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Zionist Organization of America, national budgeting, 1945.

RESOLUTION ON NATIONAL BUDGETING

The Zionist Organization of America, meeting in 48th Annual Convention in Atlantic City on November 19th, 1945, records its opposition to the adoption of a national advisory budgeting service as recommended by the Board of Directors Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Believing that the Council of Federations is neither a democratically selected nor a representative body in the life of the American Jewish community, we are convinced that the power to influence the thinking and giving of American Jewry to all causes appealing for Welfare Fund support represents too dangerous an instrument in the hands of any small group centrally selected on a non-representative basis. We urge Zionists throughout the country who play a vital role in their Welfare Funds as leaders, contributors and workers to give their utmost support to act within their local community to bring about the defeat of national advisory budgeting. If a program of this type is adopted during the most critical period facing the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, it will give to those who are lukewarm and opposed to the Zionist program a weapon which they have thus far not been able to exercise through the action of local community sentiment which is overwhelming in favor of the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home.