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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



1720 - 16TH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

To all ZOA District Presidents, Secretaries and Membership Chairmen.

Dear Friend:

The following cable addressed to the Zionists of America was just received from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver now attending an extraordinary session of the World Zionist Executive in Jerusalem:

JERUSALEM

DECEMBER 7, 1945

EMANUEL NEUMANN

ZOA WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIGNIFICANCE OF STRONGLY WELDED FORCE OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS IS BORNE IN UPON ME AS I CONFER WITH LEADERS OF YISHUV ON PLANS WHICH MAY DEEPLY AFFECT THE FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE. AMERICAN ZIONIST NOW ONLY TOWER OF STRENGTH PROTECTING THE RAMPARTS FROM WHICH OUR BRETHREN FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND SECURITY. THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, LARGEST UNIT IN OUR MOVEMENT, MUST GATHER INTO ITS RANKS THE MULTITUDE OF STILL UNORGANIZED SUPPORTERS OF OUR CAUSE AND THUS INTEGRATE INTO OUR MOVEMENT THE MAJORITY OF THE 90% OF AMERICAN JEWS WHO IN RECENT ELMO ROPER POLL GAVE THEIR ENDORSEMENT TO A JEWISH PALESTINE STATE. THEY MUST BE MOBILIZED FOR OUR CAUSE THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN THE ZOA LEST THIS GREAT POTENTIAL POWER BE LOST AND DISSIPATED. FROM THIS SCENE OF TRAVAIL AND HOPE I CALL UPON AMERICAN JEWS TO RALLY EN MASSE UNDER THE ZIONIST BANNER AND JOIN WITH US IN OUR STRUGGLE. THE CAMPAIGN FOR 250,000 MEMBERS PROCLAIMED BY THE ZOA MUST BE AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS. LET EVERY AMERICAN JEW INDICATE WHERE HE STANDS IN THIS HOUR OF DECISION.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

This is the first message of Dr. Silver as President of the ZOA following our

Annual Convention in Atlantic City. The cable speaks for itself. No American Jew can remain unmoved by the urgency of our President's plea for the immediate mobilization of a force of 250,000 strong to represent, in the words of Dr. Silver, a "tower of strength protecting the ramparts from which our brethren fight for freedom and security."

The response to the stirring call of Dr. Silver must be immediate and overwhelming. Every member of your community who is concerned with the fate of his people must be aroused to action -- to strengthen the ZOA ranks in this hour of decision.

Dr. Silver is expected to return to this country towards the end of this month. Let us demonstrate our response to his call by presenting him upon his return with a roster of the first 100,000 members. This will be the most effective manifestation to the world that American Jews stand solidly behind him in his fight for Jewish rights in Palestine.

Call an emergency meeting of your Membership Committee without delay! Give Dr. Silver's call the widest possible publicity in your community. Wire us the results of your action. Help us attain our goal -- the first 100,000 members before January 1.

Your reply is anxiously awaited.

With warm regards and Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Marks

Sidney Marks
Secretary

F L A S H

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 18, 1945

From: Dr. Sidney Marks

THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE THIS AFTERNOON IN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNANIMOUSLY REPORTED OUT THE JOINT PALESTINE RESOLUTION. THIS ACTION FOLLOWED TESTIMONY RENDERED BY DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN WHO WAS ON THE STAND ONE AND A HALF HOURS.

MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE INTERVIEWED BY YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR CHARACTERIZED DR. NEUMANN'S TESTIMONY AS A "MAGNIFICENT JOB."

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VERY SHORTLY. THE CONCURRENT ADOPTION BY THE HOUSE OF THE RESOLUTION WILL CONSTITUTE A HISTORIC MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY OF OUR MOVEMENT. IT SHOULD ENCOURAGE AND INSPIRE EVERY AMERICAN ZIONIST TO EVER GREATER EFFORTS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF OUR PEOPLE.

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DR. ABRA HILLEL SILVER RETURNED TO THE U.S.A. LATE LAST NIGHT FROM JERUSALEM WHERE HE ATTENDED THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE.

HIS REPORT ON THE SITUATION WILL BE RUSHED TO YOU AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

S. M.

Sidney Marks

STATEMENT GIVEN TO JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY
December 19, 1945

I found the Yishuv more normal than I was led to anticipate, busily at work and full of post-war plans for rapid development and expansion. Within a decade or two Palestine stands to revolutionize the economic life of the entire Near East if the straight-jacket of political and economic restrictions which confine it today is removed. Everywhere there is a great demand for American goods, machinery and technical skill. Above all, for American Chalusin to come and make their contribution to the next phase of the country's progress. The Yishuv asks of American Jewry today not only financial support but also the gift of hand and mind.

The sole tension in Palestine today is created by Great Britain's illegal interference with the entry of Jews into the country, hundreds of thousands of whom are knocking at its gates. All the clashes have been with the police and military forces of the country, not with the Arabs. An equilibrium of strength has already been established which the Arab understands and respects. All the noise and the rioting are the work of Non-Palestinian Arabs outside the country.

The Yishuv is resolved on two things: To protect at all costs and regardless of sacrifices every Jew who seeks the sanctuary of the Jewish National Home, and to accept no final solution which will whittle down the national rights of the Jewish people in Palestine. The Yishuv is disciplined, more united than ever before, and in a determined and militant mood.

It was bitterly resentful of Bevin's statement and of the Joint Committee of Inquiry; it was also baffled by President Truman's contradictory attitudes. I am sure that it will be greatly heartened by the action of the Congress of the United States which it was awaiting with keen eagerness.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ZIONISTS HAIL PASSAGE OF PALESTINE RESOLUTION

Washington, D. C. — The passage by both Houses of Congress of the Palestine Resolution was hailed by Zionists throughout the country in communications addressed to the national headquarters of the Zionist Organization of America here, according to an announcement by Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director of the organization.

In statements received from Zionist leaders from all parts of the country the overwhelming adoption of the Palestine Resolution is characterized as a striking demonstration of the determination of the American Government and people to see to it that the pledges made to the Jewish people by Great Britain, and by the nations of the world under the Palestine Mandate shall be kept.

The adoption of the Resolution is hailed as a triumphant culmination of the dynamic and unflagging efforts of the Zionist leadership under the direction of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, newly elected president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Although the passage of the concurrent Resolution is considered a historic milestone on the road toward the realization of the Zionist program, American Zionists unanimously feel that their efforts cannot be relaxed, even for a moment. Every effort is now concentrated upon the task of mobilizing maximum Zionist strength to the end that the will of the American people be translated in terms of concrete action by the Executive branches of the American Government.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ZIONIST ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PALESTINE SITUATION ON SUNDAY

New York, N.Y. - The newly constituted national Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America, the supreme body of the organization between conventions, will hold its first meeting on Sunday, January 13th, 2:00 P.M., at the Murray Hill Hotel here, according to an announcement by Daniel Frisch, Chairman of the Council.

Important problems relating to the Palestine situation will be discussed at the meeting which will be highlighted by a report from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the ZOA, who just returned from Palestine where he attended an emergency session of the World Zionist Executive. It is also expected that a report on the hearings of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry in Washington will be rendered by Emanuel Neumann who is heading the Zionist delegation at Washington.

Included on the agenda of the meeting is a discussion of vital organizational matters with reports by Joseph Goldberg of Worcester, Mass., Chairman of the 250,000 Membership campaign and Dewey D. Stone of Brockton, Mass., who heads the \$500,000 ZOA Expansion Fund effort.

Members of the Council from all parts of the country will attend the all-day session which will be presided over by Mr. Frisch.

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ZIONISTS VOICE MISGIVING ON OUTCOME OF PALESTINE INQUIRY

ZIONIST ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL JOINS IN PALESTINE
PROTEST DAY AGAINST IMMIGRATION

TRANSFER OF PALESTINE PROBLEM TO UNITED NATIONS
ORGANIZATION OPPOSED

New York, Sunday, January 13th - The National Zionist Administrative Council, the supreme body of the Zionist Organization of America between conventions, at a meeting today heard Zionist leaders condemn the creation of the Joint Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry as another move to "stall" the solution of the Palestine problem. Opposition was also voiced to the proposal to transfer the Palestine question to the United Nations Organization. The meeting was attended by members from all parts of the country.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Vice-President of the Zionist Organization of America, who together with Dr. Stephen S. Wise headed the Zionist delegation which gave testimony at the hearings of the Joint Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry at Washington, declared that "from the start we indicated our opposition to the entire procedure in no unmistakable terms, both in messages addressed to President Truman and in public statements. We are still opposed to the procedure. At best it involves a further unconscionable delay in solving the problem of the refugees and the Palestine question."

The speaker who was on the stand before the Commission of Inquiry for many hours, voiced his misgiving as to the need of the inquiry, asserting that "the essential and basic facts of the situation are indubitably well known to everybody including the Administration, the British Government and the members of the Anglo-American Commission. There are vast numbers of Jewish refugees who must emigrate and who wish to go to Palestine. Moreover, I believe that there is little doubt in the minds of the Commission, including its British members, that

under the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate, the Jewish refugees are entitled to go to Palestine as of right. Equally, there is no doubt of the opposition of Arab leaders who are encouraged in their opposition by British officials", Dr. Neumann said.

Mr. Daniel Frisch, Chairman of the Administrative Council, who presided, in his opening remarks attacked the recent published statement by General Frederick Morgan as "anti-Semitic and smacking of statements made during the heyday of Hitler and Goebbels."

Mr. Frisch urged support for the call issued by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for 250,000 members for the organization. He indicated that "this moral numerical force is to play a decisive role in the fight for securing the just demands of the Jewish people." The country called and clamored for the leadership of Dr. Silver because we saw in him the personification of a militant Zionist leadership. The election of Dr. Silver is therefore a challenge to every American Zionist to stand by him by furnishing the organization the sinews with which to carry on the heavy tasks confronting the new Zionist administration."

The Chairman also stressed the need of supporting the American movement of Chalutzit (Palestine pioneers) aimed at "bringing to Palestine young men and women who can introduce American techniques and "know how". These young men and women are to assume leadership among the thousands of refugees who will bring to Palestine only their own broken and starved bodies."

Neumann Charges Stalling

In his address on the Washington hearings of the Joint Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, Dr. Emanuel Neumann said: "No amount of investigation is likely to shed additional light on these essential facts. What the public has been demanding is action, and action is not forthcoming. The latest announcement came from Foreign Secretary Bevin the other day, to the effect that Palestine would be dropped into the lap of the United Nations Organization. This supplies the missing link and seems to confirm the original assumption that the Inquiry Committee was little more than a stall -- another

move in a prolonged and elaborate run-around of which the Jewish refugees are the immediate victims."

The speaker criticized President Truman for having "lent himself to this game, whether consciously or unwittingly", adding that "he started out forthrightly and courageously, like a plumed knight going into battle, but having climbed up the hill he marched right down again. His initial moves brought overwhelming expressions of approval from the Jewish community and the general public. This chorus of approval has long since subsided and been replaced by doubt and resentment. His stand has been rebuked by Congress and sharply criticised throughout the country."

Opposes transfer of Palestine problem to UNO

Dr. Neumann voiced opposition to the proposal that the Palestine problem be referred to the United Nations Organization. He maintained that "that body is only in the process of formation and cannot be expected to deal with the matter promptly and effectively. Between them Great Britain and the United States have sufficient authority, power and knowledge of the facts to take immediate action for the transfer of the refugees to Palestine, and to frame a policy for that country in accordance with the Balfour Declaration and the existing international obligations. There is neither need nor justification for a further passing of the buck. President Truman ought to be advised without delay how we regard that move and the state of the public mind."

Dr. Neumann termed the recent passage of the Palestine Resolution by both Houses of the United States Congress as a "great triumph for the Zionist cause", adding that the "triumph was enhanced by the fact that the Resolution was vigorously opposed by the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Connally, who resisted and fought the Resolution step by step in Committee and finally on the Senate floor, on the ground that President Truman and Secretary Byrnes did not want it passed."

Says Truman Opposition Enigma:

Lauding the efforts of Senators Robert Wagner and Robert A. Taft, co-sponsors of the Resolution, "both of whom have earned

the acclaim of the nation and the deepest gratitude of the Jewish people", the speaker declared that "the position of President Truman on this matter remains an enigma. His record on the Palestine question is most confusing."

Rothenberg Pessimistic as to Outcome:

Judge Morris Rothenberg voiced his pessimism as to the outcome of the proceedings of the Joint Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry, asserting that the British members came with "pre-conceived ideas". The speaker declared that the best that can be hoped for is "recommendations for some immigration into Palestine."

Meeting Joins in Palestine Protest Day

Following a motion by Mr. Frisch, the meeting unanimously approved the dispatch of a cable to the Jewish community of Palestine, joining that community in the Day of Protest which has been set for today (Sunday) as a demonstration against the closing of the doors of Palestine. The cable expressed solidarity with the Yishuv (Palestine Jewish community) in its "determination to resist attempts to stifle legitimate Jewish rights and support of its measures to safeguard its position under the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate."

Lipsky Reports on Palestine

Mr. Louis Lipsky, President of the B'nai Zion, fraternal order of the Zionist Organization of America and member of the World Zionist Executive, who just returned from Palestine, reported that he carried away from Palestine the impression of an organized Jewish community with great strength, willingness, daring and a spirit of self-sacrifice. He said "that the community knows its own strength and resources and that there is a deep sense of responsibility not only for its own well-being but for everything that is to happen in the near future to the Jewish people as a whole. The Jews of Palestine are determined to work as responsible men and women who hold in their hands not only their own destiny but the destiny of the whole Jewish people."

Mr. Lipsky who visited Palestine for the first time since 1935, declared that the "isolated and individualistic and undisciplined outbreaks in Palestine such as were

robberies, have not the support of the community which feels that such acts do not lead to any good. The speaker asserted that the Jewish community as a whole "is not going to defend its rights in a way that will lose the good-will of public opinion. Any action in defense of its rights is disciplined and organized and has a definite end in view."

Following a discussion on problems connected with the forthcoming session of the American Jewish Conference which will meet in Cleveland beginning February 17th, the meeting ratified a resolution by the Zionist Organization Executive to support the strengthening and continued functioning of that body. The discussion was led by Dr. Israel Goldstein, Ezra Shapiro, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi Irving Miller and others.

Drive for 250,000 Membership

Joseph Goldberg, National Membership Chairman of the Organization, presented plans for the enrollment of 250,000 members in the organization, which were unanimously approved by the meeting.

The need for a nationwide effort to enroll at least one million shekel registrants who would be entitled to cast votes for American delegates to the next World Zionist Congress was stressed by Mr. Jacques Torczyner, who pointed out that the forthcoming Zionist Congress which is scheduled for Jerusalem in the summer, will be the first world assembly of Zionists since the War. He called for a special effort to insure the election of delegates representing the General Zionist wing in the movement.

Veterans Closer to Zionism - Wise

The meeting also approved a campaign for \$500,000 for the Z. O. A. Expansion Fund to finance an enlarged project of public relations and education, including radio, publications and youth activities.

In a discussion on the problem of integrating returning Jewish veterans into the Zionist movement, Dr. Stephen S. Wise declared that thousands of returning veterans have returned closer to Zionism as a result of experiences on the European scene and their visits to Palestine.

Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director of the Organization, reported the enrollment of 75,000 members since Oct. 15th, an increase of 20,000 over the same period last year.

Other speakers included Hon. Albert S. Schanzer, Z. Paul Byne, Rabbi Harry Halpern, William Sylk, Judge Hyman J. Reit, David Spiegel and others.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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January 23, 1946

To Regional and District Presidents,
Secretaries, and Members of the
National Administrative Council

Dear Friends:

Mr. Sidney Hollander, President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has recently circularized Zionists in the Welfare Funds throughout the country in an effort to elicit from them support for his thesis that National Advisory Budgeting will not be harmful to the interest of Palestine and Zionism. I would like to clarify the position of the Zionist Organization of America on this issue so that you may be properly informed and so that you may be able to pass this information on to other Zionists in your community who may have received this circular letter.

The Zionist Organization, together with other Zionist bodies, has, since 1941, expressed opposition to the plan promoted by some of the leaders of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which would give to a small national committee of the CJFWF responsibility for determining the budgets of national overseas agencies appealing to local Welfare Funds.

At the recent Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, held in Atlantic City, at which were gathered the elected representatives of Zionist groups throughout the country, National Advisory Budgeting was discussed and the enclosed resolution was unanimously adopted. It was the considered judgment of both the Zionist leaders and of the delegates from all parts of the country that determination of the budgets of national and overseas agencies by a small national committee, appointed by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, poses a serious threat to Palestine and Zionist fulfillment. It must also be pointed out that opposition to national budgeting has been espoused by other organizations such as the B'nai B'rith, United Synagogue, Rabbinical Assembly, American Jewish Congress as well as by a very large number of Federations and Welfare Funds in the United States which include some of our largest cities.

I would urge that your response to Mr. Hollander's inquiry should be a forthright rejection of his request and a rededication to bring about the defeat of National Budgeting within your own community and on the floor of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations which will meet in Detroit from February 8th to 11th.

With Zion's greetings,

Abba Hillel Silver

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OVER 90,000 ENROLLED IN ZOA IN FOUR MONTHS

SILVER CALLS FOR MAXIMUM MOBILIZATION

Washington, D. C. — Over 90,000 members have enrolled in the Zionist Organization of America in the four months period ended January 31, 1946, marking a net gain of 25,000 over the same period last year, according to a report issued by the national headquarters. This brings the total of ZOA members enrolled in the past 12 months to over 165,000.

In furtherance of the 250,000-membership goal proclaimed by the organization for the current year, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, ZOA president, called upon the Zionists to mobilize maximum forces behind the Zionist movement in the present fight to safeguard Jewish rights in Palestine.

In his call to American Jews, the ZOA president declared that "the Yishuv (Jewish community of Palestine) is counting heavily upon us to give them the strength of our numbers and the strength of our financial support," adding that "Zionist membership today symbolizes a demonstration of the organized will of American Jewry."

In his statement, Dr. Silver disclosed that a report has been received from Jerusalem that "the Palestine Government, in anticipation of the visit of the Committee of Inquiry, is now making an active survey to demonstrate that not all Jews are Zionists; in fact, that only a small percentage of the Jews actually favor the Zionist program.

"I do not know what methods the Palestine Government intends to employ to obtain such statistics. Ways, I am sure, will be found. It is, therefore, of transcendent importance for us to be able to show that Jews everywhere are

overwhelmingly Zionist. The Roper Poll has indicated that the overwhelming majority of American Jews favor the Zionist program. It is imperative that we transform this sentiment into action in terms of enrolling them as members in the organization."

Pointing out that the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, which is scheduled to be held either in Palestine or in the U. S. A. in the summer, will be made "a world-wide demonstration of Zionist mass affiliation and strength," Dr. Silver's statement continues:

"I, therefore, appeal to every Zionist to exert every effort for the enlistment of the maximum number of Jews into the ranks of the Zionist Organization of America. An enlarged ZOA membership will help us to show that the Jews of America, in tremendously impressive figures and numbers, are mobilized behind the Zionist movement and stand solidly behind our program which is the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth."

Joseph Goldberg of Worcester, Mass, is national chairman of the 250,000 ZOA enrollment campaign.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 11, 1946

Dear Friend:

The Zionist Organization of America faces the coming year with mounting responsibilities and increased tasks. If we are to defend our position and effectively counteract the anti-Zionist propaganda in the United States - a propaganda which draws upon great financial resources - we must have at our disposal adequate funds.

The Zionist Organization of America is undertaking this year ten enlarged major projects in the fields of public relations, education, youth activities, Palestine immigration and Palestine economic services and of counter-acting anti-Zionist propaganda. These activities were thoroughly discussed at meetings of our Executive Committee. It was the unanimous thought that these projects, especially the work of the Unity Committee for Palestine, which is charged with the specific responsibility of rendering harmless the poisonous anti-Zion propaganda of bodies like the American Council for Judaism should be expanded during the critical period ahead of us. This will require considerable additional funds.

Another project - our radio program "The Drama of Palestine" - is recognized as a most effective vehicle for

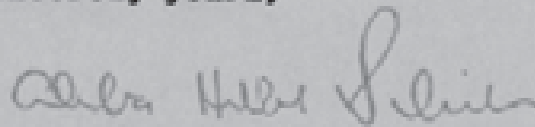
presenting our message in dramatic and appealing form to the Jews and non-Jews of our country. There is the Palestine Immigration Bureau and the Palestine Economic Bureau, both of which activities are increasingly growing in importance in the post-war era when closer contacts with Palestine are possible.

Jewish Palestine is poised at this moment for a remarkable economic development. There is an eagerness for and a tremendous expectancy of growth. It seems as if all the energies which were pent up during the war and which could not be released, are now waiting for their release. The Jews of Palestine are looking to America for close economic cooperation. Our Palestine Immigration Bureau and the Palestine Economic Bureau are being called upon to render greater services in every direction. In a like manner our youth work, our publications project and the public relations phases of our activities must all derive their sustenance from the ZOA Expansion Fund.

We have proclaimed a goal of \$500,000 for the Expansion Fund this year. I know that our fellow Zionists in the communities realize the vital importance of our tasks. I urge you therefore to organize in your respective communities in order to raise the required amount. We cannot afford to permit these important Zionist projects to suffer because of lack of funds.

With Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Abba Hillel Silver".

Abba Hillel Silver

A Personal Message

to You



from
THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICA

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For Release: UPON RECEIPT

ZIONISTS VOTE CONTINUANCE OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

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Zionist Week Proclaimed. - Purchase of New York Building Approved

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New York, N. Y. -- The Zionist Organization of America through its national Executive, this week unanimously approved a declaration by its president, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, reaffirming the determination of American Zionists to support the continuance and strengthening of the American Jewish Conference.

This declaration was issued in connection with the third session of the American Jewish Conference which convenes this weekend in Cleveland.

Stressing the grave problems which will confront the sessions of the American Jewish Conference in relation to the position of the Jews in Europe and the future status of Palestine, the declaration by Dr. Silver in behalf of the national Executive characterized the conference as an effective instrumentality of united American Jewry and as a living organism in the fight to safeguard Jewish rights.

This declaration, upon the motion of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, was embodied as a formal resolution of the national Executive.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the General Zionist Bloc, comprising delegates from the ZOA and Hadassah, reported that General Zionist delegates will, as in the past, constitute the largest bloc in the sessions of the conference. Dr. Silver's declaration, which is a reaffirmation of the resolution passed by the Executive and Administrative Council was echoed in addresses by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Louis Lipsky, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Elihu D. Stone and others.

Zionist Week:

The national Executive also approved the proclamation of Zionist Week during the eight-day period beginning March 17 dedicated to the rallying of mass numerical support for the Zionist Organization of America toward the attainment of its national goal of 350,000 members.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the ZOA Interim-Committee, announced that the month of April will be devoted to the campaign to enroll one million shokol payors by the ZOA who will have the right to vote in the election of delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

A motion was unanimously passed to urge the World Zionist Executive to adhere to previous decisions that the forthcoming World Zionist Congress be held in the summer. Jerusalem had been tentatively set as the site of the Congress.

New York Building:

The national Executive also authorized the securing of a building in New York to house under one roof the national ZOA headquarters and all other Zionist bodies.

A resolution voicing sorrow at the death of Abraham Revusky, veteran Zionist and noted writer, and Rabbi Louis Greenberg of New Haven, Conn. was unanimously passed.

Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director of the organization, reported the enrollment of 91,000 members within the organization since October 1st bringing up the total of membership enrolled in the past twelve months to over 165,000.

Among those participating in the discussions were Milton Pollack, chairman of the ZOA Finance Committee, Joseph Greenleaf of Mt. Vernon, S. Freudenhof of Buffalo, Samuel Goldstock of Pittsburgh, Rabbi Simon Greenberg of Philadelphia, Rabbi Irving Miller of Long Island, Hon. Albert D. Schnitzer of New York and others.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FILM OF ZIONIST PRESIDENT

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New York, N.Y.- The production of a sound film of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America, delivering an important address on the current situation affecting the Palestine scene, was announced by the national headquarters of the organization here.

The film will be run under the auspices of the ZOA in hundreds of communities throughout the country in connection with the Zionist Enrollment Week, which has been proclaimed for the eight-day period beginning March 17 (Purim) through March 24 in furtherance of the campaign to enroll 250,000 members, it was further announced.

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"WILL NOT DESERT ZIONISM," ECCLARES CHURCHILL

Wartime Premier Assures Z.O.A. President
of His Support of Jewish National Home
And Free Immigration

Favors Joint Trusteeship of Great Britain and U. S. A.

New York, March 20th - Declaring that he is not one to desert a great historic cause, Winston Churchill gave assurance that he has always been a Zionist and he is still a Zionist, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, disclosed today following a conversation he had with the British wartime Premier on the eve of his return to England.

Speaking before the members of the National Executive of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Silver, who was presented to Churchill by Bernard Baruch, reported that the British Conservative leader reaffirmed his support of the Jewish National Home in Palestine with free immigration to the fullest absorptive capacity of that country and favors a joint trusteeship of Great Britain and U. S. A. to bring about this end.

Setting forth his position on Zionism, Churchill stated that he is ready to stand alone on this issue in his own Party if necessary. He recalled that he was one of those who backed the Balfour Declaration and that he still stands by the commitments contained in that historic pledge to the Jewish people. He expressed the highest esteem for Lord Balfour, author of the Declaration, whom he termed a man of great vision.

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The wartime Premier also recalled his first visit to Palestine when he had an opportunity to see with his own eyes Jewish constructive capacity and achievements. He referred time and again to the achievements of the Jews in Palestine who he said, have made a desert bloom like a rose. Churchill paid tribute to the role played by members of the Palestine Jewish Brigade, the formation of which he sanctioned during the war. He voiced gratification at the fact that Palestine has absorbed large numbers of Jews, particularly children.

Reiterating that his Zionist convictions had not undergone any change, Winston Churchill confidently looked toward the solution of the Palestine problem through what he termed a partnership in trusteeship of Great Britain and the United States. Churchill asserted that he stands foursquare on the commitments he made and that the realization of the Jewish National Home is a definite possibility if both countries will work together toward this common solution, Dr. Silver further reported.

Campaign for One Million Shekelim Launched

At the same meeting of the National Executive, a call to enroll one million General Zionists as purchasers of the Shekel which would entitle them to vote in the elections of American delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, scheduled to open in Palestine in August, was unanimously ratified following addresses by Jacques Torczyner, Chairman of the Z.O.A. Shekel Committee; Daniel Frisch, Chairman of the Z.O.A. Administrative Council; Dr. Irving Miller, Dr. Israel Goldstein and others. It was announced that an all-day conference of representatives of the Z. O.A. from all parts of the country will be held on Monday, March 25th, at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, in furtherance of the drive.

Hadassah Asked to Join

Upon motion of Daniel Frisch, a committee was named for the purpose of officially inviting Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America, to join with the Z.O.A. in a united Shekel campaign and in one slate of candidates to the World Zionist Congress.

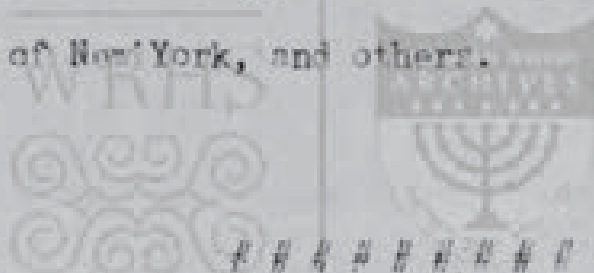
Dr. Sidney Marks, Z. O. A. Secretary, reported the enrollment of close to 116,000 members within the organization since October 1, the beginning of the fiscal year, marking an increase of 37,000 over the same period last year.

A goal of 250,000 members has been set in the current membership effort, which is headed by Mr. Joseph Goldberg of Worcester, Chairman of the Membership Committee, who voiced confidence of the attainment of this goal before the convening of the World Zionist Congress.

At the same meeting, Dr. Israel Wechsler of New York, on behalf of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, appealed for increased financial support for the University in Jerusalem.

A report on his recent trip to Palestine was rendered by Dr. Shlomo Bardin, executive director of the American Zionist Youth Commission, who announced that three Palestine youth representatives will shortly arrive in this country to further the work of the Youth Commission.

Speakers at the same session included Mark Sugarman, of Coatesville, Pa., Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt of New York, Milton Pollack of New York, Charles Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh, Dr. Harris J. Levine of New York, Ernest S. Freudenheim of Buffalo, Harold Goldenberger of Minneapolis, Rudolf C. Sonnenborn of New York, and others.



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TWA INAUGURATES NEW YORK - JERUSALEM AIR SERVICE IN APRIL WITH AMERICAN
INDUSTRIALISTS' AND BUSINESSMEN'S TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND

FIRST POST-WAR AIR TOUR OF PALESTINE UNDER
AUSPICES PALESTINE ECONOMIC BUREAU

GROUP WILL STUDY POSSIBILITIES OF BOOSTING AMERICAN-PALESTINE TRADE

NEW SERVICE PLACES JERUSALEM WITHIN 36 AIR HOURS OF NEW YORK

ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY AND CANADA REPRESENTED IN INAUGURAL FLIGHT

New York, N.Y. The dawn of a new period of American-Palestine trade cooperation was heralded in with the announcement that Trans World Airways would commence its regular New York-Jerusalem service in April. The service will be inaugurated with a flight for the Palestine Economic Bureau of the Zionist Organization of America, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City on April 25th. The maiden flight of TWA's Constellation plane will carry a group of American industrialists and businessmen on the first post-war trade tour of the Holy Land.

The tour has been arranged by the Palestine Economic Bureau to demonstrate Palestine's mounting importance as an economic trade center for the entire Middle East. Due to space limitations the party will consist of only thirty men, selected from all over the country, as well as Canada, representing diverse industrial and commercial interests.

In Palestine, the full facilities of the Jewish Agency will be made available so that members of the group can have the opportunity of surveying for themselves the country's economic possibilities. The feasibility of setting up branch factories and distributing centers will be studied and an organized month's tour of the country will present a detailed survey of Palestine's unexampled growth and the needs for American merchandise, machinery and equipment and the possibilities of expanded American investment.

The plane will leave La Guardia Field at New York and is expected to complete the flight to Palestine in 36 hours of flying time. There will be short stopovers in Europe and the Bureau is attempting to arrange meetings with representatives of European Jewry and to discuss ways and means of aiding them. The cost of the trip by plane will be about \$1450. (including federal taxes). In Palestine a tentative rate of \$20 a day will cover all expenses, including hotels and trips. The party will spend about 30 days in Palestine returning about May 27th.

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In discussing this historic flight Dr. David Tannenbaum, Director of the Bureau pointed out that this was the first post war tour of Palestine taking advantage of the new plane service established by TWA. "Now with TWA bringing Palestine to within 36 flying hours of New York, Jerusalem is practically in America's back yard," said Dr. Tannenbaum. "This trip will provide Americans interested in the upbuilding of Palestine with the opportunity of seeing for themselves how the program for Palestine's development dovetails with America's export expansion program. Palestine is the jumping off point for the vast business potential of the Middle East with its 40 million customers. We expect important developments from this first flight. American businessmen will find both cooperation and tangible assistance from Palestine businessmen in their plans."

The tour of Palestine will include points of historic interest as well as visits to agricultural, industrial and commercial centers.

Dr. Tannenbaum pointed out that the Bureau was not functioning as a travel agency in this venture - that the motivating factor was the aim of the Bureau to foster trade and commerce between the United States and Palestine and to increase American investments in the Holy Land. The Bureau is ready to render assistance in obtaining passports and visas and to give any other advice relevant to the trip.

Dr. Tannenbaum stressed the fact that as the party was limited to only 30 people, businessmen interested in participating in this historic trip should communicate with the Bureau at once.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE IN JEWISH STATE STRESSED IN
AMERICAN PLATFORM TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

Declaration Adopted by Supreme Zionist Body
Calls for United Front Without Partisanship

Zionist Organization of American Membership at 170,516

New York, Sunday, March 31st: The National Administrative Council, the ruling body of the Zionist Organization of America between conventions, today in a special all-day session at the Hotel Commodore here, unanimously adopted a Declaration addressed to American Jewry calling for a "united front, outwardly and inwardly" of all Zionist forces in preparation for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress which convenes in Palestine on August 7th.

More than 150 representatives of the Council from all parts of the country, attended the session which was presided over by Daniel Frisch, Chairman.

Embodied as the official platform of the Zionist Organization of America to the World Zionist Congress, the Declaration is a bid for the support of the Jewish community of America in the coming elections of American Delegates to the Congress scheduled for the latter part of June.

Declaring that "the primary aim of our movement in this hour is the establishment of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine", the Declaration, issued over the signature of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Organization, urges that "all party and group considerations must be subordinated" to this aim. "Because of our non-partisan outlook and because of the numbers we represent and our historic achievements, we General Zionists are equipped to lead the Zionist movement to victory as we have led it in decades of great achievements in the past."

Setting forth the achievements of General Zionists represented by the Zionist Organization of America in the upbuilding of Palestine and

in the progress recorded in the political sphere, the Declaration continues:

"General Zionism has always championed the principles of social justice and human rights as fundamental concepts in the Jewish State which we wish to establish. General Zionists have given their unstinted support to every measure and agency calculated to elevate and to protect the status of Jewish labor in Palestine, whether on the land or in the city, as well as to establish the many social agencies which a progressive, modern community requires. These social ideals are the cornerstones not alone of Zionism, but the essence of Jewish life. Likewise, we General Zionists envisage a Jewish Palestine which is responsive to Jewish spiritual traditions and to the high mandates of our historic faith.

"It is our firm conviction, however, that the fragmentation of the economic, educational and cultural life and resources of the Yishuv seriously weakens us in respect to the struggle in which we are engaged. We are seriously concerned about the excessive and unwarranted partisanship and party strife which prevail. This is the time when we must present a united front, outwardly and inwardly.

"Only under the banner of General Zionism - the Zionism above parties - can this united front be achieved and maintained.

"On this record and on this program we ask the Zionists of America to give us their fullest support in the forthcoming elections."

World Congress Problems

Opening the session, the Chairman, Daniel Frisch, reviewed the problems that will confront the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. He underscored the need of sending a large delegation of General Zionists to the Congress in order to secure a decisive position for American Zionists in the councils of the World Zionist movement. He pointed to the fact that the Z. O. A. represents the largest party in American Jewish life and that this must be reflected in the results at the polls in this country for election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

Jacques Torczyner, Chairman of the Zionist Organization of America Shekel Committee, urged nation-wide support for the campaign for one million shekel payers launched by the Z. O. A. It was announced that only holders of the shekel will be permitted to cast their vote for delegates to the Congress.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, former Z. O. A. President, another speaker declared that "with Great Britain no longer in the Balfour Declaration mood, and with the United States public opinion unmistakably pro-Zionist, American Jewry may emerge at the Zionist Congress as the chief cornerstone of Zionist hopes. American Jews have an opportunity to indicate their own awareness of historic responsibility. The Zionist shekel offers that opportunity."

Speaking in support of the Declaration, Rabbi Irving Miller of New York, emphasized the importance of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress reflecting the strength of contributions of General Zionists in America. He urged the election of a delegation that will rise above partisanship and party issues.

Stressing the significance of the shekel, Louis Lipsky, member of the World Zionist Executive, termed the shekel a credential which entitles the holder to a voice in shaping the destiny of the Jewish State in Palestine.

Dr. Sidney Marks, National Secretary of the Zionist Organization of America, reported a total of 170,516 members for the Organization, including 33,386 newly enrolled since October 1, 1945.

Other speakers at the sessions included Dr. Harris J. Levine of New York, Joachim Radosky of Brooklyn, Major Herschel Auerbach of New York, Joseph W. Greenleaf of Mt. Vernon, Samuel Caploe of Boston, Ernest S. Freudensheim of Buffalo, and Abraham Tannenbaum of Long Island.

April 15, 1946

A STATEMENT OF HASHOMER HATZAIR ON THE COMING ZIONIST CONGRESS

The first Zionist Congress since the termination of the war is convening this summer. It will meet at the most critical period in the history of our people and it will have to decide the fate of our political struggle as well as the nature of the direction of the entire World Zionist Movement.

The destruction of the great centers of European Jewry also brought about the destruction of those large Jewish communities which were the bulwarks of progressive Zionism and which consistently supported the Histadrut, the Chalutz and progressive elements in the Yishuv.

The balance of power has shifted. America has become not only the largest concentration of Jews in the world, but after the Yishuv, it has become the most important factor in the struggle for the realization of Zionism.

How will American Zionism use its strength? Will it be for a progressive, labor and Chalutz policy, as epitomized by the leadership of the Histadrut and the progressive Zionist forces under the leadership of Dr. Weizmann, or will it throw its weight in favor of reaction, against a planned national economy, against the Histadrut?

It is no secret that under the guise of political militancy and Herzlian statism, reactionary forces have raised their heads on the American Zionist scene. Elements which have been rejected by the Jewish masses the world over are now trying to bore their way back into the Zionist movement. Their aim is nothing less than the crystallization of a solid, reactionary front against labor at the coming Zionist Congress and the attempt to break, once and for all, the forces of the Histadrut.

In the light of this situation, Hashomer Hatzair wishes to make the following statement:

1. In order to preserve a united labor and progressive Zionist front on the American scene, Hashomer Hatzair has decided to join the LABOR ZIONIST and PROGRESSIVE BLOC in the elections to the coming Zionist Congress. Hashomer Hatzair fervently believes that the American Jewish masses which have revealed their vital interest in the political struggle for Zionism, will also reveal, in this coming election, their true maturity and understanding, by not allowing themselves to be misguided by soft-spoken phrases, or militant formulae which hide reactionary tendencies, and will support the progressive labor forces at the coming Zionist Congress.
2. In joining the LABOR ZIONIST and PROGRESSIVE BLOC, Hashomer Hatzair wishes to state that it has not changed in any way its position on the Biltmore Program. It believes that the ultimate solution to the political struggle in Palestine must be based upon a formula of Jewish-Arab cooperation, non-domination, and political parity. After the Jews will attain a majority in Palestine, an independent state should be established which would guarantee the political equality of both peoples regardless of their numerical status at the time. Only such a program holds the possibility of breaking the political impasse in which the Palestinian situation finds itself. In addition, immediate Zionist policy must be based upon the relentless struggle against the White Paper, and for free Jewish immigration and colonization under the supervision of the Jewish Agency.
3. Our delegates to the World Zionist Congress reserve the right to vote independently on the issues of the political future of Palestine, and on all other problems.

Hashomer Hatzair calls upon all Jews interested in the progressive future of Palestine and of the Jewish people to mobilize in support of the LABOR ZIONIST and PROGRESSIVE BLOC.

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THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS MUST BACK RIGHTEOUSNESS WITH FORCE

By

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Member, National Executive, Zionist Org. of America,
and one of the outstanding Zionist leaders of the South.

(To the Editor: This article is submitted for free publication in whole or in part)

To write about the major problems of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress is particularly difficult, for we know that in addition to the fortuitous there is the certainty of a report from the "Inquiry Commission"; although we can only guess what it will recommend.

I shall hazard the likelihood of an unfavorable report from the "Inquiry Commission" as part of the background of the Congress. Then what? There can be little debate on the course to be pursued which must be based on the mandate. Every effort to whittle this down must be resisted in both principle and practice. Our position will be morally invincible, but we recognize unfortunately the low level of the international ethos. Ergo, besides asserting our rights we shall in a limited way at least have to fight for them which means an affirmation by the Congress of the Haganah. In the world of today, righteousness falls on deaf ears unless it is supplemented with a degree of force. The fact is that injustice seems to be conceived of as such only when it becomes aggravated enough to produce violence in resisting it. To acquiesce to wrong without physical resistance implies acceptance of evil as if it were good. Adjusted to the present we must, therefore, not only proclaim the injustice of the conduct of Britain, but assert it as well.

A word about an internal problem of the Congress. The destruction of most European Jewries is going to make this Congress like none in the past. The power will be entirely in the hands of the Americans and Palestinians. In order to give this remnant of Europe even a feeble voice in the Congress, it would be well to apply to them the principle used in Palestine of making a shekel sold there of double value. This was done in the case of Palestine in recognition of their comparatively small numerical status vis-a-vis the greater stake they had by being in the land

itself. In the case of the decimated European groups their desperate need for Palestine gives them a similar claim which should thus be met. We Americans must decide the problems of the Yishuv not alone by our strength of numbers, but by putting those who live there and those who want to go there on a basis that at the Congress their voices can be effectively heard, and their claims effectively presented.

Here at home it is our urgent duty to sell a maximum number of shkolim. This will be a demonstration of Jewish solidarity. We must always remember that we are a political movement; that we can exhibit our strength most impressively to those in political positions of power by the enrollment of large numbers. The sale of 1,000,000 shkolim would, we may be assured, not go unnoticed by those upon whom the fate of Palestine depends. It ought to be mentioned that as General Zionists it is important that we be well represented. In a Congress in which weighty and difficult decisions will be made, the presence of a large bloc of our group will have a moderating and stabilizing influence. We have always taken the position that our major consideration is to obtain Palestine; that we cannot indulge in the luxury of numerous ideologies, and, thereby attenuate this major effect. This message as never before will be needed at the forthcoming Congress. No group is so well qualified as are we to proclaim it.

We have by now grown somewhat weary of the reiteration of the warnings of critical situations so rapidly have they followed one another. Yet the decisions to be made in the next few months may well determine the fate of our people for generations to come. Upon each of us rests the responsibility and to each is afforded the privilege of participation in determining through the next Congress the destiny of Israel.

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DR. STEPHEN S. WISE AND DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD, PIONEER
ZIONIST, URGED SUPPORT OF ZOA SLATE FOR WORLD CONGRESS

The name of Dr. Stephen S. Wise was today added to the long and impressive list of American Jewish Leaders who are supporting the Zionist Organization of America ticket in the election of delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

Dr. Wise, who is the oldest surviving founder of the Zionist Organization of America, called upon every adult Jew, man and woman in America to vote for the ZOA slate of delegates to the first post-war Congress which is to be held in Palestine in August..

Dr. Harry Friedenwald, of Baltimore, another pioneer in the American Zionist movement, and one of the earliest residents of the Federation of American Zionists which later became the Zionist Organization of America, also endorsed the ZOA slate and the Shekel Campaign. "If ever there was need for all of us to stand up and be counted, it is now", Dr. Friedenwald wired ZOA headquarters in New York.

Dr. Wise, in his statement, declared:

"The ZOA, as the bulwark of General Zionism, has carried aloft the banner of our movement in this country, rallying within its orbit all sections of the American Jewish community regardless of party or political affiliations. In the close to half a century of its existence, the ZOA has carried the major burden of the movement, constituting the spearhead and the main body in carrying on the political and fund-raising activities in behalf of Palestine.

"The success of the movement dictates that the majority of delegates sent to the Congress represent the ZOA slate and the endorsement of the General Zionist platform issued by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and unanimously adopted by the National Administrative Council.

"The Zionist Organization of America has always championed the principles of social justice and human rights as fundamental concepts in the Jewish State which we wish to establish' - This basic statement, embodied in the ZOA platform, merits the enthusiastic and wholehearted support of every Jew - man and woman by voting for the ZOA slate in the elections.

"It is the burdened duty of every Jew - man and woman - to buy a ZOA shekel and to vote ZOA".

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DANIEL FRISCH SEES NEED OF AN INTEGRATED JEWISH COMMUNITY IN PALESTINE;
SPEAKERS APPEAL FOR GENERAL ZIONIST LEADERSHIP AT THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

New York. - - - Declaring that "the General Zionists are the only group within the Zionist framework which will try unselfishly to bring about an integrated Jewish community in Palestine", Daniel Frisch, chairman of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America, appealed to American Jewry to give the Zionist Organization of America its rightful leadership at the World Zionist Congress.

Speaking at a conference of 200 Zionist leaders held this week at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City to launch the Greater New York Shekel Campaign, Mr. Frisch expressed great concern over the growing factional divisions within Palestine itself.

"I honestly believe that only the General Zionists, the largest entity in American Jewish life, as represented by the Zionist Organization of America can unite the various groups within Jewish Palestine. The greatest service any American Jew can render to Zionism is to give the leadership of the Congress to the Zionist Organization of America as it is constituted today and as it is represented in its leadership".

Need to Bring Out the Vote

Mr. Frisch's address sounded a call to action in the campaign to secure a mass enrollment of Jews who will register and vote for the ZOA delegation to the Congress in the forthcoming elections.

Jacques Terczyner, national chairman of the ZOA Shekel Campaign, who presided at the Conference, attributed the split between the American and British members of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine as due in large measure to the educational work of the Zionist Organization of America and its leadership. The American members of the Committee, it has been reported, favor mass immigration to Palestine of all European Jews who want to go there, while the British are opposed.

"American Zionism has finally come of age and must assume its proper leadership in the World Zionist movement and in determining policies for the future of Jewish Palestine", Mr. Terczyner stated.

Other speakers at the Conference were Dr. Sidney Marks, secretary of ZOA; Abraham Tannenbaum, director of the U.S. Central Shekel and Election Board; Elihu D. Stone of Boston, a vice president of the ZOA, and Jacob Fishman, prominent Yiddish Journalist.

Mr. Fishman pointed out that the shekel is the mark of the inherent democracy of the Zionist movement combined with the finest traditions of Judaism.

"The shekel is priced so low, 50 cents, so that every Jew no matter how humble, can have some share in the building of the Jewish Commonwealth", he said, "Jews, whether members or non-members of Zionist organizations, can, through the shekel, have a voice in deciding the future of Jewish Palestine."

He stressed as the No. 1 problem bringing out the voters for the election of Congress delegates. "Only through votes can we show the world that Jews of America are not paying lip service to Zionism but are vitally interested in the kind of delegates to be chosen, in the platform of the General Zionists, and in the issues facing the Congress", he declared.

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AMERICAN JURY WILL NOT ABANDON STRUGGLE FOR STATEHOOD

SAYS DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN, ZIONIST LEADER.

JUST BACK FROM PALESTINE

New York, N.Y. - Dr. Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, just back from Palestine, asserted that "Zionists here and everywhere throughout the world will neither falter nor flinch in their struggle until the democratic world grants the Jewish people the right and opportunity to attain nationhood and achieve statehood in the Land of Israel."

Dr. Neumann spoke at a public rally in the New York City Center, 131 West 65 Street, held to hear his Report on Palestine. Dr. Irving Miller presided.

Dr. Neumann made it clear that American Zionists will not abandon the political struggle to make Palestine a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

"I think I speak from the mind and heart of all Zionists here and everywhere throughout the world, I think I speak for the overwhelming majority of the Jewish people, when I say, regardless of whatever may be forthcoming, we will never abandon the millennial hopes and aspirations of the Jewish people", he stated.

For two thousand years, Jews have hoped and prayed for Jewish national restoration in Palestine. For decades now we have worked and struggled to realize these aspirations. And we have fought to preserve the legally recognized rights of the Jewish people established under international law. If these rights and aspirations are now reaffirmed, we shall rejoice. If they are not, if they are ignored or denied, we shall carry on our struggle unwaveringly. We will neither falter nor flinch in that struggle until the democratic world grant the Jewish people the right and opportunity to attain nationhood and achieve statehood in the Land of Israel.

"The road may be long and hard, but I have full faith and confidence that if we remain loyal to our ideals we shall win out at long last. Our slogan now as always, must be: Continue the upbuilding of Palestine. Continue also our political struggle till final victory."

American Public Opinion Plays Crucial Role

Commenting on Great Britain's efforts to block Zionist aspirations, Dr. Weismann declared the force of American public opinion a vital factor in changing the British attitude.

"While it is important to the British to have Arab good-will, it is far more important that they have American good-will", the Zionist leader who is vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, largest branch in the American Zionist movement, stated. "I feel that the great achievement of American Zionists in the past few years is the extent to which we have succeeded in making Palestine a live issue among the American people and our government leaders."

One of Dr. Weismann's important missions in Palestine was to confer with government officials there on the proposed Jordan Valley Authority plan which would harness the waters of the River Jordan and increase the hydro-electric power supply in the country to provide homes and economic opportunity for an additional 2,000,000 or more settlers. He was accompanied by John L. Savage and James B. Hays, chief engineers for the vast project.

Dr. Weismann told his large audience that his most profound impression of Palestine was "the colossal feeling of self confidence" which exists among the Jewish community. "There is an absence of fear," he stated. "The Arabs have also acquired a wholesome respect for the strength of the Jews there." He spoke of the strong sense of solidarity and discipline which exists on all basic issues.

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UNITY ESSENTIAL NOW FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF JEWISH
COMMONWEALTH, SAYS JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG

Judge Morris Rothenberg today endorsed the platform of the Zionist Organization of America as offering "that bridge of unity and an opportunity for that fusion of common effort which is so indispensable in the political struggle for the attainment of the Jewish Commonwealth".

"The forthcoming World Zionist Congress will meet at the most critical moment in the history of the Jewish people", said Judge Rothenberg. "Who but the insensitive and callous can or will remain indifferent to the issues on which decisions have to be made? Those who would abstain constitute, fortunately, an insignificant minority within Jewry. The action of the American Jewish Conference on the Palestine problem and the recent polls of public opinion are conclusive proof of the dominating Jewish influence in Palestine".

Judge Rothenberg pointed to the unprecedented response to the Shekel Roll Call of the Zionist Organization of America as an index of the unusual interest being manifested among American Jewry in Palestine. The report of the Anglo-American Committee has given new stimulus to this interest, he said.

"The Zionist movement, as a democracy is comprised of parties and groups reflecting different points of view on the social and spiritual aspects of Jewish life in Palestine", the Zionist leader stated. "Appeals for support are being made by those of the right and of the left. I am of the opinion, however, that the platform presented by the Zionist Organization of America offers that bridge of unity and an opportunity for that fusion of common effort for Palestine upbuilding which have been so largely responsible for past achievements and which is so indispensable in the present political struggle for the attainment of the Jewish Commonwealth.

"It is also of the utmost significance for the future of the Zionist movement that a large SOA delegation take part in the proceedings of the Congress as a co-ordinating influence and a balance wheel against the partisanship which impede the progress of Zionist ideals.

"Since time immemorial the Shekel has been a symbol of Jewish unity and a bond of Jewish fellowship. Today it is an expression of our people's will to survive".

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Elections for Delegates to the World Zionist Congress

To Be Held on June 16 and 17

New York, N.Y.

The elections for delegates to the World Zionist Congress will take place on Sunday, June 16 and Monday, June 17, it was announced today by the United States Central Shekel and Election Board.

The polls will be open on Sunday from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. and on Monday from 12 noon to 10 p.m. In eleven large cities, the voting will be held on the two days. These are New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Los Angeles and San Francisco. In all other communities, Sunday, June 16 will be election day.

The local Shekel and Election Boards set up throughout the nation will designate the location of the polls in their own communities. These stations will be in places convenient to the electorate.

Every voter must bring to the polls the Shekel which is his registration certificate and a means of identification, such as a driver's license, Selective Service card, Ration Book, etc.

The United States Central Shekel and Election Board, in its announcement, stressed the importance of a large turn-out at the polls if American Jewry is to send a large and influential delegation to the Congress which will convene in August.

"The purchase of a shekel, which costs only 50 cents, grants to every Jew, the right to have a voice in the choice of delegates to the Congress, and through them, in the determination of policies for the future of Jewish Palestine," it stated. "A large American delegation will insure to American Jewry its proper leadership in the world Zionist movement. This is your solemn responsibility as a Jew interested in the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth".

The number of delegates that each of the seven Zionist parties will send to the Congress is determined by the number of votes cast for its ticket. These parties are the Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah, Mizrahi, Poale Zion, Left Poale Zion, Hatzomer Hatzair and the Jewish State Party.

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS URGE SOLIDARITY WITH ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

The official support given by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States to the Zionist Organization of America Shekel Campaign for the election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress has been reaffirmed in an editorial appearing in the J.W.V. Reporter, official publication of the organization.

The editorial, entitled, "Shekels for Solidarity" is a challenge to every Jewish war veteran to "assume an important responsibility by purchasing a ZOA Shekel and to express his solidarity with his Jewish brethren the world over for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine".

"It is within our power today, to strengthen the position of our people on the International scene", the editorial states. "The World Zionist Congress will represent the democratically elected parliament of Jews in every country of the world. It will be a Congress upon which will be focused the eyes of International leaders everywhere as it will be a Congress of decision.

"This Congress must, therefore, assume the aspects of an administration of the solidarity of American Jewry with the valiant Palestine Yishuv in the fight for survival of the Jewish people. American Jewry must contribute to the shaping of the future of Palestine and to the molding of the destiny of the Jewish Commonwealth there. In the forefront must stand the American Jewish veteran.

"We can indentify ourselves with the decisions and the resolutions of the Congress and partake in our own parliament by participating in the Zionist Organization of America Shekel Campaign. Through the purchase of a Shekel, we are entitled to vote for delegates to the Congress. Through the purchase of a Shekel, we express our solidarity with our brethren the world over for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, and through the purchase of a Shekel, the Jewish veteran assumes an important responsibility. The leaders who go on hunger strikes certainly cannot be let down by us and deserted at this crucial hour".

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ELECTION OF LARGE ZOA DELEGATION TO CONGRESS ASSURED, EXECUTIVE HEARS

New York - Members of the National Executive of the Z. O. A. from various parts of the country at a special meeting held here, reported the launching of intensive preparations in their communities to bring out a large vote for the ZOA slate in the forthcoming elections to the World Zionist Congress, which will be held on June 16-17.

Presided over by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver who will head the ZOA ticket as president of the Zionist Organization of America, the meeting mapped plans for intensifying the last stage of the current shekel campaign which closes on May 24th. Reports received indicate the sale by the Z.O.A. of a larger volume of shekolim than that of any other organization or party.

The importance of electing a majority of Z.O.A. delegates to the Zionist Congress, particularly in the present crucial situation, in support of the present leadership which as represented American Zionists on the political arena, was stressed by an array of speakers including Judge Morris Rothenberg, New York, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Philadelphia, Daniel Frisch, New York, Abraham Goldstein, Hartford, Rabbi Leon Feuer, Toledo, I. R. Goodman, St. Louis, and Jacques Torczyner, New York, chairman of the Shekel Campaign.

Daniel Frisch, Chairman of the National Administrative Council, declared that the extent of the vote for the Z. O. A. throughout the country will be a gauge of the measure of influence that is being wielded by Z. O. A. leaders in their respective communities. He added that never in the history of the movement was it so important that General Zionists as represented by the Z. O. A. should emerge victorious and hold the balance of power at a World Zionist Congress.

Judge Rothenberg stressed the importance for the success of the movement that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver go to the Congress as head of a successful ticket.

The meeting decided to empower Dr. Silver to appoint a nominating committee which is to submit a list of candidates for approval to the next meeting of the National Administrative Council which will meet in Washington on Thursday evening, May 23rd.

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THE ZOA IS THE TRUE PEOPLE'S PARTY, SAYS ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN, LEADING ZIONIST

The centralization of all forces in Jewish life on behalf of Zionism and the application of their energies and abilities in behalf of the land and the movement should stand above any other interest, declared Abraham Goldstein of Hartford, Connecticut, leading Zionist and a member of the National Executive of the Zionist Organization of America, in a statement issued today. Mr. Goldstein urged endorsement of the ZOA slate headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in the forthcoming elections of delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

"The Zionist Organization of America has often been referred to as 'General' Zionists and it is confusing to many what 'General' stands for", said Mr. Goldstein. "The truth of the matter is that the General Zionists are a party with an ideology and a platform. It stands first for the Basle program. It stands for the interests of the entire Jewish people without any group or partisan interests. It calls on all Jews who are concerned with the fate of Palestine to join its ranks regardless of their labor views, religious views and any other ideas that they may cherish".

The People's Party:

Mr. Goldstein termed the Zionist Organization of America the true people's party, since it is not the party of one group, of one class, but of all groups and all classes.

"Because of this, there is never to be any fear that General Zionism may swing extremely to the right or extremely to the left", he declared. "these very elements within the party are the best guarantee for a balanced power and that a constant guard will be kept, so that no group can get the upper hand for the benefit of itself or another in the process of the building up of the Jewish homeland".

"The ZOA has within its ranks great admirers and devotees of labor in Palestine and outstanding religious leaders and laymen, and all of them find it possible to belong to one party".

Mr. Goldstein called upon every member of the ZOA to take an interest in the internal affairs of the Zionist movement by selling as many shekolim as possible to insure a majority delegation at the Congress.

"Let us not blame the ZOA for everything that takes place in the Zionist movement if we are not ready to support the position that its leadership should rightly take in the Congress", he stated.

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HEBREW LEADERS CALL FOR ELECTION OF ZOA DELEGATES TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

Outstanding leaders of the Histadruth Ivrit, the Hebraic Organization of America, have endorsed the platform and policies of the Zionist Organization of America and have formed a special Committee to win support of the ZOA slate of delegates to the World Zionist Congress, among Hebraists in the United States.

Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin, president of the Histadruth Ivrit, is chairman of the Committee. The other members are Dr. S. Bernstein, secretary, Samuel J. Borowsky, Boris Margolin, Harry P. Pierst, Samuel Fishman, Menahem Ribalow and Abraham Spicelander.

In an appeal sent to 7,000 members of the Histadruth Ivrit, the Committee urged support of the Zionist Organization of America ticket as "the ticket of unity."

"There is no room for party or for politics at this perilous moment in the struggle for Palestine", the Committee stated. "The Zionist Organization of America, which represents the whole of American Israel, must assume the leadership of the American delegation which will determine the future of our movement at the 22nd World Zionist Congress."

"The Zionist Organization of America is the greatest Zionist body in our country and has devotedly given the resources of its leadership and membership to the building of Jewish Palestine and to the fulfillment of Zionist aspirations. Its interest in stimulating and advancing Hebrew culture is well known."

"Only through having the greatest number of voters for the ZOA ticket in the forthcoming elections can its leadership at the Congress be assured. We know of no better way to serve the Zionist movement than to vote the ZOA Ticket in the elections of Congress delegates."

The Committee has distributed literature in Yiddish, Hebrew and English on the ZOA platform and ticket to Hebraists throughout the country.

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FOR RELEASE ON OR AFTER SUNDAY, MAY 26

MONSTER ZIONIST RALLY IN BROOKLYN, DR. ABBA H. SILVER TO BE THE SPEAKER

A monster Zionist rally under the auspices of the Brooklyn Region of the Zionist Organization of America, will take place at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Monday night, June 3. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who will head the American delegation of Jewish leaders to the 22nd World Zionist Congress in Palestine this summer, will be the speaker.

Rabbi Harry Halpern, president of the Brooklyn Zionist Region, which has the largest membership of any community in the United States, will preside.

The rally will mobilize the Jewish forces in the community in support of the Zionist program. Rabbi Halpern stated that "it will voice the common determination of Brooklyn Zionists to fight the delaying tactics now being pursued to block the granting of 100,000 certificates of immigration recommended by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine".

Dr. Silver who is to deliver the main address at the rally is one of the foremost spokesmen for Zionism in America, and famed for his brilliant oratory. He is Rabbi of The Temple in Cleveland, Ohio, where he has been spiritual leader for 28 years. He was recently elected president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He will lead the American delegation at the first post-war World Zionist Congress which convenes in Jerusalem on August 7, at which the future strategy of the international Zionist movement will be charted. Members of this delegation will also include Dr. Stephen W. Wise and Louis Lipsky, who are on the World Zionist Executive.

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LEADERS OF THIS STATE NAMED ON ZOA SLATE

Rabbi Leon Feuer, Toledo; Ezra Shapiro, Cleveland; Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal, Cleveland; Charles Auerbach, Cleveland; Paul J. Gaiser, Dayton; Oscar Altschuler, Youngstown; Dr. F. M. Falkman, Cleveland; Harry Frankel, Cincinnati; Suggs Garber, Cleveland and Marvin Kane, Cleveland, have been named on the Zionist Organization of America slate of delegates to the World Zionist Congress. The ZOA slate, composed of a list of 200 American Zionist leaders, representing a cross-section of the country, is headed by the organization's president, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Judging by the number of shekolim sold, the election this year promises to bring out a larger number of conscientious Zionist voters than any other Congress election in the history of the movement.

It is announced that the ZOA has sold a larger number of shekolim in the current campaign than any other organization or party. An urgent appeal has been addressed to all shekel holders to go to the polls on June 16 and 17 (in smaller communities on June 16 only) and cast their vote for the ZOA (Ticket No. 1 on the ballot).

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DISPLACED JEWS LOOK TO LEADERSHIP OF AMERICAN
ZIONISTS; DECLARES SEGAL, FRENCH ZIONIST LEADER

New York -- The militant leadership of the Zionist Organization of America, in its resolute determination to fight for the ultimate objective of a Jewish State and its aim toward the establishment of a strong Zionist leadership at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, is a source of considerable encouragement and assurance to European Zionists and to surviving Jews throughout Europe in this difficult and decisive period, declared Samuel Segal, Secretary of the Zionist Organization of France, who just arrived on a brief visit to this country.

Mr. Segal, who is also the General Secretary of the Confederation of General Zionists in Europe, came here on an important Zionist mission. He stated that the Zionists of France confidently look forward to the outcome of the elections in America for delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. We know that American Zionists understand their duty in the present historic moment and will strengthen the hands of their leadership in its endeavors to consolidate at the Congress, the position of the Zionism which stands above parties - which represents the interest of the entire Jewish people and all its groups and shadings and which stands above all factional interests in raising aloft the banner of a Jewish State in Palestine.

Mr. Segal, who recently visited a number of countries throughout Europe where he helped to unite the organizations of General Zionists, is now engaged in this country in laying the groundwork for a renewed World Confederation of General Zionists at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

"We in Europe", Mr Segal said, "believe that the center of gravity of the Jewish world position and of Zionism in particular, outside of Palestine, lies in America. Every Jew and every Zionist in Europe, places great hope on the outcome of the political struggle waged by American Zionists, directed by their dynamic leaders Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise. It goes without saying that we European Zionists do not intend to retreat one single step from our position and role in world Zionism and Jewish life in general. We firmly believe that the surviving Jews in Europe, despite their decimation and difficult economic position, will continue to exercise considerable influence in molding a better and happier future for the entire Jewish people. However, we do not overlook the fact that the greatest measure of responsibility for the fate of our people rests with American Jewry.

"The United States is now the base for the great and decisive political work in behalf of our ultimate goal in Palestine, while Europe is the source of the great mass immigration into Palestine. Both forces should unite in a close and firm bond. A large Jewish mass immigration into Palestine can ensue only as a result of great political achievements. On the other hand, the most important political achievements will lose their effect if they are not accompanied by a large Jewish mass immigration from Europe", Mr Segal said.

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ZIONISTS MOURN PASSING OF SIGMUND THAU

New York -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America, today voiced the deep sense of sorrow of American Zionists throughout the country at the passing of Sigmund Thau of New York, veteran Zionist and prominent communal leader. The ZOA President termed Mr. Thau's passing a severe loss to the Zionist movement which "he has devotedly and loyally served for the past half a century."

Active in the Zionist cause since his early youth, the deceased was associated with the Zionist Organization of America for the past forty years in various capacities. He served as a member of its National Executive and Administrative Committees and at the time of his death was an outstanding member of the Z.O.A. Finance Committee.

The deceased played a prominent role in Palestine fund-raising activity, having been particularly active as a member of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) since its inception in 1921. He headed numerous successful campaigns in behalf of Palestine and in 1932 established a special endowment for needy students in the Hebrew University. A former treasurer of the Jewish National Fund, his name is linked with many worthwhile institutions devoted to the welfare of the Jewish people.

Special memorial services for the deceased will be held by Districts of the Zionist Organization of America throughout Greater New York.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All District and Regional Presidents
and Chairmen of Veterans' Committees

DATE: 5/28/46

FROM: Herschel Auerbach

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET

SUBJECT:

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Attached herewith are copies of the three pamphlets specifically designed to appeal to Jewish veterans and to arouse their interest in the ZOA. These pamphlets are available in quantity and should be used in your veterans' work.

You will note that each of the pamphlets fulfills a specific purpose. The blue pamphlet, LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I HAVE SEEN is designed to show the suffering of our people in Europe and their desire to emigrate and establish a new life. The pictorial booklet, AN AMERICAN SOLDIER IN PALESTINE, shows that new life as it exists in Palestine and what the Yishuv offers in its accomplishments and possibilities. The third pamphlet, PALESTINE OR WE PERISH, makes use of the resolution of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States in support of a Jewish National Home in Palestine and of the letters received from soldiers expressing, in terms of their own experiences, their support of Zionism.

Please let me know how many of each you can use and they will be forwarded to you promptly.

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HERSCHEL AUERBACH
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NEW YORK, 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Auerbach:

Please send me the following items:

____ Copies of LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I HAVE SEEN.
____ Copies of AN AMERICAN SOLDIER IN PALESTINE.
____ Copies of PALESTINE OR WE PERISH.

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SHEKEL DRIVE IN HAWAII CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY BY SERVICEMEN
INJECTS NEW SPIRIT INTO JEWISH COMMUNITY THERE

Jewish life in Hawaii has acquired a deeper Zionist consciousness as a result of the lively Zionist Organization of America Shekel Campaign conducted by the Jewish servicemen stationed on the Pacific Islands.

The 10-day campaign, which started on May 10, resulted in the purchase of 325 shekolim, receipts for which have already been forwarded to the ZOA headquarters in New York.

For the first time, the word, "Shekel", appeared in a Pacific newspaper. Through the efforts of Private First Class Joseph Fried, in charge of public relations for the campaign, the Sunday Honolulu Advertiser, circulation 250,000, carried a prominent display, entitled, "The Meaning of the Shekel", at the top of its editorial page, accompanied by a 2-column feature article. The Honolulu Star-Bulletin also ran a number of stories.

The Shekel Drive was organized exclusively by Jewish servicemen. The committee headed by Captain Louis Goldblatt, of Cleveland, Ohio, a former Agudah Israel member, included Diana Jaffee of Miami Beach, a civilian employee at Ft. Ruger, Oahu, who was financial secretary, Private Fried, Maurice Kidjel, resident of Hawaii, who was civilian representative; Hilbert Chasky, for the Navy, Daniel Frank, for the Marines and Norman Rabinowitz.

Several rallies were held, and enthusiasm ran so high that even a non-Jewish Naval Commander offered to buy a shekel and "to do his part to aid the suffering Jewish remnant in Europe". It required the greatest tact, Private Fried reports, for the sailor on the Shekel Committee to tell his superior officer that only Jews could purchase shekolim.

Speedy cooperation from Herschel Auerbach, director of the Veterans Bureau of the Zionist Organization of America, brought shekel books to the Pacific a few hours before the drive started, but the supply was exhausted so rapidly that additional books had to be sent for.

The Shekel Drive in Hawaii is now history, but its impact on the community there will not soon be forgotten. It has meant not only 325 votes for the ZOA delegates to the World Zionist Congress, but a new awareness among both Jews and Christians on the islands of the tragedy of Jewish homelessness and the imperative need for a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ZOA AGREES TO ELECTION POSTPONEMENT UNDER PROTEST

New York -- The National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America held a special session last night in New York to consider the situation created by the ultimatum presented by other parties to abstain from participating in the elections to the World Zionist Congress next Sunday, June 16th, unless their demand for postponement is acceded to. Representatives from all parts of the country in attendance registered their vigorous protest against these tactics by the parties in resorting to technicalities for the purpose of forcing postponement to suit their election purposes. They reported that in keeping with the majority decision of the United States Central Shetel and Election Board to hold the elections on June 16, considerable effort and expenditures have been invested in preparations for elections and that the machinery in all communities has been set up to bring all Zionist voters to the polls.

It was reported that for weeks past certain parties had repeatedly tried, by various means, to bring about cancellation of the elections. These parties evidently feared that they would not do well in the elections but the ZOA leaders had steadily insisted upon carrying out democratic elections in accordance with the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization and the instructions of the World Executive. Surprise and resentment were expressed that certain parties who constantly claimed to be speaking for the democratic masses were desperately trying to avoid democratic elections which would give the masses the chance to express themselves at the polls.

Speakers maintained the postponement of elections which have been publicly announced in the press over a lengthy period of time, will cause considerable resentment amongst Zionists and will serve as a let-down. Such reports were rendered by I. R. Goodman of St. Louis, Abraham Goldstein of Hartford, Louis Falk for the state of New Jersey, Sol Cohen for Long Island, Marcus Abramson of the Bronx, Albert Schanzer and David Spiegel of Brooklyn, and others.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann analyzed the unprecedented situation which had been created by the minority parties and the difficulty at this late date of recalling the elections set for next Sunday, even if it was desired to

do so. He maintained that this was another instance in which the will of the overwhelming majority of organized Zionists in this country was being frustrated. He warned that such tactics might play havoc with the democratic foundations of the movement.

Mr. Abraham Goodman of Brooklyn pointed out that outside of paltry technicalities, there exist no legal and no ethical reasons for postponement of the Congress elections.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the ZOA who presided, reiterated his position that the postponement of the elections at this late date would cause serious confusion and needlessly prolong electioneering and partisan controversy at a time when Zionist energies must be directed to our great political tasks, but he voiced concern lest the holding of the elections without the participation of the other parties might create unpleasant incidents which would be misinterpreted by the outside world and harm the Zionist cause. He therefore believed that the ZOA has no alternative but to agree, under duress, to postpone the elections for two weeks.

Following lengthy discussion in which Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Jacques Torczyner, Abraham Redelheim, Herman Weisman, Charles Ress, and Abraham Tannenbaum participated, a motion presented by Daniel Frisch was unanimously adopted for the appointment of a committee of five with power to act on all matters dealing with the elections. A motion was also adopted limiting any possible postponement to a maximum period of two weeks.

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MASS DEMONSTRATION FOR JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE
Sponsored by American Zionist Emergency Council and American Jewish Conference
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, Wednesday evening, June 12, 1946

FOR RELEASE: AFTER 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1946

MESSAGES TO THE RALLY

From Governor Thomas E. Dewey

DEAR DR. SILVER:

ALTHOUGH I REGRET VERY MUCH INDEED THAT OTHER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS OF LONG
STANDING MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE WITH YOU IN PERSON TONIGHT, I DO WISH
MOST EARNESTLY TO JOIN YOU IN EXPRESSING MY SENSE OF DEEP CONCERN AT THE DELAY
WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN IMPLEMENTING THE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION OF THE ANGLO
AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY FOR THE IMMEDIATE ADMISSION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
DISPLACED JEWISH PEOPLE TO PALESTINE.

THE REMNANTS, THE PITIFUL HANDFUL OF SURVIVORS OF EUROPEAN JEWRY ARE IN
DESPERATE NEED. FOR THEM THE WAR WHICH HAS NOW LASTED FOURTEEN YEARS IS NOT
OVER. THE FIRST VICTIMS OF HITLER'S TYRANNY ARE STILL ITS VICTIMS MORE THAN A
YEAR AFTER VICTORY. THEY CANNOT STAY WHERE THEY ARE. THEY CANNOT GO HOME. THEIR
RIGHT TO GO TO PALESTINE IS CONCEDED. IT MUST BE GRANTED THEM AND IT MUST BE
GRANTED NOW. PALESTINE WHICH HAS SUCCESSFULLY ABSORBED SO MANY IN THE GREAT
CREATIVE ENTERPRISE WHICH IS BLOOMING THERE CAN TAKE MORE AND STILL MORE. HERE
IS THE VERY EPITOME OF ALL WE FOUGHT FOR -- THE RIGHT OF HITLER'S VICTIMS TO
SANCTUARY, OPPORTUNITY AND FREEDOM.

I JOIN WITH YOU WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN YOUR PROTEST AGAINST DELAY AND YOUR
INSISTENCE THAT JUSTICE BE GRANTED IMMEDIATELY.

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From Senator Owen Brewster (3., Me.)

DEEPLY REGRET INABILITY TO BE WITH YOU TONIGHT TO JOIN IN PROTEST WITH EVERY OTHER
RED BLOODED AMERICAN AGAINST INEXPLICABLE AND INEXCUSABLE RETURN OF THE INDES-
CRIBABLE GRAND MUFTI TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS INDICATES DESPERATION. BRITAIN
WILL FIND IT UNDERESTIMATES THE INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
THE SO-CALLED ARAB LEAGUE IS NOTHING BUT THE VOICE OF BRITAIN, AS AMPLY EVIDENCED

(more)

BY THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT ACCORDED IBN SAUD AND HIS ASSOCIATED DESPOTS BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PARTICULARLY BY THE FUNDS FURNISHED BY BRITAIN TO MAINTAIN THE ARAB LEGATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON "WHOSE BREAD I EAT, HIS SONG I SING." THE BRITISH LION DOES NOT MAKE A PRETTY PICTURE PARADING IN THE BORROWED ROBES OF AN ARAB SHEIK, BUT THAT IS THE PICTURE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC MUST BE BROUGHT TO SEE IF OUR DIFFICULTIES IN PALESTINE ARE TO BE UNDERSTOOD AND THE VISION OF ZION REALIZED.

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From James G. McDonald

CONTINUED DELAY IN THE IMPLEMENTING OF THE CONCRETE IMMIGRATION RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE BECOMES EVERY DAY MORE INEXPLICABLE. OUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE IMMEDIATE ADMISSION INTO PALESTINE OF 100,000 JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS, THUS EMPTYING THE CAMPS THROUGHOUT OCCUPIED EUROPE, WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS WHATSOEVER. MOREOVER, THE SUGGESTION THAT THE CARRYING OUT OF SUCH VITAL MEASURES SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE SO-CALLED ILLEGAL ARMIES HAD BEEN DISBANDED WAS UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED BY OUR COMMITTEE. WE WERE CONVINCED THAT TO MAKE SUCH A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE RELEASE OF 100,000 FROM THE EUROPEAN CENTERS WOULD BE TO CONDEMN THEM TO CONTINUED CONFINEMENT AND WOULD BE TO HOLD THEM AS HOSTAGES. THE REASONABLE AND JUST COURSE IS TO OPEN THE DOORS OF PALESTINE AT ONCE TO THE 100,000. WE WERE CONVINCED BY THE EVIDENCE OF THE BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES THAT THE JEWISH DEFENSE FORCES WOULD JOIN WITH THOSE OF THE MANDATORY IN MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER THROUGHOUT PALESTINE.

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REGIONAL CHAIRMEN OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA,
IN MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ABBA HILLEL SILVER DEMOUNCE
FALSE ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN DRAGGED INTO ELECTION CAM-
PAIGN AND PLEDGE COMPLETE SUPPORT OF ZOA PROGRAM...
WARN AGAINST WEAKENING OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE FOR PALESTINE

A message denouncing the "false issues and irrelevant ideologies which have been dragged into the Shekel and Election Campaign" for delegates to the World Zionist Congress, and pledging complete support of the Zionist Organization of America platform and policies, has been sent to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, by the twenty-three Regional chairmen of the organization throughout the country.

The message, prompted by the divisive actions within the Zionist movement on the eve of the elections of delegates to the World Zionist Congress, warns against the weakening of the united political struggle for Palestine through these factional disputes. It proclaims the Zionist Organization of America as "the driving force behind all important Zionist activities both financial and political", and regrets the "deliberate attempts to belittle it and to deprive it of that influence in the movement which it has richly earned."

The message declares that the political struggle for free Jewish immigration and a Jewish Commonwealth is the single crucial issue confronting all Jewry at the present time, and that to inject any other issues at this time can only hinder that struggle.

"Even from quarters which have constantly appealed to us for help and cooperation, year in and year out, we are suddenly subjected to a propaganda campaign designed to reduce our great organization from its position of leadership on the American Zionist scene," the Regional chairmen state.

"False issues and irrelevant ideologies are dragged in with the object of deflecting votes from the ZOA slate, for the aggrandizements of small parties whose contribution to the total effort of American Zionism is relatively small. By a loud publicity campaign an attempt is being made to inflate such groups out of all proportion to their true strength throughout the country.

"Neither we nor our membership and sympathizers will be misled by this party propaganda. At this critical moment, when the Jewish people is engaged in a life and death struggle for its national future, American Zionists are not and will not be concerned with party ideologies. They are concerned exclusively with two major tasks; 1)- Large scale financial assistance for the practical upbuilding of a Jewish National Home; 2)- The political struggle

for free Jewish immigration and a Jewish Commonwealth."

"We regard the introduction of all other issues as being irrelevant and untimely and tending to weaken the effectiveness of our united Zionist effort. Whether the Yishuv should develop on Socialist lines or in keeping with Orthodox Judaism or will develop other patterns of social and religious life-- these are not the questions now before us. And it is no service to our cause to project them into the forefront of Zionist discussions.

"The whole future of Palestine is at stake. That and nothing else is the great problem which confronts and unites us all and that must remain our paramount concern until the present crisis is safely behind us."

Express Complete Confidence in ZOA Leadership

In its concluding paragraphs, the message pledges all-out support for the ZOA slate in the elections, and asks the Zionist voters of America for "a vote of confidence in the Zionist Organization of America, its policies and its leadership."

"We are confident that the most far-sighted men of all parties must understand the importance and necessity of maintaining the strength and prestige for the Zionist Organization of America at this time," the message concludes. "It has the chief responsibility for the success of our fund-raising efforts, for the Keren Kayemeth and Keren Hayesod, and United Palestine Appeal. It also has the chief responsibility for carrying on our political struggle. If it has these responsibilities it must also have the moral and political authority, without which it cannot continue to exercise effective leadership."

"Because of these considerations we wish to assure you, Dr. Silver, of our determination to leave no stone unturned, to secure an overwhelmingly large vote for the ZOA ticket in the coming elections. The ZOA has a right to ask the Zionist voters of America for a vote of confidence in itself, its policies and its leadership. We have every reason to believe that such a vote of confidence will be forthcoming."

The Regional chairmen of the Zionist Organization of America who signed the message are: John Fox, Chairman, Connecticut Region; Joseph W. Spector, Chairman Seaboard Region; Dr. Hyman D. Silver, Bronx; Rabbi Harry Halpern, Brooklyn; Judge Hyman J. Reit, Manhattan; Benjamin J. Doff, Long Island; Paul J. Gaiser, Ohio Valley; Lester Cohen, Tri-State; Abe Berkowitz, Southeast; Julius Livingston, Southwest; Isadore Shapiro, Empire State; Ernest S. Freudenheim, Western New York; Arthur Darnen, Rhode Island; Samuel Coplee, New England; Rabbi Max Hirschbaum, West Coast; Milton J. Silberman, Chicago; Joseph Kohn, Philadelphia; Louis A. Falk, New Jersey; Ad Estess, Iowa State; A. L. Greenberg, Northwestern; Michael Hanin, Eastern Pennsylvania; and I.R. Goodman, St. Louis.

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RABBI JOSHUA LOTH LIEBMAN REPUDIATES USE OF
HIS NAME ON LABOR ZIONIST ELECTION SLATE

Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman of Boston, who has been affiliated with the Zionist Organization of America for many years, and who is the author of the current best-seller, "Peace of Mind," declared that "my name appears on the Labor Zionist and Progressive Bloc slate as a delegate to the World Zionist Congress without my consent or approval."

Rabbi Liebman explained that while he has long admired the work of the Histadruth in Palestine and is in sympathy with the ideals of labor Zionism, his loyalty through the years has been to the Zionist Organization of America. He stated that he had declined the invitation of the Labor Zionist and Progressive Bloc to be a candidate on their ticket.

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Vital tasks lie ahead for American Jewish youth. A clarion question rings insistently in the ears of the Jewish people. It is "Whither Jew?" On the way you answer it may depend the continuance of the ancient and lofty Jewish heritage of which you are part and of which American Jewish youth is the last remaining large repository.

The question, "Whither Jew?" is at once a challenge and lament. It is a question which in the past six years has been answered by the grim, mute testimony of six million Jewish dead in Europe, as a result of Jewish homelessness. It is a question that has been answered, too, by six hundred thousand dynamic Jews in Palestine who are causing the blossoming desert to proclaim that "The land of Israel lives. The people of Israel lives." This is the answer of positive Zionism.

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GENERAL ZIONISTS TO MUSTER ONE MILLION
VOTERS FOR WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

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A call to American Jewry to send the greatest number of delegates in its history to the 22nd World Zionist Congress to be held in Palestine in August, and thus insure a powerful voice in decisions affecting the Jewish homeland was issued today by Zionist leaders at an all day conference at the Hotel Commodore in New York which launched the Shekel Campaign of the Zionist Organization of America.

The goal of the Zionist Organization of America, it was announced by Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the Campaign, who presided at the Conference of 150 representatives from all parts of the country, is to sell one million Shekelim to supporters of the organization, which will give them the franchise to elect delegates to the Congress who will represent the General Zionist program.

Louis Lipsky, a member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, termed the Zionist Organization of America the backbone of the Zionist movement, upon which the major responsibility for the upbuilding of Palestine has rested in America during the past 45 years.

"The Zionist Organization of America has represented and continues to represent objective opinion, free from partisanship", he states. "It rightfully should have a major influence in the decisions to be made at the forthcoming World Congress".

"The Shekel is a more significant symbol in Jewish life than ever before," said Mr. Lipsky, "for it will reflect the revived strength of the Zionist movement. Much of this strength has been lost through the liquidation of so many Jewish communities in Europe and the disappearance of many of the great figures in Zionist leadership on that continent".

Congress Decisions to be set before UNO.

The crucial role that the World Zionist Congress will assume in determining the future of Jewish Palestine was discussed by Rabbi Irving Miller, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America.

"If the report of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine, which will be made by the time the World Zionist Congress meets is unfavorable, then the Congress will be call to battle", said Rabbi Miller. "If the report is favorable, then we shall be entering a period of transition. It will be up to the Congress to determine the role of the Zionist movement all over the world.

"The faith of a broken and displaced people will have to be lifted by this Congress. This Congress will have to prove that it is still worthwhile to live as a Jew. Furthermore, the decisions of the Zionist Congress will constitute our case before the UNO when it meets in September. Under these circumstances it is of the utmost importance that the Zionist Organization of America shall send to the Congress a numerically strong and spiritually powerful delegation".

ZOA Is Balance of Power of Power, Says Daniel Frisch

Daniel Frisch, chairman of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America, declared that the General Zionists must represent a majority at the Congress "in order to serve as a balance of power".

"The Zionist Organization of America has cause for optimism in the success of its campaign to sell one million Shekelim", said Mr. Frisch. "for the first time in our history, we enter the Shokol Campaign with close to 200,000 Shekelim already paid through our membership. In Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, our president, we have a leader who is able to influence the tempo and thinking of our movement as few other men in its history have done".

"Since American Jewry speaks to Palestine almost exclusively through the Zionist Organization of America, it is therefore only proper and wise that it should come to the Congress as the strongest group so that it may lend its genius for organization and work to the leadership of the movement".

The Shekel Roll Call was devised by Dr. Theodore Herzl, founder of modern political Zionism, for the first World Zionist Congress in 1897, and has since become the traditional process by which delegates are elected to the international Congress of Zionist bodies. Each holder of a Shekel, for which he pay 50 cents, has the right to cast his vote for a delegate.

The Congress to be held in Palestine in August will be the first since 1939. Within that period, the world has seen one of the greatest upheavals in Jewish life when millions were massacred by the Nazis.

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JEWRY ASKS FOR A CHANCE
TO LIVE IN PEACE IN PALESTINE
A Christian Statement on Palestine

PALESTINE SHOULD BE forever - and unreservedly - open to Jewish immigration

Since the fall of Jerusalem in the year 70 the Jews have been a nation without a homeland and Palestine never again has achieved independence. The Jews have remained a people, bound by determination to re-establish themselves in their land. Through the centuries they have been "everywhere in evidence but nowhere at home"; subject to injustice, but with no redress; victims of humiliation, expulsion and massacre. Toward the end of the nineteenth century, political Zionism was created to end this intolerable status. Political Zionism states what we conceive to be only the truth -- that any Jew who needs, or wishes, to return to the ancestral homeland should have that right.

All the nations, including the United States, recognize the historical connection between the Jewish people and Palestine. They solemnly promised, in the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate for Palestine, to re-establish Palestine as the Jewish National Home. Had this promise been kept, the world would not have had to witness the massacre of 6,000,000 Jews nor the desperation of those who survive in Europe.

All the secret promises given the Arabs by Great Britain in World War I have been fulfilled. Then, not a single Arab state existed. Today, all the Arab countries of the former Ottoman Empire are independent. The Jews ask for their remnants in Europe that the promises solemnly and publicly made to them be kept so that they may immigrate into Palestine and build the Jewish Commonwealth.

2. Arab

THE UNITED NATIONS should extend all possible aid to encourage Jews to develop Palestine to the country's maximum economic absorptive capacity.

Both Jews and Arabs are Semitic peoples and between them exists a reciprocal bond of brotherhood. In a Palestinian Jewish Commonwealth there is nothing inimical to Arab equality. Rather than harm Arab interests, Jewish development has helped them. All authorities agree that Jewish enterprise has converted a backward, neglected, poverty-ridden province in a quarter of a century into a prospering, modern community where all - Arabs of all classes as well as Jews - have benefitted.

The opposition to development of Palestine as a progressive Jewish State comes from the extremist Arab nationalists, of fascist leanings, who fear that their autocratic, feudal, privileged position might be jeopardized by an economically and socially advanced, democratic Palestine.

To rehabilitate the homeless, stateless Jews of Europe, Zionism asks that there be opened for them a publicly recognized, legally secured homeland in Palestine where they can live freely and forge their own destiny in their ancient homeland. They want to go and need, imperatively, to go. The Jews of Palestine are eager and able to welcome them. The doors of other nations are closed.

We say it is a just plea.

We support it.

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SILVER SEES DAWN OF NEW ERA -- IN PASSOVER MESSAGE

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In a message addressed to American Jews on the occasion of the Passover holidays, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, voiced his conviction that "the day is not far off when every living Israelite will ally himself with the Zionist idea and its redemptive message, and that for thousands, the dawn of that alliance with dignity and freedom will rise."

Dr. Silver's Passover message reads:

"Not for decades has the great commemoration of our escape from the house of bondage in Mizrayim (Egypt) been so profound a personal experience of every true Jew still alive in the world as in this year. Despite our inextinguishable sorrow for our millions of holy martyrs, despite our just indignation at a world's indifference, we know, we recognize, we are able to proclaim that a new dynamism has come into the history and into the fate of the Jewish people. With tears but also with a sense of triumph and of truth shall we say on this Pesach: 'In every generation they rise against us and in every generation God delivers us from their hands.' This year, as almost never before, will every man and woman and child think of himself or herself as having gone forth from Egypt.

"For we are going forth. Though hundreds of thousands of our brethren still languish in Europe and in other lands, their spirits are on the march toward the land of promise, toward the land of redemption, and though in high places, amid the powers and principalities of this world,

enmity and malice still throw obstacles in our path, the spirit of the people Israel is on the march toward freedom. Tomorrow if not today, whatever there is of good report and of conscience and of justice left in the world will ally itself with that forth-faring spirit of the people Israel and we shall be no more slaves but free men who by their liberation will increase the sum of freedom and of goodness on the earth.

The Midrash tells us that the children of Israel were redeemed from Egypt for certain good works. They did not change their names: they did not give up their language; they remained true to the Covenant. Has such not been the spirit of the Zionist rebirth in modern times? Has not the redemptive Zionist idea caused us to keep our names, to cherish our speech, to cleave close to the eternal Covenant? Not every Jew has as yet risen to all the pride and loyalty created by the Zionist idea and its redemptive message. But we are serene in the faith that the day is not far off when every living Israelite will ally himself with that idea and that redemption and that for thousands the dawn of that alliance with dignity and freedom will rise this Seder night.

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Nathan Straus III
States Zionist Views

Accepts Vice-Chairmanship of
Committee on Unity for Palestine

The establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine offers the only real hope for a practicable, permanent solution to the Jewish problem, Mr. Nathan Straus III said today (May 6, 1946) at a dinner meeting of the Committee on Unity for Palestine of the Zionist Organization of America at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, during which his acceptance of the vice-chairmanship of the Committee was announced.

Mr. Straus stated that he was anxious that a true picture of the meaning and importance of Palestine should become available, "both to those people who have a distorted picture now, and to those who have given no thought to the problem up to the present time." He said that is why he became actively associated with the Committee, which was formed two years ago to present the facts about Palestine to the Jewish community and to all in this country who may be interested.

The meeting, which was called to decide on future policy of the Committee on Unity, was presided over by Dr. Felix A. Levy of Chicago and heard an analysis of anti-Zionist activities by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, the Executive Director. It was determined to use an extensive campaign of circularization in an effort to promote widespread true understanding of the hope that Zionism holds for the surviving, homeless Jews

in Europe today, and for a just and lasting solution of the whole Jewish problem. Small group meetings will be held in the New York area at which well-qualified authorities will explain the program of Zionism and will present the facts with regard to Jewish aims for Palestine.

Mr. Straus, recently returned from four years of service as an officer in the United States Navy, is a graduate of Dartmouth College where he majored in Political Science. He said that he became "convinced of the validity of the Zionist program after considerable study and thought, and following conversations with leaders representing opposing viewpoints, such as Sir Robert Waley-Cohen and Dr. Chaim Weizmann." Since his release from active duty as a lieutenant on April 1st of this year, Mr. Straus has been active with the firm of Nathan Straus--Duparquet, Inc., New York, in an executive capacity.

The full text of Mr. Straus' statement follows:

"The Jewish people and the whole world will benefit if the Jewish problem is solved. It seems clear to me that the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine offers the only real hope for a Practicable, permanent solution to the problem. That is the reason I have become associated with Zionism and am taking an active part in the work of the Committee on Unity for Palestine of the Zionist Organization of America. The purpose of the Committee is to present the facts about Palestine to the Jewish community and to all in America who are interested, in order that all may realize the opportunity and the hope that Palestine offers. I am deeply anxious that a true picture of the meaning and importance of Palestine shall become available, both to those people who have a distorted picture now, and to those who have given no thought to the problem up to the present time.

"I believe, with the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis, that 'the meaning of the word Jewish in the term Jewish problem must be accepted as co-extensive with the disabilities which it is our problem to remove... Those disabilities do not end with a renunciation of faith, however sincere. They do not end with the elimination, however complete, of external mannerisms. The disabilities do not end ordinarily until the Jewish blood has been so thoroughly diluted by repeated inter-marriages as to result in practically obliterating the Jew.' A man is a Jew, not because of what he professes to believe or because of what he thinks. He is a Jew in the eyes of the world because of his inheritance and because of what he is.

"The establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine will have a beneficial effect on Jewish people throughout the world. It will relieve the pressure on countries other than Palestine for immigration certificates for Jews. Palestine will constitute a place where the work of Jews may be carried on and recognized specifically as Jewish contributions to the well-being of humanity. Accomplishments in the fields of science, industry, agriculture, literature and medicine will be credited to the Jewish people. The stereotypes which non-Jews use to identify the Jew as an unproductive middle-man, a homeless wanderer, and a money lender, will tend to fall apart before the picture in Palestine of productive laborers redeeming the soil, furnishing the manpower for new industries, and building houses and schools. This will give to the Jewish people renewed self-respect, and in the long run is bound to have a profound effect on the attitude of the world toward Jews.

"A homeless people, such as the Jews have been for centuries, can never be a wholly well-adjusted one. The effect of such homelessness on both the Jews themselves and the various communities in which they

live, and will continue to live, all over the world is most unfortunate. Every people needs to have its roots somewhere. The Dane who lives in Minnesota is not a poorer citizen of the United States, but a better citizen because of the existence of a Danish homeland. His own cultural traditions which stem from that country contribute to his own peace of mind and to his useful citizenship. It is patently ridiculous to say that Fiorello H. LaGuardia is a poorer American because there is an Italian homeland, or that the late Alfred E. Smith was a less loyal American because of the existence of an Irish Free State. In the same way, a Jew will not become a less loyal American, but a better one, if there exists a Jewish state in Palestine. In the words of the late Justice Brandeis, "Let no American imagine that Zionism is inconsistent with patriotism. Multiple loyalties are objectionable only if they are inconsistent. A man is a better citizen of the United States for being also a loyal citizen of his state, and of his city; for being loyal to his family, and to his profession or trade; for being loyal to his college or his lodge. Every Irish-American who contributed towards advancing home rule was a better man and a better American for the sacrifice he made. Every American Jew who aids in advancing the Jewish settlement in Palestine, though he feels that neither he nor his descendants will ever live there, will likewise be a better man and a better American for doing so.

"I feel certain that the Arab obstacle can be overcome. A handful of the powerful land-owners, who run the country and keep the masses ignorant and poverty-stricken, provide the source and the core of all opposition. This tiny clique, rich and powerful, realizes that it has everything to lose and nothing to win through development of the country, industrialization, breaking up of the great land-

holdings, and education of the people. The voice of this reactionary group is the one referred to when we hear references to the "Arab case", and the "Arab viewpoint". And this little clique comprises the group close to the British Colonial Office, which the British Government encourages and negotiates with in Palestine matters. The great majority of land owners are glad to sell their land to Jews at generous prices, with no coercion at all involved. And the masses of Arab fellahs are naturally friendly toward the Jews. If not propagandized and incited by the small clique at the top they would not oppose Jewish immigration. They have much to gain through the benefits of medical care, education, and higher wages, which Jewish immigration brings. The will of a few, speaking only for themselves, cannot be permitted to stand in the way.

"The surviving, homeless Jews of Europe who look to Palestine as their only hope for a life of dignity emphasize the desperate urgency of the problem. They must be allowed to settle there. In doing so they will find contentment and happiness for themselves today, and will build the cornerstone of a better tomorrow for the Jewish people and the whole world."

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WHY I AM A GENERAL ZIONIST

by

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(To the Editor: This article is offered to you
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There are a number of reasons why I am and why I shall remain a General Zionist. All converge at last in one fundamental reason which may be said to consist of two parts: One, an inevitable criticism of the society of our day, and two, a desire that the society we build in Palestine may, by virtue of its authentic and unborrowed Jewishness, avoid the shattering errors which have brought the world to its present dreadful pass.

Let me take up first some of the more obvious reasons. We want and sorely need national unity. We need it above all, in the Yishuv. But we do not want an imposed unity, nor a unity of brittle compromise. We want unity through a process of synthesis. We want a unity that represents a balance among the forces that are naturally active in any contemporary society, even in that of Jewish Palestine. I want in the Yishuv and in the emerging Jewish state, wise planning plus freedom; I want the social justice of prophetic Judaism, but I want it without harshness to any of the classes into which a human society falls. It is no Utopia that I am after. There are a few foreshadowings in the world of a society in which a wise balance of forces prevails. I want nothing doctrinaire; we have seen where that leads. I want neither the brutalities of an unrestricted capitalism nor a Marxist straight-jacket. I want, from a mere worldly point of view, let us say - Sweden.

There is, for instance, a good deal of bitterness in the Yishuv on the question of education. General Zionist schools could unite. I believe, unquestioning reverence for Jewish tradition with the equally unquestioning determination that no one shall grind the faces of those who toil, and that this end, as formulated by the prophet, shall be brought about by strictly contemporary economic techniques.

General Zionism represents a balance through a synthesis of forces already active and operative in Jewish tradition and the Jewish temperament. It represents principles acceptable to all Jews--social amelioration and

personal liberty, "truth and faith"—fervency for both man and God -- in brief, it seems to me, organic Judaism, the striving for an organic Jewish society in which all Jews can be at ease and at peace.

A middle way, a way equidistant from all extremes, a balance and synthesis, is not a way of feebleness and compromise. It is a way of wisdom; it is a Jewish way; it is the Jewish way out of the jungles of the world. This is my claim for General Zionism.

General Zionism wants, as far as possible, to liberate Jewish Palestine from the tendencies of the unhappy world; it wants the Jewish people in Eretz Yisrael (by trial and error, if need be), to develop and establish a society on Jewish principles discovered through and by Jewish instincts. In brief, General Zionism has little faith in the social and economic theories and practices of this twentieth-century world, but it has boundless faith in the ability of Jews (they have already demonstrated it) to build a Jewish society free of the gross evils and bitter compromise and cruelties of the societies of the East and West, as they exist today. General Zionism represents a great act of faith in the Jewish people.

We General Zionists are not luke warm; we are not shallow secularists or lazy capitalists. General Zionism seeks to free the Jewish people from the ideological chains of Galuth; it aspires toward an organic Jewish society in Eretz Yisrael which shall be Jewish in form and substance, in impulse and action, in thought and deed. It would rather have Jews in Palestine make their own mistakes than repeat the mistakes of a world perpetually at class war.

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AMERICAN JEWRY'S DECISIVE ROLE IN THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

by

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The World Zionist Congress which is to meet this summer, probably in Palestine, will not be in a mood of appeasement. Jewry has suffered too much, actively at the hands of the Nazis and passively, through human indifference, to accept anything less than free, unconditional Jewish immigration into Palestine, and its establishment as a Jewish State as soon as the Jews form a majority of the population.

This coming Congress may prove to be of epoch-making importance. The Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, is now in Switzerland, writing its report. It will probably make recommendations not only with reference to immediate immigration to Palestine, but also with reference to the permanent question of Palestine's status. These recommendations will call for the reaction of the Zionist movement as represented by the World Zionist Congress.

American Jewry, now the largest Jewish community in the world, will have a powerful voice in the decisions of the Congress. Its credentials will be not only its numerical and its economic advantages, but its sense of responsibility towards Jewish Palestine, its willingness to bear burdens in the difficult task of securing for the remnant of European Jewry a highway to Palestine and converting Palestine into Eretz Israel.

With Great Britain no longer in the Balfour Declaration mood, and with the United States public opinion unmistakably pro-Zionist, American Jewry may emerge at the Zionist Congress as the chief cornerstone of Zionist hopes.

American Jews have an opportunity to indicate their own awareness of historic responsibility. The Zionist shekel offers that opportunity. If the million American Jews heretofore unaffiliated with Zionist organizations would purchase the Zionist shekel and thereby indicate basic adherence to the Zionist movement, it would be the incontrovertible proof that the Jews of America are Zionists.

A million new shekel-holders would give the lie to Mr. Bevin's insinuation that Zionists are a group apart from the mainstream of Jewish life. It would discredit the American Council for Judaism in the eyes of the American public. It would strengthen the hands of men in government who wish to forward our program. It would be a well-merited signal to the Jews of Palestine that we stand with them in their valiant resistance to the illegal and immoral White Paper. It would be a heartening token of fellowship and encouragement to the miserably afflicted of our brothers and sisters in Europe who long for salvation in Zion.

Since it speaks for the overwhelming majority of the enrolled Zionists of the country, the Zionist Organization of America expects to send the largest American delegation to the World Zionist Congress. Since it has borne the major responsibility for the building of the Jewish homeland over a period of 45 years, it will play a major role at the Congress in the determination of policies affecting Jewish Palestine and in the choice of leadership of the World Zionist Movement.

The Zionist Organization of America will represent the General Zionists. It is from the ranks of this section of the Zionist movement that Theodor Herzl, Max Nordau, David Wolffsohn, Louis D. Brandeis and Chaim Weizmann - the great names of Zionism have been drawn. The establishment of the historical Zionist institutions - the Jewish National Fund, Palestine Foundation Fund and the World Zionist Congress - are among the notable achievements of General Zionists. General Zionists have in the main raised the millions of dollars to carry on the development of Palestine. The Balfour Declaration - the political basis of the Jewish homeland - was brought about largely through the efforts of General Zionism.

The temperature will be high in Palestine this summer. And the passions of the 300 elected delegates who will assemble there for the 22nd World Zionist Congress will run high, too. For the Jewish people are weary of delays. The Jews of Palestine found a desert and transformed it into farms and gardens and cities. All the substantive essentials of a Jewish State exist in Palestine today. What is lacking is the international recognition. The World Zionist Congress will demand that recognition and the Zionist movement will struggle for it until the victory is won.