Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, New York

DATE: May 5, 1948

SUBJECT: ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA;
NEUTRALITY ACT
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to report of SAC 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.

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 Chadad, which is composed of "thousands of young American Jews between the ages of 18 and 30". It is also affiliated with the Haddassah, of which MRS. SAMUEL W. PALPINT 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.
NY 2-385
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 GOLDBSTEIN and JACQUES FORCZYNER, 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 Zvi Leumi, Hebrew Committee for National Liberation, Zeev 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

Director, FBI

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
NEUTRALITY ACT
REGISTRATION ACT

May 25, 1948

Re: Letter 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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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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ZAC - Milwaukee

Director - FBI

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
NEUTRALITY ACT; REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
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
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 com-
pletion of your files.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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.
December 8, 1948

MEMORANDUM

Res: 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 141 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 at last it has
been acting in appeals to the U.N. for relief of the Jewish crisis in Palestine,
for the lifting of the 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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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.

RECOMMENDATION

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Attachment to: Major U. S. Carlin
IRA 1/3/49 - at which time he was
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recommendation: 1/3/49

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI - Attention: Assistant Director H. E. FLETCHER
FROM: SAC, San Francisco
SUBJECT: ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Information Concerning

recently called to my attention the Public Relations News Letter No. 261 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 City 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."

The undersigned stated he called the matter to my attention particularly from an intelligence standpoint.

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Mr. Alexander M. Campbell  
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division  
March 21, 1949

Director, FBI

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

NEUTRALITY ACT

FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to the previous correspondence between this Bureau and the Criminal Division concerning captured organization, the last being a memorandum from Mr. T. Vincent Quinn, former Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, dated May 12, 1948 (your reference, TQ: WEP: MEL: set, 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:

"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."

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.

It would appear from the above article that the Zionist Organization of America's Economic Affairs Commission is endeavoring to transmit to Israel certain up-to-date information concerning American industry.
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.
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 shackle 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 criticism regarding humanitarian objectives of a group aiding homeless people and restoring them to the dignity of useful beings. This is covered by plans of moral and economic aid in the ZOA platform. One can only interpret 'political aid,' particularly when it is spelled out as 'the active conscience of American Jewish identification with Israel.'"
"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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One can have little criticism 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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JOHN E. MARSH.
Washington.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, New York

DATE: October 10, 1949

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 XII, 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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A NEW YEAR MESSAGE

-- by DANIEL FRISCH,

PRESIDENT, ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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
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 in-
cumbent 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.
Washington Concentrating
On Economic and Political
Problems of Middle East

By MURRAY FRANK

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

The creation of the economic
mission has been described as a
shift from the political to the
economic, an effort to reach a solution through eco-
nomic means what could not be obtained through
political means. While this may be true, it should be
noted that political activities and political pressure of
one sort or another have been
thrown overboard in Washing-
ton and that from now on every-
thing will be concentrated on
economic problems.

On the contrary, there has been a strong undercurrent
of political activity here in the
past fortnight, mainly in the
State Department. Some of this is
beginning to rever-
berate 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 offing, and perhaps by the
time this appears in print, we
shall have more information.

Military Plans

A military mission to the
Middle East, headed by
William J. Donovan, is
scheduled to reach
Abadan, Iran, today, and
Colonel Marven D. Parnell,
head of the mission, will
be in Tehran in a few days.

More than 10,000 housing
units are now in construc-
tion. It is planned that
the 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
1948.

The Hebrew University is
planning to open its law depart-
ment later this year.

Compulsory Service

The Knesset has passed a bill
providing for compulsory mil-
itary service by men and
women. It calls for a maximum
two years service for men and
one years service for women.

Prime Minister Ben-Gurion
has declared the general political
nationalism in Israel. He in-
structed the Prime Minister's
MoHa Sharett.

David Horwitz, director gen-
eral of the Finance Ministry,
heads the delegation represent-
ing the Israeli government in
dealings with the UN econo-
mic mission now in the Middle
East.

No Arab has yet replied to an
American offer to re-
units Arab families broken up
by the war, a govern-
ment spokesman revealed.

Marshall Plan aid in its pre-
cent 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 Jews-
ian settlements and water
shortage in the city.

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

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

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

For Education

Free complete education
will be introduced this year for
the first six classes in the coun-
tries. This will be extended con-
siderably with the ultimate plan
to extend the scheme to the first
six classes in the whole coun-
cy.
The current UN fund for Arab refugees will be exhausted by the end of December, the current UN fund for Arab refugees will be exhausted by the middle of November.

It is, of course, understood that the United Nations is not in a position to finance the development program in the Near East to be accomplished by the Chaplains' mission. That task will undoubtedly fall to the U.S. The council required will first be determined when the mission completes its survey, although Paul Porter reported that an initial outlay of 160 million dollars would be necessary for various economic programs. 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 Chaplains mission and its work, the composition of its personnel, its possible accomplishments, etc.

RABBI JEROME UNGER

Elected to serve with Mr. Lipsky were the chairman; vice chairman, Mrs. Judith Elipson; former national president of the Council; secretary, Rabbi Max Kinter; treasurer, Joseph Reznik; executive vice president of the Miracul American Organization of America; and treasurer, Fincolas Grinn, secretary of the Political Committee of the Labor Zionist Organization of America.

For the past three months, the management of the affairs of the Council has been in the hands of a four-man group, which is composed of the various officials.

Daniel Prichard, ZOA president, paid warm tribute to the mission of Chaplains in the Middle East and its work. The composition of its personnel, its possible accomplishments, etc.

LOUIS LIPSKY

Flash!

TLD: AVIV-In an editorial, the Hebrew, leading Israeli daily, discusses the recent statement by Mr. Lipinsky pertaining to unity among General Zionists in Israel and urges the inclusion of the Prichard program within the ZOA campaign for the good of all.

A large collection of Balfour 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 Balfour Torah were hidden during the Nazi occupation and thus avoided destruction. Here, the Balfour Torah are removed from their cases on the flight.
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 it was revealed that in September 1948 when 52,000 refugees were brought to Israel, the UJA received 60,000 in cash but only $38,000,000 being some $20,000,000 behind the sums received last year. Thus, in the first months of 1948 when the total cash collections were $38,000,000, the UJA received in cash a total of $122,540.516. In contrast to this, in the first eight months of 1949, the UJA received in cash only $4,100,000. 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 complicity to the mistaken belief that the creation of the Jewish State absolved us from the sacred duty of caring for the new immigrants. 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 camps find themselves in. They stressed the role which American Jewry must play in meeting this crisis by providing without delay the necessary cash.

Let there be no mistake: this is no time for official 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 Jewry, 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 recommit 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...