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Hadassah, 1942.

H A D A S S A H
The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.
1819 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

May 18, 1942

Mr. Arthur Lourie
Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lourie:

In view of the disagreement that seems to have arisen with reference to the Arab-Jewish Relations Study Committee of Hadassah, I should like to state the following:

Hadassah considers now, as it has considered for the past two years, that the study of Arab-Jewish relations is and should be a function of the Emergency Committee. We urged upon the Office Committee the appointment of a special committee for Arab-Jewish relations studies. Then, however, months passed and this matter was not pursued effectively by the Office Committee, Hadassah decided to establish its own committee. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edward Jacobs, the committee is composed of the following members:

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, Chairman	Miss Juliet Benjamin
Dr. Salo Baron	Miss Naomi Brodie, Secretary
Dr. I. B. Berkson	Mrs. David Greenberg
Dr. Abraham Halkin	Mrs. S. W. Halprin
Dr. O. Janowsky	Mrs. David de Sola Pool
Mr. Emanuel Neumann	Mrs. S. J. Rosensohn
Dr. Max Schloessinger	Mrs. A. P. Schoolman
Dr. Moshe Perlmann, Research Worker	

The National Board of Hadassah still feels that this work should be shared by the Emergency Committee with Hadassah, and therefore again proposes that the Office Committee assume toward it proper responsibility, and that, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Jacobs in cooperation with Hadassah, the committee be enlarged and act under the auspices of the Emergency Committee.

At the meeting of the full National Board of Hadassah in February, in the presence of representatives from all parts of the country, the following motion was unanimously passed:

"That the work of the Arab-Jewish Relations Committee, including both the gathering of information, as well as the examination of all proposals already made and to be made, concerning Arab-Jewish relationships, be conducted in cooperation with the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, if possible. If not, the work is to continue under the auspices of the Arab-Jewish Relations Committee."

I recognized the validity of Mr. Ben Gurion's and Dr. Nahum Goldmann's request that a sub-committee should give the matter further study and discuss it with Mrs. Jacobs and some members of our Arab-Jewish Relations Committee. Furthermore, I did not understand Dr. Wise's statement at the end of the discussion to mean for one moment that the work of the committee hitherto was to be disregarded or its personnel dismissed. I feel entirely certain that Dr. Wise could not have made a statement with such implications to a committee that had so seriously gone to its task; and in the light of the resolution passed at our meeting, we could not possibly consent to such procedure.

The National Board of Hadassah feels that the decision of the Office Committee should be arrived at at an early date, and we request that it be not later than the middle of June.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Tamar de Sola Pool
Mrs. David de Sola Pool
National President