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JEW S HEED CALL TO ACTION

From the President

Those who attended our first Installation Banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel on September 23, undoubtedly agreed that the affair was a success from all angles. Much of the credit should be given to the two hard-working Chairmen of the Banquet Committee, decorations headed by Mrs. Bernard H. Arnold, and to Miss Eva R. Obeler in charge of the usherettes.

After the invocation by Rabbi Jacob Sonderling, and having partaken of a sumptuous dinner, the Chairman introduced screen actor and member of the State Assembly, Albert Dekker, our toastmaster, a well-known liberal in our community. Effectively driving home the importance of unity and co-operation as vital to Jews, Mr. Dekker clarified the essential nature of the Zionist aim.

Judge Irvin Stalmaster, chairman of the Jewish Centers Association, in installing officers, praised the members and officers of the organization for their achievements. His installation ceremony of the officers of the Youth Group was especially significant as he exhorted them to become the fighters and leaders of the future.

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I salute the members of our Youth Group and its officers, Martin Salvin, President, Cy Dinkin, Vice-President, Michael Simon, Secretary, and Larry Weisman, Treasurer. The installation was dignified and inspiring, and will be remembered for years to come.

Probably the most striking feature was Mr. Dekker's scintillating wit and ad-libbing. His introductions of the entertainers were made with humor and good taste. Our thanks are extended to Miss Marcia Solomon for her Palestinian folk songs, to Isidore Epstein, a member of our Executive Committee, who rendered Russian numbers, and to Pietro Gentile, whose rich baritone voice held the audience spellbound.

A novel event was the presentation of fresh fruits from the Succoth decorations to each new member. In my opinion this type of banquet should serve as a precedent for future annual installations.

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A huge crowd, estimated at more than 70,000 persons—Jews and non Jews—jammed New York's gigantic Madison Square Garden and packed the streets outside to cheer Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's call to mobilization in the battle for Palestine as a Jewish state. Equal acclaim was given to Governor Dewey's address.

Mayor La Guardia, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Israel Goldstein made militant addresses in the spirit of the rallying cry sounded by Dr. Silver who declared that, "from here on, every Jew becomes a soldier in the Army of Jewish Liberation!" It was the most militant demonstration in history.

Stirring climax of the meeting came when the entire audience, led by the chairman, Henry Monsky, co-chairman of the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference, rose as one and pledged themselves "as Jews and American citizens" to "fight back relentlessly until the legitimate rights of the Jewish people are recognized—until Palestine is opened wide to free Jewish immigration and a Jewish State is re-established." The pledge, printed on postal cards and ad-

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The next meeting of the Hollywood Zionist District

will be held at

Beverly-Fairfax Community Center

8008 BEVERLY BOULEVARD

Wednesday evening, October 24, 8:15

PROGRAM

Star Spangled Banner

Opening remarks by the President

Dr. Harry May

— Regional Executive Director

Declamation . . . Sabel Ginsburg

ADDRESS

Rabbi Judah L. Hahn

"BLOODSHED IN PALESTINE"

Questions from the floor

HATIKVAH

Mrs. Bernard H. Arnold at the piano

Disclose Hitler-Mufti Telegrams

New York — An exchange of telegrams between Adolph Hitler and the notorious ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Amin el Husseini, discovered among the secret diplomatic correspondence of the Fuehrer, was disclosed today by the American Zionist Emergency Council.

The ex-Mufti's telegram, sent at the time when Field Marshal Rommel's victories threatened the entire Middle East, congratulated Hitler "on the occasion of the Axis victory in North Africa," and declared that "the Arab people will further continue to fight on your side against the common enemy up to ultimate victory."

Fuehrer Grateful

Hitler's message of thanks was transmitted to Amin el Husseini by German Staatsminister Dr. Meissner, and reads as follows: "The Fuehrer ordered me to transmit to your Eminence his heartiest thanks for your friendly congratulations of which the Fuehrer took notice with satisfaction."

The exchange of telegrams was found in Germany filed under the heading, "Volume 13, Letters and Telegrams From Foreign Heads of State." Amin el Husseini's telegram to Hitler, dated on July 4, 1942, reads:

"Allow me, Fuehrer, to express to you the sincere joy of the Arabian people and my best wishes on the occasion of the Axis victory in North Africa. These successes were crowned by the solemn declarations of the German and Italian Governments, in which the sovereignty and independence of Egypt were recognized and assured. These wise policies of the Axis powers, which guided the German-Italian armies from victory to victory, will produce a very good echo not only in Egypt but also in all the other Arab lands and in the entire Orient, for they offer the best proof of the noble aims of the Axis governments and assure the other Arab lands of their liberty and independence. The Arab people will further continue to fight on your side against the common enemy up to ultimate victory."

Timely Revelation

In releasing the text of the ex-Mufti's telegram, the American Zionist Emergency Council stated: "This revelation is most timely, in view of the Arab cam-

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WE MUST ...

We must not let Palestine be sacrificed on the altar of British appeasement.

We must never let Attlee forget that his party adopted a resolution last May which demanded that Palestine's doors be opened to unrestricted Jewish immigration so that Jews may, in time, establish a majority status.

We must not let the British forget that twenty-eight years have passed since their government made its pledge to the Jews, and to the world, that the foundation of a Jewish Commonwealth would be established.

We must make Christendom realize that the British White Paper is an implacable demand that Jews be murdered, that they be enslaved, that they starve rather than be permitted to return to their ancient homeland.

We must clearly see the sheer hypocrisy of a government which sheds the blood of its people in defense of a sacred principle and then adopts the iniquitous slave policies of its malevolent enemies.

We must realize that, although VE Day meant liberation for all peoples subjected by the Nazis, Jews, however, are compelled to remain stateless and be condemned to thralldom, and that British weakness and opportunism are largely responsible for this harrowing situation.

We must never forget, in this struggle, the wise council of Menahem Ussishkin who declared: "When Eretz Israel went up in flames, the Jewish people went into Diaspora; when Diaspora goes up in flame, the Jewish people must return to Eretz Israel." Just a few months have passed since Germany capitulated and Jews who have escaped the unimaginable horrors of concentration camps are still, thanks to the British, living in hellish Diaspora and will die without ever realizing their dream of living and working for Palestine.

We must never forget those sainted souls whose sacrifices sanctify and glori-

... NEWS FROM ...

PALESTINE**Trade Delegation Success**

London (ZOA)—Jewish Palestine's Trade delegation to this country comprised of representatives of organizations and individual firms revealed here that its mission "met with considerable success."

The delegation found many shortages in Britain, which preclude export to Palestine, but has also succeeded in clearing up other difficulties which had arisen owing to insufficient contact. The delegation hoped that now it will be possible to import many things independent of the Mid East Supply Center, because only articles of which there is still a shortage everywhere remain under control of the Mid East Supply Center.

The delegation has recommended the establishment of a permanent office in Britain to continue the work of the mission.

The delegation also submitted a memorandum to the British government to treat Palestine's industries on a par with its own and to permit Palestine to conclude reciprocal trade agreements with a "most favored nation" clause. This would stop the prewar practice of dumping which now constitutes the most serious potential threat to Palestine industry.

The memorandum requests that quotas for raw materials and semi-manufactured goods be allocated to Palestine's industry in accordance with the needs of the country. Pointing to the importance of a balanced economy in Palestine, attention is drawn to the reconversion of Palestine's industry to peacetime production, and its need to employ a large number of the 30,000 Jewish volunteers when they are demobilized, and a large number of Jews from Europe.

fy Palestine, and their eager love for the very soil which feeds not only the roots and seeds of agriculture but the seeds of our inherent culture and the roots of our spiritual heritage. Our responsibility to them must never tire. Concerning them we address the words of that lover of humanity—Abraham Lincoln: "It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unselfish work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced."

Time to Renew Your Membership**BREWSTER—CELLAR PUSH
PALESTINE ISSUES**

Among those important personalities who last month visited Los Angeles was Congressman Emanuel Cellar, a staunch Zionist, who is touring the country to arouse public opinion against the White Paper and Senator Ralph Owen Brewster of Maine, who spoke before large Christian and Jewish groups pleading for their help for Palestine. In an exclusive statement to the Hollywood Zionist Congressman Emanuel Cellar stated: "For over 40 years Zionists have mistaken philanthropy for political action. Now is the time to fight for the cause of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, because we will achieve our aim only by fighting for it—as all worthwhile things are obtained that way."

In a press conference Senator Brewster said:

"President Truman has asked Prime Minister Attlee to permit 100,000 Jews from Germany to migrate at once to the Jewish homeland. But the British have agreed only to allow 1500 a month—a mere trickle.

"The British should not be given a \$5,000,000,000 loan until they keep their commitments to us in this matter. Under the Coolidge convention of 1925 it was agreed to permit unrestricted Jewish emigration to Palestine.

"The British are holding to the subsequent white paper of 1939 which denied the promises of the Balfour declaration," he said.

"The British claim," Sen. Brewster continued, "that they do not allow this because of Arab pressure against it. This is not their real reason. Most of the Arab agitation is synthetic and it is pretty clear how it is stimulated. The British want to appear to be put into the position of championing Arab interests, thus they hope to have the support of the 35,000,000 Moslems in the Near East, to say nothing of political advantages in India.

"Thus you see the British are using the Hitler technique of making the Jews a red herring."

**Palestine Year
Book Ready**

The publication of a *Palestine Year Book*, containing a survey of the past year's events in the Jewish National Homeland, and in the Zionist movement in this country and abroad, was recently announced by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Z. O. A.

The volume is edited by Sophie A. Udin, librarian of the Zionist Library and Archives. It comprises 15 sections which embrace all major aspects regarding Palestine's upbuilding and the growth of the Zionist movement. There is a foreword by Dr. Israel Goldstein, and an introduction by Judge Louis E. Levinthal, chairman of the publication committee of the Z. O. A.

Education Report

The Education Committee met on October 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard H. Arnold. Twenty persons attended. Because Jewish Book Month will be observed during November, it was agreed that part of that month's general meeting be devoted to a program apropos of the event.

Prominent Jewish writers will discuss: "Highlights of Modern Hebrew Literature." A display of books, periodicals and newspapers will be shown at that time. A book drive is also being sponsored by the H.Z.D.

Nathan Bloch, our film chairman, will open his home to a card party, Saturday evening, November 3. Proceeds of this affair will be used for the purchase of books. Our library will be located at the Gans Book Store on Fairfax Avenue.

Mr. Bloch gave an interesting review of the "March of Time" film short on Palestine, which is being currently shown in all leading cinema theatres. No one should fail to see it.

A well-planned radio program has been worked out by our Committee. Dr. Joseph Jasin, North Hollywood rabbi, and head of our speakers' bureau, has performed a signal service to Zionism. Representing the H.Z.D., he has presented the case of the Jewish State to Christian groups.

Dr. Israel Schapiro, retired chief of the Semitics Division of the Library of Congress, made an interesting talk on current Hebrew literature. Refreshments were served by our gracious hosts.

\$500,000 Fund Launched

New York, N. Y.—The launching of a \$500,000 Expansion Fund to carry out its expanded program of activities for the ensuing year, embracing the enlargement of its radio activities, Unity Committee for Palestine, Publications, Palestine Immigration Service, Economic Department and Youth, was approved at a meeting of the National Executive of the Zionist Organization of America held recently with Dr. Israel Goldstein, presiding. The exact allocation of the Fund to the various projects is to be determined by the incoming administration which will be elected at the 48th Annual Convention of the Organization to be held on November 16th through 20th in Atlantic City, N. J.

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Members are urgently requested to send in their dues to cover the fiscal year 1945-1946. Never was it more necessary to act promptly. To carry on our work money is required, and the burning issues which now confront Jewry, the world over, should be sufficient incentive to do our part. Please act promptly.

CIO HEAD WARNS ATTLEE ON WHITE PAPER

New York, N. Y.—Declaring that he spoke for the entire membership of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, Philip Murray, President of the CIO cabled Prime Minister Clement Attlee of Great Britain a sharp protest against reports that the British Cabinet will continue the Palestine White Paper.

Text of the cable follows: "Reports that British Cabinet favors continuation of Palestine White Paper policy with slight modification are causing consternation here stop American Labor which together with British labor has repeatedly endorsed Jewish aspirations in Palestine cannot believe that solemn pledges to Jewish people will now be forgotten. If White Paper is to continue, American public opinion is certain to react vigorously. It is bound to have harmful effect on Anglo-American relations. Speaking for entire membership of Congress of Industrial Organizations I respectfully urge you to avert this cruel blow to the Jewish people and to bring about fulfillment of the promise of unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine."

In making public the text of the cable, Mr. Murray, who is honorary chairman of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine, pointed out that the 1944 Convention of the CIO unanimously adopted a resolution calling for abrogation of the White Paper, unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine, and its ultimate reconstitution as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

"American Firster"

Rabbi Elmer Berger, anti-Zionist extraordinary, has been generously praised by Gerald K. Smith, "The Cross and the Flag."

"Rabbi Elmer Berger has been touring the nation urging Jews to be Americans first and Jews second. The *B'nai B'rith Messenger*, official *B'nai B'rith* organ in Los Angeles, as well as the *Los Angeles Jewish Voice*, virtually accused the Rabbi of being a traitor to his people because of his opposition to the Zionist idea. Rabbi Berger seems to be an American Firster. Jews will do well to accept some practical advice from the Rabbi."

Welcome, New Members

Charles Z. Bronk	Jack Muehlstein
Sam Davis	Harry Neiderman
Sidney Gebel	Myron Neiderman
Dr. Marion Goldwasser	Harold Plotkin
Rudolf Guttman	Erwin Pollak
Jacob B. Hervis	Saul Rabino
Annette Kallis	P. J. Schwartz
Joseph Kass	Miss Jerry Simon
Melvin Katleman	Charles Ventura
Anne Kaufman	Ray Weiser
George M. Kaufman	J. Weissbluth
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David Lando	Jacob White
Dr. Charles Lerner	Mrs. Rose Zimmerman
Mrs. Rose Marcus	

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Rabbi Judah L. Hahn, our guest speaker, is an educator, lecturer and author of note. He is the only Rabbi in the U. S. and Canada to be awarded the Silver Beaver Medal by the Boy Scouts of America for outstanding services to the organization. Rabbi Hahn was also awarded the Scroll of Honor by Histadruth and his name was inscribed in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund for meritorious services rendered in the cause of Zionism. He is an authority on Greek and Latin, and his aid to the Y. M. C. A. in Greece in connection with the translation of the Bible into Greek, was highly commended by the officials of that organization.

Coordination Zionist Council Formed

At a meeting of representatives of the several Zionist Districts in and about Los Angeles, the Coordinating Council of Zionists Districts of Southern California was formed. The following officers were elected to serve for six months: President, Monte Sindeman; Vice President, Sol Glickman; Secretary, Dr. Arthur Turbow. Dr. Charles Brown well-known community worker, through whose efforts the Council was created, was the Chairman of the organization meeting. A standing vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Brown for his tireless efforts in bringing the Council into being.

The formation of Council augurs well the kind of coordination which in the future can be expected in Zionist groups. Through its efforts potential leadership can be developed and it can serve as a unifying influence upon local Zionist bodies.

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H. Z. D. Youth Organization

The Hollywood Zionist Youth organization met on September 27, at the Synagogue Center, Olympic and Dunsmuir, through the courtesy of Mr. Bernard Arnold, president of the Synagogue. Guest representatives of other Youth Groups participated. A highly interesting program followed the business meeting. Dr. Monte Salvin showed a travel movie of Palestine and the Near East taken by him during his trip to that part of the world. Dr. Salvin's description of the places shown, added greatly to this interesting and entertaining film presentation.

Dr. Joseph Jasin, noted Rabbi and psychologist, gave a talk on "Opportunities of Youth and Its Relationship to Zionism." This was followed by questions from the audience. A lively discussion, in which all participated, proved the interest which the speaker created, after which refreshments were served. All agreed that this was one of the finest meetings of the Youth Group.

An announcement was made by Dr. Monte Salvin, President of the Hollywood Zionist District, regarding participation in the Youth Commission.

The Youth Group will participate in the parade on November 1, sponsored by the local Zionist organization.

A basketball team has been formed. We challenge all comers. High school students are invited to join us in our important work. (Telephone Martin Salvin at CR-1-7312.

CALL TO ACTION

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dressed to British Ambassador Lord Halifax, was signed on the spot by the audience and mailed in batches by the thousands.

Repercussions of this performance were felt throughout the nation. The National Emergency Council has recommended that vigorous demonstrations be made everywhere. The most spectacular development, locally, is the spreading interest in a parade of city-wide proportion in which all Zionists and sympathizers will participate. The march will wind up on the steps of the City Hall. November first has been set aside for this event. The Los Angeles Emergency Zionist Council, which represents all Zionist groups in this city, has issued directives which, in addition to the parade, contain these suggestions: telegrams to President Tru-

Membership Report

Ours is not merely an organization. It is more; it is a crusade. Human life and Jewish destiny depend upon what Zionists, in their individual organizations, do to promote the common objective.

As Membership Chairman I have made the promise that I would double the current membership within a year. Obviously, I cannot do that job alone. No worthwhile campaign is the result of one man's efforts. A successful organizational campaign is the creation of the collective energies of all the members.

I need not explain the importance of having strong Zionist bodies throughout the country. The daily press, the other mediums, tell the harrowing story of Jewry's predicament with graphic tragedy. In this community you must do your share as thousands of other Jews are doing throughout the nation. You, too, must be actively engaged in the great work of saving our people from inevitable death and securing to them, Palestine as their National Home.

How interested are you in keeping these Jews alive? Search your own conscience for the answer. I am positive that it will convince you to make the effort—NOW—to get at least one or more members—*Sidney Schneir.*

New Z. O. A. Radio Program

Washington — The Zionist Organization of America has returned to the air with a brand new series of 26 weekly broadcasts entitled "The Drama of Palestine," sequel to the program "Palestine Speaks" which has won such high acclaim throughout the country.

The new ZOA radio programs dramatize real life stories on the European-Jewish scene and the role which is being played by Jewish Palestine in rescuing from extinction the remnants of European Jews who survived Nazi mass extermination program. The gallantry of the Jewish Brigade on the battlefields, and the contributions which the Jewish members of the armed forces of the United Nations made to final victory, will be featured.

man by individuals, letters to the editors of newspapers, a mass meeting of all Rabbis for prayer and protest.

The Hollywood Zionist District is represented on the Emergency Zionist Council, and is expected to play an important role in the program. Further reference will be made to this vital event at our mass meeting.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Significant statements were recently made to the Hollywood Zionists by local leaders of the community. Among them were Harry Bauman, member of the National Administrative Committee, who made an appeal to Zionist leadership in Los Angeles. Mr. Bauman said: "In this tragic hour of the Zionist movement the call for concerted action and Zionist unity becomes more and more urgent . . . We dare not fail this great historic challenge fate has placed upon us. Let us pool all our resources, material as well as physical, toward the establishment of a democratic Jewish community in Eretz Israel."

From Dr. Harry S. May, newly appointed Regional Director of the Western Area: "I send my greetings and best wishes for the coming year to the Hollywood Zionist District. May the New Year bring us fulfillment of our aim for a Jewish Commonwealth in Eretz Israel. Let us work towards this end in unity and with determination."

Our congratulations to the City Terrace Zionist District and the Huntington Park Zionist District on the occasion of their respective installations of officers for the ensuing year. We feel that the organization of new Districts is a good sign of the times. At last Jewish communities are awakening to the fact that large memberships and the creation of new leaders are our best weapons of defense against the enemies of the Jewish National Home.

Another notable event took place in our city on Sunday, October 7, at the Ambassador Hotel under the sponsorship of the Jewish National Fund. One thousand people gathered in the large Embassy Room and cheerfully made their contributions for purchasing land in Palestine. Congressman Cellar was the Guest of Honor. A beautiful program of Palestinian music by the Youth Division and recitations of Palestine life were presented.

HITLER - MUFTI

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campaign of pressure aiming at the release of the ex-Mufti from his present detention in France, where he is under house arrest. Spokesmen of the Arab League in Cairo, as well as of the nationalistic Arab groups in Palestine, have repeatedly demanded that Amin el Husseini be exonerated of any responsibility for his anti-Allied activities during the war, and that he be allowed to return to Palestine, presumably to resume his violent anti-British, anti-Jewish and anti-democratic activities.