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MEMORANDUM**TO:** MEMBERS INNER COMMITTEE**DATE:****FROM:** DR. SIDNEY MARKS

7/17/46

SUBJECT:

New Address:

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

Attached hereto please find the minutes of the Inner Committee meeting held on Wednesday, July 10th, 1946.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, July 18th, at 4 p.m. Sharp in the Conference Room of the American Zionist Emergency Council, 342 Madison Avenue.

Matters of great importance will be discussed and your attendance is earnestly solicited.

INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1946
Suite 1426, 342 Madison

PRESENT: Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Abraham Goodman, Milton Pollack, Jacques Torczyner, and Yale Goldberg.

BRITISH LOAN:

A discussion was held with reference to the statement issued by Dr. Stephen S. Wise on the British Loan and it was decided that the Inner Committee authorize a statement on behalf of the ZOA making it clear that the expression of Dr. Wise was purely personal and not on behalf of the ZOA. Dr. Neumann would consult with Dr. Silver on the advisability and timeliness of further action with reference to Dr. Wise's remarks.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A meeting of the National Executive Committee is to be held at the earliest possible moment to coincide with the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Emergency Council. Mr. Ben Gurion shall be asked to address the meeting and invitations are to be extended to New York members of the Administrative Council and also Regional leaders.

WASHINGTON BUILDING:

Mr. Pollack reported that the Washington Real Estate Broker was having difficulty in binding a buyer for the Washington building. It was recommended that Dr. Marks be given full authority to take immediate action in having the sale of the building placed in the hands of other brokers, and if necessary sending a member of the staff to spend a few days in Washington in order to assure immediate action.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pollack reported that under the direction of Mr. Bernard Singer a complete reorganization of the Comptroller's office has been affected. The Comptrollership has been abolished and henceforth financial supervision shall be in the hands of a Chief Auditor. Mr. Stern, at present assistant Comptroller of Montefiore Hospital, has been engaged in this capacity. He is to commence his employment on August 1st at a salary of \$5,000 per annum. Arrangements were also made for a temporary bookkeeper for a period of approximately six weeks at \$75 per week.

The Inner Committee approved the reorganization of the Comptroller's Department and approved the appointment of Mr. Stern as Chief Auditor and the temporary bookkeeper.

FINANCIAL SITUATION:

Mr. Goodman pointed out the stringency of the present financial situation of the ZOA treasury and that immediate steps must be taken to raise additional funds. Mr. Goldberg reported that Dr. Mar's, immediately upon his return on Monday, expects to direct the full attention of the organization towards collecting outstanding pledges made by Districts for the Expansion Fund. All executive personnel will be assigned towards this end. Mr. Goldberg then advised the Inner Committee of the outstanding pledges in the amount of \$28,650 which Mr. Posy, Director of the Expansion Fund, had assured him would be collected within the next ten days or two weeks.

Mr. Goodman voiced his readiness to get on the phone and call leaders of these respective communities so as to assure the receipt of these monies. Mr. Goodman also impressed upon the members of the Inner Committee the necessity of having an obligatory rule of the organization that no expenditures of any nature shall be made without consultation or approval of the Treasurer, co-Treasurer, and Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Finance Officers shall also have the privilege to initiate and effectuate reorganization of Departments for purposes of economy.

Dr. Neumann felt that we should do our utmost to negotiate a loan for this temporary emergency, and if necessary, steps be taken to raise a special fund until this situation is cleared. Mr. Pollack recommended that the following immediate measures be taken: (1) Suspend all overtime. (2) Discontinue all temporary employees hired for the shekel campaign. (3) Curtail all subventions.

ELECTION RETURNS:

Jacques Torczyner reported on the election returns.

HEBREW ARTS COMMITTEE:

It was reported that this committee had received a grant of \$10,000 from the Keren Hayesod. Due to the present financial situation, it was decided to withhold any further payments to the Hebrew Arts Committee for the current fiscal year.

HISTADRUTH IVRITH:

Dr. Neumann pointed out that we cannot ignore our obligation to the Histadruth Ivrit but inasmuch as the present financial situation prohibits any further payment at this time, it was recommended that a request be referred to the Keren Hayesod.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Dr. Neumann suggested that the ZOA members of the Executive Committee of the Emergency Council meet to discuss future policy.

A letter is to be sent on behalf of the Inner Committee to the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund affirming our support of the request by the Emergency Council for a loan of \$100,000 and urging that a special meeting of the Board be called as quickly as possible to take action in this matter.

No advance vacation checks are to be issued. Salaries are to be paid on a weekly basis.

Dr. Israel Goldstein brought to the attention of the Committee a letter which he had received from Mrs. Judith Epstein suggesting that committees of the ZOA and Hadassah meet to continue their discussion with reference to the General Zionist Confederation. It was suggested that Dr. Goldstein first have exploratory informal conversations with members of Hadassah before the ZOA can meet with them in committee.

Mr. Torczyner felt that a special committee should be appointed to consider a general reorganization of the entire administrative structure.

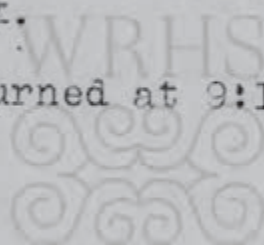
Dr. Neumann will appoint a committee for this purpose.

Mr. Greenleaf was authorized to sign checks in the absence of Milton Pollack.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted:

Yale Goldberg



INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, July 18, 1946
Suite 1426, 342 Madison

PRESENT: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Daniel Frisch, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Rabbi Irving Miller, Jacques Torczyner, Dr. Sidney Marks, and Harry L. Shapiro.

Dr. Neumann informed the group that he planned to be away from the city for a period of approximately three weeks beginning at the end of next week. Rabbi Miller plans to go to Europe at the same time, and will be gone a fortnight. Dr. Israel Goldstein is not sure of going to Europe. In view of these facts, several deputy members for the Inner Committee will be appointed. They will be: Mr. Charles Ress, Mr. Herman Weisman, and Mr. Sol Cohen.

Mr. Frisch was asked to serve as acting chairman in the absence of Dr. Neumann.

Motion was also made and carried that Dr. Neumann go to Paris for the forthcoming meeting of the Executive as a representative of the EOA. Mrs. Neumann will be asked to join him.

Dr. Neumann advised the group and Dr. Silver that he and Dr. Marks had met with Messrs. Goodman, Pollack and Sugarman and an estimate was made of the income and expenditures for the balance of the year. This discussion revealed that there would be a deficit. Several remedies were suggested: (1) There is to be as vigorous a campaign for the Expansion Fund as can be made and Dr. Marks reported that he, as well as most of the members of the staff will go out into the field to secure this money. (2) That a loan or line of credit be negotiated with the bank and Mr. Goodman will see if this can be arranged. (3) The idea was discussed of raising an extra sum of money from individuals to be made available before or at the Convention.

It was the consensus of opinion that between now and Convention, we should concentrate on securing the pledges to the Expansion Fund which have not as yet been honored.

Mr. Frisch offered to forego any vacation in order to cooperate in collecting these outstanding sums. Mr. Torczyner will make an effort to secure the balance of monies owing from the Metropolitan Zionist Fund.

EXPANSION FUND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE:

Dr. Marks indicated the plan of Manuel Posy for a telephone conference. Discussion was tabled as this might possibly be useful at some future time, but would not be used at the present time.

CONVENTION

Dr. Marks indicated the need for appointing a Convention Committee Chairman. Rabbi Miller suggested that this be done at once so that they could meet during the summer months and report at the September meeting of the National Executive. Bertley Arum and Sumner Wells were suggested as possible speakers for the Convention.

Dr. Neumann suggested that Mr. Frisch meet with the Constitutional Revision Committee to go through the Constitution and discuss any changes which they feel should be made.

HIST DRUTH IVRITH:

Dr. Neumann stated that the most pressing subvention to be considered is that of the Histadruth Ivrit, who were promised \$15,000 and received \$8,000 of this amount. Dr. Silver suggested that \$2,000 be given them and they shall be advised that as our monies come in, we will meet our commitment for the remainder.

RHODE ISLAND:

Dr. Marks reported that Providence had secured \$7,500 from their Welfare Fund and requested \$1,500 for use in the Region. They will be advised that this obligation has been recognized and that \$500 will be sent to them monthly.

WORLD GENERAL ZIONIST CONFEDERATION:

Mr. Frisch suggested that Mr. Gerson be asked to draw on their allocation at the end of October. \$5,000 is being given them immediately.

UPA CONFERENCE:

Dr. Marks reported that the UPA requested a list of key leaders to be invited to their forthcoming conference. A list will be furnished to the UPA with the names of the members of the Executive Committee, Administrative Council, and the Regional Presidents.

COMMITTEE ON UNITY FOR PALESTINE:

In view of the stringency of the present financial situation, it was felt that the Committee on Unity shall not be allowed to function on a budget to exceed \$40,000. Rabbi Miller and Mr. Frisch will speak with Rabbi Lelyveld and apprise him of this decision.

NEW PALESTINE:

Dr. Silver suggested that in planning for the changes in the New Palestine, the following should be done; A postal card will be sent to the 170,000 people who are now receiving this publication, asking them to indicate whether they desire to receive it during the coming year. If a reply is not received requesting it, the magazine will not be sent. He felt that the concern was not with relation but with relation to content. The number of issues may be reduced, however, to effect a saving.

The next meeting of the Inner Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 23rd, at 3:30 p.m. In addition to the members, all those on the reorganization committee shall be invited to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Dr. Sidney Marks.

INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 23rd, 1946
342 MADISON AVENUE, NYC

PRESENT: Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Sol Cohen, Rabbi Irving Miller, Daniel Frisch, Jacques Torczyner, Herman Weisman and Dr. Sidney Marks.

Special Guests: Rev. Martin Adolf and Samuel Inselbuch.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE:

Dr. Neumann indicated that he had spoken with Dr. Wechsler regarding the Hebrew University Committee and as yet there is no approved plan for this committee and its relations with the ZOA. Dr. Marks reviewed the history of this matter and it was agreed that the ZOA will not countenance any independent fund raising or other independent activity. This work must be integrated into the ZOA.

Mr. Frisch felt that a mutual understanding should be arrived at. Every time a committee is subsidized or given autonomy, we are apt to suffer, receive the blame and all the responsibility, without reflecting any of the credit upon us. Our approach, before the next Convention, should be that we are willing to contribute to the activity of these organizations but not on the basis of independent subventions of the ZOA, and there should be no committees which function as part of the ZOA unless they are under the direct supervision of the Executive Director and its officers.

Dr. Neumann stated that he had an appointment with Dr. Wechsler and would bring the results to this Committee, at which time the subject will be discussed further.

HEBREW ARTS COMMITTEE:

Dr. Neumann told Rev. Adolf that in an effort to aid the Hebrew Arts Committee, the ZOA members of the Keren Hayesod had sponsored an allocation by K.H. of \$10,000 to them, which allocation had been passed. In view of the above aid, and due to the financial situation in which the Organization finds itself, no further payments will be made this year. The entire relationship with the Committee will have to be reviewed for the next year. After discussion, a satisfactory arrangement was made.

GENERAL ZIONIST FUND:

At the last meeting of the Keren Hayesod Administrative Committee, the following proposal was made: \$100,000 shall be earmarked in the Finance Committee. The General Zionist agencies in this country shall have the right to call upon the Finance Committee for the use of this money or any part thereof. The payment in accordance with such requests shall be made through the Jewish Agency.

It was suggested that the Keren Hayesod call another meeting of its Administrative Committee to further discuss this matter. All matters which have come up in the Keren Hayesod recently and which are likely to come up shall be discussed at a future meeting of the Inner Committee as a matter of policy.

Mr. Röss shall be invited to attend meetings of the Inner Committee in the future, especially those prior to the Administrative Committee meetings of the Keren Hayesod.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC BUREAU:

Mr. Weisman reported that at the meeting of the Keren Hayesod, it was decided to accept the transfer of the Palestine Economic Bureau as of July 1st as suggested by the ZOA. The budget for the Bureau was discussed as was their activity. Three phases were: (1) General Education and promotion through present publications and a large exhibit. (2) To encourage merchants, industrialists, and people with skills to investigate the possibilities in Palestine. (3) Dr. Tannenbaum was delegated to work out a plan in connection with a very substantial investment idea which would coordinate the activities of all the various investment organizations. Their budget was estimated at \$65,000 to \$70,000.

REORGANIZATION:

Rabbi Miller was asked to indicate a plan for dealing with the various aspects of reorganization. Rabbi Miller outlined the following: (1) Structural aspect of the organization on the national level - reviewing the structure of the organization in terms of present functions and personnel to see whether a more efficient setup might not be secured perhaps by the creation of new departments or the integration of departments that now may be independent. (2) Structural aspects on the local level - this involves Regions and Districts only insofar as they infringe upon the Regions. A thorough reshuffling of Regions is needed because at the moment there is no binding direct authority whatsoever. In addition, the nature of the servicing is to be determined. (3) The content phase of the organization - this will involve a consideration of administrative aspects as well as a full discussion of the financial aspect of the organization.

Dr. Neumann indicated that he was thinking of the apparatus of the organization in the narrower sense of the word. He felt that all agreed that the work during the past months has revealed a certain weakness in the setup. The organization has slumped in the sense that in some cities there is a large membership, but not much organization in terms of activity, interest and participation. To a large extent, the solution of these problems depends upon the professional staff who must not act merely as salesmen but men who can act as the focus and center of Zionist life in their area. This would apply whether he is a representative of the national organization or whether he is under the

direction of the local district or region. These people must be capable Zionists to really stimulate and guide the activity in their community and area; people who really understand Zionist work and have the stature to lead the Zionist effort. Dr. Neumann urged that this problem be dealt with immediately. Certain aspects of the reorganization cannot wait for the return of Rabbi Miller.

Mr. Inselbuch indicated that in studying the problems of reorganization, one of the first steps to effect a proper kind of system would be to have an office of Regional Administration, responsible to the Executive Director. Dr. Neumann felt that the task is to make sure that our Zionist workers are good all-round men who are prepared to supervise and direct Zionist activity in a given area, irrespective of what the problem shall be. We cannot specialize. Mr. Frisch expressed the feeling that no part of Rabbi Miller's proposed plan requires action by the Convention and it is of the utmost importance that before the end of August, that this committee decide the regional setup throughout the country. He suggested that the committee act immediately on the revamping of the Regions.

Rabbi Miller felt that the national office required nine sub-offices in the country and personnel for them. Instructions were given that a chart be prepared showing future regions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted:

Dr. Sidney Marks

INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, July 31, 1946
342 MADISON AVENUE, NYC

PRESENT: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Sol Cohen, Benjamin Doft, Daniel Frisch,
Joseph W. Greenleaf, Jacques Toczynier, Yale Goldberg.

Mr. Frisch read to the group a statement made by President Truman recalling the Grady Committee to Washington.

HAGANAH CAMPAIGN:

Mr. Toczynier indicated that Mr. Sonnenborn had been called and it had been suggested to him that a large fund be solicited in the Metropolitan area for the benefit of the Haganah and for the ZOA.

Mr. Doft stated that the Long Island Region was confronted with the problem of raising money for Haganah and for practical reasons there would be one fund-raising campaign a year. The representatives of Haganah were promised the fullest consideration in allocations. He indicated, however, that Mr. Dostofsky was opposed to the principle of amalgamation because he felt it would be difficult to have it in a secret and confidential manner and it would be necessary to indicate that some of these monies were for Haganah and it might prove dangerous. He also indicated that he represented the Jewish Agency in these feelings. Mr. Doft said that the Long Island Region would raise these monies without giving any indication of for what purpose it was being raised, and some of it will be allocated to the Haganah. Mr. Dostofsky went on record as being opposed to this procedure.

Mr. Frisch felt that Mr. Doft's plan was a good one because the Long Island Region, the ZOA, and the Haganah must have funds and unless we can coordinate this activity in the Regions, people will not respond to further solicitations.

Dr. Silver questioned how publicity will be handled. Mr. Doft stated that the leaders will understand what the money will be allocated for. Under no circumstances will Haganah be included in public ads or statements. Money will be raised for "political work and defense of Palestine.

The Long Island Region is to stipulate that they are willing to go out on this campaign provided that the Jewish Agency does not solicit such funds independently.

Dr. Silver felt that if a proper campaign were established in a community for the needs of the Region and the Expansion Fund, it can be done. If a community can successfully run this campaign, it will serve as a good background of experience for other communities throughout the country.

METROPOLITAN ZIONIST FUND:

A discussion was held as to the formula to be followed in negotiating with the M.Z.F. for a new contract. A larger percentage will be requested.

Mr. Toczynier and Mr. Weisman will attend the meeting of the Metropolitan Zionist Fund.

EXPANSION FUND:

Dr. Silver indicated that several members of the staff were travelling throughout the country on behalf of the Expansion Fund. Mr. Goldberg indicated the amount of money which had been raised within the past three weeks and indicated the total monies raised to date.

SHEKEL CAMPAIGN:

Mr. Frisch felt that everyone in the organization is conscious of how much we owe Mr. Torczyner for the success of the shekel campaign. Mr. Goldberg apprised Dr. Silver of the election results to date.

BRONX REGION:

Mr. Frisch will appoint a representative to meet with the Bronx people together with Dr. Marks.

REORGANIZATION:

Mr. Torczyner indicated that something drastic will have to be done quickly. Someone will have to be found for the West Coast. Mr. Frisch indicated that he will be in Chicago to meet with several leaders in order to set the stage for the changes being proposed.

Mr. Goldberg informed those present that Dr. Marks is preparing a plan for reorganization. Mr. Torczyner felt that further discussion of reorganization should then wait for Dr. Mark's completion of plan.

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN:

Dr. Silver will appoint a Convention Chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted:

Dr. Sidney Marks

INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 12, 1946
Suite 1426, 342 Madison Avenue

PRESENT: Daniel Frisch, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Charles Ress, Jacques Torczyner, and Yale Goldberg.

WORLD ZIONIST CONFERENCE:

Jacques Torczyner reviewed the history of the events which lead to calling a meeting of 50% of the Actions Committee. It was suggested that the Actions Committee approve of 12 representatives from America. Mr. Frisch indicated that until we had an expression from Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann, no decision shall be reached.

Mr. Torczyner suggested that three seats be reserved on a plane to Paris in the event that there is a change of plans.

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE:

Yale Goldberg read to the group correspondence nominating Joseph W. Greenleaf as Convention Chairman. Mr. Torczyner suggested that all members of the Inner Committee, plus all Regional Chairman, become members of the Convention Committee. Mr. Frisch and Mr. Greenleaf will meet to discuss the makeup of this committee.

METROPOLITAN ZIONIST FUND:

Mr. Goldberg read the recommendations made at the last Board Meeting of the MZF. This plan was accepted. Mr. Posy will attend the meeting of MZF at which final terms will be reached and he will advise the Inner Committee of this plan.

WASHINGTON BUILDING:

Mr. Goldberg indicated that an agreement had been reached for the sale of this building.

ZOA NEWS REPORTER

A memo was received from Ernest Barbarash stating that in order to make a clear-cut distinction between The New Palestine and The New Palestine News Reporter, that the name of the latter be changed to "ZOA News Reporter".

EXPANSION FUND:

Mr. Goldberg read a report made by Mr. Posy on the progress of the Expansion Fund. Mr. Frisch indicated that he had agreed to speak at an Expansion Fund dinner in San Francisco on September 17th.

SHEKEL ELECTIONS:

Mr. Ress, Chairman of the Shekel Board reported on the activities of the Board, and it was the unanimous decision that Mr. Ress be given supreme authority to make any decisions pertaining to further activities of the Board.

SUBVENTIONS & EXPENDITURES:

Mr. Goldberg read a letter from the New England Zionist Region requesting payment for expenses incurred in the Shekel Campaign. Mr. Frisch suggested that a letter be written stating that we are in a difficult financial position, that Dr. Marks is ill and cannot okay the bill, and that the Inner Committee cannot pass payment without Dr. Marks' okay, but that the Inner Committee consented to send them a check for \$1,000 on account.

COMMITTEE ON UNITY:

A memo was received from Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld expressing dismay at the decision taken. A memo shall be written explaining this decision to him if he is away from the city. If he is in the office, he shall be spoken to.

DETROIT:

A letter was received from Detroit indicating that a combined campaign was being entered into with the Emergency Council. Discussion on this matter was tabled.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Inner Committee approved of Dr. Marks' signature to the will which is to be probated.

It was indicated that the American Jewish Conference had requested a contribution from the ZOA. Mr. Berger shall be called and told that the Zionist Organization paid its contribution for the year and our organizational structure being different from that of any other organization and by the very nature of our work, we are constantly pressed for funds. We can, under no circumstances undertake a quota for the Conference at this time. However, we understand the needs and we will instruct the Districts and Regions to be helpful when the call comes from the American Jewish Conference.

Mr. Goldberg read a report submitted by Dr. Marks on a meeting with representatives of the Bronx Region.

A letter was received from Mr. Ben Weingart, the former Comptroller, requesting reinstatement. This letter was referred to the Finance Committee.

A memo was read from Dr. Simon Bernstein requesting the publication of letters received by the Palestine Bureau. It was suggested that he address this request to the Convention due to the lack of funds at the present time.

It will be up to the local leaders to decide the manner in which Expansion Fund monies shall be raised. If they desire to approach the Welfare Fund, this will be entirely up to the community.

A letter will be written to Rabbi Zucker.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted

Yale Goldberg

INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1946
Suite 1426, 342 Madison Avenue

PRESENT: Daniel Frisch, Abraham Goodman, Joseph W. Greenleaf,
Jacques Torczyner, Yale Goldberg and Rabbi Arthur
Lelyveld.

UNITY COMMITTEE:

Rabbi Lelyveld outlined to the Inner Committee the program for expenditures of his committee until October 1st. He was requested to limit expenditures as much as possible and to curtail printing and mailing of literature until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

NEW PALESTINE:

Yale Goldberg submitted the memo from Mr. Carl Alpert addressed to the Inner Committee. Inasmuch as Mr. Alpert stated that the Post Office would not approve of an insertion in the magazine at the present postal rates, it was decided to have Mr. Alpert explore the feasibility of using a heavier paper stock on which would be imprinted a reply postcard for members to indicate their desire to continue receiving the magazine.

MR. IZAAC KARPMAN:

It was decided to defer action until Dr. Neumann's return, at which time he will be consulted. In the interim, Mr. Karman is to be given \$100 as remuneration for his services in representing the ZOA at the Brandeis Camp. This sum is to be charged to the Speakers' Bureau.

METROPOLITAN ZIONIST FUND:

The MZF agreement was submitted for signature and approval by the Inner Committee. Mr. Frisch was authorized to sign on behalf of the ZOA.

JOSEPH GREENSTEIN:

Yale Goldberg submitted the memorandum from Sidney Marks with reference to Mr. Greenstein, advising the Inner Committee that the M.Z.F. had discontinued the employment of Mr. Greenstein as of September 30th, 1946. Inasmuch as Mr. Greenstein is at present employed on a part-time basis with the ZOA, it was considered advisable to terminate his services at the same time. A letter to that effect is to be transmitted to Mr. Greenstein.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted:

Yale Goldberg

INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 1946
Suite 1426, 342 Madison Avenue

PRESENT: Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Abraham Goodman, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Milton Pollack, Herman Weisman, Dr. Sidney Marks and Herschel Auerbach.

Special Guests: Nat Cohen, Sol Cohen, and Bernard Singer.

Dr. Marks reported that he had just come from the Shekel Board and a meeting to discuss the forthcoming Congress. A representative of the Jewish Agency had stated that the United States would have 122 delegates and the World Zionist Congress and the ZOA would be entitled to 33.2% of the delegates. At the last advices, which were not official, the Congress will be held on December 4th at Basle and the State Department has limited the number of people we can get there to 250.

Dr. Neumann suggested that a small sub-committee be appointed to deal with all matters of the Congress. He further suggested that a strong telegram be sent to our friends in Palestine and to the Executive to see that we are distressed and upset and that we would like to know on exactly what basis they are working, and claim that America should be entitled to roughly 1/2 of the total number of delegates. In the case of the Executive, we would like to know how many delegates they plan to have all together, how distributed and on what basis. In the letter to Lauterbach, we should mention our readiness to assume our share of any deficit in Shekel Board disbursements.

At the same time, we ought to cable to Torczyner, Dr. Sneh or both, in Paris. Dr. Neumann requested a list of the 40 members of the ZOA who will be entitled to attend the Congress. It was suggested that approximately 25 alternates be taken to the Congress in the event that we are allowed additional delegates at the time. They are to be advised that they may not become delegates, but that it was merely a possibility.

CHALUTZIUTH REPORT:

Herschel Auerbach outlined the report that had been prepared on the problem of General Zionist Chalutzith, and the lack of such a movement in this country. The immediate problem is the 60 young people who are now members of Plugat Aliyah and wish to enter training camps and proceed to Palestine. It was suggested that this aid be given in the form of establishing a General Zionist training camp in this country.

On the general problem of American Chalutzith, there are a great many factors. Mr. Redelheim has worked on a plan for the establishment of a Palestine Chalutzith Commission composed of all of the parties. This Chalutzith bureau would work in conjunction with the Palestine Economic Bureau.

Dr. Neumann indicated that the last meeting of the Inner Committee had expressed a positive interest in the Plugat Aliyah, its program and its plans.

The Youth Commission will go into this matter with the young people who are interested and bring the results of their meeting to the Inner Committee.

SPECIAL ZOA FUND:

It was indicated that several members of the organization desire to raise a special testimonial fund to be placed at Dr. Silver's disposal to be used at his discretion for Zionist purposes and activities. It was suggested that this money be called the Silver Testimonial fund. A special bank account is to be opened and segregated from other funds. If Dr. Silver approves of this project, the ZOA will be prepared to carry it out.

LONG ISLAND REGION:

Mr. Sol Cohen mentioned the difficulties which have arisen in the present plans for a fund raising campaign in Long Island. Dr. Neumann indicated that Mr. Dewey Stone had secured from Mr. Sonnenborn an agreement on a joint fund raising campaign between the ZOA Expansion Fund and the Jewish Agency. It will have to be ascertained whether further agreement on this matter can be obtained and if this cannot be done, the Region shall have to decide on which basis to cooperate.

TORCZYNER CABLE:

Dr. Neumann indicated that Jacques Torczyner had cabled for \$7,500 to be sent to an address in Switzerland.

HISTADRUTH IVEITH:

Dr. Neumann indicated that he had advised Dr. Silver that he hoped that we would be able to complete the payments to the Histadruth Ivrit by convention time.

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

Mr. Pollack reported on the meeting held with the Union and the Inner Committee authorized Mr. Pollack to proceed with the contents of the report.

JOSEPH GREENSTEIN:

Dr. Marks raised the question of severance pay due to Mr. Greenstein. He was allocated normal severance.

VOTING DELEGATES:

No guest organization will be entitled to send voting delegates at the Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted:

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1946, 342 MADISON AVE.

PRESENT: Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Daniel Frisch, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Rabbi Irving Miller, Charles Ress, Herman Weisman, Dr. Sidney Marks. Special Guests: Philip Lassar.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL:

Sarah Behrman had called Dr. Marks regarding the composition of the new UPA. Mr. Ress advised that the new campaign is being decided on. There will be a meeting of the joint committee, at which time the terms of the contract will be discussed and officers will be designated.

Dr. Neumann suggested that a letter be written to Hadassah questioning whether they are prepared to have the matter of the one-half million dollars put into the new UPA Contract or to ascertain from Dr. Goldstein first if he has any information on same.

Rabbi Miller, Mr. Ress and Mr. Weisman will meet and discuss this problem.

PUBLICATIONS:

Mr. Cooperman informed the Committee of the dates when several new books would be off the press. Dr. Neumann suggested that leaflets be printed in time for the convention reproducing the covers on a circular, so that they can be displayed and orders can be taken.

CONGRESS:

Dr. Marks indicated that Maxwell Cohen, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, had signified his desire to attend the Congress. This matter was tabled until we could ascertain what the cost would be.

BUDGETS:

In order to avoid following the pattern set last year, plans for budgeting should be made carefully in advance and a budgetary policy decided upon. Dr. Neumann indicated that Mr. Pollack had suggested that all of the departments and activities should spend a day going over each item in a group and get a collective judgment about the entire matter.

On the matter of the ZOA scholarships, Mr. Pollack indicated that there is no record of the \$15,000 special fund which was established. The Executive Director and the Chairman of the Finance Committee will decide the amount to be paid to the three people who have received scholarships.

Regarding the \$2,000 to be sent to the Hungarian Zionists, Rabbi Miller and Dr. Goldstein pledged further payments to the European General Zionists as an advance for this year's subsidies. A cable was received from Jacques Torczyner requesting \$7,500 but a new cable has been received asking for \$2,000 to be sent for Hungary. The Executive Committee has noted the pledge made by Dr. Goldstein and Rabbi Miller to advance up to \$7,500, which it was decided to do subject to advice from Mr. Torczyner. Thus far he has advised us about \$2,000. These monies are to be paid from the Expansion Fund.

Mr. Pollack indicated that there is a rumor that the meeting for the \$100,000 fund was for the purpose of covering a serious deficit in the organization. Dr. Neumann indicated that he had informed those who were at the meeting that this was not the case.

On the matter of the Histadruth Ivrit, we have voted an amount of \$15,000 to them and have paid them \$10,000 thus far.

An understanding should be reached that no specific amount will be allocated at the Convention.

On the \$100,000 Palestine Fund, Mr. Pollack does not know for what purpose this amount was set aside and on what authority checks can be drawn. There should be a definite statement as to authority. The Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee are authorized to sign checks on this account only on special authorization of the Inner Committee.

Each department head was asked to analyze what his expenses will be. Mr. Pollack indicated he was faced with a struggle with the union and the suggestions he has made are integrated with the entire union problem.

On the problem of Manuel Posy, the following was decided: an increase to \$6,000 and a bonus of \$500 for his efforts last year.

While all of the retrenchment and reorganization is going on, there will have to be some individual adjustments. It was agreed that where individual adjustments should be made, they would be made on the bonus basis without adopting automatic scales at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Dr. Marks indicated that negotiations have been taking place to secure the Palestine print of The March of Time. He was authorized to purchase 20 copies of this film.

The question has arisen with reference to the Regions. There has been a tendency on the part of several regions to advocate Plan B. A great deal of it is due to the fact that they find it difficult to finance themselves. He suggested the possibility of raising the dues.

Mr. Frisch felt that this matter of raising dues must be discussed next year, as it was too late in the year to reach such a decision since the bills have been sent out. He felt that this trend in favor of Plan B is not satisfactory, and these people should be met with and these problems discussed.

Mr. Frisch indicated that Dr. Harry May would terminate his employment with ZOA as of the end of December.

Dr. Neumann indicated to the Inner Committee that Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld had tendered his resignation. The Inner Committee passed a resolution to him in appreciation for his service to the organization.

1947 CONVENTION:

Dr. Marks was instructed to make a tentative reservation in Buffalo and to explore the possibility of securing accommodations in New York.

ELECTIONS:

Mr. Ress indicated that under the Constitution, it is impossible for the Executive to change the number of delegates to be sent to the Congress. Mr. Ress further indicated that we had promised to pay our share of the expenses provided that the other groups pay their portion. He suggested that we now indicate that we accept our liability and share of the expenses. Dr. Neumann indicated that it would be still better if we could secure the agreement of the other parties to assume their share.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted:

DR. SIDNEY MARKS
Executive Director



INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1946
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

PRESENT: Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Daniel Frisch, Abraham Goodman, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Rabbi Irving Miller, Charles Ress, Dr. Sidney Marks, Ernest Barbarash, Isidore Cooperman.

YALE GOLDBERG:

It was agreed to lend \$2,000 to Yale Goldberg to be repaid at not less than \$100 per month.

CONVENTION:

Mr. Greenleaf read the tentative program for the 49th Annual Convention. It was suggested that the reception be held in the upper lobby of the Breakers Hotel and that punch and cookies be served. The report by the chairman of the Expansion Fund, Dewey Stone, will be made at the opening session. Several changes were made in the wording of the program.

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL FUND:

It was suggested that a small group be invited to meet with Dr. Silver early in the Convention in an effort to raise money for this fund. A list of the people who are to be invited will be compiled in advance.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

Twenty-five members at large will have to be appointed to the Committee. A tentative list is to be submitted through Dr. Marks to Dr. Silver.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Dr. Neumann indicated that there was still no definite news with regard to Dr. Sneh.

Dr. Neumann felt that a reception should be tendered to Jacques Torczyner upon his arrival from Europe.

Dr. Neumann indicated that he had cabled Moshe Shapiro that we were prepared to pay our share of the \$100,000.

Dr. Neumann read a cable which was received from a group of Zionists in Shanghai requesting \$300 for their Congress election expenses. They indicated that Dr. Silver was heading their slate. Dr. Marks was asked to check the authenticity of this request.

On the matter of the Youth Commission subvention, Mr. Weisman suggested that a minimum of \$3,700 should be advanced to the Youth Commission against the balance due of \$7,500 in order to avoid a deficit in the Youth Commission. The group authorized drafting a check in the amount of \$3,700 to the Youth Commission, subject to finance committee approval.

Dr. Neumann indicated the wish to meet with the Executive Staff and will meet with them at the staff meeting in Atlantic City.

Dr. Neumann received a note from Dr. Shlomo Bardin describing a negative attitude on the part of a member in San Francisco relative to the Youth Commission. This member came to New York recently and spoke with Dr. Neumann. He is interested in sports activities and has definite ideas on the kind of youth work which should be done. Mr. Weisman will be on the West Coast during the month of November and will speak with a person there who might be qualified to work in that area.

There must be a provision made for a group to operate at the time when most of the Executive Committee members and the Inner Committee will be in Switzerland for a period of five to six weeks. A temporary Inner Committee will be appointed.

The financial situation should be looked into to avoid any financial stringency during the absence of the Inner Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director



INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1946, 3:45 P.M.
342 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 1426, NEW YORK CITY

PRESENT: Daniel Frisch, Abraham Goodman, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Jacques Torczyner, Herman L. Weisman, and Dr. Sidney Marks.

JEWISH BOOK SERVICE:

A request was received from Mr. Cooperman regarding the Jewish Book Service and their request to have the exclusive management and direction of the ZOA Book Department. Mr. Frisch felt that the general recommendations were deserving of consideration but there were several minor changes which will have to be made. They concern their use of our mailing lists, their explaining what they consider "reasonable" advertising space in ZOA publications, and our wish to have them supply label, letterheads, etc., as well as the matter of guarantee of payment for books.

CONGRESS:

Mr. Frisch indicated that Paul Gaiser and A.K. Isreeli will attend the Congress in the hope of becoming delegates. In addition to these men, ten people should be encouraged to attend the Congress, in addition to those high up on the slate, and they should be informed that chances are very good that they will become delegates.

At Dr. Neumann's suggestion, Dr. Silver will be asked to appoint a committee which will recommend delegates to be named to various commissions at the Congress.

Delegates will be contacted and asked to attend a dinner meeting to be held on Wednesday evening, January 13th at the Hotel Commodore.

When the delegation arrives at Basle, they will select a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Associate Chairman, Secretary, etc.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Inner Committee agreed with Dr. Neumann's suggestions in his memoranda to Milton Pollack regarding budget and Mr. Pollack will be advised of this agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

It was felt that Dr. Silver should announce the chairmanship and officers of all committees to the Administrative Council.

BUDGET:

Mr. Abraham Goodman felt that the Inner Committee must work with the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee so that controls which are being innovated shall mean something. He suggested the following: (I) That the organization pay the expenses upon request, for the officers (President, Chairmen of the Inner Committee and Administrative Council, Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee). These expenses shall have a ceiling of \$2,000 per officer. (II) He felt that a fund of approximately \$10,000 be made available to the discretion of the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee for those delegates other than officers who will be given special

assignments at the Congress for the organization, with a \$1,000 ceiling of expenses per individual.

Mr. Frisch wanted the delegation to be able to give money to the European Zionists on the basis of the Expansion Fund if their needs be pressing.

The officers shall be authorized to spend for ZOA expenses during the Congress an amount up to \$7,500.

COMPOSITION OF THE INNER COMMITTEE:

The Inner Committee shall consist of those members now on the Committee, plus Herman Weisman and Charles Ress, and perhaps one or two others to be added.

BUDGET (Cont)

Mr. Goodman pointed out that the problem with respect to the budget is not difficult if the Inner Committee takes action on some subventions. The Administrative Council should recommend merely permissive, over-all sums for the subvention and perhaps deal with the Youth Commission separately; then Milton Pollack and Mr. Goodman together could work out the balance.

Motion was made that the Youth Commission be advanced \$5,000 a month for October and November.

Subventions: It was decided that it be recommended that for the time being the subventions to the Histadruth Ivrit (including Hadoar), Bitzaron, and the American Jewish Conference, not exceed the sum of \$25,000, this sum to be paid at the discretion of the Inner Committee and decision to be made not earlier than April 1st, 1947 in light of the results of the Expansion Fund Drive. In the interim, the Histadruth Ivrit shall receive an advance of \$2,500 on account and Bitzaron shall be given an immediate advance of \$500 until such time as final decision is made on the individual items.

Youth Commission: Permissive Amount \$80,000, payments to be made monthly on the basis of \$70,000. This amount to be charged - 1/3rd to the regular account and 2/3rd to the Expansion Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Jacques Torczyner suggested that the work of the Inner Committee be divided among the members, in terms of portfolio.

Herman Weisman suggested that a definite date be set for meetings.

Charles Ress, Herman Weisman and Abraham Goodman were made a committee to investigate the possibility of purchasing the Manhattan Towers.

Respectfully submitted:

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1946, 3:30 pm
Suite 1426, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC

PRESENT: Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Daniel Frisch, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Abraham Goodman, Mark Sugarman, Herman Weisman and Dr. Sidney Marks.

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

The following matters will be on the agenda of this meeting Election of Members of the Executive, Budget, Publications, Congress, Chairmen of Committees, Confederation of General Zionists, Expansion Fund Report, Membership Report, Report of the President and National Jubilee Committee.

COMMITTEES:

The following appointments for committees were suggested:

Expansion Fund: Mr. Dewey D. Stone, Chairman. Mark Sugarman and Willy Norwind of Chicago, co-chairmen. Rudolf Sonnborn, Vice-Chairman.

Political Affairs: Rabbi Leon Feuer, Chairman. Jacob Richman, Secretary.

General Education Committee: Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman. Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, co-chairman. Rabbi David Polish, Gittelson, Rabbi Simon Greenberg, Max Kaudshin, Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, as members.

Unity Committee: Rabbi David Polish and Dr. Felix Levy as co-chairmen.

Membership: Joseph Goldberg, Chairman. Co-chairman to be appointed.

Youth Commission: Herman L. Weisman, Chairman

Chalutzim Committee: Louis Schwefel, Chairman. Abraham Redelheim, co-chairman.

Veterans Committee: William Kapelman and Albert Schanzer, co-chairmen.

Jewish National Fund Activities: Dr. Harris Levine, Chairman

Publications: Rabbi Theodore Lewis was suggested as Chairman of this committee subject to further consideration. People from other parts of the country to be added.

CONGRESS:

Of the \$100,000, \$10,000 was paid to Louis Rucker for transmission to Europe on account for the General Zionists.

Dr. Neumann proposed that \$60,000 be paid to these people indicating that it is being done upon the instruction of the General Zionist Organization of Palestine. We should state in the cable that we paid out \$10,000 in Europe for their purposes and for the balance of \$30,000 we propose that it wait until we meet in Europe. The Treasurer and co-Treasurer should be authorized and

requested to pay out the \$60,000 upon being satisfied that these people are the ones who have been designated as transferees. A cable should be sent saying "Regarding Scheckter, Chayo and Hirschowitz, they acted in accordance with your suggestion. For the rest, will discuss matter in Europe. Frisch is sailing on Thursday on the America, arriving Paris November 22nd." Mr. Hirschowitz is staying at the Commodore Hotel, room 448.

Mr. Goodman felt that Dr. Sneh should make statement authorizing Hartman to receive these funds.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL:

Mr. Weisman reported that at the last meeting of the UPA Executive, Mr. Sonneborn suggested that the UPA have a representative at the Congress and that Mr. Robert Silverman was indicated as the one to be sent. A committee of five was appointed to discuss this matter further.

PALESTINE BUREAU:

Mr. Frisch indicated that we have discussed the possibility of the Keren Hayesod assuming responsibility for the Palestine Bureau. Dr. Marks indicated that the Bureau carries a great deal of prestige. Discussion on this matter was tabled until after the Congress.

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE:

Dr. Marks indicated that our membership has been questioning as to what the ZOA and other bodies in Zionist circles were doing about the League. This matter will be discussed with Dr. Silver.

RADIO PROGRAM:

Dr. Marks indicated that at this late date, nothing has been done about this program. It was decided to prepare a 13-week schedule.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE:

Mark Sugarman reported that those who are interested in this committee have been informed that it is sponsored by the ZOA. The initial meeting of a large committee will be held on Thursday evening, at which time officers, executive committee and a board of directors will be elected. Dr. Wechsler, has asked this group to meet with his advisory committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

MINUTES OF THE INNER COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 20, 1947

Hotel Biltmore, New York City

PRESENT: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, presiding; Dr. Israel Goldstein, Abraham Goodman, Rabbi Irving Miller, Milton Pollack, Charles Ress, Jacques Torczyner, Herman Weisman and Dr. Sidney Marks.

CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS:

Dr. Goldstein reported on the organization plans for the World Confederation and asked that \$25,000 be set aside by the Z.O.A. for this work, and asked that personnel be set aside for the purpose of helping in this work. The Inner Committee voted to set this money aside for the purpose described. With regard to the other matter, Dr. Marks informed the group that Mr. Karpman had been assigned for this work, as well as the necessary clerical help.

Dr. Goldstein also described the importance of relief funds for General Zionists in the D.P. camps comparable to that being given by the other parties to members of their parties and questioned the ability of the Expansion Fund to provide that amount. Upon discussion of this issue, and further analysis of the budget, it was decided to table this issue for the next month or two until further evidence with regard to the success of the Expansion Fund was available.

MR. KARPMAN:

Dr. Marks acquainted the Committee with the nature of Mr. Karpman's work in the office and the movement and with his position in regards to Haoved Hatzioni. He informed the group that \$1000 had already been given to him in connection with expenses involved in this work and asked for the right to allocate another \$1000 for that purpose. This permission was granted.

ITTAMAR BEN-AVI:

Dr. Marks informed the group of a letter requesting that the Z.O.A. make a contribution with regard to the returning of Ittamar Ben-Avi's body to Palestine as a final resting-place. The Committee decided that the Z.O.A. recommend that this be taken care of by the Jewish National Fund.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF HAWAII:

Dr. Marks informed the group that there was a communication from this group requesting a reply in regard to a possible exception to accepting non-Jews into the Zionist district there. Upon discussion, it was decided to recommend to the District in Hawaii that they recommend non-Jewish members to the Christian Palestine Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE:

Dr. Marks read a communication from the State Department asking whether the organization wished to be placed on a mailing-list for communications from time to time and requests for opinion on questions in Jewish matters taken up by the U.S. delegation to U.N.O. The American Jewish Conference had requested that such matters be referred to it as the over-all agency. After discussion it was decided that the Z.O.A. reply in the affirmative, pointing out we are affiliated, however, with the American Jewish Conference.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Milton Pollack reported on finances and informed the group that for the next-three-month period, the financial operations of the organizations were in good shape. He reported a sharp falling-off of Expansion Fund receipts and agreed with Mr. Goodman's analysis of the probable falling-off of "donations and contributions" due to a set-back in the general financial condition all over the country. He reported that \$67,000 had been collected on the Expansion Fund to date, and that there are at least 75,000 renewals or new memberships. He reported further on the present condition of the finances of the organization which is sound. He also reported on the recommendations of the Office Committee with regard to changes in budget allocation and further criticism and recommendations with regard to budget. The recommendations concerned changes in the Membership and Record departments, and subventions to the Youth Commission, Histadruth Ivrit, Bitzaron, and Plugat Aliyah.

With regard to labor problems, Mr. Pollack reported that all negotiations were concluded satisfactorily.

He further reported on the action by the state of Alabama in which contributions and a membership fee to the Zionist Organization of America were disallowed because the organization is said to be political and expressed his opinion that this would be a forerunner to other actions of this kind by other states and possibly by the Federal Government. He expressed the hope that we would concentrate on the educational and cultural aspect of the movement rather than the political.

Mr. Pollack also reported on a request which had been made by Mr. Joseph Goldberg, Membership Chairman for an additional \$25,000 for a membership campaign in New York City. The Finance Committee discussed this item thoroughly and recommended that this amount not be granted in which recommendation the staff concurred, because it would be wasteful of money and recommended other means of less expensive and more lasting membership techniques than advertising etc., and instead recommended that ten people be hired in New York City at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 for a period of eight weeks.

In discussion on these items of recommendation for the budget, Dr. Silver pointed out the importance of subventions to the Histadruth Ivrit and Bitzaron, and after due discussion it was decided to leave the Histadruth and Hadoar subventions as they were to date, and increasing the Bitzaron budget from \$1000 to \$2000.

Dr. Silver also suggested that another word be substituted for the word Education in that item.

Regarding the recommendation favoring an investigation of the operation of the Youth Commission, Mr. Weisman made several points in reply to the points in the recommendation. He pointed out that there are figures available and that the office operation is available for examination of the Commission's books. He also made the point that most of the money now going to Young Judaea, Masada and campus and that Jr. Hadassah received no money from the Commission. He also analyzed the monies being spent on the various organizations and in a brief statement of how the monies received by the Commission were spent. He also pointed out that helping the existing youth organizations was only one part of the work and that the other duty was to draw in non-Zionist youth into the movement. He cited Brandeis Camp and its success and ability to support itself and the

inspiration it gave to Commissions throughout the country to build camps of the same type and felt that these would be no competition for the Expansion Fund. Further discussion was held on this latter point, and emphasis was placed on the fact that the very efforts to build these camps was interfering with Expansion Fund campaigns in various communities. Dr. Silver also pointed out the importance of seeing to it that the youth organizations themselves received more help in the way of unspent funds that they could spend for their organizations, etc.

Dr. Silver went on to outline the work of Plugat Aliyah, General Zionist youth group, and stressed the importance of support of this group by the Z.O.A. in connection with Chalutzit in America. Dr. Silver recommended that at least \$5,000 be set aside for this purpose, and after some discussion on the subject it was decided to set this aside for the work of Plugat Aliyah.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON DISPLACED PERSONS:

The American Jewish Conference wants us to support them and affiliate with them in the work for this Committee. The Inner Committee decided in the affirmative.

FRANK COHEN:

Dr. Marks described the situation involving the letters Mr. Cohen has been sending out to a list of Zionists and informed the Inner Committee that where comment had been made, a letter, prepared by Dr. Neumann in reply, had been sent. Dr. Marks asked that the Inner Committee decide on whether this policy be continued and this course was decided upon.

REORGANIZATION OF REGIONS:

Dr. Marks outlined the plans for the reorganization of regions, stressing the work being done in the West and Middle West, and plans for offices in those areas, which was approved by the Inner Committee.

MASADA:

Dr. Marks informed the group of a request by Masada for a loan of \$2000, and after discussion on this item, it was referred to the Youth Commission for action.

RESIGNATION OF MR. ISADORE FEIN:

Mr. Fein has resigned as representative of the Z.O.A. on the Keren Hayesod Board, and this matter was referred to Mr. Ress, for the appointment of a new representative.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS:

Dr Marks reported on a letter from Mr. Milton Richman of the Jewish War Veterans requesting further cooperation in the work - upon discussion, the Inner Committee recommended encouragement of this matter.

AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE:

Dr. Marks presented a request by the American Economic Committee for Palestine for \$13,750 as the second half of its budget. Upon discussion it was decided that this request will be given sympathetic consideration.

STATUS OF INNER COMMITTEE:

Rabbi Irving Miller was appointed Chairman of the Committee, at least until Dr. Neumann returns and a meeting was called for Thursday, 4:00 P.M. at the Emergency Council office, January 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director



INNER COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 30, 1947, 4:00 P.M.
342 Madison Avenue, Suite 1426, New York City

PRESENT: Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman, and Messrs. Daniel Frisch, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Charles Ress, Mark Sugarman, Jacques Torczyner, Herman Weisman and Dr. Sidney Marks.

- 1) HAGANAH: It was recommended that the question of Haganah and its activities be referred to Dr. Silver in the name of the Inner Committee. The Inner Committee desires authorization from him to discuss with people whom he will name in the Jewish Agency a modus operandi with respect to Haganah, which formulation once arrived at, should have his complete backing as the head of the American section of the Jewish Agency.
- 2) TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION: The question of purchasing a dual duplicator machine and a folding machine was brought up by Dr. Marks. It was recommended that the matter be referred to Mr. Milton Pollack to look into the matter and report to the next meeting of the Inner Committee. Dr. Marks also reported on the need for tabs for the Addressograph Department, and this matter was referred to Mr. Greenleaf for his attention.
- 3) HEBREW UNIVERSITY - SCHOLARSHIPS: The subject of the appointment of a new Chairman to replace Dr. Israel Goldstein, resigned, was delayed for consideration at the next meeting of the Inner Committee. The suggestion was made that some person outside the Zionist field be considered for this position and the name of Professor Janowski was mentioned in this connection.
- 4) AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE: With reference to the request of the Conference for a contribution of \$4200 from the ZOA towards the budget of that organization, it was RESOLVED, that an advance payment of \$2000 on account be made at this time. A communication was read from the Conference deploring the lack of Zionist representation at meeting of the Interim Committee of the Conference. It was suggested that the matter be referred to the National Executive Committee with a statement that we have been reminded by the Conference of the non-attendance of the Zionist delegates.

The Chairman reported that the next session of the American Jewish Conference takes place within the next three months and that that session will have before it the final report of the Committee on Future Organization and a resolution to call into being this organization. It was the consensus of the meeting that a full-dress discussion of our policy as Zionists be discussed at an early meeting of our Executive Committee for the guidance of our Committee at the session of the American Jewish Conference.

- 5) JEWISH NATIONAL FUND: A letter was read from the Jewish National Fund requesting the ZOA to designate 16 representatives of the ZOA on the JNF Board of Directors, including the Bnai Zion designees. It was RESOLVED that a committee consisting of Messrs. Charles Ress and Daniel Frisch be appointed with power to suggest names.

- 6) REPORT ON EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND HADASSAH: A report was read from our staff members on the cooperation of Hadassah in general Zionist drives and meetings in Eastern Pennsylvania. The Inner Committee decided to do everything within reason to avoid provocative discussion with Hadassah.
- 7) MASADA: The question of the relationship between Masada and the ZOA was brought up and a committee to discuss this matter and report at the next meeting of the Inner Committee was appointed by the Chairman. This committee is to consist of Messrs. Joseph Greenleaf, Jacques Torczyner, Herman Weisman and Dr. Sidney Marks.
- 8) WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS: Rabbi Miller reported that the Latin-American Conference originally scheduled to be held in Uruguay in March by the World Jewish Congress has been cancelled.
- 9) YOUTH COMMISSION: Dr. Marks read a memorandum from the Director of the Expansion Fund in which it was pointed out that the regions in the Southwest, Southeast and West Coast were having difficulty securing their full quotas because of the inclusion of substantial allocations for Brandeis Camps into our own Expansion Fund. Mr. Weisman stated that the Commission did not conduct its campaign without an official line from the Administration; the whole matter had been discussed with Dr. Neumann and of course there was no intention of interfering in any way with the Expansion Fund.
- Mr. Weisman objected to the fact that the Mobilization Conference in Chicago made no provision for a session of Youth as it did on other activities of the Zionist Organization. Dr. Marks stated that this was due to the fact that Dr. Bardin had wanted a whole session devoted to this purpose and that the program did not allow for any such discussion since the purpose of the Conference was primarily for Expansion Fund and Membership purposes. The Conference was intended as a working conference - to show techniques. All the panels were aimed towards getting some ideas and tying them up with Expansion and Membership activities.
- Mr. Weisman also objected to the lack of publicity given the Youth Commission. He was reassured by Dr. Marks that as much space was given to the Youth Commission as to any other department. He thereupon reported on his long session with Dr. Silver in Cleveland on the need for an Assistant Director and of building up the Youth activities all over the country. A memorandum concerning the meeting which was held at which Dr. Silver, Dr. Bardin and Mr. Weisman participated is annexed hereto.
- 10) CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS: The subject of the work of the Confederation and Mr. Karpman's activities in connection therewith was referred to the next meeting of the Inner, for report by Dr. Israel Goldstein.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

Meeting held in Cleveland, Friday, January 24, 1947 in which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Shlomo Bardin and Mr. Herman Weisman participated.

After a canvass of the entire subject of the work of the Youth Commission, the following conclusions were reached:

- 1) It is important to procure at once the services of an assistant director at National Headquarters of the Youth Commission who will devote himself to close contact with the affiliated groups of the Youth Commission who receive subsidies from us. Most of his time should be devoted to the campus organizations. His work will involve first-hand acquaintance with the work of these groups, their programs, and to assist them in their planning and expansion.
- 2) It was agreed that two or three additional regional directors are to be engaged by us for those regions which are most in need of such services. These directors will work with the local Youth Commissions and youth groups stimulating and guiding them and creating such groups and local Youth Commissions where they do not exist.

Wherever regions undertake to finance regional youth work, the funds for this work should be raised not independently, but in conjunction with the Expansion Fund of the Zionist Organization of America.

- 3) It was felt that we have done inadequate work in the field of publications. There is urgent need in this field for the publication of pamphlets, brochures and informative material which should receive mass distribution among Jewish youth, especially on the campuses. It was agreed that a qualified professional man should be in charge of this work.
- 4) It was agreed that the expenditures of the Youth Commission for the Hebrew Arts Committee and for the Hebrew Theatre were out of proportion to the total funds available to the Youth Commission. It was also felt that while the music and choir work carried on by the Hebrew Arts Committee should be retained by the ZOA at a small cost, the other activities may well be set up independently. Mr. Weisman is to restudy the whole subject with a view to achieving the results here indicated.
- 5) The subject of Chalutzith among General Zionists was carefully gone into. It was suggested that Mr. Redelheim and Mr. Schwefel should discuss with the other interested parties the subject of establishing Chalutzith activities in the United States under national control in place of control by the Histadruth.

It was also agreed that Chalutzith work among General Zionists should proceed along the lines generally defined in the Auerbach Memorandum.

The question of a training farm for General Zionist Chalutzim should be restudied.

- 6) The Youth Commission finds itself during the summer months unable to plan its activities for the coming year because its budget is not fixed until after the ZOA Convention in October. There is need of assuring the Youth Commission in May or June of its next year's budget so that it may plan its activities in time to get them going when the academic year begins.

INNER COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 6, 1947, 4:00 P. M.
342 Madison Avenue, Suite 1426, New York City

PRESENT: Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman; and Messrs. Jacques Torczyner, Herman Weisman and Dr. Sidney Marks; also, by invitation, Dr. Harris J. Levine and Mr. Mendel Fisher of the Jewish National Fund.

- 1) ZEBULUN: The decision of Dr. Marks was upheld, namely, that their campaign be conducted after we are through with ours and that our districts be notified accordingly.
- 2) DUPLICATOR AND LITHOGRAPH MACHINE: An interim report by Mr. Barbarash showing the advantages and disadvantages of the machine was read and noted.
- 3) BITZARON: The subvention of \$3000. to the organization, representing an increase of \$1000 over last year's allowance, was confirmed.
- 4) PALESTINE PLAY: The request for an allowance of \$300. to help finance the writing of a play on Palestine was disallowed because of lack of funds.
- 5) UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL: The Executive Director was authorized to fill out organizational data sheet and return to the State Department for filing.
- 6) LATIN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE: This conference will be held March 20th and it was suggested that someone be sent to represent the General Zionists. This matter was referred to Mr. Torczyner with the recommendation of the Inner Committee that the ZOA send someone to South America towards the end of March to speak on General Zionism.
- 7) JEWISH AGENCY: The Inner Committee authorized the payment of amount advanced by the Agency for office and clerical expenses in Basle; the matter of payment of guest tickets to the Congress at the request of Mr. Frisch was referred to Mr. Greenleaf.
- 8) MASADA: Their request for a loan of \$1000 from the ZOA pending the collection of their dues was approved, the terms of repayment to be worked out. Masada would also like a letter under the signature of Dr. Silver that that organization is the official youth group of the ZOA in the same sense that Junior Hadassah is the youth group of Hadassah. They would also like representation on the Executive Committee and the National Administrative Council. The suggestion was made that Masada be brought into the ZOA proper, that it become one of the districts of the parent organization. No decision was reached on this matter.
- 9) JEWISH NATIONAL FUND: Dr. Harris J. Levine, National JNF Chairman for the ZOA, read a letter which he had sent to Dr. Silver enclosing outline of a plan to implement the Convention Resolution for the redemption of a tract of 50,000 dunams of land by the ZOA. A resolution with reference to this project was submitted and a copy is attached as part of the minutes of this meeting.

Dr. Levine stressed the importance of pushing this project and the need for ZOA recognition in Palestine for the work of its membership. He went into the matter of having a tract of land set aside not only to bear the name of the ZOA but also to have as settlers on the land those individuals whom we might designate. He suggested that this project might be worked in conjunction with the General Zionist Colonization plan and stated that much of the work of the Confederation and even of the Plugat Aliyah can be made easier if we can arrange to have these boys settled on land which is General Zionists' land. Dr. Levine called attention to the fact that Bnai Zion had raised considerable money by having individuals who cannot afford a \$25 a year membership pledge to set aside a sum of at least fifty cents a week. This would in no way interfere with the campaign for the Expansion Fund or with the campaign for Haganah.

The opinion was expressed that there would be no difficulty in getting approval from Palestine for redemption of the 50,000 dunams. Mr. Karpman was said to have made arrangements in Palestine whereby a tract of land, about 700 dunams, near Ranana has assumed the name of Kfar Bnai Zion. It is a settlement of General Zionists. There is room for expansion near Ranana provided we can make arrangements here to pay 50% of the cost of the land; the Jewish National Fund in Palestine will pay the other 50%.

After further discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Inner Committee recommend to the Executive Committee that the ZOA enter into an agreement with the Jewish National Fund looking towards the redemption of 50,000 dunams along the lines outlined and that an agreement be drawn up by Mr. Mendel Fisher for submission to the Jewish National Fund office in Palestine.

10) NEUMANN RECEPTION: It was recommended that a dinner be tendered to Emanuel Neumann as attribute and in appreciation of his work at the Congress, this dinner to be held in New York about the 19th or 20th of February, to which shall be invited the members of the Executive and Administrative Committees resident in New York, District Presidents in and around New York, members of the Board of the Keren Hayesod and large contributors to the Metropolitan Zionist Fund. This is to be cleared with Dr. Silver.

11) CONVENTION IN JULY: It was recommended that the Inner Committee suggest to the meeting of the Administrative Committee to be held on March 2nd that in view of the fact that this summer will mark the 50th anniversary of the ZOA and the 43rd anniversary of the death of Dr. Herzl, the Convention be held in New York.

12) PALESTINE EXHIBITS: The Inner Committee recommends that the Palestine Exhibits reorganization be postponed, pending the return of Dr. Neumann.

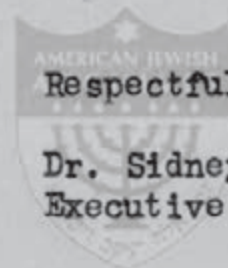
13) HAGANAH: A memorandum was read from the Director of our Expansion Fund with reference to joint efforts of the Expansion Fund and Haganah. It was recommended that Dr. Silver be requested to direct those who are working with the Jewish Agency to meet with a group from the ZOA and work out a modus operandi.

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- 14) EXPANSION FUND: Mr. Paul Kaminsky's suggestion that a total quota for the expansion Fund be set up over a three year goal was disapproved on the ground that because of the uncertainty of the times it was inadvisable to do so.
- 15) DP'S: The request of Linzdonau for aid was disallowed because of lack of funds.
- 16) SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY: It was suggested that Dr. Paul Klapper be asked to serve as Chairman of this committee in place of Dr. Goldstein, resigned.
- 17) LEO WOLFSON DINNER: Attention was called to the dinner being tendered to Dr. Leo Wolfson by the United Romanian Jews of America on Sunday evening, March 2, 1947.
- 18) NEW PALESTINE AND NEWS REPORTER: Attention was called to the fact that 150,000 copies of the New Palestine are now printed for each edition at a cost of \$7,000 per edition. In view of the fact that the News Reporter comes out twice a month it was deemed inadvisable to continue publishing the New Palestine so frequently and in such large numbers. It was recommended that this matter be referred to Dr. Silver.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P. M.



Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

R E S O L U T I O N

In order to launch a project to make this Resolution a reality, the Districts and the Regions of the country must be immediately galvanized into action. We must within the two year period ending with our Convention in 1948 provide the funds that will create on the soil of Palestine a Settlement bearing our name, and made possible by our own work and sacrifice.

In this connection, the following observations should be made:

I. The idea of commemorating the Zionist Jubilee Year by redeeming a tract of 50,000 dunams of land is an excellent one and is likely to capture the imagination of all Zionists.

The observance of the Zionist Jubilee Year by increasing the land holdings of the Keren Kayemeth is a particularly happy one, in view of the fact that the principle of the inalienability of land, which is the cornerstone of the Keren Kayemeth structure, has its root in the Mosaic Law of Jubilee (Leviticus 25-24) and is the source of the Zionist Call "Grant Ye Redemption To The Land."

II. If this Resolution is to be translated into reality, it will be far from sufficient to merely arrange for paper credits for the various Zionist Districts in the work of the JNF. Although this is important, it will be necessary to actually activize the Districts for the specific purpose of the Jubilee program and to see to it that they raise or surpass the quotas that will be assigned to them.

III. This can be accomplished without conflict with any other fund-raising effort. Within the framework of the Traditional Keren Kayemeth program, the Jubilee effort of the ZOA for the JNF can be successfully implemented if its full significance is widely understood and the activitated groups are provided with appealing and effective techniques which, when placed in the hands of devoted Zionists, will mobilize sentiment and secure popular support for the program.

To this end, we would like to suggest the following:

1. That JNF quotas be assigned to all Districts of the country, bearing in mind not only their size but their previous record of JNF work.

2. That an understanding be reached with the JNF that proper recognition be given to such Regions, Districts or individuals who may wish to designate a particular section in the Tract to be redeemed by the ZOA. I am making this suggestion on the assumption that the JNF in Jerusalem would agree to such a plan.

3. A special testimonial, either in the form of a Zionist Jubilee Pin - in blue, white and gold - or in some other attractive manner - shall be awarded to those who will have contributed or raised the sum of \$50.00 or more for the redemption of at least one dunam of land.

4. The methods of Fund-Raising should be the Traditional Means. Particularly important would be the followings:

a. We should invite all Zionist Groups and Districts to secure Golden Book inscriptions in honor of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, on the occasion of the Jubilee Year. Each inscription will thus become instrumental in the redemption of an additional two dunams of land within the Jubilee Tract.

b. A special Jubilee Dunam Certificate should be prepared, in acknowledgment of dunam land contributions.

c. We issue to the various Districts and affiliated groups Jubilee Forest Booklets containing receipts in acknowledgment of their gifts from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Each of these booklets shall have certificates amounting to \$50.00. The seller of a booklet will be entitled to wear the Jubilee Pin and will receive a Jubilee Dunam Land Certificate.

If this program is approved, we will proceed with the drawing of a leaflet or brochure on the Jubilee Tract Project and proceed with the actual work of fund-raising.

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INNER COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 20, 1947, 4:00 P.M.

342 Madison Avenue, Suite 1426, New York City

PRESENT: Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman, and Messrs. Daniel Frisch, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Charles Ress, Jacques Torczyner and Dr. Sidney Marks.

- 1) AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION: Rabbi Miller was authorized to take up with Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann the matter of having a complete investigation made of the work of the American Zionist Youth Commission.
- 2) AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE: The Executive Director was authorized to send to any person making inquiries regarding the League a copy of the resolution adopted by the World Zionist Congress regarding this organization.
- 3) IRGUN: It was suggested that a preliminary letter be sent out by the Expansion Fund asking ZOA leaders not to engage in public discussion of Irgun; that with all due regard to the interests of the United Jewish Appeal, the Expansion Fund should have priority over all other funds. The Inner Committee also expressed the opinion that no district should undertake any money-raising affairs for Palestine without getting in touch with the National Office.
- 4) HECHALUTZ: The Inner Committee decided that no financial assistance can be extended to the organization for the rebuilding of the Hightstown Training Farm House, by the ZOA.
- 5) WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS: With reference to the request of the Confederation for \$25,000 from the Inner Committee towards the work of this organization, it was suggested that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee with the recommendation that at least \$7500. be allocated at this time.
- 6) SHEKEL REMITTANCE: Action postponed.
- 7) HADOAR: The request for an increased subvention was referred to the Finance Committee together with the requests of Bitzaron.
- 8) PUBLICATION OF NEW PALESTINE: After a discussion of the matter, it was decided that there should not be more than six issues for the remainder of the year after the one which is to appear on February 21st. Messrs. Alpert and Lewisohn are to be notified that between now and June there should not appear more than two issues and that they should be spaced to the best advantage.
- 9) HADASSAH: It was recommended that no action be taken on the question of Hadassah's letter regarding ZOA enrollment of women pending word from Dr. Silver.

- 10) PALESTINE BUREAU: A report was read from Dr. S. Bernstein, Director of the Palestine Bureau, which was noted and ordered filed.
- 11) LIST OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE LAST CONVENTION: The request of Dr. Morris Zucker, President of District 95, for such list, was denied.
- 12) ECONOMIC BOYCOTT RESOLUTION: The resolution adopted by the Hatikvah Zionist Club regarding such boycott was ordered referred to the Emergency Council and to Judge Liebowitz, who has the matter under advisement.
- 13) AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE: The ZOA has been invited by the Academy to designate three delegates to represent it at the Annual Meeting to be held April 18th and 19th in Philadelphia. Judge Louis E. Levinthal, William Sylk and Mr. Robert Bernstein were designated as persons to be invited to serve.
- 14) RABBI BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN: Rabbi Braunstein's offer to assist the ZOA during his visit to Europe next summer was accepted with pleasure.
- 15) HEBREW ARTS COMMITTEE: The request of the Committee for ZOA co-operation in connection with its forthcoming concert at Carnegie Hall on June 1, 1947 was approved, with the understanding that no financial assistance is involved.
- 16) CENSUS: The Inner Committee recommends to the Economic Bureau of the Keren Hayesod that it consider conducting in the near future a survey of the man-power represented in the organized Zionist bodies of America with a view to ascertaining what talents and capacities, including military training, are available in the personnel of the ZOA.
- 17) HAGANAH: With reference to the question of Haganah and the relationship of its fund-raising activities to our Expansion Fund Campaign, it was recommended that Rabbi Miller and Mr. Frisch be authorized to confer with Messrs. Sonneborn, Margolin, Dewey Stone and Rabbi Feinberg on behalf of the Inner Committee; and that Dr. Marks and Mr. Posy meet with Messrs. Dostrofsky and Moskowitz to discuss the matter.
- 18) ACTIONS COMMITTEE: The Inner Committee was advised that a meeting of the Actions Committee will take place in Jerusalem on March 9th. It was decided that a special meeting of the Inner Committee be held on Saturday evening, February 22nd, at the home of Mr. Daniel Frisch, to discuss the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

INNER COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, March 7, 1947, 1:00 P. M.
342 Madison Avenue, Suite 1426, New York

PRESENT: Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Chairman, and Messrs. Joseph W. Greenleaf, Abraham Goodman, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Rabbi Irving Miller, Jacques Torczyner and Dr. Sidney Marks; by invitation, Messrs. Ernest Barbarash, Manuel Posy and Henry Stern of the ZOA staff.

1) PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mr. Barbarash, Director of the ZOA Public Relation Department, cited the many attacks upon the ZOA for its lack of publicity in connection with Britain's latest outrages in Palestine. He suggested that the ZOA should hire 3 or 4 expert publicity men, non-jews, if necessary, to take care of the barrage of anti-Zionist letters. He also suggested the installation of teletype apparatus in key places all over the country, viz., Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston and Norfolk, to reply to these attacks. He also recommended holding press conferences in some of the regions.

Dr. Marks reported that he had called this matter to the attention of the Emergency Council.

Dr. Miller was of the opinion that we should proceed immediately to appoint a committee to call on the Emergency Council or to ask that a joint committee be set up at once of the ZOA and the Emergency Council, including some members of the staffs, to formulate a line of action which must assume all the proportions of a full scale public relations program.

In the discussion which followed it was pointed out that America is the vital front with regard to the UN and we must make sure that we have American public opinion. This work is essentially the job of the Emergency Council and what its budget is intended for. The need for a press representative at Lake Success was also stressed.

The question of advertisements was also discussed as well as the matter of the appointment of a committee of volunteers who are interested in public relations and who can assist in the formulation and development of ideas and programs. Another suggestion made was that an advertisement be placed in the papers over the signature of the American Christian Palestine Committee.

b) Mass Trial: The recommendation of the Office Committee that a public trial be held against British policy in Palestine was also discussed at length. Attention was called to the fact that Dr. Silver was not in favor of this form of publicity since it smacked too much of the Bergson group tactics.

In the discussion which ensued the suggestion was offered that the trial should not be sponsored by the ZOA national office but could be inspired by us and held in one of the metropolitan districts. It was suggested calling together representatives of the largest districts in the metropolitan region and giving them the holding of the trial as one of their projects. It was the opinion of the meeting that the trial should be within a month from date,

c) Spot News: Mr. Barbarash reported that Spot News had been started as a membership device and that 2500 copies are sent out to the leaders throughout the country. It is proposed that some provision should be made for the additional budget and personnel needed and also that Spot News become a weekly issue. A ceiling not in excess of approximately 4000 to be provided for this purpose.

d) Frank Cohen: It was suggested that we should try to redirect his energies on the plea that we are busy on the political front; he should be drawn more and more into the work of the Confederation of General Zionists, and also asked to serve on the committee for the mass trial.

e) Zucker situation: It was pointed out that Dr. Morris Zucker has been negotiating with Bergson group and the American League for a Free Palestine. The suggestion was made that the charter be withdrawn from District 95 but it was finally ruled that this matter be held in obedience.

2) GAZIT: Forum for the Arts and Literature: Request for funds by this magazine was denied.

3) MAJOR WELLESLEY ARON: Dr. Neumann spoke of the possibility of having Major Aron come here from England to do some work for the Zionist cause. He stated that he is an English Jew who lived in Palestine for many years. He was one of the original organizers of the Youth movement in England; he is a General Zionist. In Palestine he was in the advertising business and was active in the Rotary Club movement. He rose to the highest rank of any Jew outside of Brig. Gen. Kisch, in the Jewish units. Dr. Neumann thought Major Aron might be helpful in connection with the Expansion Fund activities and stated that he had discussed the matter with Harry Shapiro who stated that the Emergency Council would be willing to share the expense of his transportation and salary and use him on a joint basis with the ZOA. It was recommended that he be engaged for a limited period of 3 months at the rate of \$150 per week, to be shared with the Emergency Council. It was pointed out that Shertok had suggested that he could be used by the Haganah as well. - Dr. Marks stated that he would explore the situation and arrange the details.

4) CONGRESS EXPENSE: The Inner Committee approved the additional traveling expense beyond the \$1000 allotted to Dr. Israel Goldstein in connection with his trip to the Congress. This amounted to \$594.49.

5) FINANCIAL STATUS: Mr. Henry Stern reported on the present financial situation of the ZOA.

6) EXPANSION FUND-Welfare Funds: Mr. Posy, on behalf of the Expansion Fund, reported on the possibility of securing funds from the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the request of the Council that the ZOA decide, community by community, as to whether it will apply for a Welfare Fund allocation and control of the local constituents so that they follow national policy. The ZOA will recommend to its districts that they apply for Welfare funds.

Mr. Posy also rendered a report on his recent controversy with Mr. Radinsky of the UPA, and of the latter's action in writing to the Funds in Boston and Atlantic City of the Expansion Fund's desire to transfer responsibility for the Expansion Fund to the local Welfare Fund.

After a full discussion of the matter, it was decided that Mr. Radinsky should not have written the letters under question without consultation with the ZOA. Dr. Goldstein, Chairman of the UPA, added that Mr. Radinsky had no right to send such letter and he asked that Dr. Marks send him a copy of his reply to Mr. Radinsky. It was also suggested that Mr. Radinsky communicate with the persons in Atlantic City and Boston to whom his original letters were addressed and advise them that the communications reflected his own personal opinion and not the official position of the UPA.

There was further discussion of the number of organizations included in the UPA, such as the Weizmann Fund, the JTA, etc., etc. It was the impression of the ZOA that the Weizmann Institute would not solicit funds since it had received \$500,000 from the UPA to desist, but it was reported that Mr. Dewey Stone insists he made no such agreement.

7) JEWISH BOOK GUILD: The Committee was informed that Mr. Eleazar Lipsky and Isidore Cooperman had made some sort of arrangement to provide a list to the Jewish Book Guild for the circulation of their subscriptions in order to propagate the sale of Jewish books. The matter was taken up at the meeting of the Finance Committee and then turned over to a special committee of which Mr. Jack Goodman is Chairman. The committee decided that the matter of policy did not fall within its province but should be determined by the Inner Committee. Apparently Messrs. Lipsky and Cooperman had assumed the right to furnish the ZOA list to a commercial organization. The question now is whether we should allow them, at their expense, to have the mailing list run off, for which they will pay the ZOA \$1000, outside of expenses. It was recommended to the Finance Committee that it should approve this Jewish Book Guild request.

8) CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS: Dr. Goldstein informed the Committee that there is an opportunity to acquire 100,000 food packages or a smaller number at 1/7 or 1/8 of the price it cost the Government to purchase them for the Armed Forces. They were supposed to sell at \$2.40 per unit and now can be secured at \$.35 per unit. This matter was brought to the attention of the Confederation by Mr. Frank Cohen. In view of the fact that the Zionist delegation at Basle had undertaken at least a moral commitment about helping the destitute Zionists in Europe, this would be a good opportunity to fulfill that promise. Mr. Frank Cohen would be willing to arrange for shipping facilities.

After discussion, it was decided that 10,000 packages be purchased and sent to Europe.

9) NATIONAL CHAPLAINS: Dr. Neumann informed the meeting that he is to address a meeting on Tuesday of national chaplains and asked for suggestions as to how to utilize the services of these chaplains for the work of the ZOA. Dr. Marks will implement this action.

- 10) AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE: Attention was called to the fact that a meeting of the Conference is to be held on March 18th, and it was suggested that a breakfast meeting be held prior to the American Jewish Conference meeting by the ZOA representatives. It was urged that a full attendance be secured of representatives or their alternates.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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INNER COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, March 13, 1947, 4:00 P. M.
342 Madison Avenue, Suite 1426, New York

PRESENT: Rabbi Irving Miller, presiding, and Messrs. Emanuel Neumann, Milton Pollack, Jacques Torczyner and Dr. Sidney Marks.

1) NATIONAL EXPANSION FUND:

a) Haganah: Dr. Neumann and Rabbi Miller were designated as a committee to privately explore further the matter of the relationship of the Haganah to the Expansion Fund. It was pointed out that there is an increasing desire to have a public body created to sponsor Haganah and Aliyah publicly.

b) Executive and Administrative Councils: It was suggested that a letter be sent to the members of these committees over Dr. Silver's signature urging their fullest cooperation with the expansion Fund.

c) Histadruth: Dr. Marks recommended that Histadruth Ivrit should be asked to have its complete membership affiliate itself with the Z. O. A.

2) PUBLIC RELATIONS:

a) Symposium: It was reported that the idea of the symposium did not appeal to the Office Committee as it was felt that it would not be possible to attract a large enough group. It was suggested instead that a large public meeting be held to be linked with the return of Dr. Silver from Palestine, this function to be sponsored jointly by the ZOA and Emergency Council. The dates of March 31, April 1st or April 2nd were suggested, at the Manhattan Center, if available.

b) Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn: Mr. Pollack requested that Dr. Lewisohn's status and services be clarified.

c) Carl Alpert editorial: It was recommended that Mr. Alpert be requested to temper his Editorial approach in his external writings.

d) Gelb letter in Labor Zionist Newsletter: Attention was called to the fact that Dr. Neumann had written to Dr. Fineman, President of the Poale Zion, regarding the matter and it was the recommendation of the Committee that the matter be referred to the Emergency Council upon receipt of Dr. Fineman's reply.

e) Ben Hecht: In connection with Mr. Hecht's apparent interest in becoming connected with the ZOA group, it was suggested that a letter be sent in Rabbi Miller's name to Mr. Max Nisbaum advising him that we would be interested in drawing Mr. Hecht away from the Bergson group and uniting with the ZOA. It must be understood, however, that any understanding with Mr. Hecht cannot be on the basis of a rapprochement or of some kind of working arrangement between the ZOA and the Bergson group; that is out of the question.

3) AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE:

a) Budget increase: Conference to be advised that the Inner Committee has not yet arrived at a decision regarding this matter, which must be taken up at a full meeting of the Committee. In the meantime we have sent the Conference \$2000, and as soon as money is available, we will send another \$1,000.

b) Rabbi Feuer: He is to be reinstated as a member of the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference and so advised.

c) Immigration: The ZOA has been requested to urge its affiliated groups to send messages to President Truman supporting his request that Congress modify the existing immigration laws in order to make possible the admission of our fair share of displaced persons. It was felt by the Committee that inasmuch as the ZOA is a member of the Conference, the latter body has a right to use the ZOA's name in any plea for immigration and we would not repudiate the Committee but the ZOA could not be expected at this time to confuse its own membership by asking them to send messages.

4) YOUTH:

- a) Masada: (It was recommended that a letter be sent to Mrs.
- b) Brandeis Camp title: (Epstein, President of Hadassah, suggesting that
- c) Youth education: (a full scale survey of the Youth Commission be undertaken jointly immediately by the ZOA and Hadassah. In addition to the \$140,000 which

the ZOA and Hadassah are giving to the Commission, a sum far in excess of this amount is also being contributed by the regions and districts throughout the country. - It was decided that a committee of not more than five persons be designated to look into the Youth situation immediately, Masada and Mr. Gustave Goldstein who inquired about the Brandeis Camp title to be advised that the matter is now being studied. Mr. Louis Kaplan of Boston was suggested as a very good person for this survey if he would be willing to undertake it.

d) Hechalutz: Request for a contribution - To be referred to the Confederation of General Zionists.

e) Rev. Adolf: It was suggested that Rev. Adolf be notified of the appointment of the Survey Committee on Youth, and that he be asked to prepare a memorandum of all his material on this matter.

6) ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY AND MISCELLANEOUS:

a) Hadassah and Z. O. A. Membership: It was decided that nothing further be done in the matter at this time.

b) Ampal-American Palestine Trading Corporation: With reference to a request for permission to serve on a committee arranging a dinner for Robert Nathan, to help sell shares for the Ampal-American Palestine Trading Corporation, it was suggested that since we have turned over our Economic Bureau to the Keren Hayesod, the matter should be taken up with them. Persons may serve as individuals and not as members of districts.

c) American Zionist Emergency Council lists: The request for an up to date list of representatives and alternates of the ZOA on the Emergency Council is to be referred to Dr. Silver upon his return.

d) Requests from Pittsburgh Zionist District and Northwest Zionist Region for permission to set up five or six districts within the city of Pittsburgh and to establish a region in the Northwest area were discussed. It was the consensus that the districts be advised that in order to become independent, they must have a Regional Director, a Director on Youth, a Public Relations man to work under our public relations man, a minimum number of districts, a minimum budget and the ability to meet that budget as well as to contribute a certain amount towards the Expansion Fund.

e) Meeting of the Executive: It was recommended that a meeting of the Executive be called to be held in New York City on Monday, March 24th.

f) Meeting of Regional Presidents: It was suggested that a meeting of the Regional Directors be held in New York City during the week-end of April 19-20 or 26-27 to discuss the matter of formation of new districts and regions as well as any other matters to be brought to their attention.

g) General Zionists facilities in Palestine: Matter to be referred to the Confederation of General Zionists.

h) Letter from Local Council of Raanana, Palestine: Letter to be referred to the Confederation of General Zionists.

i) General Zionists' activities in Latin America: It was reported that they now receive copies of Dos Yiddishe Folk (about 1500 copies to key people.) It was suggested that one of our people ought to be sent down there and the name of Daniel Frisch was mentioned in this connection.

j) Dr. Simon Bernstein - Palestine Bureau: It was pointed out that the 400 visas permitted for Palestine are rapidly being requested and therefore we should immediately advise our people all over the country to make their needs in this connection known at once to the Palestine Bureau. In this connection a discussion took place about the advisability of asking the Hadassah organization to make a contribution towards the operations of the Palestine Bureau since its services are largely used by Hadassah members. It was suggested reopening the question of transferring the Palestine Bureau to the Keren Hayesod, this to be done upon the return of Dr. Silver and Mr. Ress from Palestine; also, that the matter be placed upon the agenda for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

k) Hadoar: Request for additional money to be held in abeyance.

l) Dr. Schwarzbart: Request that all members of the ZOA Actions Committee resident in the U. S. be invited to serve on the ZOA Executive be referred to the Confederation of General Zionists.

m) Address for Non-Jewish Audiences: To be referred to the Emergency Council.

n) Lists for UPA: Matter to be discussed with Dr. Goldstein. In the meantime we will give them the two lists they have requested.

o) External Fund-Raising: Matter to be referred to the UPA.

p) Dr. Marks reported on Expansion Fund receipts to date as well as receipts for last year.

q) Question of additional names to be appointed on the UPA - To be referred to Dr. Marks, Mr. Torczyner and Mr. Harry Shapiro. In the meantime Dr. Goldstein and Mr. Mendel Fisher to be advised regarding the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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INNER COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 20, 1947 at 4:00 P. M.

342 Madison Avenue (Room 1426), New York City

PRESENT: Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman and Messrs. Joseph Greenleaf, Milton Pollack, Jacques Torczyner and Dr. Sidney Marks.

- 1) NORTHWEST ZIONIST REGION: Request for permission to become a Region granted.
- 2) REQUESTS FOR SEVERANCE: It was decided to grant severance pay to Louis Starobin, Billie Hirshfield and Benjamin Weingart in the sums of \$1200., \$500. and \$385.29 respectively.
- 3) FINANCIAL REQUESTS: Upon request of Mr. Pollack, it was decided that all prospective financial requests or appropriations before the Inner Committee should be put on the agenda one day in advance, to be taken up with the Chairman of the Finance Committee for clearance; or at least an opportunity for him to know that such matters will be raised at that particular meeting.
- 4) BUILDING: It was reported that progress is being made in the matter of securing a building for the ZOA.
- 5) SHEKOLIM: No action to be taken at this time.
- 6) PROGRESSIVE ZIONIST DISTRICT 95: A representative of this organization reported on the work of the society. It was decided to refer the entire matter of the charter of this organization, etc., to the next meeting of the National Executive Committee.
- 7) AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS - PALESTINE: In connection with the request that the Congress be asked to be more active in the matter of Palestine, it was pointed out that the ZOA or the Jewish Agency is the operating agency to achieve the securing of Palestine and that the American Jewish Congress is a moral force behind the ZOA. The Congress is a member of the American Jewish Conference and the Conference speaks for it.
- 8) MAJOR ARON - COMPENSATION: Attention was called to the fact that arrangements have been made and confirmed with Harry Shapiro that all expenses in connection with Major Aron's transportation and stay in this country would be shared equally by the ZOA and Emergency Council, in accordance with instructions from Dr. Neumann.
- 9) AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE: It was suggested that a circular letter be sent to the ZOA groups that word has come from various communities that the Conference seeks moral and material support from the organizations affiliated with it; if such request comes to our districts and regions, they should bear in mind that the ZOA is a member of the Conference.
- 10) GELB ARTICLE: No action to be taken pending reply from Dr. Fineman.
- 11) BARTLEY CRUM FEE: The question of payment of an honorarium of \$500. to Mr. Crum for his address at Atlantic City Convention should be taken up with Dr. Neumann.
- 12) DR. SOLOMON GOLDMANN: No action taken.

- 13) RABBI BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN: It was decided that his services be used in educational work in America.
- 14) BOYCOTT RESOLUTION: Noted and filed.
- 15) MACCABI ASSOCIATION: Should be urged to join as part of our district. The matter was referred to Mr. Jacques Torczyner for report at the next meeting of the Inner Committee.
- 16) HEBREW UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE OF AMERICA: Scholarships: Dr. Silver had announced that Rabbi Armand Cohen would serve as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee and last year two scholarships of \$1500. each and one of \$2500. had been awarded. A letter has been received asking for the names of the Committee. Dr. Marks reported that he had succeeded in getting Dr. Paul Klapper, President of Queens College, to serve on the committee. Since there is no budgetary allowance for scholarships in this year's budget, it was suggested that scholarships be announced now for allocation on or after November 1, 1947.
- 17) MASADA: In connection with request for a loan of \$1000. from the Z.O.A., it was reported that they had borrowed a similar amount from the Youth Commission, which is being deducted. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Youth Commission advising them of this requested loan and stating that in order not to duplicate effort, we will postpone payment of the amount to the Commission so that two checks need not be drawn later on.
- 18) PIERRE VAN PAASSEN: Referred to Dr. Marks to communicate with him.
- 19) BEN AHARON: Request for \$10,000. for a camp. No action taken, pending the return of Dr. Silver from Palestine.
- 20) OFFICE COMMITTEE: The Inner Committee would like to have at its next meeting a memorandum from the Office Committee indicating how weekly financial expenditures of the ZOA can be cut 15% beginning immediately.
- 21) DR. SIMON BERNSTEIN: Request for an increment in salary. It was suggested that the matter be referred to the Office Committee for processing; and that the matter of the transfer of the Palestine Bureau to the Keren Hayesod be brought up for discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the National Executive Committee.
- 22) ZOA CONVENTION: Dr. Marks reported the possibility of securing Convention Hall in Atlantic City at a cost of about \$2500. for the next ZOA Convention, and he was authorized to proceed with negotiations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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INNER COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 27, 1947, 3:00 P.M.
Hotel Commodore, New York City

PRESENT: Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman; Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Joseph Greenleaf, Dr. Sidney Marks and Dr. Emanuel Neumann.

- 1) BRONX Z.C.A.: Mr. David Moskowitz and Dr. Hyman Silver of the Bronx Z.O.A. were presnet by invitation and requested the continuance for six months of the services of Mr. Gottlieb, assistant to Max Cohen. It was decided that Mr. Gottlieb's services be continued for the time being and that the whole matter of regional operations be brought before the meeting of Regional Presidents scheduled for April 26th and 27th.
- 2) NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: It was recommended that a meeting of the National Executive Committee be held on Sunday night, April 27th.
- 3) CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS: Rabbi Goldstein discussed the work and needs of the Confederation, and it was pointed out that \$7500. will be required for the work of this organization until the end of the year. Upon the advise of the Inner Committee, Mr. Pollack is to be requested to make a reasonable amount available, our total commitment to be up to \$7500. until the end of the calendar year.
- 4) EXPANSION FUND - UJA: In connection with the request from the UJA that Newark's Expansion Fund Campaign be postponed until the completion of the UJA Campaign, it was suggested that the leadership of Newark be called into conference with Rabbi Miller to discuss the entire matter.
- 5) CLEARANCE OF CAMPAIGN DATES: With reference to letter from Rabbi Goldstein asking that every Zionist group should clear with the local Welfare Fund regarding dates and plans before initiating any kind of fund-raising, it was agreed that due regard would be given this matter in the future.
- 6) HADOAR: It was recommended that a letter be sent to Hadoar expressing our regret at the inadequacy of our grant, which is due to our own straitened condition, and expressing the hope that we may be in a position to consider the matter again at some future time.
- 7) PALESTINE GUESTS: It was recommended that Messrs. Abraham Waksman and Daniel Brisker, who are here from Palestine, be referred to the Confederation of General Zionists.
- 8) COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATION AND WELFARE FUNDS: Report of progress of negotiations with the Council noted.
- 9) HAGANAH: The matter of our relationship to Haganah was again referred to Dr. Neumann and Rabbi Miller.

- 10) HEBREW UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS: It was decided that this entire matter be postponed until the next meeting of the Inner Committee, to which Dr. Israel Wechsler and Rabbi Cohn should be invited to discuss the subject.
- 11) REQUEST OF BEN AHARON: This matter was referred to Rabbi Miller, to clear with Dr. Silver upon his return from Palestine.
- 12) YOUTH: Dr. Marks reported that 169 replies had been received to his recent questionnaire regarding Youth subventions, showing an allocation of \$84,496 by our regions and districts in 1945-46 and \$151,546 in 1946-47.
- 13) BULLETIN OF AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION: Exception was taken to the article in the Bulletin stating that "the plan for 12 regional directors as outlined in the National Youth Commission budget for 1946-47 is still in the tentative stage due to the uncertainties in the Z.O.A. financial picture relating to the Youth Commission."
- 14) YOUTH SURVEY: Rabbi Miller reported that the two leaders desired for conducting the contemplated survey are not available at the moment; in the meantime he is in touch with Louis Kaplan of Baltimore to head the survey.
- 15) OHIO VALLEY ZIONIST REGION: In connection with the request of this Region for \$1500. to facilitate youth activities, it was pointed out that the President of the Region has been invited to the Conference to be held on April 26th-27th, at which time the entire matter will be discussed.
- 16) REV. MARTIN ADOLF: Letter with further reference to the forthcoming Youth survey noted.
- 17) BUDGET CUTS: It was pointed out by Dr. Marks that we cannot afford the extra-curricular expenditures which are constantly being undertaken. At the request of Rabbi Miller, a full and comprehensive statement of the cost of publishing The New Palestine and the News Reporter is to be submitted to the next meeting of the Inner Committee. On the basis of that report, a statement will be rendered to the Inner Committee and the Executive Committee regarding the matter.
 - b) The question of the services and salary of Dr. Ludwig Lewishn is to be referred to the next meeting of the Inner Committee.
- 18) BOOK DEPARTMENT: The matter of the offer of the Judaica Book Service is still being studied, a decision in the matter to be made before the Fall.
- 19) ZOA BUILDING: The search for a suitable building for housing ZCA activities is still going on. It was suggested that for the moment we might concentrate on obtaining a building to house our activities instead of thinking in larger terms of including all Zionist work such as Keren Hayesod, Keren Kayemeth, etc.

- 20) JEWISH WAR VETERANS: A conference is to be held on March 31st, at which the subject of erecting booths in strategic spots in larger cities is to be discussed. A deal is being worked out with the Emergency Council regarding this and other contemplated activities of the Jewish War Veterans.
- 21) AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE: Interim Committee: It was pointed out that one or two more meetings of the Interim Committee will be held. It is necessary to have a full dress debate at the next meeting of the National Executive Committee of the plan and scope of the Conference; what the ZOA has at stake; what our policy must be at the week-end Labor Day session of the Conference. Our position should be ratified at the next meeting of the Executive Committee and Administrative Council.
- b) The Inner Committee authorized the payment of \$1,000. to the American Jewish Conference at this time as part payment of our allowance to them.
- 22) DATE OF CONVENTION: It was the opinion of the Committee that if possible the Annual Convention of the ZOA be held July 3-6, 1947 and the Executive Director was authorized to explore the matter further. In that event the Convention should open officially on Thursday evening, July 3rd; Friday should be devoted to well organized panels; Saturday night, Convention session; Sunday afternoon, Reports of Committees; elections; Sunday night, closing of Convention.
- 23) EXPANSION FUND RECEIPTS: A report from the Director of the Expansion Fund indicates that approximately \$200,000 is anticipated between now and July 1st.
- 24) ZOA WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: The Committee was informed that a representative of Hadassah has been making statements throughout the country that the ZOA is organizing a Women's Auxiliary; and that Mr. Smolar is contemplating publicizing that fact in his columns next week. The Inner Committee requested the Executive Director to communicate with Mr. Smolar urging him to refrain from writing such column.
- 25) JEWISH WAR VETERANS' TICKETS: Request that the ZOA purchase tickets for an affair in Madison Square Garden to be sponsored by the JWV was referred to Mr. Greenleaf for action.
- 26) HAPOEL SOCCER TEAMS: In connection with forthcoming events, it was suggested that while the ZOA cannot officially sponsor them, our membership will be duly apprised.
- 27) FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS: The Inner Committee recommends that no tickets be purchased for the forthcoming Memorial Meeting to be held on April 20th.
- 28) AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE: The matter of Ben Hecht's being drawn into the ZOA has been referred to Dr. Max Nussbaum, Harry Steinberg and Louis Stein and the Inner Committee will be kept informed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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INNER COMMITTEE MEETING

April 3, 1947 - Conference Room
American Zionist Emergency Council

PRESENT: Rabbi Irving Miller, Jacques Torczyner, Joseph Greenleaf, Charles Ress, Daniel Frisch, Dr. Sidney Marks, Carl Alpert, Dr. Israel Wechsler. Rabbi Miller, presiding.

Dr. Wechsler reported on the progress of negotiations with regard to the Hebrew University Committee and the American Friends of the Hebrew University. In the course of his report he gave the history of the Hebrew University and its purposes, as well as the progress toward that goal. He also explained the importance of budget and finances with regard to the work of this Committee as well as with regard to the work of the American Friends group, and the relationship with U.J.A. He reported that the result of the negotiations to date was that a Committee be appointed, eight from the Hebrew University Committee, eight from the American Friends and eight others to be coopted or elected, and that this constitute a Board of Governors or Directors together. The Hebrew University Committee already has eight members appointed, and the other group has yet to decide on this action and elect the eight people. Dr. Wechsler also reported on the plans in mind from the point of view of the purposes of the Committee and the good it can do, and from the point of view of membership and stimulation of interest in the work of the Hebrew University.

In the course of discussion on this report, it was pointed out that the recent luncheon for representatives of both Committees, arranged by Dr. Marks had been a very good thing.

At this point, the Chairman welcomed back to the Inner Committee, Mr. Daniel Frisch, and Mr. Charles Ress, both of whom had just returned from Palestine.

The Chairman also welcomed Mr. Arno Wrazlowsky and a guest from Jerusalem, here on a visit.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS:

Mr. Carl Alpert presented the problem of the funds with regard to the scholarships and pointed out that University classes begin October and the funds must be given to scholarship winners before November when the funds were to be given to them according to the budget. He also outlined the plans for announcing the scholarships.

Discussion was held with regard to this matter, in the course of which the suggestion was made that this matter be withheld from announcement for another few weeks, pending further results on the Expansion Fund.

It was pointed out further that a decision had been made by the Inner Committee that the announcements be made this year with the money coming from next year's budget. It was finally decided, after discussion that the announcement be withheld, although the Committee should proceed with the organization of its plans, etc.

SHEKOLIM:

Mr. Frisch reported that he had negotiated with regard to this question with the authorities in Jerusalem - and "there is no doubt whatever that we have to pay for the shekolim." Upon discussion of this report, it was decided, moved, seconded and passed that - "we authorize the Chairman of the Finance Committee, in conjunction with Dr. Neumann to transmit payment for the shekolim, covering the first three months of the year, October, November, December to the proper department of the Jewish Agency.

Mr. Torczyner informed the group that Hadassah was urging the establishment of a Shekel Board in this country this year, and expressed the belief that the Z.O.A. should also join in this establishment of a Shekel Board, with a Director. Upon further discussion, it was decided to leave the discussion and action on this item for another meeting.

MEMBERSHIP AND EXPANSION FUND:

Dr. Marks reported on these two matters and expressed the opinion that the country was not yet aroused and producing. He also explained further the problems of the Expansion Fund, and expressed the opinion that the local Welfare Funds would have to be asked to contribute. He further reported on negotiations with the Federation of Welfare Funds with regard to this matter, and felt that action would be favorable, upon the conclusion of negotiations and further discussions.

In the course of discussion on this item, the following points were made:

1. That we continue our campaign this year, and energize it, so that we can come to the Welfare Funds next year with a request based on substantial facts with regard to fund-raising.
2. With regard to negotiations with the U.P.A., the feeling that although actually this campaign does not interfere with theirs, and is no business of theirs, we will have to come to some agreement with them.
3. That we reconsider the construction of the Expansion Fund, i.e., name is a drawback. Rabbi Miller further suggested that the Finance Committee draw up a budget not differentiating the funds with regard to regular budget and Expansion Fund budget, in view of the fact that Expansion Fund items & regular budget items are difficult to divide - and in reality the Expansion Fund departments are regular Z.O.A. activities.

Discussion was held on this matter, in fuller detail with regard to factors involved in such budget, differentiated with regard to Expansion Fund departments and regular departments.

A final report was made on the current monies received by the Expansion Fund, and Membership.

New Palestine

A discussion was held with regard to the cost of The New Palestine and The New Palestine News Reporter, as well as with regard to the purposes both these publications serve. A budget was presented reflecting actual expenses incurred in connection with both publications, as well as original budgetary estimates, and estimated expenses. The importance of settling permanent policy was stressed with regard to cost and for other very good reasons. In the course of discussion the following points were brought out:

1. In view of the importance of bringing definite recommendations to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, Rabbi Miller suggested that The New Palestine magazine be printed on a subscription basis.
2. Discussion narrowed down to discussion on The News Reporter, and the importance of a publication which would serve the membership with news and with the views of the organization was discussed, to come out as often as possible.
3. The feeling was expressed that The News Reporter must be maintained on at least a bi-monthly basis.

It was pointed out that it is impossible to run a weekly paper, financially, or with present personnel and conditions. It was also pointed out that the present bi-monthly publication was a herculean task, and that it is very well received, not only by the membership but by other organizations which are seeking to copy the style.

4. At this point, proposed budgets were presented by Mr. Alpert with regard to different schemes for the two publications, and discussed by those present.
5. The point was also made that the Z.O.A. must have a publication which will react to the attacks from within, from without, to propositions with regard to Zionism and to all that happens - a publication with form, and style of a definite type.

As a result of discussion on this item, the following was moved, seconded and passed; that for next year, we want 40 issues to be the official publication, on the style of The News Reporter, with departments and editorials.

The discussion on The New Palestine magazine was deferred for the next session.

Hapoel Soccor Team

With regard to this matter, the Inner Committee recommended that we reply to their request by saying that we will be very happy to publicize their coming, but cannot sponsor them.

National Convention

Dr. Marks reported that attempts are being made to find a city that will house the national Convention, the July 4th week-end. This matter was further discussed and it was decided to proceed with the work of finding a place and beginning to plan such a convention.

Veterans Committee:

Dr. Marks reported that the Veterans Committee has met, and has outlined plans and is acting on them.

Mr. Frisch made a motion, which was passed to the effect that a check in the amount of \$96.00 be issued to Mr. Swislocki for additional expenses incurred.

Brandeis Camp Institute:

There will be an additional Brandeis Camp Institute on the West coast. This matter was deferred for further discussion.

Transfer of the Palestine Bureau to the Keren Hayesod:

This matter was discussed, and it was decided that the Z.O.A. recommend this transfer at the Keren Hayesod Board.

Publication of a Book on the Jewish Daily School:

It was explained that the Education Committee of two years ago had asked Dr. Edidin to write such a book, the manuscript has been prepared and paid for by the Z.O.A. and they are now asking that we publish it. Upon discussion it was decided to ask them to find someone else to publish this manuscript.

The question of publication of a book of essays on Zionism by prominent persons was discussed. Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann urged the publication of such a book, under the imprimatur of either the Z.O.A. or some other publishing house. In the discussion on this question, it was pointed out that there was no budget for this type of book at present, there were budgetary provisions, but they have already been filled by such books as "Hebrew Self-Taught", The Zionist Movement by Israel Cohen, The Palestine Year-Book, Vol. II and III, and "Fifty Years of American Zionism". It was moved, and passed, therefore, that action be deferred on this book. It was also pointed out that the market had been swamped with books of that type, i.e., the Gervasisbook, etc.

At this point, Mr. Greenleaf asked that at the next meeting, time be set aside for a discussion of a report that he had to present of the result of a discussion with Mr. Ben Ahronin with regard to labor and the Z.O.A.

At this point, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

INNER COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 9, 1947, 4:00 P. M.

Conference Room, American Zionist Emergency Council

PRESENT: Mr. Jacques Torczyner, presiding, and Messrs. Daniel Frisch, Abraham Goodman, Charles Ress, Herman Weisman and Dr. Sidney Marks.

- 1) UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY: Golden Jubilee: Dr. Marks reported that the staff is going out on U. N. activity itself on behalf of the Z.O.A. and we will tie it up with our Golden Jubilee.
- 2) SHEKOLIM: It was pointed out that we must have a Shekel campaign this year because only a Shekel holder who has acquired the Shekel this year and in the Congress year will be allowed to vote in the Congress elections. We must formulate plans and ideas. In connection with the statement that the price of the Shekel is to be determined by the local communities, Mr. Frisch reported that there was a resolution before the Congress to raise the price of the Shekel in the English-speaking countries, but this resolution was defeated. Nevertheless the Organization Department wants to raise the price because they need the money.

Upon motion of Mr. Frisch, it was decided that as far as the United States is concerned, the price of the shekel remain the same. - It was suggested that the shekel campaign be launched after the Convention.
- 3) CONVENTION: The date of the forthcoming Convention was discussed and it was the consensus of the Inner Committee that the Convention be held in New York City during the 4th of July week-end, at the Hotel Pennsylvania. Mr. Frisch refrained from voting. The Executive Director was instructed to advise Dr. Silver that after considering the matter several times, practically all of the members of the Inner Committee are in favor of having the Convention during the 4th of July week-end.
- 4) NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL: Mr. Frisch, Chairman of the Administrative Council, announced that a meeting of the Council is to be held on Sunday evening, May 4, 1947 in New York City.
- 5) EXPANSION AND MEMBERSHIP FUNDS: Dr. Marks pointed out that we have about a quarter of a million dollars in the Expansion Fund, and about 130,000 paid memberships. In this connection, the matter of application for inclusion in the Welfare Funds of the various communities was discussed. Attention was called to the fact that our membership is engaged in activities for Haganah and many other organizations, to the detriment of the Expansion Fund. In the course of the discussion, it was brought out as we must have a plan, sufficient manpower and an issue for the Expansion Fund if it is to succeed.
- 6) PITTSBURGH: The Inner Committee approved the substitution of Mr. David Olbum in place of Mr. Alex Lowenthal on the National Administrative Council.
- 7) REGIONAL CONFERENCE: The Inner Committee requested that the agenda for the Regional Conference to be held in New York City, April 26-27 be submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the Inner Committee.

8) YOUTH FUND: The Committee was advised that to date we have been informed by 172 of our districts and regions that they contributed \$152,146 for Youth activities in 1946-47 as against \$85,126 in 1945-46.

9) PALESTINE AMT: A letter was read from Dr. S. Bernstein, Director of the Palestine Bureau, regarding representation of the ZOA on the Palestine Amt. It was recommended that Dr. Bernstein be advised that the matter be delayed for thirty days.

10) ITTAMAR BEN AVI: The letter from the Jewish National Fund with reference to the transfer of the remains of the late Ittamar Ben Avi was ordered referred to Dr. Neumann.

11) MASADA: The matter of a loan of \$1000 to Masada was again brought up for discussion, and it was recommended that the matter be referred to Dr. Neumann with power to act.

12) PALESTINE BUREAU: Mr. Ress informed the Committee that the question of the transfer of the Palestine Bureau to the Keren Hayesod had been taken under advisement and that a motion had been made in favor of its transfer. However, upon recommendation of Dr. Neumann that the matter be gone into further, and that there ought to be a representative of the ZOA present who would explain the workings of the Palestine Bureau, no definite action was taken. It was also suggested that a committee of the Keren Hayesod should be appointed to discuss the matter with the ZOA and bring back a recommendation.

Upon motion of Mr. Frisch, it was decided that the Chairman appoint a committee of two ZOA representatives to meet with the Keren Hayesod Committee in order to further explore the matter of the Palestine Bureau, the Committee to be empowered to make a decision.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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MINUTES OF THE INNER COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1947 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL.

PRESENT: Rabbi Irving Miller, presiding, and Messrs. Daniel Frisch, Joseph Greenleaf, Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director; Dewey Stone, Jacques Torczyner and Herman Weisman.

- 1) FRISCH PAMPHLET: Upon request of Mr. Frisch for a reprint of his articles in Yiddish, it was decided that 10,000 copies be ordered, the cost for which is to be included in the \$7,500 appropriation made to the Confederation of General Zionists.
- 2) MEMBERSHIP: Dr. Marks reported that membership to date includes 30,000 new members. Efforts are now being directed towards re-enrollments.
- 3) EXPANSION FUND: Mr. Dewey Stone, reporting on behalf of the Expansion Fund, stated that to date we have received \$242,874.40; accounts receivable are \$167,000, as compared to \$150,718.16 as of this date last year. Mr. Stone expressed the opinion that the Expansion Fund in its present setup is definitely not the way to raise money. He believes that a substantial part of our problem must be answered by a change in dues. He also called attention to the fact the UPA should be asked to take over some of the functions now relegated to the ZOA. Mr. Stone was asked to remit \$25,000 to the ZOA at this time out of Expansion Funds for current operation purposes, and he promised to do his utmost to obtain this sum.
- 4) REGIONAL PRESIDENTS' MEETING: The Committee was advised of the meeting of the Regional Presidents to be held in New York City on Saturday evening, April 26th and the agenda for that meeting was discussed and decided upon.
- 5) YOUTH: The Executive Director reported that to date we have been advised that approximately \$160,000 have been contributed in 1946-47 by our districts as compared with about \$85,000 during 1945-46. (This represents about 175 replies received to date.) In this connection Rabbi Miller informed the Committee that a meeting has been arranged to discuss the entire Youth matter, to which Mrs. Epstein, Dr. Bardin, Mr. Weisman and Dr. Freund have been invited.
- 6) PALESTINE BUREAU: In connection with the proposed transfer of the Palestine Bureau to the Keren Hayesod, Mr. Frisch pointed out that any arrangement that may be made should take into consideration taking over the personnel of the Palestine Bureau, with seniority rights. Dr. Marks and Mr. Milton Pollack were designated as the ZOA representatives to discuss the matter with the Keren Hayesod.
- 7) CONVENTION: It was reported that the ZOA Convention may be held in New York City, July 3-6. The Regional Presidents and National Executive and National Administrative Council are to be consulted during the week-end conference April 26-27 and formally approved by the Administrative Council. Dr. Silver is to be requested to appoint the Convention Committee. Attention is to be centered around the fact that this is the 50th Jubilee celebration, and our program should be arranged accordingly.
- 8) ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH CHAPLAINS: The Association of Jewish Chaplains of the Army and Navy of the United States at their First Annual Convention held in New York City on March 12, 1947, adopted a resolution, which the Inner Committee ordered referred to the Executive Committee.

- 9) JEWISH WAR VETERANS: It was recommended that Colonel Milton H. Richman, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, be invited to attend meetings of the National Executive Committee, as the guest of the Administration.
- 10) JEWISH NATIONAL FUND: The letter from Elias Epstein of Jerusalem detailing arrangements with reference to land of American Jews in Palestine, is to be confirmed.
- 11) AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE: The matter of the plan for the permanent organization of the Conference was discussed, and it was suggested that the question be placed on the agenda for the Convention. In the meantime all members of the National Executive Committee should receive a copy of the Conference plan. Before the Convention a meeting should be held of the members of the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference to discuss the entire matter and the position of the ZOA, regarding the Conference.
- 12) PROTEST MEETING OF REVISIONISTS: A letter was read from the Revisionists with reference to a protest meeting being arranged by that organization, to be held at the Manhattan Center on Monday, April 21st, and requesting that a ZOA speaker be present. It was decided to refer the matter to Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann. A suggestion was made that if the ZOA should decide not to be represented at the meeting, a message should be sent in its name.
- 13) MASADA: With reference to the repeated requests of Masada for a loan of \$1,000, it was recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to send a check in this amount to Masada and to make definite arrangements for repayment through the Youth Commission.
- 14) NEW PALESTINE: A letter was read from Mr. Ludwig Lewisohn with reference to The New Palestine and his relationship thereto. The Inner Committee suggested that Mr. Lewisohn be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee on April 24th at which the question of The New Palestine will be discussed.
- 15) EXECUTIVES' UNION: A motion was made by Daniel Frisch, which was seconded and unanimously passed, that Dr. Sidney Marks be permitted to join the Union and come within the protective provisions of the Union contract regarding tenure and all other provisions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director