

# Levinson Named President Of Southwest ZOA Region

The 45th annual convention of the Southwest Zionist Region, held in Houston (Tex.) Sept. 2-5, elected Dr. Marcus Levinson of Houston as president to succeed Sidney L. Herold of Shreveport.

Mr. Herold, who was elected honorary president, was further honored with a bronze plaque and with the naming of a colony in Israel in his honor.

Other officers elected include:

Charles Bender, Breckenridge, and Louis A. Freed, Houston, honorary presidents; Julius C. Livingston, Tulsa, chairman, Board of Directors; Isaac Abramson, Shreveport, Leon Brachman, Fort Worth, and Isadore Seelig, New Orleans, vice presidents; Dean Milkes, Corsicana, secretary; Joseph Swift, Galveston, treasurer.

Elected to the Board of Directors from each state in the Region were Morris Ehrenberg, Little Rock (Ark.); Dr. Sidney Jacobs, New Orleans (La.); Arthur Ravel, Albuquerque (N.M.); Charles Goodall, Tulsa (Okla.).

Bartley C. Crum, noted author and attorney, who was the main speaker, in dealing with the urgent need of upbuilding the new state, urged, primarily, full support of the United Jewish Appeal, government loans and other large-scale aid by banking institutions.

"Equally important in long range planning," he declared, "is private capital investment in Israel. The opportunities for such investment," he said, "are dramatic and great—from Haifa to the Negev—from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Israel, with its rich spiritual heritage, will be the center of a great new trading area in the Middle East."

Mr. Crum later addressed a...

conomic, physical, moral and cultural assistance to the new State. One of the highlights of the convention was a symposium on the future of the ZOA, which was one of the best attended sessions of the convention. The discussion was led by Mendel N. Fisher, Manuel Foxy and Abraham Tuvim, with many delegates participating from the floor. All speakers pointed to the need for the ZOA to undertake, on its own, projects for Israel instead of diffusing its activities in all directions through other channels.

## Region Supports ICA

The conference adopted The Israel Corporation of America as a principal economic effort of the Region. It was announced that Mr. Levinson is planning to set up a Region-wide committee, which will be comprised of one representative from each city. The appointment of a Regional chairman for the ICA will also be part of the plan, preparatory to a tour of a minimum of ten cities which is being arranged



## Felicitations!

Wednesday, September 28, marks the 85th birthday of Dr. Harry Friedenwald, of Baltimore, second president and now honorary vice president of the ZOA.

We join with the entire Jewish world in felicitations and best wishes for many more years of life and health.



Benjamin G. Browdy, outgoing president of the Brooklyn ZOA Region, inviting Mayor William O'Dwyer to the Region's annual convention. Left to right: Philip H. Lassar, who was elected Region president at the convention, Mr. Browdy, Mayor O'Dwyer and former Appeals Commissioner Albert D. Schanser.

# Lassar Elected Brooklyn Region President; Tribute Paid to Benjamin Browdy

Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York and Borough President John Cashmore of Brooklyn enthusiastically greeted the delegates of the 38 Zionist districts of the Brooklyn Region at its 14th Annual Convention at the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst, which opened Saturday evening, September 17.

Aubrey S. Eban, special representative of the State of Israel to the United Nations, was the principal speaker at the Saturday evening session, at which Assistant District Attorney William I. Siegel presided.

The luncheon session on Sunday was held as a tribute to Benjamin G. Browdy, the retiring president of the Region, who was the guest of honor.

Among those who praised Mr. Browdy for his devoted services to Zion were Borough President Cashmore, chairman of the Brooklyn Christian Palestine Committee, and former Appeals Commissioner Albert D. Schanser, founder of the Region, who presided.

The afternoon session was devoted to the election of officers and reports by the chairmen of the following panels: Public Actions, Assistant District Attorney Aaron Nusbaum; Membership, Joseph S. Scheinberg; Zionist Funds and Economic Activities, Thomas Cohen; Youth Activities, Dr. Niman Esakov; Program and Education, Arno Waslow-sky.

The following were the officers elected for the coming year: Philip H. Lassar, president; Maurice Bernhardt, first vice

## Detroit to Hold Balfour Affair

Leaders and workers of the Zionist Organization of Detroit met at the home of Harry Cohen to plan the highlight of Detroit Zionists' social calendar, the Balfour Ball, which this year will be held on November 6 at the Statler Hotel.

## Bender Leaves For Israel

Charles Bender, of Breckenridge (Tex.), has left for a four week visit to Israel. Mr. Bender is honorary president of the



Other speakers included Congressman Emanuel Celler; Abe Tuvim, director of The Israel Corporation of America; Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America; and Manuel Posy, director of the ZOA American Zionist Fund.

A budget of \$45,000 for the coming year, as was a goal of 8,000 members in the Julius Livingston Honor Roll.

The convention adopted a resolution expressing thanks to President Truman for his support of the establishment of the State of Israel and for his continued efforts on behalf of that infant country. It earnestly urged the President to use his good offices so that the new city of Jerusalem would remain in the State of Israel and that no further territory, either in the Negev or elsewhere, be taken away from that country.

Other resolutions pledged sec-

### 80,000 Chicagoans Hear Israeli Music

An audience of some 80,000 Chicagoans heard the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra in an outdoor concert of Israeli music presented under the sponsorship of the Zionist Organization of Chicago as a public service to the Chicago community. The concert, "Israeli Music Under the Stars," was conducted by Nicolai Malko, who spent several weeks last winter as guest conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in Tel Aviv. Cantor Moses J. Silverman was soloist.

Featured were Israeli composers Menahim Mahler-Kalkstein, with two movements of his Symphony No. 2, and Mare Lavry, with two songs, "Kinneret" and "Shir La-Negev."

Milton Silverstein is president of the ZOC.

### DR. MARCUS LEVINSON

for Abraham Tuvim, executive director of the ICA.

A substantial sum was subscribed by delegates in the ICA, led by Judge Herold.

### Port Chester Forum To Discuss Zionism Today

A forum on "Zionism Today in America" will be presented by the Port Chester (N. Y.) Zionist District on Wednesday, October 19, in the Port Chester Jewish Center, it has been announced by Moses Meyer, District president. Ralph Maxon is program chairman.

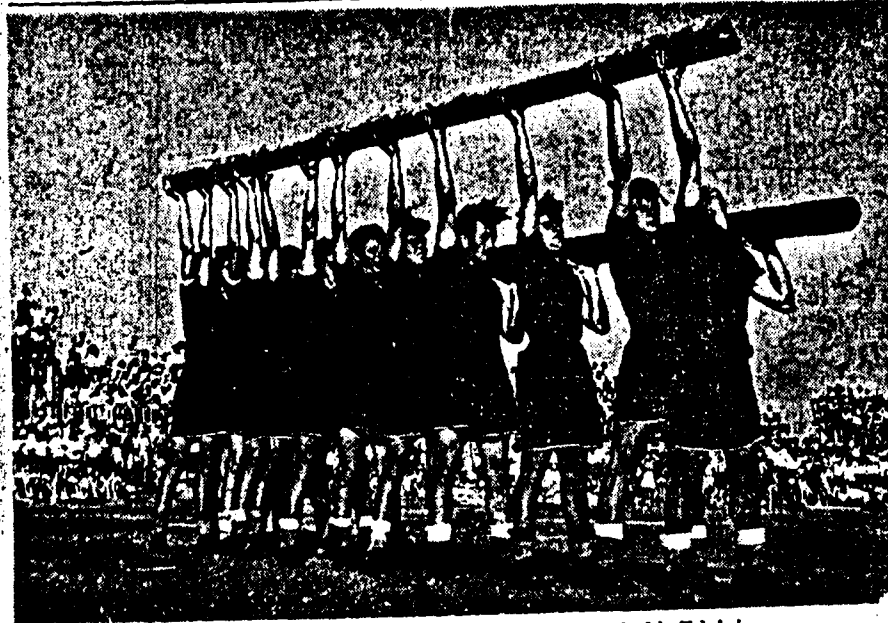
### Deadline Sept. 30 For Remembrance Book

The deadline for the ZOA Book of Remembrance is September 30. All sheets containing the signatures must be in the mail to the ZOA national office on that date.



CHARLES BENDER

Southwest Zionist Region, of which he served as president for many years. He is also a member of the ZOA National Administrative Council.



Israeli youth leading parade of athletes at sports festival in Tel Aviv.

dryer, athletic director, Morris Putzer, secretary, I. Cohen, treasurer, and Emanuel Stavisk, financial secretary. The Convention Committee included: Thomas Cohen, chairman; Dr. Niman Esakov and Morris Putzer, vice chairmen; Philip Schultz, secretary; and Carl Altman, executive secretary of the Region.

### Bronx Region To Honor Flynn

Edward J. Flynn, loyal friend of Israel and the Bronx's leading public citizen, will be honored by the Bronx Zionist Region, president David Moskowitz has announced. The occasion will be a testimonial dinner to be held at the Commodore Hotel on the evening of Thursday, October 27.

In announcing plans for the event, Mr. Moskowitz said: "The decision to afford public recognition to Mr. Flynn for his contribution toward the founding of Israel was unanimously made by the Executive Committee of our Region on behalf of the 46 Zionist districts in the Bronx and its membership of over 20,000."

Heading the committee in charge of arrangements is Justice Martin M. Frank, with Samuel Frankel as associate chairman. Max J. Schneider has been designated treasurer.

### Schwefel Back From Israel

Lotis Schwefel, Zionist veteran and former chairman of the ZOA Chalutzim Commission, has just flown to New York from Israel where he has been living for the past six months. Mr. Schwefel and his wife will remain in New York several months before returning to Israel.

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Mr. Alexander M. Campbell  
Assistant Attorney General  
Director, FBI

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
REGISTRATION ACT  
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You will recall that from time to time this Bureau has furnished the Criminal Division with information which has come to our attention concerning captioned organization. Our last memorandum to you with respect to this subject matter was dated March 21, 1949. At that time we advised you of an article which appeared in the Public Relations News Letter, Number 241, dated February 21, 1949, which indicated that the Zionist Organization of America, through its Economic Affairs Commission, was endeavoring to transmit to Israel certain up-to-date information concerning American industry.

For your information, it may now be noted that on September 16, 1949, the following letter to the editor appeared on the editorial page of the Washington, D. C., newspaper, "Washington Post":

"I have just read the latest press release made by Daniel Prisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America. It has never been possible to take Mr. Prisch, 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. Prisch makes the following statements: '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, amply 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 under the Legislative Effecting Lobbyists in the United States."

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

"One can have little criticism regarding humanitarian objectives of a group aiding homeless Hebrews and restoring them to the dignity of useful citizens. But the ZOA is not a group of moral and economic aid in the ZOA plan. It is a group of moral and political aid particularly when it is spelled out as 'the active conscience of American Jewish identification with Israel'."

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Mr. Alexander H. Campbell  
Assistant Attorney General

"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."

Subsequent to the publication of the above-quoted article the Bureau secured, through a confidential source, a copy of the press release made by Daniel Frisch referred to in the article. This press release is attached hereto. There is also attached a copy of the Rosh Hashonah issue of "The New Palestine," a publication of the Zionist Organization of America. You will note that on page three of this publication a portion of the press release by Daniel Frisch is set forth.

It would be appreciated if you would advise this Bureau whether the attached material contains any information which in your opinion indicates that the Zionist Organization of America or its officers are engaged in activities which may be in contravention of the Foreign Agents Registration Act or any other federal statute. Will you also advise whether any investigation should be undertaken by this Bureau in connection with this matter.

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SAC, NEW YORK

November 30, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
REGISTRATION ACT

Re your letter October 10, 1949, forwarding two copies of the ZOA press release, "The Clock Must Not Be Turned Back," and two copies of the ZOA publication, "The New Palestine."

One copy of each of the above described items was forwarded to Mr. Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, on October 28, 1949. At the same time Mr. Campbell was advised of the contents of the item appearing on the editorial page of the "Washington Post" on September 16, 1949, as set forth in Bureau letter to your office September 22, 1949. Mr. Campbell was requested to advise the Bureau whether the material contained any information which in his opinion indicated that the ZOA or its officers are engaged in activities which may be in contravention of the Registration Act or any other Federal Statute and whether any investigation should be undertaken by the Bureau in connection with this matter.

On November 8, 1949, Mr. Campbell advised that the conclusion had been reached that the activities of the subject and its officers are not in contravention of the Registration Act. He stated that while no specific investigation is being requested at this time, he desires to receive any information regarding the activities of the ZOA which from time to time may come to the attention of the Bureau, especially information relating to activities on behalf of a foreign principal.

The New York Office should, therefore, be alert to forward any information of the type desired by Mr. Campbell to the Bureau immediately upon receipt in the future in order that it may be made available to him. For your information and the completion of your files, one copy of Mr. Campbell's memorandum of November 8, 1949, is attached hereto.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE, INC.  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
REGISTRATION ACT

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PURPOSE:

This is in response to your request for information regarding the Registration Act investigations of captioned organizations.

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE, INC. (ALFP):

The ALFP was incorporated under the laws of the state of New York and was in active existence from March, 1944, to January 31, 1949, when it was officially disbanded. The organization was closely affiliated with the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation (HCNL), which was its parent group. Its source of income was derived from contributions, membership fees, and loans.

The HCNL registered under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act on June 15, 1944, and regularly filed supplemental statements as required until it was dissolved in January, 1949.

The purposes of the ALFP were to bring about the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine and to assist Jews throughout the world in settling there.

Numerous prominent individuals in the United States identified themselves with the League and/or numerous front type groups which were established to foster the purposes of the League. These individuals included ex-Senator Guy Gillette, who became its president in August, 1945, Louis Bromfield, Ben Hecht, Will Rogers, Jr., Harry Louis Selden, Andrew L. Somers and Stella Adler.

The Bureau instituted investigation of the HCNL and its affiliated groups, including the ALFP, in December, 1945, and investigation continued until March, 1951, when it was established that the HCNL, as well as the ALFP, had dissolved. In March, 1949, it was determined that upon dissolution of the ALFP it was succeeded by an organization called Tenuat Hacharut (Freedom Movement) on which we currently have a pending investigation. During the investigation of the ALFP, it was established that the group was actively engaged in this country in supporting the Irgun Zvai Leumi (IZL), both by

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recruiting men to serve with the Irgun military organization in Palestine and by raising funds to support the Irgun cause. The IZL was an underground terroristic type group which was outlawed as such by the Israeli Government after the state of Israel was established. The former members of the IZL then formed a political party, the Tenuat Hacherut, which is considered extremely to the right in its platform.

Our investigation of the HCNL and the ALFP was most extensive, the results being recorded in an eleven volume case file. Copies of reports were transmitted to the Criminal Division as received. On November 21, 1947, the Criminal Division sent us a lengthy memorandum analyzing the activities of domestic groups supporting Palestine illegal immigration and underground terrorism. With respect to the two organizations under consideration, the Criminal Division stated in part as follows:

The ALFP, which is one of the principal groups supporting illegal immigration and terroristic activities in Palestine, is registrable on the basis of its admitted collection and transmission of funds to the Repatriation Commissioner of the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation at Basle, Switzerland. In addition, it is reliably reported to have been founded by representatives of Irgun Zvai Leumi who came to this country to raise funds and propagandize for their cause. ALFP was placed on notice as to its obligation to register but declined to comply on the advice of counsel who considered the Registration Act inapplicable to his client.

The HCNL, which is the parent of and, for all practical purposes, interchangeable with ALFP, is registered as an agent of the Jewish People generally. Its failure to name the Irgun Zvai Leumi as its true principal is under consideration as a basis for prosecution for false registration.

The investigation in this matter is being continued and from time to time, as warranted, additional investigation will be requested.

The Bureau did in fact receive from time to time requests from the Criminal Division for investigations of a specific nature with regard to the HCNL and the ALFP. These requests were handled expeditiously and the results of our investigations forwarded to the Criminal Division.



An effort was made to determine what action was instituted by the Criminal Division following the refusal of the ALFP to register on advice of counsel. On May 18, 1948, we requested the Criminal Division to outline specifically what further investigation, if any, was desired. On May 25, 1948, the Criminal Division stated, "No further investigation is being requested at this time since the information already submitted by the Bureau clearly indicates that the activities of the League come within the purview of the Foreign Agents Registration Act." The Criminal Division further advised that the League was being given ten days within which to submit a registration statement and, if it failed to do so, the case would be turned over to the United States Attorney at New York City for possible prosecution. When we inquired as to the status of the case on August 23, 1948, the Criminal Division on September 16, 1948, merely advised that the organization had not yet complied with the registration requirements.

We again inquired as to the status on October 4, 1948, and on October 15, were advised that the Criminal Division desired no further specific investigation but merely desired to receive any additional information "which may from time to time come to the attention of the Bureau." This request has been complied with implicitly.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA (ZOA)

Summary

Prior to the declaration of independence by the State of Israel in May, 1948, Zionist affairs throughout the world were handled through a well-organized system. The main organization in this system was known as the World Zionist Organization. The active arm of this organization was known as the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the American branch of which registered with the Attorney General on September 14, 1943. The World Zionist Organization was a higher body than the Jewish Agency for Palestine and it determined the policy and the directives of the Jewish Agency. The ZOA was organized in 1897 and is affiliated with the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The purpose of the ZOA is to safeguard the integrity and independence of Israel as a free and democratic commonwealth by means consistent with the laws of the United States; to assist in the economic development of Israel; to strengthen

Jewish sentiment and consciousness as a people; and to promote its cultural creativity.

Many persons prominent in the Zionist movement in the United States have been active in the ZOA, including Dr. Emanuel Neumann, past president; Daniel Frisch; Mendel Fisher; Dr. Israel Goldstein; Jacques Torczyner, all of New York City; Joseph Cherner, former President of the Washington branch; and Isidore Turover, former Vice-President of the Washington group.

Our only investigation of the ZOA was occasioned by a memorandum dated January 9, 1948, to the Department advising [REDACTED]

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The Department was requested to advise whether any further inquiry should be conducted by the Bureau [REDACTED]

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The Washington Field checked the records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, on April 6, 1948, in connection with the above investigation and ascertained that the ZOA was not registered. The Department file reflected, however, that under date of February 25, 1948, a letter together with the necessary registration forms were directed to [REDACTED] of the ZOA by the Department advising him that pursuant to an agreement reached with Rabbi Schnison of the ZOA, the organization was requested to comply with the requirements of the Registration Act and to submit registration statements. Reports, which included the above information regarding the agreement of the ZOA to register, were sent to the Department on May 3, 1948, with a request that the Bureau be advised what further investigation should be undertaken and whether the facts developed indicated a violation of any Federal Statute. The Department replied on May 12, 1948, that no violation of any

Federal Statute was indicated by the reports and that no further investigation of this specific matter would appear to be warranted.

By memorandum dated March 21, 1949, the Department was furnished additional information concerning the ZOA activities which appeared in Public Relations News Letter No. 241 dated February 21, 1949, published by "The Public Relations News." The article indicated that the ZOA, through its Economic Affairs Commission, was endeavoring to transmit to Israel certain up-to-date information concerning American industry. A reply from the Department was requested in the event additional data was desired with regard to the above matter or to the activities of the Zionist Organization of America. No reply was received to this communication.

On October 28, 1949, a memorandum was sent to the Criminal Division quoting a letter to the editor which appeared in the September 18, 1949 issue of the Washington Post attributed to one John E. Marsh. Marsh referred to a press release of Daniel Frisch, President of the ZOA, and suggested that the release easily led to the conclusion that the ZOA was the agent of a foreign state and as such should be registered. A copy of the press release referred to by Marsh was secured and forwarded to the Department at the same time. The Department was requested to advise whether the above material contained any information indicating that the ZOA or its officers were in contravention of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The Department was also requested to advise whether any investigation should be undertaken by the Bureau in connection with this matter.

In reply dated November 8, 1949, the Department advised in part as follows:

As you know, the obligations of the subject organization under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act have been a subject of study and consideration by the Foreign Agents Registration Section for the past several years. In April of 1947 a comprehensive memorandum was prepared by that Section outlining in considerable detail the activities and relationships of the subject in

connection with the World Zionist Organization. As a result of this memorandum, a letter was transmitted to the subject again soliciting its registration under the Act. This letter resulted in a series of conferences being held between representatives of the Attorney General's office and representatives of the subject. As a result of these conferences the subject organization materially changed its constitution and at the same time effected a change in the constitution of the World Zionist Organization in an effort to remove itself from its agency status. As a result all attempts to procure the registration of the subject organization were dropped.

The Department further concluded that the activities of the ZOA and its officers were not in contravention of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and stated that no specific investigation was being requested at that time.

You will recall that Mr. Nathan B. Levin of the Department advised our Washington Field Office Agent in confidence that the ZOA brought about a minor change in its constitution so that it might state it was no longer the agent of a foreign principal. As noted above, the Department stated the ZOA materially changed its constitution and at the same time effected a change in the constitution of the World Zionist Organization. The Department has not advised the Bureau of the nature of the changes made in the constitutions of these Zionist groups.

**ACTION:**

The above is submitted in accordance with your request.

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My father is Jewish and belongs  
to the Zionist Organization of  
America. My mother is non-Jewish.  
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My name is [REDACTED] I am thirteen years old and am a Washingtonian.

My father is Jewish and belongs to the Zionist Organization of America. My mother is non-Jewish. She keeps making accusations against my father. She says the Zionists Organization is a political movement to overthrow the United States Government. Will you please send me some information concerning this subject. Will you please send this information to this address.

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Although I would like very much to be able to give you the information you request, I am unable to do so because any facts in FBI files are required by law to be held confidential and available only to Federal and state officials authorized to receive them. I am sure you can understand why this is a good rule, and I want to point out particularly that the fact I cannot assist you does not mean either that we do or do not have any information in our files regarding the organization you mention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Director, FBI (100-341909)

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
REGISTRATION ACT

0-1 to NY 2-1-54 "deadline"

0-1 to LA 2-1-54 "deadline"

0-1 reply 2-10-54 "trans-act" 3-11-54

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ReBulet to New York November 30, 1949. The Criminal Division, by memorandum dated November 20, 1953, captioned as above, made reference to the memorandum from the Criminal Division dated November 8, 1949, wherein the conclusion was reached that the activities of the above subject and its officers were not at that time in contravention of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, as a result of the changes in the constitutions of the World Zionist Organization and those of the subject which were made in an effort to remove the Zionist Organization of America from an agency status.

The Department's memorandum of November 20, 1953, advised that the November 23, 1953, issue of "The American Zionist," published by the subject, carries the headline "ZOA in Action: Mobilizes Public Opinion for Israel." The article states among other things that the ZOA, with the aid of its nation-wide constituency has taken the lead in arousing public opinion to the falsehoods spread by the enemies of Israel.

According to the Department, this article, as well as others appearing in previous issues of "The American Zionist," examined by attorneys of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, strongly suggests that the subject is acting within the United States as a publicity agent for the State of Israel within the meaning of Section 1(c) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. There is no evidence, however, according to the Department, that such activity is the result of a request from the State of Israel or is being carried on at the order or under the direction of the State of Israel.

The Department requested in its memorandum of November 20, 1953, that, therefore, any information coming to the attention of the Bureau which would tend to establish that the Zionist Organization of America is acting within the United States at the order or request or under the direction of the State of Israel be brought promptly to the attention of the Criminal Division.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

CC - 2 - Los Angeles  
2 - Washington Field (2-129)

0-1 Ans. SW  
Rpt. will be submitted upon receipt of information from L.A. Reason for delay: Awaiting results of review of files by L.A. office per Bu. ltr. 12-18-53. L.A. has been requested to expedite. JB

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In view of the above, although the Department requested no investigation, it is believed desirable at this time to prepare a report setting forth pertinent material as contained in the files of the New York, Los Angeles, and Washington Field offices which may be of interest to the Department regarding its request to be advised of any information coming to our attention which may tend to establish that the captioned organization is acting within the United States at the order or under the direction of the State of Israel.

The Los Angeles and Washington Field offices should review their files re captioned organization for any pertinent data which may be available and which falls within the categories as set forth by the Criminal Division and furnish such data to the New York office in a form which the New York office may use as an insert in a report which New York will prepare after it has likewise reviewed the New York files along the same lines as noted for the Los Angeles and Washington Field offices. The New York office will prepare one report suitable for dissemination to the Department in order that the Department will have in its possession any pertinent data concerning the captioned organization known to the Bureau at this time.

This matter should be handled expeditiously so that the required report may be promptly disseminated to the Criminal Division.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-341909)

DATE: December 23, 1953

FROM: SAC, WFO (2-129)

SUBJECT: ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(Office of Origin: MILWAUKEE)

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Re Bureau letter dated December 8, 1953, requesting that this office furnish in insert form pertinent information contained in the files of the Washington Field Office in connection with the subject organization.

A review of the files of the Washington Field Office failed to reflect any pertinent information which tends to establish that the ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA is acting within the United States, at the order of or under the direction of the State of Israel. RUC.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/15/54

FROM : SAC, New York (2-385)

SUBJECT: ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference NY air-tel 1/28/54.

Referenced NY air-tel requested Los Angeles to submit results of lead set forth in bulet 12/8/53. To date no information has been received by this office. This case is now delinquent in NYO. Please expedite.

1 - Los Angeles

*See bulet to  
L.A. 2/10/54  
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