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Zionist Organization of America, Shekel campaign, 1946.

THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS MUST BACK RIGHTEOUSNESS WITH FORCE

by

MORTIMER MAY

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

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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 shekolim. 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 shekolim 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 warning 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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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Shekel and Election Campaign

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National Shekel Chairman

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MAY 24TH

CLOSING DATE FOR SHEKEL SALES OPENING DATE OF ZOA ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Friday, May 24th, the closing date for the sale of Shekolim, marks the beginning of the second and most important stage in the ZOA drive for the election of a large delegation to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

In a joint communication addressed to all regional and district presidents and shekel chairmen, Jacques Torczyner, National Shekel Chairman and Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director of the ZOA, pointed out the fact that the election of the ZOA slate is entirely dependent upon the number of votes cast. A minority party, although it may have sold one half or one third or even less of the total number of shekolim than sold by the ZOA, can easily lead in the elections if their members come to the polls while our shekel payers stay at home.

Attention is called to the fact that the elections will be by secret ballot that a shekel payer -- man and woman -- regardless of the organization and group through which he or she purchased a shekel is free to cast his or her vote for whatever list he has chosen.

Intensive Campaign of Enlightenment: -

To insure the success of the ZOA slate headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President, all districts and regions are called upon to conduct a most intensive campaign of enlightenment and education between now and election day. To this end it is urgently requested that community-wide rallies be held between now and June 16th with outstanding Zionist personalities as speakers for the purpose of impressing upon every shekel payer -- man and woman -- to come to the polls on election day to cast his or her vote for the ZOA ticket.

The urgency to insure the success of the ZOA ticket is particularly underscored by the present political situation. The election of a majority of ZOA delegates to the Congress will mean the support of its leadership which has so militantly represented American Zionism and championed the maximum Zionist program.

The hands of the leaders of the Zionist movement must be upheld at the World Zionist Congress. American Zionism can best be represented at the Congress through the leaders of American Zionism who will be the ZOA delegates. The ZOA leadership has furthered the political interests of the movement and also its economic interest in Palestine. Now, more than ever, they must be given a vote of confidence, they must become strengthened before the world. The interests of the movement and the prestige of our organization demand it.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO VOTERS

1. Every voter must bring to the polls the shekel which is his registration certificate together with a means of identification, such as, driver's license, selective service card, ration book or a charge account bearing the signature of the owner, or a veteran's discharge certificate.

Any one of these identifications will be acceptable as well as bonafide letters or bills of public utilities addressed to the voter.

2. In communities where there are two or more polling places, the voter may cast his vote at any of these polling stations.
3. Only a holder of a shekel will be permitted to vote. No duplicate shekelim will be issued to replace lost ones.
4. Shekel boards may be established at any of the army camps for the benefit of Jewish servicemen.

Remember:

The number of ZOA delegates to be elected depends upon the number of votes cast.

Go to the polls! Bring with you all adult members of your family, friends and neighbors -- men and women -- who are shekel holders and ask them to cast their vote for the ZOA slate.

Use your franchise. It is a valuable privilege and sacred duty!

In the following communities election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress will be held on two days -- Sunday, June 16th and Monday, June 17th.

On Sunday, June 16th, the polls will be open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

On Monday, June 17th, the polls will be open from 12 noon to 10 P. M.

New York
Philadelphia
Baltimore
Boston
Cleveland
Pittsburgh
Detroit
Chicago
St. Louis
Los Angeles
San Francisco
Newark

In all other communities not listed here elections will be held on Sunday, June 16th only.

Additional Important Information

No voting will be permitted by mail. No one may vote on behalf of another or of others. Each voter must go to the polling station in person, prove his identity and his right to vote. Each voter will be required to sign the voting register. The ballot is secret.

The local Shekel and Election Board has the right to designate one or more polling stations, as it deems advisable. Polling stations are usually set up at synagogues, Center buildings, Y M H As, etc.

Where there is more than one polling station in a community, the local Shekel and Election Board must prepare an alphabetical list of all the voters in that community and supply each polling station with a complete list. The alphabetical list is made up from the certified lists which will be sent to the local Shekel and Election Board by the U.S. Central Shekel and Election Board.

If a shekel-holder is in a community other than his own on election day, he may go to any polling station and vote by delivering up his shekel, giving his name and address and the name of the city where he is registered, and then casting his ballot. The ballot, the shekel and the name and address of the voter are then deposited in a sealed envelope and forwarded to the U.S. Central Shekel and Election Board for verification and counting.

Philadelphia

David Gubin, chairman of the local Shekel Campaign, reports fine cooperation on the part of the 15 Zionist Districts, the Rabbis of the various congregations and the leaders of many large organizations. A large army of workers has been organized for the Campaign.

Englewood, N. J.

The Englewood Zionist District, under the leadership of its president, Mervin D. Hyman, reports considerable progress in all its activities. The community is in the midst of a concentrated shekel and election campaign under the chairmanship of Nathan Lerner.

Bloomsbury, Pa.

Under the chairmanship of Jack Sloan, the sale of shekolim is proceeding briskly as we approach the deadline of May 24.

Hudson, New York

The Shekel Campaign in Hudson District is being ably headed by William Kline, a life member of the ZOA, who is leaving no stone unturned in the drive to enlist every eligible person in his community as a voter for the ZOA slate.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

An educational campaign, together with an admonition to every member of the Pittsburgh Zionist District to "Go to the polls and vote the ZOA ticket!" has characterized the Shekel Campaign here. Chairman of the Shekel Committee is Oscar Robins.

Miami, Fla.

Zionists in Miami have doubled their efforts in the drive to sell at least 15,000 Shekolim before May 24th. Co-chairmen in the Shekel Campaign are Abe Goodman and Harry Simonoff.

Flint, Mich.

The Flint Zionist Organization is combining its Shekel Campaign with a drive to enroll new members. Jacob Pines, chairman of the membership drive, announces that they are fast approaching their goal of 300 members. Rabbi Jacob Hurwitz is president of the Flint District, and Nathan Finklostein, chairman of the Shekel Campaign.

Omaha, Nebraska

A drive to bring the membership total to 1,000 has been announced by Arthur Cohen, president and Al Sophir, membership chairman of the local ZOA District. The membership drive is being conducted in conjunction with a concentrated and all-out Shekel Campaign to bring to the polls every Jew - man and woman - over 18 years of age.

San Francisco

The ZOA of San Francisco is winding up a vigorous Shekel and Election Campaign under the chairmanship of Herman Z. Quittman. A proclamation to the Jews of San Francisco has been issued, calling for support of the ZOA in the forthcoming elections.

Connecticut

The Shekel and Election Campaign in Connecticut is being carried out with vigor and intensity, it was announced by John J. Fox, Connecticut Regional President, and Judge Jacob Schwolsky Regional ZOA Shekel Chairman. Veterans and Fraternal Organizations have joined the drive to elect the ZOA slate.

Additional List of Shekel and Election Chairmen:

Chester Sitrin, Utica; Alvin Davis, Nashville; George Lehr, Dayton O.; Samuel Berkman, Canton, O.; Mark M. Krug, Buffalo; B. G. Rudolph, Syracuse, N.Y.; Sidney Friedenthal, Toledo; Abraham Eisen, Toledo; Rabbi Alex Klein, Portland, Oregon; Rabbi Eleazar Levi, Detroit; Mendel Brown, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Rabbi Maurice J. Bloom and R. D. S. Robinson, Newburgh, N. Y.

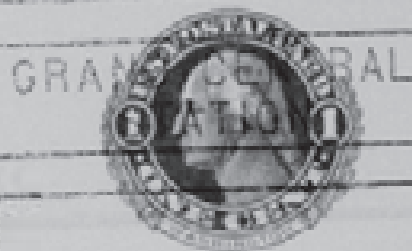
Oscar Willenzick, Pensacola, Fla.; Jerry Rosenberg, District No. 101, Brooklyn; Dr. Morris Kaufman, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Jack Bagan, Salem, N. J.; Nathan Glesin, Seattle; Arthur L. Gordon, Lincoln, Nebr.; Alfred Stone, Miami Beach; George Levy, Fort Smith, Ark.; Isadore Smith, Mountaindale, N. Y.; Rabbi Israel Harburg, Lynn, Mass.; M. S. Marks, Cincinnati, O.; Joseph Rosenthal, Charleston, W. Va.; Al Glassman, Lubbock, Tex.; Nathan Finkelstein, Flint, Mich.; Maurice Rockman, Harrisburg, Pa.; Oscar Altshuler, Youngstown, O.; Mrs. Simon Burick, Dayton, O.; Rabbi William Buchheim, Hagerstown, Md.; Daniel Harrison, Columbus, O.; Dr. David S. Robinson, Newburgh, N. Y.

Theodore Zeiler, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Meyer Tarlowe, Elizabeth, N.J.; Israel Krohn, Easton, Pa.; Ben Slater, Shamokin, Pa.; Sam Schutzer, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Max J. Selig, Lakeland, Fla.; Julius Fisher, Roanoke, Va.; Rabbi Zeiger, Roanoke, Va.; Louis Becker, Elyria, O.; Max Weiss, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Dr. Max Levine, Woodhaven, N. Y.; M. S. Williams, Houston, Tex.; Charles E. Baker, Bellaire, O.; Charles I. Levine, Trenton, N. J.; A. Abend, Tulsa, Okla.; Nathan Lerner, Englewood, N. J.; A. J. Goodman, Middletown, N. Y.; Dr. Samuel Freedman, Bayonne, N. J.; Saul Danacean, Cleveland, O.

Connecticut: Judge Jacob Schwolsky, Regional Chairman; Thomas Dryer, Bridgeport; Harry E. Kleinman, Hartford; Julius Fraclin, Manchester; Samuel Umansky, Meriden; Irving I. Rachlin, New Britain; Samuel Silverman, New Haven; Morris Mallove, New London; Leon Schoenhaus, Norwalk; Dr. Barry A. Cohen, Norwich; William Kosersky, Waterbury; Joseph Silverman, Torrington; Samuel Levison, Bristol; Joseph Dember, Colchester; Abram W. Spiro, Danbury; Joseph Hoberman, Middletown; David Schpero, Naugatuck Valley; Louis M. Altman, Stamford; Samuel Moskowitz, Willimantic; Joseph Kummer, Wallingford.

Rhode Island: Dr. Gerald G. Feinberg, Newport; Dr. Ilie Berger, Providence; Joseph Ehorr, Woonsocket.

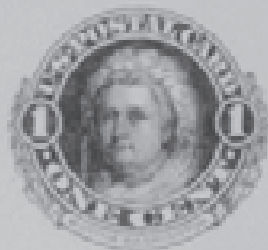
Julius Haber, District No. 10, Manhattan.



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland Ohio

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Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

**THE TIME IS SHORT! ONLY THE HOLDER
OF A SHEKEL CAN VOTE FOR DELEGATES.**

"A large Z.O.A. delegation to the World Zionist Congress will have a decisive influence on Jewish Palestine and our movement."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Your minimum quota is _____ Shekolim Books.

THIRD REPORT

Date

Dear Dr. Marks:

To date our district has sold _____ shekolim.

Please send us the following additional materials:

1. _____ Shekolim Receipt Books
2. _____ Pamphlets
3. _____ Posters

District

Shekel Chairman

- ☐ Please send shekel receipt books directly to our members.

address

WASHINGTON TEL.:
Michigan 4480

NEW YORK TEL.:
Murray Hill 2-3205

SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION

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May 7, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At Dr. Sidney Marks request, I am attaching herewith a copy of the Shekel Campaign Resolution which was adopted at our conference, which was held in Richmond, Virginia at the Hotel John Marshall from May 4 to May 6.

With very best wishes to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Fox

Barbara Fox
Secretary

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SHEKEL CAMPAIGN RESOLUTION
ADOPTED AT THE SEABOARD
ZIONIST REGIONAL CONFERENCE
HOTEL JOHN MARSHALL
MAY 4-6, 1946
RICHMOND, VA.

Whereas, the Zionist Organization of America has been in the forefront of political accomplishment, fund-raising and the activities of the American Jewish Community, and,

Whereas, the World Zionist Congress convenes in August of this year in Jerusalem and will pass upon issues which affect the future of Palestine and the future of world Jewry, and

Whereas, it is to the best interests of the American Jewish community to send the delegates of the Zionist Organization of America to the World Zionist Congress in order to responsibly reflect the opinions and ideas of the American Jewish community and,

Whereas, the Seaboard Zionist Region is determined to render every support to the Zionist Organization of America in its campaign for election.

Now, therefore, it is;

Resolved: That the Seaboard Zionist Region unanimously support the election of the Zionist Organization of America slate and it is further resolved that the Seaboard Zionist Region and its districts accept a shekel sales regional quota of at least four times its membership, to be sold by May 24th, and it is further resolved that every district shall instruct and implement the election campaign by ensuing through the communities within the Seaboard Zionist Region be urged to vote the ZOA slate at the elections on June 16th except in Baltimore, when they are urged to vote on June 16th and 17th and we pledge our support to the Zionist Organization of America and its national leaders, our outright support and pledge that by overwhelming sales and overwhelming votes, it will send the largest delegation of delegates of the Zionist Organization of America to the World Zionist Congress.



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National Shekel Chairman

May 9, 1946.

TO: All ZOA Regional and District Presidents and Shekel Chairmen:
FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash, Director of Public Relations

Attached herewith is a copy of an advertisement which was published in the Yiddish press and in The New Palestine - News Reporter.

I would strongly suggest the publication of a similar ad in your local and Jewish newspapers in furtherance of the Shekel and Election Campaign in your community.

Campaign Bulletin #3 which you will receive in the mail contains important statements by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Louis Lipsky, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Rabbi Irving Miller and Mortimer May which may profitably be used in your local publications for publicity purposes.

MEMORANDUM**TO:** ALL DISTRICT & REGIONAL PRESIDENTS**DATE:** May 10, 1946.**FROM:** DR. SIDNEY MARKS

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET

SUBJECT:

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

We are in receipt of a telegram from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise on behalf of the American Zionist Emergency Council as follows:

"NEW SITUATION FOLLOWING REPORT ANGLO AMERICAN COMMITTEE NECESSITATES CONVENING NATIONAL MEETING LOCAL EMERGENCY COUNCIL CHAIRMEN. IMPERATIVE WE REVIEW ACTIVITIES TO DATE AND TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER ON FUTURE PROGRAM. IM- POSSIBILITY OF SECURING HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS LIMITS US TO FULL DAY CONFERENCE BEGINNING 10 a.m. THURSDAY, MAY 23rd, at STATLER HOTEL, WASHINGTON. URGENTLY REQUEST THAT YOU OR REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR COMMUNITY ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT SESSION. PRIOR TO COMING TO WASHINGTON, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU SECURED APPOINTMENTS WITH YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS. ADVISE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WHETHER YOU WILL BE PRESENT. PLEASE ACT ON ANOTHER IM- PORTANT MATTER: BECAUSE OF BRITISH TACTICS DESIGNED TO DELAY INDEFINITELY MOVING OF HUNDRED THOUSAND TO PALES- TINE, IT IS MOST URGENT YOU HAVE NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS SENT TO THE PRESIDENT URGING HIM USE POWERS OF HIS OFFICE TO INSURE THERE IS NO DELAY IN CARRYING OUT HIS ORIGINAL PRAISEWORTHY SUGGESTION OF TRANSFER OF HUN- DRED THOUSAND, AS UNANIMOUSLY ADAPTED BY THE COMMITTEE, IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE ADVISE US ON STEPS YOU TAKE IN THIS REGARD.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER
STEPHEN S. WISE, 342 MADISON AVENUE".

It is imperative that this matter be given your immediate atten- tion and a representative be sent to the Conference from your District. Kindly advise us immediately what action is being taken in these respects.

My kindest personal regards.

Sidney Marks

WHO

Should Represent American Jewry at The Zionist Congress?

Elections on June 16-17

Closing Date for the Sale of Shekolim — May 24

The question as to who should represent American Jewry at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress is of paramount importance to Palestine and to hundreds of thousands of homeless Jews. In the next few years, the political fate of Palestine will be determined. In the next few months and years, hundreds of thousands of Jews will have to be transferred to Palestine. Whence will come the political support? Whence will come the huge sums to cover the cost of immigration and settlement? Upon whom will Palestine and the millions of homeless Jews rely for help?

Who were those who up until now conducted a strong and vigorous political activity for Palestine? Who were those in the United States who furnished the bulk of the national funds and investments for Palestine? The ZOA leadership and membership. From these you should send delegates to represent you at the forthcoming Congress! They should be entrusted with the responsibility for the continued progress of the Jewish National Home in the coming few years. They—the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) delegates—will lead the movement to success.

These Are the Delegates You Should Elect

1. Zion Unconditional!

Palestine should be built for all Jews regardless of affiliations—socialists and non-socialists—orthodox and reform. Delegates should therefore be sent to the Congress who represent the entire people, all its interests—Israel as a whole and not only its own segments.

2. Who Were the Main Supporters of Palestine?

Other Zionist factions in this country were constantly engaged in raising their own funds, we devoted our entire energy to the great national funds. The ZOA carried the major burden in raising the bulk of the funds which were remitted to Palestine from this country.

We owe no one an apology for "Group B" or other kinds of Zionists. They do not exist in America. We here support the progressive Yishuv with all our resources. Our help made possible the success of the Labor movement in Palestine in which we all take pride.

3. Zionists who Represent American Jews

The ZOA has a larger membership than all the other Zionist groups and parties combined. The ZOA comprises in its membership all segments of the Jewish community. The ZOA is entitled to speak for the bulk of American Jewry.

REMEMBER—only a shekel gives one the right to vote for delegates to the World Zionist Congress. Sell shekolim to all members of your family—men and women—and to every man and woman among your friends and neighbors. Above all, bring them to the polls on Election day and have them cast their vote for the ZOA slate on June 16-17. (In smaller communities on June 16 only.)

Organize automobile squads—Canvass every Jewish household in your neighborhood!

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

May 15, 1946

TO ALL ZOA REGIONAL AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS;

Dear Friend:

The campaign for the sale of shekolim will close on May 24th. Thus, only a few precious days remain to step up your efforts in rolling up the largest possible total of shekel sales for the ZOA.

While May 24th marks the closing of the shekel sale, it will usher in the second and the most important stage of our current drive in preparation of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. May 24th will be the opening of our nation-wide campaign to bring about the election of the ZOA slate headed by our President, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Not for one moment must we lose sight of the fact that the election of our slate is entirely dependent upon the number of votes cast. A minority party which may have sold one-half or one third of the total number of shekolim than that of the ZOA can easily lead in the elections if their members come to the polls while while our shekel payers stay at home.

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The success of the ZOA slate, therefore, calls for a most intensive campaign of enlightenment and education between now and election day. To this end, we urgently suggest that you arrange between May 24th and June 16th, one or two community-wide rallies for the purpose of impressing upon every shekel payer -- man and woman -- to go to the polls on election day and cast his or her vote for the ZOA ticket. This rally should be addressed by a speaker who is familiar with the present political situation and with the issues confronting the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

Wherever possible local talents should be utilized. Our Speaker's Bureau (Mrs. Howard Daniel) is ready to help you in securing a speaker. Call upon us immediately.

With kind regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Marks

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET

• MURRAY HILL 2-3205

• NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

May 15, 1946

TO ALL DISTRICT AND REGIONAL PRESIDENTS
AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS IN N.Y. STATE

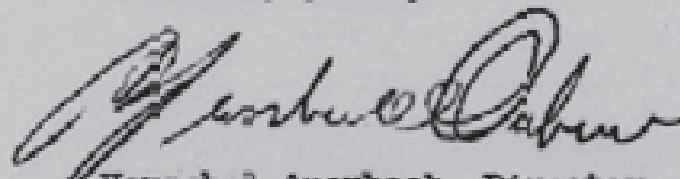
Dear Friend:

Attached is another communication which will be of particular value in approaching Jewish War Veterans' Posts to buy Shekolim. New York State Department Commander, Isadore Ginsberg, has written every one of the Posts in the State and asked that they buy the Shekolim which we sent from the National Office. However, to get a full coverage and the maximum number of veterans buying a Shekel, it is essential that we spend these last two weeks in following-up the previous work done. We must remember that every Shekel bought is another knock on the door to the world's conscience asking that Palestine be a Jewish Commonwealth.

Use the attached letter and see that every Jewish veteran is a Shekel buyer and votes the ZOA slate.

With Zion's greetings,

Cordially yours,


Herschel Auerbach, Director
Veteran's Bureau

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Enc.

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FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

SHEKEL MOBILIZATION DAY PROCLAIMED BY THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA ON
SUNDAY, MAY 19th CHILDREN AND ADULTS WILL JOIN IN THE OBSERVANCE
OF THE DAY WHICH ALSO COMMEMORATES JEWISH FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE

A Shekel Mobilization Day on Sunday, May 19th, has been proclaimed by the Zionist Organization of America in preparation for the election of the American delegates to the 22nd World Zionist Congress which convenes this summer for the first time since 1939. The Day also marks the festival of Lag B'Omer which commemorates the fight for national freedom of the Jews 1900 years ago.

The purpose of the Shekel Mobilization is to intensify the sale of the shekel by the ZOA, to every Jewish person over 18, which gives him the privilege of voting in the elections of American delegates to the Congress. These elections will be held on June 16 and 17 in New York City and other large communities and in smaller cities on June 16th.

Hebrew schools, Jewish community centers, Jewish youth organizations and other institutions will hold special ceremonies in observance of the day. House to house canvassing for the sale of shekalim will be conducted in Greater New York and elsewhere. Rallies under ZOA auspices will take place in many communities.

In announcing Shekel Mobilization Day, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, recalled that the Festival of Lag B'Omer which falls on May 19th symbolizes the fighting spirit of the Jewish people and honors those valiant Jewish warriors who under Bar Kochba and Rabbi Akiba waged their last fight for national independence.

"We are in the midst of a similar struggle today for the permanent solution of the problem of Jewish homelessness, but this time we cannot fail", said Dr. Silver. "Millions of American shekel-holders will furnish the spiritual armament for a World Zionist Congress which must chart the future of our struggle. Million of American shekel-holders will show to the world a united American Jewry under the Zionist banner. I call upon every Jew to buy a shekel - that ancient device of Jewish census-taking--for only in this way can he stand up and be counted as a defender of our historic and legal right to a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine".

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HARRY HERSHFIELD A ZOA SHEKEL-HOLDER

Harry Hershfield, noted comedian, is now the holder of a ZOA (Zionist Organization of America) shekel, which entitles him to vote in the elections this June for delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

On his regular Sunday program over radio station WHN, Mr. Hershfield has been urging every Jew - man and woman - to purchase a shekel and "Vote the ZOA Slate for a Jewish State".

"I finally sold myself on the idea", said Mr. Hershfield as he handed over his fifty cents and pocketed his shekel. "But seriously," he added, "I really didn't need much persuading. I know that the time has come for every Jew who has the least vestige of conscience to do all he can to help save the remnant of our people in Europe. The poor handful of our fellow-Jews who have miraculously survived the Hitler machine now face certain death for the second time -- death from starvation, death from exposure, death from the organized anti-Semitism that still flourishes in Europe. It is up to the Jews of America, who have not known the hell of the last decade in Europe, to come to their aid. And the best way I know of right now -- and for all time -- is to fight for a Jewish State in Palestine.

"That's why I'm voting to elect the ZOA slate -- to elect the Jewish State!"

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MEMORANDUM

TO: DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND SHEKEL CHAIRMEN

DATE: MAY 22, 1946

FROM: DR. SIDNEY MARKS

New Address:
41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT:

I wish to clarify the procedure on the mailing of the Shekolim as well as the preparation of the registration sheets.

To make certain that Shekolim are not misplaced or lost, we are mailing the Shekel directly to each member as well as to the Shekel purchaser. The schedule calls for the mailing of envelopes West of Chicago and South of Virginia on June 7th; East of Chicago on June 10th; and North of Virginia. The envelopes are being prepared now and are being put through our Pitney Bowes machine. There will, therefore, be no delay in getting the envelopes to the Post Office on the above mentioned dates.

Regarding the registration sheets, we are not following the procedure of some of the other parties who are having the sheets prepared locally by their Shekel Committees. For your convenience, our registration sheets are being prepared in this office and are being submitted daily to the U. S. Central Shekel Board.

Should you desire any further information on procedures, please do not hesitate to communicate with me immediately.

Remember -- Get every man and woman in your community to vote the Z.O.A. Slate!

Sidney Marks

Dear Friend:

You will receive this week from the Zionist Organization of America your Shekel, which entitles you to vote next Sunday June 16, or Monday June 17, for delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

Please be sure to come out and cast your vote for the ZOA slate. Bring your Shekel with you.

The ZOA is the foremost Zionist Organization in this country. Its leaders have militantly represented American Zionism, and have waged a powerful and successful campaign to win American public opinion for the establishment of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. Vote to uphold their hands!

The ZOA stands above parties. It represents the General Zionists from whose ranks have come the world leaders of our movement - Herzl, Nordau, Brandeis and Weizmann. The ZOA has carried the major political burden of the movement, and the major portion of the responsibility for raising the large funds for the development of Palestine.

The ZOA Slate - Slate No. 1 - is headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America.

Go to the polls. Let every adult member of your family - man and woman -

VOTE THE ZOA SLATE.

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Dear Colleague:

It is vitally important that our rabbinical leaders give their energetic support to the current Shekel campaign and to the Z.O.A. slate in the coming election for the World Zionist Congress. This activity will help register the support of American Jewry for the Zionist movement and insure a united front at the Congress through a strong General Zionist delegation. The hands of those who have so successfully led the Zionist movement in America must be upheld. Anything less would be a disavowal of our own spokesmen.

We rabbis must convey to our own communities the truth about the coming elections. One false impression must be combatted - the impression that support of the Z.O.A. slate is incompatible with support of the Histadrut and the Labor movement in Eretz Israel. The Histadrut is a labor federation and not a political party. Those of us who support the Histadrut and the development of a progressive society in Palestine - and which rabbi does not - in no way betray our convictions when we support the Z.O.A. slate. Rather, such support gives priority to our effort to win for Palestine through united action that freedom in which a society founded on Jewish prophetic ideals will be able to develop.

We ask you to aid us in two primary objectives:-

- (1) Sell as many shekolim as possible in the few remaining days during which sale will be permitted (THE SALE ENDS ON MAY 24TH), and

- (2) Get out the vote on June 16th and 17th.

We are enclosing two shekel books, one for each day on which the sale will be legal after you receive this letter. We count on you to sell these shekolim to members of your community who do not already hold them, and who will thus register and secure the right to vote in the Congress elections.

Send us word of your support!

Faithfully,

Roland B. Gittelsohn
Secretary

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May 29th, 1946

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL,
ZIONIST FEDERATIONS, SEPARATE UNIONS,
NATIONAL SHEKEL COMMISSIONS AND CENTRAL ELECTION BOARDS

Dear Sirs,

Re: The 22nd Zionist Congress.

Further to the news communicated by cable and through the press, we wish to inform you herewith of the resolution adopted by the Inner Zionist General Council at its session held in Jerusalem on May 28th, by which it was decided, in altering the date previously agreed to, to convene the 22nd Congress in the month of December 1946 in Palestine. The exact date will be announced as soon as possible.

Among the reasons which prompted the General Council in their decision were considerations originating in the general external situation and also some connected with the internal position of the movement, especially in the countries affected by the war. It was hoped that many difficulties at present standing in the way of proper representation of such countries at the Congress would be removed by then.

2. Elections: When convening the Congress originally for the month of August, the General Council adopted a series of emergency measures concerning the "Rules for Election of Delegates" etc. in view of the short time then available for the preparations for the Congress. The reasons which had then justified those extensions have become obsolete by the postponement of the Congress to December 1946, and it has therefore been decided to withdraw and cancel the emergency alterations and to restore the "Rules for Election of Delegates" and the "Regulations concerning the World Election Lists" with all provisions as to date etc. contained in them, to their former validity.

-- 3. The text of the resolutions of the Inner Zionist General Council is enclosed with this circular letter.

4. Instructions will be issued in a few days regarding the implementation of these resolutions and, in particular, announcing the exact date of the Congress and the dates and periods governing the completion of the Shekel drive and the conduct of the elections.

We invite the cooperation of all Zionists and Zionist bodies in the implementation of the resolution which, though upsetting many arrangements already made, offers, by prolonging the time available for preparations, an opportunity for a substantial increase of the Zionist electorate and for arranging the Congress elections in good order and in an atmosphere ensuring the success of the Congress.

With Zion's greetings,

Yours faithfully,
EXECUTIVE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION,
Abraham Tavel
Organisation Dept.

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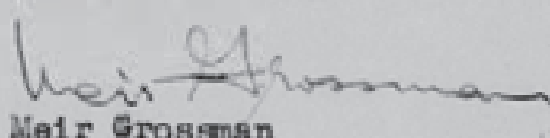
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

We wish to call your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter we sent to the Central Shetel and Election Board.

The contents are self-explanatory and will, we are sure, be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,


Meir Grossman
President

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Shul

ועד עסקנים עבריים למען השקל הציוני הכללי

ארגון

חבר נכבד ויקר!

אנו עומדים עתה ערב הקונגרס הציוני הב"ב. קונגרס זה, הבא אחרי שבע שנות חרם וזוועה כהי עמנו, עומד להתכנס בשעה קשה ומכרעת בתולדות המפעל הציוני. ארץ-ישראל חרלה מהיות ארץ של מפלגה או מפלגות בישראל ועשתה ארצו של כל ישראל, לכל שדרותיו ומקומיו.

שארית המלטה של יהדות-אירופה נושאת עין בצפיה לארץ-היעודה-העולה ויהדות שאר הארצות קושרת בה בארצנו את תקוותיה-הייתהדות-קומתה כאשר היא שם.

יהדות אמריקה תמלא הפקיד מיוחד בקונגרס הבא, כי על כן נתרכזו בה ביהדות זו כחית רבים, פוליטיים, כלכליים וצבוריים, העתידים להשפיע השפעה עצומה על המדיניות הציונית, באמצעותה ובזכותה של המדיניות האמריקאית.

מתוך הכרה עמוקה זו נתעוררו כל המפלגות הצעניות שבארצות הברית למפעל השקל המלחמה הבחירות, כי הכל מכירים ויודעים שאמריקה תתפוס מקום בראש מעבדה הציונית בימים הבאים.

הכל מרגישים שאנו עומדים בפני שינויים בדרסי המדיניות הציונית. לחץ המאורעות פכית ומהין, במשך שבע השנים האחרונות, הוא שהכשיר את הקרקע לשינויים האלה.

כולנו מרגישים שאנו עומדים בשער תקופה חדשה במדיניות הציונית.

ממעים זה פונים אנחנו, ההותמים בפה, אליך, כאל הברילדעה ברעיון התחייה ואחילעבדה בשדה תרבותנו.

אנו, הציונים-העבריים, הרואים בציונות השלמה חזות-הכל, מאמינים שיש צורך לחזק בכל כח את המחנה הציוני הכללי, הכולל תוכו את שדרות כל העם, ואינו מפצל אותו למעטדות ולמפלגות.

יודעים ומבינים אנחנו את ערכן של המפלגות השונות בתנועה הציונית, מסירים ומקורים אנחנו את פעולותיהן הרבות לטובת בנין הארץ — אבל מעל כל המפלגות ומעל כל המיעות עומד הכח הכללי והמרכזי, הוא ההסתדרות הציונית הכללית, המדברת בשם כלל-ישראל. לשם טובתו של כלל-ישראל, היא האם, שילדה וטיפחה את הבנים, היא מקור האזרחות הציונית לכללנו.

ביחוד אנו רואים חשיבות רבה במיצוה והיוזקה של ההסתדרות הציונית הכללית באמריקה, המדברת בשם המוני-העם, בשם הכחות הדימוקראטיים שבצבורנו.

ההסתדרות ציונית זו היא היא היסוד והיא חוט השדרה של כל התנועה הציונית בעולם החדש. היא שהבניסה רבוא-רבואות של יהודים, אשר קשרו מרחוק, תחת כנפי הציונות, היא שעיצבה ועוררה את דעת-הקהל האמריקאית לטובת הציונות, היא שהשיגה והפציצה את רוב האמצעים החסרים לבנין ארץ-ישראל והיא גם עתידה לגייס את הכחות הכלכליים הבורים, שיידרשו לפיחותה ולפריחתה של הארץ בשנים הבאות.

ולכסוף: היא ההסתדרות הציונית היחידה בה המשתתפת בסיועל בעבודת התנועה האמריקאית.

לפיכך אנו פונים אליך במכתב זה ומבקשים מאתך להספח למחנה הציונים-העבריים ולהפיץ את השקל הציוני הכללי בין ידידיך ומכריך. הסבר להם את בעיות הציונות בשעה זו! הצבע והשפיע גם על הברוך שיצביעו בעד רשימת הצירים של הציונות הכללית, של ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה!

אנו שולחים לך בזה פנקס של שקלים מתוך תקווה שיעלה בידך להפיצם במחירות. ואם תהפין בשקלים נוספים — פנה נא אל מזכיר הוועד שלנו על פי הכתובת המצורפת, ותקבל את מוקשך בלא איחור.

תודה רבה — כי קברה השעה!

בברכו התחייה העברית והנאולה השלמה

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כתובת המזכיר:

DR. S. BERNSTEIN, c/o Zionist Organization of America

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

THE ZOA EFFORTS FOR A UNITED SLATE WITH HADASSAH

STATEMENT BY ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Hadassah has rejected the proposal of the ZOA for a united shekel effort and a joint General Zionist slate of delegates to the World Zionist Congress. The ZOA offered Hadassah parity in the number of delegates to the World Zionist Congress, equal representation on Congress committees and commissions and proper representation on the Jewish Agency Executive.

The National Board of Hadassah resolved to continue its separate shekel campaign and to present a separate slate at the elections because it wishes to reserve for itself the right to act as an independent political entity at the World Zionist Congress.

This action of the National Board of Hadassah is deeply regretted by the ZOA. There exist no ideological differences between the two organizations to justify such action which will weaken the role which General Zionist delegates should play at the next Zionist Congress.

The Hadassah announced its independent action without any prior consultation with the ZOA. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the National Executive of the ZOA on March 19th, when by unanimous action it was resolved to approach Hadassah and urge upon it the desirability of a joint slate and a joint shekel campaign. A committee representing the ZOA met with representatives of Hadassah on March 24th.

On April 3rd, Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Interim Committee in the absence of Dr. Neumann, addressed a communication to Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, President of Hadassah, reiterating the invitation extended by the National ZOA Executive and urging its acceptance by Hadassah on the ground that ... "a joint ZOA-Hadassah slate of delegates to the next Congress on a parity basis would serve the best interests of our common cause." The

communication further emphasized "the fact that the men and women of other Zionist groups are indeed united, and our membership would find it difficult to understand why we alone among Zionist organizations must conduct separate shekel campaigns and be represented at the Congress by separate delegations."

In response to this invitation, Mrs. Epstein, Hadassah President, in a letter dated April 5th, stated that in addition to parity as to delegates and committees and proper representation on the Executive of the Jewish Agency, Hadassah demanded a free hand to act independently at the Congress and the right to hold its own separate caucuses.

The National Executive of the ZOA considered Mrs. Epstein's proposals at a special meeting on April 11th. This meeting again unanimously registered its conviction that in order for the General Zionist bloc at the Congress to be effective, both Hadassah and the ZOA must work as a unit at the Congress and that action should be determined by majority in accordance with democratic processes. It was pointed out that the ZOA did not ask of Hadassah anything that it was not prepared to do itself.

The offer of the ZOA for a joint effort in the interests of the cause and of General Zionism was brought to the National Hadassah Board in person by Rabbi Irving Miller, head of the Negotiations Committee, who made a strong plea for such unity of effort. Following Rabbi Miller's personal appearance before the Hadassah Board, Mrs. Epstein in a communication dated April 24th, on behalf of Hadassah, reiterated its insistence upon independent political action.

The following communication addressed by Rabbi Irving Miller to the President of Hadassah, sets forth in clear terms the efforts of the ZOA to secure Hadassah's agreement to a joint General Zionist shekel activity and election slate:

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April 25th, 1946.

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, President
Hadassah
1819 Broadway
New York City

Dear Mrs. Epstein:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 24th which was submitted to the Inner Committee of the Zionist Organization of America on the same day. Very earnest consideration was given to the contents of your letter. I regret to inform you that the Committee found nothing new in your communication to warrant a change in the position which was taken by the Executive of the ZOA at its meeting on April 11th.

It is clear from your letter of April 24th, as well as from your previous communication of April 5th that while the Hadassah wishes to be assured of parity as to delegates to the forthcoming Zionist Congress, equal representation with the ZOA on all Congress Committees and Commissions and appropriate representation of the Jewish Agency Executive -- all of which the ZOA was prepared to accept -- it also wishes to reserve for itself complete freedom of action at the Congress. It does not wish to be bound by any caucus and no majority vote taken at a caucus of all the delegates which would, of course, include both ZOA and Hadassah on a 50-50 basis, would be binding on Hadassah delegates. Furthermore, Hadassah insists on the right to hold its own separate caucuses at the Congress.

To all intents and purposes Hadassah wishes to act at the Congress as an independent political party. But if Hadassah intends to act independently at the Congress, as if there were no general American Zionist bloc, then a joint slate is meaningless.

You are entirely correct when you state in your letter of April 24th that the point upon which we diverge is that of independent action. This indeed is the crux of the whole matter. The Zionist Organization of America, realizing the importance of a large and effective General American Zionist bloc at the Congress, is urging unity of action and is willing to abide by the decisions of a General American Zionist bloc at the Congress whose rule of procedure would be determined by the delegates comprising it.

April 25, 1946.

Hadassah is unwilling to enter into such an arrangement. That being the case, it is quite pointless and would be, I am afraid, most misleading both to the Zionists of America and to General Zionists everywhere to have a joint slate in this country.

May I repeat to you what I have stated in my previous communication that the primary purpose of a joint ZOA Hadassah slate is to send to the Congress a large and well-organized General Zionist bloc which will, through concerted action, exercise a decisive influence upon the Congress and the future organization of our movement. If the General Zionists of America are not to be bound by the resolutions of their bloc, if each delegate will act for himself as his spirit moves him, if our two large organizations will each go its separate way whenever their spirits move them, then we shall be as helpless at the forthcoming Congress as we were at all previous Congresses. The ZOA cannot agree to such disintegration which would render us ineffective at the Congress. It is far better for us to go our own way now than be confronted at the Congress with a split in the ranks of General American Zionists with the possibility of Hadassah being played off against the ZOA.

The idea of a General American Zionist bloc working as a unit does not, of course, contemplate binding delegates on matters which involve conscience. No majority can conceivably be rallied at a general Zionist caucus to favor such compulsion. However, on all other matters both of policy and procedure. If the general Zionist bloc is to be effective it must work as a unit, and in a democracy it is the majority which determines action. A General American Zionist bloc in which Hadassah would have fifty percent representation would formulate its own rules of procedure and they would be liberal enough, I am sure, to protect the individual delegates in matters which involve conscience, as well as to protect our respective organizations in what they may regard of a special concern to them.

We have asked the Hadassah to do no more than the ZOA is prepared to do, to make no sacrifices -- if one can call coordination of effort and coordinated action, sacrifices -- for the sake of discipline and efficiency that we are not prepared to make. Neither of our organizations would be majorized. Neither could possibly impose its will upon the other.

We regret that Hadassah cannot go along with us in what we believe to be the sound and desirable course for two bodies which have no ideological differences, either political or economic to justify separate slates, and whose common Zionist interests would be best served by united action.

Very sincerely yours,

Irving Miller,
Chairman, Inner Committee

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All District Presidents, Shekel Election
Chairmen, and Members of the Executive
and Administrative Council

DATE: June 4, 1946.

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT:

Under separate cover, by the fastest possible delivery, we are sending to the Shekel Chairman or District President a full list of the names of shekel purchasers, by outside sale through our organization. The names of Z.O.A. members appear on the registration sheets.

We have compiled these upon index cards at tremendous expense for the express purpose of insuring a SYSTEMATIC, ORDERLY AND EFFECTIVE election campaign. It would be a terrible pity if no use is made of these cards. ↓

Your Election Committee should divide these cards and the names on the registration sheets among themselves for the express purpose of "pulling out the vote for the Z.O.A. slate." Make sure that your watchers at the polls know who has voted and by telephone, automobile, or personal contact, through squads deliberately organized for that purpose, those who have not voted are to be approached and brought to the polls. Every vote for the Z.O.A. slate is a "must" and "counts." We cannot afford to lose a single vote. If there was any time in the history of our organization when a call made upon its leaders throughout the country to maintain the prestige of the organization and to ensure that the entire community, every man and woman, supports the political leadership which has brought all major political accomplishments -- THIS IS THE TIME.

Support Ir. Abba Hillel Silver and the Z.O.A. slate on June 16th and 17th.
FOR THE GOOD OF PALESTINE, FOR THE GOOD OF JEWRY, FOR A JEWISH STATE.

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June 4, 1948

U.S. Central Shekel and Election Bd.
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

We understand that you adopted a rule to the effect that nomination lists submitted in proper time to the Central Shekel and Election Board shall receive consecutive numbers, and the lists shall be published in the order of their numbers.

On May 22nd, at 9:03 A.M., our representatives, Messrs. Charles Stern and Israel Posnansky, filed the list of our party by turning over same to the secretary of the Board, Mr. Abraham Tannenbaum, who issued them a receipt for same.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, May 28th, our representatives were surprised to hear that Mr. Tannenbaum submitted a report to the effect that the Zionist Organization of America had filed their list on May 22nd at 12:02 A.M., and that the lists of the Poale Zion and the Mizrahi were filed on May 22nd at 12:10 and 12:14 A.M. respectively. At the same meeting our representatives contested the veracity of the said report.

In connection with this matter, we desire to present for your consideration the following points and observations:

- (1) The usual business hours of the office begin at 9:00 A.M.
- (2) To the best of the knowledge of our representatives on the Shekel Board, no resolution was adopted authorizing the office to be open on May 22nd at midnight for the receiving of lists, and no information to that effect was given to our representatives.
- (3) That on May 21, at the meeting, Mr. Posnansky asked Mr. Tannenbaum at what time the office would open the next day (May 22). He answered, "9 o'clock as usual."

(4) That we are in possession of definite proof that the office was closed May 22 at 12:00 midnight and that no one of the Shekel Board was in the office at that time, or at any time thereafter until 9:00 A.M., when Mr. Tannenbaum came to the office and found our representatives at the door.

(5) It was published in the press that the list of the Zionist Organization of America was nominated at the meeting of the National Zionist Administrative Council held in Washington, subsequent to May 22nd, to wit Friday, May 24th.

(6) Mr. Tannenbaum did not inform our representatives on May 22nd at 9:00 A.M., when they delivered our list to him, that the other organizations had already filed their lists at midnight. In fact, he was utterly surprised, looked quite dismayed, and most reluctantly issued a receipt marking the time 9:03 A.M.

(7) We question the veracity of the statement that the Zionist Organization of America, the Poale Zion and the Mizrahi filed their lists on May 22 at 12:02, 12:10 and 12:14 A.M. respectively.

(8) We demand a thorough investigation of the alleged filing of the lists at the said time. If the Board should refuse to take such action, the Zionist Organization of America, the Poale Zion and the Mizrahi owe it to their own sense of honor to make such an investigation and repudiate the zealotry of their partisans.

It seems to us that in order to defeat the rule hereinabove referred to, according to which our list should have been Number 1, some persons connected with the Shkel Board have resorted to the use of improper means.

This action constitutes a reflection on the integrity of the entire Board, and we do not believe that the individual members of the Board, with full knowledge of these facts, will want to make themselves a party to the same. There is a limit to partisanship, and no partisanship should demand the sacrifice of elementary honesty, integrity and honor. We are quite certain that the leaders of the various parties, knowing all of these facts, will refuse to be benefited by actions of a questionable character.

We are sending copies of this letter to Dr. Lauderbach, World Zionist Executive Jerusalem, and to the members of the Executive in New York, as well as to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Z.O.A., Mrs. Moses Epstein, President of the Hadassah, Mr. Leon Gellman, President of the Mizrahi, Mr. David Wertheim, Secretary of the Poale Zion, and the other groups affiliated with the Shkel Board.

Sincerely yours,

Meir Grossman
Meir Grossman
President

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Dear Colleague:

A great many rabbis from all sections of the country have responded to the call to join the Rabbinical Committee for the Z. O. A. Slate. It was a gratifying experience watching the telegrams of acceptance pile up, pledging support of the Shekel campaign and the Z. O. A. ticket headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. I wish to take this occasion to express my personal thanks to all of you who have acted.

Judging from the initial return mail, most of our rabbinical leaders are giving full support to the first of our two primary objectives: selling Z. O. A. shekolim. But the work has only begun and I know we can count on you. There remains our second important job: getting out the vote on June 16th and 17th. Every man and woman in your community should be approached and urged to vote the Z. O. A. slate. If you haven't yet joined the Committee, please do so now. Wire collect.

Due to an inadvertence, in the flurry of preparing "copy" for the printer, the name of Dr. Israel Tabak of Baltimore was included among the Committee members printed on the letterhead of our first mailing. Rabbi Tabak, a fine Zionist, has requested that his name be removed from the list as he is a member of the Mizrahi Executive.

With best wishes and Zion's Greetings,

Faithfully,

Roland B. Gittelson
Secretary

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SHEKEL ELECTIONS DEFINITELY WILL BE HELD JUNE 16TH. DR. SILVER APPEALS TO YOU COUNTING ON YOUR FULLEST COOPERATION CONGRESS ELECTION JUNE 16TH. MOMENTOUS ISSUES INVOLVED. TICKET #1 MUST TRIUMPH TO AVOID PARTISANSHIP YISHUV. MAKE SURE ELECTION BOARD SET UP. OTHERWISE TAKE INITIATIVE TO CREATE ONE. ALL SHEKEL'S BEING RAISED DIRECTLY INCLUDES MEMBERSHIP WHICH MUST BE PRESENTED ELECTION DAY. SHEKEL HOLDERS MUST ALSO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION. OUR BATTLE CRY IS A STRONG ZOA DELEGATION TO REPRESENT OUR MOVEMENT WHICH CARRIES MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY AND TO SAFEGUARD OUR RIGHTS. DR. SILVER AND ASSOCIATES RESPONSIBLE MAJOR POLITICAL WORK THIS COUNTRY ENTITLED TO SUPPORT OUR CONSTITUENCY. VICTORY WILL DEPEND ON WORK. EVERY SHEKEL PAYER MUST BE CONTACTED. PLEASE PHONE, WRITE CONTACTING ALL ZIONISTS YOUR AREA. THIS IS A CRUCIAL PERIOD. WE MUST STAND UP AND MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. LOUIS ELMANEL NEUMANN CHAIRMAN INNER COMMITTEE JACKIE'S TOGETHER CHAIRMAN ZOA SHEKEL COMMITTEE OR SIDNEY MARKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ZOA Presidents and Chairmen
of Election Committees

DATE: June 7, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

New Address:

SUBJECT: ZOA Election

41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

A T T E N T I O N

Only votes actually cast will count in determining the success of the ZOA ticket. Every shekel holder who remains at home is a vote lost. The rounding-up of shekel holders on Election Day on June 16th (in larger cities, June 16th and 17th) is therefore of paramount urgency.

To secure the maximum turn-out at the polls, the following action is suggested:

1. Contact every member and shekel holder - man and woman - by phone and by personal visits.
2. Organize telephone and automobile squads to bring the voters to the polls.
3. Organize watchers to check the election lists and returns at the polls and request identification of all voters.
4. Arrange for public rallies in the preceding days before the election to clarify the issues facing the World Zionist Congress and to impress upon every shekel holder to cast his vote for the ZOA ticket (No. 1 on the ballot).
5. It is important to remind every member and shekel holder to bring his or her shekel to the polling station. The location of each polling station can be ascertained from the local shekel board.
6. It is important to publicize the fact that only one single vote can be cast for the ZOA slate. A split vote will nullify the ballot. A vote can be cast for the entire slate only, not for individuals.
7. A list of polling stations which can be obtained from your local shekel board should be furnished to all members of your committee. The formation of automobile squads is a primary requisite in transporting voters to the polls.

VOTE FOR TICKET NO. 1 - ZOA SLATE

SUPPORT ZOA WHICH HAS MAJOR POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY

VOTE FOR THE SLATE HEADED BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND LEADERS OF
AMERICAN ZIONISM



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Rebbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

A FINAL WORD *to our Colleagues*

THE ELECTIONS FOR THE WORLD
ZIONIST CONGRESS WILL BE HELD

SUNDAY and MONDAY, JUNE 16th and 17th

- Remind your congregation that it is vitally important that they exercise their franchise—that they

GET OUT AND VOTE

- Tell them why they must uphold the hands of those who have led the Zionist fight in America—tell them to

VOTE THE Z.O.A. SLATE!

Give this cause your support from your pulpit . . . in your congregational bulletin . . . in public notices . . .

LET'S DEMONSTRATE THE ZIONIST UNITY OF AMERICAN JEWRY!

RABBINICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE Z.O.A. SLATE 41 E. 42nd ST., NEW YORK 17, N. Y.



ZOA SHEKEL HOLDERS TO GO TO THE POLLS ON JUNE 30th AND JULY 1st

Two Weeks Postponement Will Not Dampen Enthusiastic Turnout by
ZOA Despite Wishful Thinking By Certain Parties

Maneuvering of Poale Zion and Mizrahi To Force Postponement Arouses
Great Indignation and Protest

Blame for Postponement Placed Directly Upon Shoulders of Poale Zion and
Mizrahi

INTENSIFY YOUR ELECTION EFFORTS

The tactics employed by the Poale Zion and Mizrahi in forcing a two weeks postponement of the elections to the World Zionist Congress which were scheduled for June 16th has aroused considerable indignation and protest among Zionists throughout the country. Resorting to paltry technicalities by invoking an obscure archaic rule which has not been enforced for the past 40 years, the Poale Zion and Mizrahi announced their intention to abstain from participating in the elections unless their demand for a postponement is acceded to. The truth of the matter is --- and this fact was openly admitted by representatives of the parties --- that the Poale Zion and Mizrahi were not ready to go to the polls fearing that the ZOA ticket will emerge with a sweeping victory.

The original date (June 16th) was set months ahead by unanimous decision of the U.S. Shekel and Election Board in which all parties were represented. In fact the Poale Zion and Mizrahi began the sale of shekolim and electioneering campaign months ahead of the ZOA. In fact the ZOA completed its shekel and election campaign within a brief period of six weeks while other parties were engaged in such campaigning for the past four months.

The Poale Zion and Mizrahi had not expected the ZOA to do such a thorough job. They had not expected such an enthusiastic and magnificent response on the part of the ZOA district leaders and workers. The

Peale Zion and Mizrahi were virtually stunned by the reports they received from their own representatives throughout the country, indicating that the ZOA districts and regions are poised and geared in bringing out the largest vote for the ZOA ticket on June 16th in the history of the movement.

Something had to be done to counteract this spirit which engulfed every community - large and small - and which pointed to overwhelming success for the ZOA at the polls on June 16th.

The postponement of the Congress gave the parties the excuse to try to hold back the rising tide of the ZOA votes.

Majority Flouted

The World Zionist Executive in a cable to the ZOA in America made it clear that the setting of the date of elections is within the province of the U.S. Shekel Board and that they will not interfere in this issue. The U.S. Shekel Board by a majority reaffirmed its decision to hold the elections on June 16th. The Peale Zion and Mizrahi, which have all the years proclaimed their love for democratic procedure, nevertheless, found it expedient to repudiate the majority and to announce their non-participation in the elections unless their demand is acceded to by the majority. Thus, the ZOA and Hadassah, representing a majority force in the movement have been reduced again to a minority status by the tactics of the minority parties.

The position of the ZOA has been repeatedly presented by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver who declared that any postponement of the elections at this late date would cause serious confusion and additional expense later on and would needlessly prolong electioneering and partisan controversy at a time when Zionist energies must be directed to our great political tasks.

At a special meeting of the National ZOA Executive Committee, members from all parts of the country voiced their vigorous protest and indigna-

tion at the tactics adopted by the parties to force the postponement at this late date and interpreted such tactics as a maneuver to dampen the spirit of the ZOA electorate, who have been keyed up to go to the polls on the original date.

Maneuver Will Not Work

At the same time while agreeing to the postponement under duress, for the sake of the good name of the movement and unity, the ZOA membership made it clear that they are more determined than ever not to permit themselves to be outmaneuvered and to urge with all their strength upon the ZOA electorate in every nook and corner in the country to hold themselves in readiness and to go to the polls on the postponed date, namely, on Sunday, June 30th and in larger communities on June 30th and July 1st.

We state these facts in order that you may convey to your constituency the true reasons behind the forcing of the postponement of the elections and to place the blame where it belongs.

You, as the leaders of our movement in your community, have a great and solemn obligation to continue your election efforts in an unabated tempo. We know that you will even step up and accelerate your efforts to prevail upon every shekel holder -- man and woman -- to go to the polls on Sunday June 30th (in larger communities also on July 1st) to vote the ZOA slate for a Jewish State.

Bevin's Attack

The dastardly and vulgar attack of Mr. Bevin upon the Jewish people makes a large turnout at the polls of transcendent, historic significance. Every vote cast will be a demonstration of our unswerving determination to fight for free immigration, free land sales, and a Jewish state. Every vote will add to the contempt which American Jewry, particularly American Zionists entertain for the anti-semitic utterances of Bevin, who posing as a leader of Socialism, destroys every

tenet and every principle for which his party stands.

Your Duty Is Clear:

Contact immediately every member and shekel holder -- man and woman -- by phone and personal visits -- ask them to hold themselves in readiness to go to the polls on June 30th and July 1st to vote the ZOA ticket.

Organize watchers to check on election lists and returns at the polls.

Ask every member and shekel holder to hold on to his shekel, to keep it in a very safe place and to bring it with him and with her to the polls on election day -- June 30th (in larger communities on July 1st).

The success of the movement, the future of Palestine -- the prestige of your organization, the Zionist Organization of America is in your hands!

WE COUNT ON YOU !!!



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Shekel and Election Campaign

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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National Shekel Chairman

THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELECTIONS TO THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

A statement by the Zionist Organization of America

(1) Our representatives in the National Shekel and Election Board yielding to pressure by certain parties and their threat to boycott the elections set for June 16th, agreed to a postponement of the elections to June 30th and voted accordingly. But we cannot pass over this painful incident without an expression of protest and making our position absolutely clear to our constituents and to all concerned.

(2) Never before in the history of American Zionism has such a situation been created. After the date of the elections had been determined months in advance by the National Shekel and Elections Board, with the consent of all parties, after all preparations had been made, both nationally and locally throughout the country, at a great cost of precious Zionist energy and money, certain groups took it upon themselves to withdraw from the elections on the ground of technicalities. Flouting the majority decision of the Shekel and Election Board, they published a declaration that "No official and legal elections will take place on June 16th", thereby sowing confusion in the minds of large numbers of qualified voters.

(3] We declare that all the parties and groups had exactly the same opportunity to prepare for the elections and none were placed at any disadvantage. We further declare that the technicalities seized upon as

an excuse for demanding postponement were obviously nothing more than a flimsy and transparent excuse for imposing the will of the minority upon the majority.

(4) For weeks past unceasing propaganda was carried on by word of mouth calculated to create doubt as to whether the elections regularly and legally scheduled, would take place. At the same time we were under constant pressure to make a "deal" on the distribution of mandates to the various parties and cancel the elections. We steadily resisted all these efforts to undermine the elections. We firmly adhered to the view that it was contrary to political morality and to the interest of the movement to deny the hundreds of thousands to whom shekelim were sold, the right and the opportunity to exercise the privilege of voting which they had thus acquired. We honestly believed that after the passage of nine years since elections were last held in this country, it was necessary to give renewed vigor and vitality to the democratic principles and processes on which the World Zionist Organization is based; and we feared the hurt that would be caused to the movement by a refusal to proceed with the democratic elections as promised.

(5) Since the efforts to postpone the elections or to force a "deal" were made long before the technical legal points were raised, it is impossible to escape the conclusion that the real reason for these efforts was a fear - or knowledge - on the part of certain groups that the elections' results would not be favorable to them. They evidently desired to secure partisan advantage either by gaining time or by negotiations.

(6) Such tactics are inadmissible from the Zionist point of view. No Zionist party should pursue its partisan interest to such an extent, especially

at this critical juncture, and in the light of the political situation confronting us. No party has a moral right to plunge the movement into confusion and precipitate an internal "crisis" for the sake of gaining a few extra delegates to the Congress. The damage to the cause is out of all proportion to the partisan advantage which it was hoped to gain.

(7) The Zionist Organization of America has yielded most reluctantly in order to avoid further bickerings and public scandal. We still regard the postponement as most unfortunate because it needlessly prolongs the inter-party struggle in the midst of a serious political crisis for our movement. Moreover, this postponement inflicts a great hardship and a further strain upon our districts, workers and committees throughout the country. It diverts their energies from other urgent Zionist tasks. But we will not shrink from the burden which has been imposed upon us and are calling upon our loyal and devoted fellow-Zionist everywhere to make all the necessary readjustments and proceed with the elections on June 30th.

(8) We deeply regret and deplore the great inconvenience involved and the next tax upon the strength and energies of all concerned; but it is clear that the responsibility rests upon those who created this internal "crisis" with so little regard for the general political situation and without an adequate sense of proportion and relative values. It will be our purpose in the future, to seek ways and means of preventing any possible recurrence of such a painful experience. Party interests must not be permitted to inflict harm upon the movement as a whole.

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THE ZOA EFFORTS FOR A UNITED SLATE WITH HADASSAH

STATEMENT BY ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Hadassah has rejected the proposal of the ZOA for a united shekel effort and a joint General Zionist slate of delegates to the World Zionist Congress. The ZOA offered Hadassah parity in the number of delegates to the World Zionist Congress, equal representation on Congress committees and commissions and proper representation on the Jewish Agency Executive.

The National Board of Hadassah resolved to continue its separate shekel campaign and to present a separate slate at the elections because it wishes to reserve for itself the right to act as an independent political entity at the World Zionist Congress.

This action of the National Board of Hadassah is deeply regretted by the ZOA. There exist no ideological differences between the two organizations to justify such action which will weaken the role which General Zionist delegates should play at the next Zionist Congress.

The Hadassah announced its independent action without any prior consultation with the ZOA. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the National Executive of the ZOA on March 19th, when by unanimous action it was resolved to approach Hadassah and urge upon it the desirability of a joint slate and a joint shekel campaign. A committee representing the ZOA met with representatives of Hadassah on March 24th.

On April 3rd, Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Interim Committee in the absence of Dr. Neumann, addressed a communication to Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, President of Hadassah, reiterating the invitation extended by the National ZOA Executive and urging its acceptance by Hadassah on the ground that ... "a joint ZOA-Hadassah slate of delegates to the next Congress on a parity basis would serve the best interests of our common cause." The

communication further emphasized "the fact that the men and women of other Zionist groups are indeed united, and our membership would find it difficult to understand why we alone among Zionist organizations must conduct separate shekel campaigns and be represented at the Congress by separate delegations."

In response to this invitation, Mrs. Epstein, Hadassah President, in a letter dated April 5th, stated that in addition to parity as to delegates and committees and proper representation on the Executive of the Jewish Agency, Hadassah demanded a free hand to act independently at the Congress and the right to hold its own separate caucuses.

The National Executive of the ZOA considered Mrs. Epstein's proposals at a special meeting on April 11th. This meeting again unanimously registered its conviction that in order for the General Zionist bloc at the Congress to be effective, both Hadassah and the ZOA must work as a unit at the Congress and that action should be determined by majority in accordance with democratic processes. It was pointed out that the ZOA did not ask of Hadassah anything that it was not prepared to do itself.

The offer of the ZOA for a joint effort in the interests of the cause and of General Zionism was brought to the National Hadassah Board in person by Rabbi Irving Miller, head of the Negotiations Committee, who made a strong plea for such unity of effort. Following Rabbi Miller's personal appearance before the Hadassah Board, Mrs. Epstein in a communication dated April 24th, on behalf of Hadassah, reiterated its insistence upon independent political action.

The following communication addressed by Rabbi Irving Miller to the President of Hadassah, sets forth in clear terms the efforts of the ZOA to secure Hadassah's agreement to a joint General Zionist shekel activity and election slate:

Ernest E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

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 Shekel 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 Terczyner, 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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Dear Editor:

Nothing has created more confusion and misunderstanding in American Jewish life in years than the sudden postponement of the Zionist Congress elections. Because you as editor of an Anglo-Jewish paper should be fully informed, I am enclosing, for your information, a short resume of the facts leading up to the postponement.

Should you desire to pass some of this information on to your readers, you may do so editorially, or by publishing the short article which I have also enclosed.

I know you will want to tell your community exactly what happened - and why.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Alpert
Carl Alpert

WHY THE ZIONIST ELECTIONS WERE POSTPONED

By Carl Alpert

I think the Zionists of America are entitled to know the REAL REASONS for the postponement of the Zionist Congress elections, originally scheduled to be held on June 16th, and now delayed until June 30th. Everybody is going to offer a different explanation, and there will certainly be some who will seek to show that the delay is beneficial.

Postponement was NOT for the best interests of Zionism. Jews the country over, irrespective of the group or party to which they belonged, had been told to prepare to go to the polls on June 16 and express their preferences in democratic fashion. Broadside, advertisements, speakers, campaign propaganda in every shape and form emanated from the national offices of all Zionist groups, and excitement reached fever pitch in many communities.

Then suddenly, on only four days' notice, the whole thing was called off, the vast voting machinery was halted, the brakes put on, the date postponed for two weeks. A few party leaders sitting in their offices in New York may have found it easy to force this decision by threats of boycott, but it came as a terrific blow to Zionists in the field, to those who are engaged in the day to day work of getting members, raising funds, promoting Zionist activity, again, irrespective of party affiliation.

It is about time that these party leaders learned that the enthusiasm of the average Zionist-in-the-street can not be systematically roused, developed to climatic pitch, and then abruptly turned off like a water spigot. It's time they learned that the great mass of General Zionists should not be trifled with.

I find it difficult to restrain my indignation in the face of this flagrant disregard of the Zionist rank and file, this thoughtlessness of what the pre-election period has meant to him in terms of organization, effort, energy, nervous wear and tear, and expenditure of funds, particularly because I know how NEEDLESS THIS POSTPONEMENT WAS.

THESE ARE THE FACTS.

The June 16th date was set in March, over three months ago, and all parties agreed unanimously that it was the best date, prior to the inevitable summer slack. When the World Zionist Congress was postponed until December the question of deferring the elections was raised at the U.S. Central Shkel Board by the Revisionists, but all the other parties felt that too much money, time and effort had already been devoted to preparing for June 16th, and that postponement would mean a needless waste of additional funds and energy. The election date was unchanged.

NOT UNTIL JUNE 11 - one week before election day - was the bombshell burst, when the Poale Zion, supported by the Mizrahi, asked the U.S. Central Shkel Board to delay elections for another two weeks. The trivial technicality offered as reason for the delay was such an insult to the intelligence, that a Poale Zion spokesman blandly admitted he stood on the technicality merely on legal grounds, but that the real reason was that his group wanted additional time to prepare for the elections. Similar admission was made by the Mizrahi.

The Z.O.A. and Hadasah representatives argued reasonably that delay would serve needlessly to prolong the pre-election controversy, which was already approaching the stage of bitterness; that more than three months had been available to all groups for their "electioneering"; that the June 30 - July 1st dates would find many voters away from the city and at summer resorts where they would have no access to polling places; that all the publicity and preparation had been designed to culminate on June 16th; that delay would place a strain and hardship upon the Zionists in the field; and that Zionist energies were badly needed in more constructive Zionist work.

In view of these powerful arguments the Central Shkel Board decided, by a majority, to proceed with the elections as scheduled. Thereupon the Poale Zion and Mizrahi announced that they would refuse to recognize the legality of the elections, and would instruct their party members to abstain from voting. This they did, immediately giving rise to a flood of rumors, and creating a state of

uncertainty and confusion which doubtless bewildered every Zionist in the country.

It would have been perfectly legal and proper for the Z.O.A. and Hadassah to proceed with the elections, even without the smaller parties. I wish they had. I believe they should have. But the Z.O.A. was confronted with an admittedly difficult situation. There were threats that party members holding ballot forms, as officers of local Shekel boards, would not release them for voting. There was danger that scuffles might ensue at the polls. It was also obvious that the Poale Zion would appeal the validity of the election to the Labor-dominated World Zionist Executive, where they were sure of a very sympathetic hearing. It was a case of political blackmail. It was a case of placing party interests paramount, irrespective of the effects on the movement as a whole. It was a case of a minority effectively gagging a majority by threat. It was a clear case of the WAIVING OF DEMOCRACY!

The Z.O.A. finally yielded and reluctantly agreed to the two weeks' postponement, under duress.

As I write this it has been decided to vote on June 30th. I can't help wondering what other tricks shrewd party leaders may have up their sleeve by which to outsmart the General Zionists once more, and whether they won't leave the Z.O.A. and Hadassah holding the bag after all.

What they're betting on, of course, is either that the General Zionists will have gone off on their vacations in large numbers and will fail to vote at all, or else that the Z.O.A. and Hadassah leadership can be bludgeoned or intimidated into entering a pre-election inter-party agreement, under pressure, for apportionment of the Congress delegation among the parties, and thus make an election completely unnecessary.

I wish the elections had been held on June 16th. Now that they are postponed, I hope they WILL BE HELD, and that every Shekel holder will go to the polls and cast his vote. And when he votes I hope he will bear in mind this outrageous intimidation, this trifling with Zionist democracy, this willingness to jeopardize the strength and unity of our sacred Zionist cause for selfish, partisan advantage.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE FACTS BEHIND POSTPONEMENT OF THE ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTION

At a meeting of the United States Central Shekel and Election Board, held in New York over three months ago, it was unanimously decided to hold Shekel elections for the World Zionist Congress on Sunday, June 16, and Monday, June 17. All parties were fully represented at this meeting, and none made objection to these dates.

Immediate announcement of the dates was made, and all parties directed their efforts and energies, first to promoting the sale of Shekels, and then, increasingly, to urging Shekel holders to vote for one or another of the lists offered on the ballot.

Upon receipt of word from Jerusalem that the Zionist Congress had been postponed until December, the representative of the Jewish State Party (Revisionists) on the Central Shekel Board requested that the date of the elections be postponed until the fall. This suggestion was rejected by the Board, and all parties continued their campaign and publicity activity, seeking to stimulate increased support at the polls.

On Sunday, June 9, one week before the date set for holding the elections, the Shekel Board representatives of the Poale Zion suddenly requested postponement of the elections for two weeks on the grounds that there had been a technical infraction of the regulations. But it was made unmistakably clear, that the objections raised by the Poale Zion, supported by Mizrahi, were motivated by a desire to serve the best interests of their parties, and that they were utilizing the admittedly technical objection as a means of gaining more time to improve their chances.

After considerable discussion the vote was taken, and the Central Shekel Board decided by a majority, Hadassah representatives siding with the Z.O.A., that the elections should NOT be postponed, but should be held on June 16th as scheduled.

Thereupon the two parties, Poale Zion and Mizrahi, announced that they would abstain from participating in the elections, and issued instructions to their constituents accordingly.

With less than a week before election date, the National Executive Board of the Z.O.A. met on June 11 to consider how the best interests of the movement could be served in view of the ensuing confusion. Though there was every legal justification for proceeding with the elections on June 16, it was the considered opinion of the leaders of the Z.O.A. that nothing further should be done which might injure Zionist unity, or provoke additional dissension and divisiveness. It was therefore decided to yield to the pressure brought by Poale Zion and Mizrahi, and to agree to postponement of the elections, even though such delay would mean tying up constructive Zionist activity for two more weeks, and prolonging the campaign period, which had already been so expensive to all parties, in both means and energy.

The Central Shekel Board met on June 12, reconsidered the postponement in view of the Z.O.A. action, and decided to advance the election date to June 30. The Z.O.A. voted with Poale Zion and Mizrahi for such postponement. Hadassah refrained from voting, making it clear that they wished the elections held on the date originally set.

It is the dispassionate judgment of many observers that the sudden objection of the parties to the holding of elections on June 16 stems from revelation of the total Shekel sales by the groups participating. Those totals indicated that the Zionist Organization of America, with 322,204 Shekels, was more than 80,000 ahead of the Poale Zion. An additional 247,634 Hadassah Shekels gave the General Zionists such an overwhelming majority that it was clear how the elections would result, allowing even for considerable possible deviation in the actual voting.

More than one Poale Zion member has been heard to observe that postponement would serve to injure the voting machinery of the Z.O.A., which had been primed and prepared to produce a maximum vote on June 18th, and that a delayed election, as far as the Z.O.A. was concerned, would be anti-climactical.

Deep and bitter resentment has been aroused in every part of the country at the unfair and undemocratic tactics which have thus prolonged the campaign period two weeks unnecessarily, at a time when Zionist activity and effort should be devoted to other, more vital tasks. There are indications that this indignation will manifest itself in a sweeping and overwhelming vote for the Z.O.A. which emerges from the sorry business as the only American Zionist group whose primary consideration and concern is the welfare of the Zionist movement as a whole.





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SPECIAL BULLETIN

The personal smear campaign launched by the Poale Zion in paid ads in the Yiddish press last Sunday against Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has evoked a wave of indignation and protest among Zionists throughout the country. Stooping to a violent outburst which cannot be excused even by the heat of election campaigning, the Poale Zion have charged the leader of the Zionist movement in this country with sabotage, all because Dr. Silver is adhering to the democratic principle of permitting the million shekel holders in this country to go to the polls and cast their votes for the delegates of their choice.

The shameful personal attack of the Poale Zion has aroused an extraordinary degree of resentment which is reflected in the numerous telegrams and messages of protest that have swamped the national headquarters of the ZOA from all parts of the country. It is ironic that this venomous attack should emanate from the Poale Zion which have been proclaiming their love for democracy and democratic procedure. Their repudiation of a majority vote of the National Shekel and Election Board against postponing the elections from June 16th, their threat to boycott the elections unless their demand for postponement was acceded to, and their present attack upon Dr. Silver for insisting that the voters be given the right to express their will at the polls on June 30th, is indeed a travesty on their claim to democracy.

It is a matter of deepest regret that at this critical juncture, in their misguided effort to catch votes, the Poale Zion should resort to such a venomous personal attack upon Dr. Silver who is the universally recognized leader of American Zionism. The deep sense of resentment felt by Zionists was voiced by delegates at various Zionist conferences held during the week-end in different parts of the country, including the Annual Conference of the Ohio Valley Region in Dayton, the Long Island Zionist Regional Conference held in Long Beach, L. I., and at the annual convention of the Order Sons of Zion in Asbury Park, N. J.

VOICE OF EUROPEAN JEWRY

The voice of European Jewry joining in protest was also heard in a strongly worded statement issued by Samuel Segal, national secretary of the Zionist Organization of France, on the eve of his return to Paris last Sunday. Mr. Segal declared that the attack of the Poale Zion upon the person of Dr. Silver will be received with great dismay and indignation by European Jews, particularly in Displaced Persons Camps where the name of Dr. Silver is highly revered for his militant stand and leadership to rescue surviving European Jews through their settlement in Palestine. Mr. Segal added that the Poale Zion attack is reminiscent of the tactics employed by the Poale Zion in Europe in their effort to besmirch American Zionist leadership in the eyes of European Jewry and of the Yishuv in Palestine.

Why is Dr. Silver for the holding of democratic elections and why does he want the people to be given a voice in the election of the slate of delegates of their choice? Here are the reasons:

- 1) For the past eleven years, the Jewish masses have not been given opportunity to cast their votes for delegates to the World Zionist Congress. They must not be denied this privilege.

- 2) Free democratic elections are the very foundation of the Zionist movement and it is harmful and dangerous to deprive Zionists of their right;

the election will tend to strengthen Zionist consciousness, and will be a demonstration of the strength and vitality of the movement.

3) By going to the polls, Zionists will exercise their franchise and manifest their interest in the movement. Democratic elections are the highest expression of human organization and cooperation.

4) The political crisis in Palestine does not constitute any valid argument against elections. In Palestine itself, elections to the Congress will be held. America successfully conducted its national election for president in the midst of a world war.

5) For four months the Jewish public has been aroused and urged to purchase their shekel and go to the polls. It will be a mockery of the franchise were the elections shelved by a few party leaders, sitting in a smoke-filled room who would settle the representation of American Jews at the Zionist Congress without the direct participation of the masses. Such a procedure will forfeit the confidence of the masses in our leadership and organization.

6) To call off the elections at this late date after the whole country has been prepared and organized would expose the movement to scorn and ridicule and arouse justified resentment from hundreds of thousands of shekel payers who would be denied the right to vote.

It is clear that having no real issue with which to oppose the ZOA ticket headed by Dr. Silver, the Poale Zion are now trying to create incitement over false issues which have nothing to do with the issues of world Zionism in these critical and fateful days.

Months ago when the campaign first started, the Poale Zion tried to instigate feeling against the leaders of American Zionism, calling such leaders as Dr. Emanuel Neumann and others "reactionaries", "fascists" and "enemies of labor". These charges fell flat and failed completely because the masses of American Zionists treated these accusations with the scorn they deserved.

The Poale Zion became genuinely frightened beginning May 24th when the

results of the shekel sales were announced. They were dismayed to find that the General Zionists - the ZOA and Hadassah - had to their credit approximately 600,000 shekolim, about twice as many as all other parties combined.

From that moment, the Poale Zion began to concentrate all their efforts and energies on one objective: to prevent democratic elections - to avoid the test of a decision at the polls.

Fearful of the rising strength of the Zionist Organization and the immense personal popularity of its leader, Dr. Silver, they seized upon every excuse, tactic, technicality and stratagem to prevent democratic elections ever since the shekolim were counted.

DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING TO CHANCE!

The Poale Zion and the other tickets are banking on the possibility that the ZOA membership and shekel holders will stay at home or leave town on the day of elections. This is wishful thinking. Nothing must be left to chance. Every single vote must be corralled. The very position and prestige of the ZOA and the movement as a whole is at stake.

Make sure to organize your telephone and automobile squads to round up every member and shekel holder - men and women - and bring them to the polls to cast their vote for the ZOA ticket No. 1.

It is important to publicize the fact that only one single vote can be cast for the ZOA slate. A split vote will nullify the ballot. A vote should be cast for the entire slate and not for individuals.

We count on you - With your help the ZOA ticket headed by our beloved leader, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will emerge victorious.



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THE LAST FEW DAYS WILL COUNT!

When this bulletin reaches you, only a few days will remain until June 30--the Day of Decision for our movement. What will have been done in the final days of the Election Campaign will perhaps be the most decisive factor in determining the outcome of the elections of American delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

Nothing can and should be left to chance. All other parties and groups are concentrating their entire resources and manpower upon the effort of bringing out the vote in favor of their tickets. We cannot afford to relax for one split second in our own efforts to bring to the poll every ZOA member and Shekel holder--man and woman--to cast their vote for ticket #1.

All ZOA Districts and Regions have done a splendid job in publicizing our case in their respective local communities. Publicity is a valuable aid in our Election Campaign. However, foot work and personal contact will in the final analysis bring out the vote.

ROUND UP SHEKEL HOLDERS

The rounding-up of shekel holders on Election Day on June 30 (in larger cities, June 30-July 1) is therefore of paramount urgency.

To secure the maximum turn-out at the polls, the following action is suggested:

1. Contact every member and shekel holder--man and woman--by phone and by personal visits.

2. Organize telephone and automobile squads to bring the voters to the polls.

3. Organize watchers to check the election lists and returns at the polls.

4. Arrange for public rallies on the preceding days before election to clarify the issues facing the World Zionist Congress and to impress upon every shekel holder to cast his vote for the ZOA ticket (No.1 on the ballot).

5. It is important to remind every member and shekel holder to bring his and her shekel to the polling station. The location of each polling station can be ascertained from the local shekel board.

6. It is important to publicize the fact that only one single vote can be cast for the ZOA slate. A split vote will nullify the ballot. A vote should be cast for the entire slate and not for individuals.

7. A list of polling stations which can be obtained from your local shekel board should be furnished to all members of your committee. The formation of automobile squads is a primary requisite in transporting voters to the polls.

We are inclosing herewith a message addressed to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver by the Chairmen of all ZOA Regions throughout the country. This message was circularized to the Anglo-Jewish press in all communities.

With your help the ZOA ticket headed by our President, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, will emerge victorious in the elections on Sunday June 30 (in larger communities June 30-July 1).

IMPORTANT TO ABSENTEE MEMBERS!

ZOA members and shekel holders who will be absent from their city on Sunday, June 30th can cast their vote at the nearest polling place in the locality where they are temporarily staying.

It is important that they bring with them their shekel. Upon presentation of their shekel, the member or shekel holder (man and woman) will be permitted to cast his or her vote. However, the ballot will be mailed to the Central Shekel Board in New York City for verification and tabulation.

MESSAGE TO DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
FROM ZOA REGIONAL CHAIRMEN

Dear Dr. Silver:

As the elections approach we wish to assure you for ourselves and co-workers, that no effort is being spared to insure a victory at the polls for the ZOA. We are fully cognizant of the historic importance of the forthcoming Zionist Congress and of the role which American Zionism is called upon to play in these tragic times on behalf of our martyred people. Time and again, you, Dr. Silver, have called upon us to rally our forces in defense of Zionism and the Yishuv. Time and again you have called upon us all to pour out our strength, to mobilize our moral, political and financial resources for the upbuilding of Palestine and the victory of the Zionist ideal. We responded to your appeals. Our constituents and followers, some 200,000 strong have never failed in their duties.

True to our convictions as General Zionists we have never pursued a narrow partisan line. We have cooperated with all groups and parties. Our districts and members have repeatedly given generous support to innumerable projects and activities sponsored by other parties as long as they appeared to be useful and constructive. We are not partisans and we are confident that our organization will never be dominated by a partisan spirit.

However, the course of the Shekel and Election Campaign has revealed certain disturbing tendencies which have startled many of our people in our respective communities. Despite the fact that the ZOA has carried the banner of Zionism in the United States for nearly half a century, despite its glorious record of achievement, despite the fact that it is the driving force behind all important Zionist activities both financial and political, we note a deliberate attempt to belittle it and to deprive it of that influence in the movement which it has richly earned. 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. False issues and irrelevant ideologies are dragged in with the object of deflecting votes from the ZOA slate, for the aggrandizement 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 is not the question now before us. And it is no service to the cause to project these questions 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.

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. 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.

With best wishes for a Zionist victory and a Jewish State in our days, we are,

Cordially yours,

John Fox, Chairman, Connecticut Region; Joseph W. Spector, Ch. Seaboard Region; Dr. Hyman D. Silver, Bronx; Rabbi Harry Halpern, Brooklyn; Judge Hyman J. Reik, Manhattan; Benjamin J. Deft, 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 Darman, Rhode Island; Samuel Caploe, New England; Rabbi Max Nussbaum, West Coast; Milton J. Silberman, Chicago; Joseph Kohn, Philadelphia; Louis A. Falk, New Jersey; Ad Estess, Iowa; A. L. Greenberg, Northwestern; Michael Hanin, Eastern Pennsylvania; and I. R. Goodman, St. Louis.

ZIONIST SELF-SABOTAGE

A Guide for Zionists in the Shekel Elections

By CARL ALPERT

Out of the confusion of inter-party conflict which has needlessly marked the election campaigns for the World Zionist Congress, it is possible to discern a definite pattern into which many of the arguments and controversies have fallen. There is emerging a clarification of certain questions which, though not pertinent to the election itself, or to the major election issue, that of Zionist political action in the international arena, are nevertheless of interest and importance. Challenging as they do the very basis of the relationship between American Jews and Palestine, it is well that they be discussed openly and frankly, and free from the coloration of the campaign spirit.

The first question: To what extent should world Jewry meddle in the internal affairs of the Yishuv?

Second question: Do American Zionists expect any special privileges in the movement by virtue of their contribution of the major part of the funds?

In view of the reckless partisan accusations which have been made against the Z.O.F. in some quarters with respect to these questions, the time has come for laying at rest some of the misapprehensions which are harbored, and some of the canards which have been deliberately broadcast.

No reasonable American Zionist can even for a moment question the complete freedom of the Yishuv in the administration of its internal affairs. The trend has steadily been for agencies and institutions of Jewish Palestine to assume more and more of the functions of a state, acting on their own, with no supervision, interference or guidance of any kind from abroad. If our goal is the establishment of the Jewish

Commonwealth, we should certainly want to see this trend accelerated.

Conceivably the day may come when the Yishuv will proclaim its complete independence of the rest of the Galut, and repudiate all interest, proprietary or benevolent, which the World Zionist Organization manifests in it, save only a cultural link. Such is not yet the case. There is not an element in Jewish Palestine today which does not recognize the need for political action on an international scale to bring about the desired ends, and the vital role which American Jewry must play in helping to attain those ends. The Yishuv issues frequent and urgent calls for such American support, for more and still more American participation in the necessary work for the consummation of the Zionist ideal.

It is necessary to repeat these truisms because in recent months, motivated of course by the Congress elections, there has been stimulated, in Europe and in Palestine, an "anti-American" sentiment, tinged with a "class warfare", intended to create the impression that American Zionists (meaning the Z.O.A.) and the American leadership (meaning Dr. Silver) are intent upon some sinister plot to seize control of the World Zionist Organization, and to liquidate or weaken labor agencies in Palestine.

Peculiarly, these thoughts have been repeated in this country by small but intense Zionist groups which suddenly disassociate themselves from the rest of American Zionism when it becomes thus fashionable to belittle the movement in this country.

So flagrantly were these charges made in Palestine that some responsible Labor elements felt called upon to warn of the danger in thus fomenting discord between America and the Yishuv where none exists. Ha-Oved Hatzioni, organ of the General Zionist labor block in the Histadruth, spoke out bluntly on the "American" issue:

"Zionist parties, large and small, leftist and rightist, must recognize this elementary truth: the center of influence of the Zionist movement is passing, if not in its entirety, at least in major part, to America. One does not find in American Zionism a movement hostile to Labor and its achievements: on the contrary, it is a complete partner for Zionist creativity and effort. It is the privilege of American Zionism not to follow blindly everything which is done in Palestine, and merely to assume the worry of Zionist collections. American Zionism should be free with its comments and its criticism and its efforts, and should demand full participation both in the realization of Zionism and in the bearing of the responsibility for our constructive work."

This plain speaking from a Labor group in Palestine, which was re-printed with approval in the influential daily, Haaretz, represents more accurately, perhaps, the attitude of the mass of workers in Palestine toward American Zionists, than the expressions of some of the groups in this country which, though loyal and devoted Zionists, often prefer to stand apart from the totality of American Zionism, and assume the martyred role of a minority group. And from this perspective they criticize and belittle everything that the Z.O.A. does and question the motives of its leaders as though some superior wisdom had been conferred upon the party, and some special pipe-line gave them an insight into the life and thoughts and needs of the Yishuv which was not vouchsafed to the General Zionists.

Not a single instance can be found on record where the Z.O.A. has, directly or indirectly, sought to influence the direction in which the internal social, political or economic views of the Yishuv should be directed. Those are questions which, General Zionist leaders in America have always felt, are to be determined only by the Yishuv itself. Members of the Z.O.A., themselves partial to various points of view, have sought to utilize their power and influence only for the attainment of the basic goal, and have left to the Jews of Palestine any decisions with regard to the social or economic patterns which should develop there.

On the other hand, it might be pointed out, when a party like the Poale Zion in this country campaigns on a strictly labor platform, seeks to elect only labor delegates to the Congress, and carries on other political and fund-raising activities which are strictly partisan in nature, they are endeavoring to intervene in internal affairs of the Yishuv, and seeking to bring influence to bear, from these shores, on the social or economic determination of the Yishuv.

To be sure, Poale Zion members here may deem their views to be superior, or necessary, but that is for the Yishuv, and not for them to decide. Thousands of Z.O.A. members defer to no one in their whole-hearted support of the principles of economic social justice for which Labor stands in Palestine, but as Zionists they can not place their devotion to the movement as a whole in second place to any partisan ideology which is itself but part of the movement. The Z.O.A. has confidence in the integrity of the 650,000 free citizens of a Jewish Palestine and in their ability to choose that way of life which they want to live. In these decisions the Yishuv will find approval and support from American General Zionists.

One more important fact should be pointed out. It has been customary in the past for minority parties to cast aspersions upon the quality of American General Zionism, and to charge that Zionists here were interested only in contributing funds, but not in assuming any of the political responsibility entailed in direction of the World Zionist movement. Whatever truth there may have been to this charge at one time has certainly disappeared with the emergence of a strong, politically-conscious American Zionist leadership. Whereupon the parties make an abrupt about-face, and try to find grounds for the claim that the Z.O.A. is seeking to "control" the movement. The inconsistency of these points of view makes one or the other untenable, and indicates

the nature of the opposition to the Z.O.A.

This much must be said, and repeated with vigor and emphasis.

If it is true that large financial contribution to the cause does not automatically entitle American Zionists to participation in the political leadership of the movement, it follows with equal truth that neither does such contribution disqualify American Zionists. It has become disgustingly fashionable to ridicule General Zionists, purely on the basis of the magnificent financial support which they render not only to the U.P.A., the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund, but also to other agencies and institutions, including the Geverkshafen drive and the Histadruth. Mr. Abraham Dickenstein, of the Workers' Bank, might be in a position to elaborate on the remarkable extent to which General Zionists have answered his call for support for this useful Palestine labor institution.

These, then, are the currents which have been stirred up in the pre-election campaigning. The party member may still sneer at General Zionists, but the Z.O.A. and Hadassah have succeeded in enrolling between them some 350,000 individual American Jews in support of the Zionist cause, whereas the party membership is so small that the totals are spoken of only in subdued whispers. Were it not for the General Zionists, the movement would have no more strength or influence in this country than some of the obscure religious sects which appear from time to time.

The Z.O.A. has been patient and tolerant. It has continued to carry the brunt of the responsibility, both political and financial, and has continued to be a tower of strength upon which the Yishuv has learned to lean for that form of support which it needs most now. Yet it is possible to lose patience with partisan tactics which are

concerned chiefly with narrow party interests, with special party dogmas and ideologies, and with ruthless partisan attempts in times like these to undermine the strength of the Z.O.A. by fragmentizing the Zionist vote, and spreading all sorts of unfounded insinuations against its leaders.

The great majority of American Zionists, Shekel holders, fortunately will not be led astray, and will indicate their own aversion for party politics, and their own desire for strengthening American Jewish participation in the broader political aspects of Zionism, by voting for the Z.O.A., and sending to the Zionist Congress a group of distinguished and representative Zionists who can meet with the leaders of Palestine Jewry, and the leaders of surviving European Jewry, as partners and collaborators in the great task that remains to be done.



Dr. Hines

Dr. Emanuel Neumann

June 17, 1948

Ernest E. Barbarash

Congress Election Campaign

In view of the postponement of the elections, part of the magazine section of the New Palestine will be devoted to the ZOA election slate. I understand the magazine will be in the hands of every member about a week before June 30th.

In regard to the possibility of publishing another election issue of the News Reporter within that week, I have inquired at the post-office and it is impossible to change the schedule within that short period. However, since the front page of the New Palestine will carry punchy slogans, that issue will more-or-less meet the situation.

As I indicated to you, all district officers and shakel and election chairmen are being swamped with campaign material. In addition, numerous releases, ads and mats are being furnished to the Anglo-Jewish press throughout the country. The Yiddish press too, carries our items almost daily.

I cannot refrain however from adding that the postponement of the elections will cost the ZOA some ~~50,000~~ ^{thousands of} votes particularly in New York. All day yesterday (Sunday) I answered calls from New York people who inquired whether it is true that the elections have been postponed. The overwhelming majority of the people told me that they will not be in town on June 30th. They also manifested a feeling of disgust. We should be realistic about it.

Copy to Dr. A. H. Silver

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HOLD ON TO YOUR SHEKEL!

Elections to the World Zionist Congress
have been postponed to

SUNDAY, JUNE 30th
(in larger communities - Sunday June 30th
and Monday, July 1st)

The ZOA has strongly fought this postponement and was forced for the sake of unity, to yield to pressure of certain parties who threatened to abstain from the elections unless their demand is acceded.

The ZOA deeply regrets the great inconvenience caused and the tax upon the strength and energies of its members and shekel holders.

HOLD ON TO YOUR SHEKEL!

Bring the shekel with you to the polls on June 30th.
Bring every adult member of your family and your friends --
men and women.

ANSWER BEVIN'S ATTACK ON THE JEWISH PEOPLE BY YOUR VOTE!

VOTE THE ZOA SLATE (TICKET NO. 1) FOR A JEWISH STATE!

A vote for the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) will uphold the hands of the leaders of the Zionist movement of America in their fight for a Jewish Palestine. Your vote of confidence is needed to strengthen the influence of the American Zionist Leadership in the Councils of the world.

Help to bring 100,000 Jews into Palestine. Above all, help in the attainment of the ultimate objective -- a Jewish commonwealth -- the only solution to the problem of Jewish homelessness.

VOTE THE ZOA SLATE -- TICKET NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT!

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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JULY 2nd, 1946

MRS. A. H. SILVER

NUMBER ONE TICKET HAS 1614 VOTES NUMBER TWO 1251 NUMBER THREE 661 NUMBER
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DR. FALKMAN

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Form 5

To DR. A.H. SILVER 19

Street Address CONTINUATION TWO

City _____

ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ZOA: 13743

HADASSAH: 4595

POALE-ZION: 11576

MIZARACHI: 9967

REVISIONISTS: 2746

IN NEW YORK 6944 INVOLVES THE IMPOUNDED VOTE THAT YET HAVE TO BE

COUNTED. OVER 300 SMALL COMMUNITIES YET HAVE TO BE HEARD FROM.

Sender's Full Name (if not shown) and Address for Reference

Sender's Telephone Number

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Form 3

To Dr. A.H. Silver July 8 1946

Street Address _____

City _____

LATEST ELECTION RETURNS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY AT LARGE

ZOA: 37492

51.235

HADASSAH: 28618

33.213

POALE-ZION: 29703

41.279

MIZARACHI: 13912

23.879

REVISIONISTS: 2250

4.996

NEW YORK FIGURES BRONX BROOKLYN MANHATTAN NOT INCLUDED IN NATIONAL TOTALS.

Sender's Full Name (if not shown) and Address for Reference

Sender's Telephone Number

154.602

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Form 6

To DR. A.H. SILVER 19

Street Address CONTINUATION THREE

City _____

WE WILL FORWARD YOU THE BREAKDOWN OF THE VOTES BY AREA AS SOON AS
COMPLETED.

MANUEL POSY

Sender's Full Name (if not shown) and Address for Reference

Sender's Telephone Number

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
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WESTERN UNION

JOSEPH L. EGAN
PRESIDENT

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\$	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION
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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to
(PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS)

To DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

NEW YORK

JULY 19 1946

Care of or Apt. No. _____

Street and No. _____

Place _____

PLANNING TO BE OUT OF TOWN FOR WEEK END - CAN BE REACHED CARE ABE GOLDSTEIN AMSTON
LAKE, CONNECTICUT PHONE COLCHESTER 712 REGARDS

EMANUEL NEUMAN

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

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To ABBA HILLEL SILVER

NEW YORK
JULY 11

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Street and No. _____

Place _____

PLANNING Z O A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY EVENING COINCIDE WITH EMERGENCY
COUNCIL MEETING THAT AFTERNOON REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL AND WHETHER YOU WILL ATTEND

YALE GOLDBERG

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

