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RELEASE ON RECEIPT

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS SET FOR OCTOBER 25;
ZOA MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS 190,000

New York, N.Y. - The 49th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America will convene beginning October 25 in Atlantic City, N.J., according to an announcement by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the organization. The convention of American Zionists will precede by exactly one month the opening of the World Zionist Congress, scheduled to be held in Switzerland in the latter part of November.

Joseph Greenleaf of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. has been named chairman of the Convention Committee.

The present Palestine situation will make the forthcoming American Zionist gathering the most significant and decisive in the history of the entire movement. In the recent elections of American delegates to the World Zionist Congress, the ZOA slate received the largest vote of any other organization or party on the ballot. This gives the ZOA the largest single delegation to the Congress. The decisions of the convention will, therefore, be of special significance, reflecting as it will the stand of American Zionists toward major problems that will be acted upon by the World Zionist Congress.

It was also announced that the membership of the ZOA has reached a new peak exceeding 190,000, the largest total in the annals of the organization. This figure does not include the memberships of Hadassah and affiliated organizations of the ZOA.

In preparation for the convention the ZOA has launched an intensive drive to enroll thousands of new members within its ranks throughout the country.

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The Truman Administration and Palestine

IT was more than a year ago—on August 31, 1945—that President Truman wrote Prime Minister Attlee, urging the admission into Palestine of 100,000 displaced European Jews. This request was based on the report by Earl G. Harrison, United States member of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, who, at the President's behest, investigated conditions among Jewish displaced persons in Europe.

President Truman's letter to Prime Minister Attlee was greeted with great enthusiasm by Jews throughout the country. It gave them hope that the Administration was not going to forsake them after all.

The publication of the Roosevelt-Ibn Saud correspondence last spring had made it clear that at the very moment when our Government was pledging support of the Zionist program, it gave conflicting assurances to the Arab States. The reaction among the Jewish masses had been one of shock and let-down, and Jewish leaders and newspapers had begun to point out that in all the years of Jewish suffering since the advent of Hitler, the Democratic Administration had merely offered condolences to Jews but done nothing concrete to help them.

President Truman's letter seemed to indicate a turn of the tide. But its promise was not to be fulfilled. After prolonged correspondence between the President and Mr. Attlee, the former accepted the British proposal to appoint a joint Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry which would investigate the entire problem of Palestine once again.

The British move was obviously a delaying tactic. After four months of exploration and investigation the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry issued a report which recommended what President Truman had requested in the first place—the immediate immigration of 100,000 homeless Jews to Palestine. In addition, the Report contained certain long-range political recommendations which, Zionist leaders pointed out, “can never be accepted by the Jewish people.”

It became evident that an embarrassing predicament had been created for the President—the United States was being asked to repudiate its own public policy with regard to Palestine as a condition for the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine.

Fortunately the President was prevailed upon to see the problem in correct perspective and on April 30 stated that he would take under advisement the long-range policies recommended by the Report, but he was definitely in favor of carrying out the short-range recommendations. These were the immediate admission of 100,000 homeless Jews to Palestine; the abrogation of the restrictions on Jewish immigration and land purchase laid down by the White Paper of 1939; and the carrying out of large scale economic development projects in Palestine—such, for instance, as the Jordan Valley Authority Plan.

This, then, was United States policy on Palestine, enunciated by the President himself.

Weeks and months passed and still nothing was done. The British Government laid down impossible conditions, showing that it was clearly determined not to implement the Report. The State Department invited Arabs and Jews—once more—to present their views. The plight of the Jews in the Displaced Persons' Camps became unendurable. The Jews of Palestine reached the depths of despair. The British became even more brutal in enforcing their illegal policy of excluding Jewish refugees from their internationally-guaranteed homeland.

The American public could not understand—and still cannot understand—how the President of the United States can enunciate one policy publicly while his subordinates follow procedures diametrically opposed to that policy. Throughout the country people said—and continue to say—that the Administration is merely playing a clever game with the Jews and has no intention of carrying out its promises and pledges.

That impression was strengthened by the next development in Anglo-American negotiations on Palestine. A joint cabinet committee met in London, supposedly to investigate the details involved in carrying out the recommendations of the Anglo-American Report. Actually it conducted its own investigations of the problem, reversed the policy repeatedly stated by the President and produced a British-sponsored plan for the "federalization" of Palestine.

This scheme was a complete surrender to British Colonial Office policy. It repudiated not only Mr. Truman's previous statements but every official American declaration on Palestine, including the plank in the platform of the Democratic Party, which reads:

"We favor the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and colonization and such a policy as to result in the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

Would the President's Cabinet Committee have accepted this abominable "federalization" plan if its members had been convinced that the President sincerely wanted them to carry out American policy as stated by him?

This question became even more pointed when the press began to carry accounts reporting that the President was taking a most unfriendly attitude towards those who called on him to repudiate the "federalization" or "Grady" plan, as it was called here.

Despite a determined effort by the State Department to keep the matter secret, the story of what had transpired in Washington with regard to the Grady Committee's proposals appeared in the press. The State Department's efforts to secure Mr. Truman's agreement to the Grady scheme as a basis for negotiations were defeated as a result of very vigorous pressure.

After numerous reports and rumors, many of them contradictory, had appeared on the front pages of the country's newspapers, the White House finally issued a statement regarding President Truman's reaction to the Federalization Plan. This statement has been interpreted in the press and elsewhere as a declaration by the President that he is "washing his hands" of the entire question—an interpretation which has also been advanced in private conversation by leading officials, including those of the State Department.

"This government," the President's statement said, "has not

presented any plan of its own for the solution of the problem of Palestine." This after all the pledges, all the committees, investigations and consultations! Surely the resolutions of Congress and the platform of the Democratic Party should be regarded as commitments to a very clearly-defined program of action on Palestine. Yet the President had now decided to retreat from the entire issue at the very time when the British were employing the resources of their empire, both political and military, to liquidate the Jewish position.

Nor is public opinion in this country particularly impressed by the White House's assertion that "the President, on his part, is contemplating seeking the approval of Congress for special legislation authorizing the entry into the United States of a fixed number of these persons, including Jews." Assuming that such efforts can meet with a degree of success, it is clear to everyone that weeks, perhaps months, of Congressional debate on that question will ensue before any action can be taken. Welcome as relaxation of our immigration laws is, it has no bearing on the Palestine problem which is the central issue in the Jewish people's struggle for survival.

This is the record of the Democratic Administration on Palestine. Let not the Administration believe that by issuing further declaration of sympathy, it will succeed in sugar-coating this bitter pill. Anything short of the oft-promised, but repeatedly delayed, concrete action will neither satisfy nor reassure the Jews of America and those many, many other men of good-will, sympathetic with Jewish needs and aspirations, who have reached the point when they must say in a loud and clear voice: "We have been betrayed again."

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AN OPEN LETTER
to the
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This was part of the platform on which President Truman was elected. More than two years have passed since this clear and unequivocal pledge was made—two years of misery and persecution for the Jews of Europe, two years of increased brutality and treachery by Great Britain in Palestine.

No action has been taken by the United States Government to redeem this pledge.

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We are approaching an election and we know that many of your spokesmen will again reaffirm adherence to American policy on Palestine as enunciated by Congress and our political parties. We will not be content with these speeches. We do not seek new promises. The old promises are good enough for us. What we ask—now—is that our Administration keep those old promises. We ask that the old pledges be fulfilled. We ask that American policy on Palestine be carried out *NOW*.

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ELECTIONS TO AMERICAN ZIONIST CONVENTION NOW BEING HELD

New York -- Elections of delegates to the 49th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which will open its five day sessions on October 25th in Atlantic City, are now being held by Zionist Districts and Regions throughout the country.

According to an announcement by Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director, each ZOA chapter will be entitled to elect one delegate for the first 200 members or less, and one additional delegate for each additional 200 members and major fraction thereof.

With its membership now close to the 200,000 mark, the ZOA will come to its convention with the largest representation in the annals of the movement in this country.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the ZOA, has named Joseph W. Greenleaf, of Mt. Vernon, chairman of the Convention Committee in charge of preparing the program. Outstanding Zionists representing a cross-section of the country, including presidents of all ZOA Regions, have been appointed members of the Committee.

Meeting exactly one month before the opening of the World Zionist Congress, which is scheduled to be held in Switzerland, the forthcoming American Zionist convention will be most decisive in relation to the future of Palestine. Its decisions will guide the stand to be taken by the ZOA delegation to the World Zionist Congress on the major issues to be discussed and acted upon by the supreme body of the World Zionist movement.

The results of the recent elections to the World Zionist Congress have given the Zionist Organization of America the largest single representation of that of any other Zionist body on the ballot. Thus Dr. Silver will head the most influential delegation of American Zionist leaders to the Congress.

The convention sessions of the Zionist Organization of America will be held at the Breakers and St. Charles Hotels.

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1,000 DELEGATES TO ATTEND ZOA CONVENTION

New York. - The latest developments affecting Palestine have heightened the interest in the forthcoming Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which meets in four-day session in Atlantic City on October 25, to an extraordinary extent, assuring a hundred percent representation, according to reports received from Zionist Districts and Regions in every part of the country. More than 1,000 delegates, representing 600 Zionist units in 48 states and U.S. possessions, including Hawaii and Alaska, will attend the sessions.

The Palestine situation, in close relationship to the events in Paris, London and Washington, will be the main topic of discussion at the sessions of the Convention, which will be highlighted by a review of the political situation by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America and Co-Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council. The sessions will also feature addresses by outstanding representatives of the Yishuv and world Zionist leaders from various European countries.

In order to secure a maximum representation, ZOA Districts and Regions are now engaged in intensive enrollment efforts designed to boost their membership before October 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year. It is expected that these efforts will bring the ZOA membership total for the current year to over 200,000.

Elections of delegates to the Convention, now being held throughout the country, will be concluded on Monday, October 7. Representation is on the basis of one delegate for the first 200 members or less, and one additional delegate for each additional 200 members and major fraction thereof.

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ZIONISTS WILL STAND FIRM, SAYS SILVER IN ROSH HASHANA MESSAGE

New York, N.Y. - In a message to the Jews of America, on the eve of Rosh Hashana, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America, re-affirmed the "unwavering solidarity" of American Zionists with the valiant struggle of the Jewish Community in Palestine for national liberation. In an all-out struggle, said Dr. Silver, the Zionists of America stand with them "until our goal has been achieved -- firm and final establishment of the national rights of the Jewish people in Palestine." Dr. Silver also expressed a sense of close spiritual kinship "with those of our people who suffer and languish in the hell holes of Europe."

The text of Dr. Silver's message follows:

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"One cannot look back on the past without experiencing, to an immeasurable degree, a sense of close spiritual kinship with those of our people who suffer and languish in the hell holes of Europe, as well as with those valiant sons of Israel who are in battle in the land of Israel, seeking to provide and assure permanent security for our people.

"And yet it is not to the past that we should look on this day. From the Jews of Palestine we must draw strength and confidence in the future. The Yishuv looks to us not only for strength of numbers and strength of financial support, but also for an unwavering moral solidarity with them. They must know that if an all-out struggle is required, the Zionists in America stand with them until our goal has been achieved -- firm and final establishment of the national rights of the Jewish people to Palestine.

"In this grim and determined mood American Jews enter the year 5707."

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FOR YOUR ROSH HASHONA ISSUE

OUR OBJECTIVE

By Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
President, Zionist Organization of America

The prominent projection on the international scene in recent months of what is called the "Palestine problem" has had several interesting by-products. For one thing, the policy of British perfidy has received the full glare of the spotlight, and this, as much as anything else, has been responsible for the uneasy squirming which has been going on among officials of the British Colonial Office. It also explains, to a considerable extent, the peculiar agitation and political nervousness which accompany all pronouncements on Palestine emanating from His Majesty's Government. For years Palestine affairs were conducted behind a plush curtain through which penetrated none of the realities or needs of the outside world. It is no small part of our recent achievements that we have torn gaps in that curtain, and let in light and air, and, perhaps, a degree of human understanding.

Simultaneously, because of the pressure of immediate needs, the impression might have been gained in some circles that the goal of the Zionist Organization is the opening of the gates of Palestine to 100,000 European refugees. There is not a Zionist who would wish that any act of his should be responsible for delaying rescue of a fellow Jew for even a day. Indeed, it was Zionist forethought, based on the Zionist conception of Jewish life and history, which made possible the saving of hundreds of thousands of our brethren in a Palestine which would otherwise not have been prepared to receive them in their hour of need. Yet American Zionists have not lost sight of the greater goal, the classical aim of Zionism. So long as Jewish national status is not assured, so long as the Yishuv is politically dependent on a foreign occupying power, the rescue of refugees may be regarded only as necessary steps toward our objective - not the objectives themselves. We must beware lest we be led astray into the simple and seductive paths of philanthropic humanitarianism.

The needs which the Zionist movement strives to satisfy existed long before the rise of Hitler, and will continue to exist even after the 100,000 refugees have been safely settled. Only the recognition of the free and independent Jewish State of Palestine will adequately fill those needs.

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WORLD CONGRESS ISSUES, YOUTH AND PALESTINE STATUS WILL BE
DISCUSSED BY ZOA CONVENTION

Sneh and Crum Among Speakers, Abba Hillel Silver to Review Political Scene.

IMPORTANT POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED

New York, N.Y. -- The major issues confronting the forthcoming World Zionist Congress which is scheduled to open on December 7th in Switzerland, the stand of American Zionists on the latest developments affecting the future of Palestine, as well as youth and administrative problems in relation to the future of Zionism in this country -- these will be the major items on the agenda of the 45th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which will be held at the Hotels Breakers and St. Charles in Atlantic City beginning Friday, October 25th through October 29th.

According to the tentative program made public by Joseph W. Greenleaf, Chairman of the Convention Committee, the formal convention sessions will be ushered in on Friday with a dinner devoted to youth, with brief addresses by the leaders of the various Zionist youth organizations in this country.

Following Sabbath morning services, there will be held, during the afternoon, a Zionist War Veterans Reunion, followed by an Oneg Shabbat under the auspices of the national Hebrew organization, Histadrut Ivrit.

The Presidential address by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, which will set the tone of the convention, will be delivered at the Saturday evening session, to be presided over by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Vice President of the ZOA and Chairman of its Interim Committee.

The morning session on Sunday will be devoted to reports on ZOA activities and the Palestine national funds, with Judge Morris Rothenberg, President of the Jewish National Fund, presiding. The early afternoon session will highlight the elections of national officers for the ensuing year. Dr. Irving Miller will act as chairman. The rest of the afternoon and night sessions will be devoted to discussion of political affairs and the major issues confronting the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. The political discussion will be led by Dr. Emanuel Neumann and the session presided over by Daniel Frisch, Chairman of the ZOA Administrative Council.

The session devoted to the World Zionist Congress will be under the chairmanship of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. The principal speaker will be Dr. Moshe Sneh, colorful Palestine Jewish leader and member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The decisions of this session will be of particular significance as they will determine the policy of the ZOA delegation, to the World Zionist Congress, the largest single unit at that international assembly.

Bartley C. Crum, member of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry and noted international lawyer, will be the principal speaker at the closing dinner session on Monday night, at which Dr. Israel Goldstein, former ZOA president, will preside. Louis Lipsky, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Henry Monsky, President of Bnai Brith, will be other main speakers at the session.

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, former ZOA president, will preside at the Monday afternoon sessions devoted to reports of the various convention committees. The newly-elected national Executive will hold its first meeting on Tuesday morning.

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YOUTH COMMISSION BRINGS TWO PALESTINIAN
DELEGATES TO TOUR COUNTRY

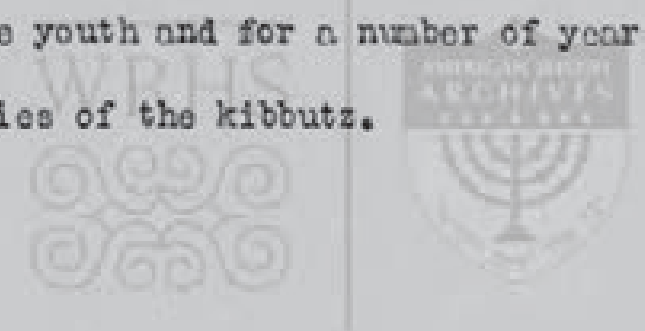
Two delegates from Palestine, Yaacov Schwartzman of Ashdot Yaacob settlement and Chava Schelzer of Ayelet Hashachar settlement, have been brought to the United States by the American Zionist Youth Commission to act as American field-workers and will shortly begin an extended tour of the country to acquaint American Jewish youth with life in Palestine and the work being done there to build the Jewish homeland, announces Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Chairman of the Youth Commission.

The two delegates came to this country in July, 1946, as a result of negotiations conducted by Dr. Shlomo Bardin, Executive Director of the American Zionist Youth Commission during his visit to Palestine last winter. They were appointed during the summer as staff lecturers at Brandeis Camp Institute for youth leadership training, where they conducted courses on various aspects of Palestine and the history of the Yishuv, and gave instruction in the gardening work of the Camp.

Yaacov Schwartzman was a member of the Palestine Yishuv for the past twenty years, and is noted throughout Palestine as one of the best gardeners in the country. He was a founding member of Ashdot Yaacob settlement in the Northern Jordan Valley, and was closely associated with the guidance and training of Youth Aliyah groups arriving there. In 1939, he was sent by the Youth Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency to England, where he worked in association with the late Miss Henrietta Szold, founder

of the Youth Aliyah movement, in acquainting youth with Palestine. His wide knowledge of Palestine and his keen insight into the problems of youth work made him extremely popular with the American Jewish youth with whom he came in contact during his stay at Brandeis Camp Institute.

Chava Schelzer joined the frontier settlement of Ayelet Hashachar in the Galilee ten years ago as a member of the Youth Aliyah from Germany. As a delegate from her kibbutz, she passed through the Teachers Seminary in Tel Aviv and the Overseas Department courses of the Delegates Seminary of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. She is well known as a youth leader in Palestine, notably in the field of teaching Palestinian songs and dances and other cultural activities to various youth organizations. She was appointed by her settlement to conduct courses for newly arrived refugee youth and for a number of years assisted in directing the cultural activities of the kibbutz.



October 30, 1946

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It has been our unpleasant duty during recent months to call ~~xxxxxxx~~ the attention of the American public to the tragic failure of the present administration in Washington to achieve any results in connection with the admission of the 100,000 Jewish refugees to Palestine, or in defense of basic Jewish rights with regard to Palestine.

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whether an administration has faithfully carried out its commit-
ments ^{and} its pledges, and ^{to} register their approval or ^{disapproval} ~~their~~
~~condemnation~~. "This is not punitive action"- this is democracy
in action. In this connection we should like to state also, that
^{the} position taken by the Greater New York Zionist Actions Committee
in its campaign of education, was in full harmony with the position
of the American Zionist Emergency Council, of which Dr. Wise, along
with Dr. Silver, are co-chairmen. ~~Dr. Wise has broken the discipline~~



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~~on earlier occasions, and it is a matter which should give~~
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Dr. W. L. R. Katz
It should be clear that he speaks for no one but himself.



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At the polls, American citizens, regardless of ^{see} ~~faith~~ or creed, are entitled to express their judgment as to whether an administration has faithfully carried out its commitments and its pledges, and ~~to~~ register their approval or their condemnation. This is not punitive action - this is democracy in action. In this connection we should like to state also, that the position taken by the Greater New York Zionist Actions Committee in its campaign of education, was in full harmony with the position of the American Zionist Emergency Council, of which Dr. Wise, along with Dr. Silver, are co-chairmen. ~~Dr. Wise has broken the discipline~~

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of the Emergency Council, as he has unfortunately done
on earlier occasions, and it is a matter which should give
the gravest concern to the organized Zionist Movement in America.
It should be clear that ^{he} ~~he~~ speaks for no one but himself.



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PUBLIC RALLY AND RECEPTION TO ZOA DELEGATION IN NEW YORK JAN. 6TH

New York Jewry will be afforded an opportunity to hear first-hand reports by those who made history at the 22nd World Zionist Congress, in Basle at a public rally and reception, sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America, on Monday evening, January 6th, at 8 P.M., at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street at Eighth Avenue., New York City.

The reports will be rendered by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America and head of its delegation; Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Chairman of the ZOA Interim Committee; Daniel Frisch, Chairman of the ZOA Administrative Council, and other leading members of the ZOA delegation to Basle.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, who was elected President of the Council of the World Confederation of General Zionists, will preside.

The speakers will tell the inside story of what has been universally termed the stormiest and most decisive world gathering in the annals of Zionism. For the first time in the history of the movement, the American Zionist delegation played the dominant role at the Zionist Congress and decisively influenced its decisions.

Admission is free to all. Tickets for reserved seats may be obtained at the national office of the Zionist Organization of America, 41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

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1500 GENERAL ZIONISTS TO MEET IN CHICAGO JAN. 24TH - 26TH.

National Mobilization Conference to Hear Congress Reports
by Silver and Neumann

Plans for Implementation of Congress Decisions
to be Discussed

Some 1,500 Zionist leaders and key workers from all parts of the country have indicated their intention to attend the two-day national mobilization conference that has been convened by the Zionist Organization of America beginning Friday afternoon, January 24th, through Sunday, January 26th, at the Hotel Stevens in Chicago, Ill., according to an announcement by Dr. Sidney Marks, Secretary of the organization.

The first national Zionist gathering to be convened since the holding of the World Zionist Congress in Basle, this Conference will hear the first-hand reports by leading members of the ZOA delegation to the Congress, headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Chairman of its Interim Committee.

The Conference will be highlighted by discussions of the major issues and decisions of the Congress and will draft plans for the implementation of those decisions that will affect the practical growth of the movement in this country.

The two-day sessions will be divided up, in addition to plenary meetings, into seminars devoted to the million dollar Expansion Fund of the ZOA and its campaign for 1,000,000 members by 1950. Outstanding Zionist personalities will lead the discussions.

With registration beginning Friday afternoon, the Saturday session will be in the form of an Oneg Shabbat (Joy of Sabbath) devoted to Veterans and Youth, and a reception by the Chicago Zionist Organization. Saturday evening will feature an Expansion Fund banquet which will be addressed by nationally prominent Jewish and non-Jewish speakers.

Sunday morning will be given over to the holding of committee meetings and seminars on Education, Membership, Expansion Fund, Veterans and other ZOA projects, followed by a luncheon of membership workers. The Sunday afternoon plenary sessions will be devoted to a discussion of plans and tactics for Zionist action, and will also be highlighted by reports on the political situation.

The Conference will wind up Sunday evening with a huge mass rally in the grand ballroom of the Stevens Hotel.

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From the Battlefields of Eretz Israel to the

FROM THE COMMANDER-
IN-CHIEF OF THE
IRGUN Z'VAI LEUMI

J E W S
of the World



In the name of our tormented people and for the sake of its freedom-seeking sons we have unfurled the holy banner of revolt for our mother land. We have risen in order to restore to the Jew his country, his sovereignty, his liberty; we have risen in order to liberate Eretz Israel from British rule, the despotic government which bears the responsibility for the annihilation of millions of our brethren. We have risen in order to put an end to the curse of dispersion and to the stigma of servility. We have risen in order to introduce political freedom, social justice and cultural progress in the Jewish homeland. We have risen in order to reunite the sections of our land west and east of the Jordan which has been severed by the British tyrants with the help of mercenary desert princes. **We have risen and we have sworn that no sacrifice shall be too great and that we shall not put down our weapons nor cease our struggle so long as our nation's historic goal has not been attained; the whole of Eretz Israel as a free and independent Jewish State.**

For years we have stood alone in the field. The ruthless world war caused the severance of our land from the wide world and from our dispersed people. From the continent of Europe there came to us the moan of Jewish blood, the blood of our parents and our brothers, the blood of the best of our people and our loved ones. We knew the identity of their murderers; we also knew who it was that helped hurl them into the abyss. We knew very well that had it not been for British perfidy; had it not been for the rule of foreign oppressors in our land; had it not been for the closing of the gates before and during the war, the German murderers would not have trapped our people, and millions of our brethren would still be alive today as free, proud and creative individuals. For this reason we did not yield to British intimidation; we did not mind our standing alone, and we did not delude ourselves with vain hope. We began to fight. We made dozens of attacks. We made precious sacrifices. Tens of our soldiers fell in battle. Hundreds were wounded and taken prisoner. We were harassed mercilessly; we were tortured in cellars; we were exiled to distant points. But we remained unbroken. In the place of the absent there came others who continued the struggle. We penetrated into the camps of the enemy. We took from him hundreds of rifles, light and heavy machine guns, countless bullets, and money, which also—according to the testament of our father (Vladimir Jabotinsky)—is converted into steel. Thus the entire world learned that a new generation had arisen in Israel, a generation which draws super-human strength from the mother land, hallowed from ancient days with the blood of the heroes and the holy; a generation which knows how to love liberty and despise slavery, a generation who knows how to revolt and to fight with weapon in hand for justice and right.

The world war is now ended, but the war of Israel goes on. We mourn the third of our people which has been erased from the book of life and the land which remains subjugated by foreigners and shut to our brethren who are rowing toward it with their last strength. And if they do not reach their destination; if they are not returning, like all the peoples, to a life of peace and liberty, it is only because their way is blocked by the perfidious rulers of Britain.

But precisely because of this, our struggle, the struggle of Jewish liberation, is growing stronger. Here in this country the eyes of the masses have been opened to see that there is only one alternative before us and none other: either to fight and be redeemed or to live in the status quo and be destroyed.

Only a year ago the best among our commanders were condemned to imprisonment and exile because of blind collaboration that some Jews offered the enemy. We conducted ourselves in self restraint in order to avoid civil war. It seems that the future may put us again to a test. This time our enemies from without and within must be warned not to repeat acts of betrayal against our soldiers.

Outside Palestine the British oppressors are confronted by the united spirit of those saved from the sword. Hardened by persecution, tested by suffering, taught by war, thousands of our brethren stand on the bloody Continent with but one determination: to reach the shores of the homeland at any price. Literally at any price, the Jewish people, despite everything, will of itself cut a path to the land of its fathers, will redeem it and renew its days as of old.

And in order to shorten the period of suffering, our whole people, wherever they may be, must band together about their fighting allies in their regenerated homeland. The struggle of Israel against perfidious Britain must be universal, just as the war of Britain against our decimated people is universal. An organized boycott of British goods can be a useful weapon in our struggle; it must therefore be enacted on a worldwide scale. Also in other areas—political, public opinion and even military—the dispersed segments of our people can act against this evil government.

Obviously, embattled Zion, the main battlefield, is in need of help. This help—in manpower, financial means and arms—the Jewish people can use in ever increasing amounts. If this is done the hands of the fighting Jews will be strengthened; the tempo of the struggle will be stepped up. Its scope will be widened. And we shall be ready, under proper military and international conditions, to stage an open revolt by the underground forces—to conquer.

This therefore is our call to you, sons of Israel, wherever you may be. The hour of fateful decision has come. The war for our liberation has begun. From the rivers of blood, from the depths of our people's endless history, there have come the rejuvenated forces which have undertaken the campaign, that will decide our fate for generations. Before our eyes there has taken place the miracle of the return to Zion; before our eyes there was born the Jewish soldier, the fearless fighter, champion of freedom whose hands are trained for war and whose heart is filled with love for his people and for his land.

This soldier will fight; this soldier will fulfill his duty to the end. He will not retreat. And if his life will be demanded as a sacrifice he will give it with a willing heart, for he knows that from his blood there will grow the tree of life for his people. In the name of this unknown soldier—the fruit of the indomitable spirit and determination of our eternal nation—we are addressing you with a call of faith and with the message of resurgence:

The hour of redemption is near! Take on strength! Rise to the aid of fighting Zion! Rise to the struggle of the nation!

פון דעם ארץ-ישראלי'גער פראָנט

צו די אידען פון דער וועלט!

אן אויפֿרוף פֿון הויפט קאמאנדיר
פֿון ארגון צבאי לאומי

קעגנערן זיך ניט אום ווי אלע פעלקער צו א נאָרמאלען לעבען,
א לעבען פֿון פֿרידען און פֿרייהייט, פֿאַר אים נאָר דערפֿאַר,
הייל זייער וועג איז בלאַקירט דורך די פֿאַרעמערישע הער-
שער פֿון ענגלאַנד.

צוליב דעם מאַכע ווערט אונזער קאמף, דער קאמף פֿון
אידישער באַפֿרייאַונג, אלץ שטאַרקער און שטאַרקער. דאָ
אין ארץ ישראל זיינען די אויגען פֿון די מאַסען געעפֿענט גע-
וואָרען צו זעהן, אז מיר האָבען נאָר איין אויסוועג, און ניט
קיין אנדערן: אַדער צו קעמפֿען און ווערען באַפֿרייט, אָדער
צו לאָזען דעם סאָטאָניקוואַ און ווערען פֿאַרגעשטעט.

אויסער די גרענעצען פֿון ארץ ישראל שטייט דער ענגלי-
שער אונטערדריקער פֿנים לפֿנים קענען א פֿאַראייניגטען כוח
פֿון די, וועלכע האָבען זיך געראַטעוועט פֿון שווער, קענען א
כוח פֿון מענטשען, וועלכע זיינען אויסגעפרוואָוּט געוואָרען ווי
קיינער אין דער וועלט, וועלכע האָבען געלערענט אין יאָהרען
פֿון אונטערגעליכען פֿיין, אז אַהן א פֿאַמערלאַנד און אַהן פֿריי-
הייט האָט לעבען קיין זין ניט, און א פֿרייהייט ווערט גע-
קויפט נאָר דורך קאמף. ווי שטייען אויף דעם בלוטיגען קאנ-
טינענט אַנטשלאָסען צו קומען צו זייער היים און זיינען גרייט
צו באַצאהלען יעדען פֿריי דערפֿאַר. דען דאָס אידיש פֿאלק,
ניט קוקענדיג אויף אלע שמערונגען, וועט דורכברעכען דעם
וועג צו זיין לאַנד, וועט עס באַפֿרייען און באַנייען ווי אין די
אַלמע מענ.

און כדי צו פֿאַרקירצען די טעג פֿון אונזערע ליידען, מוז
אונזער גאַנצער פֿאלק, וואו ער זאָל זיך ניט געפינען, זיך
שטעלען זייט ביי זייט פֿון זיינע קינדער און ברידער די
קעמפֿער. אונזער מלחמה קענען ענגלאַנד מוז זיין אן אלוועלט-
ליכע, אזוי ווי די מלחמה פֿון ענגלאַנד קענען אונז און אל-
וועלטליך. אן אַרגאַניזירטער באַיקאמ קענען ענגלישע סחורה
קען זיין א וויכטיג געוועהר אין אונזער קאמף; דאָס מוז דער
ריכער אַרגאַניזירט ווערען איבעראַל. אויך אויף אנדערע גע-
ביעטען — פֿאַלימישען, געוועלשאַפֿטליכע מיינונג און אפילו
מיליטערישען — מוזען אלע טיילען פֿון אונזער צעשפּרייטען
פֿאלק קעמפֿען קענען די רעגירונג פֿון רשעות.

זעלבסטפֿאַרשטענדליך, הילף איז נויטיג פֿאַר דעם הויפט
קאמפֿט-פֿראָנט, פֿאַר ציון. די הילף — אין מענטשען, געלד און
אייזען — קענען די קעמפֿער פֿאַר פֿרייהייט באַנוצען אין
פֿראַגערסירענד שטייגענדער מאַס. אייב דאָס וועט געמאָן
ווערען, דאָן וועלען אונזערע הענד דאָ וויין געשטאַרקט, דער
מעספֿאָ פֿון אונזער קאמף פֿאַרגרעסערט, דער סאָסטימאָ
פֿאַרבֿרייטערט. און מיר וועלען זיין גרייט, אונזער אַנטי-
שפּערעכענדע מיליטערישע און אינטערנאַציאָנאַלע באַדינגונג-
נען, אַנצוהייבען אן אַפענעם אויפֿשטאַנד דורך די כוחות פֿון
די אונטערנאָנד-קעמפֿער און צו זייענען.

דאָס איז אונזער רוף צו אייך, בני ישראל, וואו איר זאָלט
ניט זיין. די שעה פֿון אַנטשיידונג איז געקומען. דער קאמף
פֿאַר אונזער באַפֿרייאַונג האָט זיך אָנגעהויבען. פֿון מייכען
מיט בלוט, פֿון די טיעפענישען פֿון דער אונטערליכער געשיכ-
טע פֿון אונזער פֿאלק, זיינען אויפֿגעשטאַנען נייע כוחות,
וועלכע האָבען זיך געשטעלט אין קאמפֿט-פֿראָנט, וואָס וועט
אַנטשיידען אונזער צוקונפֿט פֿאַר דורות. פֿאַר אונזערע אויגען
איז געשעהן דער נס פֿון שיבת ציון; פֿאַר אונזערע אויגען איז
געבוירען געוואָרען דער אידישער פֿאלדאָס, דער קעמפֿער אַהן
מורא, טשעמפֿיאָן פֿון פֿרייהייט, וועלכע הענד זיינען גע-
לערענט געוואָרען צו האַלסען אַ ביסל פֿון וועמענס האַרץ איז
פֿול מיט ליעבע פֿאַר זיין פֿאלק און לאַנד.

דער פֿאלדאָס וועט קעמפֿען. ער וועט דערפֿיעלען זיין
פֿליכט ביזן סוף. ער וועט ניט צוריקטערטען. און אויב זיין
לעבען וועט נויטיג זיין אַלס אַ קרבֿן, דאָן וועט ער עס געבען
מיט אַ לייכט האַרץ. ער וויל, אז פֿון זיין בלוט וועט אויס-
וואַקסען דער בוים פֿון לעבען פֿאַר זיין פֿאלק.

אין נאָמען פֿון דעם אינבאַקאָנטען אידישען פֿאלדאָס וועט
דען מיר זיך צו אייך מיט אַ רוף פֿון גלויבען און מיט אַ בשורה
פֿון דערלייזונג:

די שעה פֿון אונזער גאולה איז נאָהענט! זייט געשטאַרקט!
העלפט די קעמפֿערס פֿון ציון! שטייט אויף אין קאמף פֿאַר
פֿאלק!

אין נאָמען פֿון אונזער געפֿייניגטען פֿאלק און פֿאַר איהרע
זיין, וועלכע וועט פֿרייהייט, האָבען מיר אויפֿגעהויבען אין
אונזער היים-לאַנד די הייליגע פֿאַהן פֿון אויפֿשטאַנד. מיר
האָבען רעוואָלטירט, כדי אומצוקעהרען צום אידישען פֿאלק
זיין לאַנד, זיין שטאַט, זיין פֿרייהייט; מיר האָבען רעוואָל-
טירט, כדי צו באַפֿרייען ארץ ישראל פֿון דער ענגלישער
הערשאַפט, פֿון דער בלוטיגער רעגירונג, וועלכע פֿראַנט די
אַחריות פֿאַר דער אויסדאַמונג פֿון מיליאָנען פֿון אונזערע
ברידער. מיר האָבען רעוואָלטירט, כדי צו מאַכען אַ סוף צו
דער קללה פֿון גלות און צו דער שאַנדע פֿון קנעכטשאַפט.
מיר האָבען רעוואָלטירט כדי איינצופֿיהרען אין ארץ ישראל
פֿאַלימישע פֿרייהייט, סאַציאַלע גערעכטיגקייט און קולמיר-
רעלען פֿראַגרעס. מיר האָבען רעוואָלטירט, כדי ווידער צו
פֿאַראייניגען ביידע זייטען פֿון ירדן, דעם מערבֿ מיטן מזרח,
וועלכע זיינען צעטיילט געוואָרען דורך דעם בריטישען פֿיר-
ראָן מיט דער הילף פֿון געדונגענע פֿרינצען פֿון מדבר. מיר
האָבען רעוואָלטירט און געשוואוירען, אז קיין קרבֿן וועט ניט
זיין פֿאַר אונז צו מיינער, און אז מיר וועלען ניט אַוועקליימען
אונזער געוועהר און ניט אַפֿשטעלען דעם קאמף, כל זמן עס
וועט ניט דערגרייכט ווערען דער היסטאָרישער ענד-ציעל פֿון
אונזער פֿאלק: דאָס גאַנצע ארץ ישראל אלץ אַ פֿרייע און אַז-
אַפהענגיקע אידישע מלוכה.

אין משך פֿון יאָהרען זיינען מיר געשטאַנען אליין אין
שלאַכט-פעלד. די שרעקליכע וועלט-מלחמה האָט געבראַכט
דערצו, אז מיר זיינען געוועזען אַפֿגעריסען פֿון דער וועלט
און פֿון אונזערע צעשפּרייטע ברידער. פֿון אייראָפּע האָט זיך
געטראָנען צו אונז דאָס געשריי פֿון אידיש בלוט, בלוט פֿון
אונזערע עמעסערען און ברידער, בלוט פֿון דאָס בעסעס פֿון
אונזער פֿאלק און מיינערסע צו אונזער האַרצען. מיר האָבען
געוואוסט, ווער די מערדער זיינען. מיר האָבען אַבער אויך
געוואוסט, ווער עס האָט געהאַלטען אַריינצואַרפֿען זיי אין
גהינום. געוואוסט האָבען מיר, אז אויב ניט פֿאַר דעם ענ-
גלישען פֿאַרדאָס; אז אויב אונזער לאַנד וואָלט ניט געוועזען
אונטערדריקט דורך פרעמדע; אז אויב די מיינערען פֿון אונז
זען לאַנד וואָלטען ניט געוועזען פֿאַרמאָכט פֿאַר דער מלחמה
און אין דער צייט פֿון דער מלחמה — וואָלטען די דייטשע
רוצחים ניט געקענט פֿאַרמאָכען אין נעץ אונזער פֿאלק און
מיליאָנען פֿון אונזערע ברידער וואָלטען ער היים געוועזען
ביים לעבען. און דעריבער האָבען מיר זיך ניט אונטערנע-
געבען צו די ענגלישע דראַהונגען. עס האָט אונז ניט געאַרט,
וואָס מיר זיינען אליין, און מיר האָבען זיך ניט געלאָזט פֿאַר-
שלעפּערען מיט פֿאַלשע האַפֿטונגען. מיר האָבען אָנגעהויבען
קעמפֿען. מיר האָבען געמאַכט צענדליגער אַנפֿאלען, געבראַכט
קאסמבאָרע קרבנות. צענדליגער פֿון אונזערע סאלדאַטען זיי-
נען געפֿאלען אין קאמף. הונדערטער זיינען געוואָרען פֿאַר-
וואונדעט און גענומען געוואָרען אין געפֿאַנגענשאַפט. מיר
זיינען פֿאַרפֿאַלגט געוואָרען אַכצוהונדערט, געפֿייניגט געוואָרען
אין די קעלערס. פֿאַרשיקט געוואָרען אין ווייטע ערסער. מען
האָט אונז ריט געבראַכען. אויפֿן אַרם פֿון די געפֿאַלענע און
פֿאַרפֿייניגט זיינען געקומען אנדערע, וועלכע האָבען פֿאַר-
געזעט דעם קאמף. מיר האָבען אַריינגעדונגען אין די
סחנות פֿון שונא. מיר האָבען פֿון אייב גענומען הונדערטער
ביקסען, שאַרע און לייכטע מאַשין-געוועהר, אויסציליגע
קילען און געלד, וואָס איז לויט דער צואה פֿון אונזער פֿאַטער
(זאב זשאַבאָטינסקי) אויך פֿאַרוואַנדעלט געוואָרען אין איי-
זען. אזוי אַרום האָט די גאַנצע וועלט געלערענט, אז אַ נייער
דור איז אויפֿגעשטאַנען אין ישראל, אַ דור, וועלכער שפּעט
איבערגעשליכע כוחות פֿון זיין סוטער-לאַנד, וועלכע איז
געהייליגט געוואָרען פֿון אַלמע צייטען, פֿון דור-דורות, מיטן
בלוט פֿון קדושים און גבורים. אַ דור, וועלכער פֿאַרשטייט צו
ליעבען פֿרייהייט און וועלכער האָט קנעכטשאַפט, אַ דור,
וועלכער וויל ווי אויפֿצושטיין און קעמפֿען מיט געוועהר
אין האַנד פֿאַר יושר און רעכט.

די וועלט-מלחמה האָט זיך געענדיגט, דער קרייג אין ארץ
ישראל גייט נאָך אַבער אָן. מיר מווייזערען איבער אַ דריטעל
פֿון אונזער פֿאלק, וואָס איז אויפֿגעמקעט געוואָרען פֿון פֿאַר-
היים, און איבער אונזער לאַנד, וועלכע געפינט זיך נאָך
אַלץ אין די הענד פֿון פרעמדע, צוגעשלאָסען פֿאַר אונזערע
ברידער, וועלכע ציהען זיך צו איהר מיט זייער לעצטע
כוחות. און אויב זיי דערגרייכען ניט זייער ציעל; אויב זיי

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DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN SCORES ATTEMPTS BY BRITISH
"TO CREATE MISCHIEF" AGAINST AMERICAN JEWISH CITIZENS

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DEFENDS RIGHT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS TO URGE CARRYING OUT OF
AMERICAN POLICY ON PALESTINE
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New York, Jan. 12 -- Apparent attempts by British consular officials to create dissension along racial and religious lines in the United States were denounced by Dr. Israel Goldstein in his sermon delivered at the B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue yesterday morning.

Text of the sermon by Dr. Goldstein, who is chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists and member of the Governing Council of the World Zionist Organization, follows:

"Apprehensions have been aroused recently in more than one American community as a result of utterances of British consular representatives. These utterances, as reported, give the impression of being calculated to create mischief against American Jewish citizens.

"The British consul-general, Eric Carvell, speaking at a church in Los Angeles, is reported by Reverend Harold H. Robinson to have made a vicious attack upon the Government of the United States and groups of American citizens on account of their sympathy for the persecuted Jews of Europe and of Palestine. Reverend Robinson goes on to say, 'it appears to me that this is the beginning of an attempt by the British Government to create dissension in this country on racial and religious lines. The British consul-general went far beyond the

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bounds of diplomatic propriety, and even the dictates of humanity, in his unwarranted and clever attempt to belittle our nation and the heroic efforts of the Jewish people to establish a homeland in Palestine.'

"A similar report has come from the northwest area regarding the British consul there. One of his audience states regarding an address of Mr. Joseph Robinson, the British consul in the Minneapolis area: 'His talk was virulently anti-Semitic as well as anti-Zionist, he justified the Mufti and magnanimously forgave him, he intimated that some Jews often made good citizens in the countries in which they lived.' Are these animadversions of British consular officials inspired by the British Foreign Office? They seem to represent a concerted effort to make trouble here. Is it the purpose of the British Foreign Office to sow anti-Jewish prejudices among American communities? This would indeed be an unwarranted intrusion of a foreign government into our American community life. Jewish and Christian citizens in America are doing no more than exercising their rights as American citizens when they urge a program which represents American policy as formulated in the resolutions adopted by the United States Congress. Any effort by British officials to sow discord between group and group here in the United States is a violation of fundamental decencies of international relations.

"Are we now being treated to the spectacle of Foreign and Colonial Office attempts to justify the unjustified British White Paper policy in Palestine by making it appear that the Jews are the causes of that policy rather than its victims? What is taking place in Palestine is not taking place in a vacuum. The picture being presented to the American people is that Britain has been put into an intolerable situation as a result of Jewish resistance; whereas there is Jewish resistance because of British policy. That is the framework of the picture which the British spokesmen conveniently overlook. As history shows, extremism is the inevitable recourse of a people when legal pressures for achieving security

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and freedom have failed. I am sure that the American people understand this struggle for freedom.

"Another type of objectionable intrusion has come from a British quarter where it was least to be expected. Mr. R. H. S. Crossman, who served as a member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, writing in The New Statesman and Nation, attacks the 'outlook, tactics and policy of the United States delegates to the Zionist Congress' which he says were more American than Jewish, and he states that American Jewry has become a self-assertive power with a financial stranglehold on the Zionist movement.

"Mr. Crossman's powers of observation seem to have failed him in this instance. If he has followed carefully the proceedings of the Basle Zionist Congress he should know that the decisions of that Congress were just as much the decisions of Zionists from Europe, Palestine and other parts of the world as they were decisions of Zionists coming from the United States. As a matter of fact nearly half of the entire American Zionist delegation of all parties voted with the minority at the Congress. Other parts of the Zionist world, therefore, voted in the same majority-minority pattern as the Zionists coming from America. It is unworthy of Mr. Crossman, whom we have come to regard as a friend of Zionism, that he should misrepresent and distort the majority will of the Zionist movement as expressed in the decisions of the Basle Congress. Surely he can find no fault with American Jews for taking an interest in Palestine, for seeking to give it moral and material support. The American Jewish community is the largest in the world. It has a duty to help its brethren in Europe. Would Mr. Crossman not have it assert itself, not have it do what it can to help a people who surely are in need of help?

"It is intolerable that, failing to carry out the Mandate for Palestine, Britain should continue to act against the Jews in Palestine in such a manner that they must struggle to exist, and it is insufferable that she should then

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cite this struggle for existence as justification for her repressive policy.

"We are asking only for that which Lord Balfour, David Lloyd George and Woodrow Wilson a generation ago, and the British Labor Party as recently as two years ago, declared were no more than our just due. It is grotesque, therefore, to attack Zionists for supporting traditional policy and for making every effort to achieve Zionist aims. Mr. Joseph Robinson, the British consul in the Minneapolis area, was quoted as having referred to the 'wicked Zionists who are doing the dastardly and despicable thing of using the 600,000 displaced persons in Europe to try to pry open the doors of Palestine.' The Zionists who seek to pry open the doors of Palestine are no more 'wicked' than a man is wicked who fights against strangulation. The Zionists in Palestine and out of Palestine ask no more than what Zionism itself has always meant -- the carrying out of international pledges.

"These are grave and critical hours for the Jewish people. They have always considered themselves friends of Great Britain; they have been her allies everywhere. They stand deeply in need of their friends as Britain stands today in need of hers. It ill becomes British officials to render this disservice to the Jewish people. It ill becomes representatives of the British Government to term attempts at Jewish survival as 'despicable' and acts of dignity under military tyranny as 'wicked.'

"Great Britain still has an opportunity to regain Jewish confidence and friendship, as well as the confidence and the respect of the American public, by deciding at long last to redeem its solemn pledge to the Jewish people."

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SILVER CALLS FOR UNITED ZIONIST FRONT

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Head of American Section of Jewish Agency Stresses
Supremacy of Zionist Congress Decisions

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210,000 Membership Reported

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New York, January 21st. -- A call to Zionists in this country regardless of party affiliation, to present a united front in the face of the decisively critical period confronting the movement in the next few months was issued from the National Executive of the Zionist Organization of America at a meeting which lasted past midnight today at the Hotel Biltmore.

The call was keynoted by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the ZOA, and chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, who asked all members of the organization and of all other parties to abstain for the next few months - the most critical for our movement - from recrimination in discussions of the outcome of the Congress. Joining in the call were other leading members of the American Zionist delegation to the Congress including Dr. Israel Goldstein, Rabbi Irving Miller, Abraham Goodman, Charles Rees, Benjamin Dofit and others.

Deploring "the acrimony that crept into public discussions on the Congress which can serve no purpose now," Dr. Silver warned that such type of discussion will weaken our position in the eyes of the world. "One thing is clear" he said: "The Congress has acted. The Congress is the sovereign body of our movement and after long and arduous deliberation it arrived at certain decisions which are binding upon every Zionist in the world." Dr. Silver indicated that action taken at the Congress was not motivated by an attack on Dr. Weizmann. The Congress action was to serve notice upon the world that the movement was disappointed and bitter at the treatment it was accorded by the British Government. It demonstrated its resentment through a change in the political leadership.

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ZIONIST MOBILIZATION MONTH FEB. 15th - MAR. 15th.

In accordance with the decision reached at the National Mobilization Conference of the Zionist Organization of America, just concluded in Chicago, setting aside the period Feb. 15th to Mar. 15th as "Zionist Mobilization Month", plans are now under way for the inauguration of a concentrated national enrollment effort unparalleled in the history of the ZOA, according to an announcement by National Z.O.A. Headquarters here.

"Zionist Mobilization Month" has been proclaimed in furtherance of the nationwide campaign now being conducted by the Zionist Organization of America for the enrollment of a minimum of 400,000 members in 1947 and a million members by 1950. Joseph Goldberg of Worcester is the National Z.O.A. Membership Chairman.

"Mobilization Month" will be ushered in with "Zion Day," Saturday, Feb. 15th, when rabbis throughout the country from their pulpits will call upon Jewish men and women in their communities to enlist in the organized ranks of the ZOA.

On Sunday, Feb. 16th, which has been designated "Mobilization Day," thousands of volunteers will canvass Jewish households in their neighborhoods, urging every Jewish man and woman to enroll as an active Zionist and stressing the importance, at this critical time, of presenting to the world a united front of American Jewry.

"Zionist Mobilization Month" coincides with the nationwide poll now being launched among American Jews under the auspices of the Jewish Community Research to record the extent of active support for the program calling for the establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA AIDS GRUNER'S SISTER

IN FLYING TO PALESTINE

New York---With the aid of the Zionist Organization of America, Mrs. Helen Friedman of Lancaster, Pa., sister of Dov Bela Gruner, member of the Palestine underground now under sentence of death, received a Palestine visa at the British Passport Control Office in New York to enable her to fly to Palestine, according to an announcement by Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director of the Z.O.A.

Mrs. Friedman has also been assisted by the Z.O.A. in obtaining immediate transportation on a transatlantic plane which left New York this week. She flew to Palestine to personally join in the petition for the commutation of Gruner's death sentence.

Upon her arrival in Palestine Mrs. Friedman was met by representatives of the Jewish Agency and a representative of the Z.O.A. now in Palestine, Dr. Marks further disclosed.

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EXTRAORDINARY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON
CALLS FOR JEWISH REPRESENTATION
AT UNITED NATIONS

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Summary of Proceedings And Resolutions

Dispatch

London.-Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin announced this week that the British Cabinet has approved his recommendation to submit the whole Palestine matter to the United Nations.

Bevin's announcement followed the rejection by the Jews and Arabs of his plan, a second edition of the discredited Morrison proposal. This plan would have created a new ghetto for the Jewish people in Palestine and have frozen the Yishuv into a permanent minority under Arab control.

Washington, D.C.-The Extraordinary Conference of the American Zionist Emergency Council held on February 17th, with 1000 representatives from the Zionist Organization of America and other parties from all parts of the country in attendance, meeting here unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the United Nations "to be faithful to its role as the guardian of international law by issuing an interim order that pending the final decision, the mandate for Palestine - the only international valid instrument governing the country - be fully applied, free from all restrictive enactments imposed by the mandatory government in violation of that fundamental document."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver who presided, pointed out that in deciding to turn the issue over to the United Nations, Great Britain publicly acknowledges the bankruptcy of the political line which it has pursued since 1922 which was in violation both of the letter and the spirit of the mandate. He outlined the advantages and disadvantages as follows:

Disadvantages:

Should the issue be brought before the General Assembly, this will involve an additional indefinite delay in the settlement of the problem. The Assembly is not to meet before September and even then the question may have to wait its turn on the agenda. Furthermore, the Assembly may refer the question to a committee of inquiry which will again take up time in studying all aspects of the situation. In the meantime, hundreds of thousands of refugees in displaced persons camps will continue to languish with their hopes to emigrate to Palestine fading. Account must also be taken of the fact that the Jews as a people are not officially represented on the United Nations while the Arabs are by five states.

Advantages:

The decision to refer the matter to the U.N. by Great Britain marks the end of the road with England. It all began in 1922 with British attempts to whittle down the Balfour Declaration and followed by successive White Papers which reduced the meaning and concept of the Jewish National Home and the proposals to reduce the physical size of the national home. It has become inevitably clear that Britain never intended to fulfill its obligations under the mandate. It will be an advantage to have the entire subject reviewed by an international body, many of whose members are not committed to the appeasement of the Arabs. It is also important to stress the increasingly important role which will be assumed by the United States in the councils of the United Nations. The United States will have the right under article 80 of the U.N. Charter, to demand that until such time that changes are made by the United Nations and a new trusteeship set up, the status of Palestine under the mandate remain unimpaired.

Neumann's Review:

Dr. Emanuel Neumann who presented a comprehensive report on the background of the events in London from which capital he had just flown back, declared that the precise meaning of Britain's announcement is far from clear. "Does it mean that Great Britain means to lay down its mandate and definitely relinquish its control of Palestine, withdrawing its forces and foregoing all political, economic and strategic advantages? Or does it mean that it prefers to place upon the U.N. the onus of rendering a verdict and making a decision which Britain would then undertake to execute as trustee, under new terms and conditions to be prescribed by the United Nations?" Dr. Neumann further stated that now the responsibility for determining the political destiny of Palestine will devolve in a large measure upon the United States and the other nations of the western hemisphere.

An historic opportunity will thus confront our own Government, an opportunity which will call for the highest expression of constructive American statesmanship. The speaker said that an American sponsored solution must obviously be in harmony with the concurrent Congressional resolutions on Palestine of December 1945 and must be based on three cardinal principles:

- (1) The free entry of Jews into their own land;
- (2) fullest opportunity for economic development;
- (3) the status of sovereignty of a free and independent Jewish nation, to be achieved through statehood and symbolized by a seat in the United Nations.

Delegates from ZOA districts and regions were predominant at the Extraordinary Conference in Washington. This reflected the primary role which the ZOA plays in the affairs of the American Zionist Emergency Council, in all phases of its activities on the American scene. The proceedings and decisions of the Conference brought into sharp focus the vital importance to ensure the success of the mobilization campaign now being conducted by the ZOA. The line set by Conference was: to arouse public opinion for the demand that the provisions of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate be carried out pending a decision by the United Nations. In accordance, the U.S. Government is to be called upon to exert its power and influence upon the British Government to nullify the White Paper, to open the doors of Palestine to free immigration and remove the land restrictions.

To back up this demand it is vital that the ZOA double its membership this year. This would strengthen the hands of our leadership and moreover demonstrate to the American and British Governments and to the United Nations that American Jews are actively supporting the Zionist program. Membership mobilization should therefore be the key word of all major activities this year.

Delegates See their Congressmen and Senators:

During the intermission before the opening of the second session of the Conference, delegates went to the Capitol to call upon their Congressmen and Senators urging action on their part in support of the demand that the provisions of the mandate be observed, that at least 100,000 Jews be admitted into Palestine forthwith. It is learned that reaction of the legislators was favorable with promises secured to support the Jewish cause in and outside of Congress. This support was promised both by Democratic and Republic legislators.

All Zionist Parties for United Action

The first gathering of representatives of all Zionist parties since the World Zionist Congress, the Extraordinary Conference was marked by a united front and unanimity of views in relation to the stand to be taken by the World Zionist movement in the light of the new developments.

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Conference called on the government of the United States to act as spokesman for the Jewish cause when the Palestine issue is brought before the United Nations. He said that Britain's proposal to submit the Palestine issue to the United Nations was merely a gesture and that she contemplated using the interim period to strengthen her military position in Palestine. He charged Britain with planning to break the morale of the Jews, liquidate the Jewish Agency, fragmentize the Jewish National Home and establish local ghettos encircled by either British or Arab military camps. Britain plans to build its power in the Middle East upon the corpse of the Jewish National Home if necessary.

Henry Monsky, President of B'nai B'rith and Chairman of the (Interim Committee) American Jewish Conference, attacked those who would compromise on the Biltmore program. Those who advocated compromise now see the futility of such proposals which always got them less. Monsky urged adherence to the course chartered by the present Zionist leadership maintaining that those who counselled another course are courting destruction of the Zionist program.

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, president of Hadassah said: "If the United States has anything to gain from peace in the Middle East, surely that will be secured by encouraging, helping to protect, and by championing the cause of a democratic community of Jewish Palestine and not by falling for Britain's propaganda."

Gedaliah Publick, speaking for Mizrahi, said: "We remind America of the biblical admonition -- 'Do not stand idly by when the blood of thy brother is shed.'" With the words of Isaiah we say: 'For the sake of Zion I shall not be silent and for the sake of Jerusalem I shall not be quiet, until her righteousness will shine forth.' "

Prof. Hayim Fineman, speaking for the Labor Zionist Organization of America analyzed the new British proposals in detail and concluded that they "can bring about only one result: they will cement a firmer unity in Jewish ranks and steel our determination to fight for Jewish rights. The embittered partisanship at the last World Zionist Congress has already been relegated to the past. Our new Executive works as a unit."

B. Netanyahu, speaking for the United Zionist-Revisionists of America said: "Britain will now try to bring to her aid the machinery of the United Nations. She will attempt to obtain legal sanction for what she is doing illegally today...All talk therefore of her intentions to withdraw her troops from Palestine must be regarded as mere propaganda maneuvers."

RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions were presented by Dr. Leon Feuer, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee on which were represented a cross-section of all Zionist parties.

A summary of the resolutions adopted by the Extraordinary Conference follows:

- (1) Condemnation of the present British regime in Palestine which mocks those very ideals in whose name the American people fought side by side with Britain in her moment of peril. The resolution rejects the attempts being made by the British Government to represent its military action against Jewish refugees and the Yishuv as designed to preserve law and order. The British Government alone has brought lawlessness to Palestine while imposing a policy declared illegal by the representatives of the civilized world and it alone is responsible for the violence, the acts of desperation of Jews in Palestine.
- (2) The Conference calls upon the Government of the United States to make an earnest effort to secure the commutation of the pending death sentences imposed on a number of Palestine Jews. The resolution charged that these sentences are part of the repressive policy of the Palestine Government.
- (3) A renewed expression of solidarity and support to the Yishuv and its nationally disciplined and responsible resistance movement. The resolution expressed a sense of pride at the courage and resourcefulness of the men and women of Palestine and their determination to defend Jewish rights against tremendous odds. The Yishuv does not stand alone. We shall continue to aid it to the limit of our ability and our resources.
- (4) A pledge to bend every effort to support the so-called illegal immigration into Palestine. In this great work of rescue of emergency we shall not be intimidated by attempts of hostile British officials to label the efforts of homeless Jews to reach Palestine as "illegal". Illegal is the power that keeps them from their own land. These lives are precious and we mean to save them.
- (5) Denunciation of the Palestine administration in deporting Jewish refugees to Cyprus as well as of Jewish repressive military measures in Palestine. The resolution cites in detail the brutal acts of the British military forces in Palestine which are denounced in the sharpest terms. In reviewing the British Government's history of vacillation and faithlessness, we are deeply aware of the fact that hundreds of thousands of Jews might have been saved but for its indefensible policy. We express our deep sense of outrage over this shameful record of the British Government.
- (6) We call upon the United Nations to give proper representation to the Jewish Agency in that international body. (See list of resolution at beginning of bulletin)

(7) A call upon the United States Government to assume leadership in the new situation and to employ its great influence both in its relations with the British Government and as a leading member of the United Nations in the interest of the program for Palestine which it has reaffirmed time and again. The resolution also asks that 100,000 Jews in displaced persons camps be transported to Palestine on American ships flying the American flag.

(8) Confidence in the leadership of the Jewish Agency and the American Zionist Emergency Council in carrying forward our program of action during the coming crucial months.

Confidence In Future:

Dr. Silver, closing the Conference, voiced confidence that if Zionists will do their task right, we will have a real fighting chance. Delegates will return to their communities "in a spirit of rededication and real consecration which will give us the opportunity to rebuild on the sacred soil of the land of Israel, the nation of Israel. We are now moving forward to the next stage of our movement - a united movement and a united Jewish people."

Jerusalem.-The Jewish Agency will take whatever steps are necessary to wage 'a political struggle before the United Nations in connection with the British decision to bring the Palestine issue before that body," Moshe Shertok, member of the American section of the Jewish Agency of which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is chairman, declared that "Jews will now have to plead their cause in every capital of the United Nations and will strongly defend it before the United Nations General Assembly."

As the largest and most affluent Jewish community in the world, American Jews literally have now the fate of Jewish Palestine in their hands. No Jew worthy of the name can remain on the sidelines. ZOA district and regional officers are duty-bound to exert all their resources and energies to insure the success of the ZOA Mobilization Month. The words of Justice Brandeis should be emblazoned across every Jewish household, "organize, organize, organize, until every Jew in America must stand up and be counted, counted with us, or prove himself, wittingly or unwittingly, of the few who are against their own people."

ZIONIST MOBILIZATION BULLETIN

AMERICAN ZIONISTS AROUSED!

February 16, Zionist Mobilization Day, marked the beginning of an all-out effort on the part of American Zionists to strengthen the ZOA in its attempt to force the hand of England on the seething Palestine issue.

Incensed over England's utter disregard of her solemn pledges and obligations toward furthering the establishment of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine, and her callous treatment of the pressing need of Europe's surviving Jews for a home in Palestine, ZOA members throughout the nation are enlisting new members in the Movement. American Zionists know that only action on our part can save little Palestine from strangulation in the Empire's toils.

The scene has shifted to America. We American Zionists have attained a decisive voice. Bevin has tossed the issue to the United Nations here in New York.

But if our government is to speak for us, we must permit the ZOA to enlist the mass support of American Jews, through a large and active membership. Surveys have proved conclusively that American Jewish sentiment is overwhelmingly in favor of the Zionist aim. American Jews are waiting to be asked to join. We must regard it as our duty to help them become articulate in fulfilling the historic aspiration of our people for a home and recognition.

Our task has been set for us. It is an easy one, compared with the trials our people are undergoing elsewhere. The Stage is set. Let us get in the act.

ZOA TAKES UP THE CHALLENGE!

In every major city in the country Zionists have taken up the challenge from New England's rocky coasts to the sun kissed shores of the Pacific; from the deep south through the great midwestern plains simultaneous campaigns are taking place to double the enrollment of the ZOA.

ALMOST 5,000 IN NEW YORK

The five Greater New York Regions; Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx, Westchester and Long Island, launched their concerted drive for 100,000 members in 1947 on Zionist Mobilization Day, February 16. Special membership teams combed the teeming metropolitan area, and in one day enrolled close to 5,000 new members in the ZOA.

This day of intense and devoted activity was climaxed by a giant reception and reunion at the Hotel New Yorker that evening, where over 600 leaders heard Congressman Jacob K. Javits, recently elected to the House of Representatives and a new bulwark in the ranks of the movement.

JERSEY MAPS DRIVE

Across the Hudson in New Jersey, Philip April, Membership Chairman of the region, is mobilizing his district committees for a meeting February 23, in Newark's Sheraton Hotel, to coordinate the regional drive with the widespread national campaign during Zionist Mobilization Month, February 15 to March 15.

PITTSBURGH HAS SWEEPSTAKES

In industrial Pittsburgh, David Olbum, indefatigable Membership campaign has been covering his entire area with a barrage of personal letters, circulars and announcements launching Pittsburgh's drive for 2500 new members. A special feature is the "ZOA Sweepstakes 2500." Members can only qualify for the Grand Prizes if they bring in a minimum of five new members. The three workers enrolling the highest number of new members will win a nationally famous Numechron Deluxe Electric Clock. All who enroll at least fifty will be presented with Numechron Commander clocks. With the Sweepstakes as the incentive, Mr. Olbum expresses confidence that the Pittsburgh drive will pile up an enviable membership record.

OUTLINE FOR ACTION FROM THE COAST!

And from sunny Los Angeles, headquarters of the Western Area, Louis Stein, recently appointed director of the region, reports a complete reorganization of membership committees to cope with the area's unprecedented membership campaign plans. The area has planned an "Outline for Action" designed to make the fullest use of every enrollment technique devised, including its own version of the Information Poll placing particular emphasis on local needs.

BALTIMORE OUT FOR 4000!

Down in Baltimore on February 11, Yale Goldberg, National Membership Director addressed a rally of membership committeemen completing plans for Baltimore's drive to double their membership, 4000 members in 1947. Babbi Abraham Schusterman, a new figure on the Baltimore horizon, presided. Joseph Spector, President of Region, announced completion of the Baltimore plan for membership. This entails division of the entire city on a geographic basis to gain maximum coverage of prospective members. The drive will be highlighted on March 2 with a city-wide Z-Day.

BRONX COVERS EVERY APARTMENT HOUSE!

The Bronx Region membership drive under the direction of David Moskowitz, is elaborating on its original apartment house plan for membership solicitation which has proved so successful in the past. In one apartment building over fifty new members were enrolled.

Bronx has started to issue a weekly campaign bulletin of their own with full coverage of the activities of each district to spur increased activity and coordinate the drive. The goal undertaken by the region is 18,000 members by 1947, with particular emphasis on Chai Club incentive towards enrolling at least 18 members by each worker.

SOUTHWEST RIDES THE RANGE!

The Southwest Region with headquarters in Houston, Texas, has inaugurated their membership campaign with a complete mailing to the entire Southwest membership of their Julius Livingston Membership Circular together with membership literature and application blanks, according to Julius M. Israel. A series of correspondence has also been carried out by Sam Segal, regional Membership Chairman, with his local chairmen.

NEW ENGLAND SHOWS ENGLAND!

In the Southern New England area, Dr. Harry A. Cohen, Executive Director, reports the major cities of Connecticut, Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport in the midst of intensive membership drives.

Providence held a State-wide Mobilization Conference for Rhode Island on February 9th, at which the principal speaker was Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the ZOA and Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Stamford, Norwich, and New London report great progress in their campaigns, and Woonsocket, Rhode Island has already increased its membership by 25%.

WESTCHESTER SYNAGOGUE CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

The Westchester Region having just completed a successful campaign for the Metropolitan Zionist Fund has already embarked upon its membership drive. In Mount Vernon, Zionist leaders have been making their temples bulwarks of Zionism in Westchester County, with a series of breakfast meetings in local synagogues proving highly successful as membership devices. In New Rochelle a list of every Jewish non-Zionist was compiled for assignment to membership committeemen in their enrollment effort launched by a membership breakfast at which individual responsibility for contacting these prospects were made.

The ground work has been laid for the formation of a new district in Mt. Kisco, with Thomas Saltzman addressing the Jewish Men's Group there at a preliminary meeting.

THE SOUTH GAINS STRENGTH

The Southeast Region working out of Atlanta has set its sights toward doubling its membership for 1947. Robert A. Persky, regional Membership Chairman, has contacted every district in his area personally to coordinate local drives.

Miami Beach launched its campaign for 3000, and Atlanta initiated its campaign with a breakfast in January.

OHIO VALLEY REACHES HEIGHTS!

The Ohio Valley Region with offices in Columbus reports Terre Haute, Hamilton, South Bend, in Indiana; Lima, Ohio, Lafayette, Ind., Toledo, and Columbus in the midst of intensive membership drives.

A new district was recently organized in Muncie, Indiana, at the initiation of Rabbi Kramer there.

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WORLD ZIONIST LEADERS CONFER IN U. S. A.

Moshe Shertok and Dr. Moshe Sneh, members of the World Zionist Executive arrived by plane from London to confer with Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, head of the American section of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann and other world Zionist leaders on action to be taken as a result of the announced decision by the British cabinet to refer the Palestine issue to the United Nations. The action to be discussed will deal in particular with the announcement by Bevin that the immigration restrictions will continue for another year pending the final settlement of the issue by the United Nations. After a few days' stay in this country, Dr. Sneh and Mr. Shertok will fly back to Jerusalem to attend the special meeting of the Actions Committee which has been convened there for March 4th. It is learned that American members of the Actions Committee will leave for Jerusalem to attend this all-important meeting of the ruling body of the World Zionist movement between Congresses.

Shertok, in a statement to the press declared that the United States will have to take the lead when the question comes before the General Assembly of the United Nations since Britain stated that it will make no recommendations.

Jerusalem.--The daily Hebrew paper, Haboker, reports that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann have demanded that the meeting of the Actions Committee be held in Washington instead of Jerusalem.

The entire Hebrew press voiced the opinion that in view of England's decision to refer the Palestine matter to the U. N., the center of gravity for Zionist activities has been transferred to America.

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With the U. N. General Assembly meeting in New York next September it is imperative that American Jews be mobilized in the hundreds of thousands through ZOA membership to present to the representatives of the world powers a united front in backing up our just demands.

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Arab Map Propaganda Campaign for U. S. A.

New York.--A Cairo dispatch to the New York Times states that the Palestine Arab Higher Committee which is headed by the former Mufti, would cooperate with the Arab League in sending joint delegates to the United States to propagate the Arab viewpoint on Palestine before the future of the country is taken under consideration by the United Nations.

Moussa El Alami, director general of the Arab offices in Jerusalem, London and Washington, is now on his way to the U. S. for this purpose. This action by the Arabs who will undoubtedly be aided by the far-flung British propaganda machine in this country calls for every ounce of effort on the part of American Zionists to enlist American public opinion in support of the Zionist program.

Ask For Emergency U. N. Session

Jerusalem.--Dr. Barnett Brickner of Cleveland who has just completed a tour of displaced persons camps in Europe, upon arrival here reported that 90% of all Jewish displaced persons in Germany, Italy, Austria and other countries were determined to go to Palestine. Their determination is brutal and they will shrink from nothing to achieve their objective. Dr. Brickner stated that the newly opened Negev in southern Palestine alone could easily accommodate every displaced person in Europe who wanted to come and that it could be done without displacing a single Arab. He suggested that instead of waiting for the problem to be decided through formal routine channels while people are perishing in Europe, the U. N. call a special emergency meeting to decide the issue.

He further stated that the Jewish displaced persons were bound to rebel if they had to stay confined another winter and if they do, the whole world will be shaken by it.

U.J.A. Campaign Opened With Addresses By Morgenthau And Eisenhower

Washington, D.C.-- The \$170,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal was officially inaugurated at a two day national conference at the Shoreham Hotel here with more than 400 Jewish leaders from communities throughout the U.S.A. in attendance.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury and General Chairman of the campaign drew a contrast between the bleak and unhappy picture of Europe today and the land of hope and promise - Palestine. "While other lands cling to their barriers against the homeless and weary refugees, the Jewish community of Palestine has given top priority to the expansion of the country's industry and agriculture to make room for additional hundreds of thousands of newcomers from Europe."

Describing the overnight establishment of 12 new settlements in the Negev and the subsequent formation of six additional settlements in that area, Mr. Morgenthau said that the establishment of these colonies was intended to prove to the world that Palestine can and will absorb these hundreds of thousands of Jews who have been denied homes and freedom in Europe.

Morgenthau, emphasizing that the responsibility facing the Jewish Agency, the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund - the constituent agencies of the United Palestine Appeal are enormous - about \$85,000,000 is required for the immigration and housing of European Jews in Palestine this year. "Is this too high a price to pay for freedom for thousands upon thousands of human beings who have endured 15 years of slavery?" he asked.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, another main speaker at the Conference, declared that the intensive national campaign of the U.J.A. represented an "eloquent protest against man's inhumanity to man. Only one who has seen as I have, the mental and physical effects of savagery, repression and bigotry upon the persecuted of Europe, can realize the full need for the material help and encouragement you propose to give. The terrors they have endured, the indescribable horrors they have survived, cry aloud to all men who retain within themselves any respect for decency, any belief in the human soul."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, national chairman of the U.P.A., another speaker, stated that "the Jews of Palestine are prepared to make any sacrifice to give a home to their brothers and sisters in Europe who are still without homes and without hope." He added that the task of rebuilding the shattered lives of European Jews entering Palestine is one of the most urgent objectives of the \$170,000,000 campaign of the U.J.A.

Large initial gifts toward the campaign were announced. These included \$500,000 by Edmund I. Kaufman of Washington, former ZOA president, \$100,000 from Mark Sugarman of Coatesville, Pa., Associate Treasurer of the ZOA, and \$75,000 from Harold J. Goldenberg of Minneapolis, member of the National Executive of the ZOA.

U.S. Sends Inquiry

Washington, D. C. - The British government has been asked by Secretary of State, George C. Marshall for clarification of Britain's intention regarding certain aspects of its plan to refer the Palestine problem to the United Nations. It is reported that Secretary Marshall informed the British that the Government of the United States is carefully considering its approach to the problem.

Various inspired reports have also been emanating from London of the alleged intention of the British to increase the monthly quota of immigration into Palestine in the interim period anywhere from its present figure of 1500 a month to 4000. These reports are not confirmed and of this writing are ostensibly inspired rumors. Bevin's announcement that the restrictions of the White Paper will remain are considered a flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter and a manoeuvre to delay indefinitely the just solution of the Palestine problem. The 100,000 British troops in Palestine who are taking up the room of 100,000 Jewish refugees are continuing with their repressive measures against the Yishuv, evicting from their homes thousands of Jewish men, women and children.

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Jerusalem. - Fawzy el Kawukji, an associate of the former Mufti, who commanded Arab military forces against the Allied nations in the Middle East and who also led the Arab attacks against the Jews, spent an hour in Palestine en route to Egypt to confer with the Mufti and his associates. Although a reward is outstanding in Palestine for his capture, he was permitted to pass through unmolested by the British Customs and Immigration authorities.

There is room for 100,000 British troops in Palestine, but no room
for 100,000 refugees. Fight for free Jewish immigration and Jewish state-
hood through a strong ZOA membership!

President Truman in a statement to a delegation of U.J.A. declared
that United States is "still endeavoring to get Britain to admit 100,000
displaced European Jews into Palestine."

MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

HAS YOUR DISTRICT DOUBLED ITS MEMBERSHIP?

We don't expect you to tell us that - as much as we'd like to hear it. But we do expect to find that your community is being mobilized for the all-out fight ahead of us.

From all over the country reports have been pouring into the ZOA offices - confident, happy reports of 600 new members here, 500 there, increases of 10, 20, 50 in a few short weeks. Zionists everywhere have been giving their time and effort, writing hundreds of personal letters, attending meetings, speaking to their friends and associates to build the strength of the ZOA for the fight to save our people and honor.

Our task has been simplified. American Jews have had their fill of deceit and delay in settling what the British call "the Palestine issue." There is no longer any issue. The overwhelming majority of our people know now that Palestine must be opened to our homeless, that a permanent Jewish homeland with control over its own destiny must be established.

BEVIN WASHINGTON IS ZOA

England's Bevin has rewarded our efforts more than he can ever know. Just last week, in announcing that England would refer the Palestine case to the UN General Assembly he unwittingly credited American Zionists with "impairing the settlement of the Palestine issue."

We should accept this commendation for what it is worth. If we have been in any measure responsible for blocking the brazen attempt to turn what generations of toil have built in Palestine into just another ghetto as the Grady-Morrison plan would have it - we can be justly proud.

THE ZOA MUST BE HEARD IN THE U.N.

If we have succeeded in that we can succeed in pushing an equitable, honorable decision before the United Nations. Remember - the ZOA will have a great part to play in presenting our case. Help give us the strength and the backing. You can help us show the world that Jewry is united as never before.

When the ZOA speaks loud and clear with the full force of justice behind our cause, the full weight of numbers behind us can insure success. It is up to you. Only you can bring us the membership we must have - 400,000 in 1947, 1,000,000 by 1950.

Remember - your job is easy today. Your fellow Jews are just waiting to be asked to join you. Give them the opportunity to identify themselves - to "stand up and be counted."

FIRST OF ALL - ENROLL EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY ABOVE EIGHTEEN
(We can more than double our membership in that way alone!)

ENROLL YOUR FRIENDS

ENROLL YOUR ASSOCIATES

ENROLL THE JEWISH WAR VETERAN INCREASINGLY AWARE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES

ENROLL YOUR SYNAGOGUE IN THE EFFORT

ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF JEWISH GROUPS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

INTEREST YOUR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS IN THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE
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ATTEMPT TO DESTROY ECONOMY OF YISHUV THROUGH MARTIAL LAW

Jerusalem.-Failing to force the Yishuv into a civil war among Jews, the British administration in Palestine imposed martial law in key Jewish areas, accompanied by despicable and brutal military repressions against innocent men, women and children. The military measures instituted, unprecedented in their rigidity and brutality even for a hostile occupying military force, are openly designed to strangle the economy of the Yishuv. What has heretofore been attempted by the British administration under the guise of arbitrary laws, is now being perpetrated unmasked and undisguised. The callous stand taken by the military has shocked even the pro-British Jerusalem correspondent of the New York Times who cabling from Tel Aviv reports as follows: "With three one-syllable words and a nod, the General (Major General Gale, British military governor of Tel Aviv) replied "Nope, Nope" when asked whether Tel Aviv, the principal industrial district of Palestine will be allowed to furnish goods to the rest of the country and to markets abroad.

A GREAT BRITISH VICTORY!

Jerusalem -- A four year old Jewish girl, Chetti Sholom, was shot and killed by a military patrol and her six year old sister was wounded when she ran out to aid the mortally injured child.

Isaac Poli, a Jewish war veteran, proceeding on a bicycle was shot and killed by a sentry posted on a roof.

The Jerusalem correspondent of the Jewish Morning Journal cabled that in the old Jewish quarter of Jerusalem, Mea Shearim, hundreds of desperate mothers, old men and children are crying for water which is being denied them by the military. Little children are the main sufferers having been deprived of food and water for two days on end. The military have shot holes in the water tanks and refused to have them replenished. Mrs. Hyman of New York related to the correspondent that her six month old baby was deprived of food for 24 hours. She had a can of powdered milk but was refused the water with which to use it.

Mayor Rokach of Tel Aviv disclosed that two days of martial law in Tel Aviv brought about so complete a paralysis that dead persons could not be buried and motor trucks with food could not reach the city from the country-side.

Misleading Stories Planted in U.S. Press

New York.- The British agencies in the United States are working overtime planting misleading stories in the general press. These activities are obviously financed with part of the \$3,000,000,000 loan granted by the U.S. Government to the British. The well financed agencies closely linked with the Palestine administration in Jerusalem are widely distributing photographs intended to evoke sympathy for the British military in Palestine. Strict military censorship clamped on Palestine prevents the filing of photographs to the U.S.A. showing the brutal behavior of British military, the willful shooting of little children and innocent bystanders and the ransacking of and raids upon Jewish homes.

With the Palestine issue before the United Nations, the considerable expansion of the Zionist public relations program has become a matter of transcending importance for our cause.

More Refugees Forcibly Deported

Haifa. - 1300 Jewish refugees who arrived on the blockade runner, Chaim Arlosaroff, were forcibly deported to Cyprus after it was boarded by British military. Homer Bigart, Palestine correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune cabled that at first the Jewish refugee ship, reported to be manned by an American crew, succeeded in eluding the British blockade after the men had subdued a naval boarding party in sharp fighting. However, the vessel was later beached and the crew and refugees were overpowered by troops of the 6th Airborne division who used bayonets and rifle butts. Some 30 refugees were injured and had to be taken in stretchers to hospitals.

Ten members of the crew, all American Jewish citizens, were placed under arrest on the charge of aiding illegal immigration into Palestine and will be tried in a Haifa court. They are Abraham Rabinowitz, Abraham Ben Mordecai, Zelig Toitelbaum, Chaim Lakonoslav, Jacob Israelson, Wolner Gort, Bernard Raphaelowitch, Joshua Petrowitz, Wolf Goldberg and Simon Soma.

Churchill Attacks Palestine Policy

London.-Winston Churchill led an attack on the Labor Government on its Palestine policy demanding an end of "this squalid warfare." He asked that the Government speed the Palestine problem to the United Nations. Other members of Parliament joined in bitter criticism of the Government's Palestine policy.

It is further reported that the British cabinet had decided to postpone a decision on an interim policy for Palestine until Bevin's return from the Moscow conference which opens on March 10th. This means that the doors of Palestine will continue to be closed for an indefinite period.

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 : utilities almost at a standstill because of lack of funds, England con-
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 : ance of 100,000 troops in Palestine. There is room for 100,000 troops
 : armed with all paraphernalia of modern warfare, but no room for 100,000
 : Jewish refugees!
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 : Join the ZOA Mobilization Campaign to fight to open the doors of
 : Palestine and for Jewish Statehood.
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ZOA Urges Support of "Illegal" Immigration

Pittsburgh. -- The National Administrative Council of the ZOA meeting here with Daniel Frisch its chairman presiding, heard Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Dr. Moshe Sneh in a call for wholehearted support on the part of American Jewry for aid in continuing the stream of Jewish immigration into Palestine in defiance of the British blockade. Dr. Sneh who flew back to Palestine after a brief stay in this country urged a breaking off of all conversations and further negotiations between Jewish Agency leaders and Foreign Secretary Bevin, terming such conversations as futile. He predicted that Britain will repudiate any Palestine settlement by the United Nations if such settlement will be in conflict with its conflict to strangle the progress of Zionism just as it has repudiated the unanimous recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry.

Dr. Sneh proposed that the fight against British policy in Palestine be waged on three fronts. 1) permanent resistance to the anti-Jewish regime in Palestine; 2) a permanent stream of Jews to the shores of Palestine in defiance of the blockade of the British Navy; 3) permanent activation of public opinion in all countries of the world, particularly in the U.S.A. against arbitrary British imperialism in Palestine.

In his analysis of the situation, Dr. Sneh rejected a policy favoring partition which he said has proven itself futile. "The only partition to which we have acquiesced was the partition of Trans-Jordan from western Palestine some 25 years ago and even this we have had cause to regret."

Dr. Silver placed the blame for the present situation in Palestine squarely upon the shoulders of the British Government. Referring to the continuous deportation of Jewish refugees to Cyprus, Dr. Silver said "how long will these tragic human beings be permitted to remain the hopeless pawns of imperial intrigue and power politics?" He appealed to the conscience of America and to the free peoples of the world to do their utmost to put an end "To this unspeakable wrong; to this outrageous crime against humanity."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann expressed doubt that the announced British plan to refer the Palestine issue to the United Nations is seriously meant. He added that this statement has been accompanied by statements of official British spokesmen that Britain does not intend to relinquish the mandate; that it expects to get from the U. N. advice and "recommendations" and reserves for itself the right to accept or reject such recommendations. Dr. Neumann said that this "has an ominously familiar ring." A year ago the British proposed the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry which was also to make recommendations but you well know what happened to those recommendations, unanimous though they were.

Daniel Frisch termed Bevin's attack on President Truman as "boorish and impudent." He asserted that "no statement by the British politicians has so opened the eyes of the American public to the iniquitous and hypocritical policy of the present British government as that made by Bevin."

Mobilization Call

The meeting adopted resolutions in keeping with the spirit of the addresses and discussion.

Another resolution unanimously adopted and endorsed the mobilization call issued by the Zionist leadership for the enrollment of 400,000 members this year and one million members by 1950 in order to manifest to the U. S. Government and the United Nations the united will and determination of American Jews to fight for the attainment of our ultimate goal.

Dr. Sidney Marks, executive director of the ZOA, reviewing the achievements of the organization since October 1st, the new fiscal year, reported that of this date a total of 225,000 members, and voiced confidence that the goal of 400,000 members this year would be attained before the forthcoming annual convention of the organization.

Major Eliot Warns of Suicide Waves

New York.--Major George Fielding Eliot, New York Herald Tribune military expert, warned that waves of suicide and violence will sweep Jewish D. P. camps in Europe unless America moves quickly to help settle the question of Palestine which to "many, if not most" of the D. P.'s, offers "the only possible solution of their life problems."

It is obvious that the British are trying to solve the Palestine problem in their own arbitrary way before the question comes up before the United Nations. Zionist leaders have warned that the British government is seeking time to strangle and destroy the Yishuv before the United Nations issues its decision on the Palestine question.

No American Jew can therefore fail to heed the mobilization call of the Z.O.A. The Yishuv under the heel of the British imperialist juggernaut, looks to American Jews to arouse the free peoples of the world to prevent Britain from carrying out its aim. The task of every district and region must therefore be: MOBILIZE, MOBILIZE, MOBILIZE!!

MEMBERSHIP BUILDING

The third week of Zionist Mobilization Month, finds ZOA districts across the nation issuing enthusiastic reports on the success of their membership drives.

American Jews are rallying under the banner of the ZOA to take an active part in freeing Palestine from tyranny.

In Providence, R.I..... 1,000 New Members Join Providence District in One Day!

Mr. Louis Abedon, membership chairman, jubilantly reports that it was physically impossible to cover all those who wished to become members of the ZOA on Mobilization Day, February 16th. So Providence is continuing its record drive for another few weeks, exerting every facility, all the workers at their command. Arthur I. Derman is Regional President.

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In Philadelphia..... 2,500 New Members Netted in Fall Campaign

Michael H. Egnol, membership chairman in Philadelphia, proudly reports almost 2,500 new members into his district as a result of its unprecedented and highly organized membership drive during the fall. Reenrollment has been progressing at a record rate over past years.

Not content with resting on this impressive achievement, Philadelphia has embarked upon a gigantic Expansion Fund Drive. William H. Sylk is President of the district.

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In Westchester..... Campaign Gains Momentum

Thomas K. Saltzman, Membership Chairman for the Region, announces a great series of meetings, lectures, breakfasts in the Westchester county districts as the drive for double its membership picks up speed. The emphasis on the synagogues, and upon cooperation with veterans and other Jewish groups holds infinite promise according to reports coming in.

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In Memphis..... District Pledges 1,000 New Members!

During the first week of the campaign, Memphis Zionist District enrolled seventy-five new members towards its announced goal of 1,000 new members, according to Louis Kotler, membership chairman. The top men in the membership competition so far are Simon Wener, with twenty five new members, Oscar Goldberg with eighteen, and Louis Goldman with seventeen.

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In The Bronx..... Each Apartment House a District!

The membership drive in the Bronx with special emphasis on the formation of new districts, has been meeting extraordinary success in its campaign for 18,000 new members for 1947, according to David Moskowitz, membership chairman.

In the Lewis Morris Apartments, District No. 111 was born with 54 members, one-fourth of the residents in the building! In another house, the Riviera, District No. 115, with 24 members came to life. Murray Ehrlich, Sam Jacobs and Mac Donen, as co-chairmen, have been responsible in great measure for the impetus in the Bronx drive.

In Sheboygan, Wisconsin ... Membership More Than Doubled

David Rabinovitz, district president, reports an increase in membership from 60 to 128.

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In Manhattan ... Over One Hundred Parlor Meetings

Samuel Berman, regional membership chairman, announced that Manhattan districts will conduct over 100 parlor meetings to give stimulus to the drive in this heavily populated district.

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In Atlanta ... Joseph Goldberg Tours Southeast!

Addressing meetings in Atlanta, Jacksonville, Savannah, Miami, and Miami Beach, Joseph Goldberg, National Membership Chairman, stirred members of the Southeast Region to a fever pitch at the beginning of concerted membership drives, reports Adalbert Freedman.

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In Chicago ... Drive For 15,00 New Members Launched

Ben Zion Ginsberg, Membership Chairman, reports Chicago off to a splendid start, with a substantial number of the goal already pledged.

Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director of the ZOA, and Yale Goldberg, national Membership Director, have been in Chicago coordinating plans for the unprecedented drive there.

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In Brooklyn ... 2,630 New Members In Region

Philip H. Lasser, Membership Chairman, in a special Campaign Bulletin issued by the region, reveals 2,630 new members in Brooklyn, with renewals coming in at an over-increasing rate.

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In Long Island ...

Murray Langbaum, Regional Membership Chairman, reports well over 2,000 new members in Long Island since the start of their unprecedented drive in October.

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In St. Louis ... Streamlined Membership Drive Gains Speed

Dr. Julius H. Funk, President of the St. Louis Zionist Organization, has timed an all-out drive for the period of March 2 through March 9, employing newspaper advertisements, sound trucks, posters and the radio transcription of the "Drama of Palestine."

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In The Tri-State Region ...

Lester Cohen has been contacting the districts with special literature tying the membership campaign together with the Palestine day-to-day events.

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In Stockton, California ...

The Zionist Group there has applied to the national office for a charter in the Zionist Organization of America, according to W. Zev Bronner, of the Pacific Northwest area.

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RELEASE ON RECEIPT

20,000 FOOD PACKAGES SENT BY ZOA
TO ZIONISTS IN D. P. CAMPS

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In response to an urgent appeal received from General Zionist D. P. groups in Europe preparing to emigrate to Palestine, the Zionist Organization of America has dispatched 20,000 food packages overseas for distribution through the World Confederation of General Zionists, of which Dr. Israel Goldstein of New York is president.

The food packages, which also include war surplus products, were purchased by the Expansion Fund of the ZOA. Part of the funds for this purpose were contributed by the Altschul Foundation of New York.

According to an announcement by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, acting president of the ZOA, the packages will be distributed among 131 General Zionist D. P. groups, many of whom are en route to Palestine. Part of the consignment will be also shipped to the General Zionist settlement Mivtachim located in the Negev, southern part of Palestine.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAJOR ARON, VISITING PALESTINIAN JEWISH WAR HERO,
TERMS REPORTS OF ARAB-JEWISH FRICTION DISTORTED

First Jew to be Commissioned Officer in Palestine, British-Born Leader
Of Jewish Brigade Says Majority of British People Favor Jewish Palestine

Arrives in This Country to Confer With
High Personages on Palestine Situation

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New York. - Major Wellesley Aron, one of the organizers of the first all-Jewish Palestinian unit, who arrived by plane at La Guardia Field this week from London, charged that reports of Arab-Jewish friction in Palestine were distorted and discounted any threat of an Arab uprising in Palestine.

"No fundamental enmity between Jews and Arabs in Palestine exists. Most of the agitators for an Arab Palestine are not Palestinians," he said.

The organizer of the first all-Jewish Palestinian unit and the first Jew to be commissioned an officer in Palestine during the war, British-born Major Aron came to this country under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America to confer with leaders in all walks of American life on the Palestine issue. Major Aron, who rendered testimony at the London sessions of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on the contribution of Palestinian Jews to the Allied war effort, declared that the great majority of the English people want to see justice done for the Jews in Palestine. He revealed that even in conservative English circles, "there is an increasing admiration for the Jewish effort in Palestine to stand up for their rights and to compel the world to give the Jewish people a just hearing."

Major Aron added that "there is a growing feeling on the part of the average Englishman that there must be a grave injustice somewhere for things to have gotten as bad as they have."

Major Aron has been one of the leading figures, during his 20-year stay in the Holy Land, in the creation of the all-Jewish units which were later incorporated into the famous Jewish Brigade. In 1945, after taking part in the British Eighth Army's Italian break-through at Bologna, he was demobilized and came to London on a confidential mission at the request of Moshe Shertok, political head of the Jewish Agency.

In 1941, he was placed in command of the Jewish Recruiting Mission of the British Army, becoming instrumental in providing the first nucleus of Palestinian Jews who later saw outstanding service with the Allies. His all-Jewish unit, the 178th Palestine Company, took part in the first siege of Tobruk. Major Aron commanded this unit for four years in the western desert, Malta and Italy. He holds the Member of the British Empire citation for gallant and distinguished service with the Jewish Brigade under the British Eighth Army.

Major Aron has become one of the foremost proponents in the acquisition of status and recognition for Palestinian Jewish soldiery. His Company was the first to carry the Star of David insignia into operation.

Major Aron will deliver an inside report on current political developments to members of the National Executive of the ZOA on Monday evening, March 24th, at a special session in the Hotel Commodore.

U.S. Mission

Referring to his mission in the United States, Major Aron declared that "one of the objects of my visit to this country is to furnish factual information on the Palestine situation to responsible quarters here in the United States in order to help reinforce the determination of all who are concerned for a just solution of the present dilemma. This is vital in securing justice for the cause we serve, which enlightened people in every democratic country have long supported since the Balfour Declaration."

Major Aron will also meet with United States Jewish War Veterans, to convey fraternal greetings from the Jewish ex-servicemen in Palestine and in England. "As Allied Jewish Soldiers we fought against a common enemy for the survival of a free world. As Allied Jewish War Veterans we must see that the four freedoms are implemented in the case of our own people."

Major Aron paid tribute to the American Zionists and to the leadership of the Zionist Organization of America, which "is playing such a vital part in the fight for national survival for the Jewish people."

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RELEASE ON RECEIPT

ZOA ANNOUNCES ESSAY CONTEST ON ZIONISM

New York. - A prize essay contest on "The Rise of Modern Zionism and Its Influence on Jewish Life" has been announced by the Education Department of the Zionist Organization of America.

This contest is open to any young man or woman who will not have reached his 23rd birthday by June 15th, 1947, the closing date of the competition.

All reliable sources may be utilized for research, but the recommended reference is "The Zionist Movement" by Israel Cohen, published by the Zionist Organization of America.

Six prizes will be awarded, including a first prize of \$100, a second prize of \$50, and four prizes of \$25 each. Judging the merits of the essays submitted will be Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn, author; Bernard G. Richards, publicist, who edited the American edition of "The Zionist Movement;" and Carl Alpert, Director of the ZOA Education Department. The decision of the judges will be final, and prize winning manuscripts become the property of the ZOA.

Essays must be typewritten on one side of the sheet, and should be no more than 2,000 words in length. Manuscripts must be accompanied by name, address and age of contestant on a separate sheet of paper and must be received no later than June 15, 1947. Address all entries to:
Education Department, Zionist Organization of America, 41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y. A complete set of contest rules may be obtained upon application.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW PALESTINE COLONY TO COMMEMORATE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

New York. - The National Executive of the Zionist Organization of America at a meeting today approved a plan for the establishment of a colony in Palestine to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the organization. To this end a tract of land comprising 50,000 dunam of land (1,250 acres) will be redeemed within the next two years through the Jewish National Fund.

The meeting which was presided over by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, acting president of the organization, listened to a comprehensive report by him of the latest political developments which led to Britain's decision to refer the Palestine issue to the United Nations. Dr. Neumann who was recently elected a member of the World Zionist Executive by the Zionist Congress at Basle, pointed out that the crux of the entire problem has now shifted to the United States. He voiced the hope that with America taking the lead, enough support will be rallied within the United Nations for a just solution of the Palestine issue. He urged a renewed and increased effort for mobilizing American public opinion to ensure a vigorous effort on the part of our Government in behalf of a just solution of the problem.

The plans for the establishment of the Palestine colony were submitted by Dr. Harris J. Levine of New York, Chairman of the National Z.O.A. Committee for Jewish National Fund Activities. Under the approved plan, regions and districts of the Z.O.A. are to observe the Z.O.A. jubilee year and are to engage in Jewish National Fund activities which are to redeem the ZOA tract of 50,000 dunams. He pointed out that the observance of Zionist jubilee year by

increasing the land-holdings of the Jewish National Fund is a particularly meaningful and appropriate program in view of the fact that the principle of the inalienability of the soil has its root in the Mosaic law of jubilee. (Leviticus XXV)

The ZOA jubilee tract, it was further explained, will be set aside for the settlement of General Zionist and other Jewish immigrants who will meet the requirements of the Jewish Agency Colonization Department.

At the same meeting, Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman of the ZOA Inner Committee reported that a national survey is shortly to be undertaken with the cooperation of leading educators to ascertain the best procedure to integrate Jewish youth into Zionist activities.

Sidney Marks, Executive Director of the ZOA reported a membership total of 236,000 toward the goal of 400,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

Other speakers at the session include Louis Lipsky of New York, Prof. Gustave Klausner of St. Louis, Dr. A. K. Epstein of Chicago, Joseph Goldberg of Worcester, Rev. Martin Adolf of Paterson, Louis J. Falk of Jersey City, Joseph Klau of Hartford, Dr. Hyman Silver, Bronx, and others.

SEVEN— SPEAKERS' BUREAU

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

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

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

The impact of the increase in membership on the Speakers' Bureau can readily be seen from the more than 3,000 meetings for which speakers have been provided. In cooperation with local Jewish Centers many of these speakers have participated in forums and seminars attended by men and women not necessarily affiliated with the Z.O.A. With the aid of the Hebrew Arts Committee we are also today in a position to make available singers, dancers and artists who are fully qualified to present the spirit of Palestine to the American audience.

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

JUDITH DANIEL

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

This department has furnished special Palestine news dispatches and photographs to Jewish and non-Jewish public organizations and publications. It has supplied basic material for articles on Palestine to the *United States News* of Washington, to the American Council on Public Affairs, to members of the Congress and Senate, to feature writers on the *New York Herald Tribune*, *New York Post* and *Washington Post*.

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

Converted into a bi-monthly last May, the *New Palestine-News Reporter*, edited by Ernest E. Barbarash, has published 14 issues since the last convention. It is mailed to close to 190,000 Jewish households, and many non-members and educational institutions.

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

ERNEST E. BARBARASH

EIGHT— VETERANS' BUREAU

THE CLIMAX of the activities of the Z.O.A. Veterans' Bureau was reached on July 14 and 15 of this year when nearly 4,000 Jewish veterans in uniform from all parts of the country assembled in Washington and sent delegations to the President, Secretary of State and the British Ambassador to demand the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine. Similar parades occurred in numerous State Capitals and delegations of veterans visited most of the Governors of the 48 States. Following quickly upon the heels of the March On Washington, meetings were held in all parts of the country where veterans reported on the action taken and called upon all Jewish veterans to join the ranks of the Z.O.A. A special pamphlet, "You Have Made A Fighting Offer," was issued to capitalize further on the tremendous enthusiasm aroused by this project.

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

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

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

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

HERSCHEL AUERBACH

RADIO PROJECT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ESTHER LOPATIN

ONE—

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

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

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

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

The answer to the Yishuv's appeal for increased means to acquire additional land came in a clarion call to American Zionists sounded at the National Keren Kayemeth Conference held in January 1946, in Pittsburgh. From that memorable occasion emanated a vigorous and insistent demand to place full emphasis on the land issue as of equally crucial importance with that of the immigration problem. It was but natural that the accent should first have been placed on the demand for opening the gates of Palestine to immigration. Human lives were involved. But a continuation of the land restrictions will mean the economic stragulation of the Yishuv. The efforts to enlighten the public on this phase of British injustice were redoubled by the Jewish National Fund beginning with Pittsburgh and unabatedly have continued throughout the year.

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

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

Drawing fully upon these resources, the Jewish National Fund of America reached, during the period under review, the peak year since the inception of its work 45 years ago. At this writing the full report of the JNF's financial operations shows: From September 1, 1945 to August 15, 1946 the unprecedented amount of \$12,347,384.15 was remitted by the Jewish National Fund of America to the Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem, (as compared with \$5,313,179.51 during the corresponding period of the preceding year). Included in this total are the proceeds from: a) JNF share in the proceeds of the UJA through the UPA, amounting as of July 31, 1946, to \$8,643,412.55; b) \$2,282,661.73, representing traditional collections as compared with \$2,221,941.11 during the corresponding period of the preceding year, and \$255,000.00 realized through the sale of the ten year 4% Notes issued by the JNF of America in connection with the \$2,500,000. loan floated in 1942.

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

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

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

TWO—

Nor would this report be complete without an expression of appreciation to my associate officers and the members of the Board of Directors and Administrative Committee of the JNF. Their unremitting interest and devotion to the JNF have been important factors in shaping the policies, in implementing the fund-raising program and in recording the progress which the JNF has made during the year that has ended. Especial recognition must be made of the wholehearted cooperation of the Chairmen, leaders and workers of the JNF Councils throughout the country. Genuine appreciation is also due to Mendel N. Fisher, the Executive Director of the JNF, Dr. Harris J. Levine, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the JNF, Mr. Jacob Sincoff, Treasurer of the JNF, for diligent and capable execution of their respective tasks, and to all of the JNF's Heads of Departments, Executive and Field Staffs, who have rendered devoted service to the Keren Kayemeth in its efforts to help provide a sound and just foundation for Jewish life in Palestine.

MORRIS ROTHENBERG, *President*

AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION

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

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

	Number of Local Youth Commissions	YOUNG JUDAEA Clubs — Members		MASADA Chaps. — Members		JR. HADASSAH Chaps. — Members	
Previous Year: from Sept. 1944 to Oct. 1945	172	650	12,000	38	650	250	15,342
Current Year: from Sept. 1945 to Oct. 1946	199	800	15,000	73	2,000	250	16,541
Numerical increase this year	27	150	3,000	35	1,350	—	1,199
Percentage in- crease this year	15%	23%	25%	98%	50%		7.5%

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

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

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

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

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

	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	TOTAL
STATES	18	22	31	30	34	38	
CITIES	35	47	64	99	135	137	
CAMPERS	50	84	134	194	254*	244*	961

* 254 campers in 1945 represent 642 campers' weeks.

244 campers in 1946 represent 644 campers' weeks.

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

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

This is truly a miniature sketch of Youth Commission activities and interests. If this brief report condensed to fit limited space serves any practical purpose, it is only because headnotes are sufficient for the rank and file Zionists who for the most part are personally familiar with the work of the national and local Youth Commissions, the activities of the Youth Groups and of the Zionist youth leaders in their own communities. The Zionist movement functioning in a period of grave crisis must make the greatest effort in its history to gather unto itself multitudes of American youth who are prepared to become "partners in the cause of Zion."

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

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

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

HERMAN L. WEISMAN,
Chairman

HEBREW ARTS COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOSHE DAVIS,
Chairman

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

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

As the political arm of the entire American Zionist movement, the American Zionist Emergency Council acted as the spearhead of the American Jewish struggle against the anti-Zionist policy of the British Labor Government and the policy of delay pursued by the American Government. The year which had started with hope for a new and just Palestine policy on the part of the British Labor Government, which was so deeply pledged to aid the Zionist cause, was to become the most difficult

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in Zionist political history. The situation demanded militancy and steadfastness of purpose. This spirit was reflected in every aspect of the Emergency Council's work—from publications and public meetings to the direction of political activities in Washington in the local communities and vis-a-vis the British Government.

The unhappy events of the year made necessary public expression of the bitterness and unflinching determination of American Jews. Under the Emergency Council's direction, historic mass meetings were held at crucial moments. In the fall of 1945 a mass demonstration filled Madison Square Garden to capacity, with an additional 50,000 people demonstrating in the streets. An even larger rally, which was attended by 200,000 persons, was held a few weeks later in Madison Square Park. Vigorous denunciations of the British Labor Government's betrayal of the Jewish people were voiced at these meetings, and were widely reported in the nation's press. The Palestine problem was thus made one of the first items on the agenda of the American Government.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The successful functioning of these conferences, as of much of the other work of the American Christian Palestine Committee, was due in no small measure to that organization's Speaker's Bureau—Club Program Service—which has brought exponents of the Zionist case to the churches, colleges, civics, and women's clubs of the Nation.

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

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

HARRY L. SHAPIRO,
Executive Director

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HISTADRUTH IVRITH

THE HISTADRUTH IVRITH

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

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

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

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

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

Ogen (publication department of the Histadruth Ivrit) published several important books during the year. Outstanding among these are: Abraham Goldberg Memorial Volume, Hebrew and Arabic Culture, by Prof. A. S. Yahuda, *Hurban Polan* (Destruction of Poland), by Joseph Opatoshu. Ogen also participates in the publication of *Metsuda*, a Hebrew quarterly published in London, and *Machboroth*, a Hebrew monthly published in France. The following publications are scheduled to appear shortly. Part I of Bialik's Poems, translated into English under the editorship of Dr. Israel Efros; "Poems" of E. E. Lisitsky; second volume of History of Jewish Education, by Prof. Zvi Scharfstein; and "Poems" by Prof. Isaac Silberschlag.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAMUEL J. BOROWSKY,
ALEXANDER M. DUSHKIN,
BORIS MARGOLIN,
President

ZIONIST ARCHIVES AND LIBRARY

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

The United Nations, government agencies, Zionist bodies, other Jewish organizations, newspapers, radio broadcasting stations, research workers, writers, etc. seeking knowledge in our specialized field have plied us with thousands of requests. A cross-section from these will serve to illustrate the range of information sought. The United Nations asked for statements by Roosevelt, Truman and Bevin on refugees and Zionism; the United States Congressional resolution on Palestine; the treaty agreements between Great Britain and Transjordan. The Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry was supplied with books and

pamphlets by the library as well as with bibliographical information. The Independent Jewish Press Service wanted to know about Jewish, Christian and Moslem holidays in Palestine; types of courts. The American Jewish Conference needed material on territorialism as well as on Zionism and Communism. The British Library of Information sought statistics and current data on health conditions in Palestine. The American Zionist Emergency Council desired figures on the average yearly rainfall in Palestine; government documents pertaining to Palestine, etc. The Jewish Agency for Palestine was given documentary material for the United Nations and Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. Radio Station WLIB wanted to know about the Irgun Zevai Leumi. "Time" magazine desired material on Jerusalem. The "New York Times" asked for biographical facts on Abraham Stern. The United Palestine Appeal asked for statements on Zionism by Roosevelt. "Life" magazine and H. V. Kaltenborn asked for information on the partition plan.

To meet this growing demand for authoritative sources, we have assiduously combed the field for books, pamphlets and periodicals dealing with Palestine, Zionism and the Middle East, and today our collection numbers 8,000 books and 8,500 pamphlets supplemented by current periodicals on Palestine and Zionism from all over the world.

Of special note in our expanded activities was the inauguration by the Zionist Archives and Library of a printed bimonthly bibliography of books, pamphlets and periodicals called "Palestine and Zionism." This bibliographical tool with its cumulative yearly volume has been widely acclaimed as a source for material on Zionism, Palestine and the related fields of the Middle East and Jewish problem.

In 1945, the Zionist Archives and Library of the Palestine Foundation Fund served 2,667 readers who used our collection for research; and from January through July 1946, 1,942 readers were similarly served. In addition, the Zionist Archives and Library answered thousands of inquiries received through letters and telephone calls.

The library has also provided many institutions, including The American Institute of Graphic Arts, Hunter College, the College of the City of New York, Queens College, Staten Island Jewish Center, etc. with exhibits portraying life in Palestine.

This year, as in the past, organized groups from Zionist and other bodies were invited to the library and informed of its resources and services. The facilities of the Zionist Archives and Library have also been utilized for their cultural meetings by numerous Zionist groups.

Ever mindful of the value of a well informed public, the Zionist Archives and Library has expanded its activities and striven to disseminate factual knowledge to all who seek information on Palestine and Zionism.

SOPHIE A. UDIN,

Director and Librarian

B N A I Z I O N

THE 37TH ANNUAL CONVEN-

TION of Bnai Zion was held in Asbury Park, June 22 to June 24. This was the first gathering in two years, the last scheduled Convention having been postponed owing to transportation difficulties and government regulations. The administration elected two years ago, under the leadership of the world Zionist leader, Louis Lipsky, has to its credit a number of important activities that have served to broaden the field of the Bnai Zion program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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