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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
10,000 Here Protest Terrorist Incident at Maalot

By LAWRENCE VAN GELDER

Angered and dismayed by the death of Israeli children in the terrorist incident at Maalot, more than 10,000 Jewish youngsters, rabbis, public officials and other sympathizers took part here yesterday in demonstrations of protest. And while crowds chanted prayers, waved placards and carried symbolic coffins, and while some demonstrators, including Brooklyn District Attorney Lawrence Gold, chained themselves to a fence at the United Nations, leaders of various religious organizations issued statements of condemnation, outrage, shock and grief.

Appearing at the main demonstration, at Dag Hammerskjold Plaza, Mayor Beame told participants it was "a day of shock and sorrow for Israelis, for Jews around the world and for men and women everywhere who cherish human lives and pray for peace."

"At least seven persons were reported arrested on charges of disorderly conduct during the demonstrations, which led to the closing of the United Nations to visitors at midday. United Nations security guards and city policemen, some of them mounted, some helmeted and some using bullhorns, dispersed the crowds."

Although most of the demonstrations were focused on the United Nations area, representatives of the American Jewish Congress, led by Theodore Bikel, co-chairman of the organization's national governing council, staged another protest outside the Lebanese Consulate at 9 East 70th Street.

Earlier in the day, Elmer L. Winger, the president of the American Jewish Committee, said at a news conference that the United States must take the lead at the United Nations Security Council in pressing for a resolution "against Arab barbarism at Maalot."

At the demonstration at Dag Hammerskjold Plaza to protest terrorist activities, Arnold Forster, associate director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said the sponsoring organizations "must make clear that the world is guilty, that the terrorist are sub-human, mindless savages who must be stamped out. But the responsibility is across the street [at the United Nations]."

Mrs. Rose E. Matzkin, president of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, said the United Nations "must bear the brunt of the responsibility for each new assault upon Israeli lives."

And Herman M. Weisman, president of the Anti-Defamation League of America, said the incident at Maalot "constitutes a damming spot on the conscience of every nation that has pardoned sentenced terrorists or voted to condemn Israel for acting in self-defense."

Expressing grief and indignation, Cardinal Cooke issued a statement that said: "We call upon all governments and the people they serve to unite in excluding from their borders all those terrorists who murder for political purposes or partisan goals."

In a joint statement, the two top officials of the National Council of Churches expressed "grief and disgust at the appalling acts of violence in the village of Maalot, and today's bombing over Lebanese territory."

District Attorney Gold and four New York rabbis - Haskell Lockstein, Samuel Askin, Abraham Weiss and Solomon Bernstein - who checked themselves to a United Nations fence were cut loose by the police. They were not arrested. United Nations' security guards dispersed the young people who invaded the grounds of the organization.

The Washington Post
Times Herald
The Evening Star (Washington)
The Sunday Star (Washington)
Daily News (New York)
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In a message to the opening meeting of the National Administrative Council of the organization, Harold Butler, British Minister attached to the British Ministry of Information, in this country, praised the organization's "great contribution to the struggle being made by all the democratic powers against that hostile coalition, the head of which is also the principal foe of Jewry."

Lehman Sends Message
Governor Lehman, in another message, said:
"Palestine has become a symbol of democracy throughout the world. It is a place where men may live, think, and speak as they will. In the past five years, it has been a most important refuge to thousands of all faiths who have been driven from their homes in Europe by brutality, cruelty and oppression. The American people have realized now important a place Palestine now holds in the world scheme of freedom, democracy and security."

Presiding at the meeting of the council, Dr. James G. Heller, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, who is Rabbi of the Isaac M. Wise Temple in Cincinnati, deplored the "abysmal lethargy and gallowness" of the world in its attitude toward the plight of the Jew. The Zionists, he warned, must exercise a "mighty

With a message from General Jan Christian Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa, expressing "the strong hope that the present world crisis would mark a long step toward the realization of the Zionist vision," and other messages lauding the contribution of Palestine Jews to the United Nations' war effort, the forty-fifth annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America opened last night at the Hotel New Yorker.

The convention, which will be devoted not only to the problems of the Zionist movement but also to the plight of millions of Jews throughout the world, is attended by 1,000 delegates, representing various branches of the organization throughout the country.
TO:

ZIONIST ORGANISATION OF AMERICA
1720 SIXTEENTH STREET WASHINGTON

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FROM:

ZIONIST FEDERATION

LIST: NOTE

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CHAIRMAN AMERICAN YOUTH ALIYAH OTHERS INTERESTED

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This meeting attracted an overflow crowd to the Jewish Community Center auditorium which was quickly filled, and other rooms had to be used to provide accommodation for those who wished to hear the address of Rabbi James G. Holler over the loud speaker.

Dr. Holler, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, devoted the greater part of his address to a defense of the Zionist movement, and was particularly emphatic in denying charges brought against the Zionists by representatives of the American Council for Judaism. This latter organization has recently been very active in the San Francisco Bay area. Supporters of the American Council for Judaism have recently attacked the Zionist program for its primarily "political" and "nationalistic" aims. In Zionist over-emphasis on "political activities" those anti-Zionists see the danger of dual loyalty which might result in the subordination of American interests to those of a Jewish National State.

In answer to these arguments Dr. Holler vigorously repudiated the idea of dual allegiance, etc.
sense that Jews should be true both to their faith and to their country of adoption. American Zionists were no less patriotic than any other Americans, Dr. Heller asserted. In his opinion nothing could be more in keeping with the spiritual mission of Judaism than the provision of a national homeland for persecuted Jews.

On the question of the number of Jewish immigrants Palestine could absorb Dr. Heller expressed the belief that further land utilization resulting from new irrigation projects would permit an increase of perhaps 4,000,000 in the Jewish population. Progress in industrialization would in all probability add to this estimate. Thus, said Dr. Heller, Palestine might easily absorb the 1,300,000 Jews who had fled from Poland to Soviet Russia, and who in his opinion were not anxious either to return to Poland or to remain in the USSR.

Dr. Heller estimated the number of Jews in occupied Europe to be 2,000,000. He feared, however, that this number would be reduced to "a mere handful" if the Nazis remained in control for another year.

Dr. Heller restated the Zionist program favoring Jewish immigration into Palestine and a democratic regime in that country once the Jews had won a majority. He pointed out that the setting up of democratic machinery now (as predicted by the American Council of Judaism) would
in his view play into the hands of the Arabs and other anti-Jewish elements.

British foreign and colonial policy was discussed with considerable bitterness. Dr. Heller expressed the hope, however, that the combination of new international controls and the more liberal political attitude of the British people would in time combine to ease the tension between Great Britain and the Jews. While the "White Paper" would not be repudiated by the British Government its anti-Jewish clauses would gradually be set aside, Dr. Heller believed.

A good deal of attention was paid to the "democratic" and "representative" character of the American Jewish Conference. According to Dr. Heller, about eighty per cent of the delegates to the Conference were Zionists who had been chosen by American Jews in an election which gave all Jewish groups the opportunity to secure proper representation. No protests of unfair electoral methods had been brought before a special board of elections set up by the Conference. Moreover, he affirmed, the Conference had proved its "democratic" character by winning the affiliation of Jewish organizations which represented fifty per cent of the total American Jewish community and a tremendous majority of the adult American Jews who have interested themselves in political matters.
TO: D. M. LAD
FROM: J. P. Coyne
SUBJECT: ZIONIST ORGANIZATION NEUTRALITY ACT

DATE: January 8, 1948
Time of Call: 4:00 p.m.

At the above time, in your absence, I took a call from SAC Johnson of the Milwaukee Office, who related the following information as received by the Milwaukee Office from [redacted]

In response to his question, I advised Mr. Johnson that no active investigation should be undertaken by the Milwaukee Office with respect to this matter, pending Bureau instructions. I advised him that the matter would be called to the attention of the Criminal Division immediately and, unless advised to the contrary, no inquiry should be initiated by him pending
the receipt of contrary instructions from the Bureau.

Mr. Johnson indicated that he would make the information concerning [redacted] available to his good contacts at [redacted] for any action they considered apropos, without leaving any impression that our Milwaukee Office was requesting an investigation [redacted].

Ordinarily, we would initiate Neutrality Act inquiries without prior referral to and approval of the Criminal Division, but in view of the delicacy of the current Palestinian situation, and of the concern recently expressed by the Director relative to certain of the Bureau activity in this general field, it is felt that prior to the initiation of investigation, we should put such matters as the foregoing up to the Department for advice. To that end, there will be prepared immediately a memorandum to the Criminal Division.
Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn
Criminal Division

Director, FBI

ZEALIST ORGANIZATION
NEUTRALITY ACT

January 9, 1948

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I have been informed by the Milwaukee Office of this Bureau that

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I shall appreciate being advised as expeditiously as possible if
you feel that from the information stated herein, any inquiry should be con-
ducted by the Bureau with reference to these meetings. No action is contem-
plated by the Milwaukee Office pending a reply from you.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE
SUBJECT: SMUGGLER ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: January 13, 1948

Re telephone conversation by SAC H. K. JOHNSON with
SA January 8, 1948.

The following report was obtained from

[Redacted]

All information contained herein is unclassified.

[Redacted]
Director, FBI
January 13, 1948
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SAC H. K. JOHNSON that the Milwaukee Office was not conducting any investigation in the matter.

SA [redacted] ascertained that [redacted] was active in a Palestine Welfare Organization, the exact name of which is unknown.

In accordance with instructions supplied by SA [redacted] no investigation will be conducted in this matter without prior Bureau authority.
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100-341909-2
SAC, Milwaukee

February 13, 1948

Director, FBI

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 13, 1948, captioned "Zionist Organization; Jack Post, Organizer, Registration Act," your file #97-0-6A.

The information furnished by your office has been made available to the Criminal Division of the Department and the Bureau is now in receipt of a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General F. Vincent Quinn, dated February 6, 1948, which is quoted hereafter:

"Reference is made to your memorandum of January 9, 1948, regarding above subject in which it was stated that

"It is requested that an investigation be conducted to determine, if possible, the name of the organization responsible for

In accordance with the request of Mr. Quinn, you are instructed to institute an investigation in an effort to determine the name of the organization. A separate inquiry should likewise be made to determine

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
The Milwaukee Branch of the Zionist Organization of America, a national Jewish organization with headquarters in New York City, has been holding various meetings in Milwaukee for the raising of funds for the assistance of the Jews colonising Palestine. Similar meetings being held throughout the U.S. Members stated funds to be used for purchase of clothing, food and agricultural equipment and not for purchase of arms or ammunition.

Reference:

Details: Referenced communications were entitled "Zionist Organization, Jack Post organizer."

This investigation was predicated upon information received reflecting that he had obtained information from...
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usually referred to as the ZOA, and indicated that it was an old, well-established Jewish relief agency which was interested in the founding of a Jewish state in Palestine. He indicated that this organization had been very active in the last few years in attempting to assist the present Jewish colonists in Palestine by raising relief funds among Jewish people in the United States. He indicated that he was well acquainted with many of the members of the ZOA in Milwaukee and that they included most of the prominent businessmen and professional men of this city.
that the ZOA was a national organization with headquarters in New York City and with branches in all of the larger cities of the United States. He advised that that organization was presently actively soliciting relief funds for the purpose of providing food, clothing and tools for the people of Palestine and indicated that all funds and relief goods were being transmitted with the knowledge of and consent of the proper authorities. He indicated that the present chairman of the Milwaukee Zionist District was Dr. I. W. BLUMENTHAL, a well known Milwaukee dentist. He advised that to the best of his knowledge none of the members of this organization in Milwaukee were attempting to raise funds for the purchase of arms and ammunition in order to enable the Jewish colonizers in Palestine to fight the Arabs.

The files of the Milwaukee Journal newspaper relative to the ZOA reflected that the organization has been in existence for many years with the purpose of promoting the large scale Jewish colonization of Palestine. They indicate that one of the national officers of the organization was Rabbi STEPHEN S. WISE of New York City. They also indicate that they had been active in bringing the Jewish colonization desires to the proper United Nations committees on various occasions. The files also indicated that the following individuals in Milwaukee are members and former officers of the ZOA branch in Milwaukee:

**ARTHUR SHUKLIN**
3920 North Maryland Avenue
Former alderman of the City of Milwaukee

**HERMAN D. SCHWARTZ**
2773 North Sherman Boulevard
Insurance broker

**JOSEPH K. BERLIENT**
3904 North 46th Street
Salesman, Badger Tobacco Company

**JOSEPH BRINDIS**
5509 West Washington Boulevard
Treasurer, Marilyn Shoe Company

**HARRY L. EPSTEIN**
4633 North Kramer Street
President and treasurer - Metropolitan Liquor Company

**ALEX HIDEZMAN**
303 East Belleview
Employee - U. S. Internal Revenue Department

**HYMEN LERNER**
2747 North Teutonia
President and treasurer of Lerner Appliance Distributors, Inc.
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WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will ascertain if the 2OA is presently registered with the Attorney General pursuant to the terms of the Registration Act.

Will also attempt to ascertain if the organization is registered with any department of the U. S. Government relative to the transmittal of funds for relief purposes to Palestine and as to whether any account of the funds and/or relief goods is made to this agency.
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Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn
Criminal Division
Director, FBI

May 3, 1948

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
NEUTRALITY ACT; FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 6, 1948
(TVQ: WEF: BEl: vnl 71-20-O), bearing the caption, "Zionist
Organization; Foreign Agents Registration Act," in which you requested
this Bureau to undertake an investigation to determine if possible
the name of the organization responsible for

In connection with your request, there is enclosed herewith one
copy of each of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent dated March 29, 1948
at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Report of Special Agent dated April 9, 1948 at
Washington, D.C.

After reviewing the enclosed reports, will you kindly advise
what further investigation, if any, should be undertaken and whether in
your opinion the facts developed indicate a violation of any Federal
Statute.

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Enclosure
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**FORM No. 1**
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**TITLE:** ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

**CHARACTER OF CASE:** NEUTRALITY ACT REGISTRATION ACT

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject organization not registered with the Attorney General nor recorded with Adams Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid.

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**DATE:** OCT 12, 1979


**DETAILS:** AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Aid, advised Agent that the subject organization is not recorded with that committee. It is pointed out that the committee functioned during the war under the name of War Relief Control Board until May, 1946, and that since then, the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid has been recording, on a voluntary basis, organizations engaged in raising funds for relief purposes and transmitting them to the respective foreign countries.

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