

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 5, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA;
NEUTRALITY ACT
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to report of SA [redacted] dated March 29, 1948 at Milwaukee, in the above-captioned matter, wherein information is set forth that the Milwaukee Branch of the Zionist Organization of America had been holding various meetings in Milwaukee for the purpose of raising funds for the assistance of Jewish colonization in Palestine. Set forth therein are also leads for the Washington Field Office and New York to determine the use of the funds of said organization [redacted]

It is known that the Zionist Organization of America is a national organization, with headquarters at 41 East 42nd Street, New York City, and has long been active in Jewish affairs and fund raising campaigns for Jewish relief in Europe and Palestine. The organization is primarily interested in the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish home state. Of late it has been acting in appeals to the UN for relief of the Jewish crisis in Palestine; for the lifting of arms embargo; for the enlisting of American aid to the Jewish forces in Palestine. According to news releases and large advertisements appearing in New York newspapers from time to time, the Zionist Organization of America is instrumental in raising a large national fund for the accomplishment of its stated purposes. For example, during the month of January in the New York press appeared large page advertisements proclaiming Shekel Mobilization Day, and seeking the enlistment of all Zionists in America to its cause in urging the United States Government in cooperation with the United Nations to furnish adequate means to the Jewish community in Palestine to defend itself.

At or about this same time a meeting was held by the Bronx District of the Zionist Organization of America, at which municipal officers were present, and in which a fund of \$100,000 for the organization was sought. It is believed that similar meetings were held throughout the country for the purpose of raising this national Zionist fund.

The Zionist Organization of America also sponsors the Masada, which is composed of "thousands of young American Jews between the ages of 18 and 30". It is also affiliated with the Hadassah, of which Mrs. SAMUEL W. HALPRIN is President. This is the Women's Zionist Organization of America and works in close concert with the parent organization in welfare programs for Palestine.

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Letter - Director

For the further information of the Bureau, Dr. ~~EMANUEL NEUMANN~~ is President of the Zionist Organization of America, and the other officers consist of ~~MENDEL FISHER~~, ~~DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN~~ and ~~JACQUES TORCZYNER~~, all of whom operate from the National Headquarters at 41 East 42nd Street, New York City.

From a review of the news releases it appears that the Zionist Organization of America is in substance similar to the organizations affiliated with the ~~United Jewish Appeal~~, namely, the ~~Joint Distribution Committee~~, ~~American-Jewish Congress~~ and ~~National Jewish Welfare Board~~, among others. During the recent past and at the present time investigations are being conducted by the New York Office concerning the ~~American League for a Free Palestine~~; ~~Americans for Hagana, Inc.~~, ~~Irgun Zvai Leumi~~, ~~Hebrew Committee for National Liberation~~, ~~Brith Trumpeldor~~ and the ~~Palestine situation recruitment program~~.

Although the Zionist Organization of America is as vitally interested in the Palestine situation as the last-named organizations, it does not appear that there is a direct connection between the Zionist Organization of America and the organizations concerning which investigations are being conducted.

It is to be noted that if an investigation is requested concerning the Zionist Organization of America it would of necessity be very extensive in character since it is a national organization with at least 100 district chapters within the confines of New York City alone. It is requested that the Bureau advise New York and Milwaukee whether an investigation as set forth in referenced report should be conducted. It is further suggested that if the investigation is desired that the New York Office be designated as office of origin since from a preliminary review it appears that the greater majority of the organization's activities is conducted from this point.

CC-MILWAUKEE (97-73)
WASHINGTON FIELD

SAC, New York

May 25, 1948

Director, FBI

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
NEUTRALITY ACT
REGISTRATION ACT

Reurlet May 5, 1948, requesting advice as to whether further investigation should be undertaken in connection with the above captioned organization.

Under date of May 12, 1948, Mr. T. Vincent Quinn, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, addressed a memorandum to this Bureau concerning the Zionist Organization of America in which he advised that no violation of any federal statute has been indicated by the investigation undertaken to date by our Milwaukee Office. Mr. Quinn stated that in view of this it would appear that no further investigation is warranted at this time.

Our Milwaukee Office was advised of Mr. Quinn's opinion under date of May 22, 1948. No further investigation need be undertaken by your Office.

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May 22, 1948

SAC - Milwaukee

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**ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
NEUTRALITY ACT; REGISTRATION ACT**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 29, 1948, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

By memorandum dated May 3, 1948, the Bureau forwarded a copy of the above described report, as well as a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 9, 1948, at Washington, D. C., to Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. By memorandum dated May 12, 1948, Mr. Quinn advised in part as follows:

"No violation of any federal statute was indicated by the enclosed reports and no further investigation of this specific matter would appear to be warranted at this time."

The above is being forwarded for your information and the completion of your files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 13, 1948

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA;
NEUTRALITY ACT
REGISTRATION ACT

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Re: Letter from New York to Bureau dated May 5, last.

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter by the Milwaukee Office pending instructions from the Bureau, and this case is being carried pending inactive.

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Re: Zionist Organization of America

A confidential and reliable source in May, 1948 advised that the Zionist Organization of America is a national organization with headquarters at 41 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, and that it has long been active in Jewish affairs and fund raising campaigns for Jewish Relief in Europe and Palestine. This source advised that the organization is primarily interested in the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish home state, that of late it has been acting in appeals to the U.N. for relief of the Jewish crisis in Palestine, for the lifting of arms embargo, for the enlisting of American aid to the Jewish forces in Palestine and that according to news releases and large advertisements appearing in New York newspapers from time to time it is instrumental in raising a large national fund for the accomplishment of its stated purpose.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : Mr. Whitson *HW*

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MATERIALS FOR PALESTINE, INC.
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On December 6, 1948, the Bureau received through liaison channels from the Intelligence Division, Department of the Army, a confidential memorandum requesting information concerning the four captioned Jewish organizations. This Bureau has not conducted an investigation concerning any of these organizations, however, certain data relating to them has been developed during the course of other investigations. These data are set forth in the attached blind memorandum.

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Attachment to Major U. S. Carlson

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI - Attention: Assistant
 FROM : SAC, San Francisco
 SUBJECT: ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
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[REDACTED] recently called to my attention the Public Relations News Letter No. 241 dated February 21, 1949 and particularly to an article which is quoted below indicating that the Economics Affairs Commission of the Zionist Organization of America, 41 E. 42nd Street, New York 17, New York, desires to transmit to the new Israeli nation's Department of Industry certain up-to-date information concerning American industry, etc.:

"Here's a chance for public relations executives to build lasting friendships in the new State of Israel. The Economic Affairs Commission of the Zionist Organization of America, 41 E. 42nd Street, New York City 17, wants to transmit to the new nation's Department of Industry: (1) up-to-date, detailed catalogs of raw materials, semi-finished and finished processing plants, machinery, and apparatus; (2) official and non-official bibliographical and research publications on industrial and technical subjects; (3) official and non-official periodicals pertaining to various branches of industry; (4) legislative and administrative rulings governing U. S. industries. Send money to Dr. SIDNEY MARKS, Executive Director, Zionist Organization of America."

[REDACTED] stated he called the matter to my attention particularly from an intelligence standpoint.

*Editors Glenn Denny Griswold
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 52 Vanderbilt Ave. NYC*

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Mr. Alexander M. Campbell
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

March 21, 1949

Director, FBI

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
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Reference is made to the previous correspondence between this Bureau and the Criminal Division concerning captioned organization, the last being a memorandum from Mr. T. Vincent Quinn, former Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, dated May 12, 1948 (your reference, TVQ:WEP:NHL:et, 149-1603). In this memorandum Mr. Quinn advised that in his opinion the facts developed concerning the activities of the Zionist Organization of America, in the vicinity of Milwaukee, indicated that there was no violation of any Federal Statute. Mr. Quinn advised that no further investigation of that specific matter would appear to be warranted at that time.

A confidential, reliable source has now reported to this Bureau that the following quoted article appeared in Public Relations News Letter No. 241, dated February 21, 1949:

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Although our sources did not state specifically by whom the Public Relations News Letter No. 241 is published, it is believed that this letter is prepared by "The Public Relations News," 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City, the editors of which are Glenn and Benny Griswold.

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It would appear from the above article that the Zionist Organization of America Economic Affairs Commission, is endeavoring to transmit to Israel certain up-to-date information concerning American industry.

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Mr. Alexander M. Campbell

The above data are being forwarded for your information. In the event that you desire this Bureau to secure any additional data, with respect to this matter or to the activities of the Zionist Organization of America, will you kindly advise me.

SAC, NEW YORK

September 22, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
REGISTRATION ACT
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On September 16, 1949, the following letter to the editor appeared on the editorial page of the "Washington Post" a newspaper published at Washington, D. C.:

"I have just read the latest press release made by Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America. It has never been possible to take Mr. Frisch, his predecessors, or the ZOA lightly, but this latest message to the American Jewish community makes rather grave statements and accusations which bear remarking by legislative and judicial bodies in this country.

"Mr. Frisch makes the following statement: 'The Arabs in the Middle East, their friends in London and Washington, are poised for a powerful two-pronged drive against Israel in an offensive to force Israel's hand in the Arab refugee question. . . At this grave hour, Israel turns once again to American Jewry for moral and political aid in the battle against the sinister and powerful forces that would wreck the new state. . . As the active conscience of American Jewish identification with Israel, the ZOA has its destined role and task.'

"Close examination of these statements plus investigation of ZOA activities, present and past, easily leads to the conclusion that the ZOA is the agent of a foreign state, acting in its interests, and as such should be registered with the Justice Department or under the legislation affecting lobbies in the United States.

"One can have little criticisms regarding humanitarian objectives of a group aiding homeless people and restoring them to the dignity of useful beings. This is covered by planks of moral and economic aid in the ZOA platform. But how else can one interpret 'political aid,' particularly when it is spelled out as 'the active conscience of American Jewish identification with Israel?'

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"For its humanitarian objectives I sincerely trust the Zionist Organization of America will not be adversely affected, but for its political activities I certainly hope it is forced to identify itself for what it is.

John E. Marsh."

You are requested to endeavor to secure a copy of the press release made by Daniel Frisch, President of the ZOA referred to by Mr. John E. Marsh. The Bureau desires to refer this matter to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice for an opinion concerning the obligations of the ZOA to register as an agent of a foreign principal. Therefore, this matter should be handled immediately.

Political Zionism

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JOHN E. MARSH
Washington.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 10, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
REGISTRATION ACT
(Bureau file 100-341909)

Rebulet 9/22/49 which requested this office to endeavor to obtain a copy of the press release made by DANIEL FRISCH, President of the Zionist Organization of America referred to by Mr. JOHN E. MARSH.

There are being enclosed herewith two copies of the press release in question entitled, "The Clock Must Not Be Turned Back". The copies were obtained under suitable pretext at the offices of the Zionist Organization of America, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City. One copy submitted bears no notation as to date and source from which obtained.

There are also enclosed two copies of the publication "The New Palestine", Rosh Hashonah issue, volume XL, No. 3, dated September 20, 1949. This paper is published by the Zionist Organization of America, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City. It will be noted that a portion of the instant press release appears on page 3, column 1 of this issue, under the caption, "Will Answer Israel's Call for Aid-Frisch". Copies of the publication were likewise secured at Zionist Organization of America, 41 East 42nd Street, under appropriate pretext. One of the two copies is also being submitted without notation as to date or source from which obtained.

Copies of the press release in question and "The New Palestine" are being retained for the files of this office. RUC.

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Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE CLOCK MUST NOT BE TURNED BACK

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE

-- by DANIEL FRISCH,

PRESIDENT, ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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The year 5710 holds, I believe, great things in store for humanity, - for the Jewish people at large, Israel, and the American Jewish community. The year 5708 was memorable for the realization of our age-old Messianic hopes and the creation of the Jewish State. 5709 was inscribed in our history as the year of the ingathering of the dispersed hosts of our people. With the help of God, and by our own determination, energy and devotion, the year to come will mark equally, if not more, wonderful events.

Great challenges loom ahead. In the past twelve months, over 300,000 homeless and penniless Jews have poured into the haven-land of Israel. They came from every corner of the globe and speak every language on earth. They have nothing in common but their need of home and security and their heritage of pride and grandeur. It is for such as these that the State of Israel was primarily created. They are a great blessing for the land, but they also have precipitated grave problems.

These problems, daring as they are, are faced with valor and determination by the people and the government of Israel. But the enemies of Israel see in the difficulties of resettling the returning wanderers their own opportunity. Their adversaries believe that this is the moment for undermining the very existence of the Jewish State.

The Arabs in the Middle East, the friends in London and Washington, are poised for a powerful two-pronged drive against Israel in an offensive to force

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Israel's hand in the Arab refugee question. They seek to make Israel relinquish Western Galilee held by the strength of Jewish arms against the combined assault of the Arab nations. They conspire to force Israel to give up part of Negev granted to her by the original UN partition plan. On the refugee front, they demand that Israel admit Arabs in such great numbers that Israel would in effect, become a bi-national state. Jerusalem, the heart and lifeblood of Jewish symbolism, is being made a target of power intrigue. They would deprive Israel of the core of its statehood.

If these demands were to be met even half-way, Israel would lose its viability as a sovereign state. The clock would be turned back, not two or three years, but perhaps a century. The hopes of the remaining Jews in the DP camps and Eastern Europe, and in the ghettos of the Arab countries, would be cruelly deceived.

Of course, Israel will not hear of it. Only reasonable and fair concessions can be made. Israel, if it is to survive, can go so far and no further.

At this grave hour, Israel turns once again to American Jewry, for moral and political aid in the battle against the sinister and powerful forces that would wreck the new State. The Jewish State also needs economic aid to help it absorb the tide of immigration that is still to come.

American Jewry will answer today's call promptly and faithfully, even as it has answered yesterday's call. As the active conscience of American Jewish identification with Israel, the ZOA has its destined role and task. By now it must have become clear to all concerned that Israel and the American Jewish community need the ZOA more than ever before.

Realizing its historic mission, the ZOA has adopted its own program for action. The purpose of this program is to increase the strength of both the Yishuv and of the American Jewish community. For the first time in its fifty years of fruitful and variegated activities, the ZOA has dedicated itself to a great drive on the American scene, - a drive intended to help and to uphold the

middle-class the "forgotten man" in Israel and to uplift Jewish values and Jewish living in our own midst.

For many years American Jewry has traditionally played the role of big brother to Jewish communities the world over. This obligation is still incumbent upon us. In the years to come we must be as a pillar of cloud by day and as a pillar of fire by night, to lead those Jews in need of a home into the Promised Land.

May all of us be blessed with the goodness of peace.

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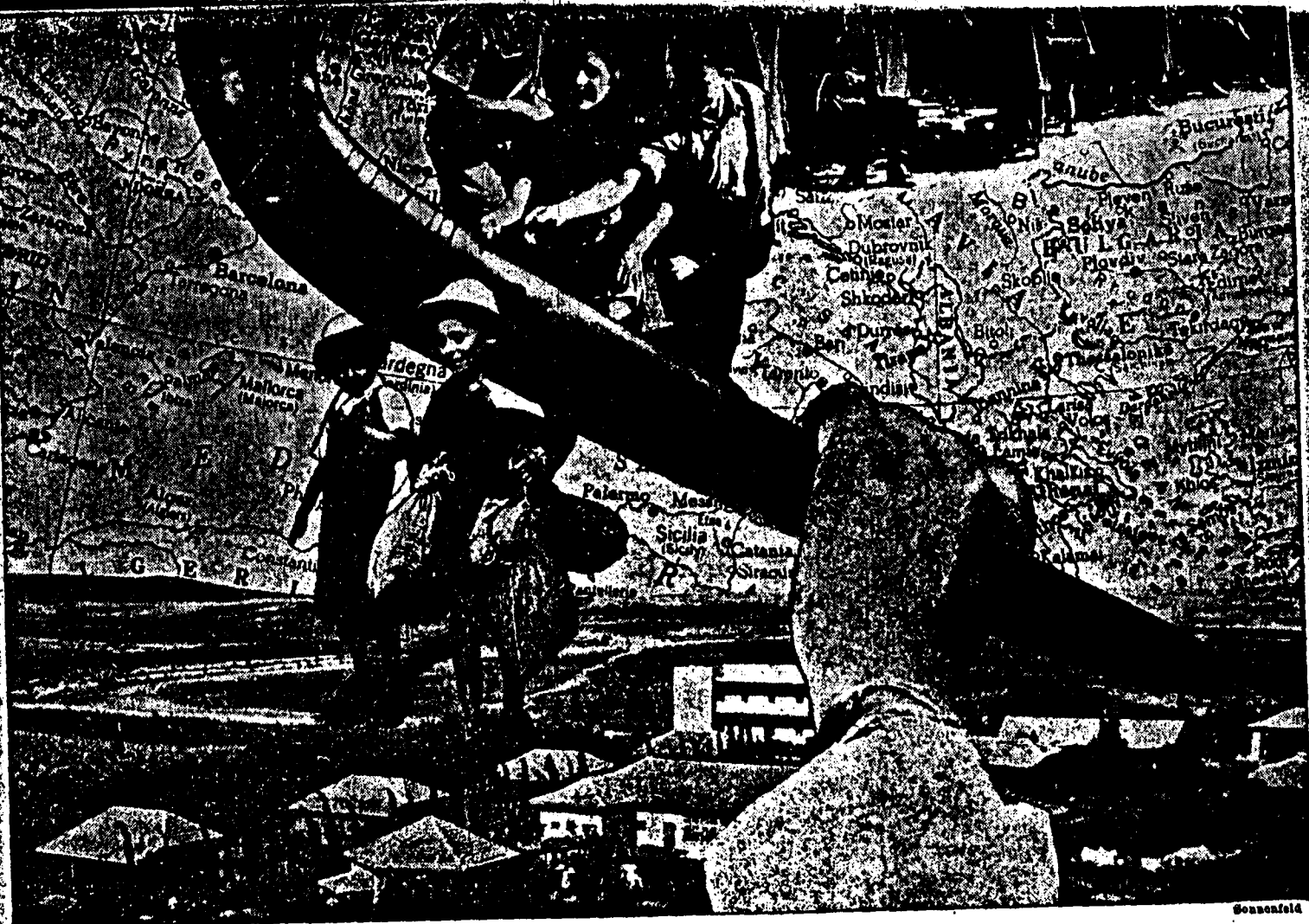
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Washington Concentrating On Economic and Political Problems of Middle East

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—At the moment Washington's attention appears to be concentrated chiefly on the economic mission in the Middle East, headed by TVA chairman Gordon R. Clapp. This is the major development here in recent weeks on which considerable time, thought and effort have been spent. It is hoped that the results will not be disappointing.

The creation of the economic mission has been described as a shift from the political to the economic sphere, as an effort to reach a solution through economic means what could not be obtained through political means. While this may in large measure be true, it should not be construed, however, that political activities and political pressure of one sort or another have been thrown overboard in Washington and that from now on everything will be concentrated on economic problems.

On the contrary, there has been a very strong undercurrent of political activity here in the past fortnight, mainly in the State Department. Some of this activity is beginning to reverberate in Congressional circles. It is all rather secretive—no one will talk for the record as yet—but it is certain that something is in the air and perhaps by the time this appears in print, we shall have more information.

Military Plans

An indication of the trend of thinking in Washington is the

The economic program is largely dependent on the survey and findings of the Clapp mission. During the next two or three months, the mission will survey the economic potentials of Israel and the Arab countries and on the basis of this study, a report will be drafted for the United Nations containing recommendations for a program of action designed to bring prosperity and a higher standard of living in the whole area. The mission will thus prepare the ground for a systematic effort to develop and utilize the actual and potential resources of these countries, such as improvement of agricultural production through irrigation, reclamation and soil conservation projects, development of hydro-electric power, promotion of local industry, etc., and thereby enable the entire region to stabilize itself in a way that will benefit its peoples and the whole world.

Early adoption of some of these findings and projects may be instrumental in helping to solve the Arab refugee problem through resettlement in the Arab countries, thereby ending the impasse which has arisen when a political solution was sought. A preliminary report by the Clapp mission is expected around October 15 or November 1. Although it will not have completed its survey by then, the mission will submit a preliminary report

More than 80,000 housing units are now in construction in the state to take care of the vast numbers of people still living in reception centers.

A large hotel, to cost over three million dollars, will soon be constructed near the shore at Tel Aviv.

Ten thousand tourists visited Israel during the first half of 1949.

The Hebrew University is planning to open its law department later this year.

Compulsory Service

The Knesset has passed a bill providing for compulsory military service by both men and women. It calls for a maximum of two years service for men and one year service for women.

Prime Minister Ben Gurion has decried the general political factionalism in Israel. He termed the existence of 22 different parties in the country "shameful."

INSIDE ISRAEL

Some 2,000 Jews are leaving India to settle in Israel. A small group of Spanish Jews is also soon to settle in the country.

Israel has joined the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. A delegation is being sent to Paris to take part in the conference of the group.

A 24-year-old Jew was arrested after he aimed a loaded Sten gun at Prime Minister Ben Gurion in the Knesset. He insisted that he had no intention of harming any member of the government seated on the platform but only wanted to commit suicide.

Sharett at UN

The Israeli delegation to the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly will be led by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

David Horowitz, director general of the Finance Ministry,

heads the commission representing the Israel government in dealings with the UN economic survey mission now in the Middle East.

No Arab governments have replied to an Israeli offer to reunite Arab families broken up by the war, a government spokesman revealed.

Marshall Plan aid in its present form is not acceptable to Israel, Foreign Minister Sharett has declared. He reiterated the country's determination to remain neutral as between East and West.

Water Shortage

Increase in population in Jerusalem has caused a severe water shortage in the city.

Dr. Shmuel Eliashev, director of the East European division of the Foreign Ministry, has arrived in Sofia, Bulgaria. It is believed that he will try to arrange for the exchange of envoys between the two countries.

Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv has invited New York Mayor William O'Dwyer to visit the city.

The government is making plans to establish technical schools and training centers for artisans.

Free Education

Free compulsory education will be introduced this year for the first six classes in the country. This will be extended successively with the ultimate plan to extend the scheme to the first 11 classes.

Lipsky Elected AZC Chairman

Louis Lipsky, former ZOA president and veteran leader in the American Zionist Movement, was unanimously elected as chairman of the American Zionist Council at a meeting on September 8 attended by heads of all Zionist parties in this country. Rabbi Jerome Unger, who formerly served as associate execu-



reference is made to far-reaching changes in the strategic concepts and plans of the National Security Council concerning the Middle East. The Council, to be sure, is the highest defense policy-making authority in the U. S. and includes among its members President Truman, Secretary of State Acheson, Defense Secretary Johnson and the heads of the Army, Navy and Air Force Departments.

According to Allen, the Security Council's Middle East policy is comprised of military and economic phases, the two complementing each other. The military security plan is a complete reversal of the views held before. Under the late James Forrestal, it was generally believed that in the event of war with Russia, the Middle East could not be held and would have to be abandoned together with oil pipelines. Now the Security Council has reached the conclusion that not only must the Middle East be held but what is more important, it can be held; consequently the necessary measures are being undertaken for that purpose. This is to be accomplished through the establishment of a series of strong U. S. military bases in Turkey, Iraq, Iran and possibly Israel.

Needless to say, this will have a terrific impact on every phase of life throughout the Middle East. It is planned to use local military forces and develop local resources but supervisory control will remain in the hands of American military and civilian officers. This plan has both good and bad features: while it will help to safeguard the entire Middle East for the democratic world, it will build up the military potential of the Arab countries and may constitute a serious threat for Israel in the future.

guided in determining the financial assistance needed to aid the refugees. The current UN funds for Arab refugee assistance will be exhausted by the middle of November.

It is, of course, understood that the United Nations is not in the position to finance the development program in the Near East to be recommended by the Clapp mission. That task will undoubtedly fall to the U. S. The amount required will first be determined when the mission completes its survey, although Paul Porter recently estimated that an initial outlay of 100 million dollars would be necessary for various economic projects. Incidentally, Mr. Porter is credited with being the originator of the plan to undertake an economic survey of the Middle East.

Most of the attention and discussion in Washington is centered around the Clapp mission and its work, the composition of its personnel, its possible accomplishments, etc.



RABBI JEROME UNGER

THE PRESIDENT, WAS CHOSEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL.

Elected to serve with Mr. Lipsky were the following: vice chairman, Mrs. Judith Epstein, former national president of Hadassah; secretary, Rabbi Max Kirshblum, executive vice president of the Mirachi Organization of America; and treasurer, Pinchas Cruso, secretary of the Political Committee of the Labor Zionist Organization of America—Poale Zion.

For the past three months, the management of the affairs of the Council has been in the hands of a four man praesidium, which took charge on an interim basis following the withdrawal of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as chairman on June 16.

Daniel Frisch, ZOA president, paid warm tribute at the meeting to Dr. Silver's unique leadership and great achievements, which, he said, have made the Council one of the major factors in the realization of Jewish statehood. "None of us here shall ever forget the historic achievement of Dr. Silver who has no equal in the Zionist world," Mr. Frisch said.

Mr. Lipsky added that he wished Dr. Silver were here to continue to lend his dynamic personality and direction to the leadership of the Council.

At his first press conference since his election as chairman of the American Zionist Council, Mr. Lipsky, outlining the future functions of the Council, declared that "Israel has a long way to go to reach its goal of security and peace. Many of its enemies are still unreconciled to the new situation created by decisions of the United Nations. There are difficult days ahead. The true friends of Israel will have to stand by its side in the coming



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days of trial and struggle. Jews and Christians will be called upon to unite in support of the heroic efforts of the people of Israel to maintain their freedom."

Scientists are being registered throughout Israel in order to determine where they can best help the development of the country.

Flash!

TEL AVIV.—In an editorial, the *Haaretz*, leading Israeli daily, discounts the reported statement by Dr. Israel Goldstein pertaining to unity among General Zionists in Israel and urges the inclusion of the Frisch program within the UJA campaign for the good of all.



A large collection of Sifrei Torah recently arrived in Tel Aviv aboard the S.S. Mentor as the gift of Scandinavian Jewry to the people of Israel. A delegation of Israeli Army chaplains and Tel Aviv rabbis went aboard to carry them to the Holy Land. These Sifrei Torah were hidden during the Nazi occupation and thus avoided destruction. Here, the Sifrei Torah are removed from their cases on the ship.

AN EDITORIAL

The Primacy of the United Jewish Appeal

The magnitude of the problems facing Israel as a result of the huge influx of immigrants and their plight in the camps they live in permeated the entire proceedings of the emergency conference of the United Jewish Appeal held in Washington. Delegates from all parts of the country showed an awareness of and sensitivity to the extraordinary emergency. They manifested their sense of responsibility by their unanimous action in pledging the mobilization of all contributors for an extraordinary cash collection to meet the pressing needs.

The acute need of cash hung like a heavy pall over the entire assembly. This critical situation was brought home like a thunderbolt when leaders in the UJA revealed a drop of 31 per cent in cash receipts, such cash collections now being some \$38,000,000 behind the sum received last year. Thus, in the first months of 1948 when 52,000 refugees were brought to Israel, the UJA received in cash a total of \$122,540,516. In contrast to this total, in the first eight months of 1949, the UJA received in cash only \$81,189,698. At the same time, 180,000 men, women and children reached the shores of Israel.

These grim and stark facts presented a staggering, soul-shaking picture to the delegates gathered in Washington. The responsibility and blame were laid at the door of American Jewry by speaker after speaker, who attributed their complacency to the mistaken belief that the creation of the Jewish State absolved us from the sacred duty of caring for the new immigrants. In their addresses, speaker after speaker depicted in moving and graphic colors the scope of the crisis confronting Israel and the dire desperation the thousands of newcomers languishing in the reception tents find themselves in. They stressed the role which American Jews must play in meeting this crisis by providing without delay the necessary cash.

Let there be no mistake: this is no time for subtle or diplomatic language. The life and death of thousands of individuals are at stake. Furthermore, the very economic foundations of Israel are in danger.

The Washington conference, by the action taken, reflected the determined mood of the leaders of the American Jewish community for drastic measures. Resolving that the black blot

of 70,000 immigrants living in unsanitary and overcrowded barracks and tent cities shall be removed, the conference unanimously adopted an emergency program designed to raise the cash and thereby preserve the lifeblood of the UJA. The resolutions provide for the immediate dispatch of flying squads of communal leaders to strategic parts of the country to speed the remittance of all possible cash to the UJA, the launching of extraordinary efforts within the communities to expedite the collection of all funds pledged to the UJA and the initiation wherever possible of supplementary campaigns to provide additional funds. At the same time, the communities are urged to obtain loans from local banks to assure a substantial flow of cash.

We call upon American Jews, and particularly upon members of the ZOA, to heed wholeheartedly the emergency call issued by the Washington conference. No Zionist will and can afford to procrastinate at this hour of peril. On this, the eve of Rosh Hashanah, let each and every one of us rededicate himself with renewed vigor to the sacred task of finishing the job we have begun.



Israel Will Fight Separation of Jerusalem; Transfer of Capital There Pressed; May Call Knesset

By MAJOR E. LASERSON

TEL. AVIV.—The entire Israeli press went on record emphatically as opposing the latest Jerusalem plan of the UN Palestine Conciliation Committee for the internationalization of that city under the UN. It is certain that Israel will fight against presenting this plan before