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October 31, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Although we have dropped the idea of a public Draft Silver Movement, there is a good deal being done in the Press. I am enclosing a few items which you may not have seen such as:

1. Editorial in the Jewish Post entitled Roosevelt-Ibn Saud Letters Prove Silver Right
2. An article in the American Hebrew entitled Zionism and American Politics by M. Reichenstein, which I wrote and Mr. M.Z. Frank slightly spoiled.
3. An editorial in the Jewish Ledger, Washington, D.C., which I understand has appeared in all the Biben newspapers. It is excellent. I thanked Mr. Biben for it and will be conferring with him further in the next few days. Other articles are to appear. There will be one next Sunday in the English page of the Day regarding the Roosevelt Myth. Still another article, entitled Wise Men of Yalta is to appear in the Biben newspapers next week.

I am enclosing copy of a letter which I have written to Charles Rosenbloom.

I have also suggested to Ben Horin that he write a little pamphlet dealing with our experience with the administration in Washington and pointing up the moral of the Roosevelt letter to Ibn Saud. The pamphlet ought to be a sort of sequel to the leaflet "A Little While Longer", which I ghosted for Leon Feuer, and Lowenthal's pamphlet "Backstairs to Nowhere". The new pamphlet or leaflet could be published and sent out to key men and it need not be signed by Ben Horin.

I think it most important to rub it in now properly, so that the lesson will not be forgotten.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

Enclosures

October 31, 1945

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Emanuel:

The signatories of this letter represent some of the oldest Zionists in St. Louis. I should think that room should be found for Mr. Goodman on the National Executive Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. By all means invite Mr. Sumner Welles to the Convention. I am delighted that he came out for a Jewish Commonwealth.

WRHS



November 2, 1945

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York N.Y.

Dear Mr. Neumann:

Enclosed herewith is a resolution passed
by the Chelsea Zionist District.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

WRHS


Secretary to Dr. Silver



November 9th, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

We have had some serious discussions regarding organization and executive direction of ZOA work after the Convention. We face the difficulty of securing a first-grade Executive Director on the outside, on short notice. On the other hand, the Convention is taking place late in the season and we only have six or seven months to operate, before the summer will be upon us.

It is therefore felt that if at all possible, Harry Shapiro should become the Executive Director of the ZOA, but with such capable assistance under him, that he would be able to continue to give a part of his time and attention to the work of the Emergency Council. Mr. Shapiro himself, appears to be of the opinion that such an arrangement is possible without allowing the work of the Emergency Council to suffer.

On the other hand, the idea of having Tuvin become Executive Director of the ZOA does not meet with favor. One of the men whom we may be able to bring into the ZOA work, and who would lessen Shapiro's burden considerably, is Abraham Tannenbaum. Of course there are others to attend to all the detailed routine work, but Shapiro seems to be required for the general over-all direction. Also if we move the ZOA offices to New York, it will be much easier for Shapiro and the others concerned.

The time is getting short and a decision will have to be made very soon. I am therefore writing you in advance so that you may perhaps be prepared to make a decision when you are here on Monday or Tuesday.

I would also like to stress the importance of the suggestion I made, - that we call together a small group of well-to-do people, to meet with you in Atlantic City for the purpose of raising a Special Fund. We need it now and we will need it in the future. This is the moment to do it and I would not pass it up.

With kind regards

As ever,

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel Neumann

Emanuel Neumann

per B. W.

Dictated but not read by
Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

The Secretary's Report

on

THE ACTIVITIES AND
ACHIEVEMENTS

of the

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICA

*for the half-year period,
October 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945*



SAUL S. SPIRO



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

WITH THE UNPRECEDENTED growth of membership and the rapid spread of the network of active districts, the Zionist Organization of America has assumed ever-growing responsibilities and tasks imposed upon it by the changing world situation. Its numerical strength and the high political maturity of its ranks have made our organization the foremost and most effective instrument which Jewry possesses in its struggle for the National Homeland. These new tasks and activities recommended by Dr. Goldstein in his presidential message at the 47th Annual Convention in Atlantic City, are being actively implemented. We have not only become a larger but a more vitally purposeful organization.

This report reviews our activities during the first half of the current fiscal year. It serves to illustrate the two forms of growth: the growth in numbers and normal activities and the powerful inception of those new directions in which Dr. Goldstein led the way.

The National Headquarters are the focal point at which these various old and new activities converge. And it is from here reciprocally that ideas and directives radiate. The intricacy of the functioning of our organization today may be illustrated by the circumstance that, though the National Headquarters are in Washington, war time conditions have compelled some of our departments to function out of our New York offices. From the National office goes forth the bloodstream which vitalizes in a new measure the active regions and districts. For these regions and districts have assumed functions unheard of only a few years ago. Within them we find the local workers of the American Zionist Emergency Council; within them are those who bear the burden and nurse the enthusiasm for the UPA, the JNF and all allied Zionist and general activities. The techniques of action as well as the ardor necessary for these activities must be communicated and kept alive by the vigilance of this office. As a result of our multifarious functions, other branches of Zionist life, political and financial as well as cultural, have become dependent upon the Z.O.A., its constituency, and its office and field staffs, for inspiration, for leadership and daily implementation. Not only has our membership attained a remarkable political maturity, but its prime importance is best reflected by the fact that general Zionists predominate in the national and local leadership of Zionist fund-raising, political and communal agencies.

From these brief remarks it will be seen how difficult it has become to render a report such as this, since the imponderables of political and moral agitation have become equally important with such statements of numbers and resources as once constituted a report on our activities.

Although progress has been made, it is undeniable that we had a right to expect an even higher culmination of the efforts of recent months. Unhappily our membership has been confused and its single-mindedness of mind has been impaired by internal clashes. Nor must it be forgotten that our people have inveterately pitched their political expectations too high. The fact that major political goals have not yet been attained has often served to discourage rather than to spur more resolute effort. Our people must realize that a strong organization cannot be safely ignored in the development of American policy. We must desist from emotional extremes and apply ourselves unyieldingly to a program of more work and greater sacrifice. Only thus will we, as a movement and as an organization, attain our goal.

Public Relations – Community Contacts

OUR INTRODUCTORY remarks emphasized that the Z.O.A. is the moral channel through which passes the force which energizes both the fund-raising and political activities of our movement. This stimulation is provided by our public relations activity. That operation takes the form of press releases, mass meetings, radio programs, publications, promotion of interest through letters and telegrams, in brief, through every feasible means.

Our achievements are self-evident. Through the agency of the American Zionist Emergency Council, thirty-five state legislatures have passed resolutions favoring the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine and their governors have issued proclamations to that effect. This action could not have been secured without Z.O.A. district leadership ardently executing the policies and directives of the National organization. The preoccupation of large sections of the Congress in Washington with the Palestine question may equally be traced to the public relations activities of our organization.

The Z.O.A. took a leading and most active part in the second session of the American Jewish Conference. The delegation of the General Zionists was the most numerous of any body represented there.

We work in most cordial and constant cooperation with the American Zionist Emergency Council, the American Palestine Committee

and the Christian Council on Palestine. We are in constant touch with Dr. Henry Atkinson, Dr. Carl H. Voss and Dean Le Sourd. In aid and assistance to these movements, we are continuing our specific Z.O.A. project through which the Rev. Mr. Richard E. Evans continues to present the cause of Zion to the Christian world.

Our public relations program extends into other fields. During the past six months, nation-wide observances of Balfour Declaration anniversary day were planned and executed; a sabbath of prayer and meditation was set aside and observed prior to the Yalta Conference. Our constituency, in addition to its day by day contribution to the war effort, is once more embarking upon a Zionist War Bond Campaign to coincide with the Seventh War Bond Drive. While our districts and units remain mindful of their particular objective—the establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth of Palestine—they are not unmindful of their patriotic duties and obligations. They are participating fully and giving unstintingly of their time, efforts, and money to America and its successful prosecution of the War.

Finances

THE FINANCIAL operations of the Z.O.A. will be presented in two parts. The first part deals with the normal budget based on the income of the General Fund as reported by the Comptroller, Mr. Benjamin Weingart. The second part, dealing with the receipts and budgetary expenses of the Expansion Fund, will follow the report on that fund.

The Finance Committee, which guides and directs our operations, deserves the profound gratitude of our movement and our membership. No committee could be more devoted nor more active. Mr. Abraham Goodman is the expert treasurer of the Z.O.A., and Mr. Samuel Berson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, is in daily touch with the office, giving eager and time-consuming attention to the difficult duties which are his lot.

Our budget is based upon an anticipated income of dues from a minimum of 140,000 members. We ended the last year with a total membership of 111,421. A normal decrease of circa 15% may be expected. The normal number of renewals should run to 94,000. It should be quite apparent that our budgetary requirements demand the enrollment of 45,000 new members during the course of the current fiscal year.

Finances—General Fund: The financial operations of the Zionist Organization of America for the period beginning October 1st, 1944, and ending March 25, 1945, are as follows:

The total receipts to the General Fund were \$432,846.63 of which \$316,555.50 were from membership dues and \$116,291.13 from other sources. The disbursements for the same period for budgetary expenses, payables and transfers amounted to \$416,434.17, leaving a balance on hand of \$22,414.35 which includes a carryover from the last fiscal year of a balance of \$6,001.89.

A detailed analysis of receipts and disbursements for the period indicated shows the following figures:

	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Other Sources</i>	<i>Total General Fund</i>
October, 1944.....	\$37,008.	\$12,804.	\$49,812.
November, 1944.....	61,942.	14,923.	76,865.
December, 1944.....	51,184.	16,423.	67,607.
January, 1945.....	60,323.	10,114.	70,437.
February, 1945.....	53,050.	11,908.	65,958.
March, 1945.....	53,048.	9,023.	62,071.
Transfers from other funds.....	.....	41,096.	41,096.
TOTAL.....	\$316,555.	\$116,291.	\$432,846.
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:			
For General Fund Purposes.....		\$375,338.	
For Other Funds.....		41,096.	\$416,434.
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements.....			16,412.
Carry over Balance 10/1/44.....			6,002.
Net Balance 3/31/45.....			\$ 22,414.
Less Earmarked for World Zionist Organization for 1st quarter 1944-45.....			15,640.
Balance Available at 4/1/45.....			\$ 6,774.

The total membership income of \$316,555. represents 59,660 renewals, 25,028 new members and 101 President Chapter members, a total of 84,789 paid-up members. 185 new Life memberships have been added to the 907 secured in the last fiscal year, making a total of 1,092 paid-up Life memberships on March 31, 1945. These 1,092 Life memberships have provided \$109,200. in our Life Membership Reserve Account of which \$97,000. have been invested in J.N.F. bonds and the balance of \$12,200. is in current funds in the Life Membership Account. An additional sum of \$166.67 in interest has been received against invested bonds and is also in the Life Membership Account.

The Finance Committee has met frequently and has approved budgetary changes and corrections as directed by the Executive Committee.

All obligations to the World Zionist Organization for Shekel Account for the fiscal year 1943-44 have been fully paid. A check for the first quarter of the present fiscal year in the amount of \$15,640.54 has been drawn and has been cabled. There will be due for the second quarter just ending the sum of \$16,623.80 which will be paid as soon as sufficient funds are available.

An analysis of Income and Expense Statement for the six months period ending March 31, 1945, indicates a surplus of \$23,476.51. This is a result of income received from membership (less shekolim) of \$278,425.75, plus additional income from other sources of \$32,718.72, making a total income of \$311,144.47 for the six months ending March 31, 1945. The total expenses for the same period is \$275,416.33. The following statement gives the above figures in a factual form:

Total income for six months ending 3/31/45.....	\$311,144.47
Total expense for six months ending 3/31/45.....	275,416.33
Excess of Income over Expense.....	\$ 35,728.14
Deficit carried over from 1943-44.....	\$13,094.63
Reduction by Adjustments.....	843.00
(Deficit) Net carry over 1943-44.....	12,251.63
Net Surplus.....	\$ 23,476.51

This net surplus of \$23,476.51 is a normal surplus for this time of the year considering that the last three months of the fiscal year, namely, July, August and September, are deficit months and are expected to greatly reduce this surplus.

A comparison of expenditures against budgetary allotment indicates that future requirements will make necessary a revision of the budget based on 140,000 paid-up members.

Membership Department

THE MEMBERSHIP growth is of great significance. It registers the spread and influence of Zionist activity and achievements. American Zionists, however, understand that the slogan, "in numbers there is strength," no matter how often it is repeated, is still a challenge and remains a solemn obligation to fulfill.

At the end of our fiscal year, September 30, 1944, our membership reached a new high of 111,421. We had 147 Zionist units—each with less than 50 members, and 364 full-fledged Districts, with a minimum of 50 members to over 4,000 each. The 111,421 membership included

55,188 new regular members, 1330 new Life members, and 235 President's Chapter members. To this number, we add the B'nai Zion membership of 4,018.

For the current year, as of March 31, our total paid-up membership is 90,177. This total includes 25,028 new regular members, 185 new Life members, and 101 President's Chapter members. There are still 46,457 members who will renew their membership before the end of the fiscal year.

We have been successful in establishing 12 new units (under 50) and 21 new Districts, with a minimum of 50 members each.

Vigorous campaigns are now being conducted in many of our larger districts. The theme of this year's membership drive, "Liberation Enrollment Campaign," has served to spur our districts to greater efforts on behalf of our goal. The announcement of the special class of 100,000 new members in tribute to Dr. Chaim Weizmann upon his 70th Anniversary has also given Zionists an added incentive for increased activity.

New campaign techniques have been introduced. Attractively prepared pamphlets, brochures, and kits have been made available to district workers as an aid in their activities.

For further encouragement of these workers, we have made available the "Z.O.A. Medal of Honor," a finely engraved pin, to all workers who enroll a minimum of 5 new members, and the beautifully designed Z.O.A. "Citation of Honor" to all who enroll 18 or more new members.

At this writing, 89 districts have exceeded their total enrollment of the previous year. As the membership campaigns now in progress are concluded, we are confident that more and more districts will be added to this record.

Under the leadership of Dewey D. Stone, Chairman, and Jacob Sincoff, co-Chairman, 181 Zionists have this year enrolled as Life Members in the Z.O.A. This makes a total of 1,328 who have identified themselves as "Zionists for Life." Mr. Stone and Mr. Sincoff, through their personal efforts, have secured the affiliation of the largest part of this number and are to be highly commended for the outstanding results which they have obtained. The districts which have been most prominent in this endeavor are: *District No. 7, District No. 32, District No. 34, (All of Greater New York); Atlanta, Ga.; Beaumont, Texas; Brookline-Brighton-Newton, Mass.; Cleveland, Ohio; Danbury, Conn.; Des Moines, Ia.; Fitchburg-Leominster, Mass.; Houston, Texas; Indianapolis, Ind.; Los Angeles, Cal.; Memphis, Tenn.; Miami*

Beach, Tampa, Fla.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Phila., Pa.; Portchester, N. Y.; San Francisco, Cal.; South Bend, Ind.; Tulsa, Okla.. We are certain that more progress in this class of enrollment will be achieved during succeeding months of this year.

It would be difficult to enumerate the names of all district presidents and membership chairmen who have given of themselves so unselfishly and unstintingly in behalf of our enrollment effort. To each one we extend a special word of thanks for their contribution to the early redemption of Israel. Mr. Leo Rosen, Chairman of the National Membership Committee, and the National Vice-Chairmen are to be highly complimented for the sincerity with which they have undertaken their obligations and for their arduous labors.

SUMMARY OF COMPARATIVE MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

Regions	Totals 1943-44	March 31, 1944			March 31, 1945			1945
	Sept. 30, 1944	New	Re- newals	Total	New	Re- newals	Total	Quota
Bronx.....	3,606	2,169	1,434	3,603	1,508	2,591	4,099	9,553
Manhattan.....	5,660	2,061	1,594	3,655	2,102	3,435	5,537	12,141
Brooklyn.....	10,420	4,745	2,437	7,182	3,905	5,945	9,850	21,785
Long Island.....	5,490	1,693	2,276	3,969	1,668	3,611	5,279	7,825
Westchester.....	1,657	779	537	1,334	289	1,125	1,414	2,350
Western N. Y.....	3,299	1,002	1,351	2,353	287	1,641	1,928	4,200
Empire State, N.Y..	2,225	518	632	1,150	903	1,261	2,164	3,917
Seaboard.....	4,348	1,505	1,828	3,333	810	2,855	3,665	9,339
Eastern Pennsylv- vania.....	2,821	769	1,250	2,019	435	1,918	2,353	4,545
New England.....	8,885	2,470	3,109	5,579	1,633	5,110	6,743	13,967
Rhode Island.....	1,183	144	411	555	224	575	799	2,475
Connecticut.....	4,129	1,176	1,887	3,063	1,119	2,743	3,862	5,931
Southeastern.....	6,223	1,860	2,605	4,465	1,288	3,787	5,075	9,250
New Jersey.....	4,124	1,135	1,389	2,524	1,935	2,352	4,287	8,243
Tri-State.....	8,002	2,594	2,230	4,824	784	3,714	4,498	10,534
Upper Michigan and Ohio.....	6,272	2,134	2,314	4,448	410	2,934	3,344	9,972
Ohio Valley.....	3,944	947	1,125	2,072	531	1,892	2,423	7,032
Mid-West.....	9,705	3,116	3,226	6,342	1,148	5,193	6,341	14,724
West Coast.....	4,734	1,584	1,557	3,141	856	2,688	3,544	8,493
Southwestern.....	3,698	951	1,138	2,089	678	1,822	2,500	7,586
UNDISTRIBUTED								
Philadelphia.....	7,418	569	2,440	3,009	1,115	4,185	5,300	10,000
Chicago.....	3,573	762	1,690	2,452	508	2,459	2,967	7,500
Miscellaneous.....	2	2	.....	2	.....	1	1	1
Foreign Member- ship.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1
TOTALS.....	111,421	34,706	38,461	73,167	24,137	63,837	87,974	191,364

Publicity and Public Relations

THE EXPANDED PROGRAM of activities undertaken by the Z.O.A. since the last convention has taxed the facilities of its Public Relations Department to an unusual extent, and has necessitated enlargement of the scope of its program. This department's progress is reflected both in the unprecedented coverage secured in the press for ZOA items and in the volume of propaganda and popular educational material produced by the ZOA in the past six months. Thus the Public Relations Department directed by Ernest E. Barbarash, was called upon to handle assignments ranging from the preparation of promotional literature on membership and Expansion Fund, and the servicing of various ZOA departments, to the furnishing of information and data on Palestine to Washington correspondents and institutions.

The following are the salient facts—in barest outline—of the activities and achievements of the Public Relations Department in the past *six months*:

1. A total of 3500 columns of ZOA items have been published in the general Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press. Of this total over 30% represents coverage in the general papers. Many of the major items released by the departments, including Chanuka Manifesto, the Liberation Campaign, 100,000 Weizmann membership class, Van Paassen's Citation, were put on the wires by the Associated Press and the United Press.

2. Six issues of the bulletin, *Inside Palestine*, appeared. The mailing list of the bulletin includes Libraries, U. S. Government departments, educational institutions, ZOA presidents and cultural chairmen, columnists, educators and research workers. Contents of the bulletin are being extensively used and reprinted in the country and abroad, even by Army camp bulletins. The bulletin is particularly popular among Jewish members of the Armed services and is being placed in all U.S.O. camps through the Jewish Welfare Board.

3. The program material issued includes manuals on the occasion of (a) Chanuka, (b) Chamisha Asar B'Shevat and (c) 20th Anniversary of Hebrew University. These manuals contain background and source material for observance of festival and historical events.

4. A large volume of promotional material was issued in furtherance of the National Liberation campaign, the Weizmann honor class, and the ZOA Expansion Fund. Other pamphlets supervised by the department were: *The Road Ahead*, a program for American Zionism,

by Dr. Israel Goldstein, and a Yiddish pamphlet, *The Jewish Commonwealth and Your Future*.

5. ZOA Public Relations Department served to channelize special Washington releases for the American Zionist Emergency Council and the American Jewish Conference.

6. The ZOA Public Relations Department has established coordination in public relations of the Metropolitan Bureau in New York, acting in close cooperation with our Education and Economic Departments.

7. This department has furnished material for Palestine exhibits to various groups in Philadelphia, Havana, Cuba, Ontario, Canada, and other cities in the Americas.

8. This department has cooperated with the Yiddish Writer's Union in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Yiddish press.

9. The Public Relations Department directs the War Bond and other War Effort activities of the ZOA.

10. The News Reporter issue of *The New Palestine*, continues to evoke favorable comment. Since the convention, the News Reporter has published special sections devoted to the following events: U.P.A. Conference in Chicago; 75th Anniversary of the Yiddish press in America, and the 20th Anniversary of the Hebrew University.

The Speakers' Bureau

THE SPEAKERS' BUREAU, directed by Yale Goldberg, has made unprecedented progress. Speakers have been provided for districts throughout every region of the country. The many commendatory letters received from program chairmen are proof of our service and efficiency. Through the Bureau new personalities have been developed and introduced to Zionist audiences. Districts which heretofore depended upon the availability of one outstanding speaker per year have been led to accept lesser known lecturers at more frequent periods. Satisfactory arrangements have been made with leading figures of the press and radio. They have cooperated with the department in accepting lecture tours for the ZOA. Overflow audiences have attended meetings sponsored by the ZOA for an opportunity to listen to such nationally famous orators as, Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn, Pierre van Paassen, Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, Maurice Samuel, Johannes Steel, Alexander Uhl, Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, and Richard A. Yaffe.

We are also grateful to many of our eminent fellow Zionists, who have taken time from their professional and business obligations in order to address other Zionist districts on tours for the Speakers' Bureau. Special mention should be made of Charles Auerbach, Maurice Boukstein, Rabbi Maurice Bloom, Dr. Samuel Blumenfield, Charles A. Cowen, Daniel Frisch, Joseph Goldberg, Rabbi Manuel Lederman, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Louis Lipsky, Dr. Max Nussbaum, Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, Rabbi Reuben Slonim, Robert Szold, Rabbi Leo Shubow, Harry Viteles, Herman Weisman, and many others. Needless to say, the many lengthy country-wide tours undertaken by our President, Dr. Israel Goldstein, have been of immeasurable value.

These achievements have not been easy to accomplish. Wartime restrictions and transportation difficulties have created many problems, both in obtaining speakers and in preparation of tours on their behalf. The contribution of this department to the effectiveness of ZOA activities is of tremendous significance in the final accounting of results attained. Plans for the continued education and stimulation of Zionist districts are constantly being prepared and effectuated.

The Official Periodicals

1. The New Palestine—Our periodicals are, needless to say, in a most difficult situation due to the contrast between their enormously increased circulation and the stringency of wartime paper allotment. Nevertheless it may be said that *The New Palestine* under the editorship of Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn, has gained conspicuously in power and pertinence. Its editorials are carefully read by our membership and searchingly scrutinized in the widest political circles; its articles, criticisms and comments command the most vivid attention. The relaxation of paper rationing, when it comes, will enable the editors to carry out plans to make this magazine the foremost Jewish periodical in the English-speaking world. Mr. Isidore Cooperman is Managing Editor.

2. The News Reporter—As a record of Z.O.A. activities, of intercommunication between our membership and as a chronicle of Zionist news both in the Homeland and here, The News Reporter issue of New Palestine most admirably and efficiently edited by Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash, has rapidly attained wide popularity. From issue to issue it sustains its unflinching liveliness and interest. Deserving of mention for their respective talents in maintaining the high standard of The News Reporter issue are Alexander E. Ginsberg, Associate Editor, and Aaron Metchik, in charge of technical presentation.

3. Dos Yiddishe Folk—Our monthly Yiddish publication, *Dos Yiddishe Folk*, edited by Dr. Simon Bernstein, reaches about 6,000 Zionist homes all over the country, an increase of almost 1,000 over last year. About one-half of our readers are Rabbis, Hebrew teachers, religious functionaries, and social workers. A considerable sector of our reading public during the past few years consists of new arrivals to these shores whose Zionist education and thinking is focused largely on the study of the fundamentals of Zionism. On many occasions they show their warm interest for this magazine, discussing its various articles, especially those Zionist features which they do not find in the general Jewish press.

Mention should also be made of the role this magazine plays as a spiritual link between the Zionists in this country and our fellow Zionists in other lands. Almost every article is reprinted and reproduced in the Yiddish papers appearing periodically in Central and South American countries where several hundred copies of our paper are dispatched regularly. Particular attention is given to *Dos Yiddishe Folk* by the Hebrew Press in Palestine which regularly translates its editorial comments and other articles on American Zionism.

Book Department

UNINFORMED Jews rarely become Zionists. It is evident that the basic effective method of creating Zionists is to induce Jews to read Jewish books. This is the aim and method of the book department of the Z.O.A. which is being energetically directed by Mr. Isidore Cooperman. The public response to the activities of this department has been most gratifying. *In the first six months of the year, the book department has already sold 12,000 volumes compared to 10,000 volumes for the entire year of 1943-44.*

During recent weeks the Book Department has revised its catalogue of Zionist books and pamphlets. It has issued a catalogue of books of special interest for children from six to sixteen years of age. The Department has published three numbers of the *Book Chat* for its regular customers, and intensified its campaign to place Zionist book shelves in hundreds of libraries throughout the country—public, university, and Jewish community center.

The Book Department has responded to requests from Zionist bodies in liberated countries and shipped books and pamphlets in recent weeks to Iran and Algiers in Algeria; Tunis and Sfax in Tunisia

and Rome, Italy. This action was reported to the annual meeting of the Jewish Book Council of America and provided the incentive for co-ordinated action on the part of American Jewish bodies to re-establish Jewish libraries in war-stricken countries.

To stimulate the sale of the David Wolffsohn biography, the Book Department is sponsoring a book review contest on the book. The deadline is May 1st and there will be three prizes consisting of a \$50.00, a \$25.00 and a \$10.00 Zionist shelf. The contest judges are Louis E. Levinthal, noted jurist and Zionist Leader, Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn, distinguished publicist, and editor, *The New Palestine Magazine*, and Dr. Solomon Grayzel, editor of the Jewish Publication Society of America.

The American Zionist Youth Commission

THE ADVANCE of Zionist Youth activity can be attributed to the efforts of the American Zionist Youth Commission, established and operated jointly by the ZOA and Hadassah, its able Chairman, Herman Weisman, its Executive Director, Dr. Shlomo Bardin and the director of National Young Judaea, Dr. Aharon Kessler.

A vigorous program is in operation. 24 new local commissions have been established and an active field staff circulates through the country. The Commission's budget consists of \$45,500 allocated to its constituent groups—Young Judaea, Campus and Avukah, Masada and Junior Hadassah; \$30,500 for field and educational work; and \$24,000 for administration and promotion. The Zionist Organization of America has already allocated \$36,000 to the Commission and is, at present, committed to an additional allocation of \$14,000. This is a project of the ZOA Expansion Fund.

The activities of the Youth Commission have taken on many forms: A Zionist Youth Studio for training leaders in Palestinian songs and dances was established in New York City under the direction of Max Helfman and Katya Delakova. The Brandeis Camp will undertake similar activity. Programs will be published and groups will be available for community presentation. Week-end institutes were arranged for Zionist Youth leaders in three communities and four others are projected. The Brandeis Camp Institute has commenced registration of candidates, and reports of the work undertaken in communities by last year's graduates are gratifying. Two new camps are being projected for the South and Southwest and a gift of \$2500 has been received from Julius Fleigelman of Los Angeles for a new camp on the Pacific Coast.

National Young Judaea, under the vigorous direction of Dr. Aharon Kessler, has 695 clubs fully registered, an increase of 31% over last year, with an enrollment of 12,000 juniors and 5,000 seniors. 800 active leaders and 17 professional supervisors are to be found in its personnel. Besides the Young Judaea Magazine for Juniors and the Senior Newspaper, program and technique aids are published regularly.

Masada is establishing new chapters, maintaining contact with the men in the Armed forces and is embarking, as a Young Men's organization, on a joint cultural and social program with Junior Hadassah.

Avukah is undertaking the establishment of an intercollegiate student Zionist Federation.

The Youth Commission held its first National Conference on March 3-4, in New York City, at which Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Judith Epstein delivered the principal addresses. National Young Judaea held a leader's conference in Cleveland, January 5-7, and a program of activity and policy was drafted.

While the progress made by Zionist youth has been significant, the real potentialities remain untapped. Zionist district leaders must take a greater interest in this phase of Zionist work and offer stimulation and incentive to Jewish youth in their committees to participate in our movement.

Z. O. A. Field Service

WE NOW have twenty offices in all parts of the country staffed by our field directors. The invaluable service of these highly trained and devoted servants of our cause cannot be over-emphasized. They supervise the execution of the directives of the National Office and assist and cooperate expertly with regional and district leaders. It is these men who set an example of energy in the service of the cause of Zion and of all Jewish causes. They create good-will and stimulate activity. These soldiers are the muscle and sinews of the organization.

The efficient staff which was engaged in this work consisted of: Carl Altman, Emanuel Borenstein, Dr. Harry A. Cohen, Max Cohen, Isaac E. Feinstein, Adalbert Freedman, Dr. Michael Haklai, Daniel Harrison, Julius M. Israel, Maurice Kesner, Dr. Harry O. H. Levine, Dr. Harry May, Rabbi Meyer Passow, Manuel Posy, I. G. Simon,

Samuel Sloan, Abraham Tannenbaum, and Miss Jeannette Steinberg.

The pressing problems before the Z.O.A. this year make of foremost concern the close integration of every community, however small, with the national organization. In no way can it be better accomplished than through the work of our field directors, who devote their entire energies and resources toward this end.

Palestine Bureau

THE FUNCTION of the Palestine Bureau, maintained and financed by the Zionist Organization of America, and directed by Dr. Simon Bernstein, is to provide American Jews with the necessary consular information and assistance in all matters pertaining to Jewish immigration into Palestine.

With the outbreak of World War II, the Bureau had to adapt itself to the needs and problems which confronted American Jews in connection with relatives in European countries whose passage and entry into Palestine they were anxious to effectuate. The number of Jews applying to us for information and help for all Jewish centers abroad, where large Jewish masses sought rescue through immigration to Palestine, produced a tremendous increase in activities.

Dr. Bernstein reports that 1944-45 was the most trying period in the history of the Palestine Bureau and summarizes his work as follows:

(a) *Balkan countries:* In the summer of 1944, numerous appeals came to us by American Jews in behalf of relatives in the Balkan countries,—Hungary, Roumania, and Bulgaria. For the purpose of assisting these Jewish communities, the Jewish Agency for Palestine has established a Palestine Bureau in Istanbul, Turkey, to which we were required to direct our applications. In the period of July-October, 1944, we were able to secure Palestine immigration certificates for more than 11,000 persons, the greatest majority of whom were located in Hungary. The procedure in this phase of the work was as follows: Our applications cabled to Istanbul were submitted to the British Embassy at Ankara, Turkey, and after their approval the people concerned in Hungary were informed accordingly and provided with a special document, purporting to serve as a means of "protection" before the local authorities until the holders would leave for Palestine via Turkey. The occupation of Hungary by Germany, however, frustrated the hopes of the victims. It is estimated that only about 2,500 Hungarian Jews

possessing such documents succeeded in escaping in time, while the fate of others still remain unknown. Recently we have been informed by the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem that from now on our applications for Palestine will have to be directed to Bucharest where a Palestine Bureau has been established and to Budapest where a similar bureau will be opened shortly. Among the 11,000 persons to whom Palestine immigration certificates have been granted were 1,600 located in Roumania. Lists of those who succeeded in arriving in Palestine, including the names of American relatives, were submitted to us by the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and were regularly published by us in the Jewish press.

(b) *Rescue of internees in German concentration camps:* Since October, 1944, the Palestine Bureau has been engaged in rescue work in behalf of several thousand Jews interned in the concentration camps in Bergen Belsen and Theresienstadt. It was an S.O.S. call by Jews in America, many of them recent arrivals themselves, who were anxious to save their nearest relatives who remained behind and finally were interned. This prospect of rescue was made possible by the steps taken by the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, resulting in certain arrangements by which, with the humanitarian help of the Swiss Government and the International Red Cross, a modus was found whereby for every Jew released from a concentration camp, a German subject in allied territory would be exchanged. In July, 1944, a group of 700 inmates of Bergen Belsen near Hanover were enabled to leave that place on an exchange basis and arrived in Palestine, their travel expenses financed by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. This was in addition to the group of about 1,000 Jews who a short time before were brought to Palestine from Lisbon, Portugal, on a boat especially hired and paid for by Hias-Hicem. In both groups were included a considerable number of relatives of American Jews, whose certificates were secured by this Bureau. Great efforts have since been made by the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem to prepare the exchange of another large group, an undertaking however which became very difficult, chiefly because German enemy subjects in Palestine refused to be exchanged, preferring to remain where they were, and in accordance with the established regulation, no exchange can be imposed on a person against his will. The Palestine Bureau in New York secured immigration certificates for about 875 inmates of Bergen Belsen, and with the liberation of that territory it is hoped that at least those who can be reached will be enabled to go to Palestine where many of them have family and relatives.

Since January, 1945, we have submitted about 400 applications in behalf of relatives in America of Jews interned in Theresienstadt near Prague, Czechoslovakia. The procedure entailed here is similar to our Balkan action. After the certificates for the persons involved were approved by the Palestine Government, appropriate information was dispatched to the Swiss Government and to the International Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland, which took the necessary steps to inform the internees accordingly, giving them the numbers of their certificates. It is reported that a considerable portion of these Jewish internees have recently been scattered among other camps in Germany. Here, too, our hope and prayer is that all those who can be reached will be able to proceed to Palestine in the near future.

The applications in behalf of the internees in both mentioned camps have been submitted to us by a large number of individuals, as well as by national philanthropic organizations as the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Hias, World Jewish Congress, National Refugee Service, Federation of Roumanian Jews, Jewish Welfare Board and others.

(c) *France, Belgium and Switzerland*: At present we are facing the problem of rendering service to refugees and others in liberated France and Belgium. With the Palestine Bureau recently established in Paris, we are, by instruction of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem, submitting applications also in behalf of people in Belgium where as yet a Palestine Bureau does not exist.

More pathetic is the case of numerous refugees in Switzerland who, possessing no visas for countries of ultimate destination, face the possibility of being deported to Algiers and other remote places where they are to be confined in barracks under the supervision of UNRRA. Particularly striking is the case of about 1200 Hungarian Jews recently arrived in Switzerland, without further visas, from the above mentioned camp in Bergen Belsen. All in all, the Jewish Agency was able to allocate for France, Belgium and Switzerland, 2,000 certificates, answering only an insignificant part of the vast needs.

In the meantime we have appealed to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and to the Palestine Bureau in Geneva to assure the Swiss authorities that all the necessary steps are being taken to include these refugees in the forthcoming allocation of Palestine certificates so as to make certain that they will leave Switzerland in the shortest possible time.

Social Service Section—With the arrival of about 15,000 Jews in Palestine during 1944, many with relatives in the United States, it became necessary to locate those relatives in this country, and effect mutual contact with those newly-arrived in Palestine. The Jewish Agency for Palestine established for this purpose a special Bureau in Tel Aviv and assigned the Palestine Bureau in New York to this task. With the cooperation of a number of local communal agencies and largely through the medium of the daily Yiddish press, it has been possible for us to locate in America, in Soviet Russia and Palestine, some 9,000 relatives. This has proven very beneficial to a great many newly arrived Jews in Palestine since their American relatives have been providing them regularly with finances for their maintenance. We are glad to state that for humanitarian reasons—several New York banks have agreed to remit these amounts (which can go by cable only) at a considerably reduced fee. Since 1943 well nigh to \$300,000 have been remitted from America to those relatives in Palestine.

EXPANSION FUND PROGRAM

IT IS THREE years since Judge Louis E. Levinthal, then ZOA president, created an Extension Fund to help liquidate existing deficits. His successor, Dr. Israel Goldstein, during the first year of his incumbency, converted this fund into an instrumentality for numerous functions. New projects and functions were undertaken which normally could not be financed by existing budgets.

At our last convention, Dr. Goldstein expressed the pressing and vital need for an expansion of activity. The diversity of purposes include the intensification of Zionist culture in American Jewish life as well as an increase of our labors for the rebuilding of the Jewish Commonwealth of Palestine. These efforts also include the depressing but unavoidable obligation of combatting Anti-Zionist activities within Jewish ranks. The convention approved Dr. Goldstein's plans as an integral part of our activity.

Many difficulties have beset our efforts to raise these funds. We have never been a fund-raising body. To this initial obstacle was added unhappy confusions and finally the vitally necessary "declaration of independence" of the United Palestine Appeal. This latter endeavor involves our membership in heavy and unescapable, but nevertheless eagerly sought responsibilities.

We must dwell somewhat at length on the subject of the \$350,000

ZOA Expansion Fund. The entire formal title has been deliberately employed because a critical evaluation is involved.

To begin with, the \$350,000 budget has been reduced. This step has necessarily entailed the curtailment of an ambitious but thoroughly considered and well-planned program representing vital needs within its scope. We have drastically cut a program which would have enabled our organization to be of the greatest current usefulness to Jewry and the general public.

Blunt statement is being deliberately employed in order to convey the realities of the situation. The Atlantic City Convention authorized the expansion program to meet the challenges of the present and to build up a long span interest. It is impossible to meet these expanding needs in the absence of a larger operating budget and increased facilities based on anticipated returns which have not, as yet, materialized.

There has been a singular lack of appreciation and activity on the part of many districts and some regions. While exhibiting pride in an enormously increased membership, they seemingly fail to understand that new enthusiastic members can easily lose their enthusiasm because of the inability of an organization to foresee or to meet these new demands made by such increase. Few organizations can continue over a period of years in a static condition.

Many districts and regions have given and are giving generously of their time and money. Under the stimulating Chairmanship of William H. Sylk and the able direction of Dr. Sidney Marks, the sum of \$118,472.21 has been collected. It is impracticable to mention the Districts and Regions which have met and, in many cases, over-subscribed their quotas. Our office has a record of many other Districts and regions whose campaigns are in operation. Deserving particular commendation is the Philadelphia contribution of \$25,000.

Let us analyze these contributions. Out of a potential of approximately 550 units, we have only received returns from 150 units, together with 12 individual contributors of \$1000.00 each, secured through the personal efforts of Dr. Goldstein, and a number of miscellaneous individual contributions. While many districts have responded to this call, it is a decided reflection upon other districts that they have either completely failed to respond to our call or have, at best, made a meagre, half-hearted effort in this direction. The District leadership must endeavor to give greater and more constant necessary study to these new trends which stem from the acceleration of our activities and the increase of our numbers.

There is a positive picture to be presented to the Districts. Despite

limited budgets, we have been enabled to launch and partially finance eight projects which receive considerable space in this report. We have also found it possible to donate \$5000.00 to the rehabilitation of the French Zionists in liberated France. While this expenditure was unexpected, it has undeniable merit.

A number of months still remain for the proper exploitation of Expansion Fund campaigns. Stimulator materials and publicity are being directed at the Districts which have failed to respond. It is still possible to revise and expand our program to its original proportions, provided the anticipated response is fully realized.

We must remind these Districts that constituents, old and new, can become interested in our work through our public relations programs, or through their contributions of time and money. They will participate in our work to the same degree that we can engender interest in them. The Expansion Fund offers this opportunity to these Districts. Through the enlisting of new personnel and the conservation of old and new friends in the campaign organization, and of old and new givers in the contributing field, our organization can retain and progressively expand its position and influence in a realistic manner even in this era of changing trends in a democratic country. The good judgment and discretion of these delinquent districts are solicited.

Finances—Expansion Fund—Mr. Benjamin Weingart, ZOA Comptroller, reports that the Expansion Fund has received to date \$118,472.21 which amount includes receipt of \$4,615.00 for Radio service to districts. An analysis of receipts and expenses reveal the following figures pertaining to Expansion Fund operations:

Cash Balance in Extension Fund at 9/30/44.....	\$ 33,680.63	
Advance to Radio Account.....	4,000.00	
Receipts to Extension Fund to Octobet 15, 1944.....	850.00	
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Funds available for Expansion Fund 10/15/44.....	\$ 38,530.63	
RECEIPTS—10/15/44 to 3/23/45.....	\$113,857.21	
Radio Service Changes.....	4,615.00	118,472.21
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TOTAL.....		\$157,002.84
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Radio Production Costs.....	\$ 39,378.16	
Commission on Unity for Palestine.....	16,654.37	
Economic Bureau.....	4,824.38	
Hebrew Arts Committee.....	8,000.00	
Publications.....	4,320.61	
Education.....	333.61	
American Zionist Youth Commission.....	6,000.00	
Zionist Organization of France.....	5,000.00	
Campaign and Direction.....	8,076.20	92,587.33
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BALANCE.....		\$ 64,415.51

Radio Department

THE RADIO PROJECT, "Palestine Speaks," is an integral part of the activities encompassed by the ZOA Expansion Fund. Under the able and devoted leadership of Joshua Epstein, chairman, "Palestine Speaks," has developed into a national coast-to-coast network program which is being heard over 125 stations in the United States, in addition to 40 stations in Canada. Universally recognized as the best educational medium, it dramatizes in vivid form the struggles and the pioneering spirit of those who have aided in the development of the Yishuv. An ever increasing audience is now receiving the message of Zion and dramatic moments in the history of the Homeland. Outstanding American artists of stage and screen have aided in making this program a compelling contribution to our efforts to bring before the American people the story of Jewish Palestine. Dr. Michael Haklai is the present director of the radio program.

In cooperation with the Hebrew Arts Committee of the ZOA the radio committee is preparing a series of four recorded transcriptions which will be known as "Palestine Sings," and will be in the nature of a sequel to "Palestine Speaks." The first has already been completed.

The radio stations and the names of the ZOA chairmen in the various districts who are acting on behalf of the radio project are:

ALABAMA: Birmingham, WBRC, Abe Berkowitz.

ARIZONA: Phoenix, KPHO, Mrs. Miriam H. Peizer; Tuscon, KVOA, Samuel Salit.

ARKANSAS: Little Rock, KLRA, M. T. Korenblatt.

CALIFORNIA: Los Angeles, KFWB, Louis Fisch; San Francisco, KYA, George Edelstein.

COLORADO: Denver, KMYR, Robert Gamzey.

CONNECTICUT: Bridgeport, WICC, Dr. Leon Kaplan; Hartford, WDRC, Milton Nahum; New Haven, WELI, Edward Lear; New London, WNLC, Israel M. Resnikoff; Stamford, WSRR, Louis M. Altman.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Washington, WMAL, Mrs. John Safer.

FLORIDA: Jacksonville, WMBR, Wm. I. Boxerman; Miami Beach, WKAT, Bruno S. Weil; Pensacola, WCOA, H. Soclof; St. Augustine, WFOY, Wm. I. Boxerman; Tampa, WFLA, Rabbi Benjamin Eisenberg.

GEORGIA: Atlanta, WGST, Joseph Benamy; Augusta, WRDW, Rabbi Sylvan D. Schwartzman; Savannah, WSAV, Dr. Wm. A. Wexler.

ILLINOIS: Peoria, WMBD, Leonard Landwirth; Rock Island, WHBF, Max Drucker.

INDIANA: Evansville, WGBF, Rabbi J. A. Gorfinkel; Indianapolis, WIBC, David Sabloskey; Lafayette, WBAA, Aaron Gorbaty; Terre Haute, WBOW, Louis Sutin.

KENTUCKY: Lexington, WLAP, Rabbi Irving Klibansky; Louisville, WINN, Charles Strull.

LOUISIANA: Alexandria, KALB, Meyer Kaplan; Baton Rouge, WBO, Alex Karnofsky; New Orleans, WDSU, Isadore Seelig; Shreveport, KTBS, A. M. Rosen.

MAINE: Bangor, WLBZ, Sidney W. Schiro; Lewiston, WCOU, Nison Lown; Portland, WCSH, Samuel Pinansky.

MASSACHUSETTS: Boston, WMEX, Benjamin Bartzoff; Fitchburg, WEIM, Felix Rosenbaum; Greenfield, WHAI, Julius Blassberg; Lawrence, WLAW, George Berman; Lowell, WLLH, Rabbi Joseph Warren; New Bedford, WNBH, George Goodman; Pittsfield, WBRK, Howard Udel Springfield, WMAS, Joseph Swirsky.

MICHIGAN: Grand Rapids, WLAV, A. H. Fleck.

MINNESOTA: Minneapolis, WTCN, Louis Shore.

MISSOURI: St. Louis, KWK, Isadore Katz.

NEBRASKA: Omaha, KBON, Sam. N. Wolf.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Manchester, WFEA, Louis H. Ross; Portsmouth, WHEB, Benjamin A. Tober.

NEW JERSEY: Atlantic City, WBAB, Chaim Sandler; Camden, WCAM, Ellis Goodman; Paterson, WPAT, Rev. Martin Adolf; Trenton, WTTM, Seymour Kaplan.

NEW MEXICO: Albuquerque, KGGM, Lewis Prince.

NEW YORK: Albany, WOKO, Max Wallock; Gloversville, WENT, Seymour Morris; Kingston, WKNY, Abraham Streifer; Newburgh, WGNY, Rabbi Maurice Bloom; New York City, WHN, Joshua S. Epstein; Poughkeepsie, WKIP, Max Steinberg; Syracuse, WSYR, B. G. Rudolph; Troy, WHAZ, Rabbi Reuben Slonim; Utica, WIBX, Bernard Shoninger; Watertown, WWNY, Mrs. B. Pearlman.

NORTH CAROLINA: Charlotte, WAYS, I. H. Madalia; Wilmington, WMFD, Rabbi Mordecai M. Thurman; Winston-Salem, WAIR, Rabbi H. S. Goodkowitz.

OHIO: Akron, WAKR, Dr. Louis L. Greenblum; Canton, WHBC, R. F. Jacobson; Cincinnati, WKRC, William Hyman; Columbus, WHKC, Sidney L. Katz; Toledo, WTOL, Dr. Louis Levison; Youngstown, WMFJ, Sidney L. Kline.

OKLAHOMA: Oklahoma City, WKY, John Horowitz; Tulsa, KOME, Abe Abend.

OREGON: Portland, KGW, Z. Swett.

PENNSYLVANIA: Altoona, WFBG, Rabbi Chas. J. Shoulson; Erie, WERC, Rabbi Abraham B. Shoulson; Greensburg, WHJB, Simon Davis; Harrisburg, WHP, Morris Press; New Castle, WKST, Edward Haimes; New Kensington, WKPA, Dr. Samuel Sparks; Philadelphia, WIP, Morris Prince; Pittsburgh, WCAE, Samuel Goldstock; Reading, WRAW, Eli S. Skaist; Scranton, WARM, Sidney M. Weiss; Sharon, WPIC, Maurice Schloss; Sunbury, WKOK, Rabbi Abraham H. Israelitan; Uniontown, WMBS, Lester Cohen; Washington, WJPA, Dr. Samuel A. Reuben; Wilkes-Barre, WBRE, Dr. I. Goldberg; York, WSBA, Rabbi M. N. Friedman.

RHODE ISLAND: Pawtucket and Providence: WFCI, M. Louis Abedon.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Charleston, WCSC, Milton Banov.

TENNESSEE: Chattanooga, WDEF, George Berke; Knoxville, WBIR, I. Rosenblatt.

TEXAS: Austin, KNOW, Henry E. Jacobson; Beaumont, KRIC, Rabbi Samuel Rosinger; Corpus Christi, KEYS, Ben Marks; Corsicana, KAND, Joe Wolens; El Paso, KTSM, Milton J. Beinhorn; Ft. Worth, KFJZ, Milton S. Simon; Galveston, KLUF, Eddie Schreiber;

Houston, KPRC, Cantor Philip Gorodetzer; Laredo, KPAB, Norman Block; San Antonio, KONO, Gene Roth; Tyler, KGKB, I. G. Futoransky; Waco, WACO, Abe Berkman; Wichita Falls, KWFT, Sidney Raimey.

VERMONT: Rutland, WSYB, Leo Munsat.

VIRGINIA: Norfolk, WTAR, Joseph L. Hecht; Portsmouth, WSAP, H. B. LASTING.

WASHINGTON: Seattle, KIRO, Paul Levien; Spokane, KGA, Joe Rubens.

WEST VIRGINIA: Charleston, WGKV, Rabbi Samuel Cooper; Wheeling, WKWK, George Levenson.

WISCONSIN: Racine, WRJN, Louis Weiss.

Palestine Economic Bureau

THE PALESTINE Economic Bureau, a project of the ZOA Expansion Fund, is under the direction of Dr. David Tannenbaum and is engaged in implementing the first part of its task, namely, that of directing the attention of American Zionists to the economic problems involved in the establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth of Palestine.

The first issue of Pal-Eco News, its monthly economic publication, has appeared and has met with approval on the part of business and professional men. In addition, the Bureau has reprinted from Foreign Commerce Weekly, an article, *Post-War Palestine*, written by Robert J. Barr. It is also distributing a reprint of an article by A. E. Kahn, entitled, *Palestine: A Problem in Economic Evaluation*, which appeared in the American Economic Review.

A number of news releases have gone out to the financial editors of the daily press and the press associations.

The Bureau, in association with the Palestine Foundation Fund is arranging to hold an Economic Conference on Palestine in New York City. The program calls for the participation of government officials and prominent business and professional men. The economic problems involved in post-war mass immigration will be presented as well as the business opportunities which will be opened to American business men in Palestine and the Near East. Due to the O.D.T. regulations, attendance at the Conference will be confined to the New York Metropolitan area, and non-Jewish as well as Jewish business men will be invited.

The Bureau is now engaged in stimulating interest on the part of American business men to consider opening branch factories in Palestine. A number of inquiries in this field have been received and

it is anticipated that the volume of these inquiries will increase as American business men become familiar with the opportunities which Palestine will provide.

In order to avoid duplication of effort the Bureau has arranged with the American Economic Committee for Palestine to act as a service agency in supplying basic information and data requested by business men. The Bureau is now equipped to conduct market surveys in Palestine for American business men and industrialists. The ZOA has made available to the AEC the necessary funds to enable the Committee to expand its facilities both in Palestine and New York.

Due to the activities of the Bureau, inquiries are being received regarding immediate investment in Palestine. The Bureau furnishes to these inquirers, on an impartial basis, pertinent information on existing American companies engaged in furthering the economic development of Palestine. However, the Bureau is now engaged in studying the various methods of investment and will shortly report its recommendations to the National Executive Committee. This latter phase of the work of the Bureau is still being held in abeyance.

One other publication which will outline the economic development of Palestine and will indicate its potentials, is in the process of preparation.

The Bureau maintains contacts with the local districts and regions through local economic committees which are appointed by the chairmen of the districts and regions. Approximately 20% of the registered districts have already appointed such committees, though many districts have not as yet taken any action on the repeated requests made by the National office that such committees be appointed.

Education Department

FINANCED by the ZOA Expansion Fund, the Education Department of the Zionist Organization of America has initiated a comprehensive program designed to transmute the membership of the organization into the most effective instrumentality for creative Jewish living in the American Jewish community.

Dr. Simon Greenberg of Philadelphia, chairman of the ZOA Education Committee, announced that the Department has set for itself as the immediate goal the following assignments:

1. The publication of a volume of Hebrew for beginners which is being done in cooperation with the Histadruth Ivrit;

2. A volume on the Jewish Day School, its theory and practice, and its place in the American scene. This work is expected to be a valuable contribution to the furtherance of the cause of the Hebrew Day School;

3. The holding of regional educational conferences in some of the large communities. Among the themes to be discussed at these conferences will be, "The implication of Zionism for the American Jewish community." These conferences will be in the form of symposia;

4. Program Aides for district meetings;

5. The furnishing of Zionist and general Jewish material, through Jewish Chaplains to the men in the armed forces, in cooperation with the ZOA Book Department.

The ZOA Education Department is now preparing a comprehensive manual on the anniversary of the Jewish Legion of the first world war. The manual, which will be partly dedicated to the theme *Lag B'Omer* will contain valuable historical material on the role played by the Jewish Legion in Allenby's reconquest of Palestine, as well as other data in reference sources on the development of the Jewish National Homeland. The plans mapped by the ZOA Education Department include, in addition to visits by members of the Education Department to various districts and regions, the setting up of specific projects such as district and regional forums, study courses, correspondence courses, the publication of bulletins for Jewish and civic holidays and Special Event Anniversaries.

Mr. Joseph Greenstein is the Secretary of the Educational Committee.

Hebrew Arts Committee

THE HEBREW ARTS Committee, a project of the Z.O.A. Expansion Fund, under Rabbi Moshe Davis, has completed its organization and embarked on an ambitious program of activity.

Group activities, rehearsals of talent, liaison with other theatrical groups and performances at Zionist mass meetings and in recital, have marked the beginning of these endeavors to vitalize Hebrew Culture and Arts in America. The fields explored are Drama, Music, Dance and Language, all of which are devoted to and are conducted in Hebrew. An Artist's Bureau handles their engagements which are expected to provide Zionists Districts with interesting programs.

The Hebrew Arts Committee has in the past six months made sat-

isfactory strides towards bringing a consciousness of the Hebrew Arts to a wide audience of Zionists.

All the efforts of the Hebrew Arts Committee under the leadership of Rabbi Moshe Davis have been concentrated on the Hebrew Arts Spring season which was inaugurated on April 1st with the first concert of music at the Masters Institute.

During these months the Hebrew Arts Committee was busy with the problems of organizing the office, selection of personnel, search for talented participants, outlining of art programs, public relations and intensive rehearsal.

The pressure attendant upon preparation of actual programs was in many ways a retarding factor in the organic development of the project as a whole. Nevertheless, it seems fair to state that before the next convention of the Z.O.A. the Committee will have accomplished all major objectives.

Radio Program: In answer to a special call from the Z.O.A. Secretary, the leadership of the HAC felt impelled to galvanize its energies in organizing a special musical sequel to *Palestine Speaks* namely *Palestine Sings*. Because of the high standards of the *Palestine Speaks* program and because we plan to have permanent recordings for distribution to the Zionist Districts the program was organized on a professional basis. The directing leadership of the HAC assumed responsibility of the program.

We believe that the HAC has in the past six months made satisfactory strides towards bringing a consciousness of the Hebrew Arts before a wide audience of Zionists affiliated and unaffiliated. A foundation has been laid for the future.

Publication Department

THIS Z.O.A. Expansion Fund Project, under the chairmanship of Judge Louis E. Levinthal, and with a committee on publication, has worked and planned with admirable results. The first volume published is the brilliant and authoritative *Life of David Wolffsohn* by Rabbi Emil Bernhard Cohn. The work has been extremely well received and is a contribution to Zionist and Jewish history of permanent value and significance. Three other publications will follow within this year; a brief but uncommonly charming book on Edmond de Rothschild by Isaac Naiditch, a primer, *Hebrew Self-taught*, which is being

prepared in collaboration with the HISTADRUTH IVRITH and a *Palestine Yearbook*, which will certainly find its way into every Zionist home and office.

Halutziuth

THE PROBLEM and the necessity of an American Halutziuth were announced and explained by Dr. Israel Goldstein in his presidential message, *The Road Ahead*. The idea caught fire, as it was bound to do. Quite recently, definite plans have been developed in close cooperation with Hadassah, the Poale Zion and Mizrachi. America has provided Jewry with the skills for technical and industrial experts, physicians, dentists, nurses, and craftsmen. There will be a dire need for these talents in Palestine when the great wave of immigration of our bruised and broken remnants reaches there, and it will be both an American and a Jewish act of the highest significance for young Americans who possess these various skills to undertake limited or unlimited service in the cause of healing and helping their people. A profound reciprocity of all forms of human endeavor will thus be established between the United States and Palestine.

C O N C L U S I O N

THE SIX MONTHS covered by this report have been extremely productive months in every field of Zionist endeavor, despite the circumstances and difficulties which have beset us. But we have been bravely led and bravely seconded. Dr. Israel Goldstein's unflagging zeal, energy and wisdom have been, as they always are, undiminished. Our work has been sustained by every member of the Executive, by Mr. Daniel Frisch, the chairman of the Administrative Council, by our regional and district officers, the national staff and the field directors.

A half year remains. It will be an incomparably crucial one. The tragic loss which our cause, like the cause of human justice and liberty itself, has sustained by the passing of that great man and good friend, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and the approach of the end of the war and the beginning of those conclaves and councils wherein the fate of the world will be decided, these circumstances render the period immediately before us of supreme importance in the history of our

people. In the few active months left before the summer season, all efforts must be keyed to as high a pitch as is possible. We must strive immediately for important increases in membership. The work of the Expansion Fund must be completed. We must redouble our sacrifice and our devotion, to our cause and Jewry, praying that God open the eyes of the world toward its duty to the people of Israel, so that the Homeland be given us in our generation and in our day.

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2. Manual for Z.O.A. Districts on Observance of Jewish Book Month
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