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American Jewish Conference, 1944.

# American Jewish Conference

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## PALESTINE COMMISSION

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
Chairman

January 3, 1944

I. L. KENEN  
Public Relations Director

J. S. PEARLSTIEN  
Administrative Secretary

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At a meeting of the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference held in New York on November 23, 1943 the following resolution was adopted, summoning the Jewish communities of America to effective action to bring about the abrogation of the British White Paper on Palestine. The White Paper is in clear violation of the intent and purposes of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate which calls for the establishment of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

"The Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference directs its Palestine Commission to undertake immediately a program for the mobilization of American public opinion against the British White Paper of 1939 on Palestine.

The Palestine Commission is authorized to set up such machinery and to take such steps as will reflect the unanimous decision of the American Jewish Conference as expressed in its Palestine Resolution, to use its utmost resources to bring about the withdrawal of the White Paper.

All delegates to the American Jewish Conference are urged in the local communities to bring about the most effective cooperation in order to achieve this result."

An Emergency Committee on Palestine has been formed in your community which will be charged with the responsibility of defending the rights of the Jews in Palestine and the interests of the Jewish National Home. If you, as a delegate to the American Jewish Conference, have not already been co-opted in the membership of this Committee, may we suggest that you make known your willingness to serve so that the benefit of your counsel may be placed at the disposal of the local Emergency Committee.

The present program contemplates that all organizations in local communities, Jewish and Christian, will be requested to adopt resolutions condemning the White Paper before January 15, if possible - these resolutions to be sent to Secretary of State Cordell Hull and copies to your local congressmen.



The period from January 15 to February 15 should be utilized for letters addressed to local congressmen, urging their cooperation in expressing the traditional American attitude favoring the establishment of a Jewish National Home. Further word will be sent to you with respect to these individualized letters if it is decided to submit a resolution to Congress on the subject.

From time to time the Palestine Commission of the American Jewish Conference will communicate with you and inform you of any future action which the Commission deems advisable to undertake.

Cordially yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*

ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
Chairman  
Palestine Commission





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## INTERIM COMMITTEE

Co-Chairmen

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, New York  
HENRY MONSKY, Omaha  
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, New York

I. L. KENEN

Public Relations Director

J. S. PEARLSTIEN

Administrative Secretary

January 12, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You have already been advised of the action of the Interim Committee of December 15, 1943, adopting a budget of \$148,500.00, for the current year 1944. At that time the Interim Committee authorized the Budget and Finance Committee to organize the procedures whereby the budget of the Conference may be secured in accordance with the resolution of the Plenary Session of the Conference, adopted on September 2, 1943. This resolution reads as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Budget and Finance Committee of the American Jewish Conference that the funds which will be required for any program of activity, administrative or other expense by the American Jewish Conference or any agency set up to implement the decisions of the Conference, shall be contributed to by the communities, local or regional, of the country proportionate to their Jewish population, through the medium of existing instrumentality or community organization or other method to be determined by the communities in order that the support of the Conference shall come from the entire American Jewish community in consonance with the representative democratic character of the Conference."

In consonance with this resolution, we are addressing ourselves to the delegates and election committees of the various communities and regions. We strongly urge that you call together your local group for the purpose of discussing ways and means of providing your share of the Conference budget.

We have given considerable thought to the question of making a fair and adequate allocation of the responsibility to the various communities and regions. In doing this, we have taken into consideration a number of factors, including population, electoral strength, the organizational strength of the community, as well as the financial ability as it is measured by the funds raised for general community purposes. After consideration of all these factors, we are asking you to assume responsibility for \$6,000.00, as your share toward the Conference budget.



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

January 12, 1944

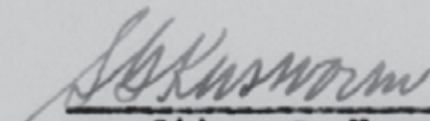
We are enclosing herewith a summary of the budget with a brief explanatory note. We will be pleased to amplify further on any detail that may be of interest to you.

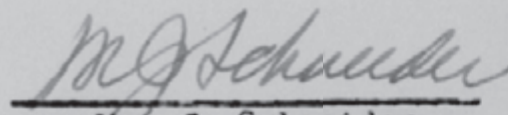
There is one thing that we must urge upon you very strongly: Until the end of 1943, the Conference was financed by the delegates' fees and contributions from organizations. We spent nearly \$60,000.00 through December 31, 1943, primarily to cover the expenditures of the Pittsburgh Conference, the election machinery and procedures, preceding the Conference, as well as the sessions of the Conference itself. Now the Conference is embarking on an intensive program of implementation of the resolutions of the Congress. While the budget is not fixed, it is quite apparent that our needs will be no less than what the Budget Committee had concluded after very careful study and scrutiny of the plans of the various commissions and departments set up to implement the Conference program. This is, at the moment, a minimum budget.

What is even more important is the fact that we have no finances available at the present moment, since we must start from scratch. It is, therefore, very urgent that we not only receive your approval of the allocation, but also a cash remittance of either the full amount or a substantial portion thereof. It is essential that the Conference program shall not be handicapped by reason of lack of funds. We again urge upon you to give this matter your immediate attention and let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Mr. Pearlstien, the Administrative Secretary of the Conference, is charged with special responsibility for the finances of the Conference. He will be available to you for consultation, if need be, and such help as you may require in carrying forward this particular phase of implementation of the Conference program.

Sincerely yours,

  
Sidney G. Kusworm

  
Max J. Schneider

Co-Chairmen, Budget and Finance Committee

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

DIGEST OF MINUTES OF MEETING  
of the  
INTERIM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 25, 1944  
Hotel Biltmore, New York, N.Y.

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1. The following were present:

MEMBERS

Maurice Bisgier  
David Blumberg  
J. David Delman  
Rabbi William Drazin  
Prof. Hyman J. Ettlinger  
Jane Evans  
J. George Fredman  
Daniel Frisch  
Frank Goldman  
Dr. Israel Goldstein  
Mrs. Samuel Goldstein  
Hayim Greenberg  
Mrs. Samuel Halprin  
Mrs. Hugo Hartmann  
Charles P. Kramor  
Louis Lipsky  
Rabbi Irving Millor  
Louis J. Moss

Henry Monsky  
Dr. Samuel Nirenstein  
Hon. Morris Rothenberg  
Mrs. David deSola Pool  
Isidor Sack  
Louis Segal  
Carl Sherman  
Herman Shulman  
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Mrs. Archibald Silvorman  
Hermann Stern  
Meyer Weisgal  
David Wertheim  
Mrs. Stephen S. Wise  
Dr. Stephen S. Wise  
Baruch Zuckerman

ALTERNATES

Max Kopstein  
Leon Gellman  
Mrs. Herman Shulman  
Ralph Woehsler  
Mrs. Albert J. May  
Simon Shetzer  
Bernard Postal  
Rabbi Abba Abrams  
Wm. Gorber  
Herman Quittman  
Mrs. Israel Goldstein  
Ida Cook Farber  
Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt

for	Sigmund W. David
"	Godaliah Bublick
"	Mrs. Moses P. Epstein
"	Prof. Hayim Fineman
"	Mrs. Maurice L. Goldman
"	Dr. Solomon Goldman
"	Sidney G. Kusworm
"	Dr. Louis M. Lovitsky
"	Julius Livingston
"	Harry Pino
"	Miss Dvora Rothbard
"	Mrs. Maurice Turner
"	Benjamin Winter

STAFF

Mr. I. L. Konon, Public Relations Director  
Mr. J. S. Pearlston, Administrative Secretary  
Dr. A. S. Kohanski, Research Director



2. MORNING SESSION: Presiding - Mr. Henry Minsky and Dr. Israel Goldstein.
3. MINUTES of the December 15th meeting were approved as presented.
4. COMMUNICATIONS were read from:

(a) Jewish Labor Committee (attached hereto as Exhibit "A")

Dr. Wise and Mr. Shulman, commenting on the letter, called attention to some unintentional misstatements: (1) it was not agreed to change the name to "Rescue Commission", the original title, but it was agreed to recommend to the Interim Committee that there should be such change; (2) with respect to functioning of the Commission on Rescue, it was indicated that "as a result of several discussions in the Interim Committee, there was no present intention to embark upon any campaign for the raising of substantial sums of money to do actual rescue work; that the Commission on Rescue, in broad terms, would do everything within its power to create better political conditions, to try to secure greater opportunities for the carrying on of rescue work along the following lines: (a) that we would secure the funds from the government to supplement private funds; (b) that we would bring to the attention of those bodies who had funds, opportunities to carry on the work, and (c) that we would carry on a campaign to secure the evacuation and feeding of Jews entrapped in occupied Europe; and (3) we certainly did not, at that time, indicate that any degree of autonomy would be given to the Rescue Commission; that matter, however, can come up for consideration today, but on the basis of the discussion had with the representatives of the Jewish Labor Committee, there is no basis in my judgment for that statement."

No action taken.

- (b) Union of American Hebrew Congregations, submitting a copy of resolution adopted by the Executive Committee at its meeting in Chicago on December 18, 1943, which "defines and governs the relationship of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to the American Jewish Conference". The resolution reads as follows:

"The Union declares that its function is to interpret, maintain and promote Reform Judaism and reaffirms its loyalty to its spiritual purposes.

"The Union, continuing as a member of the American Jewish Conference, declares its sense of fellowship with all Israel and will associate itself with all worthy and practical efforts designed to ameliorate the tragic plight of world Jewry and to assist in reconstructing those communities that have suffered from the ravages of Nazi tyranny.

"Because in the congregations of the Union there are divergent opinions on the question of Zionism, the Union recognizes the right of each individual to determine his own attitude on this controversial question and, therefore, the Union refrains from taking any action on the Palestine Resolution adopted by the American Jewish Conference.

AS CONFERENCE INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING  
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"We call upon our congregations and their members to rally loyally to the support of the Union so that its great and noble work may continue to enrich the spiritual life of American Israel."

(c) Adolph Rosenberg, President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

"With reference to acceptance of membership on the Interim Committee and a co-chairmanship thereof, I take the privilege of reserving action until a later date."

No action taken.

5. PALESTINE COMMISSION: Dr. Silver, Chairman, reporting:

"The Palestine Commission held a meeting on the 3rd of this month, a fairly well attended meeting, at which the scope of activities of the Commission was canvassed and at which certain decisions were arrived at.

"It was agreed to issue, under the imprimatur of the Palestine Commission, certain brochures and pamphlets which would reinforce the Palestine Resolution and which would be helpful in the campaign throughout the country to achieve the objectives of the Palestine Resolution; a brochure, for example, on the absorptive capacity of Palestine; one on the illegality of the White Paper, etc. These publications are in preparation and should be issued right soon.

"A communication was sent to all of our delegates and all of the communities of this country, asking them to express themselves to the proper authorities on the subject of the White Paper, and from the numerous replies which we have received we are led to believe that there has been a very active response to this appeal.

"Resolutions have been adopted by communities, by community councils, by organizations, societies, and forwarded to the proper authorities in Washington, and a very large number of individual letters, communications of all kinds have been sent and are being sent to Washington, protesting against the White Paper, and the work is going on.

"It is most gratifying to note the complete unanimity on this subject throughout the country. All organizations, members of the American Jewish Conference, those who are not members of the American Jewish Conference, have taken the occasion to make their opposition to the White Paper known in proper places, and the fact that we adopted a full-bodied Palestine Resolution at the American Jewish Conference did not in any way interfere with the expression of this unanimous sentiment against the White Paper on the part of American Jewry.

"Of course, we are interested not in fighting the White Paper and seeing that it is abrogated, but in seeing that the full American Jewish Conference resolution on Palestine is understood in the proper sources, and as far as we can help it, implemented, and it is along these lines that we are working.



"The Zionist Emergency Council, of course, is doing the day-by-day work in connection with all this, and many important activities have taken place. Some of them are being planned -- I don't know that this is the occasion to report on all of it, but I can state that nothing that should be done in this matter is being left undone. Now, whether our efforts will yield the success that we hope for or not, that of course no one can prophecy.

"There will be held in the City of Washington next month, for example, a very important conference of non-Jews, friends of Jewish Palestine, to which will come some of the foremost Christian leaders, in all fields, not necessarily in the field of ministry, who will register in a forceful way the sentiment of Christian America in behalf of our cause, and a very impressive program has been arranged, and I think that the meeting will attract the attention of the American people as a whole.

"An economic conference is being planned on the part of important American economists, to bring forcibly to the attention of our people, the American people, the economic possibilities of the Country, because one of the important obstacles which we are encountering as we contact people in political circles and elsewhere is the wide-spread report that Palestine, after all, is very small and cannot take in any more people, and why bother about all this business of revoking the White Paper; there is no more room for immigration in Palestine anyhow. This false report has been spread by very important people in Washington, and it has to be counter-acted, and I think this economic conference will be a contributing factor in dissipating that kind of unfriendly propaganda."

6. Dr. Goldstein presiding.

7. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Schneider, Co-Chairman, reporting:

Plans have been formulated for raising the budget of the Conference. The reports thus far received from communities indicate a favorable response and acceptance of the community quotas.

In the meantime, funds are needed for current operations and, therefore, the Committee recommends that the Interim Committee authorize a loan up to \$25,000.

On motion of Mr. Monsky, seconded by Mr. Frisch and carried, the co-chairmen were authorized to arrange for the borrowing of a sum not exceeding \$25,000.

(Financial statement for period ending December 31, 1943 is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".)

8. POSTWAR COMMISSION: Mr. Hayim Greenberg, Co-Chairman, reporting:

"The Post-War Commission is still in the process of formation. So far, we have only the basic members of the Commission -- that means, representatives of the constituent organizations. There is a sub-committee now working on coopting lay members, and we have tried to coopt a number of experts who will most likely not be considered members of the Commission, but will act in the capacity of consultants.



"So far we have had only one meeting, and our only achievement at that meeting was the drafting of a general program for the activities of this Commission (submitted herewith as Exhibit "C").

"We do not consider it necessary to establish our own research committee; there is no need to duplicate or multiply committees. Some of them have been working for the last two or three years. We contemplate using whatever materials are obtainable from the existing and working research committees-- first of all, the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the American and World Jewish Congress, which has accumulated a lot of material in the last few years. Something can be done by the Research Committee of the American Jewish Labor Committee and, I may add, if the American Jewish Committee has something valuable and is willing to place its material at our disposal, we won't be reluctant to use it. So we contemplate having only one research man employed by our Committee in the capacity of a coordinator, and when this material will be assembled, sifted and discussed at future meetings of our Committee, we will think of proper experts who will be entrusted with preparing briefs of the material we are working with."

After discussion, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Commission was authorized to circulate its report among all the delegates, after some revisions have been made.

9. MR. ROBERT SZOLD'S ADDRESS:

In the forenoon session, Mr. Szold addressed the Interim Committee, presenting his observations on conditions and recent developments in Palestine.

10. AFTERNOON SESSION: Dr. Stephen S. Wise, presiding.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Louis Lipsky, Chairman, reporting:

- (a) Asked leave to withdraw its report on the "Functions of the American Jewish Conference", same to be referred back to the Administrative Committee for further consideration. - Approved.
- (b) Negotiations are being carried on with the New Zionist Organization and the Hagudas Harahonim relative to their affiliation with the Conference. On motion of Mr. Monsky, seconded by Rabbi Miller and carried, this matter was referred back to the Administrative Committee for further consideration and to be reported to the Interim Committee at a future meeting.
- (c) Attention was called to the fact that a War Emergency Conference on Post-War Problems is being convened in May by the World Jewish Congress. The Chairman suggested that the Interim Committee take some position with regard to the Conference.

On motion of Mr. Shulman, seconded by Mr. Monsky and carried, the question of what effect the holding of the War Emergency Conference will have on the American Jewish Conference was referred to the Administrative Committee for consideration by them and report back to the Interim Committee.



12. RESCUE COMMISSION: Reported by Rabbi Miller and Mr. Shulman:

Preceding the presentation of the report, the Chairman announced that at a luncheon meeting of the Administrative Committee and other officers of the Conference, it was decided to invite representatives of the press, not for purposes of publicizing the report, but for their confidential information and guidance.

- (a) An Executive Committee of seven was created to facilitate the business of the Commission which was beginning to deal with practical problems and negotiations of a highly confidential character. The members of the Executive Committee are: Messrs. Fabricant, Adolph Held, B. Zuckerman, Herman Shulman, Judge Steinbrink, Rabbi Levitsky and Mrs. Pool, together with the co-chairmen and the executive vice-chairman. This Executive Committee meets weekly, or more often if need be, and the full Commission meets once a month;
- (b) Detailed progress on the organization of a Christian Committee on Rescue;
- (c) Negotiations with and representations to officials in Washington regarding problems relating to Transylvania, projects relating to feeding and rescuing Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe;
- (d) Details on the formation of the War Refugee Board.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the co-chairmen were authorized to send the following telegram to the President:

"THE INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY AND MEETING IN NEW YORK TODAY DIRECTED US TO EXTEND TO YOU, ON BEHALF OF MILLIONS OF AMERICAN JEWS REPRESENTED IN THE CONFERENCE, OUR DEEP AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR YOUR EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING A WAR REFUGEE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESCUING THE PERSECUTED VICTIMS OF NAZI TYRANNY. IT IS AN ACT OF GREAT HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE. THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM FOR RESCUE BY THIS BOARD WILL SIGNALIZE TO THE OPPRESSED OF ALL PEOPLES ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT THE HIGH HUMANITARIAN PURPOSE AND IDEALS FOR WHICH THIS WAR IS BEING WAGED, AND TO WHICH YOUR MORAL AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IS DEDICATED. THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE BEGS TO PLACE AT YOUR DISPOSAL, AND THAT OF THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD, THE WHOLEHEARTED COOPERATION OF ITS COMMISSION ON RESCUE WHICH WILL MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE NEW AGENCY TO THE END THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF YOUR EXECUTIVE ORDER MAY BE FULFILLED."

- (e) Recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Rescue Commission that the Interim Committee devise a formula whereby it would be possible to enlarge the Rescue Commission to include every organization and agency operating in the field of rescue -- to make it possible for all Jewish organizations to cooperate with the Rescue Commission so that, vis-a-vis, the War Refugee Board and other officials in Washington, organized Jewry shall be represented by one agency.



On motion duly made, ~~seconded~~ and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

"We authorize the Rescue Commission to extend an invitation to all Jewish organizations not now fully participating in the American Jewish Conference, but interested in and engaged in recognized and approved activities within the scope of the Rescue Commission's authority, to accept membership on, or to cooperate with the Rescue Commission (give them their choice) with the understanding that the Rescue Commission shall continue its operations in the name of the American Jewish Conference, but with delegation to it of full authority in its field of activities as defined in the resolutions adopted at the Conference, such authority to be exercised with full freedom of action."



J. S. PEARLSTIEN,  
Secretary





EXHIBIT "A" - Minutes of Interim Committee Meeting  
January 25, 1944 at Hotel Biltmore, New York City.

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JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE  
175 East Broadway  
New York 2, N. Y.

January 12, 1944

American Jewish Conference  
521 Fifth Avenue  
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Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Labor Committee, the following report was submitted by the special committee of the Jewish Labor Committee (Adolph Held, N. Chanin, I. Minkoff, Charles B. Sherman and Jacob Pat) about its discussion with representatives of the Interim Committee (Dr. Stephen S. Wise, H. Shulman, Rabbi Israel Goldstein and Messrs. Wertheim, Pearlstien and Kenon) regarding the composition and functions of the following three committees of the American Jewish Conference:

- 1) Committee on Palestine
- 2) Committee on Rescue
- 3) Committee of Postwar Problems of European Jewry

Regarding the Committee on Palestine, the members of our special committee reported that they suggested, to the representatives of the Interim Committee, that its functions be subdivided as follows:

- a) subcommittee to fight for the abrogation of the White Paper and for free immigration to Palestine, and:
- b) subcommittee on a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

The representatives of the Interim Committee indicated that it would not be possible to divide the functions of the Palestine Committee, as suggested by us since, in their opinion, the struggle for the abrogation of the White Paper and for free immigration is closely linked to the question of a Jewish Commonwealth.

With regards to the Committee on Jewish rescue, a general agreement was reached to change the name of this committee from "Committee on Rescue, Relief and Rehabilitation" to "Committee on Jewish Rescue". It was also agreed that the aim of this committee will be social and political activity for Jewish rescue, and not actual relief work. In general, on questions which involve political principles, this committee will guide itself by the decisions of the Interim Committee. In its daily and practical work, however, which is to be carried out within the framework of the general decisions of the American Jewish Conference, it is to be independent.



The committee is to make public statements and present the question concerning the rescue of Jews to the appropriate governmental and public institutions, etc. As to the composition of this committee -- and this also applies to other committees -- the representatives of the Interim Committee declared that each organization which participates as an organized body within the American Jewish Conference is entitled to one representative, and also has the right to suggest candidates for cooption to the various committees. This cooption of members is dependant upon the decisions of the various committees.

There was no discussion about the Committee on Postwar Problems of the Jews in Europe since it was understood that all which applies to the various other committees also holds for this one.

Following a general exchange of views between the members of the special committee of the Jewish Labor Committee and the representatives of the Interim Committee, it was made clear that the Jewish Labor Committee is ready to actively participate in the committees on Rescue and on Postwar Problems of Jews in Europe, but not in the Committee on Palestine, as long as the latter also devotes itself to work for a Jewish Commonwealth. Nevertheless, while not entering the Committee on Palestine, the Jewish Labor Committee will aid the American Jewish Conference in its struggle for the withdrawal of the White Paper, and for free Jewish immigration to Palestine.

The representatives of the Interim Committee expressed their regret at the fact that the Jewish Labor Committee will not participate in the Interim Committee, and also their hope that practical work and experience will prompt the Jewish Labor Committee to change its decision.

The representatives of the Jewish Labor Committee, on their part, emphasized the readiness of the JLC to participate constructively in all matters pertaining to Jewish rescue and postwar Jewish problems, and to aid with all the means at its disposal in the reconstruction of Jewish life in Europe. In those committees of the American Jewish Conference in which the Jewish Labor Committee assumes membership, it will actively participate in the respective executive committees and secretariats.

Following the report of the special committee, the Administrative Committee of the JLC decided that our organization will participate as a member of the Committee on Rescue and Postwar Problems of the Jews of Europe. Adolph Hold was designated to serve as the Jewish Labor Committee representative in the Committee on Postwar Problems. It was also decided to suggest the following persons for cooption: Jacob Pat, I. H. Goldberg, Joseph Breslaw, Benjamin Tabachinsky for the Committee on Rescue, and: Israel Feinberg, Benjamin Gobinor, Charles D. Shorman, Dr. M. Weinreich for the Committee on Postwar Problems.

Sincerely yours,  
JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE

(Signed) Jacob Pat  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



EXHIBIT "B" - See Minutes of Interim Committee Meeting  
January 25, 1944 at Hotel Biltmore, New York City.

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE  
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
December 31, 1943

A S S E T S

Cash in Bank	\$854.12	
Cash on Hand	32.43	
Total Cash	\$ 886.55	
Accounts Receivable	151.51	
Total Assets		\$ 1,038.06
Operating Deficit		3,278.62
		<u>\$ 4,316.68</u>

L I A B I L I T I E S

Loans from Organizations	\$4,250.00	
Accounts Payable	26.68	
Withholding Tax Payable	40.00	
Total		<u>\$ 4,316.68</u>

OPERATING STATEMENT  
2/1/43 to 12/31/43

INCOME

Delegates' Fees	\$25,000.00	
Contributions of Organizations	29,960.00	
Miscellaneous Contributions	779.28	
Distribution of Literature	797.48	
Total		<u>\$56,536.76</u>

EXPENSE

Administration	\$29,681.30	
Conference Expense	18,820.52	
Public Relations	5,353.28	
Research	5,960.28	
Total		\$59,815.38
Less: Operating Deficit		3,278.62
		<u>\$56,536.76</u>

Prepared by:  
Milton Solins  
250 West 57th Street, New York City



PALESTINE COMMISSION

Minutes of March 20, 1944 Meeting

PRESENT: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Presiding, Jacob Alson, Rabbi A. Simon Federbusch, Rabbi Wolf Gold, Dr. Robert Gordis, Mrs. Samuel Halprin, Isaac Henlin, Judge Samuel Mellitz, Isidor Sack, Max J. Schneider, Mrs. A. Schoolman, Dr. Benjamin Shwadran, William Siegal, David Wertheim, I. L. Kenon, Dr. A. Kohanski, J. S. Pearlstien.

MINUTES: Approved as read.

CO-OPTIONS: Mr. Pearlstien reported that those recommended for cooption have accepted, with one exception, that of Mr. Sidney Hollander. Mr. Pearlstien added that in his opinion the "door was not definitely closed."

PUBLICATIONS: Dr. Kohanski reported that the Conference Proceedings are now being printed and the work will be completed in April. The report of the Palestine Committee Proceedings is completed and will be published after the Conference Proceedings are issued.

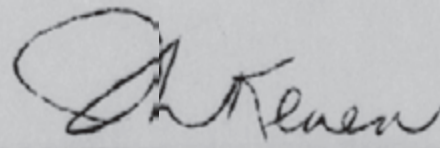
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES IN

SUPPORT OF PALESTINE RESOLUTION: It was reported that the Conference announced its support of the Congressional resolutions immediately after their introduction, that letters were sent to all organizations and delegates requesting that they communicate with their Congressmen, that the Conference addressed letters to all members of Congress asking their support and that with this letter went the text of the Palestine resolution. A letter was also sent to all newspapers in the United States with a circulation of more than 10,000 asking their editorial support. Later all delegates and organizations were asked to communicate with the President when it became apparent that Congress was consulting the Executive Branch on the resolutions.

DISCUSSION: There was extended discussion on the precise function of the Palestine Commission. This revolved around the question as to whether the Commission would be a policy making body, a vehicle for the expression of Jewish opinion, or whether it would engage in day-to-day activities. The consensus was that this was a problem which affected all commissions and that policy would have to be determined by the Interim Committee.

PETITION: It was reported that all members of the Interim Committee had been polled by telegram in accordance with the decision of the previous meeting, soliciting approval for a mass registration on the Palestine resolution. Results were thirty-eight yes, two refraining and no reply from thirteen. There were no negative votes. The Chair announced that no action had been taken on the petition because the question of timing was involved and it was impossible to reach a decision with events moving so quickly at Washington.

RESOLUTION: The Commission adopted a resolution, text of which is attached, for submission to the Interim Committee for its approval. Note: (The Interim Committee adopted the statement at its meeting on March 21st.)



Secretary



RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE INTERIM COMMITTEE  
of the  
**AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE**

IN THE KNOWLEDGE that the salvation of hundreds of thousands of homeless and hunted European Jews depends on their settlement in Palestine, we call anew for the immediate opening of Palestine to mass Jewish immigration and colonization and the reconstitution of that country as a Jewish Commonwealth.

WE RENEW our plea at this time because the Palestine White Paper of 1939, a document without legal or moral validity and violative of the rights of the Jewish people under the Palestine mandate, goes into effect on March 31 to forbid new Jewish immigration into Palestine in excess of the 25,000 certificates remaining under the quota fixed five years ago.

WE WARMLY WELCOME President Roosevelt's recent statement that the United States has never approved the White Paper and we are heartened by his declaration that he is "happy that when future decisions are reached full justice will be done to those who seek a Jewish National Home."

WE FERVENTLY HOPE that our President's statement may be a forerunner of early action by our ally, Great Britain, looking to the abrogation of the White Paper and the establishment of an affirmative policy to implement fully the intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration.

NOW PENDING in Congress are the Wagner-Taft and Wright-Compton resolutions which call for the opening of Palestine's doors for the free entry of Jews and full opportunity for colonization so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. It is clear that American public opinion overwhelmingly favors these resolutions. Action, however, is being deferred for the time being at the instance of the War Department. We hope that military authorities will soon find it possible, consistent with the realities of the situation, to withdraw their objections, so that Congress may proceed to express itself on these resolutions.

WE TRUST that favorable action on these resolutions will be taken at the earliest possible moment. Palestine means life for thousands of refugees who are on Hitler's death list and its reconstitution as a Jewish Commonwealth will be assurance that the Jewish people, dispossessed and uprooted by the war, will be enabled to take its rightful place in the progressive world order to be established in the peace to come.



Palestine Commission  
of the  
AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

CONFIDENTIAL

Minutes of Meeting held May 15, 1944

PRESENT: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Presiding; Jacob Alson, Miss Jane Evans, Rabbi A. Simon Federbusch, Rabbi Wolf Gold, Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Isaac Hamlin, Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, Isidor Sack, Harry Shapiro, Carl Sherman, Dr. Benjamin Shwadron, Mrs. Simon Sobeloff, Meyer W. Weisgal, Dr. A. S. Kohanski, J. S. Pearlstien, I. L. Kenen, Secretary.

MINUTES: Approved as read.

CO-OPTION: Dr. Max Nussbaum of Los Angeles, by a unanimous decision, was co-opted to membership.

REPORT FROM DR. SILVER:

Palestine Resolutions pending in Congress

"Both resolutions can be brought up for reconsideration at any time. We are carefully canvassing the situation from time to time, checking up on the mood and temper of the House and the Senate, watching for the proper timing for the reconsideration of action on the resolutions. And it is perhaps likely that action on the resolutions will become increasingly feasible."

The President's Statement and the Stettinius Mission

Dr. Silver reported on the President's statement of March 9 and, in response to a question, expressed the view that nothing in the statement which the President later gave at a press conference affected the earlier statement.

He also discussed the Stettinius mission to London.

The Pipe Line

"We have also been checking up rather thoroughly on any possible implications which the recent oil negotiations may have upon our rights in Palestine. And from the contacts we have, we are becoming persuaded, although that is still open to final conclusions, that our cause is not being in any way prejudiced by any negotiations that have been going on with reference to oil and that no commitments have been made."



### Educational Activity

"Since our last meeting in March we have been carrying on - on a large scale - educational and propaganda work through various channels and the Emergency Council. There has been something of a lull since the resolutions were deferred, but it is a gathering of our forces for the second major attack on the problem.

"There has been, in the last few months, a rather forceful counter-offensive to ours which, in a way, is a tribute to the success of our propaganda in this country. Those groups who are opposed to us in London, Jerusalem and in Washington became rather disturbed about the successful spread of our educational propaganda work among our fellow citizens of this country. And they began quite systematically to carry on anti-Zionist propaganda work, and there have been quite a number of manifestations of it.

"The article which appeared in the Readers Digest this month is clearly a planted affair. The unfriendly statements of the Archbishop of York, who visited here, indicated the direction in which the wind was blowing. The radio address of Mr. George, the Arab, and the planting of numerous articles in the American press, all are indicative of the rather organized campaign against us. It is clear that we will have to counteract with even more intensive work on our part.

"We must not assume that in this fight we are going to strike all the blows and nobody is going to hit back. Some very friendly articles have appeared and we are making an effort to get into the radio more.

### Future Activities

"We are calling another meeting of our community contact chairmen from all parts of the country in Washington this month to review what has happened since our meeting in Cleveland last fall and to make plans for the future. There will probably be about 200 chairmen from a large number of communities. The two day session will be climaxed by a dinner in honor of Dr. Lowdermilk.

"We also plan to issue within a few days a statement which will be signed by some 1700 college presidents, and professors from some 250 American colleges and universities endorsing the Commonwealth."



Dr. Silver also reported that legal authorities were planning an analysis and presentation of the case against the White Paper.

He reported on the activities of the American League for a Free Palestine and submitted the statement against that body issued by the Emergency Council.

Relationship of the Commission and the American Zionist Emergency Council

The secretary reported that the Interim Committee was drafting a general statement defining the Interim Committee's functions and the relationship of the Interim Committee and the constituent organizations of the Conference. The Interim Committee was of the opinion that the Palestine Commission work out an agreement with the American Zionist Emergency Council formulating the relationship between the two, along the lines of the following:

The American Zionist Emergency Council, representing the principal Zionist organizations in America, is engaged in the day to day work of implementing the Palestine resolution adopted by the American Jewish Conference and there is therefore no need for the establishment of a duplicating apparatus within the Conference. The task of the Commission on Palestine is therefore to cooperate with this agency and to work out with it from time to time such phases of the work as the Conference wishes to undertake, and to make such representations as the Conference deems advisable to make in its own name.

Dr. Kohanski: "According to this statement, it makes the Council an arm of the Conference."

Miss Evans: "It is likely the other way around. The statement that was just read seems to me to do just the other. It makes the Conference an arm of the American Zionist Emergency Council by implication. I would urge that this be reconsidered from the standpoint, particularly, of non-Zionist groups in the Conference."

Mr. Hamlin: "The first half of the resolution is unnecessary and may be harmful. I think there will be some things which we will have to undertake independently and other organizations should cooperate with us. With regard to the preparing of material for the post-war solution of the Palestine problem, this is directly a part entrusted to us by American Jewry. While cooperating with other agencies, we should leave enough room for the Conference itself to undertake independent action in Palestine."



Mr. Weisgal: "The intention of the Interim Committee was that an agreement shall be made which should not be a part of the committee's general statement. In the general statement there should be a reference to the fact that such agreements are made with various organizations and that an agreement shall be made with the Emergency Council which will, in effect, carry out the intention of the American Jewish Conference without setting up a duplicating machinery. The Administrative Committee will have to deal with this matter."

The Chair: "We are all agreed on the general principle and we will have to leave the wording of it to be worked out -- the general principle that we are to cooperate with other organizations and agencies without setting up independent machinery of our own, if such machinery exists. There may be some instances where we should like to start our own machinery. This may be the principal subject of discussion at the Conference - the future scope of the Conference - and I think as far as the Zionist commission is concerned, this by and large represents a satisfactory solution."

Mr. Weisgal: "There was no intention to make either one an arm of the other. Only in such things which the Emergency Committee indicates are in keeping with the resolution of the Conference, the Emergency Committee when asked by the Conference will do certain things for it. We can safely leave this to the Administrative Committee which will work out the kind of wording which will do away with the fear."

## SECOND SESSION OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE:

The secretary reported that the next session of the Conference would be held on September 2nd and recommended that the Commission begin preparations for the session. He suggested that a statement of 150 or 200 pages briefing the case for Jewish rights to Palestine be presented to the next session.

Mrs. Halprin: "Before the first session we had a Preliminary Studies Committee. We would have to determine first whether there will be a general publication."

Miss Evans: "That cannot be determined by the Palestine Commission or by the Administrative Committee of the Interim Committee. It seems to be a little premature at this moment to go too far in our thinking until we do know what our over-all picture will be, whether each commission will turn out its own publication or whether there will be one report for all commissions."



Mr. Weisgal: "I think it is only logical that the other commissions, not only the Palestine Commission, should prepare a rather full report on all the activities that have come under its jurisdiction during the past year with reference to the implementation of the resolutions adopted and also to indicate to the Conference in that same report the steps that the Conference intends to take in order to further implement the resolutions that were adopted. That is very important without going into any ideological questions at all. If that is not done, all sorts of new ideas and discussions will emerge and some people may want to have the whole thing re-affirmed, which is unnecessary. The Conference adopted certain resolutions. The Commission was appointed to do certain work and should report on its activities and what is intended further in order to effectuate the Jewish Commonwealth. That requires a great deal of study. Here is a matter where there is a great deal of confusion in the public minds and in our own minds. We have to present something to the Conference so that it will have something to discuss. That would constitute a very important piece of work for the Palestine Commission."

Mr. Hamlin: "It would be advisable if the chairman would appoint a special committee out of this Palestine Commission to study this problem and to prepare a tentative program for the Conference, which we are going to present. We will have to go to the Administrative Committee but we should start preparing it immediately."

The Chair: "I am in full agreement with Mr. Weisgal. This Commission must come to the Conference not only with an adequate report of what has been done since last September in the direction of implementing the Palestine resolution, but as you said, what needs to be done. In fact, the important resolutions to be introduced at the Conference on Palestine should be drafted by this Commission and presented to the Conference. At the first session the Commission was created. These resolutions should concern themselves not with reaffirming the basic things which have been already adopted, which is now more or less the constitution of the Conference, but specific recommendations on the carrying out of our purpose. It is not too early to appoint a committee to prepare this program."

Mrs. Sobeloff: "While I agree that we be fully prepared, we ought not be over prepared. What ailed the Conference last time was that everything was pre-digested. I am sure that by and large the greatest part of that Conference went home feeling that they did not have an opportunity to think. While your Commission should be prepared, I think somewhere in it you should not jam the program quite so full."




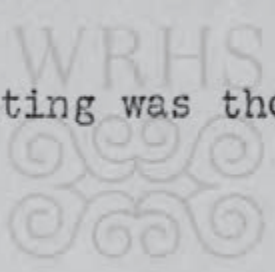
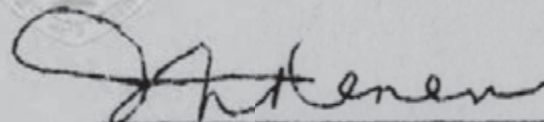
The Chair: "The Committee in charge of arrangements should take that seriously under consideration. The subject was discussed in the session. It was the plenary session that did not have the opportunity to discuss."

Mr. Alson: "I think that we ought to face the fact that there is some disappointment in the communities as to this whole implementation of the resolutions and that there is some feeling in the communities that the Zionists are not blameless about the results. It is not clear to me what procedure should be adopted, but I have a feeling that some thought should be given in advance of the Conference to find some procedure that activates itself again to inviting the American Jewish Committee and putting them in a position of either staying out or coming in."

The Chair: "That is a major policy which concerns the Interim Committee and does not involve us."

A motion was then made and carried that the chair appoint a committee of five to do the work discussed above.

The meeting was then adjourned.

  
  
Secretary



# AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Administrative Committee

DATE: July 13, 1944

FROM: Ann Jarcho

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Attached please find minutes of the last Administrative Committee meeting held on July 6, 1944. Please note that the next meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, July 20th, at 6 P. M. in the Conference offices



AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1944

PRESENT: Louis Lipsky, Chairman; Samuel Caplan, Miss Jane Evans, Rayia Greenberg, Charles P. Kramer, Rabbi Irving Miller, Samuel Rothstein, Herman Shulman, Meyer E. Weisgal, David Wertheim; also Meir Grossman, Am Jareho, I.L. Kenen, Dr. A.S. Kohanski.

The Chair recorded his welcome to the new members of the Administrative Committee - Co-Chairmen of the Post-War Commission, Co-Chairmen of the Rescue Commission, Chairman of the Palestine Commission and Co-Chairmen of the Budget and Finance Committee, quoting the motion made by Mr. Wonsky under which the enlarged Administrative Committee will now operate:

"That the Chairmen of the respective Commissions shall report on the activities and the actions of their respective Commissions to the Administrative Committee, and the Administrative Committee shall implement and activate the program of the three Commissions subject, always, to the review of the Interim Committee."

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved.

LETTER TO WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS: The Chair stated that, because of an item which appeared in the press, he had written to Dr. Nahum Goldmann calling attention to the agreement between the World Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Conference, reply to which has not yet been received.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Chair proposed:

- (1) That the entire personnel of the Administrative Committee should be regarded at the disposal of the Commissions and in this connection, that the Conference establish a "listening post" in Washington; that Mr. Kenen put himself at the disposal of the Administrative Committee for this purpose.
- (2) That Mr. Grossman establish contact with the officers of national organizations for the interchange of information. On query, the Chair replied that Mr. Grossman's duties might be termed "a good neighbor policy."
- (3) That in view of the postponement of the date of the second session, commemoration be made at that time in the form of a radio program, presenting a report of the activities of the Conference and that local meetings of delegates be held in as many communities as possible. Discussion resolved in the following motion:

"That we prepare a report for a subsequent meeting (as to cost, etc.) on a radio program to be held sometime in the first part of September or around the date of the postponed session." Adopted.

A motion was also carried that the Administrative Committee favors the holding of local conferences wherever feasible.



- (4) That we establish contact with the organized Jewish communities outside the United States, such as the Board of Deputies in London, South Africa Board of Jewish Deputies, the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress, since no official communications have yet gone out to any such organizations. It was the opinion of some that organizations connected with the World Jewish Congress should not be approached. Further discussion resolved in the following motions:

"After further study, contact to be established with free Jewish communities abroad."

- (5) (The Chair prefaced the following suggestion with the remark that he "expected it to be laid over for further discussion" but was presenting it now for preliminary consideration.)

That, after having overcome some of the difficulties of finding the legal formulas, the Conference take the initiative in the matter of reparation of property for those homeless and stateless Jews now residing in the United States. It was the consensus that this was a matter for the Post-War Commission. Mr. Shulman suggested that the Post-War Commission call together a conference to work out a program of action in order to determine what steps may be taken immediately to put into effect action taken by those governments abrogating Nazi laws, (the problem of reparations to be included) and that there be invited to this meeting members of the Administrative Committee, experts and such others as deemed advisable. Motion was made and carried that "we agree to make recommendation to the Post-War Commission in the sense of Mr. Shulman's remarks."

LETTER RE PALESTINE COMMISSION: The Chair read a letter he had drafted and after discussion, it was moved and carried that "this letter, with certain amendments that have been suggested, be sent to the Co-Chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council." Copy of letter is hereto attached.

REPORT OF RESCUE COMMISSION:

- (1) Co-Chairman Rabbi Miller reported that the tragedy in Hungary presents the problem of how to inform Jewry that everything possible is being done within our own limited means. He stated that the War Refugee Board believes the reports that have come in are true. Rabbi Miller suggested that a statement be issued by the Conference outlining the steps which have been taken and can be disclosed; also that certain other measures taken cannot be disclosed for military reasons. He further stated that the Office of War Information, in connection with the War Refugee Board, is broadcasting to the Hungarian population to hide Jews and that reprisals will be made against those found guilty.
- (2) That at the behest of our bodies, Archbishop Spellman, Secretary of State Cordell Hull and others have issued statements.
- (3) That the Vatican has been approached in the most direct fashion and that our government has taken it up with the Pope, and that from England, Anthony Eden made a public statement.



- (4) That the American Government at Ankara presented a formal note to Hungary.
- (5) We are taking up with the War Refugee Board the question of the bombing of Hungary. Leaflets are being dropped and they are attempting to destroy extermination centers. We are asking that paratroopers be sent down and finally, that a delegation from the American Jewish Conference formally call on the President.

Mr. Shulman stated his conviction that our Government is doing everything it can, in view of the fact that Germany is today occupying Hungary, and added that instructions have been issued to the Red Army to look for Jews and liberate them and to begin trials as soon as possible on specific Jewish crimes. After discussion, it was moved that a statement as described be prepared by the Co-Chairmen of the Rescue Commission in the name of the whole American Jewish Conference. Adopted.

The matter of a Conference delegation to the President was referred to the Rescue Commission.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 20th.

Meeting adjourned.





C O P Y

July 7, 1944

Dr. Stephen S. Wise and  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Co-Chairmen of the American  
Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

At the last meeting of the Interim Committee, when the second session was postponed, it was agreed that the enlarged Administrative Committee of the Conference should be invested with authority to execute any of the plans and proposals of the three Commissions, provided they came within the scope of the resolutions adopted at the first session of the Conference. The Commissions were asked to submit their reports, from time to time, to the Administrative Committee.

The Administrative Committee, therefore, urges that any public action in connection with raising the Palestine Resolution out of the Committee of the American Congress, which the circumstances may make desirable in August, should be conducted under the direct sponsorship of the American Jewish Conference, the Palestine Commission, of which Dr. Silver is Chairman, acting as collaborator through such administrative personnel as it may desire to add to the staff of the Conference. It is also suggested that any literature to be issued in this connection should appear, with the approval of the Administrative Committee, under the imprimatur of the Conference.

In view of your repeated assurances that it is desirable to strengthen the position of the Conference in every way possible under existing circumstances, I am sure that we may rely upon your whole-hearted cooperation in the direction indicated.

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipaky, Chairman,  
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

1944 BUDGET

A. FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. Commissions (Rescue-Postwar-Palestine)	\$50,000.00
2. Public Relations and Publicity	29,600.00
3. Research and Publications	20,000.00
4. Second Session of Conference	15,000.00

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. Executive Office	26,900.00
2. Collection and Fund-Raising	<u>7,000.00</u>
	\$148,500.00

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A. FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM

1. Commissions

Three Commissions have been established by the American Jewish Conference to implement the Conference program in accordance with resolutions adopted at the session of August 29th to September 2nd, 1943: (a) Commission on Rescue; (b) Commission on Post-War Reconstruction; (c) Commission on Palestine. Each Commission consists of a group of laymen, representatives of the communities and organizations which are members of the Conference, and of co-opted members and experts.

The functions of these Commissions are: To prepare documentary material with the aid of experts and legal advisers; to send delegations to Government authorities; to maintain contacts with agencies active in fields of endeavor pertaining to rescue work, relief, rehabilitation, peace plans, post-war reconstruction, and Palestine; to establish and maintain contacts with Jewish communities abroad, especially in the free countries; to send delegations abroad (if and when necessary) to study local conditions and make representations.

2. Department of Public Relations and Publicity

This department has been established for the purpose of cultivating the interest and active assistance on the part of organizations, agencies, influential persons, government representatives, etc. It issues statements, memoranda and a periodical record pertaining to the activities of the Conference; maintains contact with the delegates and constituent



## A. FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM (cont'd)

organizations; and conducts the publicity activities of the Conference.

### 3. Department of Research and Publications

This department has been formed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a library and record of information on all phases of activities in this country and abroad, in which the Conference is interested. Such information is to be obtained primarily through the existing research institutes, by coordinating and collating the available material for the use of the Conference. Independent research will be conducted by this department only when required systematic records cannot be obtained through other research institutes. Publications will be issued as the occasion may demand. (Publication of the Conference Proceedings is now in preparation.)

### 4. Second Session of the Conference

In accordance with the Resolution on Organization adopted at its first session, the American Jewish Conference is to hold a second session within twelve months. The expenditures for this item are to cover preparations, meeting place and other items pertaining to the reconvening of the Conference.

## B. ADMINISTRATION

### 1. Executive Office

The administrative bodies of the Conference are: (a) The Interim Committee, elected at the Conference session from among the representatives of the constituent organizations and community delegates; (b) The Executive and Administrative Committees, elected by the Interim Committee; and (c) The Office Staff.

The expenditures of this department include sessions of the Interim, Executive and Administrative Committees; sessions of the Commissions; salaries for office staff; office supplies and equipment; rental, postage, telephone, telegraph, etc.

### 2. Collection and Fund-Raising

The Conference does not intend to engage in independent fund-raising campaigns. Being a democratically elected body of community delegates, the Conference anticipates to derive its necessary income from the Jewish communities throughout the country. The item marked "Collection and Fund-Raising" is to cover traveling expenses and other incidentals pertaining thereto.