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From the President

The Year 5706

Each new year brings new hope for our people.

The year 5705, just ended, contained a number of highly significant events, the most outstanding, of course, the end of World War Two. The winning of the election in England by the Labor Party has given us greater hope concerning our position in Palestine. President Truman's encouraging statement further inspires all Zionists to complete the job of a Commonwealth in Palestine. Perhaps the most significant statement reaching the current attitude of the World Zionist Organization is the statement by David Ben Gurion, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine: "White Paper or no White Paper, Jews will continue to come to Palestine, for only in Palestine will they be able to be at home, to live in dignity, equality, and security. If the White Paper is not revoked and they come to the shores of Palestine and are not admitted, how will Palestinian Jews react? Jews are notably a law-abiding people, truly called the people of the Law, but I must tell you frankly that we do not recognize the law that is called the White Paper of 1939, just as we do not recognize the validity of the Nuremberg Laws. We will break that "law" by helping other Jews come to their country. . . . We have had to learn the use of arms for self-defense in Palestine, and though we know that the British Empire has more rifles than we have, and we have no illusions as to our own strength, we are ready to give up our lives in defense of the right of Jews to immigrate to Palestine. We will do what we can to help them come; if we are shot at, we will have to defend ourselves, even if the price is our own life."

These are fighting words, words Jews have not used for 2,000 years. Let us initiate the New Year with this spirit of Zionism. Accordingly, we cannot help but win.

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Which brings me to think of our last general meeting held on August 29 before an overflow audience at the Beverly-Fairfax Community Center. The subject, "The Recent British Election as it Affects India and Palestine" was discussed by two outstanding speakers: Dr. Manneck Anklesaria of the "Indian News Service," who gave an enlightening pic-

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY INSTALLATION BANQUET

Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel

Sunday, September 23, 1945, 6:30 P.M.

PROGRAM

Invocation	Rabbi Jacob Sonderling
Star Spangled Banner	Hollywood Studio Quartette
Dinner	
Remarks	Sidney Schneir, Banquet Chairman
Toastmaster	Albert Dekker
Musical Selections	Hollywood Studio Quartette
Installation of Officers	Judge Irvin Stalmaster
Songs	Pietro Gentile, accompanied by Matilda Barsha
Talk	Judge Irvin Stalmaster
Musical Selections	Hollywood Studio Quartette
Hatikvah	

OUR TOASTMASTER

Albert Dekker, our toastmaster is a human dynamo. No one who has talked to this versatile man will disagree with the assertion that he is an energetic personality who lives, moves and has his being in the human drama.

Politics is his "hobby"; good government his objective. His convictions regarding both are a challenge to all Americans. Thoughtful citizens cannot fail to see in this energetic advocate of applied democracy the vigilant defender of human rights.

His liberalism has won him the support of all progressive groups, and, as assemblyman of the fifty-seventh district, he has proposed and fought for advanced legislative measures. The people of California well remember his gallant fight in behalf of the FEPC.

Common Man

"Government is as good as the people allow it to be," Mr. Dekker explained as he proceeded to explore the fascinating vistas of a better world which will come only when the common man takes a genuine interest in politics. "Yes", he continued, "it is true that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, but men are neither eternal nor are they always vigilant. Accordingly, it is vital that the people's representative be on the job constantly in order to guard this pre-

cious heritage. Provision should be made to allow men in office to give their entire attention to their public responsibilities.

Human Rights

Human rights is no abstract phrase to Albert Dekker, the assemblyman, any more than it is to Albert Dekker, the well-known actor of stage and screen. It is in human rights that he manifests his supreme interest. Actually, it is the key to his thinking. Los Angelenos will best remember his gallant performance as master of ceremonies at the Mobilization for Democracy meeting at the Olympic auditorium where 13,000 people gathered to protest against Gerald K. Smith.

Yet his entrance into politics would never have materialized were it not for the encouragement given him by Mrs. Dekker, who unflagging interest in the political scene made the venture possible. The mother of three children, she stands by her husband's manifold activities.

As Californians, we are proud of his achievements. America breathes easier because of his kind of leadership. In Albert Dekker, bigotry has found one of its most tireless destroyers. We of the Hollywood Zionist District are proud to present a great American.

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Again the White Paper

Deep is the disappointment of Zionists, everywhere, in the failure of the Great Powers to reach a peremptory decision regarding the future of the Jewish National Homeland of Palestine. Caught in the vicious grip of postponement, the Jews of the world are being victimized by procrastination and indecisiveness at a critical time in their history.

It must be self-evident to our shapers of world destiny that a disastrous situation has been produced by their policy of waiting, and that prolonged continuance of the White Paper restraints must inevitably lead to a tense and desperate climax.

Winston Churchill once declared that the White Paper was a plain breach of the terms of the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, and we know that the League's Permanent Mandates Commission refused to approve the White Paper, nor is there any public record that Britain got America's consent to this change in the Mandate terms as required by the Anglo-U.S. convention signed in 1924.

Some time ago the British Information Service made the following statement: "The British Government has made strong endeavors to bring to Palestine—especially from Rumania and Bulgaria—a number of Jews, and particularly children, who might be saved." This is demonstrably false and even cynical. One needs only to recall the S. S. Struma which arrived from Russia at a Palestinian port in 1942 and was turned away by the British. The Struma apparently struck a mine off the coast and went down with more than six hundred men, women, and children. Does this look like "strong endeavors" to save Jews? Britain's excuse was that these hapless refugees did not have "legal" entry permits!

But an incident like this does not occur by accident. The ship was turned away because it is, and has been, the policy of the British Colonial Office to obstruct the entry of Jews into Pales-

... NEWS FROM ...

PALESTINE**Palestine Malaria Experts in Burma**

Jerusalem—Prof. G. Mayer of the Hebrew University is serving as Chief of the anti-malaria unit with the British forces in Burma. Associated with him are Dr. Yoeli and Dr. Yaffe of the health services of the Vaad Leumi, Jewish National Council of Palestine, it was revealed here.

Observes 20th Anniversary

Tel Aviv (ZOA)—"Davar", Hebrew Labor Daily, recently observed the 20th year of its inception. With a daily circulation of 25,000, "Davar" employs 250 people on its editorial, administrative and technical staffs.

New Economic Bulletin

Jerusalem (ZOA)—A new bulletin "The Palestine Economic Review," published in Hebrew and English, issued by the Jewish Agency Department of Trade and Industry has just made its appearance.

Edited by Dr. T. M. Kinory and Dr.

tine ever since 1918. In furtherance of that policy, its agents have incited Arab outbreaks which were made the basis of the White Paper, restricting and finally terminating Jewish immigration.

And while phlegmatic Britain is still unmoved by the poignant tragedy of this death-defying minority people, victimized by the shattering effects of the war, the stark and bitter truth is that their importunate entreaties for liberation and rehabilitation in Palestine are still being summarily rejected. In pressing the urgency of the Jewish predicament in Europe, we ask the advocates of the White Paper: *Is there enough conscience left in the British Empire to consider an appeal so desperately human and vital that, even, above and beyond the just and historic claims of the Jews to Palestine, measures the gravity of displaced European Jews by the yardstick of its own historic pacemaker of human justice* — the Magna Carter. Neither the White Paper, nor the appeasement policies of the Colonial Office could stand up under the searching power and analysis of a criterion so exalted.

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O. Mueller, the Economic Review contains in its first number information on industry, trade statistics, commerce, agriculture and finance, and discusses a number of problems such as Palestine's sterling balances and price levels.

Mrs. Zipporah Klausner Dies

Jerusalem—Mrs. Zipporah Klausner, wife of the well-known Jewish historian, Professor Joseph Klausner, died at her home in Talpioth, Jerusalem, on the 1st of June. Mrs. Klausner, who had been ill for two weeks, was 67.

Miscellaneous

Jerusalem (ZOA) — 1,434,000 cases of citrus fruit were shipped this year to the United Kingdom, three times more than last season's export.

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The 100th child was born in the 11-year old communal settlement of Maabarot in Emek Hefer.

Nylon Production

Jerusalem (ZOA)—The manufacture of nylon, a completely new industry for Palestine, will be started shortly. A Palestine factory has already secured permission from an American firm on a patent to manufacture nylon goods for the entire Middle East.

Correspondence

Bernard H. Arnold and Louis Rubin
 Editors, The Hollywood Zionist.
 Dear Fellow Zionists:

I can not resist the impulse to compliment you on your latest issue (August 1945, No. 9) of The Hollywood Zionist. It is by far the most interesting, the best written—I am inclined to say the most professional—of any publication of this kind that ever reached me. In District publication you deserve the honored spot.

There is something else that appeals to me. You have 'guts' and name names. There is no appeasing—and that speaks well for your District. I am happy to know that in this great land of ours we can find Jews who dare say what they think.

I shall look forward to your forthcoming issues with a great deal of expectation and delight. You are fortunate indeed in having such an able staff and such accomplished writers.

With kind regards and with best wishes for a Very Happy New Year.

With Zion's greetings,
 Louis A. Falk, President,
 Jersey City District, ZOA.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

(Continued from page 1)

ture of conditions in India after 150 years of British rule. Quoting statistics, he declared that one out of five babies dies at birth and one out of five dies before it is six months old. Last year, he declared, in Bengal, alone, five million Indians died of famine. The average income of the Hindu is three cents a day, and the British have done nothing but exploit the lands and the people, Dr. Anklesaria revealed.

At the conclusion of Dr. Anklesaria's talk, which was enthusiastically received, a resolution was introduced and unanimously adopted urging the Z. O. A. to support India's aspiration for independence.

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Alvin Wilder, radio news commentator, vividly pictured Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. A high accent was reached when he declared: "Because of the liberalism that has swept the new Government into office; because of the new determination in Britain and throughout the world to curb the evil mongers; to suppress and to eliminate the forces who conspire to gain markets and trade routes and resources of oil and other minerals with utter disregard of the well-being and future of other people—because of all this—I think we can be most optimistic that the new liberal government of Great Britain will—in good time—reverse the policy of the previous government and sympathetically negotiate with the Arabs and the Jews—and continue such negotiations until an equitable and fair plan is evolved—to satisfy masses of Arab peoples that their own future—as the future of the Jews can best be resolved by helping one another—to reach fundamental objectives."

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Thanks are due to the chairman of the Film Committee, Nathan Bloch, for obtaining that excellent picture, "Palestine on the March," which, to my mind, is an excellent picture of Palestinian life. This picture, plus an informal talk by Sgt. George Perlin of the Army Air Forces, who has spent some time recently in Palestine, gave the audience a descriptive picture of life in the homeland.

Virtually everyone agreed that this meeting was one of the best we ever had.

British Pioneers Leave for Palestine

London (ZOA)—A group of 211 persons, comprised of 100 Halutzim (pioneers for Palestine) who have undergone training courses and 111 holders of Palestine certificates of other categories, has recently sailed for Palestine.

THE LONDON CONFERENCE

The London Conference, which was called chiefly to serve as a sounding board and to reach the ears of the Churchill government, was rendered almost unnecessary politically by the results of the election which turned the Labor party into power.

It was pointed out by a prominent American Zionist leader, who was present at the Conference, that the Conference, in the way of actual accomplishment, was a failure. The Conference might have had some meaning, he pointed out, had the present leaders of the Executive, who have been in office for ten years, laid their mandates on the table. An opportunity would have been afforded the delegates to reshuffle the leadership, contributing to its vitality.

It is obvious that new blood and leadership are needed throughout the entire structure of the world Zionist movement. Let us hope that at the next Zionist Congress, called for 1946, we will have made progress towards accomplishing this needed, among other needed reforms.

Soviet Consulate in Jerusalem

A Soviet Russia consulate will be opened in Jerusalem in September, the Palestine press reports. This will be the first such official Soviet representation in Palestine.

Laski on Pan-Arabism

Harold Laski, chairman of the British Labor Party Executive, writing in *The Nation* of August 4, stated that the Labor Government "must make that Pan-Arabism, so carefully cultured since 1939, understand decisively that the tragic remnant of European Jewry will not be sacrificed to make a holiday for Arab effendi in any part of the Middle East."

QUESTIONS

I. The following are the titles of books on Palestine. Identify the authors.

1. For the Sake of Heaven. 2. Edmond de Rothschild. 3. David Wolfsohn. 4. Max Nordau. 5. Palestine, Land of Promise. 6. Harvest in the Desert. 7. Theodore Herzl.

II. Name 15 prominent Christian leaders who are militant Zionists for Palestine as a Homeland for the Jews.

III. Who is the President of the ZOA of America? Name two former Presidents.

IV. Identify the following: Judah-ben-Kaufman, Dr. Israel Schapiro, Dr. A. Yahuda, "Conventional Lies," "Paradoxes and Degeneration," Hugo Bergman, Resovsky.

V. What group in Palestine does the Histadruth represent?

VI. Who wrote the following:

1. Palestine Dances?
2. Art in Palestine?

VII. What is the official news publication of the ZOA?

Answers to questions on page 4.

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Education Division

A complete program for the year was compiled by the Education Committee of the Hollywood Zionist District. The plan was presented to the Executive Committee and unanimously approved.

The various sub-committees have been busily engaged in their new duties. Nathan Bloch has booked our films for the year, at the last meeting, through the good offices of the Jewish National Fund, presented the film, "Palestine Marches On." We highly endorse this film for all Zionist groups.

Through our librarian, Mrs. Bernard H. Arnold, literature on Palestine and India was distributed by the Hollywood Zionist District's Youth Group.

The current events reviewer, Dr. Joseph Jasin, has also compiled a calendar for the year's events which will soon be published in the "Hollywood Zionist."

The Education Committee is preparing an interesting Succoth "environment" at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel for the installation banquet on September 23.

We are inaugurating an interchange of letters between our members and resident Palestinian citizens as an educational project. In this way, we hope to obtain scholarships for young people in Palestine to receive training at the Hebrew University.

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MANY FRIENDS OF PALESTINE IN NEW BRITISH GOVERNMENT

A perusal of the list of newly elected members of the British Parliament and the Cabinet reveals a hopeful indication that the Palestine question will receive favorable attention at the hands of the Labor Government. At least six members of the Cabinet as MP's before the war, have denounced the MacDonald White Paper and have been outspokenly in favor of a Jewish Commonwealth.

Minister of Labor

George Alfred Isaacs, minister of labor and national services, in 1936, proposed as a resolution, an appeal from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, calling on the British Trade Union Congress to use its influence in preventing suspension of Jewish immigration to Palestine.

George Henry Hall, newly appointed secretary of state for the colonies, attacked the White Paper as a Laborite in 1939. He was undersecretary for the colonies in 1941 when the liner Patria was blown up in Haifa harbor shortly before it was to have departed from Palestine shores with a cargo of rejected Jewish refugees from Europe, turned back by the Palestine government.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, newly appointed minister of education, as a Labor MP before the war, constantly attacked the White Paper policy.

Tom Williams, first Parliamentary secretary of agriculture and fisheries, in 1940 denounced the White Paper land restrictions and the imprisonment of Palestinian Jews for illegal possession of arms.

Demands Settlement

Emmanuel Shinwell, a Jew, minister for fuel and power, called an inquiry into the responsibility for the general strike in Palestine in 1936 and demanded Jewish settlement in Transjordan.

Philip John Noel Baker, minister of state in 1937, protested against the Italian propaganda broadcasts to Arabs in Palestine. In 1938 he launched a campaign to raise \$250,000 for the redemption of land in Galilee, by the Jewish National Fund.

Z.O.A. Publishes New Book

Publication of "Edmond de Rothschild—Palestine Pioneer," a biographical work, by Isaac Naiditch, veteran Zionist was recently announced by the Z.O.A. This volume is the second of a series of books on Zionism and Palestine published by the Z.O.A. as part of its publications program.

New Year Greetings

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard H. Arnold
and family

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Larry Zeller

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A Friend

Rabbi and Mrs. J. L. Hahn and son Eliezer extend to the President, Vice President, Cantor and Secretary of Congregation Beth Israel, where he is officiating for the High Holy Days, and all members, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Vote Against Repatriation

Geneva, Switzerland (ZOA)—A clean sweep for the United Jewish Party, opposing repatriation and insisting upon the right of Jewish refugees to settle in Palestine, was recorded here in elections for an advisory committee of nine, which is to represent the thirty thousand refugees in Switzerland in negotiations with the government, and intergovernmental and philanthropic agencies, the *Palcor News Agency* reports. The committee was formed on the advice of the Swiss government.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 3

Answer to I.

Martin Buber, Isaac Naiditch, Emil Bernhard Cohn, Maxa Nordau, Walter C. Lowdermilk, Maurice Samuel, Alex Bein.

Answer to II.

Pierre Van Paassen, Henry A. Atkinson, Professor Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor Ralph S. Harlow, Rev. Wendell Phillips, Professor Carl F. Friedrich, Walter Clay Lowdermilk, Dean Howard M. Le Sourd, Dr. Carl Herman Voss, Senator Robert F. Wagner, Helen Gahagan Douglas, Will Rogers, Jr., Senator Gillette, Josiah Wedgewood (deceased), Rev. Richard Evans.

Answer to III.

1. Dr. Israel Goldstein.
2. Louis Lipsky.
3. Judge Louis E. Levinthal.

Answer to IV.

1. Palestinian author of Hebrew-English "Lexicon."
2. Former head of Division of Semitics at Library of Congress in Washington for 30 years.
3. Professor of Hebrew at University of Madrid. First Jew to hold such office in Spain since expulsion of Jews in 1492.
4. Essays by Max Nordau.
5. Works by Max Nordau published in 1885.
6. Professor of Philosophy at Hebrew Union.
7. Compiler of Biblical cantillations in Palestine.

Answer to V.

Labor Party. (150,000 members or more).

Answer to VI.

1. Mildred Chochem.
2. Elias Newman.

Answer to VII.

"The New Palestine"