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ZOA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ADOPTS IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

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The National Administrative Council, governing body of the Zionist Organization of America between conventions, met for the first time in all day session since the last convention, on Sunday, September 19th, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York. Attended by a full representation from all parts of the country, the Administrative Council, presided over by Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman, heard first-hand reports by ranking ZOA leaders on the historic sessions of the World Zionist Actions Committee in Tel Aviv, surveyed the latest political developments in relation to Israel, and adopted a series of highly important resolutions on the political situation and on major projects of the newly expanded program adopted by the ZOA as part of the reorientation of the American Zionist movement since the establishment of Israel.

Preceding the session, the National Executive Committee met the night before under the chairmanship of Dr. Emanuel Neumann.

We attach herewith:

- 1) Text of political resolutions presented by Rabbi Leon Feuer and unanimously adopted by the Administrative Council.
- 2) Summary of other resolutions, (ZOA Food Project, Youth, Chalutzit, etc.), adopted at both the meeting of the National Executive and Administrative Council.
- 3) Excerpts of address by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Judge Morris Rothenberg. (Fuller excerpts of the addresses of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann will be published in the forthcoming issue of The New Palestine).
- 4) Other important announcements.

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POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS

The National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America meeting in New York City on September 19, 1948, resolves:

1) We are shocked and deeply saddened by the brutal assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte while he was engaged upon the high mission entrusted to him as UN mediator for Palestine. We express our profound sympathy and send our condolences to his bereaved family and country. We also send our condolences to the family of Col. Andre Serot, French UN aide.

This dastardly and inexcusable crime committed by irresponsible individuals deserves not only the condemnation of all decent persons, but the swift apprehension and punishment of the perpetrators.

The Government of Israel is moving firmly and quickly toward that end, and it is our hope that in the near future justice will be speedily meted out.

2) We strongly repudiate the charge made by Dr. Ralph Bunche, the newly designated UN mediator, in a message to Foreign Minister Shertok of Israel that the Government of Israel is in any way, directly or indirectly responsible for the tragedy of Count Bernadotte's killing. This tragedy was the culmination of a series of outrages committed against UN personnell in virtually all of which Arabs, not Jews participated. Dr. Bunche's completely unwarranted allegation must not be permitted to obscure these basic truths:

1. That it was the primary responsibility of the UN to provide adequate protection for these representatives
2. That the hesitancy and vacillation displayed by the UN in firmly enforcing its own decisions is the basic cause of past, and if not corrected, will undoubtedly produce future tragic and regrettable occurrences.

3) We call upon our country, the Government of the United States, to carry to fruition the contribution which it has thus far made toward the establishment of the Jewish State. We confidently hope that the solemn pledges made in the platforms of the major political parties will be translated into action by prompt de jure recognition of Israel; by energetically sponsoring the admission of Israel into the United Nations; by making possible the granting of a sizeable and urgently needed loan; by removing all barriers against the free movement of DPs to Israel from the Camps in the American Zone of Occupation. Should hostilities be resumed, we hope our government will act promptly to lift the embargo to supply embattled Israel with arms.

The delay of our government in taking these logical measures tends to prolong the present uneasy and unendurable truce which is rendering difficult the establishment of permanent peace between Israel and the neighboring Arab States.

Affirmative action by the United States taken at once can be the decisive factor in producing the peace. We urge President Truman and his administration to act quickly and constructively.

4) We are happy to endorse the position taken by the representatives of the Zionist Organization of America and the World Confederation of General Zionists at the recent session of the Actions Committee, in helping to effect a wise separation of political function and personnel between the State of Israel and the World Zionist Organization. This separation must inevitably result in more effective mobilization of assistance for Israel in its future development.

We are gratified that our leaders were instrumental in bringing about this reorganization. We hail the resultant unity in our movement which should speedily reflect itself in splendid cooperation toward our common goal, the welfare of the Jewish State and of its rapidly growing numbers of Jewish citizens.

5) While we record with pride the impressive achievements of the new State of Israel, we are conscious that many perplexing problems and difficulties remain to be solved, especially in view of the present armed truce which requires constant military preparation and vigilance. Immigrants are streaming into the country the thousands and we are grateful that the weary and hunted of our people are at last finding home and healing, but they must be quickly and effectively absorbed into the life of the country. The economy of the nation is prevented from functioning in a normal manner. The development of the country has been impeded by the aggressions of the Arab States and the resultant damage to life and property.

Israel needs the help of the Jewish people the world over. That help must be extended intensively and generously as never before, through the United Jewish Appeal, through economic investment and guidance, through the provision of good, clothing and other material help, and in a variety of ways.

We therefore earnestly call upon our fellow-Jews to respond loyally to these needs, to perform faithfully whatever tasks are assigned to them and to match with their devotion and generosity the bravery of the citizens of Israel. Through the mutual ties of faith and cooperation between our people in Israel and elsewhere throughout the world, the new State which has been established in our time in our ancestral land, will surely flower into a living and glorious reality.

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The Administrative Council endorsed the launching of a \$2,500,000 ZOA food project for Israel. Mr. Abraham Goodman, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, speaking on the project, announced that American Jews will be called upon to donate food in kind, particularly within the next three months, for shipment by the ZOA to the people of Israel. This project was sanctioned by the Israeli Supply Mission now in this country.

The meeting also called for support of the ZOA Equipment project and ratified the agreement with materials for Palestine.

In this connection, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA president, stressed that while American Zionists are urged to give their utmost support to projects authorized by the ZOA, preference is to be given to the United Jewish Appeal.

Michael Egnal, president of the Philadelphia ZOA, reported that the Zionists of his city have pledged to send \$1,000,000 worth of food to Israel within the prescribed period.

The National Executive Committee which met preceding the Administrative Council heard an announcement by Mr. Albert Schiff, Zionist leader of Columbus, Ohio, of the formation of the "Israel Corporation of America," a \$25,000,000 corporation, by individual members and officers of the ZOA. The corporation is dedicated to furthering the economic upbuilding of Israel through a vast program of housing and the promotion of essential industries.

It was stated that the formation of the new Israel Corporation is in keeping with the economic program presented to the last convention of the ZOA by its president, Dr. Neumann. At that time it was stressed that while the ZOA itself cannot and will not engage in business enterprises, a group comprising some of the most prominent members and officers of the ZOA have been consulting with a view to the promotion of a large corporation to provide the much-needed private capital in productive enterprises in Israel.

Among the objectives of the new corporation with headquarters in New York, the announcement stated that the corporation will aim to bring American technicians and know-how to Israel, to assist in the formation, establishment and support of essential industries in furtherance of the growth and development of the country.

Other Resolutions

Among the resolutions adopted during the sessions was one calling for the support of the \$4,000,000 campaign for the establishment of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem.

Another resolution provided for an expanded program for the education of Zionist youth as one of the major functions of the ZOA in the years to come and recommended to the American Zionist Youth Commission the extension of its sphere of operations beyond the existing Zionist youth organizations to all Jewish youth groups in this country. The resolution further asked the convening of a conference of all Jewish youth organizations for coordinating youth work in relation to the new State of Israel.

The resolution also offers encouragement and support to a program of chalutzit (Israel pioneering) and extended greetings to Plugat Aliyah, the General Zionist chalutz group in this country, and to the Hechalutz Organization in America. The resolution recommended the expansion of the Chalutzit Commission and urged ZOA districts throughout the country to make chalutzit one of their projects.

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Yet another resolution called for support of the American Zionist Fund of the ZOA, as the "financial mainstay of the organization and the basic source of means for the far-reaching expansion of its educational, public relations, and other activities."

ZOA Inner Committee

The meeting approved the following members of the Z.O.A. Inner Committee, which acts between meetings of its National Executive, who were named by the ZOA president: Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ex officio, chairman; Mark Sugarman, Coatesville, Pa.; William Sylk, Philadelphia; Dr. Israel Goldstein, N.Y.; Rabbi Irving Miller, Woodmere, L.I.; Milton Pollack, Brooklyn; Daniel Frisch, New York; Abraham Goodman, Miami; Charles Ress, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; Benjamin Browdy, Brooklyn; Joseph W. Greenleaf, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; Dewey D. Stone, Brockton, Mass.; Jacques Torczyner, New York; Herman Weisman, Scarsdale, N.Y.; Mendell Selig, Leominster, Mass.; Dr. Sidney Marks, ZOA Executive Director and Rabbi Jerome Unger, Associate Executive Director, ex officio.

Membership Gains

Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director, reported a gain in ZOA membership of 20% over last year. He announced the formation of sixty-six new districts, bringing the total of ZOA districts in 48 states to 685.

A comprehensive report on the finances of the Organization was rendered by Milton Pollack, chairman of the ZOA Finance Committee.

Herman Weisman, chairman of the American Zionist Youth Commission, outlined the expanded program of Zionist youth activities.

Other speakers included Abraham Goldstein of Hartford, Elihu D. Stone of Boston, Dr. Morton J. Robbins of Nashua, Dr. David Reiss of St. Louis, Benjamin Dofl of Lawrence, L.I., Leon A. Kohn, New York, David Moskowitz, Bronx, David Speigel, Brooklyn, Rabbi Leon Feuer, Columbus, Judge Henry Ellenbogen, Pittsburgh, Morris Jacobs, Detroit, Joseph Goldberg, Worcester, I.S. Turover, Washington, D.C., and Rev. Martin Adolf of Paterson.

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ADDRESS BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Chairman, American Section of the World Zionist Organization

Sunday, September 19, 1948 -- ZOA Administrative Council

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization, voiced concern that "the terrible tragedy - the assassination of Count Bernadotte - may be seized upon by those who are our enemies among the government aides in Washington who are in collusion with the British Foreign Office to justify continued delay on the part of our government in according de jure recognition to the State of Israel and extending economic aid through a loan which has received the public endorsement of the President of the United States."

Sharply condemning the assassination as "a criminal, dastardly and stupid act," Dr. Silver said that "the enemies of Zion are now making every effort to charge the government and people of Israel with the responsibility for this heinous crime."

At the same time he voiced gratification that public opinion in general has sensed that "this desperado act was the act of a few irresponsible individuals who have been condemned by Israel and who are being hunted down for swift punishment." He urged that "in the spirit of fairness every caution should be exercised so as not to convert this tragedy into another weapon in the hands of those who have all along sought to destroy the infant state of Israel."

The Zionist leader, who recently returned from Israel where he attended the sessions of the World Zionist Actions Committee, declared that "it is clear that the United States still holds the key to the situation in Israel." He asserted that "it is equally clear that the stand of the United States Government with regard to Israel is still as nebulous as it has been right along." He charged that "powerful forces in the State Department are exerting every pressure to delay full recognition, the granting of a loan and the energetic sponsorship by the United States of the admission of Israel into the United Nations."

"On each of these three important matters," he said, "we are still very much in the dark as to what really is the position of our government. We have read reassuring statement from Washington, but there is no action."

He stated that the granting of the loan now would be another indication to the Arab countries that the United States is very earnest and serious in its intention of backing the State of Israel and that their intransigence will yield them nothing.

Dr. Silver further charged that the delay in granting the loan was purely a political one.

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EXCERPTS OF ADDRESS BY DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN
PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
AND MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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We must all frankly recognize that there still lies ahead of us a critical period full of difficulties and pitfalls. How long this critical period will be no one can foretell. Obviously this is not the time to lose ourselves in ecstatic contemplation of what has been achieved, or to rest on our laurels or to go about wondering what the Zionist movement is going to do when this great job is really done and finished. It will be decades before the great task of upbuilding Israel and establishing its political stability, security and economic prosperity will be fully accomplished. In the meantime we, the friends of Israel, must remain fully mobilized, on the alert and exert ourselves to the utmost to provide all the assistance we can appropriately extend in every sphere and in every plane - moral, material, political, financial and economic. Anyone who retires at this critical stage is a quitter. Any Zionist who fails to work and serve and give to the utmost of his ability is a slacker. Fortunately, I believe, there be few slackers and fewer quitters in our midst. The Zionist movement which has given birth to the State of Israel is moving forward triumphantly toward the complete consummation of our sacred ideal. I therefore call upon the Jews of America to give even greater strength to the Zionist movement to hasten that consummation.

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ADDRESS BY DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

Treasurer, Jewish Agency for Palestine; President
World Confederation of General Zionists

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Sunday, September 19, 1948 - ZOA Administrative Council

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As a result of the establishment of the State of Israel, the Zionist movement has had to rethink and reorganize its program and its relationships. This was the principal purpose of the recent meetings of the Actions Committee in Israel.

The point-of-view of the Zionist Organization of America found acceptance in two important respects. A clear separation was drawn between the functions of the Government of Israel and the functions of the World Zionist Organization. Upon that there was unanimous agreement. The primary task of the Zionist Organization will be to settle in Palestine the masses of Jews from Europe, North Africa and other lands who need and want to go to Israel. It will also devote itself to Zionist education which means education for Jewish physical and spiritual survival, - Wherever Jews dwell. And it will seek to bring private capital and industrial skills to Israel in order to develop the economic absorptive capacity of the country.

The view of the Zionist Organization of America that members of the Government should not serve on the World Zionist Executive found substantial if not complete acceptance. Out of eight, only one has remained.

The most significant fact about the reorganization of the World Zionist Organization is that the leadership of the organization as represented in its Executive, now rests upon the widest coalition it has ever had, namely, the General Zionists, the Labor Zionists, the Mizrachi, and the two newly added parties -- Left Labor Zionists and the Revisionists. This augurs well for the strength and unity of the Zionist movement.

As the largest single party, the General Zionists played the most significant part in the decisions of the Actions Committee. Seven members of our Executive of nineteen are General Zionists.

Among the most impressive sessions of the Actions Committee were those held in Jerusalem. The "Burma" road linking Tel Aviv and Jerusalem is a miracle of Jewish ingenuity and daring, having been constructed over most difficult terrain and built by hand at night, one mile away from the Arab lines. The road is now well trafficked. Alongside it runs a newly laid water pipeline which supplies Jerusalem making the Jewish community of Jerusalem in considerable measure, independent of the water supply from Latrun which is in Arab hands. The Jewish community of Jerusalem which has undergone terrible hardship is beginning to recover. They were heartened by the presence of the World Zionist leaders in their midst. The new Zionist budget provides a special item for the development of Jerusalem.

The 100,000 Jews of Jerusalem will resist any proposal for the internationalization of the city. They have been let down by the Christian world and the United Nations which sat by while Abdullah and his Arab Legion were destroying the city. They have no faith in the willingness or ability of the UN to protect them against attacks in the future. Jerusalem should become a part of the Jewish State and the capital of Israel.

Outstanding among the impressions in Israel today are the evacuated Arab cities and villages. The flight of the Arabs was as unnecessary as it was incriminating..... It was induced more by the terrorism of Arab politicians than by the fear of Jewish neighbors. And it has "boomeranged" upon the Arab politicians. The most fortunate Arabs today are those who have remained and are under Jewish protection. The Jewish military Government in Nazareth, Acre, Safed, Ramle Lydda and Jaffa is providing health services and employment opportunities at a wage scale never before enjoyed by the Arabs. Arab labor received the same wage scale as Jewish labor. Instead of 60¢ a day which they used to receive they are receiving \$4.00 a day.

The Government of Israel is growing stronger day by day. A heavy tax program has been announced but the majority of the people recognize its necessity and will abide by it loyally. I have no doubt that the dissident groups, the Irgun group and the Stern group, which have made the path of the new Government difficult, will subside. The Government has the will and will find the means to suppress them.

Truce Great Burden

The greatest burden upon the life of Israel today is the truce. Keeping a large army of young people on the alert interferes with agriculture and industry and is a terrible strain upon the economic life of the country. A beginning is being made now toward removing portions of the Army from army barracks and keeping them concentrated in agricultural settlements so that they may be engaged in productive labor while receiving military training.

Role of American Jewry

The people of Israel are mindful of the part played by American Jewry in the events which have led to the proclamation of the State of Israel. They look forward now to help from American Jewry on the economic front comparable to that which they extended on the political front. This economic help must come in two ways. One, contributions to the national funds which finance the agricultural and industrial absorption of mass immigration into Israel, and two, the enlistment of private capital and industrial skill and enterprise in which American businessmen excel.

The United Jewish Appeal which this year is raising unprecedented amounts will be faced with even larger responsibilities in 1948. An immigration of 10,000 Jews a month into Israel is not a blueprint, but a current reality. The only limit of the size of the immigration will be the availability of financial resources. The immediate objective is to liquidate the DP camps in Europe.

There is universal appreciation in Israel of the great services rendered by the Hon. Henry Morgenthau, General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and his devoted co-workers throughout the United States. They hope that he will continue to lead the Jews of America in the greatest privilege in their history, that of solving at last the problem of Jewish national homelessness in and through a Jewish State.

EXCERPTS OF ADDRESS BY

JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG
PRESIDENT, JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1948 - Administrative Council
Zionist Organization of America

Whatever motives animated the misguided minds of the perpetrators of the dastardly assassination of Count Bernadotte, they rendered no service to anyone except the enemies of Israel.

The establishment of the State of Israel does not mean that land for Jews will be furnished by the Government. The State lands in Israel are insignificant. The land must still be purchased. There are opportunities to acquire 125,000 acres immediately, but it will require at least \$60,000,000. Manpower and land are the indispensable prerequisites of a sound economy. Manpower is there and being increased at the rate of 10,000 incoming Jews a month. But the land must still be acquired. To this task the Jews of the world and particularly the United States - living in freedom and equality of opportunity - must give the fullest measure of support.

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October 26, 1948

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

My dear Barbarash:

I am enclosing herewith a poem which I received from a Christian woman. I do not know whether you use poetry in the New Palestine, but you might find some Jewish periodical which would be pleased to publish the poem. If so, it should be acknowledged to the author, Emilie Chamberlin Conklin, 1266 Cook Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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October 26, 1948

Mr. Ernest Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

My dear Barbarash:

I do not know whether the enclosed statement adopted by the International Council of Christians and Jews in Switzerland in August came to your attention. I am enclosing the letter which I received from Dr. Clinchy. If it has not yet been printed in the New Palestine, I suggest that space be found for it and that a copy of the printed resolution then be sent to Dr. Clinchy.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for both your letters of October 26th with enclosure.

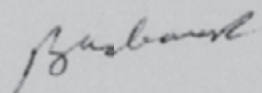
I am sorry that the statement adopted by the International Council of Christians and Jews in Switzerland reached me today after *The New Palestine* had already gone to press. I will however see to it that the item is published in the next issue.

As to the poem, we hesitate publishing poetry since we find that the publication of a single poem lets loose a veritable avalanche of poems from all over the country. When we return these poems with the explanation that we do not publish poetry, a lot of ill-will is created. Therefore the best thing to do is not to publish any poems regardless of their merits.

I have however forwarded the poem to the editor of *The Jewish Spectator* in New York, who I am sure will be glad to publish it. Acknowledgment will also be sent to the author.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,



Ernest E. Barbarash

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January 19, 1949

Personal

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
The New Palestine
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Barbarash:

Reading—and with pleasure and profit—your article "FEARS AND COMPLEXES DISAPPEAR" in the January 13th issue of The New Palestine, I was a bit disappointed at the absence of any reference to a phenomenon which struck me hard both in Tel Aviv and in the rural settlements. I mean the countenances of the people, old and young. The faces, it seemed to me, lacked a something for which it is difficult to find a characterization. There was no hint in them of fear, of worry, of anxiety, of defensiveness, of strain of any kind. The individual, Jewish or non-Jewish, who has had to fight his way up often carries a speck or two of the dust of conflict; the men and women who have had an easy time of it and have never been vexed by the problems of sufficient creature comforts appear often to me to reflect their early environment in their facial features.

The Israelis looked and acted as if they had no thoughts of anything but the joy of being alive. I noticed it in the faces of sleeping children and of men keeping shop in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem or working in the fields. The obvious change in the physical types of Jews in Palestine was no more striking to me than the extraordinary modification of the countenances. Possibly my enthusiasm for the semi-miracles I witnessed in Palestine put a pink mist between me and the people, but several persons with whom I have discussed the impression I carried away, seem to detect the phenomenon.

The news of this morning from the House of Commons was cheering, but I think that my greatest glow of recent months came from a short newspaper paragraph saying that Harold Beeley had been shifted to Copenhagen. I think that he was Bevin's bad angel. So, I was half prepared for Bevin's strategic withdrawal.

Sincerely,

(Signed) FRANK W. BUXTON

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEUMANN REPUDIATES CHARGES OF OPPOSITION; SAYS THEY
ARE DRIVEN BY ANTAGONISM TO LEADERSHIP OF DR. SILVER

ZOA PRESIDENT SAYS CONSTITUTION PRECLUDES HIS
REELECTION AT NEXT CONVENTION; RIDICULES ACCUSATION
OF "SELF-PERPETUATION."

New York.--Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today rejected the charges made against him by the opposition group organized in the Committee for Progressive Zionism contained in a statement issued by that group at a conference held in New York last Sunday terming the Committee "part of a chain of front organizations which have been disturbing the peace and unity of the Movement."

In his answer to the statements issued by the Committee for Progressive Zionism, the ZOA president declared that "the high-sounding slogans and cliches under which they are now operating is but a cover to cloak their ambitions and their cravings to be restored to power and leadership." He charged the oppositionist ex-presidents and the other members of the Progressive group with sidestepping the democratic processes of the Organization and with boycotting the meetings of the National Executive Committee and the National Administrative Council where every opportunity has been given them to express their views.

Dr. Neumann's statement follows:

"It is most distasteful to be called on to comment on the intemperate and irresponsible propaganda so recklessly poured into the press by the dissident opposition, following their meeting last Sunday. By what right this small group, out to seize control of the ZOA calls itself "progressive" and what they mean by it is a mystery they have never explained to the satisfaction of the great mass of American Zionists. There appears to be nothing progressive about it except its progressive deterioration from a presumably "loyal opposition", offering light and leading and its rapid degeneration into a collection of embittered malcontents, indulging in

periodic eruptions of brimstone and fire.

"The Committee is part of a chain of front organizations which have been disturbing the peace and unity of the Movement, such as the "Committee of Contributors" and other groups all linked through inter-locking personnel. They have all been master-minded or directed behind the scenes by Henry Montor, a resigned official who has been inventing one technique after another for undermining the Movement which had nurtured him and employed him for years.

"This hydra-headed opposition, supported by outside forces, is itself divided on every possible question of policy. They are held together only by a common antagonism to the ZOA administration and implacable hostility to the political leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver whose force and statesmanship in recent years have carried our Movement to the triumphs we are celebrating today. Through the revolution he wrought, several former leaders were displaced and lost their hold upon the masses and their control of the organization. The high-sounding slogans and cliches under which they are now operating are but a cover to cloak their ambitions and their craving to be restored to power and leadership. The fury of their invective is the measure of their frustration and their embitterment over the crushing defeats they have sustained at the hands of the Zionist electorate. Their campaign represents little more than the immemorial urge of the "outs" to be the "ins".

"Their charges are unsubstantial. The ZOA is essentially more firmly united behind its leadership than ever before. Far from "closing our ranks to progressive and representative leadership"-meaning themselves - the ZOA has consistently reelected opposition leaders to places on its governing bodies and every opportunity has been given them through the democratic processes of our organization, to express their views before the National Executive Committee and the Administrative Council. Instead of availing themselves of these opportunities to make converts they have chosen to boycott the meetings and to sulk in their tents, emerging from time to time, only to vent their feelings in a manner most hurtful to the Movement.

"It is neither fair nor truthful to say that we have lost contact with the Government of the United States. On the contrary our Movement has always maintained such contact both officially and unofficially through the most appropriate and effective channels. It is true that since the establishment of the State of Israel in May 1948, the representatives of American Zionism have avoided making direct and official representations on behalf of Israel, leaving that function most properly, to the accredited representatives of Israel, but giving them to the fullest extent, every possible support of the character that may properly . . .

by given by American citizens deeply interested in the welfare of Israel. Nor is it our intention to intervene conspicuously in Washington at times when such intervention is neither necessary nor desirable. The well considered policy we have pursued in this regard and the manner of our cooperation have been fully vindicated by the most recent and most heartening events.

"I regret that the opposition should lose any sleep over the prospect of the "perpetuation of my rule"^{as} they well know, the ZOA constitution precludes my continuance in office after the expiration of my two year term next summer. The annual Convention which twice elected me by unanimous vote, will be completely free to name my successor. I am amused to hear talk of this kind coming from a group including such former presidents as Mr. Louis Lipsky and Dr. Stephen Wise. In his day, Mr. Lipsky's "rule" of the ZOA was "perpetuated" for so many years that it became a fixed tradition, almost a legend; while Dr. Wise has been the honored President of the American Jewish Congress (cradle of democracy) so long that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." My year and a half in office may seem like an age to the Oppositionists but in six months or less they can have another try at it. But they are not likely to win much support if they continue their present tactics, including their boycott of the democratically constituted governing bodies and deliberate sabotage of ZOA activities.

"The \$250,000 Fund they are attempting to raise to finance bigger and better controversies could be better spent in aiding Israel or providing for constructive work of the ZOA in all fields, including Youth and Education, Public Relations, Publications, Chalutzim, cultural exchange with Israel and all other activities. Zionists contribute generously for constructive purposes but most reluctantly for anything purely negative or destructive."

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EXTRAORDINARY NATIONAL ZOA CONFERENCE SUMMONED
TO DISCUSS PRESENT ZIONIST SITUATION AND PROGRAM

New York.--An Extraordinary National Conference of Zionist leaders and key workers throughout the country to discuss the present situation in the movement and the furtherance of the program of the Zionist Organization of America was summoned by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President, for Sunday, February 13th at the Hotel Astor, New York. The conference will be attended by the heads of all ZOA districts as well as members of the National Executive Committee and National Administrative Council of the organization.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine will be one of the principal speakers at this conference.

In his call addressed to the American Zionist constituency convening the extraordinary conference, Dr. Neumann emphasized the need of "rallying the constructive forces of American Zionism for the three-fold objectives to safeguard the integrity of the movement, to consolidate its structure, and to adopt such plans and means as will serve to carry out in an effective manner the organization's program for the economic aid of

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Israel and the strengthening of its cultural ties with the Jewish State."

Dr. Neumann's call continues:

"The \$100,000,000 loan to Israel, the recognition granted by Great Britain and many other countries, and especially de jure recognition now granted by our own government - all these represent a great victory for Israel as it is a victory for American Zionism. It is the glorious consummation of years of unremitting effort and the struggle carried on in this country under the inspired leadership of Dr. Silver and an impressive vindication of his policies, his statesmanship and superb command of the militant forces in American Zionism. These achievements open up a new chapter which should be marked by ever greater efforts on behalf of Israel and the development of the Jewish State.

"In common with the whole Zionist Movement, American Zionism is now passing through a period of transition. This process is being rendered more difficult by the activity of dissident groups in our midst and by attempts to undermine the strength and authority of the ZOA and to relegate our great organization to the background through forces which seek to displace it from its commanding position on the American Jewish scene.

"It will be one of the purposes of the Extraordinary National Conference to deal with the internal situation in the Movement, our attitude to the dissident elements and other hostile forces, and at the same time to consider further plans for implementing the multi-faceted program of the ZOA designed to promote the maximum mobilization of resources for the economic upbuilding of Israel and for cementing the cultural ties of American Jewry with that youngest of Republics."

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EXTRAORDINARY NATIONAL ZOA CONFERENCE VOTES CONFIDENCE IN
SILVER-NEUMANN ADMINISTRATION

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LIPSKY AND LEVINthal SPEAK FOR CPZ: SILVER AND MILLER
PRESENT ADMINISTRATION CASE

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CONFERENCE HAILS ASSEMBLY

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New York - By an almost unanimous vote, 800 Zionist leaders from all over the country expressed their full confidence in the policies and administration of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann at an extraordinary conference of the ZOA at the Hotel Astor in New York this week. The resolution supporting the administration was adopted following a full day of debate and discussion in which leaders of the Committee for Progressive Zionism and leaders of the administration participated.

Meeting after a week of discussions by a plenary session of the entire Jewish Agency Executive in New York on the problem of fund raising for Israel in the United States, the delegates to the conference, including the members of the ZOA Executive, the National Administrative Council and regional and district presidents gathered in an atmosphere of tense expectancy to hear a review of the entire situation.

Neumann's Review

Dr. Neumann, who presided at the session, opened the conference with a comprehensive report on Zionist affairs since the meeting of the World Zionist Actions Committee last summer in Israel. He outlined the split in the General Zionist party in Israel and told of Dr. Silver's and his own past efforts to compose the differences between the two wings of the party.

Coming closer to the present, Dr. Neumann went on to a detailed report on the internal situation in the movement in the United States.

(Dr. Neumann delivered his report at the morning session, to which the press was not admitted. He felt that for the sake of unity the entire session should be off-the-record. However, despite the agreement that the controversial discussions be kept out of the press, the Committee for Progressive Zionism circulated to the delegates and the press mimeographed statements containing sharp attacks and accusations against the ZOA administration.

Dr. Neumann in his statement voiced the hope that further recriminations in the press might be avoided, and had accordingly taken precautions to avoid it. The night before, he had endeavored to reach an understanding with members of the opposition to that effect.)

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Dr. Neumann followed with a detailed review of the role of the CPZ in the fight relating to the 1949 UJA campaign and support of the Committee of Contributors.

Immigration Needs

He also extended greetings of American Jewry to the Constituent Assembly of the State of Israel. He said for public record:

"We hail it as an epoch-making event and the portent of a new era for the whole Near East. The exigencies of war have handicapped preparations for the absorption of the tidal wave of immigration into Israel, which is now under way. The feeling of complacency over military and political victories must now give way to a feeling of grave concern over the serious difficulties which may confront the young and small republic in connection with the problem of immigration and re-settlement. The current rate of immigration already exceeds earlier expectations and it is accelerating month by month. Unless the necessary assistance and co-operation is forthcoming from us here and from all parts of the world, there is the possibility, even the likelihood, of serious dangers arising out of this revolutionary situation, dangers which one can see clearly, but which I would rather not enumerate or describe. Hundreds of millions must be made available from whatever sources, quickly, in the coming months. This is the real test for the Zionist movement and the State of Israel today: Not whether Israel can beat off her enemies or gain diplomatic recognition, but whether the State of Israel will actually solve the problem of Jewish homelessness by the rapid and successful absorption of this river of humanity now flowing toward it in an ever-widening stream. It is even more a test for American Jewry and American Zionists, for the donations, loans, and investments must come chiefly from the United States."

The afternoon session of the conference was opened with the unanimous adoption of a resolution hailing the convening in Jerusalem of the first session of the newly-elected Israeli Constituent Assembly.

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Levinthal's Charges

Judge Louis E. Levinthal then took the floor to present the opposition charges against the administration. He maintained that the entire matter of fund raising should not have been reported at the meeting, but that Eliezer Kaplan and Dr. Nahum Goldmann and others should have been heard to present their side of the case. He charged that there is a lack of democratic spirit in the ZOA in contrast to the atmosphere in Israel, that the administration is supporting the right of center groups in Israel, and that when he was in Israel last year the head of the General Zionist party there indicated to him that they expected financial aid from the ZOA.

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the ZOA National Administrative Council, followed Judge Levinthal to the rostrum with a vigorous and impassioned rebuttal of the charge against the administration and the Silver-Neumann leadership. He played the CPZ as not accepting the hand of friendship that the ZOA administration had extended and contended that it was the opposition that had magnified the Montor issue out of all proportion to its actual importance.

Miller's Rebuttal

The issue presented by the opposition, Rabbi Miller continued, is the alleged ZOA financial support of the General Zionist party in Israel since the establishment of the state. Denying this, Rabbi Miller said that it was the ZOA through its president, Dr. Neumann, which was the one first to advocate non-intervention in the political affairs of Israel and the abolition of all political parties in this country. He also said that although the ZOA had tried to avoid the split between the Progressive and General Zionists in Israel, "we did not raise a finger to help the General Zionist party in Israel after the establishment of the Jewish state." He also ridiculed the charge that the ZOA has closed its ranks to the opposition. The facts are just the reverse. The leadership of the ZOA up till this very day has left places open on the National Executive for opposition members.

The charges of the opposition are completely unsubstantiated, Rabbi Miller said. It is still fundamentally the question of opposition to the leadership of Dr. Silver on the American Zionist scene which has rankled some malcontented individuals since Dr. Silver's accession to the leadership in 1943.

Lipsky Asks Change

After the resolution of support for Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann was introduced by Leon Kohn, of New York, the debate continued with Louis Lipsky taking the floor. He charged that there was a suppression of discussion of issues on the American Zionist scene and that opportunity was not afforded for such discussion within the apparatus of the ZOA.

He called for a change of leadership at the next ZOA convention in keeping with the change that historical circumstances have made in the Zionist position. It is
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not a question of personalities, he declared, but the need for a change of tactics now that the state of Israel exists. Our position must no longer be one of continued resistance to opposition, he insisted.

Mr. Lipsky spoke of his long support for the workingman in Israel and said that the question of support for right or left political parties there was important. He declared further that the fostering of groups within the ZOA would have beneficial results and that the CPZ desired representation in the administration as a groups, not as individuals.

Climaxing the debate at the session was the address of Dr. Silver, in which he analyzed the motives that pervaded the opposition and pledged a continuing and vigorous fight by the administration.

Silver's Analysis

Dr. Silver first took up the charges contained in a letter sent out by the CPZ and the statements of Dr. Goldmann, Mr. Lipsky and Dr. Stephen S. Wise contained therein. Characterizing Dr. Goldmann as the intellectual leader of the opposition, Dr. Silver quoted from a book which Dr. Goldmann wrote in 1915 in which he extolled militarism, and contrasted this point of view with his present association with the "Progressives."

Dr. Silver then took up Mr. Lipsky's attacks which, he declared, were based on grounds of moral principles. He then went on to quote from statements issued by the opposition to Mr. Lipsky's leadership in 1928, in which Mr. Lipsky was accused of dissipating the spiritual resources of the movement and his moral leadership was attacked.

The head of the American Section of the Jewish Agency then went on to deal with the CPZ charge that the regime here is the "mortal enemy of the government of Israel." Dr. Silver angrily declared, "This is beneath contempt."

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He continued with the assertion that "I believe Ben Gurion has been a Godsend to the State of Israel," and indicated that his record on the American scene proved that he was as progressive and as liberal in his social thinking as any member of the opposition.

Taking up the accusation that the American Zionist movement has lost touch with the American Government, Dr. Silver said that naturally he was disliked in certain circles in Washington because of the numerous campaigns he had led to bring pressure on an "unwilling administration" to support the Zionist cause.

Dr. Silver concluded:

"The Zionist Organization of America is a democratically elected body, within which there is room for differences of opinion and points of view. This present administration was elected at the last Zionist convention. It can be changed, if the Zionists so desire, at the next Zionist convention which will be held in the next few months.

"In the meantime a minority cannot act as if it were the majority, nor can the Zionist Organization be captured by the expenditure of a quarter of a million dollars by the opposition. The place to agitate for a change in the administration is not in the public press.

"The present administration of the Zionist Organization has contributed magnificently to the political success of our movement which culminated in the establishment of the Jewish State. It is now reorienting its program of activity for large-scale economic activities in behalf of the State. It is on these tasks that all Zionists should concentrate."

Attached are the full texts of the Resolution of Confidence and the Resolution on the Constituent Assembly.

Resolution of Confidence

"The Extraordinary National Conference, consisting of the members of the National Executive Committee, the National Administrative Council and the presidents of the regions and districts throughout the country, have heard the reports rendered by the national administration on recent developments in our movement in its various aspects, including fund-raising, and having reviewed these developments and the position taken by the administration with regard to the problems which have arisen affecting the status and future of the movement, hereby expresses its full confidence in the administration headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the distinguished chairman of the Jewish Agency in the United States, and our president, Dr. Emanuel Neumann.

"The conference furthermore voices its approval of the position taken by its responsible officers and spokesmen and the policies they have pursued. We declare that the Zionist Organization of America in its overwhelming majority stands firmly united behind its democratically elected leadership, whose historic services to the cause of Zionism and Israel reborn will be forever enshrined in the history of our people; and we pledge to them the continued support of a grateful and devoted constituency."

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Resolution on Constituent Assembly

"The Extraordinary National Conference of the Zionist Organization of America by a unanimous vote hails the historic occasion of the convening in Jerusalem, the ancient and eternal capital of Israel, of the first Constituent Assembly of the State of Israel.

"Comprised of the representatives elected by democratic processes as prescribed by the United Nations resolution of November 29, 1947, the Constituent Assembly proclaims to the world the attainment by Israel of full statehood as a democratic member of the family of nations. This epochal event heralds the rebirth of the nation of Israel in the traditions of the prophets and in accordance with the democratic principles of freedom and equality for all inhabitants regardless of race and religion.

"On this momentous occasion we send our warmest fraternal greetings to the heroic people of Israel and invoke upon them and their elected representatives the blessings of Almighty God. We pray that their deliberations will reflect credit upon the Jewish people and serve the best interests of world peace and the brotherhood of man."

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ZOA FRIENDSHIP FOOD TRAIN FOR ISRAEL PRESENTED AT CITY HALL
CEREMONIES IN NEW YORK

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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER TURNS OVER TO ISRAELI AMBASSADOR EPSTEIN
HUGE SHIPMENTS OF FOOD COLLECTED BY ZOA FOR ISRAEL

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ACTING MAYOR VINCENT R. IMPELLITTERI MAKES PRESENTATION

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ZOA FRIENDSHIP FOOD TRAIN FOR ISRAEL PARADES FROM COLUMBUS CIRCLE
TO CITY HALL CEREMONIES

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REVEREND JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, JUSTICE FERDINAND H. PECORA, PAUL MUNI,
ED SULLIVAN, JACKIE ROBINSON, OTHERS PARTICIPATE

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NEW YORK - - An over-flow crowd of thousands of New Yorkers massed in front of New York's City Hall to witness the presentation this week of the ZOA "Friendship Food Train" to Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Epstein at special ceremonies following a mammoth motorcade of trucks and trailers loaded with essential foods collected by the Zionist Organization of America. The Food Train was presented through Acting Mayor of New York Vincent R. Impellitteri by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on behalf of the ZOA, as a gift from the people of New York to the people of Israel. The ceremonies marked the first official visit of the Israeli Ambassador to New York City Hall, and the Israeli flag flew alongside the American flag atop the building.

Thousands more crowded the sidewalks from Columbus Circle to City Hall to watch and cheer the "Friendship Food Train" of over 100 trucks and trailers bedecked with streamers and placards and bearing gifts from contributors in the wholesale food and allied industries, from department stores and cigarette companies.

The "Food Train" was preceded by open cars carrying Israeli and American Zionist notables, prominent members of the entertainment and sports world, as

well as leading representatives of the clergy and bar, including Ambassador and Mrs. Epstein, Dr. Silver, screen star Paul Muni, baseball star Jackie Robinson, the Reverend John Haynes Holmes, Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand H. Pecora and others.

Participating in the City Hall ceremonies were Comptroller Lazarus Joseph, Postmaster General Albert Goldman, Daniel Trotzky, president of the Roosevelt School and columnist Ed Sullivan, the four co-chairmen of the ZOA Friendship Food Train for Israel. Mr. Sullivan acted as master of ceremonies at the proceedings, which included the rendition of musical numbers by the New York City Police Band and Police Glee Club. A stirring highlight of the musical program was the singing of "Hatikva" by the heterogeneous members of "New York's finest."

The Jewish War Veterans, N.Y. Masonic Lodges and Masada, Young Zionists, were among the organization represented in the parade.

The "Friendship Food Train" climaxes the ZOA "Food for Israel" drive throughout the United States, which was undertaken at the official request of the Israeli Supply Mission for immediate aid, "to alleviate the food shortage in the Jewish State, which occurred as a result of Israel's war for survival," according to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA president. Since the beginning of the campaign, Dr. Neumann said, some 3,000 tons of food, valued at \$2,500,000 have been collected by the branches of the ZOA all over the country.

Earlier this month New York's Mayor O'Dwyer proclaimed "Food for Israel Week" beginning February 20th and ending February 26th, under the sponsorship of the Zionist Organization of America. The Mayor lauded the ZOA's Friendship Food Train as "New York City's expression of friendship and encouragement to the people of Israel" which he said "represents a concrete demonstration of American good will to the newest State in the family of nations."

The ZOA "Food for Israel" drive has as its national chairman William B. Sylk of Philadelphia. Manuel Posa, director of the ZOA American Zionist Fund, directs the national food effort. Paul Kaminsky, president of the ZOA Metropolitan Zionist Fund, heads the campaign in Greater New York. Joseph W. Greenleaf, president of the Westchester Zionist Region, headed the parade arrangements committee.

Attached are excerpts of the comments made by Ambassador Eliahu Epstein, Acting Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

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EXCERPTS OF COMMENTS BY HON. ELIAHU EPSTEIN
ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES AT
"FRIENDSHIP FOOD TRAIN FOR ISRAEL" CEREMONIES
AT CITY HALL ON FEBRUARY 23, 1949

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It gives me great pleasure to accept this generous gift.

In the name of my Government and the people of Israel, I wish to thank the Zionist Organization of America and all those who participated and contributed to the success of this noble enterprise.

For us, this Friendship Train has not only a material value but represents the deep expression of feelings of solidarity and brotherhood which bind the Jews of America with the people of Israel.

I want also to use this pleasant occasion to convey through you, your Honor, my greetings to your wonderful city whose people and leaders have been for generations trusted and faithful interpreters of the symbol of New York and of the great American nation - the Statue of Liberty.

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EXCERPTS OF STATEMENT BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
"FRIENDSHIP FOOD TRAIN FOR ISRAEL" CEREMONIES
CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 23, 1949

"The Friendship Food Train to the Jews of Israel symbolizes the determination of American Zionists to stand by those who have witnessed and suffered the horrors of persecution and oppression and to help them find security, freedom and tranquility. It manifests to the staunch pioneers of Israel and to the tens of thousands of new immigrants pouring into the Jewish State that the Jews of America, and the Zionist Organization of America, will continue to stand by them now that the Jewish State has been achieved, just as they did when the battle for statehood was still to be waged.

"The Zionist Organization of America has broadened the scope of its program to encompass the paramount needs of Israel -- large-scale economic and industrial activities which will enable the infant state to become self-sustaining and to stand as an independent nation among the nations of the world."

REMARKS BY ACTING MAYOR, VINCENT R. IMPELLITTERI, AT CEREMONIES
CLIMAXING FOOD FOR ISRAEL CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICA COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 1949
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As Acting Mayor, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to participate in these ceremonies today, marking another heart-warming expression of the good-will which the people of the City of New York hold for the new nation of Israel.

There is a two-fold pleasure in this event - for not only are we giving our sincere support to the Friendship Train in the Food for Israel Campaign, but we have the additional privilege of greeting the Hon. Eliahu Epstein, Ambassador from Israel to the United States, in what I believe is his first official visit to City Hall.

As spokesman for the people of this friendly city, I want to extend our congratulations to you, Mr. Ambassador, and wish you every success in the formidable role you occupy for your government.

It is the desire and deep concern of the people of this City to give every assistance to your courageous new democracy in its struggle to establish itself among the nations of the world. We are keenly aware of the hardships your people have experienced, but we have a deep-rooted confidence in their glorious future.

This Friendship Food Train Ceremony climaxes the great nationwide Food For Israel effort of the Zionist Organization of America, and I would like to say a few words about this effort.

It was - and still is - a campaign vital to the future of the Jewish State -- for the impact of war and mass immigration brought about the tremendous problem of providing adequate sustenance for the underfed population of this infant democracy.

The Zionist Organization of America recognized this problem and enlisted its vast national resources to the cause. Every region and district of this organization which exerts a vital influence in American Jewish Life, participated whole-heartedly in the drive, accepted maximum quotas -- and in the great majority of instances, oversubscribed them.

The result is this happy occasion today when we see the fruits of these labors and we are privileged to turn over to you, Mr. Ambassador, these substantial contributions to the welfare of your people.

I would like to make public acknowledgement to all those persons who gave of their time and efforts in this campaign - and to the hundreds of businessmen and firms in this city, whose cooperation was the measure of success.

I want you to know, as well, Mr. Ambassador, that the hearts of our citizens have responded and will always respond in warm and generous fashion to the needs of your new democracy.

This impressive cargo is a magnificent symbol of the genuine good-will New Yorkers have for Israel and of our desire to do all that is humanly possible to help that nation along the road toward peace and security in the world community of nations.

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March 1, 1949

Mr. Ernest Barbarash, Editor
"The New Palestine"
41 East 42nd Street
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My dear Mr. Barbarash:

You may wish to include in the next issue of the "New Palestine" the exchange of cables between myself and Shertok, copies of which are enclosed herewith.

It seems to me that you should also feature in the next issue that part of Montor's letter in which he retracts and apologizes and the statement of the Executive of the Jewish Agency. I am sure that you have thought of it yourself. I would use some telling caption calling attention that Montor and his Committee of Contributors, after spreading damaging accusations and falsehoods, have now had to eat their own words.

I believe that you ought to publish in full the statement which I made last evening when I requested our friends to refrain from voting on the resolution to accept the Morgenthau-Montor arrangement.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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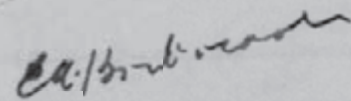
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your letter of March 4th.

It will be done.

Most cordially yours,


Ernest E. Barbarash

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MEMORANDUM

March 11, 1949

To: Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Dr. A. H. Silver
From: Ernest E. Barbarash
Subject: Anglo-Jewish Press

Of the close to 100 Anglo-Jewish publications in this country which reach my desk weekly, the overwhelming majority of those commenting editorially on ZOA policies are favorably inclined towards the administration.

In connection with the UJA controversy only some half a dozen of the total publications were editorially critical of ZOA administration policies. These publications include the Intermountain Jewish News of Denver, The National Jewish Post, The Reconstructionist, and The B'nai B'rith Messenger of Los Angeles which recently has been toning down its criticism. The Jewish News of Detroit has been so-to-speak, semi-critical. Thus perhaps only 7% of the Anglo-Jewish press in this country can be construed as critical. This is surely no cause for alarm. No administration regardless of its merits, can count on 100% favorable reaction. I believe that the ZOA administration can make out a stronger case by pointing out that it has the support of the majority of the press rather than the entire press. A majority smacks more of democracy than 100% support.

I had prepared for the current issue of The New Palestine extracts of all favorable editorials. However they were so numerous that I had to cut down considerably in view of space limitations.

Regards.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DAVIES, OUTSPOKEN FOE OF BEVIN POLICY, TO TOUR U.S.A.

New York, - One of Britain's most outspoken foes of the Bevin policy in Palestine, the Hon. Harold Davies, labor member of the House of Commons, will tour the United States during the month of April under the auspices of the Speakers' Bureau of the Zionist Organization of America.

The purpose of Mr. Davies' trip will be to acquaint America with what liberal opinion in Britain feels today toward the State of Israel. "I feel that the British nation needs the friendship of Israel", Mr. Davies declared in an advance statement, "and I, and many others in this House, must work wholeheartedly for a rapprochement between the two nations for our mutual good."

"Those of us in Parliament over here who have constructively criticized Mr. Bevin have achieved something in our defense of Zionism insofar as we have stopped the personal outlook of the Foreign Secretary from dominating this sphere of our foreign policy," he continued. "Naturally we must support the application of Israel for membership in the United Nations. As far as the status of Jerusalem is concerned, the Jewish nation is a fit and proper one to undertake guarantees and maintain them. History has proved that her word is, to say the least of it, as good as that of any other nation in world affairs."

Mr. Davies, who will appear before Zionist Districts and community groups throughout the East and Mid-West, has been one of the most outspoken friends of Zionism in England since Josiah Wedgwood. He is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and is regarded as one of the most brilliant of the younger members of the Labor Party. He has been closely associated with Richard Crossman. His early public life was largely devoted to education and welfare work for youth.

Details regarding his itinerary and available dates may be obtained from the ZOA Speakers' Bureau in New York, which is headed by Carl Alpert, national director of the Education Department.

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SILVER AND NEUMANN TO ADDRESS DINNER MEETING OF AMERICAN
INDUSTRIALISTS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN ISRAEL

New York. - More than 200 business and industrial leaders of the Metropolitan Area active in the American Zionist movement will attend a dinner meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Monday evening, March 21, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, to hear important addresses by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, American Zionist leaders, on the economic situation in Israel.

Sponsored by the Economic Commission of the Zionist Organization of America, the dinner meeting will discuss the major aspects of the economic program of the ZOA designed to aid the economic development of the Jewish State through private investments. In their addresses, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann will outline the part which American Zionists will take in furthering the economic security of the Jewish State.

Another speaker will be Albert Schiff, prominent industrialist and president of the Israel Corporation of America.

The dinner will follow a plenary session of the National Executive Committee of the ZOA, which will be held at the Hotel Commodore beginning at one o'clock on the afternoon of the same day, at which the American Zionist situation will be fully discussed.

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April 11, 1949

Mr. Ernest Barbarash
Editor of The New Palestine
ZOA
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

I am enclosing herewith a sort of Mikean prose-poem on the occasion of the admission of the State of Israel into the United Nations. If the admission takes place before you go to press, please use it; otherwise, I shall turn it over to some other publication.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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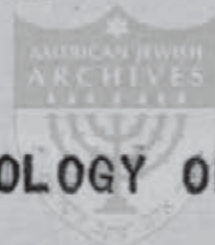
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APRIL 21, 1949

ERNEST E. BARBARASH
NEW PALESTINE
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DR. WISE SERVED THE CAUSE OF WORLD JEWRY WITH GREAT DISTINCTION AND DEVOTION. HE WAS AMONG THE EARLIEST AND MOST GIFTED CHAMPIONS OF ZIONISM AND AN ARCHITECT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. HE WAS PREEMINENTLY IDENTIFIED WITH GREAT SOCIAL MOVEMENTS OF OUR DAY. WORLD JEWRY AND MEN OF GOODWILL EVERYWHERE MOURN HIS LOSS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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FOR RELEASE UPON RECEIPT

CHARGES ANTI-ZIONIST FORCES RENEWING CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISRAEL

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National ZOA Executive Meets for Last Time Before Convention

NEW YORK. - Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Zionist Organization of America, this week warned that "hostile elements opposed to Israel and the Zionist movement are re-aligning their forces in a renewed attempt to influence the American attitude toward the just demands of the Jewish State in the matter of the final settlement of its boundaries, and the status of Jerusalem."

Dr. Neumann spoke at an all day session of the National Executive Committee of the ZOA held last Sunday at the Statler Hotel, which heard a detailed report of the current developments relating to Israel. This was the last meeting of that body before the 52nd Annual Convention of the Organization, which is scheduled to open in New York on May 28th.

Asserting that while the action of the General Assembly of the United Nations in deferring admission of Israel into the United Nations does not in itself constitute too serious a set-back, Dr. Neumann declared that it is nevertheless disturbing that such postponement should have been voted in the face of the decision by the Security Council to recommend such admission. The speaker termed this rebuff by the General Assembly as "unusual, particularly since such a recommendation by the Security Council is a rare occurrence."

The Zionist president, in calling for continued vigilance, charged that forces who are opposed or who are unfriendly towards Israel are now again hard at work to influence certain official quarters in Washington and within the United Nations to modify the American position on vital matters such as the status of Jerusalem, boundary questions and other questions.

Making reference to the recent papal encyclical with regard to the status of Jerusalem, the speaker indicated that up to recently there has been no public sign of disapproval by the Vatican either in regard to the admission of Israel into the U.N. or the policy which the Jewish State pursued in its domestic or foreign affairs. The Zionist head stated that in his opinion there is no ground for any misgivings on the part of the Church in regard to the legitimate interests of Christendom in the holy places.

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Alluding to the activities of the anti-Zionist, "American Council for Judaism," Dr. Neumann said that in the past, "their activities showed a certain amount of coordination with corresponding anti-Zionist propaganda emanating from non-Jewish sources." He added that it seems that the Council is determined to take on a new lease on life despite the establishment of the Jewish State and despite the gratifying fact that anti-Zionism among the Jewish masses is virtually non-existent.

"Our Government must continue to be sustained by an alert public opinion if it is to resist various anti-Israel pressures which are now being exerted and which may be intensified in the future. American Zionists must keep watch and ward to maintain public interest and public sympathy for the struggling young republic, as well as extend every possible economic assistance. The American Zionist Emergency Council must continue as the effective instrument of all American Zionists in the field of public relations."

It was at this point that the Zionist head urged renewed vigilance and the maintenance of public interest in the fate and future of the Jewish State. To this end he called for the continuance of the American Zionist Emergency Council as an autonomous body representing all American Zionist organizations and reflecting their viewpoint.

This proposal by Dr. Neumann was later unanimously approved by the National Executive Committee.

Meeting Memorializes Wise and Berlin

The meeting of the National Executive Committee which was attended by members from all parts of the country, observed two minutes of silence in tribute to the memory of Dr. Stephen S. Wise, one of the founders of the Zionist Organization of America, and Rabbi Meir Berlin, head of the Mizrachi World Organization, who recently died in Tel Aviv. The chairman rendered warm eulogies for the deceased and recommended that an appropriate project in Rabbi Wise's memory be launched by the ZOA in association with the Jewish National Fund.

Prior to that, the meeting through the chairman, voiced an expression of warm welcome to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, on the occasion of his visit to this country.

To Launch Projects in Israel

Announcement was made to the meeting that a committee is now at work drafting a program for the launching of a number of major projects in Israel under the auspices of the Z.O.A.

Convention Election Procedure

The Chairman announced the appointment of Judge Henry Ellenbogen of Pittsburgh as chairman of a Committee on Election Procedure for the forthcoming Convention of the ZOA. Judge Joseph Klau of Hartford was named co-chairman. This committee, which also comprises members of the Opposition to the present administration, is to submit its recommendations on procedure governing the election of the incoming administration at the forthcoming convention.

Convention Program

Jacques Torczyner of New York, Chairman of the Convention Committee, submitted an outline of the tentative draft of the program for the forthcoming ZOA Convention. He announced that formal addresses will be kept to a minimum in order to provide the opportunity for maximum participation by the delegates in the discussion of reports and policies. He revealed that some of the major sessions will be held at Carnegie Hall and in the Manhattan Center. The headquarters of the Convention will be at the Statler Hotel.

Rifkind Commission Report

It was also announced that the report containing recommendations for the future program of the World Zionist Organization in the light of the establishment of the Jewish State now being prepared by a Commission under the chairmanship of Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind of New York, will be ready for presentation to the forthcoming Convention of the ZOA.

The meeting also heard reports on membership, education, finances, youth activities and other projects. Speakers included Dr. Sidney Marks, National Secretary of the ZOA; Rabbi Prero, Executive Director of the American Zionist Youth Commission; Joseph Goldberg, Worcester, National Membership Chairman of the ZOA; Carl Alpert, Director of the ZOA Education Department; Abraham Tuvim, Acting Director of the American Zionist Emergency Council, Seymour B. Liebman, Director of the ZOA Economic Commission and Milton Pollack, Chairman of the ZOA Finance Committee.

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MEMORANDUM

May 9, 1949

To: Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Dr. A. H. Silver

From: Ernest E. Barbarash

is I am informed from Washington that Congressman Javits/placing in the U. S. Congressional Record, the article by Murray Frank which appeared in the special anniversary issue of The New Palestine containing the review of American Zionist efforts in the past five years.

Regards.

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May 10, 1949

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
"The New Palestine"
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New York 17, New York

My dear Friend:

Should you intend to use the enclosed which I sent you a week or ten days ago, I would suggest that you use the revised text which is enclosed herewith.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Enc.

Via Air Mail

UNTIL HER TRIUMPH GO FORTH AS BRIGHTNESS

By Abba Hillel Silver

The nation that for so long had been outcast has now been welcomed back into the world community of nations, self-redeemed, proudly vindicated, and justified in its faith.

It is an historic moment of incomparable grandeur!

The nation that first kindled for mankind the vision of universal peace and of ~~freedom~~ free peoples made one in law and dedicated to righteousness has now taken its honored place in the association of the United Nations, the heir of that ancient vision of Israel and the guardian of that inextinguishable hope.

It is drama of profound spiritual depth and majesty!

The nation that was so often consigned to death has risen again from its immemorial crucifixion and has returned to sovereign national life. The world has now opened its gates that this nation which kept faithfulness through the weary centuries might enter in.

It is elixir of hope for our world's despair. It is comfort for all who must wait through the desolate night of watching for the coming of dawn.

The nation whose voice was silent for centuries in the council chambers of the world's ~~rulers and statesmen~~ even though its ~~spiritual~~ accents never failed to reverberate in the conscience of mankind, will now be free to speak as one having authority, and it will speak as of old of peace and justice, ~~of compassion and brotherhood.~~ 7

It is deep present satisfaction! It is an ineluctable challenge for the future!

Surely this is a day of flashing hopes. It is also a day of radiant memories. This is your day, you valorous men of Israel, who did not weary nor grew faint throughout the long years of the great tribulation. Gather

round as the Flag of Israel is unfurled to join the proud company of the flags of all the free nations of the earth.

It is your day, you martyrs of Maidanek and Treblinka; you heroes of Galil and the Negeb, you pioneers of the unsundered dream who cleared the way for our people's redemption, you exiles who walked the broken roads of the inhospitable centuries. Gather round! And you men of Masada and the lion-hearted of Bar Kochba and Judah the Maccabees. And you poets and seers who ~~spoke the unkindling word and the burden of prophecy to the tired hearts and the doubting minds.~~ ^{winged sustained the} ~~on the long road.~~ Gather round with us of this generation and let us together salute this wondrous day. And prayerfully, let us repeat the ~~winged~~ ^{of prophecy:} everlasting words:

"The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts."



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RELEASE ON RECEIPT

FRISCH GREETED BY ISRAEL LEADERS ON ARRIVAL

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TEL AVIV. - Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, arrived last week by plane at the Lydda airport. He was met by a large reception group including Dr. Felix Rosenblueth, Israeli Minister of Justice, in behalf of the Government; by representatives of the National Institutions, General Zionists of Israel, the World Confederation of General Zionists, as well as members of the press.

Mr. Frisch voiced great hopes regarding the outcome of the mission of his delegation which is negotiating with the Israeli Government for a "charter" for the launching of ZOA projects for Israel.

He addressed a wire of greeting to David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister, in behalf of the ZOA and for himself personally.

Accompanying Mr. Frisch were Mrs. Frisch and the following members of the four-man ZOA delegation: Mr. David Friedman of Norfolk, Bernard Shulman of Chicago, Louis Falk of Jersey City and Manuel Posy of New York, secretary of the delegation.

This delegation headed by Mr. Frisch arrived in Israel to complete arrangements for the building of an American General Zionist House.

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