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Zionist Organization of America, convention, 1946.

CONVENTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1946  
SUITE 213, 225 Fourth Avenue

PRESENT: Joseph W. Greenleaf, Chairman, Marcus Abramson, Samuel Beraon, Mendel Fisher, Irving Galt, Abraham Goldstein, Philip Lassar, Abraham Redelheim, David Spiegel, Dr. Sidney Marks.  
Special Guest: Harry Frankel

Mr. Fisher felt that a great many problems facing the committee would be solved by eliminating lunches and dinners. The meeting room at the Breakers Hotel is entirely unsatisfactory. The opening session will be held on the Steel Pier but after that there is no place for meetings.

Mr. Spiegel also wished to discuss several problems in connection with the Convention. (1) The lack of coordination of the different sessions. There is no control of the sessions; there is no timing and no scheduling. He, therefore, proposed that a sub-committee be known as the Convention Control Committee and be empowered to have a representative at each function to control the closing time of this session. (2) All previous conventions have been marked by disorder. There is considerable that can be done to reduce the disorder and the lack of smooth functioning. He proposed that another committee be appointed, after the entire program had been thought out, to think out the inch-by-inch control of smooth functioning. (3) Young men should act as floor committees and reception committees at the hotels and on the floor of the meeting rooms. (4) Means should be employed to improve the physical appearance of the Convention: such as table coverings and draperies, banners and flags.

Dr. Marks indicated that the Central Theatre on the Steel Pier is all that is available to us. Mr. Goldstein felt that all sessions should be held in the theatre and an effort can be made to rope off sections for the smaller meetings. The members of the Executive can be informed by this Committee that they are expected to attend these meetings.



Mr. Fisher suggested that for Saturday night, the entire theatre should be used and for subsequent meetings the dais can be built in the pit and have the platform closed.

Mr. Berson was under the impression that if the leaders were made to feel that it is important to attend every session to increase the dignity and prestige of these meetings, <sup>such</sup> an atmosphere will be forthcoming.

Mr. Fisher made a motion that it be the consensus of this meeting that Dr. Marks be instructed to make arrangements for the dramatic material, such as banners and flags for the focal points of the convention. This motion was passed.

Mr. Spiegel did not believe that any business should be conducted at a public session. He also recommended that we revert to the practice of having the final meeting at a Monday night dinner, and not at a luncheon meeting as was suggested. He further felt that the minor committees be given enough time to make their reports so that no delegate will be ignored or offended.

Mr. Lassar indicated that it is important to consider the individual delegates and their problems. Every delegate should be made to feel that he is a part of the Convention, and has accomplished and learned something by attending.

The make-up of the various committees should be determined before the Convention.

Mr. Lassar stressed the importance of bombarding the delegates with mail and material before they arrived at the Convention, to make them feel that they are coming down to do a job and create interest.

Dr. Marks stressed the importance of timing the political meetings so as to secure good press releases and coverage.

Mr. Fisher felt that on Saturday night, after the opening meeting, there should be a reception for the delegates with refreshments served. This would give the delegates an opportunity to meet each other.

It should be adopted as a procedure of the Convention that the Resolutions be limited. The major resolutions can be presented before the plenary session. If resolutions are limited to those dealing with the present political situation, the proceedings will be reduced considerably.

It was suggested that the new executive meet on Tuesday morning so as to save time during the Convention for other functions.

Mr. Goldstein stated that a delegate can be satisfied if (1) he is appointed to a committee, or (2) if he can participate by saying one word at the Convention. He proposed that appointments to committees be done by the Regions. At the last meeting of the Executive he had remarked that he would like to see the participation of the delegates but it had been pointed out that it had not worked out at the last convention. The people who are to speak on the various topics should be announced before the Convention, and the rank and file speakers interspersed with the leaders to increase the interest of these speeches. Rank and file delegates shall be given 5 minutes in which to speak and the leaders shall be given twenty minutes.

Mr. Fisher suggested that an electrical system be employed whereby two minutes before the time allotted to the speaker is up, a light will flash, and another when his time is up.

Mr. Goldstein suggested that Dr. Silver preside at the Sunday evening political meeting to further control the speakers.

Mr. Greenleaf was asked to discuss the praesidium with Drs. Silver and Neumann. These names were suggested: Dr. Neumann or Mr. Frisch to preside on Saturday night.  
Rothenberg to preside at the funds meeting.  
Lipsky to preside at the political meeting Sunday afternoon.  
Dr. Goldstein to preside at the political meeting Sunday evening.  
Dr. Neumann or Dr. Wise to preside at the Monday dinner.

It was suggested that Mr. Sneg speak on Sunday night and devote the Monday dinner meeting entirely to Dr. Silver and Bartley Krum.

Mr. Goldstein felt that Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann must be impressed with one thing: the political meetings must not be mass meetings

addressed by three or four speakers. There are important decisions to be reached and it is not sufficient to hear only a few points of view. If rank and file Zionists are to speak, someone should know in advance what they are going to prepare to safeguard against possible confusion.

It was suggested that on Sunday night, Jacques Torczyner report on the Congress election results.

Mr. Greenleaf indicated that the Inner Committee discussed time being given to the World General Zionist Confederation and it was also suggested that three or four men of pro-Zionist organizations, such as Bnai Brith and the Jewish War Veterans, be invited to address the Convention. Unless these people can be fitted into the Monday dinner meeting, it will not be possible for them to be invited.

It was suggested that the field directors be made responsible for telephone squads to remind committee members of the scheduled meetings.

Mr. Greenleaf felt that whatever decisions are reached at this meeting should be subject to the approval of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann.

Mr. Eerson suggested that the fund meeting should be dramatized and questioned how it could be done. Dr. Marks pointed out that the fund speakers who have just returned from Palestine will be dramatic.

It was suggested that there be reporters to summarize each meeting. It was felt that this would add to the interest.

The following is the tentative program which the Convention will follow:

**FRIDAY:** Morning, the last meeting of the old Executive Committee.  
afternoon; Committee on Committees at 1:30 and follow immediately with Committee on Nominations meeting.  
evening; Short services, followed by ZOA Youth Dinner

**SATURDAY:** Morning services.  
Afternoon: Oneg shabbat at at the same time, if possible, an informal veterans' meeting.  
Night: The function will be opened with a five-minute report by the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Constitutional Revision report, and Dr. Silver will make his report.

**SUNDAY:** Morning: joint meeting of the funds.  
Afternoon: political meeting  
evening: political meeting



MONDAY: Morning: committee meetings.

Afternoon: committee reports, *election of officers*

Evening: Closing dinner session, addressed by Bartley Krum  
and Dr. Silver.

*Tues. P.M. Meeting of new Executive Comm.*

Mr. Fisher moved that a committee of three be appointed to handle the matters left undone. (this small committee to consider all the spots to be filled.)

Mr. Goldstein amended this motion to the effect that if there are any changes to be made at the Convention, the committee should be called together if it is necessary. or

This motion was seconded and accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45.



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: 9/25/46

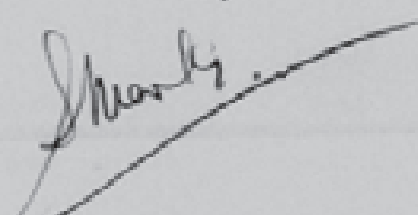
FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

At the suggestion of Dr. Neumann, I am enclosing herewith the tentative program for the Convention.

This matter will be on the Agenda of the Executive Committee meeting this Monday night.

My kindest personal regards and best wishes for the New Year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sidney Marks", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

## CONVENTION AGENDA

Friday, Oct. 25th

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration of delegates  
10 a.m. Meeting 1946 Executive Committee  
1:30 p.m. - Committee on Committees  
          Committee on Nominations  
6:30 p.m. - Sabbath Services  
7 p.m. - Z. O. A. Youth Dinner  
          Herman Weisman, Chairman  
          Theme: "How we inspire Youth for Zionism"  
          5-Minute addresses: Young Judaea  
                              Masada  
                              Brandeis Camp (1 Boy - 1 Girl)  
                              Plugat Aliyah (?)  
                              Intercollegiate Federation  
                              Palestine Songs - the audience

Saturday, Oct. 26th

9 a.m. - Sabbath Services  
          Rabbi (?)  
          Cantor - Rev. Martin Adolf, Paterson  
2:30 p.m. - Zionist War Veteran Reunion  
          Chairman: Albert Shanzer, Ch. ZOA Veteran Comm.  
          Speakers: Maxwell Cohen, National Commander J.W.V.  
                    William Kappelman, etc.  
3:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat  
          Program to be submitted by Histadruth Ivrit  
7:00 p.m. - Registration of Delegates (continued)  
8:00 p.m. - The First Session  
          National Anthem  
          Hatikvah  
          Color Guard - Jewish War Veterans  
          Invocation - Rabbi Max Maccoby  
          Opening of Convention  
          Joseph W. Greenleaf (10 minutes) Ch. National Convention  
          Greetings: Mayor Joseph Altman, Atlantic City Comm.  
                    Joseph Halbert, President Atlantic City  
                                    Zionist District  
          Reading of written greetings from affiliated organizations  
          (10 Minutes) report by Executive Director - Dr. Sidney Marks  
          (10 Minutes) report by Treasurer or Chairman Finance Comm.  
          Abe Goodman or Milton Pollack  
          Election of Praesidium (various conv. comm. suggestions)  
          Dr. Silver, Dr. Neumann, Judge Levinthal, Dr. Israel  
          Goldstein, Mr. Lipsky, Rabbi Miller, Daniel Frisch,  
          Judge Rothenberg, Dr. Wise, Herman Weisman, Jacques  
          Forezyner.  
          Introduction: Dr. Neumann  
          Presidential Address: Dr. Silver  
11:30 p.m. - Reception to Delegates (food-refreshments)



Sunday, Oct. 26th

- 9 a.m. - Preparatory Committees for Political Sessions  
10 a.m. - Second Session  
    Theme: "ZOA Activities and National Funds"  
    Judge Morris Rothenberg, Chairman  
    ZOA Activities (various Departments and Chairmen)  
    Fund Speakers (all speakers to be limited in time)  
2:30 p.m.- Third Session  
    Political Session (Mr. Lipsky, Dr. Silver or Dr.  
        Neumann presiding)  
    Report of Credentials Committee  
    Report of Emergency Council  
    Political Resolutions  
    Discussion by delegates  
8:30 p.m.- Fourth Session  
    World Zionist Congress ( Dr. Silver presiding)  
    Report on Shekel Campaign - Jacques Torczyner  
    I. Introductory Address - Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
    II. The World Zionist Congress  
        A. Issues  
        B. Our Stand  
        C. Resolutions  
        D. Debate by Delegates (young speakers, previously  
            selected from audience)  
        E. Vote  
    III-Palestine Survey

Monday, Oct. 27th

- 8:30 a.m. - Meetings of Convention Committees  
1:30 p.m. - Sixth Session (Presiding, Miller or Frisch)  
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3:30 p.m. - Seventh Session (Miller or Frisch presiding)  
    Report of Committee on Nominations  
    Elections  
7:30 p.m. - Eighth Session  
    Closing Banquet (Dr. Neumann presiding)  
    Speakers: Dr. Silver  
        Bartley Crum

Tuesday, Oct. 28th

- 10:00 a.m. - First Meeting 1947 ZOA Executive Committee

NOTE: Do you want Sneg for Sunday or Monday and at what hour?

## GENERAL POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED BY THE 49th ANNUAL ZOA CONVENTION

Sunday, Oct. 27

1. The Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America reaffirms the historic claims and aspirations and the legally established rights of the Jewish people to Palestine. These rights which have been formally embodied in solemn international covenants apply to the whole of mandated Palestine, undivided and undiminished, as the territory in which the Jewish people shall reestablish its national existence as a free and equal member of the family of nations. Any further attempt on the part of the British Government, by unlawful, unilateral and arbitrary action to curtail or destroy these rights, or to deny to the Jewish people free access to any part of its national Homeland, will be resisted to the utmost by all sections of the Jewish people with the support of democratic forces the world over.

2. The tragic experiences of the past years, the unparalleled calamities which have overtaken the Jewish people, and the record of British maladministration in Palestine, have demonstrated beyond argument that the purposes underlying the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate can be fully realized only through the establishment of a Jewish State with freedom and equality for all its inhabitants, irrespective of race and religion. Only the early establishment of a free Jewish State can guarantee free entry of Jews into their Homeland, full opportunity for colonization and economic development, security against oppression, and the attainment by the Jewish people of national freedom on their ancestral soil. These aims have received the sanction and support of the American people through expressions of public opinion, presidential declarations, the Anglo-American Convention of Palestine of 1924, the action of both major political parties in 1944, the Joint Resolution of Congress in 1922 and the concurrent Congressional Resolution of 1945.

The Convention directs the officers of the Zionist Organization of America and requests the Delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress to pursue a firm policy for the fulfillment of the legal rights of the Jewish people to Palestine and the early reestablishment of the Jewish State.

3. The Convention notes the failure of the London Conference on Palestine to achieve a solution of the Palestine problem. The course of the Conference to date and its adjournment for two and a half months without the slightest change in the status of Jewish immigration into Palestine, confirms the view that it represents a further dilatory device following a long series of delaying tactics invented by the British Government to deflect public criticism.

The wisdom of Jewish participation in the Conference is thus open to question. The Convention is confident that representatives of the Jewish Agency for Palestine will continue to decline an invitation to this or any Conference unless there is adequate assurance that the purpose of the discussion will be the implementation of the legally established rights of the Jewish people, the furtherance of immediate immigration and the early establishment of a Jewish State.

Such negotiations as may be entered upon by the Jewish Agency should be conducted in such a manner as to avoid any advance commitments on behalf of the Zionist movement. Any proposals which may be made by the British Government must, in accordance with Zionist procedure, be submitted prior to acceptance, to a regular or extraordinary session of the World Zionist Congress, or failing that, to a plenary session of the General Council of the World Zionist Organization which will be elected at the forthcoming Congress and which should be given the necessary powers to act on behalf of the Movement.



# RESOLUTION ON THE AMERICAN SCENE

## I

(a) The 49th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America expresses its profound appreciation to the Congress of the United States for having reaffirmed and authoritatively defined the traditional American policy of support for the Jewish National Homeland by the passage of the Concurrent Resolutions of December 17th and December 19th, 1945 - an act of historic importance in the history of our Movement.

(b) The Convention further expresses its sincere appreciation to the President of the United States for the steps which he has taken since August, 1945 to urge upon the British Government the immediate admission of 100,000 displaced Jews of Europe into Palestine and for his recent indication of sympathy for the idea of a Jewish State.

(c) The Convention regrets that various officials of the Government of the United States have not only failed to give consistent and effective support to the policy defined by Congress Resolutions and Presidential pronouncements, but have, on various occasions both at home and abroad, acted in a manner contrary to that policy, thereby creating doubts in the minds of foreign Governments concerned regarding the seriousness with which this policy is being pursued by the United States Government.

(d) The Convention likewise expresses its regret that our Government has been induced to acquiesce in various suggestions of the British Government obviously designed to prevent or postpone action in accordance with the declared American policies. At this late date, no progress whatsoever has been made regarding either admission of the first 100,000 displaced Jews into Palestine, or the opening of Palestine to Jewish immigration generally, or the setting up of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

(e) The Convention therefore gives expression to the widespread feeling of disillusionment and profound disappointment experienced by millions of American citizens as a consequence of the failure of their hope to see heartening humanitarian pronouncements translated into effective action and the saving of thousands of human lives still languishing in despair. Clearly such pro-

nouncements and declarations do not suffice. We cannot believe that the diplomatic resources of the United States have been exhausted, that its immense influence is of no avail and that our Government is helpless in the matter. On the contrary, we are convinced that immediate and important results will be achieved if the public pronouncements are backed up with the vigor and energy devoted to the carrying out of other measures and policies having the support of the Administration.

(f) The Convention therefore respectfully calls upon the President and the Secretary of State to exercise the full influence of the American Government and take all appropriate measures, including the issue of explicit instructions to all officials of the Executive Departments concerned with this matter, to the end that the objectives of American policy with reference to the Jewish refugees and the Palestine problem be swiftly accomplished.

(g) Nothing can satisfy the public conscience save the early movement of displaced Jews into Palestine, the prompt cessation of British assaults on Jewish refugees and the halt to the repression practiced in Palestine.

## II

### (CENTRALIZATION OF POLITICAL EFFORT)

Experience has demonstrated the futility of treating public relations, political action and political negotiations as distinct or separate efforts on the American scene. American Zionists resulting from the existence of two agencies conducting political activity in the United States on behalf of the Zionist Movement. Without questioning either the authority and jurisdiction of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, we express the conviction that Zionist political efforts in this country cannot be successful without the fullest participation of American Zionists. Recent events have shown that the existing state of affairs is no longer tolerable without inviting irreparable harm to the Zionist cause.

Be it resolved, therefore, that all political efforts on behalf of Zionism in the United States must be centralized without delay in one authoritative, over-all body constituted with due regard both to the interests and prerogatives of the Jewish Agency and the vital and indispensable role which must be played by the

American Zionist Organization; and,

Be it further resolved, that the incoming officers and Executive Committee and the Z.O.A. delegates to the forthcoming Zionist Congress be directed to take the most energetic and far-reaching measures that may be required to correct the present intolerable condition and insure the carrying out of such imperative reorganization.

### III

RESOLVED: That the Government of Great Britain, by its illegal and tyrannical rule in Palestine and by the persistent disregard of its obligations under the Balfour Declaration, the Mandate for Palestine and the U.S. - British Palestine Convention of 1924, which documents constitute its sole authority for administering Palestine, has forfeited its moral and legal status in that country and that the British officers and troops in Palestine can no longer be considered as being there in any lawful capacity, but must be regarded as the agents of an occupying power whose control of Palestine is exercised in its own selfish interest and based on sheer naked force.

### IV (IMMIGRATION)

RESOLVED: That the Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America sends its fraternal greetings to the Yishuv (the Jewish population of Palestine), engaged in a heroic effort to carry on its peaceful and constructive work in building a free and democratic Jewish State while being compelled to fight against the rule of its oppressors;

That the Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America expresses its admiration for the efforts of the uprooted and persecuted Jews of Europe to enter Palestine irrespective of the machinations and obstacles illegally put in their way by the British Government, and for the efforts of the Yishuv in endeavoring to secure the entry of Jews into Palestine in the face of illegal British interference, and pledges its full support to assist in these efforts;

That the Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America expresses its appreciation to those governments and private persons in various countries who give their cooperation to this life-saving work and refuse to abet the attempts of the British Government to make of them accomplices in its illegal and inhumane policy preventing the entry of Jews into the Jewish National Homeland;

That the Convention expresses the hope that all governments and free peoples of the world will give their continued and increased cooperation to the humane endeavor of Jewish immigration into Palestine even if the British Government should persist in its unlawful and cruel policies.



## V. (RESISTANCE)

The Zionist Organization of America recognizes that the Yishuv (the Jewish population of Palestine) through its appropriate organs must be the decisive factor in determining the extent of its resistance to the illegal policies of the British Government and the forms which such resistance may take, and

Be it further resolved that insofar as the responsible elements of the Yishuv embark upon policies of non-cooperation or resistance, they shall receive the wholehearted support of the Zionist Movement, of the whole Jewish people and of freedom-loving people everywhere.

## VI.

RESOLVED: By the Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America that it is the sense of this Convention that,

(a) The efforts of the Zionist Movement to mobilize the governments and free peoples of the world against the illegal British policy in Palestine should be continued and intensified throughout the world, and that adequate provision should be made for this purpose in terms of personnel and budget; and

(b) That special attention should be given, in the future, to the strengthening of the efforts of the Zionist Movement to carry its just cause to the peoples of Great Britain and the British Dominions.

## VII. (THE JEWISH AGENCY)

In view of the possibility that proposals may be considered for the reconstitution of the Jewish Agency in the future to provide for the active participation of Jewish constituencies not directly affiliated with the Zionist movement, the Convention urges that any steps towards such reconstitution be closely guided by the experience of previous attempts to achieve the same ends. The guiding principle, which in the opinion of this Convention is indispensable to such a successful reconstitution of the Jewish Agency and which must be observed in the interest of the Cause, is the principle of democratic representation to be applied to Zionist and non-Zionists alike.

The representation of non-Zionists can and should be primarily effected through the recognition of established Jewish organizations representing large constituencies, associations or groups of organizations where such exist, such as the Jewish Board of Deputies in England and the American Jewish Conference in this country.

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The representation afforded to various groups and organizations should be commensurate with the constituencies they represent. The discipline and internal organizations of Jewish community life in no country should be endangered or sacrificed by the grant of disproportionate influence in the Jewish Agency to small separatist or self-constituted groups which by their record have indicated an unwillingness to cooperate with the democratically organized forces in Jewish life.

## VIII.

RESOLVED: By the Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America that it is the sense of this Convention that the future Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and of the World Zionist Organization should be composed in such a manner that, while representing the broadest possible coalition of parties and groups, it should reflect the determination of the Zionist Movement to proceed in accordance with the policies outlined in our political resolutions.

## IX (WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS)

(A) The Convention regrets the repeated postponement of the sessions of the World Zionist Congress originally scheduled to be held last August. It also notes that the National Administrative Council and Executive Committee of the ZOA have repeatedly extended an invitation for the Congress to be held in the United States.

It is more than seven years since a Zionist Congress was last convened, and further delay in the present juncture of Zionist affairs can only result in confusion, an undermining of the democratic structure of the World Zionist Organization and an impairment of the authority of its Executive.

(B) The Convention draws the attention of the World Executive to the current difficulties of international travel and to the need, in order to assure full attendance, of making all arrangements with regard to the forthcoming Zionist Congress betimes and in consultation with the major constituencies of the World Zionist Organization.

X  
(GENERAL ZIONISM)

The Convention extends the hand of comradeship to the organizations of General Zionists in Palestine and in every part of the world and calls for a union of the forces of General Zionism and a pooling of their resources to the end that the integral and cardinal principles of the movement which they represent may be upheld through our united and sustained efforts at the forthcoming Zionist Congress.

The incoming officers and Executive Committee are directed to continue to extend every possible assistance to the General Zionists of Palestine and other countries in developing their constructive projects and strengthening their organizational activities. To that end it authorizes the Executive Committee to find the necessary ways and means for adequate financial support.

The Convention also recommends that the ZOA participate in the World Conference of the Confederation of General Zionists to be held on the eve of the Congress and be represented at the Conference by the delegates of the ZOA to the forthcoming Zionist Congress and/or by such other representatives as the incoming Executive Committee may designate for that purpose.



# **REPORT**

**TO THE 49th ANNUAL**

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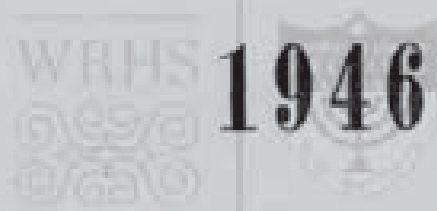
If we maintain morale,  
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if we make maximum sacrifices  
for our cause in time and labor  
and substance,  
if we remain unafraid, we shall, by  
the grace of God, win through to Victory.

—ABRA HILLEL SILVER.

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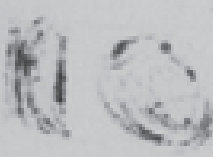
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## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THIS brief review of the past year's activities can never do justice to the scope and intensity of our labors. Our organization, as a corporate structure, is interminably bound to the fortunes of the Zionist Movement. With the American scene representing the political keystone upon which Palestine's future must be built, it was expected that the Zionist Organization of America, representing 200,000 organized General Zionists—a freedom-loving, liberty-dedicated, militant body of men and women, would bear the brunt of this reconstruction, and it rose to the occasion of the needs of our people.

It is no easy task, this fight for justice to the Jew in Palestine. Against an unsavory pattern of world confusion in which little or no distinction is being drawn between victor and vanquished, between the victims and the perpetrators of their tragedy, it becomes difficult to evaluate honestly the effectiveness of our labors. Nonetheless, no man can gainsay the monumental and courageous achievements of our leaders and workers, their selfless devotion to the right and to the ideals and aspirations of eternal Jewry.

The inspiring and able leadership of our President, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, his remarkable political acumen and his great talent for organization, have provided, in large part, the impetus with which our organization has moved ever forward. Certainly not less were the merits and capacity of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Chairman of our Inner Committee, and the selfless labors of Mr. Daniel Faisch, our National Administrative Council Chairman, and all of our National Administrative Officers who worked ceaselessly at the helms of our units. Our Regional and District Officers, the membership, embodying within their zeal and fervor a determined revolutionary spirit, provided the alert and steadfast manpower for our vast operations.

The Zionist Organization of America is the largest and certainly the foremost and most effective instrument of Zionist action in the world. It is a complex yet most efficiently run structure. In the interests of brevity, I can merely call attention to the individual accounts of some of our major activities which are reported in the pages which follow. They bear this

single comment. My colleagues are loyal and devoted workers for the Zionist ideal. Their daily labors and sacrifices in the performance of their tasks are matters of pardonable pride to me. The reports cannot, of necessity, encompass the detail and intensity of our operations; such recital would make tedious and difficult reading, its scope is so vast. They reflect, nevertheless, the pattern of the labors which my colleagues provide and that are based, in turn, upon the magnificent efforts of our leadership and our membership in every District and Region. We add to this recital the significant and devoted application of our secretarial and clerical staffs.

Several facets of our work during the past year bear special comment because of the nature of the activity.

For the first time in many years, a Shekel and Zionist Congressional Election Campaign was held. The Z.O.A. leadership and membership deplored and protested the project at this juncture in Zionist history when all of our heavily-taxed energies were and are needed for the distressing political, educational and humanitarian problems posed to us by a morally bankrupt world. We emphasized that it was unwise to dissipate our energy in internecine party strife. Despite our representations, we were forced into the conflict against our convictions, and we were determined to emerge victorious. Mr. Jacques Torczyner undertook the National Chairmanship and with unparalleled devotion and effort led the Z.O.A. Ticket to a sweeping victory. It was the first time in American Zionist history that the General Zionists emerged triumphant in a shekel and election campaign. It was at once a tribute to our inspiring leadership and membership and a triumph of technique and organization for Mr. Torczyner, the staff and our far flung units.

Our tremendous membership, numbering 200,000 as this convention assembles, is the result of persevering and untiring labor. Membership plans, methods and materials, however excellent, are meaningless without intelligent direction and dogged determination. Mr. Joseph Goldberg, our National Membership Chairman, has travelled to every part of this country and has brought the impact of his message and organizational talents to bear upon the American Jewish Community. It was no enviable chore and the membership has reached unprecedented heights under his guidance.

The Z.O.A. Expansion Fund has become the great nationally recognized and respected financial resource for the vitalization of our instruments of public service. Its activities for the American Jewish and non-Jewish scene reach into every aspect of contemporary Jewish life and have inspired, through its instrumentalities, future Jewish generations. It has continued to promote effective public relations and widespread Zionist education. At the helm of this important branch of our work is the National Chairman, Mr. Dewey D. Stone, a devoted servant of the Jewish people; written praise for him would be redundant. It is a privilege to have his association.

The name of Milton Pollack should be repeated at every meeting of our units. Accepting the difficult assignment of National Finance Chairman, he has become one of the great creative forces in our movement. With an insight and a know-how unique in the annals of American organizational life, he has recast the structure of our business operations and given meaning, content and economy to our financial structure. Due to the active collaboration of Mr. Abraham Goodman, our Treasurer, Mr. Mark Sugarman, our Associate Treasurer, Mr. Bernard Singer and the other members of a hard-working finance committee, the financial condition of the organization, despite generous demands made upon it, is good. There is every confidence that the newly recast financial structure, as serviced by the new auditor, Mr. Henry Stern, will show significant and far reaching results in our future operations.

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The Zionist Organization of America powers the fight for the Jewish Commonwealth of Palestine and for World Jewry. This is literally true. The mustering of American public opinion which formulates American domestic and foreign policy is the province of the American Zionist Emergency Council. The Z.O.A. has provided the great leadership and manpower, in major part, to the national and local emergency councils and is significantly responsible for the accomplishments of this political arm.

Our Districts and Regions provide the voluntary personnel, facilities and necessary cooperation as well for the American Christian Palestine Committee. The Z.O.A. is the greatest single



factor for Zionist public relations in the American Community, and solid Zionist achievement is dependent upon the strength of this outstanding instrument for Zionist action.

The success of the United Palestine Appeal and the Jewish National Fund is a reflection of the resources and manpower of the Zionist Organization of America, its leadership and membership. Every community in the entire country finds at the helm and purse of its fund-raising for these foundation funds the membership and leadership, national, regional and district, of our body. These are Zionist tasks and our workers are unsparing in their efforts.

For the remainder of this report, the reader must be referred to the pages that follow, where a more comprehensive accounting, as reported individually by each department, should provide a detailed picture. The men and women who have provided the sinews of organization and are my devoted colleagues bear most honorable mention and praise. They are: Carl Alpert, Herschel Auerbach, E. Barbarash, Dr. S. Bernstein, I. Cooperman, J. Daniel, Y. Goldberg, Rabbi A. J. Lelyveld, Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn, Esther Lopatin, Manuel Posy, Jeannette M. Steinberg, H. S. Stern, Rabbi Jerome Unger, Joseph Greenstein, Dr. David Tannenbaum, Carl Altman, Henry Bernfeld, Max Cohen, Leonard Lifton, Earl Peltin, Louis Stein, Morris Walkenfeld, Samuel Sloan, Dr. H. A. Cohen, Adalbert Freedman, Julius Israel, Nathan Kaplan, Dr. H. S. May, I. G. Simon, Uriah Tchack, Dr. H. O. H. Levine, Charles Levine, Rose Bender, Emanuel Bornstein.

We must record the gratitude of the Organization to Mr. Joseph Greenleaf and the Convention Committee for their fine work in the preparation of this Convention. We must also note the fraternal cooperation of Mr. Harry Shapiro, Executive Director of the American Zionist Emergency Council, Mr. Mendel Fisher, Executive Director of the Jewish National Fund and Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Director of the United Palestine Appeal.

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The Zionist scene is clouded at this writing. Prophecy becomes an idle pastime when the realities of the needs of our people are present and quite formidable. Whatever accomplish-

ments, whatever setbacks, the Zionist Organization of America stands alert and ready to move forward. In the soundness of its leadership and membership and the strength of its framework are to be found the weapons to do battle.

We cannot remain static. More and more untapped wells of thought and energy can be found. We are streamlining and recasting our organization and its departments, as experience has dictated, for greater effectiveness. New projects are being added for greater public relations, educational and youth activity. Regional and National operations will require a closer relationship and coordination of activity. We go forward, undaunted and resolute, to fight for Jewry and its survival.

We conclude this report with a note of humility. It is seldom in a lifetime that one can be surrounded by so much greatness; and yet it is the quality of Zionism and its high purpose that it attracts this virtue. To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and his associates, to the National Administrative officers and members of the Executive Committee and the National Administrative Council, to the Regional and District officers and thousands of lay leaders and members who are the soul of Jewry and the spirit of its future, we express our gratefulness and gratitude for this privilege to serve.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

## MEMBERSHIP

### THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

of America is proud to report a current membership of 196,350 men and women. This represents an increase of 54,000 members during the year 1945-46. The continued growth of our organization is directly attributable to the tireless and unceasing efforts of our National, Regional, and District officers, aided by the devoted activity of our National staff and Regional Field Directors. The Z.O.A. was fortunate this year in having the guidance of Mr. Joseph Goldberg of Worcester, Mass., as National Membership Chairman. Mr. Goldberg gave of himself unstintingly in personal contact with Regional and District membership chairmen, and was constantly available to lend inspiring leadership at membership rallies throughout the country.

The outstanding feature of last year's campaign effort was the eminently successful Zionist Enrollment Week during March 17-24, beginning with "Z" Day on the first Sunday of that week. The activities of our Districts during that period served as a clear demonstration of the organized and united will of American Jewry in support of the Zionist program. The Public Relations Department, under the direction of Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash, prepared an attractive manual, descriptive literature, and other publicity aids for District membership committees. Ads sponsored by local Districts appeared in numerous newspapers and magazines bringing the message of Zionism to the entire community. Thousands of new members were enrolled as a result of this intensive campaign.

The past year has also brought an increasing number of members who have chosen to identify themselves as "Zionists for Life." Under the co-chairmanship of Julius Livingston and Jacob Sincoff, there have been enrolled 580 new life members in the year 1945-46, making a total of 2311 in the Z.O.A. Life Membership Association. Monies received from Life Membership dues have been invested in Jewish National Fund bonds and are being held in trust to meet any exigency that may arise in the future. In this way, Life Membership has helped us establish a solid foundation for the stability and effectiveness of our work. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Livingston and Mr.

Sincoff who have been instrumental in guiding this effort. Special mention must also be made of the outstanding results in Life Membership work obtained by Mr. Willy Nordwind, of Chicago, Illinois and Lynn, Mass.

New pamphlets and literature were prepared for general distribution and were so well received by all Districts that additional printings were required. The "Guide for Membership Committees", prepared by the Membership Director, was made available to District chairmen and their committees. We are pleased to state that more and more Districts have recognized the need of preparing membership campaigns on a business-like and systematic basis.

Limited space does not permit us to print the names of Districts and their membership chairmen who have achieved outstanding records in enrollment this year. Their greatest reward is doubtless the feeling of satisfaction in having rendered vital service to our movement.

We look forward to the continuing growth of the Z.O.A. so that before the next convention we may be in a position to report an even larger membership and a Zionist District in every Jewish community throughout the United States.

—YALE GOLDBERG

## EXPANSION FUND

THE SUCCESS OF our second year of Expansion Fund effort and the substantial increase over the total receipts received last year, was a most encouraging aspect of our work, indicating as it does a general acknowledgment on the part of our membership of the significance of the problems confronting the Administration of the Z.O.A. and the necessity of facilitating the projects financed by the Expansion Fund.

After the last Z.O.A. Convention, when the importance of the Fund was reaffirmed by the delegates present, the chairman of the Fund, Mr. Dewey D. Stone, projected an ambitious and carefully planned program throughout the entire country which was implemented by the fund-raising staff and the National Executive and Regional Staffs.

The total sum collected as of September 30th was \$407,745. Additional funds received thereafter are reported elsewhere in the financial statement issued to the Convention.

Deserving of special commendation are the men who participated in Dr. Silver's Thousand Dollar Club. Despite additional community demands, occasioned by the times in which we live, these men responded magnificently:

A. L. Friedman, Brookline, Mass., Dave Cummings, Chicago, Ill., Dewey D. Stone, Brockton, Mass., Max Goldberg, Indianapolis, Ind., Paul Kaminsky, New York, Abe Goodman, Miami Beach, Fla., Jacob Goodman, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rudolf Sonnenborn, New York, A. W. Sheffres, New York, Ralph Lazrus, Long Island, N. Y., George Holtsberg, Westchester, N. Y., Benjamin Browdy, Brooklyn, N. Y., Morris Cedarbaum, Brooklyn, N. Y., Abe Bibenbaum, Philadelphia, Pa., Isidor Teacher, San Diego, Calif., N. Samuelson, Houston, Texas, Abe Bloomenson, Duluth, Minn.

The annual report of the organization contains accounts of the numerous Expansion Fund projects, all of which have justified their existence. Two additional departments became beneficiaries of the Expansion Fund this year — the Veterans' Bureau and the Palestine Immigration Bureau.

The task of supervising this effort necessitated the services of

imaginative and courageous Zionists. Mr. Dewey D. Stone of Brockton, Mass., accepted the chairmanship of the Fund and was instrumental in the raising of a very substantial sum of money. Closely collaborating with him was Mr. Daniel Frisch, Chairman of the National Administrative Council, who gave of his time and services and undertook many difficult assignments which brought him to all parts of the country including the West Coast. Valuable additional assistance was given to the chairman of the Expansion Fund by his colleagues who served as National Vice-Chairmen:

Oscar Altshuler, Youngstown, Ohio, A. L. Buch, Harrisburg, Pa., Benjamin Eisenstein, Schenectady, N. Y., Bernard Fuller, Laurelton, L. I., Rabbi Leon Fram, Detroit, Mich., Marvin Gerstmann, Buffalo, N. Y., Michael Hanin, Pottsville, Pa., Paul Kaminsky, New York, J. Kislak, Newark, N. J., Robert Lagunoff, Mount Vernon, N. Y., Arthur Levenson, Bronx, N. Y., Alex Lowenthal, Pittsburgh, Pa., A. M. Luntz, Cleveland, Ohio, Sidney Pines, Dallas, Tex., Bernard W. Price, San Francisco, Cal., Samuel Rivkin, Hartford, Conn., Henry Rosenbaum, Plainfield, N. J., Charles Rosengarten, Waterbury, Conn., Bernard G. Rudolph, Syracuse, N. Y., Sidney Shanfeld, Mahoney City, Pa., Philip Sokol, Dayton, Ohio, David Spiegel, Brooklyn, N. Y., Adolph Weisfeld, Cleveland, Ohio, Edward Witcoff, St. Louis, Mo.

— MANUEL POSY

## PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

IN THE fiscal year ending September 30, 1946, a total of some 6,000 columns of Z.O.A. items have been published in the general, Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press. (Each column comprises approximately 500 words.) The ratio of coverage in the general press is approximately 25%.

The material published included news releases, articles, messages on special occasions, photographs and Palestine dispatches. Many of the items were put on the wires of the national news agencies, such as the A.P., U.P., and I.N.S. Z.O.A. releases and feature articles are also furnished to publications appearing in major communities abroad.

The monthly bulletin, "Inside Palestine," is mailed to U. S. Government departments, libraries, newspaper columnists, research workers, District presidents and cultural leaders, educational and religious institutions and to U. S. Army posts throughout the world. Compiled in compact form, "Inside Palestine" contains factual information on all phases of the economic and cultural development of Palestine. It is widely reprinted in bulletins and publications everywhere.

The Public Relations Department is responsible for the preparation of all promotional material in furtherance of the activities of all Z.O.A. departments including membership drives and expansion fund efforts. The leaflets and folders published during the year include "A Seed," "I Will Tell You What I Have Seen," "1,500,000 Reasons," revised "Facts You Should Know," "Veterans' Album," "Expansion Fund Album," pocket leaflet, "What Happens to Your Membership Dollar," new flyers, multi-colored posters, enrollment manual, and numerous other items of Zionist literature.

During special Zionist enrollment periods, this department supervised the publication of advertisements in the New York daily press as well as in other communities throughout the country.

This department has furnished special Palestine news dispatches and photographs to Jewish and non-Jewish public organizations and publications. It has supplied basic material for articles on Palestine to the *United States News* of Washington,



to the American Council on Public Affairs, to members of the Congress and Senate, to feature writers on the *New York Herald Tribune*, *New York Post* and *Washington Post*.

During April, May and June the major activities of the Publicity Department were devoted to furthering the shekel and election effort of the Z.O.A. for the forthcoming Zionist Congress. This special effort entailed, in addition to publicity items, the publication of special campaign bulletins, leaflets, posters, hand-outs, advertising copy, and special election issues of the *New Palestine-News Reporter*. The success of the publicity campaign was reflected in the extraordinarily wide coverage which the Z.O.A. election platform and issues received in the Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press.

Converted into a bi-monthly last May, the *New Palestine-News Reporter*, edited by Ernest E. Barbarash, has published 14 issues since the last convention. It is mailed to close to 150,000 Jewish households, and many non-members and educational institutions.

In the past year, a number of improvements have been initiated both in its contents and format. Due to the newsprint situation, many other changes had to be postponed. However, the *New Palestine-News Reporter* will continue the dynamic course which has made it the acknowledged leader in the field of Anglo-Jewish journalism and the most effective medium for serving the cause in this country.

ERNEST E. BARBARASH

## BOOK AND PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

MORE AND MORE it has become apparent that intelligently informed individuals are the best guarantee for ardent and sustained membership in the Z.O.A. Not only is it essential that good Zionist literature be prepared and published, but there must also be a market for this material. During the past year the Z.O.A. has continued to do both — to distribute widely all Zionist literature and to publish new works.

The Z.O.A. is the only American Jewish organization which has developed and maintained a book department on a full-time basis. In a period of three years the Z.O.A. Book Department has grown to the point where its monthly sales average 3,000 books, and 5,000 regular book purchasers are on its mailing list.

The Book Department has demonstrated that it is possible to develop a market for Jewish literature. As the Book Department grows and expands, more and more publishers are encouraged to publish books on Zionism as well as on all aspects of Judaism. During the year seven new books on Zionism were published, and it is felt that the market provided by the Z.O.A. Book Department was, in no small measure, responsible for this publishing activity.

The Book Department this year continued its project of having Zionist Book Shelves placed in university, public and Jewish Community Center libraries. Some 200 such shelves have now been presented to local libraries by Z.O.A. Districts.

The Department has continued the issuance of promotional material and its *Book Chat*. Advertising space in *The New Palestine* and the *Neies Reporter* has continued to produce splendid results. The Department once again cooperated in the observance of Jewish Book Month with the issuance of a special bulletin. It secured the participation of many Z.O.A. Districts in all community-wide celebrations of the Month.

The Z.O.A. Publication Committee, under the chairmanship of Eleazar Lipsky, has continued the schedule of publishing three books a year. It has also explored the creation of a Zionist pamphlet library, and has encouraged the publication by commercial publishers of Zionist books beyond the scope of its own budget.

Volume one of *The Palestine Year Book*, published last year under the editorship of Miss Sophie A. Udin, was most warmly received by reviewer and reader alike. The need for such a Year Book has been amply demonstrated by its reception and use to which it has been put.

Because much of the material for the Year Book comes from authoritative sources in Palestine and because of the abnormal situation in *Eretz Yisrael* resulting in some delay in the transmission of material, the issuance of the second volume has been delayed for a short time. Most of the material is already at the printer's and the reception for the second volume is certain to assure continued publication of the Year Book.

In recent years there has been considerable demand for a concise history of the Zionist Movement. The Z.O.A. therefore obtained the American rights to Israel Cohen's, *The Zionist Movement*, published in England last year, and had the book brought up-to-date by Bernard G. Richards, who added a chapter on American Zionism. The book is now off the press and is destined to fill a vital need.

The Z.O.A. has naturally been interested in the spread of the study of Hebrew in the United States. It now manifests its interest by concrete action. It commissioned the noted educator, Zevi Scharfstein and his son, Ben Ami, to prepare a volume, *Hebrew Self-Taught*. The book is being used by the Histadruth Ivrit as the basis for a correspondence course. It is certain to influence the study of Hebrew by thousands who previously did not have such an opportunity due to lack of an adequate textbook.

Through its Book and Publication Departments the Z.O.A. has made a sustained effort to maintain an ardent and enlightened Zionist membership in this country.

—ISIDORE COOPERMAN.

## THE NEW PALESTINE

THE experiment attempted during the closing months of last year, to issue The New Palestine in separate Magazine and News-Reporter forms, was continued during the past twelve months, thus effectively solving one of the problems which had for a long time made difficult the editing of the official organ of the movement. Under the editorship of Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash the News-Reporter has become a virile and effective voice expressing the day to day activities and interests of the Organization.

The New Palestine Magazine, too, with a circulation close to 200,000, has continued to earn the respect and approval of the literate public everywhere for its reflection, on a dignified level, of the various cultural, political and economic aspects of the movement. In addition to members of the Organization the Magazine circulates among thousands of leading public figures in positions of political and civic importance, whose views on Zionism are materially influenced accordingly. Libraries everywhere, as well as scattered outposts of the American Army overseas, continue on our mailing lists.

During the year articles were included by such writers as Maurice Samuel, Cecil Roth, Jacob Lestchinsky, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, A. M. Klein, Solomon Grayzel, Benjamin Akzin, Elias M. Epstein, Robert Weltsch, Daniel Frisch, A. K. Epstein, Siegfried Hoofien, David Tannenbaum, David Polish, Dorothy Bar-Adon, Mark Krug, Felix Weltsch, Carl Alpert, Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, David Dainow, Jean Jaffe, Eugo Valentão, Paul Eldridge, Bernard A. Rosenblatt, Nadia Stein, Tuvia Ashkenazi, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, J. L. Teller and others.

One number last fall was devoted to Jewish Book Month; another, a few months later to opportunities for the American investor in Palestine, and still other issues to the vital political problems of the day.

We have been severely handicapped by the great shortage of printing paper which has affected the magazine even more seriously as its circulation has continued to rise. Accordingly, several plans devised to alleviate the situation and permit the publication of the magazine on a scale commensurate with the

needs of the organization will be presented to the Convention for study and action by the delegates.

With the close of the fiscal year Mr. Carl Alpert, who had been Managing Editor of the Magazine until his departure for the Armed Forces in November, 1943, returned from the Service and has since resumed the duties which had, in the meantime, been competently performed by Mr. Isidore Cooperman.

LUDWIG LEWISOHN





## PALESTINE BUREAU

AS IN FORMER years the Palestine Bureau has been engaged, during the fiscal period, in giving every assistance and information possible to persons desirous of going to Palestine either from America or from the European countries.

With the termination of the war, traffic between America and Europe was slowly restored, though in a very insufficient measure. Numerous Palestinians, who came to this country temporarily before the war, returned home. Then came the large number of American citizens, formerly residents of Palestine, who had returned to the States at the outbreak of the war. It is estimated that of the 10,000 American Jews residing in Palestine, close to fifty percent had come back to this country. More than 2,000 applied for the renewal of their expired Palestine return permits, and during the fiscal period more than 600 of them returned to Palestine.

Many requests have been received from persons desiring tourist visas to Palestine, but regulations put into effect by the Palestine Government in August, 1945, restrict the influx of ordinary tourists. With the exception of the following two categories, no applications for tourist visas were to be accepted for consideration: a) persons owning neglected properties in Palestine, and b) people to be admitted on compassionate grounds, desirous of visiting sick parents or members of their immediate families.

During the fiscal period about 300 of such visas have been granted by the Palestine Government. Furthermore, 100 visas were granted to war veterans under the G. I. Bill of Rights, after submitting proof that they have been admitted either to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem or the Hebrew Technicum in Haifa. A number of business men, after submitting proof that their visit to Palestine was of mutual economic interest to the United States and Palestine have also been granted visitors' visas.

Unfortunately, no certificates whatever have been put at our disposal by the Jewish Agency during the fiscal period with the exception of thirty chalutzim certificates.

We have on file the names of about 600 American applicants,

representing various business enterprises, as well as a great many parents in America, mostly arrivals from Europe, who desire to rejoin their children who escaped into Palestine. There is little that can be done to help these people at present.

On the other hand there is good news for Americans who desire to study at the Hebrew University. The Palestine Government is prepared to grant temporary visas to prospective students, not only war veterans, valid for the duration of their studies.

The activities of this Bureau on behalf of people in Europe embrace applications for Palestine immigration certificates for persons in displaced-persons' camps, and search in America for missing relatives. For this work we have been in constant contact with the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem and with the Palestine Bureaus in various lands — Switzerland, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Hungary, Roumania, Poland, and also with the offices of the Jewish Agency in Iran and Shanghai.

During the fiscal period we have submitted applications for Palestine immigration on behalf of 3,200 persons abroad, a large number of whom have already arrived in Palestine. In connection with the search for relatives — under the supervision of Miss Tchilla Feinerman — we have had about 8,000 inquiries by mail from all lands. Altogether, our overseas activities brought us in contact with about 12,000 cases.

— DR. S. BERNSTEIN

## SPEAKERS' BUREAU

THIS PAST YEAR of mounting crisis for World Jewry and the Zionist movement has more than ever made it necessary to convey to ever-widening American audiences the necessity and justice of the Zionist cause. Through the medium of the lecture platform the Z.O.A. has met the challenge with unqualified success by making available, on a national scale, an imposing battery of able and effective speakers.

Basic to the success of our Membership and Expansion Fund efforts as well as the Shekel and Election Campaign were the many speakers provided by the Bureau, who, through their untiring platform work have aroused and stimulated immediate interest in the urgency of the tasks ahead.

The following nationally known figures highlight our speakers' list: James G. McDonald, Pierre van Paassen, Edgar Ansel Mowrer, Frank Gervasi, Gerold Frank, Dr. Ruth Gruber, Maurice Samuel, Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn, Dr. Walter Clay Lewdermilk, Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, Harry Allen Overstreet, Alexander Uhl, Raymond Walsh and many more. The Z.O.A. owes a great debt to the many members and sympathizers who have given unsparingly of their time and energy on behalf of our movement, and who willingly and on short notice have travelled across half the continent to bring the Z.O.A. message to eager audiences. We are particularly indebted to Charles Auerbach, Rabbi David I. Cedarbaum, Rabbi Israel Chodos, Col. Edwin H. Cooper, Rabbi Samuel J. Fox, Rabbi Yonah Geller, Dr. Alfred Jospe, Rabbi Morris Kertzer, Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, Eleazar Lipsky, Rabbi William Novick, Dr. Joachim Prinz, Harry Torczyner, Rabbi George Vida and to members of our Executive Committee and Administrative Council. Special thanks are due to our President, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who, notwithstanding the tremendous call upon his time during this period of crisis, has visited a number of large cities, where through his prestige and great influence he has left an indelible impression and immeasurably enhanced our cause.

The impact of the increase in membership on the Speakers' Bureau can readily be seen from the more than 3,000 meetings for which speakers have been provided. In cooperation with

local Jewish Centers many of these speakers have participated in forums and seminars attended by men and women not necessarily affiliated with the Z.O.A. With the aid of the Hebrew Arts Committee we are also today in a position to make available singers, dancers and artists who are fully qualified to present the spirit of Palestine to the American audience.

Through the stream of lecturers booked by this Bureau, the Z.O.A. constantly has its finger on the pulse of American reaction toward the world crisis in Jewry and the Zionist cause.

JUDITH DANIEL



## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**T**HE EDUCATION Department has helped the organization's Districts and Regions with the following types of services: Answered inquiries; furnished materials; held consultations; supplied song-sheets, exhibits, news releases, recordings, lecture outlines, quizzes, films; assisted newsletters, forums and study groups; provided "Program Aids" material and cooperated in the implementation of programs.

To this end the Department issued a considerable amount of educational material including a Purim Portfolio, Passover Portfolio, "Address to the World", written in honor of the 50th anniversary of the publication of Theodor Herzl's "The Jewish State", and "Program Aids" containing listings, materials and references.

The New York State Department of Education has approved the Intermediate and Advanced Courses in Hebrew offered by the Adult School of Zionist Studies for Alertness Credit. The Adult School has been a most successful experiment and requests have been received from students and many who were unable to participate, asking for the continuance and expansion of this project next season.

In addition to rendering general assistance to the Shekel Campaign, the Director of the Education Department was in charge of Shekel Programming. In this capacity the following material was prepared and implemented: "To the Jewish People", A Handbook for the Zionist District Shekel Committee, Check List for the Synagogue and the Shekel Campaign; Shekel Kit for Jewish Community Centers; a special Lag B'Omer Kit, "Calling Jewish Youth" for Shekel Mobilization Day.

A list of available materials was circularized among Jewish and non-Jewish summer and regular day camps throughout the country; the former to expand their general program of Jewish-Zionist content, the latter to include discussion of the Palestine question in their current events activities. The response to this camp project was extremely favorable and over forty requests have been received to-date for quantity copies of program materials.

The book, "Education In Palestine", received excellent notices



from the press with especial commendation from magazines in the field of education, and has received widespread distribution through the Z.O.A. Book Department. Also, in connection with its Education Month activities, Hadassah prepared a study course based upon the contents of "Education in Palestine" and featured an illustrated review in an issue of the "Hadassah Newsletter".

Other publications of the Department include a volume on the All Day School, which should be issued directly after the Convention, and "Hebrew Self-Taught", being issued with the cooperation of the Histadruth Ivrit, and which is already in its printing stage.

This department cooperated with and rendered assistance to groups and organizations in the related Zionist and Jewish Education fields, such as the Jewish Education Committee, Hadassah, American Zionist Emergency Council, Young Zionist Actions Committee, and others.

— JOSEPH GREENSTEIN



## VETERANS' BUREAU

**T**HE CLIMAX of the activities of the Z.O.A. Veterans' Bureau was reached on July 14 and 15 of this year when nearly 4,000 Jewish veterans in uniform from all parts of the country assembled in Washington and sent delegations to the President, Secretary of State and the British Ambassador to demand the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine. Similar parades occurred in numerous State Capitals and delegations of veterans visited most of the Governors of the 48 States. Following quickly upon the heels of the March On Washington, meetings were held in all parts of the country where veterans reported on the action taken and called upon all Jewish veterans to join the ranks of the Z.O.A. A special pamphlet, "You Have Made A Fighting Offer," was issued to capitalize further on the tremendous enthusiasm aroused by this project.

The Veterans' Bureau was established in March, 1946, and proceeded with the task of integrating the Jewish veteran into Zionist life. Veterans' Committees, both in Districts and Regions, have been organized throughout the country. Special veterans' rallies and meetings have been held in Philadelphia, New York City, Chicago, St. Louis, and elsewhere. The National Veterans' Committee of the Z.O.A. was expanded to include representation from many sections of the country, and regular meetings were held at which plans and programs of activity were thoroughly discussed and implemented. A new District in the Hawaiian Islands has been established through the efforts of Jewish servicemen working in conjunction with the Z.O.A. Veterans' Bureau, and other Districts, composed mostly of veterans, have been organized in the States.

The Veterans' Bureau undertook as one of its first tasks to interest the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. in Zionist work. In view of the fact that in the Spring the Z.O.A. Executive Committee placed considerable emphasis on Shekel and Zionist election activity, the Veterans' Bureau worked along these lines. Maxwell Cohen, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, publicly announced his support of the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign, and every J.W.V. Post in the country was urged to

cooperate with the Z.O.A. in this effort.

The effect of the activities of the Veterans' Bureau can best be judged by the full extent of the cooperation which was evidenced on every hand. The New York State Department of the J.W.V., at their Annual Convention, passed a strong Zionist resolution, distributed Z.O.A. literature and exhibited the photographic display of the Veterans' Bureau, "Under the Jewish Flag." The American Veterans' Committee, at their first National Constitutional Convention, was presented with material and information by the Z.O.A. Veterans' Bureau, and passed a Resolution urging the immediate entry of 100,000 Jews into Palestine. Much of the effectiveness of the Bureau was due to the devoted leadership of Mr. Albert D. Schanzer, who served as chairman of the Z.O.A.'s National Veterans' Committee.

Returning servicemen and women have displayed intense interest in Zionism and in the future of our people. Resistance, where previously encountered, has been assiduously overcome by the Bureau and it is anticipated that if every District of the organization would make an intensive effort to enroll veterans and integrate them into our work, we shall meet with great success.

HERSCHEE AUERBACH


## COMMITTEE ON UNITY FOR PALESTINE

**T**HE COMMITTEE on Unity for Palestine has now completed two years of intensive effort to carry the message of Zionism to that portion of the American Jewish community labelled either anti- or non-Zionist. An effective check on the results of our two years of activity was provided during the summer of 1946 when the Committee conducted a poll among readers of the Unity for Palestine Bulletin. Almost one thousand readers returned the questionnaire postcard with answers which establish the validity of the Committee's approach to the task of reaching non-Zionists. These answers prove that an encouraging proportion of those who have not yet been won for our cause will read the facts about Zionism when they are presented in the manner which the Unity Committee employs. It gave testimony to the fact that the Unity Committee's work has won new adherents for Zionism and has opened up new avenues for the expansion of Zionist influence. More than 14 percent of those readers who replied that they consider themselves Zionists today, testified that they did not think of themselves as Zionists in 1940.

Profiting by the experience it had gained during its first year of activity, the Unity Committee sharpened and intensified its program in 1945-1946. During the year, Rabbi Jerome Unger became field director of the Committee, and he has served with exceptional diligence and ability. For four months the Committee had the invaluable aid of Mr. Saul Richman in the capacity of public relations assistant. Of outstanding value to the work of the Committee during 1946 was the acceptance of a vice-chairmanship by Nathan Straus III.

Particular attention was given by the National Committee to the work of organizing local committees to carry on our battle in the major communities, where with the cooperation of Hadassah, the public relations techniques developed by us are now being put to good use.

One of our 1946 projects that met with wide publicity and brought excellent results was the formation of the Chaplain's Committee on Unity for Palestine of 220 rabbis, all ex-Chaplains of the U. S. Army or Navy, who both in public statements and in concrete action made direct contributions to our work.



The primary techniques relied on by the Committee are direct contact and direct mail. During the past year, Rabbi Lelyveld and Rabbi Unger have visited 76 communities in every section of the country. They addressed meetings arranged for them by the local committees and they met in homes and public meeting places with selected groups of non-Zionists.

During the year, nearly 1,000,000 pieces of carefully-planned and purposefully edited literature were distributed in all parts of the country. This material has received wide-spread commendation.

The close of the year 1945-1946 finds the Council for Judaism reviving the falsehood which was circulated during the first months of its existence and which we effectively exposed earlier this year through the use of an authoritative and scientific public opinion poll. That falsehood is the lie that the majority of American Jews, though inarticulate, are opposed to the Zionist movement. The effect of the Council's activity has been not only to provide additional instruments of propaganda for reactionary British forces and for the Arab Office, but also to induce in our own Zionists in "grass-roots" communities through the country a mood of compromise which threatens the unity of our pro-Zionist forces. To accomplish these objectives, the Council is spending \$300,000 in a segment of the population in which we are spending less than \$60,000 per year.

The Committee on Unity has recently been characterized as the "missionary to the 20 percent", meaning that twenty percent of the American Jewish community which is either anti-Zionist or has not yet taken a position with regard to Zionism. Our regular Zionist agencies of propaganda are concerned with either the affirmative 80 percent or with the non-Jewish population. The Committee on Unity was born out of the conviction that it is unwise to neglect this influential twenty percent which has plagued us since the organization through which it is able to express itself, came into being.

I should like to thank Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld for his splendid work. Without his energy and initiative our Committee could hardly have achieved any measure of success. The Unity Committee must continue to steer the course of dignified, positive and effective propaganda for Zionism and to play the role of a Zionist information service for non-Zionist Jews. This effort will continue to pay rich dividends in accessions of new influence and support for our movement.

DR. FELIX A. LEVY,  
*Chairman*



## HEBREW ARTS COMMITTEE

THE HEBREW ARTS Committee is one of the major projects of the American Zionist Youth Commission, and is conducted in cooperation with the Histadruth Ivrit of America. The Z.O.A. offers further support through direct contribution from its Expansion Fund.

The program of the Hebrew Arts Committee in the season 1945-46 fell into four major categories: the Youth Workshop Program, Major Production Series, Theatre and Community Programming.

The following workshop groups were conducted: 1. Youth Chorale, conducted by Max Helfman; 2. Kinor Sinfonietta, an instrumental ensemble conducted by Siegfried Landau; 3. Studio Workshop, a dramatic Workshop directed by Benjamin Zemach; 4. Dance Workshop, consisting of two beginners' classes, a Pageant Group and Folk Dance Group, assisted by the Folk Dance Musicians, directed by Katya Delakova, with Fred Berk as Associate.

These youth groups presented 31 performances, including twelve appearances for Zionist districts and Hadassah chapters. Outstanding among these were the pageants, *Hag Haikurim*, and *Kolot Meheharim*, which were presented at the national conventions of the Z.O.A., Junior Hadassah and Senior Hadassah.

Zionist education for youth was accomplished in programs presented for young people in campus groups, Hebrew schools, and youth groups. Especially significant was a Palestinian festival held at the Museum of Natural History for hundreds of public school children and teachers. Favourable attention was attracted by the Folk Dance Group when it represented the Jewish people in a folk festival at Hunter College.

The complete series of major productions of the Hebrew Arts Committee for the year was as follows: Concert of Contemporary Jewish Music, January 29, Times Hall; Workshops in Action, a demonstration of the Youth Workshop program, February 24, Times Hall; *Shlomo Hamelech V'Shalmai Hasandler*, February 16 and 17, President Theatre; *Bar Kochba*, June 9, 11, 12 and 16, Times Hall.

Pargod, the Hebrew theatre, of which Erwin Piscator was

Director and R. Ben Ari was Associate Director, presented a revival of *Shlomo Hamelech V'Shalmai Hasandlar*, a seven act comedy by Sami Groneman, February 16 and 17 at the President Theatre in New York. On April 21, this charming comedy was presented for an audience of 2000 children at Loew's Boro Park Theatre under the auspices of the Brooklyn Jewish Council.

The week of June 9, at Times Hall, saw the climax of the dramatic season in the production of Saul Tchernichovsky's dramatic poem, *Bar Kochba*, chosen for its immediate relevance to the current Palestinian political crisis.

The Hebrew Arts Committee made an effort to serve the programming needs of the community by providing programs of meaningful content for various organizations. Over 40 programs of this type were presented in the 1945-46 season, 16 of them for various Zionist groups, including performances at Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Pioneer Women, and the National Conventions of the Z.O.A., Hadassah and Junior Hadassah. Eight performances were presented for youth organizations. Members of the Hebrew Arts Committee faculty rendered personal service to the Zionist cause in talks and lectures for various groups and seminars.

The Hebrew Arts Singers, a professional chorus directed by Max Helfman, were heard in a national broadcast on Station WABC on March 3, in observance of National Jewish Music Week, with Leonard Bernstein as guest conductor, and participated in a program of modern liturgical music, in conjunction with the Park Avenue Synagogue, May 10. The Kinor Sinfonietta broadcast over WNYC on February 25 in a national program of modern Palestinian music for Jewish Music Week.

The Hebrew Arts Committee is constituted as follows: Herman L. Weisman, chairman of the American Zionist Youth Commission; Rabbi Moshe Davis, chairman of the Hebrew Arts Committee, Rev. Martin Adolf, vice-chairman; Dr. Alexander Dushkin, Sylvia Cutler Ettenberg, Mordecai Halevi, Mrs. Emanuel Halpern, Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, Itzhak Norman, Menachem Ribalow, Albert P. Schoolman, Mrs. Ethel C. Schleifer, Rabbi Max Vorspan. Dr. Shlomo Bardin served on the Hebrew Arts Committee in his capacity as Executive Director of the American Zionist Youth Commission. Max Helfman was Artistic Director and Hannah Grad Goodman, Executive Secretary.

MOSHE DAVIS,  
Chairman

## PALESTINE ECONOMIC BUREAU

**D**URING THE PAST year the Palestine Economic Bureau has become firmly established for the implementation of its original aims: 1. Assist in the economic upbuilding of Palestine to make possible the absorption of post war mass immigration of Jews; 2. Provide economic information concerning Palestine; 3. Foster two way trade and commerce between America and Palestine; 4. Advise American business men in establishing branch factories in Palestine; 5. Further the placing of American skills at the service of Palestine; 6. Encourage American investment in the industries of Palestine.

Foremost in the achievements of the Bureau this year was its Businessmen's Tour in April, when 25 businessmen from all parts of the country flew to Palestine on an economic mission.

In Palestine, through the cooperation of the Jewish Agency, the group had an opportunity to make detailed surveys of the economic possibilities of the Homeland. Engineering, publishing, tools, hotel, retailing, advertising, laundry and laundry machinery were among the industries represented on the tour, and a number of concrete projects have developed which show great promise.

The group felt that one of the prime needs for furthering the economy of the Holy Land is the channelizing of American investments in Palestine. Plans are afoot to implement this proposal which envisages a corporation with substantial capital commensurate with the needs of Palestine.

The Bureau has also been instrumental in having other American businessmen go to Palestine to survey possibilities there, and has greatly facilitated their travel arrangements.

During the course of the past year the Bureau has arranged several dinners to acquaint American businessmen and industrialists with the Palestine scene. Among the dinners was one, at the Hotel Commodore, at which more than 100 million dollars of capital in the heavy industry field was represented. This group, the majority of whom were non-Jews, was given a complete report of Palestine's possibilities in their own fields. As a result, Mr. David Levine, representing a number of these

industrialists, was authorized to survey Palestine's potentialities in this field.

The publication of the Bureau, *Pal-Eco News*, is designed to give concrete factual information of interest to those seeking investment or trade with Palestine and it has been widely acclaimed as an invaluable aid.

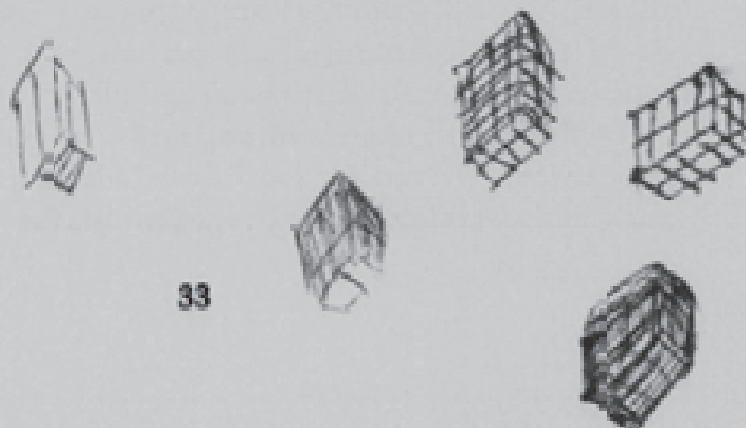
The Bureau has helped secure raw materials for the building, textile, metal and leather industries in Palestine; it has helped provide skilled personnel; it has directed investments. It was through the efforts of the Bureau that the first Palestine cut flowers ever to appear in America were brought here. These flowers, the gift of Palestine veterans, were flown by fast air freight from the Holy Land, and in impressive ceremonies were presented to hospitalized war veterans. The Bureau's program of inducing American manufacturers to establish branch factories in Palestine has aroused considerable interest, and one Texas mattress manufacturer has already established a branch factory near Tel Aviv.

The rapid growth of the Bureau and its need for further expansion called for its transfer to the Palestine Foundation Fund. This transfer, effected on July 1, 1946, was a logical step. The Keren Hayesod, fiscal arm of the Jewish Agency, embracing as it does all parties interested in the upbuilding of the Homeland, is the organization best suited to sponsor such a Bureau.

One of the principal efforts in the coming year will be an exhibit portraying the economic potential of Palestine. The exhibit, which will show graphically the economic strides that Palestine has made, will tour the principal cities of the country. It is scheduled to open in New York by the end of this year.

The full support of the Zionist Organization is an important factor in developing the manifold plans of the Bureau in the ensuing year. We are certain that the vital sponsorship enjoyed in the past will be continued in the future.

— DAVID TANNENBAUM



## RADIO PROJECT

A REVIEW of the Radio Project, from its inception with the dramatized series of transcriptions, "Palestine Speaks," to its successor, "The Drama of Palestine"—gives rise to some notable data and conclusions.

With the second series, "The Drama of Palestine," our program graduated into the major league of radio shows. A series of 26 individual and varied radio dramas was recorded for weekly, 15-minute broadcasts. Mr. Joshua S. Epstein served as National Radio Chairman of the project, the same office he held when the initial series was inaugurated, and was in large measure responsible for the effective implementation of plans for this activity. The project has been sponsored by the Expansion Fund.

Approximately 120 radio stations throughout the country arranged for the complete series as a weekly broadcast feature. Among the communities represented on our Radio Roll are 26 local stations, in addition to 9 college stations, that had not carried "Palestine Speaks" the previous year.

It is interesting and significant to note the present receptive attitude of local stations that had been reluctant in the past to handle anything bearing upon the Palestine question. Recent requests carry a similar theme—as much transcribed material as we can supply and, in some instances, local stations are willing to present a half hour program, if necessary.

Canada, somewhat hampered by customs regulations, supplied only 2 stations during the season, but indicated that an additional 15 stations would be promoted in the Fall.

In Okinawa, a Jewish Chaplain succeeded in scheduling "The Drama of Palestine" over the Armed Forces Radio Station WXLH as a weekly broadcast feature.

Much credit for building up a substantial listening audience goes to enterprising radio chairmen who launched ambitious advertising and publicity campaigns in local communities. Our Radio Departments furnished promotional material as well as transcriptions to all districts on the air. In addition to our Publicity Manual, thousands of postcards, stuffers, posters and pamphlets were sent out for local distribution, as well as newspaper mats and complete sets of synopses of the programs for news



stories. A great contributing factor to successful broadcasts was the genuine interest and cooperation of local radio stations.

A guidepost to the future of the ZOA Radio Project is the fact that there are unlimited possibilities for exploiting the Zionist cause in this highly personalized medium encompassing millions of listeners.

The colorful, dramatic delivery on the air of true, non-controversial stories about Palestine has succeeded in capturing widespread interest and sympathy, and can continue to draw and educate new audiences through the diverting channel of entertainment.

ESTHER LOFATIN



## AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION

**Y**OUR partner in the cause of Zion" is the way an ex-soldier ends his first letter after returning from Brandeis Camp. The Youth Commission is bringing many "partners" into the Movement, young, strong, courageous partners. We count them now by the hundreds and thousands. We should have them by the tens of thousands, not only *should*, we sincerely believe we *can*, and with the continued support of the Z.O.A. and Hadassah, we *will*.

We must be brief. We therefore chart our progress this year as follows:

	Number of Local Youth Commissions	YOUNG JUDAEA Clubs — Members		MASADA Chaps. — Members		JR. HADASSAH* Chaps. — Members	
Previous Year: from Sept. 1944 to Oct. 1945	177	650	12,000	38	650	220	15,342
Current Year: from Sept. 1945 to Oct. 1946	199	800	15,000	73	2,008	250	16,541
Numerical increase this year	22	150	3,000	35	1,358	—	1,199
Percentage in- crease this year	15%	23%	25%	98%	50%		7.5%

\*Jr. Hadassah considers its fiscal year from June to June and not from September to October, as our columns indicate.

A special word is deserved by IZFA, the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America. Under the sponsorship of the Youth Commission, an Intercollegiate Zionist Conference was held in Chicago. There IZFA was born. The existing Avukah organization was absorbed therein. Jewish student population of the United States, which is vast, is eligible for membership without regard to Zionist party affiliation. This was a significant step forward. The Z.O.A. Executive approved it; so did Hadassah. The relationship between General Zionist bodies and students is governed by an agreement which is fair and holds reasonable promise for harmonious growth into a large and progressive Student Zionist Federation. IZFA now has chapters in sixty different Colleges and Universities and an aggregate of seventeen hundred members. The chances for doubling or even trebling this achievement appear extremely good.

The Hebrew Arts Committee, a branch of Youth Commission work, made great strides this year. A wide variety of audiences enjoyed and praised the performances of our Youth Chorus, Hebrew Art Singers, Dance Groups, Pargod and Kinor Sinfonietta. A full report of the Committee's activities appears elsewhere in these pages.

Sixty young men and women have organized themselves into a Plugat Aliya as part of Hechalutz, eagerly working toward the opportunity to settle in Palestine. Masada and Junior Hadassah deserve great credit for their initiative in this respect. This achievement is truly remarkable in default of any official policy and active organizational assistance by General Zionist parent bodies. The Youth Commission believes that policy and practical steps for implementation are indispensable on the part of Z.O.A. and Hadassah if the full opportunities for Chalutzim in America are to be realized.

In the Brandeis Camp Institute we have forged a most powerful instrument for training Zionist youth leaders. The fruits of this enterprise are in evidence in almost every community in the land. This year our staff included six Palestinians—an enriching experience for the 245 campers from 137 cities, from 38 of our States, from 73 of our Colleges and Universities. Brevity again dictates a table:

	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	TOTAL
STATES	18	22	31	30	34	38	
CITIES	35	47	64	99	136	137	
CAMPERS	50	84	134	194	255*	244*	961

\*255 campers in 1945 represent 842 campers' weeks.

244 campers in 1946 represent 844 campers' weeks.

This is accounted for by the change to exclusively four week courses in July and August, 1946.

Conviction is growing that a national effort would be highly appropriate to hasten fulfillment of the country-wide demand for expanded leadership training on the Brandeis Camp pattern.

This is truly a miniature sketch of Youth Commission activities and interests. If this brief report condensed to fit limited space serves any practical purpose, it is only because headnotes are sufficient for the rank and file Zionists who for the most part are personally familiar with the work of the national and local Youth Commissions, the activities of the Youth Groups and of the Zionist youth leaders in their own communities. The

Zionist movement functioning in a period of grave crisis must make the greatest effort in its history to gather unto itself multitudes of American youth who are prepared to become "partners in the cause of Zion."

Given the means, the Youth Commission can successfully expand its work, quantitatively and qualitatively. It is organized Zionism throughout America that we are called upon to serve. It is into the community organizations of this vast country that the Youth Commission must reach. We have six years of dreaming, planning, blueprinting and experimentation as well as solid achievement behind us. The time for full scale implementation is at hand. Hadassah has already recognized, indeed has already authorized, the first steps for doubling last year's budget of the Youth Commission. An important condition is attached, that Z.O.A. shall do likewise.

In conclusion, the undersigned gratefully acknowledges the devotion and cooperation of Dr. Miriam Freund, the Vice-Chairman of the Youth Commission, of all the members of the Youth Commission, and also the loyalty and conscientious efforts of every member of our staff.

My final words of thanks and appreciation are reserved for our chief-of-staff, who has contributed so greatly to the annual and cumulative progress of Zionist youth work—by complete dedication of his remarkable talents, special skills and richly endowed personality to Zion and American Jewish Youth—Dr. Shlomo Barden, Executive Director of the American Zionist Youth Commission.

HERMAN L. WEISMAN,  
*Chairman*

## HISTADRUTH IVRITH

### THE HISTADRUTH IVRITH

this year celebrated its thirtieth anniversary with detailed evaluation of the developments and achievements of Hebrew culture in this country during the past three decades. In New York City a large and impressive Anniversary Dinner was held in observance of the occasion. Similar functions were arranged throughout the country.

The administrative machinery of the organization was improved and Mr. Mordesai Halevi, a well-known Hebraist and educator of note, was installed as national Executive Director. Mr. Halevi, who at the time of his appointment was director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Cincinnati, brings to this office a wealth of knowledge and experience, and a capacity for leadership which augur well for the future development of Hebraic activities in America.

The past year also records the 25th Anniversary of *Hadear*, the only Hebrew weekly published in the Diaspora, under the editorship of Menachem Ribalow. A special Jubilee Issue, rich in content and form, will soon be published to observe this noteworthy anniversary of a periodical which has won wide acclaim for the quality of its literary content.

*Musaf Lakorei Hatzair*, a vocalized bi-weekly periodical inaugurated last year, has made great headway. Many new features were added to its literary content and the number of subscribers and adherents is constantly increasing. *Had-bar Lanoar*, the bi-weekly for children, now appears in multi color. Its contents, which are aimed at satisfying students in the elementary Hebrew school, have become more interesting and the subscription list has increased.

*Sefer Hashana* (Hebrew Year Book) for 1946-47 has recently appeared and represents a noteworthy contribution to American Hebrew literature.

Ogen (publication department of the Histadruth Ivrit) published several important books during the year. Outstanding among these are: Abraham Goldberg Memorial Volume, Hebrew and Arabic Culture, by Prof. A. S. Yahuda, *Hurban Polan* (Destruction of Poland), by Joseph Opatoshu. Ogen also participates



in the publication of *Metsuda*, a Hebrew quarterly published in London, and *Machboroth*, a Hebrew monthly published in France. The following publications are scheduled to appear shortly. Part I of Bialik's Poems, translated into English under the editorship of Dr. Israel Efros; "Poems" of E. E. Lisitsky; second volume of History of Jewish Education, by Prof. Zvi Scharfstein; and "Poems" by Prof. Isaac Silberschlag.

"Hebrew Self Taught," a Hebrew text-book for adults, edited by Prof. Zvi Scharfstein in collaboration with Dr. Ben-Ami Scharfstein, will be published shortly through the cooperation of the Zionist Organization of America.

Hanoar Haivri (Youth Department of the Histadruth Ivrit) now includes among its branches 15 Hebrew speaking groups on college campuses. It publishes the bi-monthly Hebrew literary magazine *Niv*, and directs the *Ivri Hatzair*, an organization of Hebrew speaking groups of High School age.

Camp Massad, the children's Hebrew speaking summer camp, continued to expand and grow in popularity. Over 225 children were accommodated this year, and a similar number could not be accepted for lack of space. The erection of a second Hebrew camp is being contemplated.

Hebrew Month was conducted this year in the traditional manner, by means of forums, public meetings, Hebrew school observances, etc. A Junior Membership for children in Hebrew schools was inaugurated successfully. The National Hebrew Teacher's Federation and the New York Hebrew Teachers' Organization received financial and moral support. Assistance was rendered for the establishment of Hebrew pedagogic courses. *Shevilei Hach-nuch*, the Hebrew pedagogical quarterly, was substantially subsidized.

Hebrew Courses for Adults, now limited to New York, are being set up in other communities. *Duchan Ivri*, the Hebrew forum, conducted a series of lectures with the participation of outstanding men of letters.

Friends of Hebrew Culture, groups of men and women interested in Hebrew culture, but not necessarily versed in Hebrew, were established in Cincinnati, Detroit, Minneapolis, Chicago, Buffalo and other large communities. Through the medium of these groups, the message of Hebrew will be carried to the larger masses of American Jewry. It is hoped that Zionists every-

where will cooperate in the establishment of additional Hebrew branch groups, and in the organization of Friends of Hebrew Culture.

Over 12,000 Hebrew books for concentration camps abroad were collected by the Histadruth Ivrit and sent overseas to supply the cultural needs of Jewish refugees. Our Honorary President, Dr. Israel Efros, studied the Hebrew needs in these camps during his visit to Germany.

Officers of the Histadruth Ivrit are: Honorary Presidents: Dr. Israel Efros, Dr. Solomon Goldman, Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky. Presidents: Samuel J. Borowsky, Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin, Boris Margolin. Vice Presidents: Dr. Simon Federbush, Menachem Ribalow, Abraham Spicchandler. Treasurer: Harry P. Fierst. Secretary: Shmuel Pollack. Director: Mordecai Hallevi. Executive Committee: Rabbi Moshe Davis, Emanuel M. Edelstein, Samuel Fishman, Rabbi Simon Greenberg, Mrs. Emanuel Halpern, Fred Hardy, David L. Isaacs, Morris B. Levine, Daniel Persky, Judah Pilch, Hillel Rudavsky, Shlomo Shulsinger, David E. Wertheim.

SAMUEL J. BOROWSKY,  
ALEXANDER M. DUSHKIN,  
BORIS MARGOLIN,  
*Presidium*

## AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

THE PAST YEAR—one of the darkest in the history of our movement—was in a very real sense a test of American Zionism's ability to meet the challenge of our time. That the Zionists of this country performed their task effectively is a matter of record. The results of the nationwide program of mass action carried forward by the American Zionist Emergency Council under the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver should indicate to Zionists the world over the path to ultimate victory for our cause. For despite overwhelming odds—despite the intensified anti-Zionist campaign of our enemies, and often despite the evils resulting from the lack of coordination and centralization of Zionist political action in this country—the Zionists of America nevertheless created a record which should inspire our movement to move ahead to the even greater tasks confronting us.

As the political arm of the entire American Zionist movement, the American Zionist Emergency Council acted as the spearhead of the American Jewish struggle against the anti-Zionist policy of the British Labor Government and the policy of delay pursued by the American Government. The year which had started with hope for a new and just Palestine policy on the part of the British Labor Government, which was so deeply pledged to aid the Zionist cause, was to become the most difficult in Zionist political history. The situation demanded militancy and steadfastness of purpose. This spirit was reflected in every aspect of the Emergency Council's work—from publications and public meetings to the direction of political activities in Washington, in the local communities and vis-a-vis the British Government.

The unhappy events of the year made necessary public expression of the bitterness and unflinching determination of American Jews. Under the Emergency Council's direction, historic mass meetings were held at crucial moments. In the fall of 1945 a mass demonstration filled Madison Square Garden to capacity, with an additional 50,000 people demonstrating in the streets. An even larger rally, which was attended by 200,000 persons, was held a few weeks later in Madison Square Park.

Vigorous denunciations of the British Labor Government's betrayal of the Jewish people were voiced at these meetings, and were widely reported in the nation's press. The Palestine problem was thus made one of the first items on the agenda of the American Government.

Another mass demonstration in Madison Square Garden on June 12, 1946, gave expression to the sense of outrage aroused by the British Government's obvious stalling on the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry's unanimous recommendation for the immediate transfer to Palestine of 100,000 displaced Jews—an action recommended by President Truman months beforehand. A few weeks later the situation, which had seemed to have reached its lowest point, became even worse with the dreadful events of June 29, 1946, when the British seized and imprisoned the leaders of the Jewish Agency in Palestine and brutally raided Jewish settlements throughout the country.

The reaction in this country was swift and unmistakable. On July 2, under Emergency Council auspices, a vast crowd jammed Madison Square Park in a demonstration denouncing British tyranny, expressing solidarity with the Jewish resistance movement, and hailing the determination of American Zionism to fight at the Yishuv's side with every weapon at our command.

Another unique expression of American Jewish feeling came on July 14th and 15th in the march on Washington of four thousand Jewish war veterans who demanded the immediate implementation of the President's request for the admission of the 100,000 and who expressed their readiness to enlist a division of American Jewish ex-servicemen for service in Palestine if the British continued to insist on American military participation as a necessary condition for carrying out the positive recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry.

Similar great outpourings of humanity took place throughout the country, all of them organized by local Emergency Committees. Telegrams, letters and postcards poured in on the White House and on Congress, mass picketing took place before the British Embassy in Washington and British Consulates in major cities throughout the country. Hundreds of editorials, special features and columns appeared in the nation's press, and the full story was thus brought home to the average citizen of America.

The two most striking events demonstrating the effectiveness

of this policy of mass action were the passage by Congress in December, 1945, of the Palestine Resolution, and the rejection by President Truman of the Grady-Morrison plan for the "federalization" of Palestine.

The story of the Palestine Resolution is by now generally known. It was only as a result of the tenacity and unyielding insistence on action on the part of Zionist leaders like Dr. Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, supported by the irresistible campaign of the Zionists of America, that the Congress of the United States was able to break through the solid wall of opposition set up by the National Administration—and the Palestine Resolution was passed.

Similarly, it was such a program of mass action, initiated by Dr. Silver in Washington and carried through by the Zionist rank and file of this country, that persuaded President Truman of the unwisdom of accepting the Grady plan for the "federalization" of Palestine—this after the plan had already been approved in Paris by Secretary of State Byrnes and after the State Department had all but secured Executive approval of the formula.

As in previous years, the Council's public relations activities, coordinated with political action, continued to occupy a major role in our work. Newspaper columnists, radio commentators and editorial writers, as well as prominent Americans in every important field of activity, were constantly supplied with factual material and information with regard to Palestine. Literature on all matters relating to our work was distributed in the hundreds of thousands of copies throughout the country. In much of this activity remarkable cooperation came from those constantly growing organizations of non-Jewish Americans sympathetic to the Zionist cause—the American Palestine Committee and the Christian Council on Palestine, which were merged during the year into the American Christian Palestine Committee. Special mention must be made here of the fine conferences on Palestine held under the auspices of the Christian groups in New York, Houston, St. Louis, Baltimore and Detroit.

The successful functioning of these conferences, as of much of the other work of the American Christian Palestine Committee, was due in no small measure to that organization's Speaker's Bureau—Club Program Service—which has brought exponents of



the Zionist case to the churches, colleges, civic, and women's clubs of the Nation.

It is impossible to list all the important activities of the Council in this brief review, which can only indicate the nature of our work. Much of the Council's accomplishments must await a happier time before they are publicized. From this summary, however, we are sure that you will grasp the policy underlying the work of the Council: the marshalling of American Zionist (equivalent now practically to American Jewish) strength and the help of non-Jewish sympathizers to effect the American Government's active aid in bringing about a just solution of the Palestine question.

Our fight has been a hard and bitter one. The work has been difficult, and the frustrations resulting from lack of coordination have been depressing. But while the road ahead is a long and difficult one, American Zionism does not propose to turn back.

HARRY L. SHAPIRO,  
*Executive Director*



## UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

**A**S THE BASIC fund raising agency through which the Jews of America support the upbuilding activities of the Jews of Palestine, the U.P.A. has found everywhere an unprecedented, generous response to the pressing need in Palestine. Despite the tension and trouble highlighted by screaming headlines in the nation's press, the will to give among American Jews was greater than ever as evidenced by the widespread, wholehearted support of the United Jewish Appeal's \$100,000,000 campaign, in which the U.P.A. is a participating agency.

And as the organization which is the financial "pipeline" to the Palestine Foundation Fund, the Jewish National Fund and the Jewish Agency, the U.P.A., from its direct contact with the development programs in Palestine, knows that 5706 was a year of peak activity in building and expanding the Jewish National Home.

For such diverse activities as settling refugees, rehabilitating Jewish veterans, acquiring land, promoting trade, setting up new industries and new settlements, U.P.A. agencies expended \$26,623,145 from January to July of 1946 as compared to the \$21,478,964 spent by these agencies during the entire Hebrew calendar year of 5705. At the same time, increasing by leaps and bounds is the monthly rate of expenditures for the Jewish Agency, the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, which currently ranges close to \$5,000,000.

Following are the major activities in the scope of these agencies whose broad programs are translated into constructive action with the aid of American Jewry through the United Palestine Appeal:

### *Immigration*

For the homeless refugees who migrate from the hopelessness of Europe, U.P.A. agencies are the architects of their new lives in Palestine, blueprinting and directing their absorption into the Jewish National Home with painstaking care and efficiency. Expenditures for immigration, housing and relief to refugees, vocational training abroad, transportation, care of immigrants

on arrival, special assistance to youth immigration, amounted to \$5,397,443 from January through July, 1946, as compared with \$4,967,941 for the entire year 5705. This year more than 15,000 recorded and unrecorded immigrants began new lives in Palestine.

### *Agricultural Settlements*

Integrating the ever-increasing number of immigrants necessitates the building of new settlements as well as the expansion of those already in existence, particularly since close to 70% of the newcomers have been resettling in rural areas. During the first seven months of this year agricultural activities cost the Keren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth and the Jewish Agency \$4,791,506 as compared to the \$6,017,632 spent in the entire year 5705.

Resettlement of the Jewish ex-servicemen, who fought in the British Army on every front in the Mid-East, rated top priority for United Palestine Appeal agencies during the first six months of 5706.

### *Land*

From January through July 1946, the J.N.F. spent \$11,643,424 for land purchases and amelioration in comparison to the \$13,854,471 spent during the entire fiscal year 5705. Also within the scope of Jewish National Fund activities are land maintenance comprising guarding, supervision, fencing, ploughing, surveying, land development and improvement; hydrological drainage and anti-malarial projects; road construction, and participation in land, water and development companies.

### *Labor*

An important factor in Palestine's industrial growth is the Jewish Agency's Labor Department whose over-all program is to coordinate the labor supply with industrial needs, and, at the same time, create and develop new opportunities conducive to the expansion of industry and trade. For these activities the Labor Department expended \$610,590 during the first seven months of 1946 as contrasted with 5705's expenditure of \$556,567. Specific activities of the Department include maintenance of Labor Exchanges, assistance to laborers in establishing

auxiliary farms, professional and vocational training, developing fishing and maritime industries.

### *Trade*

To promote the widespread dissemination of vital information for the use of Palestinian trade and industry and to enlarge the employment opportunities of newcomers, the Jewish Agency maintains an Economic Research Institute, a Department of Statistics and a Foreign Trade Institute. Expenditures during this year's first seven months were \$469,585.

### *National Organization*

Highly important to the life of the whole Jewish Community, is the Jewish Agency's Political Department, which acts, in a sense, as the "Foreign Office" of the Jews in Palestine. The Jewish Community's exports and imports are the special domain of the Political Department. Negotiations with the British Government for trade licenses and similar official authorizations are an important function of the Department. During the war, the British Government learned the value of the Political Department when it recruited for the British Army more than 30,000 Jewish soldiers. In this connection, the Department also undertook the responsibility of caring for war invalids, soldiers' families, and providing for soldiers' welfare. Expenditures in this department from January through July amounted to \$2,194,456, in comparison to the \$3,129,966 spent during 5705.

### *Education and Culture*

Not content with aiding the development of Palestine's industry, trade and agriculture, U.P.A. agencies have stimulated a cultural spirit which permeates the whole of Palestine's Jewish Community and welds it together into one total entity, finding its expression in concerts, play productions, lectures, discussion clubs, dances, education, creative projects and similar activities. Expenditures during the first seven months of this year amounted to \$768,265 in comparison to 5705's expenditure of \$888,943. Largest single item was the Jewish Agency's contribution to the educational budget of the Vaad Leumi (National Council of the Jewish Community) which supervises and directs the Hebrew school system while the remainder was allocated to religious

affairs including the support of the Rabbi Kook Institute, assistance to a number of Yeshivoth and grants to educational, cultural, sport and social welfare institutions.

#### *Loans and Administrative Expenses*

Repayment of loans from January through July accounted for \$362,791 compared to 5705's entire year of loan funding which totalled \$435,634. U.P.A. agencies' administrative expenses for the seven month period came to \$380,085, whereas for the whole of 5705 the same item cost \$483,160.

#### *Income and Expenditures*

Between October 1, 1945 and June 30, 1946, the United Palestine Appeal had a total cash income of \$21,227,004, including the income accruing to the U.P.A. on account of campaigns of all previous years and traditional collections of the Jewish National Fund. The Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund each received during this period \$10,145,869, with an additional sum of \$400,000 to the Mizrahi Palestine Fund, which finances religious enterprises in Palestine supplementary to those supported by the major U.P.A. agencies, and \$30,000 to the American Friends of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Service payments were as follows: \$36,500 to the Zionist Organization of America, \$6,533 to the Mizrahi Organization of America, \$6,533 to the Poale Zion-Zeire Zion, and \$600 to the Hashomer Hatzair. Administrative, functional and promotional expenses of the U.P.A. were \$159,227 during that period.

#### *U.J.A. \$100,000,000 Campaign*

In December of 1945 at Atlantic City, Jewish leaders from communities throughout the country convened to set the precedent-shattering goal of \$100,000,000 to be raised by the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs, and Palestine. The U.P.A. took its place as a participating agency in this history-making drive, and Dr. Eliczer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, Abraham Granovsky, chairman of the Jewish National Fund and Leon Herrmann, general secretary of the Palestine Foundation Fund, came to America to meet with these Jewish leaders and interpret directly and concretely Palestine's needs.

With the inauguration of the United Jewish Appeal's \$100,000,000 campaign, the United Palestine Appeal took as one of its major functions the bringing about of a close daily cooperation between the Zionist movement in this country and Jewish Welfare Funds. This phase of the program was the special concern of the U.P.A.'s Community Contacts Department whose task it is to interpret the work of United Palestine Appeal agencies in Palestine to the Welfare Funds. Through its field service, the Community Contacts Department is in close liaison with community Welfare Funds, establishes local U.P.A. councils and stimulates the development of U.P.A. leaders who work to integrate Zionist forces into Welfare Fund activities.

During the last year, a number of U.P.A. councils have been established in the far-West, middle-West, South and New York City, and they have sponsored several regional conferences.

### *Educational Program*

In implementing this program, the United Palestine Appeal has made available literature, pamphlets, photographs, films, etc. for the U.J.A.'s campaign. A new documentary film entitled "Home Are The Hunted", with the narration by Ralph Bellamy, was produced and released for distribution throughout the country. Additional films are now being prepared and will be made available in the near future.

The major publication of the United Palestine Appeal is the U.P.A. Report, a monthly illustrated magazine depicting current developments in Palestine. During the year, the United Palestine Appeal initiated publication of a monthly news letter "Palestine Reports" to inform community leaders of work and progress in Palestine.

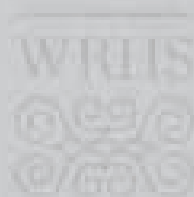
### *A Special Debt*

To the members of the Zionist Organization of America, who lead the American Jewish Community in mobilizing maximum support for the programs of the U.P.A. agencies and in contributing to the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home through the United Jewish Appeal's \$100,000,000 campaign, the United Palestine Appeal records its debt of obligation. Officers of the U.P.A. include the following: Rudolph G. Sonnenborn, who served as Acting Chairman in the absence of Charles J. Rosen-



bloom; Albert Einstein, Harry Friedenwald, Solomon Goldman, Henry Monsky, Nathan Straus, Honorary Chairmen; Stephen S. Wise, Chairman, Board of Directors; Charles J. Rosenbloom, National Chairman; Bernard A. Rosenblatt, Morris Rothenberg, Associate Chairmen; Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, Hayim Fineman, Leon Gellman, Israel Goldstein, James G. Heller, Edmund I. Kaufmann, Louis E. Levinthal, Louis Lipsky, Emanuel Neumann, Charles Ress, Abba Hillel Silver, National Co-Chairmen; Charles Brown, Joel Gross, Benjamin R. Harris, Mortimer May, Elihu D. Stone, National Co-Chairmen for Regions; Harold J. Goldenberg, Chairman, National Council; Abraham L. Lebovitz, National Treasurer; Abraham Goodman, Jacob Sircoff, Mark Sugarman, Associate Treasurers; Robert Silverman, Secretary; Mendel N. Fisher, Associate Secretary; Henry Mosler, Executive Vice-Chairman.

CHARLES J. ROSENBLOOM,  
*National Chairman*



## JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

**T**HE assault of the Mandatory Government upon the Yishuv, which began with the "military operations" of June 29th and was followed by the naval blockade against Jewish immigration to Eretz Israel, brought to a new climax the long and bitter struggle in which the Jewish people has been engaged to secure the rights guaranteed them under the Mandate.

Against this dark background the Yishuv's courage and perseverance revolving about the life and death issues of Immigration and Land Acquisition have been warming rays of light. The vitality, resourcefulness and determination of Jewish Palestine and its supporters throughout the world are demonstrating that whatever the obstacles may be, they will not permit Europe's surviving Jews to perish and will with all means at their command assist them to reach the shores of Eretz Israel. Moreover, the Jewish National Fund's program of Land acquisition so indispensable to providing homes for the new settlers will continue despite the restrictions which the Palestine Government has imposed in violation of the specific terms of the Mandate.

In the face of all difficulties the Jewish National Fund, as the land-purchasing arm of the Zionist movement, has made considerable progress. The JNF reclaimed and opened new areas of Eretz Israel to modern cultivation. Adhering to its principle of "progress despite crisis" the Keren Kayemeth has been able to redeem, during the past year, a total of almost 40,000 dunams in various parts of Palestine. This brings the total of Jewish National land possessions in Palestine close to the 900,000-dunam mark. These new activities have made possible the establishment of 12 new agricultural settlements.

The answer to the Yishuv's appeal for increased means to acquire additional land came in a clarion call to American Zionists sounded at the National Keren Kayemeth Conference held in January 1946, in Pittsburgh. From that memorable occasion emanated a vigorous and insistent demand to place full emphasis on the land issue as of equally crucial importance with that of the immigration problem. It was but natural that the

accent should first have been placed on the demand for opening the gates of Palestine to immigration. Human lives were involved. But a continuation of the land restrictions will mean the economic strangulation of the Yishuv. The efforts to enlighten the public on this phase of British injustice were redoubled by the Jewish National Fund beginning with Pittsburgh and unabatedly have continued throughout the year.

From the Pittsburgh Jewish National Fund Conference also came forth a ringing call to provide larger financial means for the realization of the post-war plans in the matter of land purchase in Palestine. Stimulated by the presence in this country of Dr. Abraham Granovsky, head of the World Keren Kayemeth, the Conference enthusiastically adopted a program which has since become known as the Granovsky Plan.

This Plan envisages a short-range program of acquisition of 500,000 dunams, and a long-range program for the purchase of additional 1,500,000 dunams. It will require a huge investment of national capital. The urgent need for far-reaching action led the administration of the Jewish National Fund of America to gear its educational and fund-raising machinery to the emergency needs of the decisive hour. With this high goal in sight, the administration renewed its agreement with the United Palestine Appeal for the participation of the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod, on terms of parity, in the United Jewish Appeal for 1946. On the recommendation of its President, the Jewish National Fund adopted a policy of right of way for the United Jewish Appeal so that it might go forward in its unprecedented campaign for \$100,000,000 to meet the urgent needs of the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. Simultaneously, and in harmonious relations with the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal, the time-honored efforts of the JNF traditional activities in behalf of the cause of *Geulah Ha'aretz* continued throughout the country, giving a sense of personal participation in the fulfillment of a cherished Jewish task, and supplying an unending source of popular sentiment and strength for the Zionist cause.

Drawing fully upon these resources, the Jewish National Fund of America reached, during the period under review, the peak year since the inception of its work 45 years ago. At this writing the full report of the JNF's financial operations shows:

From September 1, 1945 to August 15, 1946 the unprecedented amount of \$12,347,384.15 was remitted by the Jewish National Fund of America to the Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem, (as compared with \$5,813,179.51 during the corresponding period of the preceding year). Included in this total are the proceeds from: a) JNF share in the proceeds of the UJA through the UPA, amounting as of July 31, 1946, to \$8,643,412.55; b) \$2,282,661.73, representing traditional collections as compared with \$2,221,941.11 during the corresponding period of the preceding year, and \$255,000.00 realized through the sale of the ten year 4% Notes issued by the JNF of America in connection with the \$2,500,000. loan floated in 1942.

All traditional methods and forms such as Golden Book Inscriptions, Tree Planting, Blue-White Boxes, Seder Hayeled Entries, Palestine Flower Day and Zion Tag Day, popular collections in synagogues and at family events, Stamps, Bequests, Insurance Policies in favor of the JNF, and specific projects of Labor and Orthodox groups through the JNF's Labor Department and Religious Groups Contact Departments have again proven their vitality and wide appeal, without in any manner interfering with the U.J.A. activities.

An outstanding feature of these traditional activities has been the response to the Nachlah Program of States, Regions, Communities, Organizations and Groups which gave expression to their deep interest in *Geulah Ha'aretz* by identifying themselves with the redemption of specific land areas. Notable events during the year were the functions held in Pittsburgh, Cleveland and New York (the latter under the auspices of the Bnai Zion), for the redemption of Nachlath Silver, a land tract which will bear the name of the President of the ZOA—Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

This extensive program could not have been carried out and the high measure of success would not have been attained without the effective and harmonious cooperation and support of the Zionist Organization of America, its Executive Staff, its Regions and its Districts; of Hadassah and its chapters; of the Bnai Zion; of Poale Zion; of Mizrachi; of the Pioneer Women of America, and the other organizations and the leaders and members of these groups throughout the country.

Nor would this report be complete without an expression of appreciation to my associate officers and the members of the

Board of Directors and Administrative Committee of the JNF. Their unremitting interest and devotion to the JNF have been important factors in shaping the policies, in implementing the fund-raising program and in recording the progress which the JNF has made during the year that has ended. Especial recognition must be made of the wholehearted cooperation of the Chairmen, leaders and workers of the JNF Councils throughout the country. Genuine appreciation is also due to Mendel N. Fisher, the Executive Director of the JNF, Dr. Harris J. Levine, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the JNF, Mr. Jacob Sinsoff, Treasurer of the JNF, for diligent and capable execution of their respective tasks, and to all of the JNF's Heads of Departments, Executive and Field Staffs, who have rendered devoted service to the Keren Kayemeth in its efforts to help provide a sound and just foundation for Jewish life in Palestine.

MORRIS ROTHENBERG, *President*



## THE KEREN HAYESOD

**P**ALESTINE Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. is associated with the Keren Hayesod of Jerusalem, the fiscal arm (and often referred to as the Treasury) of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. This year, as in many years past, the Keren Hayesod in the United States participated in the united campaign for overseas needs and for Palestine. As a constituent of the United Jewish Appeal, and through active participation by its officers and members in the work of the United Palestine Appeal and United Jewish Appeal, Keren Hayesod has played its part in the unprecedented campaign for \$100,000,000 in 1946.

During the period of October 1, 1945 to September 30, 1946, Keren Hayesod made available for Palestine needs the sum of \$11,985,249.00, out of the \$12,062,329.00 representing its share of the joint campaign. There will, of course, be additional income as the campaign proceeds further and collections continue to be made. Thus, the Keren Hayesod has made its contribution to the agricultural, industrial, cultural, economic and educational programs in Palestine and has carried a considerable share of the burden of immigration and refugee relief work there.

On the American scene, the Keren Hayesod, together with the Keren Kayemeth, financed the activities of the American Zionist Emergency Council. During this same period the Keren Hayesod advanced the sum of \$382,935.00 to the Emergency Council for its important political program.

It has continued to maintain financially the work of the Commission on Palestine Surveys which, under the unique and remarkable leadership of Dr. Emanuel Neumann has made and is continuing to make a significant contribution to the advancement of our work in Palestine. The interim reports which have been made, the Survey Commission's association with the plan of development projected for the Jordan Valley Authority, the unparalleled fund of information expertly gathered by the Surveys Commission, constitute a service of inestimable value. The Commission's final report is awaited with great expectation.

The Zionist Archives and Library of the Keren Hayesod



has grown in size and importance. It houses a wealth of data on Palestine, in its thousands of books, pamphlets, reports, records, newspapers and periodicals, and it has served individuals and institutions, including students, writers, commentators, editors, and important bodies such as our own agencies and world political institutions. It has, under the skillful guidance of Miss Sophie Udin, become this country's outstanding Library and Bureau of Information on Palestine, as well as the custodian and depository of records, which become increasingly valuable as the time goes on.

This year the Keren Hayesod has embarked on an undertaking which, we are confident, will add considerably to its already significant and historic role in Palestine's progress. The Economic Bureau, established by the Zionist Organization of America, and ably directed by Dr. David Tannenbaum, has become the Economic Bureau of the Keren Hayesod. An expanded program of economic activities is being formulated which will include as a main feature a comprehensive exhibit of Palestine's industry, arts and craft and their influence on the economy and general complex of the country. The Bureau aims to encourage and stimulate participation by American businessmen and investors in industrial and agricultural enterprises in Palestine, which stands on the threshold of extensive expansion in these fields. Another project being put under way is the sale of Palestine products, particularly arts and craft, in the promotion of "Palestine Week," which our groups throughout the country will be asked to sponsor and support, and about which more will be said very soon. It is hoped in this way to acquaint a section of the country with some of the remarkably fine work which is coming out of Palestine, and to stimulate the sale of these products, thus opening a market for some of Palestine's commodities.

The Keren Hayesod feels that in these tragic and perilous days, in which the Yishuv has indicated its strength and determination, it must redouble and expand its efforts. It is grateful to Miss Sarah Behrman, Executive Secretary and to the members of the staff for the part which they have played in stimulating and carrying forward the work of the Keren Hayesod, by the devoted and able execution of their tasks.

CHARLES RESS, *Chairman, Admin. Com.*

## BNAI ZION

THE 37TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of Bnai Zion was held in Asbury Park, June 23 to June 24. This was the first gathering in two years, the last scheduled Convention having been postponed owing to transportation difficulties and government regulations. The administration elected two years ago, under the leadership of the world Zionist leader, Louis Lipsky, has to its credit a number of important activities that have served to broaden the field of the Bnai Zion program.

We are greatly encouraged by the intense interest which returning veterans are taking in Bnai Zion, both as a Zionist organization and as a fraternal body. In the last few months three new Camps were organized, the Hatikvah Camp, the Menorah Veterans Camp and the Sigmund Thau Camp, composed mostly or entirely of veterans and their wives. Other camps are in the process of organization and we look forward to a fruitful season in new membership emanating from the ranks of returning veterans.

It may not be amiss to bring to the attention of Zionists everywhere the financial stability and solvency of Bnai Zion which offers Legal Reserve Life Insurance protection to its members. We quote from the 1946 report of Dunne's, the largest policyholders' reporting service in the world: "Rating, January 1, 1946, A+ (Excellent) . . . Comparison of the Society's cash and good assets with its total policyholder obligations shows that it has \$119.49 assets for every \$100.00 of liability. This is a wide and favorable margin of safety, *being well above the average for the life insurance business.*"

Mention should also be made of our Medical Clinic in New York City, which recorded 957 visits by our members in the New York area, who have found the best of medical attention and full clinical facilities.

The major activity conducted by the Cultural Committee during the past year was the series of four forums held at the Hotel Edison in New York City. Lectures were delivered by Pierre Van Paassen, Maxa Nordau, Alexander Uhl, and Louis Lipsky.

The number of contributing members has reached the im-

pressive total of over 25,000, and close to \$100,000 in membership contributions are received annually for cash remittances to the Red Mogen Dovid in Palestine as well as for shipments of medical supplies, surgical equipment and ambulances. In addition, ten ambulances and equipment, five X-Ray machines and equipment, tires and tubes, ten sets of surgical instruments, 2 generators (for mobile X-ray units), 20,000 battle dressing bandages, 160,000 iodine swabs and 7 cases of camouflaged bandages were shipped to Palestine.

The Bnai Zion is likewise proud of its achievements in land redemption in *Eretz Yisrael*. The fact should be emphasized that Bnai Zion has the enviable record of making the largest per capita contribution to the cause of *Gaulath Ha'Aretz* through the active participation of its membership in the work of the Jewish National Fund. Although the final figures for the year are not yet in, it is possible that we may reach a gross figure of \$100,000 in contributions to the Jewish National Fund. Our greatest success was attained at the brilliant Order Day dinner held on March 30 in honor of our fighting leader, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

This report cannot close without a word about Louis Lipsky, who has served Bnai Zion as Nassi for the past two years. His leadership has given prestige to the Organization and is in the tradition of many of the other great Jewish figures who have headed the Organization in the past. The leadership of Mr. Lipsky signified to the world that Bnai Zion is pre-eminently a Zionist Organization, a militant Zionist body, ready to do more than its share to attain our common goal.

The national officers elected at the June Convention are: Louis Lipsky, Honorary President; Abraham A. Redelheim, Nassi; Harry A. Pine, Sgan Rishon; Jacob Ish-Kishor, Mazkir; Abraham Krumbein, Gizhor; Hyman J. Fliegel, Counsel; Dr. Harris J. Levine, Chief Medical Examiner.

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## HADASSAH

AGAINST a background of increasing tension and crisis for the Jews of Europe and the embattled Yishuv in Palestine, the record of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America for the past fiscal year (September 30, 1945 to September 30, 1946) provides a meaningful gauge of the increasing support for Zionist aims which is evident everywhere in the United States these days.

With characteristic steadiness, Hadassah, undeterred by political snarls, has gone on, as have all Zionist bodies engaged in practical tasks, toward the achievement of new goals and the expansion of existing programs. Though the financial report of the organization is not yet completed, its gains in terms of funds alone are revealing. As of September 20th, the incomplete fiscal record roughly shows the following collections:

Hadassah Medical Organization	\$1,560,000
Jewish National Fund	710,000
Youth Aliyah	1,500,000
Child Welfare and Vocational Education	460,000
Palestine Supplies	216,000
American Zionist Youth Commission	70,000
Additional Contributions to Weizmann Institute	7,000
Henrietta Szold Foundation Fund	35,000
Additional Ear-Marked Building Funds for Hadassah Tuberculosis Hospital	77,000

This means a total of \$4,635,000 collected so far for Hadassah's variegated program in Palestine and for its work of Zionist youth education in the United States.

The rise over last year's collections cannot be understood fully without a glance at membership figures. Here, too, the record is not yet complete, but the addition of 25 new chapters, 16 new Business & Professional Women's Divisions and 23 new groups makes the climb to 200,000 members understandable. In 12 months, membership has risen by almost 35,000, another indication that American Jewish women are determined to give concrete expression to their determination as Americans and

Jews that they shall have an increasing voice and ever-stronger stake in the process of rebuilding Eretz-Israel.

Like all organizations which were geared for special war programs, the coming of peace has meant reconversion for Hadassah, too. This has expressed itself in the United States in the programs of its American affairs groups which have shifted personnel and energy toward a cooperative fight, together with other organizations, for the protection of democracy in this country and in the revitalization and redirection of study groups of which there are over a thousand in the United States. Closely tied with its activities on the American front, is the steady effort made through the political committee of Hadassah to inform and direct its constituency toward an intelligent understanding of the issues which underly Zionist political life both in this country and in Palestine. Throughout the year, hundreds of directives, letters, reprints and other communications flowed steadily to a network of political chairmen who have been closely cooperating with their local American Zionist Emergency Council and with other bodies to keep the Palestine story clear in the mind of the great American public.

In June of 1946, Hadassah finally signed the agreement with the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi which make it the administrative health arm of the Immigrant Medical Services Department of the Agency. This means that Hadassah will be responsible for the fulfillment of the medical requirements of newcomers and for the effective administration of the Service. General supervision will be placed with the Central Bureau of Public Hygiene Services in collaboration with Agency representatives. The goal of the new service is the examination of immigrants on arrival; medical service in hostels and transit camps; general and specialized medical aid for those not entitled to receive such attention from other agencies; general and specialized hospitalization; convalescent care; supply of medical appliances; dental treatment; preventive medical and hygiene supervision in camps and places of settlement.

This program has already gone into effect and there are presently at Atlit, outside of Haifa (where Hadassah set up a sixty-bed hospital) and in the Cyprus Detention Camp, medical workers under Hadassah's administrative aegis, who are attempting to wipe out the ravages of disease which the newest

citizens of Palestine have brought with them after years of persecution, and also staving off any threatened illnesses, through education and care, which could if not dealt with, cut down the health standards already established in Eretz Israel.

Hadassah has already added a new wing of 70 beds to the Rothschild-Hadassah-University Hospital on Mt. Scopus for use by immigrants and has authorized the building of still another 100 bed story to the same hospital to provide emergency care for tuberculosis patients. The 70 beds will be used later as teaching beds when the new medical school, a joint project of Hadassah and the American Friends of the Hebrew University gets under way. The tuberculosis wing is going up at once because a site and building materials are not yet available for the 200 bed tuberculosis hospital for which Hadassah raised funds in 1944-45, and which it will erect as soon as these obstacles are removed.

Because of lack of space in this current report, it is not possible to go into detail about other achievements. They have kept pace everywhere, however, with expansion in the medical sphere. There has been an expansion in the school luncheons program of Hadassah which now reaches more than 30,000 children daily in Palestine; in the school hygiene project which is responsible for the health supervision of 100,000 school children; in the playground and recreation field where there are now nearly 40 Guggenheimer-Hadassah playgrounds in operation, as well as new day and summer camps; and in the vocational education field also.

In this latter project, which will be greatly expanded by Hadassah in the coming year, it is gratifying to be able to report the graduation of the first class of students from the Alice L. Seligsberg Vocational High School for Girls which is part of the Louis D. Brandeis Vocational Center, and the inception of a system of apprenticeship training in cooperation with manufacturers' associations and trade unions, whose goal is the preparation of presently unskilled youth for highly skilled jobs. In this connection, a small precision instrument shop and a printing plant have already been set up.

As the official American representative of the Youth Aliyah movement Hadassah has steadily made an increasing contribution of funds for the education and maintenance of children brought to Palestine by Youth Aliyah. At present, there are



over 20,000 such children, the last group of 700 of whom were released from the Atlit Detention Camp in time for Rosh Hashana.

For Jewish National Fund, Hadassah annually takes a special project as its contribution to the indispensable program of land redemption. Last year it raised funds to make possible the purchase of land for a Soldiers' Village where returning fighters for Zion will be able to drive new stakes into the homeland they struggled to defend.

Throughout every facet of Hadassah's work during the past year, there has been clearly evident a steadily sharpening sense of the great crossroads before which all Zionists stand today. If any one set of characteristics may be noticed, no matter where Hadassah functions, it is this: Hadassah's members are indissolubly banded together, determined not to release for one moment, the reins of practical progress which they hold in their hands. This, coupled with an ever clearer understanding of the long-range issues involved, have made it possible for the organization to plan ahead, certain that no obstacles, no deterrents can sway the undivided adherence of its constituency to the overall goal — the re-establishment of Jewish nationhood on the new-old soil of Eretz Israel.

MRS. MOSES P. ERSTEIN, *President*

## ZIONIST ARCHIVES AND LIBRARY

**T**HE RAPID succession of events and world-wide interest in Palestine this year have been reflected in the activities of the Zionist Archives and Library of the Palestine Foundation Fund. The unabated flow of requests for information and material on Zionism, Palestine and the Middle East has meant a tremendous increase in the tempo of services rendered by the library.


The United Nations, government agencies, Zionist bodies, other Jewish organizations, newspapers, radio broadcasting stations, research workers, writers, etc. seeking knowledge in our specialized field have plied us with thousands of requests. A cross-section from these will serve to illustrate the range of information sought. The United Nations asked for statements by Roosevelt, Truman and Bevin on refugees and Zionism; the United States Congressional resolution on Palestine; the treaty agreements between Great Britain and Transjordan. The Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry was supplied with books and pamphlets by the library as well as with bibliographical information. The Independent Jewish Press Service wanted to know about Jewish, Christian and Moslem holidays in Palestine; types of courts. The American Jewish Conference needed material on territorialism as well as on Zionism and Communism. The British Library of Information sought statistics and current data on health conditions in Palestine. The American Zionist Emergency Council desired figures on the average yearly rainfall in Palestine; government documents pertaining to Palestine, etc. The Jewish Agency for Palestine was given documentary material for the United Nations and Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. Radio Station WLIB wanted to know about the Irgun Zevai Leumi. "Time" magazine desired material on Jerusalem. The "New York Times" asked for biographical facts on Abraham Stern. The United Palestine Appeal asked for statements on Zionism by Roosevelt. "Life" magazine and H. V. Kaltenborn asked for information on the partition plan.

To meet this growing demand for authoritative sources, we have assiduously combed the field for books, pamphlets and periodicals dealing with Palestine, Zionism and the Middle East,

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The Magen David Star, a six-pointed star with a smaller star inside, is positioned between the words 'ORGANIZATION' and 'OF' in the title.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

1945-1946

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

October 25, 1946.

*To the Membership:*

## How the Finance Committee Operates

The financial report for 1945-46 is herewith presented. This year the Finance Committee operated through a system of Sub-Committee Chairmen assigned to cover each major function of the Organization. This insured direct contact with the work and personnel of the Organization and provided a constant check and balance on the receipt and distribution of funds and budgeting for the operations. The closer contact with the departmental heads tends to promote better understanding of the problems of the professional staff by the administration and of the financial requirements of the operations. It also promotes an understanding on the part of the department heads of the scope and financial limitations for their operations and the consequent responsibility devolving upon them.

Internal audit procedures were established to further safeguard the responsible management of the Organization's funds and to insure that all expenditures and receipts are carefully checked and scrutinized. Each obligation of the Organization is carefully processed and a final check of the vouchers presented for payment is made by the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee or their alternates before the disbursements are actually made.

The members of the Finance Committee have given copiously of their time and effort with results that are manifest to those who have had the opportunity to personally acquaint themselves with the operations. I wish to express to the individual members of the Committee my sincere thanks for their effective and conscientious efforts in fulfilling the trust imposed on the Committee by the President and the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON POELACK,  
*Chairman of the Finance Committee.*

ABRAHAM GOODMAN,  
*Treasurer.*

MARK SUGARMAN,  
*Associate Treasurer.*

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

## BALANCE SHEET

SEPTEMBER 30, 1946

### ASSETS

#### General Assets:

##### GENERAL FUND —

##### Current Assets —

Cash in Banks and On Hand .....	\$ 19,831.91	
Petty Cash Revolving Fund .....	2,945.00	
Accounts Receivable — Mail Order Book Departments .....	\$ 3,917.47	
Accounts Receivable — Other .....	6,946.36	
Total Accounts Receivable .....	\$10,863.83	
Less: Estimated Reserve for Doubtful Accounts .....	1,074.25	\$ 9,789.58
Due from Life Membership Fund — Per Contra .....	1,447.21	
Interest Receivable .....	270.00	
Total Current Assets .....		\$ 36,723.74

##### Fixed Assets —

Land and Building (See Note No. 1) (Cost) .....	\$ 39,252.66	
Furniture and Fixtures .....	1.00	
Camp Brandeis .....	1.00	39,254.66

##### Other Assets —

Investment — Jewish National Fund Notes .....	\$ 13,110.00	
Deposits as Security .....	3,046.00	
Due from Jewish Agency for Palestine .....	312.11	16,468.11

Deferred Charges .....		3,572.08
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##### Expansion Fund Assets —

Cash in Bank .....	\$ 27,617.90	
Cash in Transit (See Note No. 2) .....	14,895.53	42,513.43

Total General and Expansion Fund Assets (See Note No. 4) .....		\$139,032.06
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#### Life Membership Fund:

Cash in Bank .....	\$ 27,200.00	
Interest Receivable .....	3,800.00	
Investment — Jewish National Fund Notes .....	192,000.00	198,172.00

#### Fund for General Zionism:

Cash in Bank .....		98,613.57
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TOTAL ASSETS .....		\$436,217.61
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NOTE No. 1 — Subject to Contract of Sale for 170,000.00 Tentative closing date November 4, 1946 per advice of counsel. The Contract is subject to Closing Adjustments and Brokerage Commissions. Deposit of \$4,000.00 was received on this contract.

NOTE No. 2 — Represents 1545-46 Pledges in Transit of \$14,895.53 deposited to the Credit of the Zionist Organization of America on or before October 9, 1946.

EXHIBIT "A"



# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

## BALANCE SHEET

SEPTEMBER 30, 1946

### LIABILITIES, RESERVE AND SURPLUS

#### General and Expansion Funds:

##### CURRENT LIABILITIES—

Accounts Payable .....	\$ 31,371.43	
Accounts Payable—South African Zionist Federation .....	1,817.33	
Due to Districts .....	4,119.88	
Due to Regions .....	421.00	
Salaries and Wages Payable .....	2,258.20	
Withholding Tax Payable .....	2,755.10	
Other Current Liabilities .....	4,718.77	
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i> .....		\$ 48,156.46

##### OTHER LIABILITIES—

Deposit on Sale of Building (See Note No. 1) .....	6,000.00
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##### FIXED LIABILITIES—

Mortgage on Building .....	15,000.00
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##### DEFERRED INCOME—

Advance Dues .....	\$ 4,479.10	
Convention Receipts .....	130.00	
Membership Surplus .....	111.33	4,711.33
<i>Total General Fund Liabilities</i> .....		\$ 73,867.79

##### SURPLUS—

Reserve Allocated for Histadruth Ivriith (See Note No. 3) .....	\$ 5,000.00	
Surplus (Per Exhibit "B") (See Note No. 4) .....	60,164.27	65,164.27
<i>Total General and Expansion Fund Liabilities, Reserves and Surplus</i> .....		\$119,032.06

#### Life Membership Fund:

Due to General Fund (Per Contra) .....	\$ 5,417.21	
Surplus (Per Schedule "A-1") .....	193,172.79	198,572.00

#### Fund for General Zionism:

Surplus (Per Schedule "A-2") .....	98,613.57
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS** ..... **\$436,217.63**

NOTE No. 3—This amount was paid to Histadruth Ivriith by October 16, 1946.

NOTE No. 4—The Organization has a remainderman interest in the Albert H. Loeb Trust Fund in the amount of \$26,088.04. This amount is not included in the above Balance Sheet as an asset.

#### EXHIBIT "A"

## ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

### RECONCILIATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1946

Balance — October 1, 1945 .....	\$131,000.00
Revenues — October 1, 1945 to September 30, 1946 .....	67,572.00
<i>Total</i> .....	<u>\$198,572.00</u>

Less: General Fund Charges for Life Members' Annual Dues .....	\$9,268.21
Reduced by Life Membership Receipts Deposited in General Funds .....	3,821.00
	<u>1,447.21</u>

Life Membership Fund Surplus — September 30, 1946 .....	<u>\$193,124.79</u>
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Schedule "A-1"

### RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS OF FUND FOR GENERAL ZIONISM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1946

Revenues — October 1, 1945 to September 30, 1946 .....	\$100,000.00
Expenditures — October 1, 1945 to September 30, 1946 .....	1,386.43
Surplus in Fund for General Zionism — September 30, 1946 .....	<u>\$ 98,613.57</u>

Schedule "A-2"

## ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

### ANALYSIS OF GENERAL AND EXPANSION FUND SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1946

<b>Balance — October 1, 1945</b> .....		161,878.28
Additional Surplus — October 1, 1945 — Interest .....	\$2,440.00	
Loan from American Palestine Committee — Written Off .....	\$100.00	
Reserve for Contingencies — Restored to Surplus — Net .....	6,167.42	10,107.42
<b>Total</b> .....		<u>\$72,205.70</u>
Less: Excess of Expenditures over Revenue (Per Exhibit "C") .....		7,041.43
<b>Surplus — Exclusive of Reserves</b> .....		<u>\$65,164.27</u>
Less: Reserve Allocated for Histadruth Ivrit .....		1,000.00
<b>Surplus — September 30, 1946 (As Per Exhibit "A")</b> .....		<u><u>\$60,164.27</u></u>

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1946

### REVENUES

#### General Fund:

##### MEMBERSHIP —

Dues — Less: Amounts withheld by Districts and Regions	\$518,894.96	
Shekel .....	\$77,164.00	
Less: Membership Shareholdings to World Zionist Organization .....	62,011.20	15,112.80
		\$534,407.76

##### OTHER REVENUES —

United Palestine Appeal .....	\$ 54,000.00	
B'nai Zion .....	998.00	
Avukah .....	100.10	
Income from Periodicals:		
Circulation Other Than Membership .....	\$ 1,036.70	
Advertising .....	4,815.30	5,854.00
Book Sales .....	3,242.19	
Administrative Fund Contributions .....	1,145.80	
Convention Receipts — 1945 .....	3,037.00	
Miscellaneous Sources .....	1,200.05	69,577.54

#### Expansion Fund:

Contributions .....	\$791,970.50	
Book Sales .....	4,799.25	
Contributions Towards Palestine Tour Expenses .....	725.00	397,494.83

*Total General and Expansion Fund Revenues* ..... \$1,001,480.13

### EXPENDITURES

#### Departmental Expenditures:

General Fund .....	\$631,711.17	
Expansion Fund .....	335,663.15	
<i>Total Departmental Expenditures (Per Schedule "C-1")</i> .....		\$967,374.62

#### Other Expenditures:

Moving National Headquarters from Washington to New York .....	\$ 11,715.38	
Severance Compensation .....	4,176.10	
Unemployment Insurance .....	4,666.24	
Bad Debts .....	1,477.13	

<i>Total Other Expenditures</i> .....	\$ 22,035.25	
Less: Discounts on Purchases .....	888.81	

*Net Other Expenditures* ..... 21,146.94

*Total Expenditures* ..... 1,008,521.56

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE (TO EXHIBIT "E") ..... \$ 7,041.43

Exhibit "C"

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

## DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1946

### General Fund:

President, Vice President and Committees.....	\$ 13,626.06	
Executive Director.....	17,020.93	
Publicity and Public Relations.....	27,516.21	✓
Palestine Bureau.....	13,406.30	
New Palestine News Reporter.....	13,674.56	✓
New Palestine.....	19,875.66	✓
Dos Yiddishe Folk.....	7,601.62	✓
National Membership.....	38,353.54	
Membership Records.....	14,167.06	
Convention.....	12,603.86	
Speakers' Bureau.....	16,387.72	✓
Accounting Department.....	25,825.12	
General Office Overhead, Headquarters Maintenance and Service Department Expenditures.....	91,962.46	
Addressograph Department.....	24,813.56	
Regional Expense.....	161,242.27	
National Subventions (Per Schedule "C-2").....	44,899.84	
Palestine Correspondent.....	1,000.00	
Equipment.....	1,814.90	
<b>Total General Fund Departmental Expenditures.....</b>	<b>561,711.47</b>	

### Expansion Fund:

Campaign and Direction.....	\$ 35,507.59	
Committee on Unity.....	33,932.53	
Radio Department.....	31,324.97	✓
Economic Bureau.....	20,690.30	
Publications.....	16,227.89	✓
Book Department.....	11,881.41	✓
War Veterans Activities.....	9,231.40	
Education Department.....	14,011.07	
Palestine Immigration Service.....	2,319.27	
Production of Films.....	717.00	
Subventions (Per Schedule "C-1").....	48,474.92	✓
Expenses in connection with Fellowships.....	127.41	
Shekel Campaign Expenditures Net of Reimbursements Received.....	87,209.19	

**Total Expansion Fund Departmental Expenditures..... \$35,663.15**

**Total Departmental Expenditures..... \$97,374.62**

Schedule "C-1"

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**ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA**

**SUBVENTIONS (GENERAL FUND)  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1946**

American Zionist Youth Commission	✓	\$32,500.00	✓
Bittarion	✓	1,999.92	✓
Histraduth Ivrit	✓	\$1,000.00	
Hadass Publishing Co. — For Account of Histraduth Ivrit		4,999.92	9,999.92 ✓
<b>Total Subventions (General Fund)</b>			<b>\$44,499.84</b>

Schedule "C-2"

**SUBVENTIONS (EXPANSION FUND)**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1946**

American Federation for Palestine	✓	\$ 1,375.00	✓
American Zionist Youth Commission		19,999.92	✓
Hebrew Arts	✓	10,000.00	✓
Palatine Bureau of Shanghai		1,000.00	
American Jewish Congress Conference		1,000.00	
French Zionists		1,300.00	
General Zionists (Poland)		1,000.00	

**Total Subventions (Expansion Fund)** **\$48,474.92**

Schedule "C-3"

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## ACCOUNTANT'S CERTIFICATE

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, New York

GENTLEMEN:

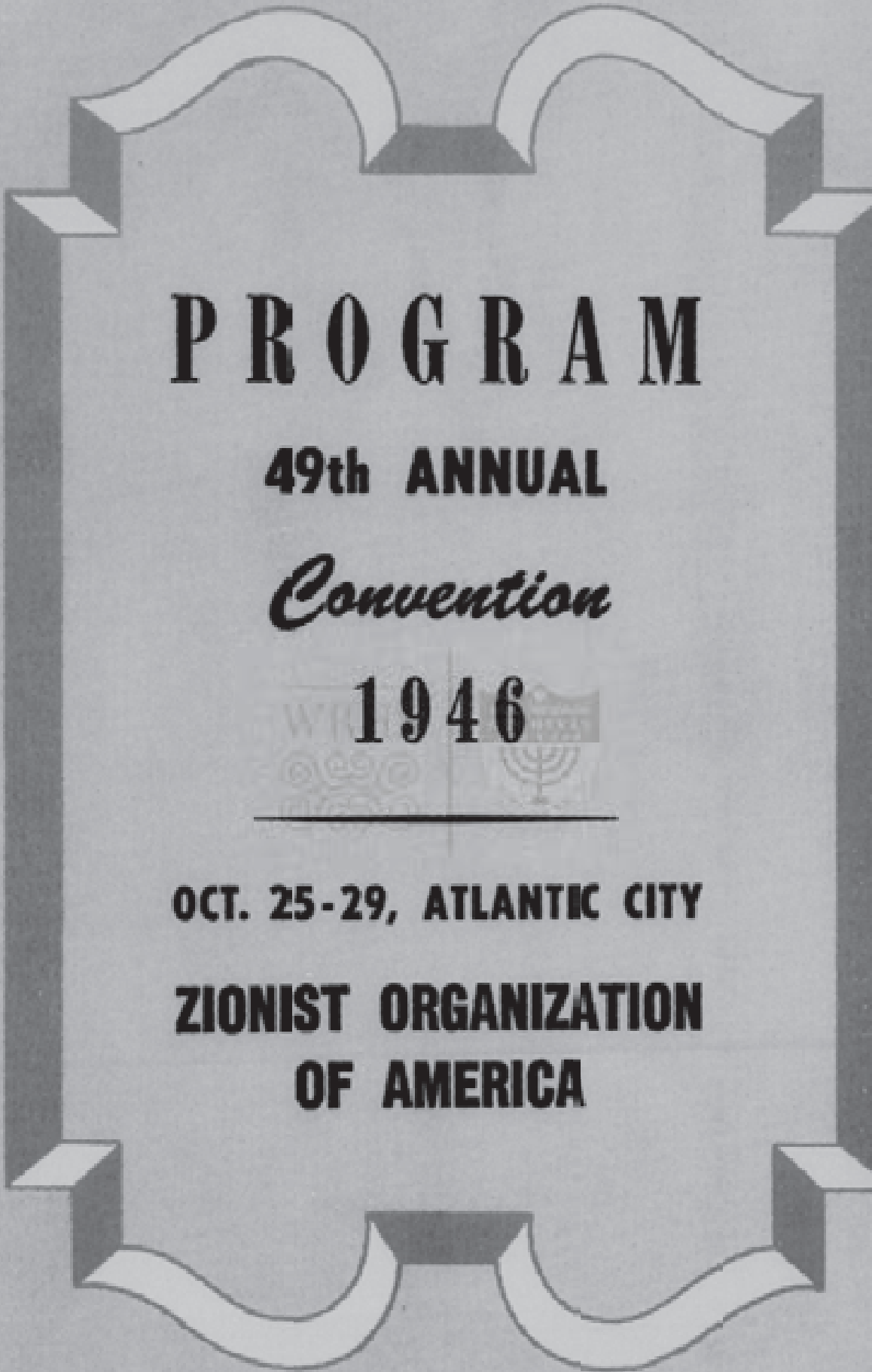
We have examined the Balance Sheet of the Zionist Organization of America as at September 30, 1946, and have examined or tested accounting records and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

All bonds and cash funds, with the exception of petty cash revolving funds, were verified by actual count or direct confirmation from the depositories. The accounts payable, except amounts due to districts and regions, were verified by direct communication and the responses are substantially in agreement with the books. All other items were derived from the books and records of the organization. The allocations of expenditures among the several departments are fair estimates but do not necessarily represent a precise allocation, due to the consolidation of offices during the year and the practical difficulties of providing for precise distribution. The aggregate of expenditures shown is in agreement with the audited books and records.

In our opinion, subject to the above, the accompanying Balance Sheet and the related Statement of Revenues and Expenditures present fairly the position of the Zionist Organization of America as at September 30, 1946, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

GEORGE MUELSHOCK & COMPANY,  
*Certified Public Accountants.*

21 East 40th Street,  
New York, N. Y.,  
October 17, 1946.



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**BATTLE DAYS ARE AHEAD OF US**

If we maintain morale,  
if we use good judgment,  
if we make maximum sacrifices  
for our cause in time and labor  
and substance,

if we remain unafraid, we shall, by  
the grace of God, win through to Victory.

—ABRA HILLEL SILVER.

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

# P R O G R A M

*Friday, October 25, 1946*

9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Registration of Delegates

Main Lobby, Breakers Hotel

10:00 A.M. Z.O.A. Executive Committee

Blue Room, St. Charles Hotel

1:30 P.M. Committee on Committees

Committee on Nominations

Blue Room, St. Charles Hotel

6:00 P.M. Sabbath Service

Synagogue, Breakers Hotel

7:00 P.M. Z.O.A. Youth Dinner

Main Dining Hall, Breakers Hotel

*Theme: "American Youth—Reservoir for Militant Zionism"*

*Chairman of Session: HERMAN L. WEISMAN, Chairman, Z.O.A. Youth Activities Committee*

*Invocation: RABBI DAVID POLISH, Waterbury, Conn.*

*Speakers: Masada—JOSEPH STERNSTEIN, New York*

*Young Judea—MIRIAM SCHARFMAN,  
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.*

*Campus—JACOB ARONSON, Kansas City,  
Mo.*

*Brandeis Camp—SAMUEL Z. KLAUSNER,  
Belle Harbor, L.I.*

*Palestine Songs: The Audience*

*Led by: MAX HELFMAN, New York City*



## *Saturday, October 26*

### 9:00 A.M. Sabbath Services

Synagogue, Breakers Hotel

Services . . . . CANTOR PIERRE PINCHIK AND CHOIR  
New York City

Sermon . . . . . RABBI JOSEPH SHUBOW  
Brighton, Mass.

### 2:00 P.M. Zionist War Veterans Reunion

Auditorium, St. Charles Hotel

Under auspices of Z.O.A. Veterans Committee.

Chairman: ALBERT D. SCHANZER

Speakers: MAXWELL COHEN, National Commander,  
Jewish War Veterans

WILLIAM KAPELMAN

### 3:00 P.M. Oneq Shabbat

Under auspices of Histadrut Ivrit of America,

Roof Garden, Breakers Hotel

Chairman: SAMUEL J. BOROWSKY, New York City

Greetings: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
ELIHU D. STONE

Speakers: DR. ISRAEL EFROS (in English)  
MORDECAI HALEVI (in Hebrew)

Selections from Hebrew Literature: SHIFRA BARAKS

Community Singing: Led by HARRY COOPERSMITH

### 7:00 P.M. Registration of Delegates (*Continued*)

Main Lobby, Breakers Hotel

### 8:00 P.M. First Session

Music Hall, Steel Pier

Color Guard: JEWISH WAR VETERANS, Atlantic City

National Anthem . . . . .

Hatikvah . . . . .

Led by CANTOR MYRO GLASS, Indianapolis, Ind.

*Invocation:* RABBI LEON I. FEUER, Toledo, Ohio

*Opening of Convention:* JOSEPH W. GREENLEAF,  
MOUND, VERBOD, New York

Chairman, National Convention Committee

*Chairman:* DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN, New York City

*Greetings:* JOSEPH ALTMAN, MAYOR, Atlantic City,  
New Jersey

JOSEPH HALBERT, President, Atlantic City  
Zionist District

*Report by Executive Director:* DR. SIDNEY MARKS  
New York City

*Report by Treasurer:* ABRAHAM GOODMAN  
Miami Beach, Florida

*Report by Expansion Fund Chairman:*  
DEWEY D. STONE, BROCKTON, MASS.

Election of Praesidium

*Presidential Address:* DR. ABRA HIRSH SILVER

11:30 P.M. Reception to Delegates

Ball Room, Steel Pier

(NOTE: We regret that curtailed facilities compel us  
to limit reception to delegates and their wives.)

## *Sunday, October 27*

9:00 A.M. Meeting of Committee on Political Resolutions  
and the World Zionist Congress

Blue Room, St. Charles Hotel

10:00 A.M. Second Session

Music Hall, Steel Pier

10:00 A.M. Part One: Z.O.A. ACTIVITIES

to

Chairman: RABBI LEON I. FEUER

11:30 A.M.

Reports by National Chairmen

11:30 A.M. Part Two: NATIONAL FUNDS—Keren Hayesod,  
to Jewish National Fund, United Palestine  
1:00 P.M. Appeal

Chairman: JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG  
New York City

**RAPPORTEURS:**

CHARLES RESS, Ketch Hayesod

MENDEL N. FISHER, J. N. F.

JACOB SINGOFF, U. P. A.

**DISCUSSION**

**2:30 P.M. Third Session**

Music Hall, Steel Pier

*Chairman:* RABBI IRVING MILLER, Woodmere, L. I.

Report of Credentials Committee

Report of Committee on Nominations

Elections

**3:30 P.M. Fourth Session**

Music Hall, Steel Pier

*Chairman:* DANIEL FRISCH, Indianapolis, Ind.

*Theme:* Political Affairs and World Zionist Congress

Report of American Zionist Emergency Council:

HARRY L. SHAPIRO, Executive Director

Report of Political Resolutions Committee and

Presentation of Resolutions

Discussion

**8:30 P.M. FIFTH SESSION**

Music Hall, Steel Pier

National Anthem

Hatikvah

*Chairman:* DR. ABRA HILLEL SILVER, Cleveland, Ohio

*Theme:* Political Affairs and World Zionist Congress  
(continued)

Report on the General Zionist Situation in Europe:

JACQUES TORCZYNER, New York City

*Address:* MOSHE SNEH, Palestine, Member of the  
Executive of the Jewish Agency

Political Resolutions and Discussions

## Monday, October 28

### 9:45 A.M. Meeting of Convention Committees

BUDGET AND FINANCE . . . Louis XVI Room, Breakers

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND

CHALUTZUT . . . . . Auditorium, St. Charles

ZIONIST EDUCATION AND PROPAGANDA, Including:

(a) COMMITTEE ON UNITY

FOR PALESTINE . . . . .

(b) PUBLICATIONS . . . . .

(c) RADIO . . . . .

(d) PUBLIC RELATIONS . . . . .

Roof Garden Breakers

EXPANSION FUND . . . Upper Synagogue, St. Charles

MEMBERSHIP AND

ORGANIZATION . . . . . Marine Room, Breakers

PALESTINE FUNDS . . . . . Lounge, St. Charles

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS . . . . . Tea Room, St. Charles

THE NEW PALESTINE . . . . . Blue Room, St. Charles

VETERANS . . . . . New Jersey Lounge, St. Charles

### 1:30 P.M. Sixth Session

Music Hall, Steel Pier

*Chairman:* JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Reports of Convention Committees

Discussion by Delegates

Resolutions

### 7:00 P.M. Closing Session, Banquet

Ballroom, Breakers Hotel

National Anthem

Hatikvah

*Treasurer:* DR. ISRAEL GOLISTEIN, New York City

*Invocation:* RABBI MAX MACGOBY, Mount Vernon,  
New York

*Speakers:* BARTLEY CRUM, American Member of  
Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry

LOUIS LIPSEY, New York City

DR. ABRA HILLEL SILVER

*Musical Program:* RICHARD TUCKER, Tenor, Metropolitan Opera Company, accompanied by  
JOSEPH GARNETT on the piano

*Tuesday, October 29*

10:00 A.M. First Meeting 1947 Z.O.A. Executive Committee

Blue Room, St. Charles Hotel



## CONVENTION COMMITTEE

JOSEPH W. GREENLEAF

*Chairman*

DR. SIDNEY MARKS

*Executive Director, Z.O.A.*

MARCUS ABRAMSON

REV. MARTIN ADOLF

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SOL BENAMY

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ABRAHAM WSLANDER

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EDWARD WITTICOFF

JOE WOLINS



# *Memo*



**D**URING THE PAST year the Palestine Economic Bureau has become firmly established for the implementation of its original aims: 1. Assist in the economic upbuilding of Palestine to make possible the absorption of post war mass immigration of Jews; 2. Provide economic information concerning Palestine; 3. Foster two way trade and commerce between America and Palestine; 4. Advise American business men in establishing branch factories in Palestine; 5. Further the placing of American skills at the service of Palestine; 6. Encourage American investment in the industries of Palestine.

Foremost in the achievements of the Bureau this year was its Businessmen's Tour in April, when 25 businessmen from all parts of the country flew to Palestine on an economic mission.

In Palestine, through the cooperation of the Jewish Agency, the group had an opportunity to make detailed surveys of the economic possibilities of the Homeland. Engineering, publishing, tools, hotel, retailing, advertising, laundry and laundry machinery were among the industries represented on the tour, and a number of concrete projects have developed which show great promise.

The group felt that one of the prime needs for furthering the economy of the Holy Land is the channelizing of American investments in Palestine. Plans are afoot to implement this proposal which envisages a corporation with substantial capital commensurate with the needs of Palestine.

The Bureau has also been instrumental in having other American businessmen go to Palestine to survey possibilities there, and has greatly facilitated their travel arrangements.

During the course of the past year the Bureau has arranged several dinners to acquaint American businessmen and industrialists with the Palestine scene. Among the dinners was one, at the Hotel Commodore, at which more than 100 million dollars of capital in the heavy industry field was represented. This group, the majority of whom were non-Jews, was given a complete report of Palestine's possibilities in their own fields. As a result, Mr. David Levine, representing a number of these industrialists, was authorized to survey Palestine's potentialities in this field.

The publication of the Bureau, Pal-Eco News, is designed to give concrete factual information of interest to those seeking investment or trade with Palestine and it has been widely acclaimed as an invaluable aid.

The Bureau has helped secure raw materials for the building, textile, metal and leather industries in Palestine; it has helped provide skilled personnel; it has directed investments. It was through the efforts of the Bureau that the first Palestine cut flowers ever to appear in America were brought here. These flowers, the gift of Palestine veterans, were flown by fast air freight from the Holy Land, and in impressive ceremonies were presented to hospitalized war veterans. The Bureau's program of inducing American manufacturers to establish branch factories in Palestine has aroused considerable interest, and one Texas mattress manufacturer has already established a branch factory near Tel Aviv.

The rapid growth of the Bureau and its need for further expansion called for its transfer to the Palestine Foundation Fund. This transfer, effected on July 1, 1946, was a logical step. The Keren Hayesod, fiscal arm of the Jewish Agency, embracing as it does, all parties interested in the upbuilding of the Homeland, is the organization best suited to sponsor such a Bureau.

One of the principal efforts in the coming year will be an exhibit portraying the economic potential of Palestine. The exhibit, which will show graphically the economic strides that Palestine has made, will tour the principal cities of the country. It is scheduled to open in New York by the end of this year.

The full support of the Zionist Organization is an important factor in developing the manifold plans of the Bureau in the ensuing year. We are certain that the vital sponsorship enjoyed in the past will be continued in the future.

— DAVID TANNENBAUM

**A**S IN FORMER years the Palestine Bureau has been engaged, during the fiscal period, in giving every assistance and information possible to persons desirous of going to Palestine either from America or from the European countries.

With the termination of the war, traffic between America and Europe was slowly restored, though in a very insufficient measure. Numerous Palestinians, who came to this country temporarily before the war, returned home. Then came the large number of American citizens, formerly residents of Palestine, who had returned to the States at the outbreak of the war. It is estimated that of the 10,000 American Jews residing in Palestine, close to fifty percent had come back to this country. More than 2,000 applied for the renewal of their expired Palestine return permits, and during the fiscal period more than 600 of them returned to Palestine.

Many requests have been received from persons desiring tourist visas to Palestine, but regulations put into effect by the Palestine Government in August, 1945, restrict the influx of ordinary tourists. With the exception of the following two categories, no applications for tourist visas were to be accepted for consideration: a) persons owning neglected properties in Palestine, and b) people to be admitted on compassionate grounds, desirous of visiting sick parents or members of their immediate families.

During the fiscal period about 300 of such visas have been granted by the Palestine Government. Furthermore, 100 visas were granted to war veterans under the G. I. Bill of Rights, after submitting proof that they have been admitted either to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem or the Hebrew Technium in Haifa. A number of business men, after submitting proof that their visit to Palestine was of mutual economic interest to the United States and Palestine have also been granted visitors' visas.

Unfortunately, no certificates whatever have been put at our disposal by the Jewish Agency during the fiscal period with the exception of thirty chalutzim certificates.

We have on file the names of about 600 American applicants, representing various business enterprises, as well as a great many parents in America, mostly arrivals from Europe, who desire to rejoin their children who escaped into Palestine. There is little that can be done to help these people at present.

On the other hand there is good news for Americans who desire to study at the Hebrew University. The Palestine Government is prepared to grant temporary visas to prospective students, not only war veterans, valid for the duration of their studies.

The activities of this Bureau on behalf of people in Europe embrace applications for Palestine immigration certificates for persons in displaced-persons' camps, and search in America for missing relatives. For this work we have been in constant contact with the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem and with the Palestine Bureaus in various lands — Switzerland, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Hungary, Roumania, Poland, and also with the offices of the Jewish Agency in Iran and Shanghai.

During the fiscal period we have submitted applications for Palestine immigration on behalf of 3,200 persons abroad, a large number of whom have already arrived in Palestine. In connection with the search for relatives — under the supervision of Miss Tehilla Feinerman — we have had about 3,000 inquiries by mail from all lands. Altogether, our overseas activities brought us in contact with about 12,000 cases.

— DR. S. BERNSTEIN

## THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

of America is proud to report a current membership of 600,000 men and women. This represents an increase of 60,000 members during the year 1945-46. The continued growth of our organization is directly attributable to the tireless and unceasing efforts of our National, Regional, and District officers, aided by the devoted activity of our National staff and Regional Field Directors. The Z.O.A. was fortunate this year in having the guidance of Mr. Joseph Goldberg of Worcester, Mass., as National Membership Chairman. Mr. Goldberg gave of himself unstintingly in personal contact with regional and District membership chairmen, and was constantly available to lend inspiring leadership at membership rallies throughout the country.

The outstanding feature of last year's campaign effort was the eminently successful Zionist Enrollment Week during March 17-24, beginning with "Z" Day on the first Sunday of that week. The activities of our Districts during that period served as a clear demonstration of the organized and united will of American Jewry in support of the Zionist program. The Public Relations Department, under the direction of Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash, prepared an attractive manual, descriptive literature, and other publicity aids for District membership committees. Ads sponsored by local Districts appeared in numerous newspapers and magazines bringing the message of Zionism to the entire community. Thousands of new members were enrolled as a result of this intensive campaign.

The past year has also brought an increasing number of members who have chosen to identify themselves as "Zionists for Life." Under the co-chairmanship of Julius Livingston and Jacob Sincoff, there have been enrolled 600 new life members in the year 1945-46, making a total of 6,000 in the Z.O.A. Life Membership Association. Monies received from Life Membership dues have been invested in Jewish National Fund bonds and are being held in trust to meet any exigency that may arise in the future. In this way, Life Membership has helped us establish a solid foundation for the stability and effectiveness of our work. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Livingston and Mr. Sincoff who have been instrumental in guiding this effort. Special mention must also be made of the outstanding results in Life Membership work obtained by Mr. Willy Nordwind, of Chicago, Illinois and Lynn, Mass.

New pamphlets and literature were prepared for general distribution and were so well received by all Districts that additional printings were required. The "Guide for Membership Committees", prepared by the Membership Director, was made available to District chairmen and their committees. We are pleased to state that more and more Districts have recognized the need of preparing membership campaigns on a business-like and systematic basis.

Limited space does not permit us to print the names of districts and their membership chairmen who have achieved outstanding records in enrollment this year. Their greatest reward is doubtless the feeling of satisfaction in having rendered vital service to our movement.

We look forward to the continuing growth of the Z.O.A. so that before the next convention we may be in a position to report an even larger membership and a Zionist District in every Jewish community throughout the United States.

— YALE GOLDBERG

THE EDUCATION Department has helped the organization's District and Regions with the following types of services: Answered inquiries; furnished materials; held consultations; supplied song-sheets, exhibits, news releases, recordings, lecture outlines, quizzes, films; assisted newsletters, forums and study groups; provided "Program Aids" material and cooperated in the implementation of programs.

To this end the Department issued a considerable amount of educational material including a Purim Portfolio, Passover Portfolio, "Address to the World", written in honor of the 50th anniversary of the publication of Theodor Herzl's "The Jewish State", and "Program Aids" containing listings, materials and references.

The New York State Department of Education has approved the Intermediate and Advanced Courses in Hebrew offered by



the Adult School of Zionist Studies for Alertness Credit. The Adult School has been a most successful experiment and requests have been received from students and many who were unable to participate, asking for the continuance and expansion of this project next season.

In addition to rendering general assistance to the Shekel Campaign, the Director of the Education Department was in charge of Shekel Programming. In this capacity the following material was prepared and implemented: "To the Jewish People", A Handbook for the Zionist District Shekel Committee, Check List for the Synagogue and the Shekel Campaign; Shekel Kit for Jewish Community Centers; a special Lag B'Omer Kit, "Calling Jewish Youth" for Shekel Mobilization Day.

A list of available materials was circularized among Jewish and non-Jewish summer and regular day camps throughout the country; the former to expand their general program of Jewish-Zionist content, the latter to include discussion of the Palestine question in their current events activities. The response to this camp project was extremely favorable and over forty requests have been received to-date for quantity copies of program materials.

The book, "Education In Palestine", received excellent notices from the press with especial commendation from magazines in the field of education, and has received widespread distribution through the Z.O.A. Book Department. Also, in connection with its Education Month activities, Hadassah prepared a study course based upon the contents of "Education in Palestine" and featured an illustrated review in an issue of the "Hadassah Newsletter".

Other publications of the Department include a volume on the All Day School, which should be issued directly after the Convention, and "Hebrew Self-Taught", being issued with the cooperation of the Histadruth Ivrit, and which is already in its printing stage.

This department cooperated with and rendered assistance to groups and organizations in the related Zionist and Jewish Education fields, such as the Jewish Education Committee, Hadassah, American Zionist Emergency Council, Young Zionist Actions Committee, and others.

— JOSEPH GREENSTEIN

**T**HE SUCCESS OF our second year of Expansion Fund effort and the substantial increase over the total receipts received last year, was a most encouraging aspect of our work, indicating as it does a general acknowledgment on the part of our membership of the significance of the problems confronting the Administration of the Z.O.A. and the necessity of facilitating the projects financed by the Expansion Fund.

After the last Z.O.A. Convention, when the importance of the Fund was reaffirmed by the delegates present, the chairman of the Fund, Mr. Dewey D. Stone, projected an ambitious and carefully planned program throughout the entire country which was implemented by the fund-raising staff and the National Executive and Regional Staffs.

This total sum collected as of September 30th was \$600,000. Additional funds received thereafter are reported elsewhere in the financial statement issued to the Convention.

Deserving of special commendation are the men who participated in Dr. Silver's Thousand Dollar Club. Despite additional community demands, occasioned by the times in which we live, these men responded magnificently:

A. L. Friedman, Brookline, Mass., Dave Cummings, Chicago, Ill., Dewey D. Stone, Brockton, Mass., Max Goldberg, Indianapolis, Ind., Paul Kaminsky, New York, Abe Goodman, Miami Beach, Fla., Jacob Goodman, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rudolf Sonnenborn, New York, A. W. Sheffres, New York, Ralph Lazrus, Long Island, N. Y., George Holtsberg, Westchester, N. Y., Benjamin Browly, Brooklyn, N. Y., Morris Cedarbaum, Brooklyn, N. Y., Abe Bibentaum, Philadelphia, Pa., Isidore Teacher, San Diego, Calif., N. Samuelson, Houston, Texas, Abe Bloomenthal, Duluth, Minn.

The annual report of the organization contains accounts of the numerous Expansion Fund projects, all of which have justified their existence. Two additional departments became beneficiaries of the Expansion Fund this year — the Veterans' Bureau and the Palestine Immigration Bureau.

The task of supervising this effort necessitated the services of imaginative and courageous Zionists. Mr. Dewey D. Stone of Brockton, Mass., accepted the chairmanship of the Fund and was instrumental in the raising of a very substantial sum of money. Closely collaborating with him was Mr. Daniel Frisch, Chairman of the National Administrative Council, who gave of his time and services and undertook many difficult assignments which brought him to all parts of the country including the West Coast. Valuable additional assistance was given to the chairman of the Expansion Fund by his colleagues who served as National Vice-Chairmen:

Oscar Altschuler, Youngstown, Ohio, A. L. Buck, Harrisburg, Pa., Benjamin Eisenstein, Schenectady, N. Y., Bernard Fuller, Laureton, L. I., Rabbi Leon Fram, Detroit, Mich., Marvin Gerstmann, Buffalo, N. Y., Michael Hanin, Pottsville, Pa., Paul Kaminsky, New York, J. Kisalk, Newark, N. J., Robert Lagunoff, Mount Vernon, N. Y., Arthur Levenson, Bronx, N. Y., Alex Lowenthal, Pittsburgh, Pa., A. M. Luntz, Cleveland, Ohio, Sidney Pines, Dallas, Tex., Bernard W. Price, San Francisco, Cal., Samuel Rivkin, Hartford, Conn., Harry Robinson, Somerville, N. J., Henry Rosenbaum, Plainfield, N. J., Charles Rosengarten, Waterbury, Conn., Bernard G. Rudolph, Syracuse, N. Y., Sidney Shanfeld, Mahoney City, Pa., Philip Sokol, Dayton, Ohio, David Spiegel, Brooklyn, N. Y., Adolph Weisfeld, Cleveland, Ohio, Edward Witcoff, St. Louis, Mo.

— MANUEL POSY

I have with the Inf. about the JFH  
Dr. G's statement is a characteristic bit  
of distortion. The facts are these. The Exec. of the 20th  
at its pre-convention session voted unanimously  
to have a report of the Paris meeting, the New  
Agency presented to the Committee for a meeting  
the ~~James G. Thompson~~ <sup>Executive</sup> who wrote Dr. G.  
the 20th and a delegation of  
representing members in L.A.

Subsequently at the meeting the  
Political Comm. of 100 the Committee  
a motion to which also Dr. G. was  
voted down unanimously. I was not  
present at this meeting. The few who  
wished to hear Dr. G. <sup>addressed</sup> the issue  
on the floor. The Committee, when a  
USR to which Dr. G. was asked

unanimously. Evidently the Committee  
~~did not~~ did not have the same  
gesture. Dr. G. indignantly as  
he hurried back.

~~I did not feel~~ with regard to his  
complaint about my not giving a 1/2  
answer, the Exec. Council to which his  
report I should like to say that the  
last time Dr. G. was invited to meet with  
the Council, when on the occasion  
his Col. American mission to which he <sup>personally</sup>  
was invited the Council and <sup>members</sup> ~~agreement~~ <sup>agreement</sup>  
worked then with his <sup>colleague</sup> he proceeded  
to break the very next day.

Dr. G. should not pose as a martyr who has  
had no effort to tell his story. On the Exec.  
of the 20th Committee to hold two more

In order to present a scientific budget based upon carefully determined estimates of our needs as determined by our Finance Committee and in order to avoid ~~the~~ some sad experiences of past conventions wherein special interests, however worthy their cause or claims may be, pressed for subventions or budgets without any idea whether these convention commitments can be met or not from our revenues, I recommend to this Convention and to the Chairman of the various committees that no binding resolutions fixing budgetary amounts for the coming year be passed. I further recommend that the <sup>formulation of the</sup> budget be placed into the hands of the incoming Executive ~~and~~ and that the budget be geared to income anticipations.



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