.

Mrs. Pool stated that she had been selected by Hadassah to represent the point of view of the National Board with regard to this proposal. Mr. Lipsky pointed out that this matter had already been passed on by the Administrative Committee, to which Mrs. Pool replied that no member of Hadassah was represented at the meeting of the Administrative Committee where this was decided. Attention was called however, to the fact that both Mrs. Epstein and Mrs. Szold were present at that meeting. Mrs. Fool stated that the action of the Administrative Committee was taken butter the meeting of the National Board, and she asked for the courtesy of the floor, which was granted.

Mrs. Pool reported that a meeting of the National Board of Hadassah took place yesterday, at which this question came up and that all the members present were uranimous in their reaction to the plan. Everyone was more than willing to cooperate in the matter of increasing Zionist membership, patticularly at this moment, but all were unanimous in disapproving the proposal for the \$2.00 rollcall members.

Here Mr. Lipsky interrupted with the correction that these will not be \$2.00 members but \$2.00 shakel payers who have mo rights other than shakel payers, and that therefore the decision of the National Board of Hadassah is based on a misunderstanding.

Mrs. Pool continued and stated that the National Board falt that it is impossible to further the idea of \$6.00 membership if people can enroll for \$2.00.

Mr. Lipsky interrupted again and said that he had a long converse tion with Mrs. Szold in which he pointed out to her them eventually, the payment of \$2.00 by these persons could be regarded as a first installment on a \$6.00 membership, if they so desire.

Mrs. Pool then stated that one of the points raised at the National Board meeting was that with the same energy involved in this rollcall, \$6.00 members could be secured, which would have a better moral effect.

Mr. Lipsky replied that the real point is that the Zionist Organization is assumed to have certain rights that have some relation to the duties of persons who are regarded as members, and also to the duties of Constituent Organizations. The Zidnist Organization is assumed to have the power to decide the policies of the Organization, and that in the Zionist Organization all the members of Hadaesah and the Order Sons of Zion are included. If the Administrative Committee and the National Executive Committee decide that for reasons of Zionist policy, this should be done, whether it is right or wrong, it is the duty of every Constituent Organization and member to cooperate. Moreover, this rollcall is the only direct and tangible thing that the Zioniste can do. It is unfortunate of course, that this is the only thing, but this is all that can be done with the Jewish people in this connection in view of the political pituation.

Mr. Lipsky pointed out also that this project is not at all planned from the point of view of money, but from the point of view of political effect and the importance of securing members. Therefore this action is being taken which will set in motion every Ziomist who will go out and secure 200,000 or 250,000 Jews to attend behind the Mionist Organization. This is a political action of the highest importance.

Mr. Weisgal pointed out that he had epoken to Mrs. Ullian regarding a representative of the Zionist Organization to attend the meeting of the National Board, in order to present this proposition, but that Mrs. Ullian thought a letter would be sufficient. Such a letter was sent to the National Board.

Mr. Topkis reported that a meeting took place in Wilmington and that there is every prospect that from 500 to 1000 persons will be enrolled.

It was pointed out that this Committee cannot regard Mrs. Pool's statement as an official communication from the National Board of Hadassah, since it is based on misinformation.

Dr. Goldstein raised the question of the relationship of Halassah to the Organization. He pointed out that the action of the Hadassah National Board as reported through Mrs. Pool, is not notivated by grievance or inritation with the Organization. He was of the opinion that the members of Hadassah are more willing to cooperate with the Organization now than before, but that the atmosphere should be clear. It would therefore be well to have a conference with the representatives of Hadassah in order to explain to them exactly what is meant by this enrollment compaign, and to endeafor to secure from them, on the basis of the official information, a resolution agreeing to their cooperation.

Mr. Lipsky replied that it must not be assumed that no explanation of this proposal has been made to Hadassah.

It was finally moved, seconded and carried that a Committee be appointed to take up this matter with the Hadassah National Board in order to clarify the situation.

The above motion with regard to the budget and financial arrangements in connection with this proposal, was then carried. Mr. bipsky reported also that the Independent Order Brith Abraham had volunteered its cooperation through its lodges, at no expense to the Zionist Organization in connection with this enrollment.

Mr. Ruttemberg stated that he would get the Independent Order Free Sons of Israel to cooperate.

Mrs. Silverman reported that Providence and Woonsocket are prepared to go shead immediately with this campaign.

Finally, Mr. Lipsky stated that if everyone will think of making this campaign a success, it will be a success.

# DEFICIT FUND :

The Chairman called upon Mr. Fierst to report on the Deficit Fund, in behalf of the Finance Committee

Mr. Fierst reported that a number of matters were taken up at the meeting of the Finance Committee which preceded this meeting of the Administrative Committee, and that the most important item was the plan in connection with the Defect Fund as follows:-

Mr. Morris Weinberg has proposed a plan which, it is hoped, will wips out the deficit of the Zionist Organization. This plan has been circulated among the members of the Administrative Committee. It calls for the securing of 225 persons to contribute \$500.00 each to cover the deficit of the Zionist Crganization, which as the present time, amounts to \$135,000, plus \$15,000 for Young Judasa, making a total of \$150,000, towards which Mr. Weinberg himself has promised to subscribe the sum of \$25,000. Mr. Fierst explained that it is not intended to collect eny funds for this purpose at the present time, but to get pledges totaling \$125,000, to be paid within the next four or five months, and that it is proposed to have Mr. Weinberg head the Committee to be in charge of securing these pledges. Moreover, it is the concersus of opinion on the Finance Gommittee that it would not be advisable at this particular juncture to undertake a regular campaign for this purpose as it might conflict with other Zionist campaigns now in progress, but that it should be done quietly, with no publicity or mass meeting, and to have someone visit various communities in order to obtain these pledges. Mr. Fierst stated that after careful consideration, the Committee has decided to intrust this to someone who has proven his ability in the past in connection with such matters, especially in connection with securing funds for the Hebrew University Number and the Herzl Manorial Book. From the latter the sum of \$10,000 has been turned over to the organization, and the Finance Committee has therefore asked Mr. Weisgal to undertake the task of securing the necessary funds to wipe out the deficit. Mr. Weisgal agreed to undertake this work provided he wars relieved of other duties and given a free hand to carry the work to a successful conclusion. Itis the understanding of the Finance Committee also Mr. Flerst further reported that the Zionist Organization is to make no advance towards the expense of carrying out this plan, which requires the nominal sum of \$2000.00 which ir. Weinberg has personally volunteered to advance, with the understanding that is case the plan does not go through, he agrees to contribute \$1000.00 towards these expenses and the other \$1000.00 should be regarded as a debt to him. However, Mr. Weinberg has full confidence that the proposal will be carried through with success.

Mr. ldpsky stated that it is understood that at the present time only the preparation for this plan is to be made - that the actual securing of these subscriptions is not to begin until the latter part of November.

It is understood furthermore that this is to be an effort about which there is to be no publicity whatsoever, and that the so-called pledges are to be made in the form of legal notes which he makers are to pay in the event that the full sum of \$125,000 required is subscribed.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Administrative Committee approves of this plan and asks the Finance Committee to report at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee, the news of the Committee in charge of this work.

Mr. Lipsky added that the suggestion regording this plan came from Mr. Ehrlich of Detroit, who has undertaken personally the responsibility for the sesuring of ten abscriptions in Detroit towards this fund.

# COMMUNICATION FROM RABBI BERLIN REGARDING ELERGENCY FUND:

The Chairman reported that the following communication had been received from Rabbi Berlin, as a member of the Executive, reporting on the work done for relief of the sufferers in Palestine.

September 17, 1929

"The Zionist Organization 114, Fifth Ave. New York.

Whereas at the last meeting of the Palestine Zionist Executive the relief work has been entrusted to me, I find it necessary to report to you upon the activities which have been carried on up to this day, and then I shall report to you at least once a week on everything happening in this branch.

During the last disturbances, when many refugees came in from several points around Jerusalem, many social workers, representing different parties and classes, assembled in order to help the destitutes and their families. It is notoworthy that during these troubles about £500 have been collected from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem and a temporary relief committee has been founded at the head of which stood Rabbi Jacob Bermann, the committee comprising representatives of different parties including Agudath Israel.

Upon ake arrival of Col. Kisch and there becoming known the fact that relief committees had been founded in London, New Mork, etc., Col. Eisch established on behalf of the Zionist Executive a Central Committee composed of three members: Mr. J. Braude, representative of the Zionist Executive, Mr. H. Salomon, representing the Jewish National Council, and Dr. YMasky, representing the Hadassah Medical Organization. The first part of Dr. Yassky's work was to proceed after the terrible occurrences to Safed and to arrange there a local relief committee.

At the present we are proceeding with the establishment of the relief matters on solid and permanent bases and with the arrangement of certain parts of its work. The aforementioned Central Committes composed of the three members named above will remain in force only for urgent relief measures, such as granting of food, clothing etc. and this Central Committee has organized local committees for the same purpose.

The Government having taken over the care of the refugees as far as food is concerned, the financial burden upon our Committee is thereby lessened, however, the work decreased by no mean, because we endeavor to have the local committees keep in constant touch and supervision of Government's aid. Furthermore, the system of Government's aid is not yet fully established, for the time being they have distributed rations of bread and other food. At present the Government is proceeding with the establishment of soup kitchens. We believe that neither one nor the other should be encouraged to continue even for one day longer that it is absolutely necessary. We must arrange at the earliest possible time that the families of the refugees should leave all those places, where they are centralised at present under most adverse conditions. This situation is a very unhealthy one and carried with it a demoralising effect in all senses. It is, of course, difficult to stop all this as long as the rafugees are not in a position get to return to their original settlements. In Jeruselem, for instance, are housed the Hebron refugees and it is, of course, unthinkable that they now return to Hebron. The refugees of the Old City are also in a similar position. They are unable to return to their homes and their shops. It is true that the Government pomises that at the end of this week, when there will be an incresse in military protection,

there will be possibility for refugees from the Old City to return to their homes. The residents of Mekor Heim quarters are gradually returning to their homes. It is as yet difficult for me to report on the work in Tel-Aviv, Safed, etc. I hope to visit these places at the earliest opportunity and I shall then report on the matter.

The most important part of the work, of course, is the reconstructive warief. We must give this part of the work our utmost attention and maximum of means. This work will apparently be divided into two main branches: constructive help to individual persons, enabling them to take up their work or business at their old places or in new settlements. The second, more important part, is to renew Jewish settlements which were destroyed, urban like Safed and Hebron, as well as agricultural like B'er Tuvia, Hulda, Kfar Uria, etc.

The question of the Hebron is a very complicated one. On one hand everybody agrees that it is impossible even for one moment to give up any Jewish settlement, whether it be a village or a town, on the other hand it is most dangerous to settle a small number of Jews in such places which are entirely surrounded by Arabs, without the necessary means of protection. We shall still refer to this question in our future correspondence.

For the time being the first step has been taken to found a committee for Constructive Relief which is composed of 6 numbers, Mr. Moofien, representative of the Anglo-Palestine Company, Mr. Mohl, representing the Americans (this upon Mr. Warburg's telegram), representative of the Jewish National Council, a representative of the merchants, and one representative of the Workers Organization, of course, under the chairmanship of the mionist Executive. The first meeting of this Committee will take place tomorrow. The results of the meeting will be communicated to you in the course.

The principles which were laid down by the Executive in relief matters are as follows:

- a) Telephone communication in emergency cases, automobile service to those settlements requiring special watching and supervision are considered as relief work,
- b) Femilies requiring rent in order to settle in different places than their original dwellings, will receive, in the form of relief, rent for two months to a maximum amount of £.25.--.
- c) Merchants, who have claims against Covernment for losses incurred during the disturbances will be granted as a loan verious
  amounts not exceeding 25% of the claims submitted, the claim
  being considered as a guarantee, at the same time taking ell
  legal steps to ensure that at the time of receiving payment
  from the Covernment on their claim the loan granted by us will
  be returned. The same applies to houses destroyed and for
  which a compensation from the Government will be received.
- d) Morchants suffering in their business indirectly and who cannot submit any claims to the Government will receive loans not exceeding 4.100 against guarantes.

A separate chapter in the relief work are the institutions which were destroyed. They are mostly Yeshivas and Falmud Toraks in the Old City, at the head of them - The Hebron Yeshiva. In connection with the institutions in general, we have received several cables from America requesting special attention on our part and as regards the Hebron Yeshiva we have been approached from America and London in a quite energetic way. I am getting in touch with those institutions and believe that they will be able to come to a sattlement, of course, on the basis that we shall pay the losses incurred by these Yeshiva non who actually remained destitute as well as help the institutions enabling them to settle. In connection with quarters we have decided that these institutions should receive rent for a period of 6 months, because it is impossible for them to rent proper quarters for a short time.

It appears that the losses incurred by the Hebron Yeshiva are quite considerable because the yeshiva as an institution, as well as its managers and students have become antirely distitute and the latter have even remained without shirts, as they were used instead of bandages. There are also wounded and unwounded who received nervous shocks and require special medical attention and treatment.

Finally I wish to draw your attention, my deer colleagues, that it would be advisable to make known to the Zi mist and Jawish Public in general, that this relief fund is only to serve to relieve distress and to rebuild the places destroyed, but by no means will these monies be used for any current budget expenses or in connection with any cases not directly connected with the last disturbances. In this connection there appeared to be some minunder-standing even in the Zionist circles and it would be advisable to put this subject right.

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Requesting you to confirm reseipt of this letter, I em, Yours Faithfully, (signed) Rabbi Berlin Mr. Lipsky stressed the point that all the monies collected all over the world for the Emergency Fund are being collected under the auspices of the Jewish Agency, with the understanding that the money is to go to the Executive of the Jewish Agency for distribution. It is understood also that the first call on this money is for relief. It happens however, that more money has been collected than is needed for relief and the question as to what is to be done with the balance will be decided by the Jewish Agency.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATIONS

Mr. Lipsky recalled that originally, the Committee on Public Information was supposed to be a political Committee. Subsequently however, it appeared that the Administrative Committee of the J-wish Agency of which Mr. Warburg is Chairman, assumed that it also had certain interests in connection with the political situation. This assumption was based on the fact that Mr. Warburg is Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency and also on the fact that he has received any number of communications from Dr. Weizmann with regard to palitical matters.

Mr. Lipsky reported that at the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Jawish Agency, it became clear that that Committee thought it had some responsibilities in connection with the political situation and undertook therefore to establish a Committee on Political Affairs composed of 50% Zionists and 50% non-Zionists. The question then arose as to the Committee on Public Information of the Zionist Organization and it became clear that the Committee on Public Information must become the Committee for the purpose of carrying on propaganda and making plans with regard to certain work which is to be done in the nature of propaganda. The Committee has taken upon itself also, to advise Dr. Weizmann with ragerd to a number of matters including the appointment of the legal staff with regard to the presentation of the Zionist case in cornection with which the Committee has urged that there should be an American Representative. The Committee feels that on that Commission, there should be an outstanding American lawyer, probably a non-Jaw, but in any case someone whose appearence would have some reaction in the United States. Mr. Lipsky stated that at first London thought this is not feasible because they had engaged such barristers as Sir Boyd Merriman, who will be assisted by Lord Earleigh, the son of Lord Reading, in addition to Sacher and his law partner, Mr. Horowitz. However, today the following cable has been received.

LONDON : ZIONISTS LIPSKY

NEW YORK

"REVERTING YOURS TWENTYSIXTH RECEIVED SUBSEQUENTLY COMMUNICATION FROM INQUERY COMMUNICATION SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY INCREASING NUMBER LEGAL REPERSENTATIVES TO THREE STOP CABLING SACHER TO CONSULT MERRIMAN ON ARRIVAL REGARDING ADVISABILITY ASSOCIATE OUTSTANDING AMERICAN LAWYER AS SUGGESTED.

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Mr. Lipsky added that in all probability, it will not be possible for an American lawyer to arrive in Palestine in time.

With regard to the procedure to be adopted by the Commission in Palestine, Mr. Lipsky reported that a cable had been sent to London by America, protesting against not having the hearings public and against the exclusion of the press representatives, and that a reply has been received from London indicating that in all probability it is advisable to have these hearings public because of possible disorders and intimidations, but that the commission

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is still of an open mind as to whether the press should be represented.

Mr. Lipsky pointed out that with regard to the work of public propagands, the program that has been worked out involves a number of expenditures and that the Committee believes that the first thing that should be done is to provide American public opinion with correct information as to what happened in Palestine. Such information is on hand in the form of a book by Mr. Haurice Samuel, giving a graphic description of the events that took place, together with documents and authentic facts as far as possible - all written up in a remarkably fine manner. This book will be out in ten days and it is the intention to circulate it widely a ong editors throughout the country, newspaper syndicates, etc. This will of course involve an expenditure. Mr. Lipsky stated also that in the Current History Magazine an article will appear written by Mr. Weisgal, it being an answer to Rihani on the claims of the Arabs. This is a comprehensive article which could be utilized for the purpose of presenting our side with regard to the Arab claims.

Mr. Lipsky added that there are other brochures which have to be distributed. Moreover, an office is being maintained in Washington in charge of Mr. Rhoade, who is doing whatever is necessary in order to keep us informed, getting the necessary information as to what is going one

Mr. Lipsky pointed out that it was through the efforts of Mr. Rhoade that Senator Borah has agreed to talk to Mr. MacDonald, if President Hoover will say something to MacDonald on this subject. Mr. Lipsky reiterated that the services of Mr. Rhoade in Washington are very useful, especially in connection with dealing with public officials, etc.,

The Chairman pointed out that the Committee on Public Information must necessarily subordinate itself in view of the situation created by the Committee of the Jewish Agency on palitical affairs.

#### INTERVIEW WITH MR. MACDONALD:

With regard to the Deputation to see Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Lipsky reported that the situation has changed considerably since the matter has been taken in hand, by Mr. Warburg, who, as a result of the communications which he has been receiving from London, has assumed that he is personally responsible for arranging this interview.

Mr. Lipsky pointed out that it was Dr. Wis; who asked the British Ambassador to sable to London to arrange for a Delegation to see Mr. MacDonald and that this interview will take place on Friday morning at 10 o'clock in New York City. Mr. Lipsky reported further that as the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency, the question armse as to who should constitute this Deputation. Mr. Warburg was under the impression that the Deputation should be a Committee of the Administrative Committee of the Jawish Agency and he appointed the Committee from this point of view. Subsequently, on Thursday, November 3rd, Mr. Warburg called Mr. Mapsky on the telephone and asked him what he thought of the appointment of Judge Lewis, Mr. Rothenberg and Mr. Lipsky to represent the Zionists and Mr. Elexner, Dr. Frankel, Dr. Adler and himself, to represent the non-Zionists. Mr. Lipsky then told Mr. Warburg that if he would agree to the inclusion of Dr. Wise as a member of the Delegation, the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization would lagree to the composition of the Delegation, but that since Dr. Wise's name had been omitted, he could not agree to this Committee, especially in view of the fact that Dr. Wise had been to Washington and had been very helpful in arrenging this interview, end the British Ambassador expects him to be a manter of the Deputation. To this, Mr. Warburg replied that Dr. Wise is not a member of the Administrative

Committee of the Jewish Agency. Mr. Lipsky then sent a letter of protest against this procedure pointing out that this action was creating unnecessary difficulties for the vicnists, and called the attention also to the ommission of a Labor representative, which had been asked for by Dr. Weizmann, Mr. Lipsky reported further that the following day Mr. Warburg called him and said that he could not understand why Mr. Lipsky felt the way he did about the matter. Subsequently, on Monday, October 7th, there was a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency where everybody was in agreement that Dr. Wise should be invited and Mr. Warburg asked Mr. Hyman to call up Dr. Wise, stating that if Dr. Wise wants to see Mr. Warburg with regard to the telegram from the British Ambassador, that Mr. Warburg would be glad to see him at 10:30 in the morning, which Dr. Wise of course under the circumstances could not do.

With regard to the statement to be submitted to MacDonald, Mr. Lipsky reported that on Thursday afternoon, he received a special delivery letter, containing Mr. Warburg's idea as to what should be said to Mr. MacDonald. The statement was not satisfactory. Mr. Lipsky then draw up a statement containing some of the views set forth in Mr. Warburg's statement, but in a form suitable for a public document. The form of the statement was still the subject of discussion and Mr. Lipsky expressed the hope that an agreement wall be reached that will be satisfactory from a Zionist point of view.

Continuing the report the Chairman pointed out that there is a lack of understanding regarding the manner in which the Jewish Agency in this country is to function. The Administrative Counittee of the Jewish Agency does not take into consideration the fact that in this country it must deal not only with the vionist organization, but with its affiliated bodies, including the Marachi, Posle Zion, Zeire Zion, etc. It will therefore be necessary to create a Committee which will represent all the mionist Organizations on one side and the non-Zionists on the other. Moreover, it was agreed, in Zurich that for the purpose of the Jewish Agency in America, there should be forty-four Zionist and forty-four non-Zionist manbers of the Jewish Agancy and that these eighty-eight should select a small Committee which will represent the Agency. It is also understood that the political business of the Jewish Agency is in the hands of the President of the Jewish Agency who is also the President of the World Zionist Organization. In connection with the suggestion for this small or committee to whom should be given the rights with regard to the collection of funds, political representation and political sotion, Mr. Lipsky stated that he had drafted a letter to be sent to Mr. Werburg on this subject.

#### STATEMENT OF IR. WEISGAL:

Mr. Weisgal said that he was decrease of making the following personal statement:

He stated that he appreciated the confidence which the Finance Committee reposed in him in connection with the work which he has done and in connection with what the Committee believes that he can do with regard to the Deficit Fund. He desired to say however, for purposes of records, that he does not claim nor was it understood at any time that what has been accomplished with regard to the Herzl Manorial Book, was due to his efforts alone but was achieved only with the cooperation of Mrs. Silverman and Mr. Joseph Weiss. He wanted it definitely understood that he could not undertake the work in connection with the Deficit Fund unless he had the cooperation of all the members of the Administrative Committee and was given a free hand to carry out the work in the manner he deemed suitable for the best interest of the undertaking.

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and we can divert the sense of defeat which the confidence of the Jewish people in Palestine and their ability to raise funds and mobilize them for real work. Dr. Margoshes reiterated that the situation in Palestine is rather block at the present moment and that we must devise some plan whereby we can manipulate all the factors of public opinion to divert the sense of defeat and to turn it to the possibility of continuing the work in Palestine. Dr. Margoshes referred also to reprisals on the part of the Jews in Palestine.

#### LEGIONNAIRES:

Mrs. Silverman reported that she had just come from a meeting of the Legionnaires where it was reported that a group of four hundred American Legiormaires are desirous of settling in Palestine to help defend the Jews of that country. She mederred also to the report in the Morning Journal to the effect that the Executive has decided to colonize the Legionnaires in Palestine who have been waiting so patiently for so many years and who have led in the defense of the Jewish population in the recent outbreaks, having done admirable work in helping to save the lives of hundreds of Jews in Palestine. Hre. Silverman stated also that the Legionnaires are arxiously awaiting word from this Committee as to how they should proceed, having informed her that Mr. Lipsky had advised them that they should go out and collect funds, and if they prove themselves a fund-collecting group, that in all likelihood, they will be admitted into the United Palestine Appeal or whatever collection agency there will be in the future, which the Legionnaires stated that they are willing to do. She informed them however, that she would present the matter to the Administrative Committee and that they requested Mr. Topkis and herself to help her in this fund raising project. Mrs. Silvermen stated also that the Legionnaires! Committee is desirous of organizing about four or five thousand American Legionneires, but that they want the endorsement of the Administrative Committee.

In this connection, Mr. Ruttenberg suggested that the proceeds of the fight which Mr. Rosoff is arranging in Makison Square Garden to be used for the benefit of Palestine, might be utilized for the establishment of a Legionneires: colony.

Mr. Lipsky pointed out that the Legionnaires do not understand that the Ziomist Organization cannot give them any endorsement, but there is nothing to prevent them from going out to raise funds.

Meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock.

Respectabilly submitted,

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## ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

NEW ENGLAND ZIONIST REGION

FOR ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL AND JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

24 SCHOOL STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Oct. 16, 1929.

AIR MAIL

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Ansl Rd. & 105 th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver :-

Enclosed you will find notices that have been sext out for the amual meeting of the Boston Zionist District which is to be held next Sunday night. Mr. Silverman showed me the telegram that you sent him. You will recall, that at the luncheon that you were kind enough to address at the City Club a few weeks ago, I spoke to you about the possibility of your speaking to a group of Zionists when you would be in Boston on October 20th and you stated that you would be glad to do so and that no special meeting should be called for your visit, but if a meeting was being held you would be glad to appear.

As it fortunately happens, the annual meeting of the Boston Zionist District is scheduled to be held on October 20th and in view of your promise to me, we took the liberty of announcing your appearance. If you come to the meeting, even as late as 10:30 P.M., to just deliver a few informal words of greating, it will be all that we expect. I hope that you will find it possible to do this.

Plans are on the way to re-organize the Boston Zionist District. One of our leading and important Zionists has consented to act as new Chairman, Dr. Hyman Morrison, and your presence will do much to start off the new organization in a manner that will mean much for our future work.

Very respectfully yours,

Julius METER

#### HADASSAH

THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION 111 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK



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"The Healing of the Daughter of My People"

October 17, 1929

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105 Street at Ansel Road

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Cleveland, Ohio

The Boston Chapter of Hadassah is planning for its fund raising function this year a Tea at the Statler Hotel, on December 17. The Chapter is very anxious to have you speak and feels certain that your name will attract not only members but those whose interest we are eager to capture. About 300 women are expected.

Please let me know whether I may convey your acceptance to the Boston Chapter. I have been asked to urge your cooperation for the good of the cause.

Sincerely yours,

Ers. Moses P. Epstein

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Oct. 18th, 1929. Mrs. Moses P. Epstein. Women's Zionist Organization, 111 Fifth Ave., New York, M. Y. My dear Mrs. Epsteint-Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Oct. 17th. I regret very much that I shall not be able to accept the invitation of the Boston. Chapter of Hadassah for December 17th. I have already had four lecture engagements in Boston this season and I can not accept any additional engagements for one city. With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours. AHS/IR

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November 10th, 1929

Dear Fellow Zionist:

An extraordinary joint meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, the National Board of Hadassah, the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal, and the Executive Committee of the Mizrachi, will be held on

Tuesday evening, November 12th, at 8:30 o'clock, at the Zionist Offices (entrance 5 East 18th Street)

to consider urgent and immediate problems arising out of the proposal of the Joint Distribution Committee for holding a joint drive for Palestine and European Jewish relief.

It is of the utmost importance that every member of the various bodies herein mentioned attend this meeting and be on time.

Very\_cordially yours,

Secretary

P.S. Will you please indicate on the enclosed card whether or not you will attend this important meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ZICKIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECREER 4, 1929 - 9 P.M., JEWISH CLOB.

PRESENT: Massre, Ldpsky (in the chair) Margoshes, Buttenberg, Rothenberg, Weisgal, Rothins, Tophis, Kaliski, Leaf, Woiss, Raknoff, Liebovitz, Wattenberg, Freibergez, Mrs. Lamport, Fierst, Fishman, Jonah Goldstein, Dr. Levin, Maltin, Dr. Bernstein.

#### DEATH OF LEON REICH:

It was moved, Seconded and carried

THAT appropriate resolutions be drawn up regarding the death of Leon Reich, and that copy of such resolutions be forwarded to his family in Lemberg.

#### AMERICAN JEWICH CONGRESS CONFERENCE ON MUSSIA :

The Secretary reported that an invitation had been received from the American Jewish Congress, for representatives of the 20A to attend the Conference on Russia, to be held on Sunday, December 8.

It was decided to accept the invitation and to delegate three representatives, consisting of Messrs. Liebovitz, Ratnoff and Weiss.

#### MR. SAMUEL CATLAN:

Attention was called to the serious illness of Mr. Sem Caplen oni the urgent necessity of his being continued on the payroll.

It was the consensus of opinion that the Organization has a moral obligation to him after his many years of devoted service, and that therefore the payment of his salary should be taken over by the ZOA for a period of six months.

After some discussion, it was finally moved, seconded and carried

THAT a committee be appointed with regard to the matter of Mr. Caplan, with authority to pay him at the mate of \$90 per week (his present salary) the committee to present a final report as to how Mr. Caplan can best be benefitted by the payment of his salary for about six months.

#### RESOLUTIONS RE FIXITY OF SABBATH:

The Chairman reported that repeated requests had been received from the League of Safeguarding the Fixity of the Sabbath, for the approval by the ZOA of a formal resolution on this subject, to be subhitted to Washington.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

THAT the Chairman be authorized to send the appropriate resolutions.

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December 13, 1929

To the members of the Administrative Committee:

#### O NFIDENTIAL

A meeting of the Administrative Committee will be held on Wednesday evening, December 18th, at the wish Club, 23 West 73rd Street, New York, at 8:30 o'clock.

This meeting is called primarily for the purpose of considering the recommendations of the Budget Committee. which are to go into effect as of January 1st, 1930. These recommendations are of vital importance to the future work of the Zionist Organization. They involve not only financial re-arrangements, but matters of policy. Among the recommendations of the Budget Committee are the following:

- 1) THE NEW PALESTINE A return to the old style of The New Palestine, and the reduction of its present size to 16 pages; some editorial re-arrangements and reductions resulting in a total reduction of the budget of approximately \$25,000.
- 2) DOS YIDDISHE FOLK The abolition of Dos Yiddishe Folk, subject to certain arrangements that will be made with various Yiddish dailies, by which the interests of the Yiddish-speaking element in the Zionist Organization will not only be maintained but even in a measure, extended. This involves a saving of approximately \$16,000 to \$18,000 a year.
- 3) ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT The abolition of the Organization Department as a separate Eurema, and its transferrence to the office of the Secretary. This involves a saving of approximately \$6,000.
- 4) YOUNG JUDARA To discontinue the subvention to Young Judaea (\$9,000.)
- 5) HADCAR To discentime the subvention to Hedwar (\$6,500.)

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A number of other reductions, with regard to staff, etc., are proposed, effecting considerable reductions in the budget.

It is further proposed by the Budget Committee that the sum of \$20,000. be set aside for the purpose of regional and field work, thus enabling the Organization to extend its activities despite the serious reductions in the machinery and personnel at headquarters. It is hoped that through the method proposed, the Zionist Organization will be in a position to balance its budget without depending on income other than its own resources.

In view of the urgency of these matters, you are earnestly requested to attend this meeting so that we may have a full expression of opinion of the members of the Administrative Committee regarding all these questions.

Vary cordially yours,

Mayor W. Wilagal Secretary

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#### CONFIDENTIAL:

MINUTES OF LETTING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18, 1929 JEWISH CLUB, 23 W. 73rd St.

PRESENT: Messrs. Lewis (in the chair) Flerst, Weinberg, Freiberger, Topkis, Weiss, Margoshes, Wattenberg, Weisgal, Mrs. Epstein, Mrs. Silverman, Judge Rosenblatt, Dr. Ratnoff, Dr. Coralnik, Mrs. Vixman, Robert Silverman, Mr. Maltin, Dr. Bernstein; By invitation - committee from Hadoar.

HADOAR:

Mr. Spicehandler in behalf of the committee representing Hadoar, stressed the importance of Hebrav at this time and the justification of the Zionist Organisation in an expenditure in this connection. He pointed out that Hadoar is the only Hebraw organ in this country, and that while he is aware of the deficit of the Zionist Organization, he urged that the subvention to Hadoar be continued otherwise the publication will have to be suspended since it is dependent upon every cent of the \$6500 subvention from the ZOA. He suggested that the Administrative Committee appoint a subcommittee to investigate the cost of maintaining Hadoar, sabaries, etc., which he believed will indicate that Hadoar cannot get along with a smaller subvention. Finally Mr. Spicehandler stated that Hadoar has a moral and legal claim on the Zionist Organization, as the only He brav activity, for the continuation of the subvention which was granted at the last Convention.

Mr. Fierst stated that supplementing Mr. Spicehandler's remains, he desired to record the following letters and telegrams:

Dec. 18, 1929

"Mr. Harry P. Fierst Chairman Finance Committee of the Zionist Organization

Dear Mr. Fierst:

"We received with surprise a letter from the Z.O.A. advising us that the Hadear subvention is to be discontinued on January 1.

In whew of the above, we wish to call your attention to the following:

- 1) The Hadoar subvention was granted by the convention for the entire convention year.
- 2) On the strength of the above grant we entered into obligations, which were necessary for the existence of the Hadoar.
- 3) By discontinuing the subvention you actually discontinue the Hadwar. Since we will hot be able to take care of our obligations.
- We also want you to take into considers on the following:

  A) The Hadoar is the only ZOA activity for Hebrew Culture.
- B) The Hadoar is published at a minimum cost due to the low wage scale and the help of our employees. We wellcome your committee to investigate our management.

- C) 600 Hebrew libraries in Palestine receive regularly our publication free and it serves as a link between this country and Palestine.
- 1) The Hadoar symbolizes in this country the continuity of the Hebrew literature.

We are sure that taking the above in consideration and remembering the solemn resolutions to work for the Hebrew culture at the last convention you will easily come to the conclusion that neither legally nor morally has the ZOA the right to discontinue this subvention at this time. We therefore hope that you will withdraw the proposition of stopping the help to the Hadoar."

> Yours truly, Committee for the Hadoar. (signed) A. Spicehandler

December 15, 1929

"Mr. Mayer W. Weisgal, Secretary, Zionist Organization of America, 111 Fifth Av., New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Weis mal: -

"I received your special delivery letter on Sunday morning, December 15th.

After reading the agenda for the meeting of the Administrative Committee, I think that the members of the Administrative Committee, particularly those not residing in New York as well as the members of the National Executive Committee, should be given a little time to consider the radical changes contemplated both in policy as well as in the budget that will be considered at the mesting on Wednesday evening.

Although we are very far removed from New York City, I will be glad to attend a meeting of the Committee of the NEC if given enough time in advance, as I consider the problems now being discussed as far-reaching in importance in affecting the scope of our work.

I am very sorry to note that the Committee is considering the abolition of Dos Yiddishe Folk. This, I think, is a step that will not meet with the general approval of the Zionists.

I would also rather see a bi-monthly New Palestine in this present form rather than to return to the old time 16 page New Palestine. It seems to me that it would be better economy and better policy not to return to the old form. It would be much better to issue one good ramber of The New Palestine rather than to have four numbers a month of the kind the Committee is recommending.

I regret exceedingly that I shall be unable to attend this meeting, but I hope that before taking definite action in these matters another opportunity will be given us to present our views, before definite action is taken on the resommandations being considera! on Wednesday evening.
With kindest regeris

(signed) Gustave Kleusner

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REGRET IMPOSSIBLE TO ATTEND MEETING, BELIEVE ECONOMIES SUGGESTED SHOULD BE ADOPTED EXCEPT ELIMINATION OF HADOAR SUBVENTION, THE LAST THING TO BE ABANDONED SHOULD BE THE SUPPORT OF ONLY HEBREW JOURNALS."

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Mr. Freiberger then inquired as to the total amount of the annual budget of Hadoar, to which Mr. Spicehandler replied that it was \$24,000.

At this juncture the committee representing Hadoar left the meeting, end it was decided to continue the discussion on this subject in connection with the entire question of the budget of the Zionist Organization.

#### JEWISH NATIONAL FUND:

Mr. Weisgal reported that the last meeting of the Administrative Committee was devoted to a meeting with the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund, and in view of the fact that only a few members of the Administrative Committee were present, the meeting with the JNF Board of Directors was an informal one. The question discussed at the meeting was as to what should be the policy of the Zionist Organization with regard to the activities of the Jewish National Fund for the coming year in view of certain correspondence which had been received from Mr. Warburg regarding activities of the JNF. At that meeting also Mr. Neumann outlined the program of work of the JNF for the coming year and indicated that the JNF will confine itself to its regular activity, in an intensified form however, the aim being to raise the sum of \$500,000.

Mr. Weisgal added that for purposes of record it is important that the statement made last week by Mr. Neumann, on the basis of which an agreement has been reached in the meantime between the representatives of the Zionist Organization and members of the Javish Agency, should be approved by the Administrative Committee, with the understanding that the Administrative Committee gives its full support of the activities as outlined by Mr. Neumann, with the object of raising \$500,000.

Mr. Weisgal reported also that the JNF is calling its annual conference in Philadelphia on January 19th.

It was moved, seended and carried:

THAT the Administrative Committee approves the program of work of the JNF for the coming year, and that the Administrative Committee instructs the members at large of the Organization to take an intensive and active interest in the forthcoming National Fund meeting in Philadelphia, and that everything possible be done to aid the JNF in the work of going ahead with its ususal collections.

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In this connection, Judge Lewis pointed out that it might not be advisable to hold the JNF Conference on the 19th in Philadelphia, in view of the Federation drive in that city, and he recommended that if possible the date be postponed for the following Sunday.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Weisgal stated that inasmuch as a large number of Zionists will be going to Philadelphia to attend the Jewish National Fund Conference, and in view of the fact that a meeting of the National Executive Committee should be held about the middle of January, he recommended that a special meeting of the National Executive Committee take place in Philadelphia on Saturday evening, January 18th, or January 25, if the JNF Conference is postponed to the 26th.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

THAT a meeting of the National Executive Committee take place as suggested above by Mr. Weisgal.

#### LUNCHEON TO GEN. SMUTS:

Mr. Weisgal reported that Gen. Smuts who is coming to this country in connection with the Tenth Anniversary of the League of Nations, had agreed to be the guest of the Zionists of America at a luncheon on Friday, January 17, which is the only available date.

It was decided in view of Gen. Smate' great service to the Zionist Organization, that this luncheon should be held under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America, to which should be invited the non-Zionist members of the Jewish Agency, and that Mr. Warburg be informed of the contemplated luncheon and be asked to be one of the principal speakers at the affair and be asked to give such suggestions as he may deem of value for the success of the affair.

It was decided to inform Mr. Warburg slong the lines suggested above; the details to be left to Mr. Weisgal.

#### REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Mr. Fierst reported that the Finance Committee which has its problems ald year has lately been faced with even more pressing problems in view of the fact that the UPA is going out of existence and with that the ZCA loses its subvention of \$100,000 for its publications and other services rendered to the UPA. Mr. Fierst stated therefore that several meetings of the Finance Committee and Budget Committee have been held recently and that dreatic action has been proposed with regard to the budget for 1930 which has been cut by about \$100,000, involving reductions which the Committee was regretfully compelled to recommend as follows:

1. To reduce the New Palestine to 16 pages and to have 45 issues a year

2. The elimination of Dos Yiddishe Folk; to make however a special arrangement with the Yiddish press.

3. The abolition of the Organization Department and its transfer to the department of the Secretary.

4. The reduction of the Staff

The discontinuation of the subvention to Hadoar and Young Judaes.

Mr. Fishet pointed out also that the Organization owes the sum of \$93,000 to the banks, which includes the sum of \$77,000 for the ZOA and \$16,000 for Young Judaes which was taken over by the ZOA in accordance with the decision of the Detroit Convention. In addition the sum of \$60,000 is due to the Brooklyn Eagle, as well as other liabilities including rent, etc.

Mr. Fierst then submitted the following buiget of estimated income and expense for 1930:

#### ZIONIST ORGANIKATION OF AMERICA SUMMARY OF 1930 BUDGET

(Dotails presented and adopted at the Finence & Budget Committee meeting).

#### ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

	64,940,00
Direct Cost of N.P. prod-	
uction	40,000.00
Rent, light & telephone .	8,500.00
Interest	7,500.00
Printing & Stationory	3,000.00
Postego	3,000.00
Convention	1,500.00
Tol. & Cubles	1,500.00
Insuranco	750.00
Org. Trovoling, Foos &	
Sposkers, and contingent _	14,310.00

#### \*TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

\$ 145,000.00

#### ESTIMATED REVENUE

a. C. A. Membership		
less shekel		\$ 92,850.00
Hedesseh		. 33,000.00
0. S. Z		, 2,000.00
MARKE MOMEDD WITH		127,850.00
NEW PALESTINE ADVERTIS		10,000.00
" SUBSCRIPT.		7,150,00
TOTAL ESTEMATED REVENUE		. \$ 145,000.00

In addition to the above Estimate of Expenditures, the Administrative Committee decided to continue the subsidy of Young Judses & Hadoar until the Convention. The total of the subvention for both Organizations is \$7,250.00.

-5-Mr. Weisgal stated that he thought it necessary to complete the picture prosented by Mr. Fierst, for if the discussion is limited only to what is being done to reduce the budget, the impression will be created that the Organization is being dismantled. Therefore it is necessary to have the whole background for a complete understanding and discussion of the situation, Mr. Waisgal pointed out that in view of the circumstances with regard to the UPA, the ZOA has been compelled during all these years to give way for all other activities in the field and consequently reached the point where it was dependent upon other organizations for its income and sustenance. The underlying idea of the Budget Committee is that the Zionist Organization, apart from its old deficit, should become a seff-sustaining organization Independent of any outside force. In order to achieve that it is necessary to reverse the process of organization. Whereas the major expense was incurred at headquarters, and the field laft to chance of getting whatever income possible under the direumstances, the idea now is to cut down to the very bone everything that has to do with headquarters and to expand in the field. With regard to the items enumerated by Mr. Fierst, Mr. Weisgal stated as follows: 1. New Palestine \* to endeavor to make it as prepossessing as possible, in spite of the reduction to 16 pages. 2. Dos Yidiishe Folk \* The idea is not to give up Dos Yiddishe Folk and not substitute anything for it. As a matter of fact, the new proposal will in a sense actually erpand Zionist propaganda by approaching Yiddishs papers for a page every week. Mr. Weisgal pointed out that Dr. Margoshus, editor of "The Day" has been the first to generously consent to give a page every week, from of charge, to be edited by the Organization. Mr. Weisgal then read the following latter from Dr. Margoshis: Docember 16, 1929 Mr. Meyor W. Weisgal Zignist Organization of America 111 Fifth Are. New York City, N. Y. "Dear Mr. Weisgal: "I wish to acknowledge your letter of December the 15th and to advise you that THE DAY is prepared to devote a weekly page to the news of the Zionist Organization. I take this opportunity of assuring you that THE DAY is only too anxious to help the Zionis; Organization in all that it is doing." Sincerely yours, (signed) Dr. G. Margoshes Mr. Weisgal added that it is hoped to get the same results in Yiddish newspapers outside of New York. 3. Organization Department: While it is quite true that it is a serious matter to give up the Organization Department, on the other heal if en Organization Department is to be maintained at headquarters, to function properly, a buiget of \$30,000 or \$40,000 is required and not \$6,000 as heretofore. Since that cannot be done for financial reasons, it is deemed advisable

to transfer the Organization Department to the Secretary's department.

4. Young Judaes and Hadoar: Mr. Weisgel stated that he is just as much interested as any Zionist to maintain these two, but in view of the circumstances in which the Organization finds itself, it cannot listen to any sentimental pleas. Moreover, even with the subventions granted heretofore, the Zionist Organization does not maintain these two institutions as they should be maintained. Mr. Weisgal expressed the hope that once the Organization gets on its feet, it will be able to do even more for Young Judaes and Hadoar as was the case up till now.

Finally Mr. Weisgal stated that a splendid opportunity now presents itself for strengthening and expanding the Zionist Organization by strengthening the work in the field. The proposal is therefore that the Zionist Organization maintain as many regions as it possibly can, throughout the country, with paid directors on a basis that has been worked out by the Buiget Committee, which will pay for itself, and at the same time increase the membership; In addition, Mr. Weisgal pointed out, an arrangement will be made with the Jewish Netional Fund by which the Zionist Organization will render service to the JNF for which it will pay the Organization. If all this is taken into consideration, Mr. Weisgal stated, the first half of the picture as presented by Mr. Fierst, assumes a different aspect.

A protracted discussion followed.

Dr. Coralnik suggested that an Extraordinary Convention be selled in order that the situation may be presented to the Zionists and have them decide as to the future procedure. He was apposed to the budget as presented stating that it spelled ruin to the organization and declared that he would vote against it.

Dr. Ratnoff raised the question as to whether this Administrative Committee is capable of coping with the situation and suggested that if the Committee cannot do so, it should invite other persons to assist it.

Mrs. Silverman was epposed to discontinuing the subvention to Hadoar and Dos Yiddishe Folk, and also that she could not submit to the cutting down of The New Palestine and the elimination of Dos Yiddishe Folk. She believed that an Extraordinary Convention should be called in order to ascertain the opinion of the Zionists of the country, and have them help find a solution of these difficulties.

Mrs. Epstein was of the opinion that an extraordinary convention could not decide these questions, and she expressed approval of the recommendations of the Budget Committee.

Dr. Margoshes stated that the question is what the Organization can dispense with and still live. While he admitted that Dos Yiddish Folk and Hadoar are necessities, under the present dircumstances, he approves of the plan of the Budget Committee, Moreover he stated that while The New Palestine is very fine, it is not absolutely essential for it to be issued every week and he suggested instead a monthly bulletin.

Judge Lewis stated that he was obliged to leave the meeting in order to leave for Philadelphia. He believed that the Committee should yield to the constructive program by the Budget Committee which has studied the situation and found that this is the best thing to do under the circumstances. He added that he would like to see Young Judaea and Hadoar maintained, but that

everyone must realize the position of the Zionist Organization at the present time, and especially the deficit, It was Judge Lewis' considered opinion that if the program proposed is established, by the next Convention, the Organization will get somewhere.

Judge Lewis then left and Judge Rosenblatt took the chair.

Mrs. Vixman urged that the subvention to Young Judaea should be continued. With regard to The New Palestine, she stated that this is the only vehicle that is feeling many in the Zionist Organization. She added that perhaps the Hadassah News Letter could be combined with The New Palestine, the advertising increased, and other ways and means found for making The New Palestine more self-supporting.

Mr. Wattenberg was of the opinion that the subventions to Young Judaea and Hadoar should be continued if possible.

Mr. Topkis believed that the plan of the Budget Committee was feasible.

Dr. Goldstein took it for granted that everyone is interested in Young Judaea. He pointed out that when he first assumed the Chairmanship of Young Judaea, the deficit was \$25,000, and that every effort was made to run that Erganization as economically as possible, and the deficit reduced to \$16,000 which was subsequently taken over by the Zionist Organization. In this connection be called attention to the fact that when this deficit was taken over by the Zionist Organization, the subtention was reduced by \$2,000. He stated that the discontinuation of the subvention will mean the death blew of Young Judaes, and if this proposal is carried out, the Administrative Committee must face the fact that the Young Judaes office will have to be closed and the Young Judaea organization practically annihilated, unless someone else shoulders the burden.

Dr. Caralnik spoke again and advised that the Committee should not pass upon the proposed budget tonight. He reiterated that it is essential to have an extraordinary conference and that it might be best for this Administrative Committees to be replaced by others. He urged that the recommendations of the Hudget Committee be referred to an extraordinary Convention which should draw in other forces both material and spititual and that instead of a program for destruction there should be a program for construction, and instead of cutting the organization to the bone, there perhaps should be new heads.

Mr. Weisgal stated that it is very painful to him to argue for this program. He admitted that greater difficulty will be experienced in extending the Organization if we are planning to retrench, but the Organization is faced with this difficult situation which calls for either curtailment or expansion, and there are other factors involved, the three principal ones being, the Jewish Agency, the present financial situation in this country, and the recent developments in Palestine. Mr. Weisgal pointed out that on the Administrative Committee there are forty members, presumably responsible persons, and if these forty each, individually, assume responsibility, and give the Organization \$50,000 which is the immediate problem, the Organization will be able to get on its feet.

Dr. Ratnoff complained that members of the Administrative Committee had not been called in to confer regarding these problems and not been called upon heretofore to help, adding that if that had been the case, he personally could have been of some assistance. He urged that a conference be called of some fifty or 100 persons in order to raise the immediate sum required.

Mr. Meltin pointed out that further reductions should be made in the budget, but that for the present the proposed plan should be adopted, and ways and means should be found of subsiding Young Judaes and Hadosr, not, however, out of the regular budget proposed.

Judge Rosenblatt stated that unless the Zionist Organization is tied up with some collection fund for Palestine, or some concrete work in Palestine, because something must be done to make the Zionists feel that the Organization is tied up concretely with a specific piece of work for the upbuilding of Palestine. He suggested that a committee be appointed to find ways and means of taking care of Young sudaes outside of the proposed budget, it being understood that the Zionist Organization has done the best it could but can do nothing further at this time. He thought also that Dr. Ratnoff's suggestion about calling a conference to get as many persons as possible to contribute towards the maintenance of the Organization should be carried out.

Mr. Freiberger suggested that a copy of the proposed budget be sent to each member of the Administrative Committee in order that he may study it, and that the discussion be continued at the next meeting.

Mr. Fierst urged that the Administrative Committee should not postpone action on this matter, but that the Committee approve the proposals of the Budget Committee, and that some ways and means should be found for raising the \$7,000 needed for Young Judaes and Hadoar, either by reducing some other item in the budget to that extent, or by raising an additional sum for this purpose.

Mr. Joseph Weiss stated that he would be willing to help the Organization out of its difficulties by giving \$2500 and he believed that other members of the Committee could be gotten to do likewise.

Mr. Weisgal stated that if additional sums are to be secured for Young Judaea and Hadoar, the same obligation rests upon the Ziomsts with regard to Dos Yiddishe Folk and that he would therefore be compelled to vote against the budget if any exceptions are made.

Mr. Topkis, finally moved, and it was seconded and carried

THAT the recommendations of the Budget Committee be adopted, with the exception of Hadear and Young Judaea, as such.

Mr. Weisgal and Dr. Coralnik asked to be recorded as voting against the notion of Mr. Topkis.

Mesting adjourned 12:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted

IDA FLATOW for the Secretary

#### MEMORANDUM ON THE ZIONIST POSITION IN THIS COUNTRY AND A POSSIBLE PROCRAM OF WORK FOR THE YEAR 1930.

Presented to the Administrative Committee of the Z. O. A. by Meyer W. Weisgal, Secretary.

Never before was the Zionist Organization of America in the precarious position in which it finds itself today. It is saddled with a heavy deficit, with no immediate prospect of its liquidation. The Zionists of the country are restless and dissatisfied with the general Zionist position. The impression is widespread that the Zionist Organization is disintegrating. In a word, the Zionist morale throughout the country is at its lowest ebb.

There are several contributing factors toward this state of affairs:

(1) The Palestine situation;

(2) The uncertain Zionist political position;

(3) The liquidation of the United Palestine Appeal

(4) The lack of a program of Zionist work;

(5) The uncertain position of the Zionist Organization in this country within the framework of the Jewish Agency.

All of these factors are responsible for the "ionist depression and the apparent loss of confidence in the Zionist Administration. Rightly or wrongly, the Zionist Administration is held responsible for all or many of the ills which are now plaguing the movement. It is obvious, therefore, that the most heroic measures must be applied to solve, if only in a small degree, some of these Zionist problems and restore the Zionist morale.

Single the establishment of the Keren Hayesod in this country in 1921, the Zionist Organization, while chiefly responsible for the success achieved in the raising of funds for Palestine, was relegated to a secondary position. The best forces in the Zionist Organization were thrown into the collection machinery, with the result that membership in the Zionist Organization declined. All emphasis was placed on the collection of funds. There was

#### National Zionist Roll Call

#### GUIDE FOR VOLUNTEERS

THESE are but a few of the means by which you can enroll Jewish men and women in the national Zionist Roll Call that is being taken between November 3 and December 31, 1929, and whose object is to strengthen the Zionist position and to make more secure the four that dations for the establishment of the Jewish National Homeland.

- Every adult: Jew and Jewess in your city should be approached to answer the Roll Call.
- Go first to your friends, neighbors and relatives.
- Impress upon them the fact that the purpose of the national Zionist Roll Call is to evidence the unanimity with which

the Jews of America stand behind the effort to rebuild Palestine.

- 4. Emphasize the point that the recent events in Palestine have made it more than ever necessary to demonstrate to the public opinion of the world, and particularly to the British Government, that American Jewry is undeterred in its support of the Jewish Homeland.
- 5. Remember that the objects of the national Zionist Roll Call are both political and moral. Political in the sense that the Mandatory Power will be impressed by the large numbers who answer the Roll Call and that funds secured from the Roll Call will be used to disseminate correct information with regard to the Jewish aims and achievements in Palestine. Moral in the sense that it gives Jewish Palestine evidence of sympathy and interest of the greater past of American Jewry.
- There is not a single adult Jew or Jewess who cannot, in this critical situation, afford the small enrollment fee of one dollar.
- After you have canvassed your friends, neighbors and relatives, make a system-

atic canvass of your neighborhood, going from one Jewish house to another. No Jew will refuse you a hearing.

- Select one or two office buildings, in which Jews predominate and go from office to office, asking for answers to the Roll Call.
- 9. Arrange a meeting of any club to which you may belong, the B'nai Brith, the B'rith Sholom, the B'rith Abraham, Y. M. H. A., Y. W. H. A., A. Z. A., Hillel Foundation, Menorah Society, or any other Jewish groups—and speak of the purposes of the National Zionist Roll Call and ask for enrollments on the spot.
- 10. At a meeting of your local synagogue or temple, point to the importance of the national Zionist Roll Call for the political effect upon the future of the Jewish position in Palestine—and ask every Jew and Jewess who endorses the rebuilding of the Jewish Homeland to register in the Roll Call.
- Every party, every dance, every social function is a splendid opportunity for asking for registration in the national Zionist Roll Call.

12. Remember how important this national Zionist Roll Call is for the future of Zionism and you will not hesitate to use all the means suggested and those you yourself will devise for securing enrollments.

There Are More Than Four Million Jews in the United States!

How many of them will YOU Secure for the Roll Call?

Register Your Faith in a Jewish Palestine by Answering the National Zionist Roll Call

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA 111 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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JACOB S RABINOWITZ 137 CHESTNUT STREET.

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DR. JACOB R. GEOFFREY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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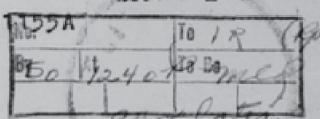
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111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

April 18, 1930

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

The next meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America will be held on Saturday evening, April 26th, at the Jewish Club, 23 West 73rd St, at 8:15 P.M. This meeting was called for Saturday evening, instead of the usual time (Wednesday) in view of the fact that a meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held the following day, April 27th, thus making it possible for a large number of the cut of town members to attend this meeting.

A number of important matters that will be brought up at the National Executive Committee meeting will be discussed at this meeting and every member of the Administrative Committee is earnestly requested to attend.

Cordially yours,

Reger W. Woisgal

Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AM INISTRATIVE CHMITTEE OF THE ZONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, HELD SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 26, 1930, JEWISH CLUB, 23 West 75rd St.

PRESENT: Messrs. Lipsky (in the chair) Rabbi Goldstein, Weisgal, Margoshes, Weinberg, Ginsberg, Wattenberg, Ratnoff, Heller, Rothenberg, Fierst Freiberger, Coralnik, Weiss, Elihu D. Stone, Fishman, Rosenblatt; Mrs. Silverman, Mrs. Szold, Mrs. Vixman, Mrs. Ulian, Mrs. Epstein; By invitation: Messrs. Robert Silverman, Carmel, Maltin, Margulies.

#### AZENDA FOR MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Chairman stated that this meeting ought to take notice of the following agenda prepared for the Executive Committee which takes place tomorrow, and the Administrative Committee ought to express its opinion on these questions:

1. Date and place of Convention.

2. Organization questions

3. Statement with regard to committee that went to see Er. Branceis.

4. Remarks by Dr. Levin

5. Review of political situation

6. Report on Allied Jewish Campaign, by Mr. Rothenberg 7. Report on Jewish National Fund, by Mr. Meumann,

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A discussion took place on these matters as follows:

#### CONVENTION:

The Chairman reported that invitations had come from Cleveland and Chicago to hold the Convention in those cities, and that the invitation from Cleveland had been endorsed by resolutions adopted by the Akron and Youngstown Zionist Districts.

With regard to the date of the Convention, the Chairman called attention to a communication from Rabbi Brickmer advocating that the Convention be held during the week of June 15th in order to avoid a conflict with the convention of the Contral Conference of American Fabbis to be held in Providence beginning June 25, and the Jewish Education Association beginning June 22nd,

The Chairman submitted a letter also from Junior Hadassah advocating that the Convention be held at the end of June. Mr. Lipsky called attention also to the serious situation with regard to the membership which had to be postponed because of the Roll Call and that therefore the two additional weeks activity from Juhe 15th to the 29th were very important.

Mr. Fierst moved, and it was seconded that the Convention be held beginning June 29th.

Mr. Rothsmberg was of the opinion that the date of the Conven-

Dr. Ratnoff pointed out that many lionists wanted an extraordinary Convention this spring, and it would not be advisable to further postpone the next Convention.

-2--It was finally moved, seconded and carried THAT the Administrative Committee recommends to the National Executive Committee that the next Zionist Convention be held begirming June 29, 1930. It was moved, seconded and carried also: THAT the Administrative Committee recommends to the National Executive Committee an amendment to the Constitution to the effeet that the next annual Convention after this one should be hold in the Fall. A discussion then took place with regard to the place of the Convention. Dr. Ratnoff suggested that it be held in Atlantic City. Mr. Carmel pointed out that he had been especially sent by the Zionists of Cleveland to personally extend their invitation to hold the Convention in that city. He pointed out that Cleveland is prepared for the Convention, that the Zionists in that and the surrounding cities areworking very hard and that if the Convention is held in Cleveland, the Zionists there pledge themselves to raise a very considerable sum for the deficit, to be turned over to the Organization at a banquet to be arranged at the Convention. Mr. Weisgal was of the opinion that from the Zionist point of view Atlantic City does not mean anything and that that place is detrimental to the interests of the Convention, whereas Cleveland is centrally located and the holding of the Convention in that city would do no injustice to the West or East. Moreover in view of the fact that there is a large and vital Zionist community all around Cleveland, the decision to hold the Convention there will stimulate the Zionist districts to go out and get members and send delegates. Rabbi Heller was of the opinion that the attendance would be better in the East than in the West and that for many reasons it is advisable this year to hold the Convention in the East. in. Fierst then moved, and it was seconded and carried THAT the Administrative Committee recommends to the National Executive Committee that the next Zionist Convention should be · held in the past for the accommodation this year of the Eastern Districts. Mr. Idpsky suggested the appointment of a committee to draw up the program of the Convention. It was then moved, seconded and carried: THAT the Chairman be authorized to appoint a committee to draw up the program of the Convention. It was moved, seconded and carried also THAT a Committee on Elections be appointed by the National Executive Committee, to pass upon the validity of the delegates to the Convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RE UNITED FRONT:

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A discussion took place regarding the advisability of a report to the Executive Committee on bahalf of the Committee that went to see Hr. Brandeis to negotiate a united front.

Rabbi Heller was of the opinion that no report should be made.

Mr. woisgal believed that it would be better to have a report in a general way, as questions will no doubt be asked from the floor, and it would be better for the Chairman to give a general report in this connection. Dr. Coralnik was opposed to a report at this time.

RESIGNATION OF MR. WEISGAL:

At this point the discussion regarding the report of the committee on the question of a united front, was interrupted and the subject of lir. Weisgal's resignation was taken up.

Mr. Weisgal stated that the Administrative Committee will recall that on December 4th he submitted his resignation to the Committee, and at that time the Committee asked him to hold his resignation in abeyance for a number of months. Mr. Weisgal conceded to that request, but he now finds it impossible to extend this period any longer. He requested the Chairman therefore that he be relieved of his duties not later than May 15th, primarily as Editor of The New Palestine. Although Mr. Weisgal's official connection as a salaried member of the staff of the Zionist Organization will sease on that date, he will continue to act part-time as Secretary of the Organization until the Convention, but that his services as Editor of The New Palestine should terminate on hay 15th.

The Chairman stated that from what he knew of the situation, Mr. Weisgal could not dealy his acceptance of this post eny longer, and that therefore there is nothing for the Committee to do but to accept his resignation with great regret.

Mrs. Silverman voiced her regret over Mr. Weisgal's resignation and she suggested that the Administrative Committee authorize the arrangement of a farewell reception to Mr. Weisgal in a manner befitting one who has served so earnestly and so well.

It was then moved, seconded and carried:

THAT Mr. Weisgal's resignation as Editor of The New Palestine be accepted with regret, and that the Administrative Committee appoint a committee to take action with regard to tendering Mr. Weisgal a fitting testimonial of the appreciation of his work, with the understanding that Mr. Weisgal will remain as Secretary, as a volunteer until the Convention.

#### CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION RE REPORT OF CONSITTEE ON CHITED FRONT:

Robbi Holler was of the opinion that the Administrative Committee ought to be informed as to what has taken place since the last moeting, in order that the Administrative Committee should know what was done and what should be done. Rabbi Heller recalled that at the last meeting at which he reported, he informed the Administrative Committee that a meeting with Judge Mack and the other members of the committee would take place the following

afternoon. Accordingly that meeting was held in Judge Mack's office, and the Zionist representatives took with them to the meeting the written statement from Dr. Margoshes exemerating them. At that meeting an analysis was made of the article in The Day, and Rabbi Heller tried to show that the article was written by someone who was not only present at the conference in Justice Brandeis! rooms but also at the subsequent conference at the hotel, and that the last paragraph in the article, referring to Do Blowitz pointed to one member, and that it was up to them to find the man who gave the information. since the statement in Tho Day definitely stated that it was one of the members who gave this information. Rabbi Feller pointed out to the Administrative Committee that up to that moment the remarks were not levelled at Mr. BeHaas individually, but that Mr. BeHaas immediately defended himself and submitted a account of his movements after leaving the meeting in Washington, because he stopped off in Baltimore, This account, Rabbi Heller pointed out, was of no account whatsoever, because Mr. deHeas merely stated that he went to Baltimore on business but what the business was he was unable to show. At smy rate, when Mr. deHaas finished, Rabbi Heller very frankly stated that it was Mr. deHmas who had done it and that his (Mr. deHmas) explanation was not satisfactory to him. Mr. WeHaas then said that he expected to be accused. Rabbi Heller appealed to them to right the matter and that the committee could not go ahead with its deliberation until this was righted and whoever was guilty had confessed. After the meeting, Rabbi Heller sent a letter to Justice Brandeis, entirely on his own account, reconnting everything that had happened, and expressing the opinion that this might lead him to see that the information he was securing from deHaas in other directions was untrustworthy as the information in this particular regard, Rabbi Heller thenrecoived a letter from Judge Mack, enclosing a lotter from Mr. Danzis of The Day, which had been written to dellass, which consisted partly of vituperation of the officials of the Zionist Organization, and then concluding with the sentence, "You know as well as I do that you did not furnish me with the information published in the Day". All this, Rabbi Heller pointed out, puts the Zionist representatives in a very embarrassing position. Rabbi Heller added that he also had a letter from Judge Mack, stating that he had spoken to Dr. Margoshes over the telephone, asking him to give a positive statement as to who did it, and that Dr. Margoshes refused, and that Judge Mack said he would have nothing whatever to do with Dr. Margoshes or Mr. Danzis. Rabbi Heller wrote Judge Mack, however, since he felt that the committee could not go en saying that this person did it or that person did it.

The situation briefly, Rabbi Heller said is this: Mr. Danzis has written this denial so far as Mr. deHaas in concerned. That leaves three possibilities: First, that Judge Mack or Mr. Szold are not telling the truth and that one of thom is guilty of this breach of confidence or trust, which Rabbi Heller personally believed was not so. Second, that Judge Mack believes that Dr. Margoshes! statement that it was not a member of the Zionist delegation, is not true. Thirdly, that Mr. Danzis is lying, which is probably true. However, Rabbi Heller pointed out, it is not only a question of personalities, and that so far as he is concerned -- and he imagined it is true of the other members of our committee -- the question of this makes very little difference so far as these negotiations are concerned. Rabbi Heller believed that it is of the utmost importance that everything be done to make these negotiations a success, and that if the Zionist representative cannot to this, it should be evident that it is not a success because of the unreasonable attitude of the other side, Rabbi Heller added that any reasonable peace with them is contingent upon showing that Mr. dollans was the one who did it. Therefore it is not merely a question of placing the blame, but it would aid in speeding time negotiations and arriving at ultimate peace if we can show to Mr. Branders and Judge Mack that we were innocent and delass guilty. Finally Rabbi Heller stated that for the purpose of the next meeting; he appealed to Dr. Margoshes to come to the meeting with Judge Mack and Mr. Szold, and make a statement to them of the source of the information given

Mr. Fishman then inquired whether Rabbi Heller had received a roply from Justice Brandeis, to which Rabbi Heller answered that the only roply he received was that Mr. Brandeis had forwarded a copy of this letter to Judge Mack.

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Dr. Coralnik was of the opinion that Dr. Heller's request of Dr. Margoshes was impossible from the journalistic point of view.

Dr. Margoshes then stated that he told Judge Mack that under no ciroumstances would be divulge the name of kis informant, since he considered it a breach of faith on his part and on the part of The Day, and Dr. Margoshes challonged Juigo Mack to tell him what he would think of him if he accoded to his demand. Dr. Margoshes added further that he did not wish to see Judgo Mack and give him any information, and he did not think that the negotiations are in danger. They will continue, and if Justice Brandeis and the others intend to continuo thom, they will. If they don't wish to negotiate, nothing, Dr. Margoshos pointed out, nothing that he or Rabbi Heller might do, will persuade thom. If they are intent upon discontinuing the negotiations, they will find some other reasons. Dr. Margoshes stated that there were two matters involved here. One is to sidetrack a certain gentleman. "I have no mare love for that gentlemen", Dr. Margoshes said, "than any one here. The fact is, Dr. Margoshes pointed out, that the Zionist Organization sent a delegation to negotiate with Mr. Frandeis. These negotiations continue, and the instructions given to the delegation by the Administrative Committee were that they should not concentrate their shaft upon this or that man, but to go forward with the negotiations. Dr. Margoshes added that the Zionist Organization has been exonerated by him, who knows who the informant is, and that he has no control over Danzis. This, Dr. Margoshes stated, is as far as he can go in decency, and he could not go ahead and throw to the world the man who gave him the information.

Mr. Weisgal then called attention to the fact that the letters written by Mr. Danzis were written on the stationery of The Day, to which Dr. Margoshes replied, "I carnot help that".

Dr. Ratnoff was of the opinion that the committee ought to drop the matter of following up the person who did it, but go allead with the negotiations

Mr. Lipsky stated that he understood that Dr. Wise also is calling a conference to discuss what is to be done in connection with a united front, and that he (Mr. Lipsky) did not want to interfere with any of these negotiations. On the other hand, Mr. Lipsky pointed out, the Administrative Committee with a sincere purpose, appointed a committee to see Mr. Brandeis in order to take up with him the question of how a united front can be established. Simultaneously one of the members writes an article clearly stating that there is no intention of making peace. In addition, letters and telegrams are sent out from a source which is making an underground opposition to the Zionist Organization and Zionist work, asking them to precipitate through organized action the assumption of leadership of Mr. Brandeis personally.

Rabbi Holler stated that his impression of the first conference with Justice Brandeis is that the entire purpose was to use this conference as a handle with which to discredit the Zionist Organization.

Dr. Ratnoff said that he did not believe that, and he believed everything Mr. Brandeis told the committee, and that he has no right to believe lir. Brandeis has an ulterior motive.

Rabbi Heller pointed out that we have no assurance from Mr. Brandons or his group that after reading the information sent him, there will be any further negetiations. Rabbi Heller was of the opinion that Mr. Brandeis has no intention of making peace, and his question as to whether the Zionist Organization is a failure or success is no basis for peace but a matter of victory or defeat. Rabbi Heller added that Mr. Brandeis permitted no discussion as to how such unity could be achieved but insisted upon the information, which in his opinion, pointed to a definite strategy that Justice Brandeis had determined upon in advance.

Dr. Margoshes was of the opinion that this discussion seems to lead nowhere and that there is nothing we can do about Justice Brandeis' future actions. We must give Justice Brandeis a reasonable time and if after two or three weeks we do not hear from Washington, we must come to the conclusion that the negotiations are off and issue a statement that the whole thing is off.

Rabbi Heller pointed out that Dr. Wise is of the opinion that the crucial point in the entire matter is not Mr. Brandeis but deHaas, which can not be disregarded, because the whole group is mainly actuated by deHaas.

Mr. Lipsky stated that the important thing for this Administrative Committee is to stop being so unconcerned and indifferent. Cities like Chicago, Philadelphia are inactive and doing nothing because they are waiting for peace, and if this attitude is continued, it will be detrimential to our work. It is important therefore, Mr. Lipsky stated, for the Zionists of the country to realize that they are not doing their duty, and if things continue this way, and people look in the direction leading to collapse, no administration will be found which will be willing to take up the burden, and unless the deficit can be cleared there will be no administration at all.

Dr. Coralnik stated that one of the greatest handleaps at the Actions Committee and Agency meetings was our weakness in America, which is known all over the world, and therefore Mr. Lipsky and himself at these meetings were in a great predicament, especially because all eyes were turned toward America and at the same time, they know we were helploss. It was unanimous voice of the Actions Committee and of all the Zionists that we in American ear organization, the World Organization will callapse not only financially but politically. Dr. Coralnik added that he did not believe these moves in connection with peace and unity are of great importance, but that what has to be done is that the Zionist Administration which is representative of the Zionist masses, whould create a strong Organization in America, and that this is of the utmost importance. We should come before the Convention with a creative spirit, and establish a new organization in America.

Rabbi Heller stated that it is highly anadvisable to pin too much hope on the negotiations with the Mack-Brendeis group, and that if we wait, we will come to the Convention with nothing concrete achieved. We ought to come to the Convention with some plan of reorganization, which was promised at the last Convention. In view or Dr. Coralnik's remarks, Rabbi Heller suggested that the Administrative Committee appoint a group of men to consider plans of reorganization, to be presented to the Convention. If possible, to corelate whatever comes out of the negotiations with the Brandeis group; if not, the committee should go shead with the plan in may case.

Dr. Coralmik than moved, and it was seconded an carrieds

for the coming year, be appointed, with a view to presenting in advance of the Convention considered recommendations for discussion and subsequent action at the Convention.

Mooting adjourned 11 P. M.

Rosportfully submitted
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#### I. S. WECHSLER, M. D. 1112 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK

april 30, 1930

DEar Dr. Silve: I delayed answering you little became I want ed to discuss with a number of perple the advisability of issing the statement at this time. after a mucher of conference it was decided to defer for the present so one with to give the zero. an oxportuinty to say that another pletical opposition has spring of deapite the fact that were of un seeks political prairies, and to wais forth amount of Justin Brandin to the purely my tration.
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May 1, 1930.

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

Dear Rabbit

I know that the National Fund is very near to your heart and it is your favorite Zionist institution.

It is because of my knowledge of your attitude towards the National Fund that I and Mr. H. Steinberg, who are in charge of the Chicago Zionist Lag Bomer celebration to take place Thursday evening, May 15th at the Ashland Auditorium, which has a seating capacity of 5000. We wish to invite you to come to Chicago at our expense and be the principal speaker of the evening. As a member of Chicago's West Side paper I want to assure you that the Jews of Chicago are hungry for you and there is no doubt in my mind that your presence alone would fill the hall to capacity and be instrumental in producing for the National Fund a sum of \$10,000 in cash.

I know that you are prepared to go a great deal out of your way to get for the National Fund such a sum of money. With your presence the success of the affair is guaranteed. Please do not turn us down and go a little out of your way, if it is necessary, to be with us on that particular evening.

Kindly notify us immediately of your decision; we hope it will be positive in character.

With kindest regards, we are

With Zign's greetings,

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May 8th 1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. Euclid Avenue Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver.

The Zionist District of Pittsburgh is planning an open meeting for the purpose of stimulating its membership to greater activity and arousing interest in the coming convention to be held in your city.

de would like to have you address this neeting which can be arranged for any time between the middle and the end of May to suit your convenience.

Your coming here would be of great value to our cause and we trust that you will find it possible to honor us by your visit.

Respectfully yours.

Zionist District of Pittsburgh

P.S. Address reply to 5338 Beeler Street. Pittsburgh. Pa.

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my. May 9th, 1930 Mr. J. E. Hosenberg. 5338 Beeler St., Pittsburgh, Pa. My dear Mr. Rosenberg:-Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May Sth. I regret exceedingly that I can not accept your invitation. I am already very heavily booked up for the remainder of the season with out-of-town lecture engagements. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

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Mey 9, 1930

To the members of the Administrative Committee:

The next meeting of the Administrative Committee will be held on Wednesday evening, May 14th, at 8:30 o'clock, at the Jewish Club, 23 West 73rd Street, New York.

This meeting is called primarily for the purpose of taking action on the decision of the last meeting of the Administrative Committee to elect a Personnel Committee of five which shall, in the name of the Administrative Committee, make its recommendations to the next annual Convention regarding the future form and personnel of the Zionist Administration for the coming year.

In view of the importance of this question, every member of the Administrative Committee is urgently requested to attend.

Very cordially yours,

Meyer W. Woisgal,

Secretary

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June 20, 1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Silver:

I am very glad, indeed, to hear that you have accepted the invitation of Mr. Klein for the Convention Committee, to be one of the speakers at the banquet which is to be held in connection with the Convention on Sunday evening.

Despite differences of opinion, I think it of the utmost importance that everybody do whatever he can to make an imposing demonstration, so far as the public is concerned, of Zionist unity.

With best regards, I am

Very cardially yours,

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President

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קרן קימת לישראל JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA (KEREN KAYEMETH LE ISRAEL INC.) III FIFTH AVENUE **NEW YORK** ALGONOUIN 3600 OFFICE OF THE June 23, 1930 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. The Temple, 105th St. & Ansel Rd., Cleveland, Ohio Dear Abba:-Your letter reached me after a little delay because I have not been home for a few weeks, having secluded myself for the purpose of completing my law studies. What is going to happen at the Convention? Heaven only knows. My own munch is, of course, that no change of any substantial character will take place, though changes of a formal character might be made. I am going to be in Cleveland just one day -- Sunday. I shall have to be back in the city on Monday. I would be delighted to take lunch with you, if that should be possible. You may be too busy on Sunday, and if so, I will understand, and thank you for the invitation just the same. If it is possible, you might let me know here by mail or wire, or else leave a message for me under my name at the Statler Hotel. Regards to your wife and the "family". As ever, Yours. EMANUEL NEUMANN EN: EC

Rabbi Silver Cleveland, Ohio

Just received your secretary's message stating your refusal to speak at banquet which amazes me. I trust you will appreciate the position this puts me in as well as the Cleveland District. American Zionists expect you to speak acception and promise to me as well as publicity. Your failure to appear as scheduled will also disfrandise me in Zionist work. I urge your reconsideration before I make your message known.

George J. Klein 410 Engineers Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio RECEIVED AP

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111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

July 17, 1930.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I find that the payroll of the office, which was due on July 15th, has not yet been fully met. I wonder whether it would be convenient for you to send on any money from Cleveland at the present moment.

We are gradually getting organized and beginning the work. It will probably take some little time before everything is smooth. I must say, however, that I have been pleased with the spirit of friendliness and cooperation, which so far has been apparent.

Sincerely yours

Chairman

July 18, 1980.

To the Administration of the Zionist Organization of America:

The Finance Counittee submits the following reports

The Finance Committee consists of the following members: givered Friedman, Louis P. Mocker, Thilly mattemberg, Abraham Léebovits, Morris Meinberg, Marry Flerst, Joseph Weiss, S. Thau, J. Lachow, S. Helprin, I. Maltin, Secretary.

of July 1980. The Committee met at the offices of the Z.O.A. on the 17th day

1. Be were faced at the outset with the problem of making provision for meeting the cost of maintaining the Organization to December 31, 1930.

By reason of the method adopted for calculating the deficit as of May Elst, the books of the Organization did not neourately reflect the financial condition of the Organization. The cost of operating the Organization to December Elst is as real a liability of the Z.O.A. as is a liability on the notes issued by the E.O.A., and is a part of the deficit of the J.O.A. This would appear if the approxits were made so of aber Slet.

Moreover, this view which is supported by proper accounting principles, must be adopted if we are to have the right to use the moneys received for the special purpose of meeting the licuist deficit for the cost of operation to December Wist.

We have accordingly directed the auditor to submit a revised re-

E. Your committee was of the opinion that the budget ought to be belanced, that is to say, that the expenditures must not exceed the estibe properly belanced unless the income of the Organization is conservatively estimated. Our main income is from Zionist membership, including Endangal. This principle was adopted by the Finance Committee and should be approved by the Administrative Committee.

should submit as soon as possible a budget for their respective departments. In order to eliminate the condition which has arisen every year, that the new administration is without funds to continue the Zionist work, the budget should be made for eighteen months, and the income calculated for the same period. The budgets submitted by the different departments and semmittees should be made up in the light of the resolution adepted by the Finance Committee and which we hope will be approved by the Administrative Committee, that the expenses must not exceed the income of the Organisation conservatively estimated.

The work of the Organization should not be curtailed. The new activities in the way of furthering economic undertakings in Palestine must be pushed with great vigor. This can only be done by increasing our membership, which is our only source of revenue.

5. The committee has resolved that no checks by issued by the Organisation except upon the approval of the chairman of the Finance Committee, or in his absence, by the vice-chairman of the committee.

4. Before the new administration was elected, the Finance Scamittee of the Z.O.A. had made arrangements for funding the principal bank leans. They accordingly arranged for a lean by the Matienal City Bank of \$65,000. upon the guarantee of individual members of the Organization. \$45,000. has already been used and there is a further credit of \$20,000. available. This additional money will be utilized to retire existing outstanding leans. The Finance Committee has authorised the making of this lean to meet primary surrent obligations of the Z.O.A. and to maintain the credit of the Organization.

5. Settlement with the U.P.A. The U.P.A. was under a moral obligation to pay \$5,000. annually on the lease of the premises occupied by the Z.O., which lease is in the name of the Z.O. This lease has 25 years more to run. A proposal for the settlement of this obligation for \$7,500. has been made. The committee deems this settlement a good one and requests the approval of the Administrative Committee of the settlement, and authority to consummate the settlement.

6. The question of what economies, if any, are to be made in the operation of the Organisation cannot be considered until the various departments have submitted their respective budgets. It is expected that the various committees will take all the necessary steps to secure economy in their various departments, and will not leave this matter to the Finance Committee, which is necessarily less familiar with the departments than the various committees.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Semuel J. Rosensohn Chairman, Finance Committee

July 22, 1950.

To the various Chairmen of Committees:

May I suggest that, in anticipation of the necting of the Administration on next Monday, July 28th, each committee chairman formulate a statement of the functions of his committee as he conceives them to be; that he give to the Committee on Committees suggestions as to numbers, particularly as to his own committee; and, if he deems it wise, to call an informal meeting of persons quite certain to be appointed on his own particular committee, in advance of next Monday.

Very cordially yours,

Chairman

July 23d, 1930 Mr. Robert Scold, Zionist Organization of America, 111 Fifth Ave., How York, N. Y. My dear Mr. Szold:-I just got your letter of July 17th. I am enclosing herewith two checks, one of \$500 in part payment of my plodge and one of \$300 in payment of the pledge of Mr. George J. Mlein. I will be able to send you some additional money within the next week or ten days. We have called a meeting for next Wednesday to consider the ways of raising Cleveland's quota of \$10,000. I hope to see you in New York next Monday. With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

MONEY SENT TO THE DEFICIT FUND OF THE Z. O. A.

JULY 23d, 1930

\$500 - A. H. Silver

\$300 - George J. Eleta

July 31st, 1930

\$50 - Ezra Shaperc



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111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

July 25, 1930,

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to express to you the keen pleasure, on the part of all of us, on receiving your letter of July 23rd with the two enclosures: one check of \$500. from your good self, and the other check for \$300. in payment of the pledge of George J.Klein.

We have had a number of gratifying responses, and the work as a whole seems to be going more smoothly day by day.

Hoping to see you on Monday, I am

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

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111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

July 30, 1930.

To the members of the Administration of the Z.O.A.:

Please note that the next meeting of the Administration of the Zionist Organization will be held on Monday evening, August 4th, at the Zionist offices, at 8 o'clock.

You are earnestly requested to attend.

Sincerely yours

Chairman

P.S. Please use the 18th St. entrance.

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111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

July 30, 1930

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am pleased to advise you that you have been appointed by the newly elected Administrative Committee of the ZOA a member of the Committee on Public Information, of which I have been appointed chairman.

The function of this Committee will be to endeavor to inform the American public, Jewish as well as non-Jewish, upon Zionist aims and achievements, and all the various aspects of the Palestinian problem.

It is felt that in view of the present situation, the work of this Committee will be of the highest importance, and I hope that you will see your way clear to serving on this Committee, a list of which I am attaching herewith.

The first meeting of the Committee will take place on Monday, August 4, at 5:30 P.M., at Charles French Restaurant, 452 Sixth Ave. (near 11th St.) New York ity. We will have dinner together and the members of the Committee are urged to be present promptly at 5:30 in view of the fact that a meeting of the Administrative Committee is scheduled to take place immediately following the meeting of this committee.

Trusting that you will attend the meeting on Monday, I am

Wery cordially yours,

EMANUEL NEUNANN

CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FEBLIC INFORMATION

July 31st, 1930

The Zionist Organization, 111 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Gentlement-

for \$50 towards the Deficit Fund which I received from Mr. Ezra Shapero.

With kindest regards, permit me

to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR



August 1st, 1930 Mr. Emanuel Neumann. Jewish National Fund, 111 Fifth Ave. . New York, M. Y. My dear Emanuel !-I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the meeting of the Committee on Public Information or of the Administrative Committee next Monday. I have to go to New York the following week and I find that I have been traveling too much. There is one suggestion that I should like to make to your committee: The office of the World Zionist Organization has been publishing a series of small attractive, informative tracts about the present situation in Palestine, Jewish achievements, the Arabs under the British Mandate, etc. etc. It may be possible for our committee to precure a few hundred or a few thousand copies of each of these inexpensive tracts and have them circulated among the American editors, clergymen, congressmen, libraries, government officials, etc. It would even be advisable to pay for them, for it would be some time before we would be in a position, ourselves, to issue such tracts. With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ZIONIST AIMINISTRATION.

Dear Sir:

Please note that the meeting of the Administration scheduled to take place on Monday evening, August 4th, has been postponed to WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 6TH, 2 P.M., at the Zionist headquarters, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York.

This postponement is being made, after consultation with New York members of the Administration, in order to permit the members of the Administration to be present at the public meeting being arranged for Wednesday evening, August 6th.

Kindly make an effort to be present, and on time.

Cordially yours, ert bold w.

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111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

August 11, 1930

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

Dear Abba:

As ever

We had a meeting of the Committee on Public Information last Monday, attended by seven members, three of whom came in from our of town.

I read your letter and it was agreed that it was an excellent suggestion, and three members of the committee were appointed to read the pamphlets carefully to determine which should be used and to whom they should be sent.

I am sending you under separate cover the minutes of the meeting, including the proposed statement of the functions and activities of the committee.

We had a meeting of the Administration on "ednesday and a public meeting in the evening of which you must have read.

We are trying to get on tith the work here, though the excessive heat, among other factors, is making progress a little slow.

Have you seen a letter which came from Jacob Landau including an unpublished interview with Passfield? It is highly interesting. If you haven't, please tell me and I will have copies made and sent to you.

My kind regards to Virginia and the youngsters.

Yours,

Emanuel Neumann

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111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

August 12, 1930

To the Members of the Executive Committee:

At the last meeting of the Administration of the Z.O.A. it was unanimously decided to call the first meeting of the Executive on September 19th, 1930, the Sunday preceding Rosh Hashannah. It was felt that there would be not enough for the Executive to do as a body to justify calling a meeting prior to the return of the delegates from the Berlin conferences of the Actions Committee and of the Agency to be held during the week beginning August 24th. It is expected that certain of our representatives will have returned by September 19th.

You were elected a member of the Executive Committee at the Cleveland Convention; and we hope you will serve the Zionist cause in this important capacity. Please reserve the day of September 19th and let us know if you will be available.

You were elected a member because of your reputation and ability to serve our cause. We hope and expect that this service will not be confined to the time of meetings of the Executive Committee; but that constantly and day by day you will be adding to the strength of the Organization by obtaining new members, by raising funds for the deficit, by creating favorable public opinion in Jewish and non-Jewish circles in your community, by assisting in the Allied Jewish Campaign and, in other words, by personally aiding in creating a situation where more and more Jews may enter Palestine se as to build up the Jewish National Home with the minimum delay.

Robert Szold

Robert Szold

Chairman . Administration Z.O.A.

PRESENT: Messrs. Robert Szold (in the chair); Jacob de Haas, Emanuel Neumann, Samuel J. Rosensohn, Nelson Futtenberg, Abraham Tulin; Harry P. Fierst, by invitation.

Excuses for absence received from Mr. Rothenberg on account of illness.

The chairman called attention to the fact that practically every member of the Administration who is not out of town is present at the meeting.

It was decided

That Mr. Harry P. Fierst be invited to attend the meetings of the Administration, in his capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee.

#### EXECUTIVE CONDUCTEE MEETING:

It was unanimously decided

That notices be sent to the members of the Executive Committee, notifying them that the first meeting will be held on Sanday, September 28th.

#### MR. ROSENBLATT'S ATTENDANCE AT BERLIN SESSIONS:

The chairman reported that in accordance with the authority vested in him by the Administration to name one or two American members in addition to Judge Mack and Dr. Wise, for participation in the Berlin sessions, he communicated with Mrs. Jacobs, who is now in Europe, but no word has as yet been received from her.

In the meantime word has been received that Mr. Rosenblatt is now in Europe.

It was decided

That a cable be sent to the London office asking them to facilitate Mr. Rosenblatt's attendance at the meetings of the Astions Committee and the Administrative Committee of the Jew-ish Agency.

#### YOUNG JUDARA

The chairman reported that Dr. Israel Goldstein contemplates resigning as President of Young Judaea; that he is relying on support from the Zionist Organization and wants a member of the Administration to take hold of this work.

It was decided

That while we call Dr. Goldstein's attention to the fact that his resignation should be made to Young Judaea and not to the Administrative Committee, we, however, request him, in view of the importance of Young Judaea and the importance of his services to it, to withhold action.



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It was further decided

That Mr. de Haas, Rabbi Heller (or a substitute to be named by him) Dr. Wechsler and Mr. Ruttenberg be appointed a committoe to meet with the officers of Young Judaea, study its problems, and report back to the Administration their recommendations as to a method of cooperation.

#### RENNIE SMITH:

The chairman presented a communication from Mr. Rennie Smith, Member of Parliament and Private Secretary to the Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, who contemplates coming to the United States in the Fall, and asks whether we can utilize his services in connection with lectures on the situation and the policy involved in Palestine. Mr. Rennie Smith plans to devote the last days of September and the first part of October to the South, the second period to the Middle West, and the third, to the end of ctober, to the New England area.

Mr. Smith encloses a letter of introduction from Major Daniel Hopkin, who speaks very highly of him, and warmly recommends him.

The matter was referred to Committee on Organization.

#### MORRIS A. ZELDIN:

The chairman reported a recommendation of the Office Committee for engaging Mr. Morris A. Zeldin as National Field Director, at a salary of \$135 per week.

After a discussion it was decided

That the recommendation be referred to the Finance Committee; and subject to the report of that Committee, the Office Committee shall thereafter be empowered to act.

#### REPORT ON ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT:

Mr. de Haas submitted the following interim report on the Organization Department:

"The membership dues received in 1928 for the Month of August amounted to \$1183.50 and in August 1929 for \$2454.245 The receipts for August 1930 through and including August 18th, amounted to \$1515.50 representing payments by 271 members.

"The foregoing figures are independent of payments made during the menth on Hadassah account.

"A conference has been definitely arranged in Chicago for September 7th. The Peninsula Conference is spill under discussion.

"A New England conference will take place in September and various gatherings have been planned for N.Y.C. all with a view for increasing membership.

'The current correspondence includes Shrevoport, La., Houston, Texas, for the whole state - Portland, Oregon, Greensboro, Pitts-burgh and Philadelphia, Pa., Baltimore, Md., for the Seaboard Region.

"On the whole, the correspondence is encouraging.

"Texas has promised to increase its membership to 1500.

"At a preliminary meeting held in Boston it was estimated that a large membership can be obtained in New England.

On motion of Mr. Tulin, it was decided

That the report of Mr. deHaas be accepted.

#### . . ISRAEL ZILBER, DETROIT:

Mr. Neumann reported that both he and Mr. Fierst had received letters from Mr. Zilber of Detroit, in which he writes that sometime ago he subscribed for \$1000, mortgage bonds of Palestine Securities, oh which he has already paid in \$800; and that he has also made payments on land, amounting to several thousand dollars. In view of the financial difficulties in which Mr. Zilber finds himself at the present time, he asks that the Zionist Organization endeavor to secure for him some of the money he has paid in on these mortgage bonds.

It was decided

That the matter be tabled until the next meeting of the Administration.

#### MINANCIAL SITUATION:

Mr. Rosensohn reported on the critical financial situation.

#### NEW PALESTINE:

Mr. Rosensohn pointed out that in view of the present financial condition of the Organization, the policy of The New Palestine will have to be changed.

It was also pointed out that The Permit of The New Palestine provides that it shall be issued as a weekly for ten months of the year, and as a monthly during the months of July and August, and that if we extend the summer months to include September, we may encounter difficulties and lose the second-class mailing privilege.

Mr. Tulin explained that in connection with the issue on September 5th, and the Rosh Hashonah issue, both Mr. Bienenfeld and Mr. Lefkowitz have assured him that a considerable amount of advertising can be secured, with the prospect that the cost of the Rosh Eashonah issue would be a small figure in excess of the regular issue, and the probability that it may pay for itself.

After a discussion, it was moved

That the Chairman of the Committee on Publications be authorized to publish The New Palestine, as heretofore, for the first week in September and also the Rosh Hashonah number, providing the postal authorities agree to this.

Mr. Fierst amended the motion as follows:

That the Chairman of the Committee on Publications be authorized to publish these issues, with the understanding that the expenses do not exceed \$500 per issue.

The motion, as amended, was adopted; Mr. Szold and Mr. Fosensohn voting no.

#### FOREI EN CORRESPONDENTS

Mr. Tulin stated that The New Palestine has on its permanent staff, four foreign correspondents, three of whom receive \$30. a month, and the fourth \$30. a week.

In view of the financial condition of the Organization, it was unanimously decided

To dispense with the services of all foreign correspondents and to notify them accordingly.

#### THE DAY:

In connection with the Zionist page in The Day, Mr. Tulin reported that he is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Margoshes, in which the latter asks that arrangements be made whereby The Day should in the future be reimbursed the expense of setting up and printing the Zionist page.

Mr. Tulin further reported that Dr. Bernstein is of the opinion that the page in The Day is very valuable, and he suggests that we offer to pay The Day \$3000. instead of the \$5000. which Dr. Margoshes demands.

It was the consensus of opinion

That the Chairman of the Committee on Publications be authorised to confer with Mr. Shapiro on The Day, without incurring any obligations.

#### MR. BARBARASH:

It was moved

That the services of Mr. Bartarash, assistant to Dr. Bernstein be forthwith dispensed with, unless Mr. Tulin should find that there is a good reason for it.

#### SUBSIDIES:

The suggestion was made

That in view of the present financial condition, we cannot centimue any subsidies.

No action taken.

#### CORRECTION RE EXPENDITURES OF COMMITTEE IN PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Mr. Neumann called attention to the statement which appeared in the minutes of the last meeting in connection with the expenditures of the Committee on Public Information, last year, from which it would appear as if he were responsible for the expenditure of \$9,386. Mr. Neumann pointed out that the expenses which he incurred amounted to several hundred dollars; that the arrangement made with Mr. Rhoade, of Washington, was of a temporary character until the Administration returned from abroad, at which time Mr. Neumann retired, and subsequently, other expenditures were incurred, of which he had no knowledge.

The correction, as stated, was noted.

Mooting adjourned at 12m

Respectfully submitted
Rac Woinberg



August 21st, 1930 Mr. Emanuel Heumann, Zionist Organization of America. 111 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. My dear Emarcel :-Thank you for your letter of August 11th. I should very much like to receive a copy of the letter of Jacob Landau which contained the unpublished interview with Passfield. I am leaving next Monday for a few days in Atlantic City to rest up before the holidays. Why don't you come there and join us? We will be stopping at the Ritz-Carlton. With kindest regards in which Virginia joins me, I am As ever yours, AHS/IR

# קרן קימת לישראל JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA

(KEREN KAYEMETH LE IBRAEL INC.)

III FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

ALGONQUIN 3600

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 25, 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, c/o Aitz-Carlton Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J.

Dear Abba:

In accordance with your request, I am sending you herewith the Landau correspondence.

This is the only copy we have here and I would appreciate it if you would return this to me when you have read it.

Your invitation sounds very tempting. I wish I could join you but I am afraid I can't get away.

I hope you rest up and enjoy yourself.

With kindest regards to Virginia and
yourself, I am as ever

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Enamuel.

כרן קימת לישראל JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA (KEREN KAYEMETH LE ISRAEL INC.) III FIFTH AVENUE **NEW YORK** ALGONOUIN 3600 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT September 5, 1930 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver c/o The Temple, Claveland, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: You will recall that on August 21st you wrote to Mr. Neumann asking for a copy of the Landau interview with Passfield, and stating also that you were going to Atlantic City and expected to stop at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. accordingly, Mr. Neumann despatched the enclosed to you c/o the Ritz Carlton Hotel, and the material has just been returned here marked unclaimed. I am therefore sending it on to you in Cleveland and I hope it reaches you in due course. Please return it to Mr. Neumann when you have read it. Very sincerely yours, Secretary to Mr. Neumann Enc.

RABBI HARRY S. DAVIDOWITZ
THE JEWISH CENTER
CLEVELAND OHIO

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY MY INABILITY TO ATTEND MEETING THIS

EVENING. PLEASE CONVEY TO YOUR GUEST OF HONOR MR.

LOUIS LIPSKY MY FELICITATIONS ON HIS THIRTY YEARS OF Contotacherg

SERVICE TO THE ZIONIST CAUSE AND EXTEND TO HIM MY BEST

WISHES FOR CONTINUED A HAPPY CONTINUATION OF HIS DISTINGUISHED

CAREER.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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### RESIGNATION OF MR. WEISCAL:

The Chairman reported that on the agenda for the last meeting of the Administrative Countton, there had appeared the resignation of Mr. Weisgal as Secretary of the Organization and Editor of The New Palestine, but that in view of the lateness of the hour, Mr. Weisgal had been asked to hold back his resignation until this meeting.

Mr. Lipsky than read the following letter from Mr. Weisgul:

"Mr. Louis Lipsky, President Zionist Organization of America, BUILDING

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

It is with deep regret that I herewith tender my resignation as Editor of The New Palestine and Secretary of the Zionist Organization of America, to take effect on January 1, 1930.

As you know, I have been considering this step for some time. Having been connected with the Zionist Organization in verious espacities for fifteen years, having made Zionism the sole interest of my life, it was not without a great inner straggle that I was able to make my sociation. This docination was made even more difficult because of the present critical Zionist situation and because of the serious condition in which the ZOA finds itself today. But the factors which impel me to consider leaving the Organization are of such a character as to leave me no choice in the matter, but to redign from the staff of the Organization.

I cannot close this letter without a personal word to you, Mr. Lipsky, whose leadership I have followed loyally since my identification with the Movement. I shall always treasure my association with you as the richest and finest experience in my life. Your high idealism and great personality have made it possible for me to forget many of the irritations and hamiliations attendent upon service in the Zionist Organization. I wish to assure you that I will continue to give of my mind and service to the Zionist Organization to the greatest possible extent. I shall of course remain a member of the Administrative Committee to which I was elected at Detroit by reason of my office as secretary of the Organization.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Sincerely yours, (signed) Mayor W. Weisgal

In reply to questions from various members of the Committee, Mr. Lipsky stated that Mr. Weisgal is resigning for personal resons, having agreed to take a position in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Mr. Popkis and others felt that it would be a grave mistake to accept the resignation of Mr. Weisgal as the Organization needs the invaluable services of Mr. Weisgal. It was the consensus of opinion that Mr. Weisgal should be asked to hold back his resignation until Merch 1st, if possible,

and it was finally moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

THAT the Administrative Committee calls upon Mr. Weisgal to withold his resignation until March 1st, in view of present conditions in Zionist affairs.

### HADASSAH:

The Chairman recalled that at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee, a committee was appointed to take up with Hadascah consideration of the resolution adopted at the Hadascah Convention in Atlantic City, regarding its future relations with the ZOA. Mr. Lipsky added that it appears from converations which have been had with representatives of Hadascah that there is a very strong desire on the part of Hadascah to be more closely affiliated with the work of the ZOA especially in view of present conditions. Accordingly a meeting took place on Friday November 29, at which were present for Hadascah-Mrs. Szold, Mrs. Rosensohn and Mrs. Vixman; and for the ZOA-Mr. Lipsky and Mr. Weisgal. At this conference it was agreed to submit for the approval of the Administrative Committee of the ZOA the following arrangement for the representation of Hadascah on the Administrative Committee, with a view to the fullest cooperation between the two organizations, both nationally and locally:

- That Hadassah shall have the right to representation on the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America up to the number of 25% of the entire membership of the Administrative Committee.
- 2). That the same proportion shall obtain on the National Executive Committee, as well as on any other Committee that may be a pointed or elected by the Zionist Organization of America.
- 3). That in the interim between Jenuary 1 and the next Zionist Convention, Hadassah's National Board shall rominate fifteen members for the Administrative Committee of whom ten are to be elected by the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America to be ratified by the National Executive Committee. That a similar form of nomination and election shall obtain at the annual Convention.
- 4). It is understood that Hadassah's representative on the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America will act as individual members of the Committee and that they shall be bound by decisions of the Committee in the same way as all other members; but that their action on the Administrative Committee shall not be binding upon the National Board of Hadassah."

A discussion followed,

Mr. Freeberger believed that this arrangement should be reciprocal and that the ZCA should be represented on the National Board of Hadassah.

The consensus of opinion favored the agreement in principle, but urged that this should not be made a constitutional provision.

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Holler, Rabbi James G.-Cincinnati, O

Klein, Geo. J. -Cleveland, O

Lamport, Solomon -New York City

Neumann, Emanuel -Bklyn, N. Y.

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Whereas the Cleveland Jewish community will be privileged to act as hosts to the th Convention of the Zionist Organization of America and

Whereas matters of greatest moment for the future of the Zionist Movement in America will come up for consideration, and

Whereas the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America has initiated a movement to restore complete unity in the ranks of American Zionists through conference with the Brandeis-Mack group and

Whereas the Brandeis-Mack group has submitted a memorandum outlining the terms upon which its return to active participation in the Zionist Organization would be made possible and

Theres the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America has referred this memorandum to the forthcoming Zionis; Convention for action.

Now therefore be it resolved:

That the Zionist District of Cleveland extends the warmest welcome to all the delegates of the Jewish communities of America. who will come to Cleveland. The Zionist District of Cleveland, through its committees will endeavor to make the stay of the delegates in its midst a pleasant one.

Be it further resolved that the Cleveland Zionist District devoutly hopes that as a result of the deliberations of the forthcoming Convention complete harmony and unity will be established in American Zionist ranks.

Be it further resolved that it regards the Brandeis Memorandum not as an ultimatum but as one that is amenable to change and that wise and courageous leadership among the leaders of both groups will be successful in discovering the desired formula which will insure the wished-for goal.

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# Report of the Palestine Department

To the members of the Administrative Committee of the Z.O.A.

Report #2

Dear fellow-Zionist:

First

1. American Chalutzim group

We are glad to report that we have been able to supply the first American Chalutzim group, consisting of 25 youngmen, with the necessary papers permitting them to enter Paledtine. Of this number, 7 Chalutzim left for Palestine on December 21st on the steamer Alesia of the Fabre Line. A second group will depart on January 15th, and the remainder will sail on the s.s. Mauretania on February 20th. All applicants cover their own traveling expenses and all of them are in possession of a few hundred dollars each. The majority of them are United States citizens. After their arrival in Palestine they are expected to be placed in Kwuzoth as farm laborers; others who are skilled workers desire to be placed in industrial or building enterprises. Upon their landing they will be taken charge of by the Palestine Zionist Executive in conjunction with the Jewish Labor Organization, to whom we have forwarded a list and particulars of all the trave.

2. Second American Chalutzim group

In view of the fact that we have on our files over 100 new applications for Chalutz-Certificates, it was necessary to select a second group of 25 persons (21 men and 4 women) as suitable candidates. The Palestine Zionist Executive informed us by cable of the dispatch of a further 15 Certificates, and it is to be hoped that we will be able to supply also this group with the necessary papers in order that they may leave on February 20th.

Since the time of the outbreaks in Palestine until February 20th, we will have sent to Palestine a total of 50 Chalutzin.

### 3. Chalutz-Certificates for March-Datober 1930

The new allotment of Certificates by the Palestine Authorities starts in March and gives the applicants the right to arrive in Palestine until October 1930.

A strong desire having been voiced by all those concerned in Palestine for an immigration of American Chalutzim in appreciable numbers and in view of the large number of applicants expected until March, we deem it necessary to proceed already with the necessary preparations for securing the proper papers for the applicants. According our estimate, we will need about 100 Certificates for the above mentioned period and there is reason to believe that the Palestine Zicnist Executive will supply us with the requested number of Certificates.

A temporary committee has been appointed, consisting of representatives of all the Zionist Parties and other groups interested in the Chalutz movement. The Committee constituted itself a Board of Examiners and meets in the Zionist head-quarters every Sunday, from 12 to 2 p.m., when applicants are invited to appear to have their applications thoroughly examined. Only such applicants that are approved by the Board are recommended for the issuance of a Certificate.

### 4. Capitalist-settlers

During the month from November 15 until December 15, a total of five families possessing each a average capital of \$8000, made applications through this Department for visas to settle in Palestine as "capitalists". During the corresponding period last year we made 34 similar applications.

## 5. American " capitalist"-settlers for 1928

According to the report recently published by the Palestine Government and forwarded to this office, a total of 250 Americans settled in Palestine as "capitalist" -settlers during the year 1928. All these settlers left for Palestine through the medium of our Department. According to our files, they brought into the country a capital of over three million dollars.

### 6. Buying of orange plantations on the part of American Jews

The existing American orange plantation groups, such as Acheoza Aleph 2000 Yprk, Nathania and other reliable agencies, have askes us to be helpful in contoring confidence of American Jews in the purchasing of orange plantations in Palestine. During the last few years a considerable number of American Jews have purchased land from reliable agencies, the mumber of such buyers showing an increase from year to year. Since the events in Palestine, a great change for the worse has taken place. None of those circles usually belonging to the middle class elements, are now willing to buy land. The above named agencies believe that if an authoritative appeal of encouragement should be issued, it would bring a out a revival of the interest in this assaura among industry among American Jews and consequently the response of a larger number of prospective land buyers.

I suggest that an Advisory Connittee be appointed by the Administrative Cornittee, consisting of five businessmen, who, together with the above named agencies, shall study the matter in order to decide on the necessary steps.

I should like to add that during my visit to Palastine, I have ascertained that the Achocza Alleph New York, Nathania, and Gan Rishal enjoy a high reputation in the country are are recommended as worthy of every moral support.

It is of interest to know that Achooma Aleph has been granted a Charter by the State of New York for the opening of a Bank under the name of Bank Hasharon (Bank of the Valley of Sharon) with the object of uniting all financial institutions functioning in the colonies of the Sharon (Basi Brak Basi Benyamin, Magdiel, Kfar Saba etc.). The main purpose of this Bank will be to extend loans on short and long terms to settlers and building contractors of the settlements of the Sharon.

Dr. S. Bornotein,

Director, Palestine Department,

December 23,1929

# NATIONAL ZIONIST ROLL CALL

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# **Registration Booklet**

This contains ten blanks for the enrollment of ten people in the national Zicnist Roll Call. The enrollment fees are to be returned with this booklet to the Zionist Organization of America, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

REGISTER YOUR WIFE, HUSBAND, SON, DAUGHTER, FRIEND, RELATIVE AND NEIGHBOR.

# NATIONAL ZIONIST ROLL CALL

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA III FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

HEREBY register my faith in a Jewish Palestine, and endorse the efforts to secure a more effective administration of that country by Great Britain in accordance with the provisions of the Mandate and the Balfour Declaration.

HEREWITH attach one dollar (\$1.00) as my registration fee which is to be used for the above purpose.

Name		
Addre	w	City and State