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SUMMARY OF PROGRAM

PRE-CONVENTION

Thursday, May 20, 1965

DEDICATION OF B'NAI B'RITH LIBRARY AT S'DE BOKER. Members of the Board of Governors and some 200 other delegates attended a brief dedication ceremony opening the B'nai B'rith Library at the Midrasha (College of the Negev) at S'de Boker. Among other purposes, the Library will house the private books and papers of David Ben-Gurion. Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith; Dr. Yehoshua Mazur, president of District 14 *(Israel);* Rabbi Morris Adler, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Adult Jewish Education Commission, and Rabbi Jay Kaufman, Executive Vice President of B'nai B'rith, participated in the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Gurion led the visitors on an inspection tour of the building.

Mr. Katz and Mr. Ben-Gurion addressed a luncheon reception tendered by Kibbutz S'de Boker.

Saturday, May 22, 1965

DEDICATION OF EDDIE JACOBSON AUDITORIUM. The 600-seat auditorium in the B'nai B'rith Building in Tel Aviv was dedicated to the memory of Eddie Jacobson of Kansas City, Mo.

Louis Kranitz of St. Joseph, Mo. *(District 2),* vice president of B'nai B'rith, presided.

A. J. Granoff of Kansas City, Mo., a past president of District 2, read the following message from former President Harry S Truman:

> I have had the good fortune to enjoy the friendship of a great many people through my years of public service. Inevitably, a few persons occupied a special place in my mind and in my heart. That is the place Eddie Jacobson has always rated with me and always will. I always felt very comfortable in Eddie's presence. His devotion, his friendship, his loyalty, his modesty and integrity were always there. I trusted him implicitly. I never knew him to ask for anything that was either improper or for selfish motives.
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> And when the day came when Eddie Jacobson was persuaded to forego his natural reluctance to petition me, and he came to talk to me about the plight of the Jews and the struggles confronting the State of Israel then being formed, I paid careful attention. Although my sympathies were already active and present in the cause of the State of Israel, it is a fact of history that Eddie Jacobson's contribution was of decisive importance. He deserves all the recognition that he is now receiving, and his name should be forever enshrined in the history of the Jewish people.

Others who participated in the dedicatory program were U. S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour; Judge Joseph Lamm, past president of B'nai B'rith District 14 *(Israel);* Mrs. Bluma Jacobson, widow of Eddie Jacobson; and Miss Hazel Borenstine, a niece.

Sunday, May 23, 1965

DEDICATION OF B'NAI B'RITH MARTYRS' FOREST ARCHWAY. A special morning dedication and memorial service was held at the Martyrs' Forest in the Judean Hills near Jerusalem. A stone archway constructed at the roadway entrance to the Martyrs' Forest and its sanctuary was dedicated. President Katz; Jacob Tsur of Jerusalem, president of the Jewish National Fund; and Meyer Halperin of New York, Samuel Levitsky of Philadelphia, and Fred Monosson of Boston, members of the B'nai B'rith Commission on Israel, participated in the dedication.

A memorial service was conducted at the sanctuary by Rabbi Harry Kaplan, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Ohio State University. The *El Moleh Rachamim* was chanted by Rabbi Yaakov Samek.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Sunday, May 23, 1965

OPENING SESSION. Convened at the *Binyanei Ha'uma,* Jerusalem. Sydney A. Hellenbrand of New York *(District 1),* vice president of B'nai B'rith and chairman of the Committee for the 1965 Convention, presided.

The chorus of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at The Hebrew University led the assembly in *Hatikvah.*

Greetings were extended to the Convention by Rabbi Issar Y. Unterman, Chief Ashkenazic Rabbi of Israel; Dr. Yehoshua Mazur, president of B'nai B'rith District 14 *(Israel);* Mrs. Arthur G. Rosenbluth of New York, president of B'nai B'rith Women, and Louis Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency.

President Zalman Shazar of the State of Israel was unable to participate personally because of illness. His message to the Convention was read by Rabbi Kaufman. Me. Paul Jacob of Mulhouse, France *(District 19),* a vice president of B'nai B'rith, responded to President Shazar's message.

Sidney G. Kusworm of Dayton *(District 2),* treasurer of B'nai B'rith, delivered a memorial tribute to the late Honorary President Frank Goldman.

Mr. Katz delivered the President's Message on the State of the Order.

Billy B. Goldberg of Houston *(District 7),* a member of the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors, responded to the President's Message.

Monday, May 24, 1965

MORNING SESSION. Convened at the B'nai B'rith Building, Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Kaufman delivered an address on *"B'nai B'rith and Am Yisrael."*

Judge David Coleman of Los Angeles *(District 4),* a vice president of B'nai B'rith and chairman of the B'nai B'rith Evaluation Committee, reported to the Convention on the work of the Evaluation Committee.

Convention Committees met at the conclusion of the morning session.

EVENING SESSION. Convened at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Morris Adler delivered an address on *"The Culture of Am Yisrael."*

Abba Eban, Deputy Prime Minister of the State of Israel, delivered an address on *"The Role of the State in Am Yisrael."*

Tuesday, May 25, 1965

MORNING SESSION. Convened at the B'nai B'rith Building, Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Jack J. Cohen, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at The Hebrew University, delivered an address on *"Jewish Youth and Am Yisrael."*

A Convention business session followed.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Convened at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv.

David Ben-Gurion delivered an address on *"The Mission of Am Yisrael."*

A Convention business session follwoed.

EVENING SESSION. Convened at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv.

Service of Remembrance.

Golda Meir, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel, delivered an address on *"The Political Realities of Am Yisrael."*

Wednesday, May 26, 1965

MORNING SESSION. Convened at the B'nai B'rith Building, Tel Aviv.

Maurice Bisgyer, past executive vice president of B'nai B'rith, delivered an address on *"The Universality of Am Yisrael."*

A Convention business session followed.

EVENING SESSION. Convened at the Amphitheatre, Caesarea.

Philip M. Klutznick, honorary president of B'nai B'rith, presided.

The Inbal Dancers performed.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol delivered an address on *"The Unity of Am Yisrael."* Mr. Eshkol concluded with a presentation to Mr. Katz on behalf of the State of Israel.

Harry B. Friedman, of Texarkana, Ark. *(District 7)*, a vice president of B'nai B'rith, made a presentation to Mr. Katz on behalf of District 7.

Mr. Klutznick presented Mr. Katz with a *Sefer Torah* on behalf of B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Katz responded with a brief address.

Thursday, May 27, 1965

MORNING SESSION. Convened at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv.

The session was devoted to Nominations and Elections.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Convened at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv.

The session was devoted to Convention business.

EVENING SESSION. Convened at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv.

Kirk Douglas, the actor, briefly addressed the Convention in an unannounced appearance.

Dr. William A. Wexler of Savannah *(District 5)* was installed by Mr. Justice Arthur J. Goldberg of the U. S. Supreme Court as President of B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Justice Goldberg concluded the Convention with an address on *"The Heritage of Am Yisrael."*

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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Memorial tributes were paid to PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY of the United States, by MAX J. SCHNEIDER of New York (District 1); PRESIDENT ITZHAK BEN ZVI of Israel, by JUDGE SHALOM KASSAN of Haifa (District 14); and SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL of Great Britain, by JACK MORRISON of London (District 15).

RABBI BENJAMIN M. KAHN, national director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, conducted a memorial service honoring the memory of the following members and former members of the Supreme Lodge who had died during the triennial period:

District 1

QUINCY I. ABRAMS
S. ARTHUR GLIXON
FRANK GOLDMAN

District 2

JACOB L. LORIE
RABBI SAMUEL S. MAYERBERG
MORTON E. RABIN
SAMUEL I. SIEVERS

District 3

DAVID YELEN

District 4

EDGAR C. LEVEY
DAVID ROBINSON
JESSE H. STEINHART

District 5

MAX G. BRESLAUER
JULIUS FISHER
JOSEPH M. FROMBERG
ALBERT I. GOLDBERG
ISAAC GRADMAN

District 6

GOTTFRIED D. BERNSTEIN
BERNARD C. BOLOTIN
MORRIS D. BROWNSTEIN
JULIUS M. KAHN
HARRY LASHKOWITZ
ISRAEL B. PADWAY
LOUIE PICKUS
JACK WISEMAN

District 7

RABBI EMIL W. LEIPZIGER
RICHARD M. MARCUS
A. LEO OBERDORFER
HAROLD OSTER
SIMON WAMPOLD

District 19

DR. EDWIN GUGGENHEIM

District 22

HARRY CARREL
E. T. GARFINKLE
MARCUS M. SPERBER

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

CREDENTIALS AND RULES

Report presented by MAXWELL S. LEWIS, Q. C., *of Toronto (District 22), chairman*

The rules of this Convention shall be as follows:

1. The proceeding of the Convention shall be opened each day with prayer.
2. The Convention shall open each morning at 9:30, unless otherwise ordered by the previous session.
3. Fifty members representing at least five districts shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
4. Resolutions shall be presented in writing by the proponents thereof to the Secretary of the Convention.
5. All written propositions shall be presented to the secretary to be numbered by him in the order received and be referred to the appropriate standing committee.
6. The presiding officer shall appoint all committees, except when otherwise directed by the convention.
7. The presiding officer may appoint a member other than the proponent of a resolution as chairman of the committee provided for by such resolution.
8. After the vote of any proposition is announced by the presiding officer, three members may call for a division which shall be held forthwith by a rising vote. The Secretary shall count those voting for and against the proposition and the Chair shall announce the result. If any number of delegates from three different districts demand the votes by ayes and nays it shall be so taken in which event the roll shall be called by the Secretary of all the delegates using therefor the district delegation lists and the votes shall be recorded and the results announced by the Chair.
9. No member shall speak more than once on any question not exceeding ten minutes, except by leave of the convention. A motion to extend the time or for permission to speak again shall not be debatable.
10. A member desiring to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer as "Brother President" and upon being recognized by the Chair such member shall then state his name, home city, and district he is representing at this convention.
11. Point of order shall be decided by the presiding officer and shall be subject to an appeal to the convention. A member may appeal from any decision of the Chair, and the question of such appeal shall be stated in this form: *"Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"* During the decision on the appeal, the presiding officer from whom the appeal is taken shall vacate the chair, but before so doing he shall designate a Vice President or some other member of the Board of Governors of the Order to preside. Appellant or such delegate as may be designated by appellant may discuss the grounds of his appeal, and the presiding officer, whose decision is appealed from may reply thereto. No one else may speak on the appeal. The question shall be

determined by a majority vote. To overrule the Chair a majority vote shall be required.

12. The following shall be deemed privileged questions not subject to debate, and shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated: (*a*) to adjourn; (*b*) to lay on the table; (c) to postpone indefinitely; (*d*) the previous question. A motion to refer to a committee shall be deemed a substitute motion and shall be subject to debate.

13. When a motion for the previous question has been made all debate shall cease and the presiding officer shall immediately ask, *"Shall the previous question be now put"* and if carried by a majority, the presiding officer shall then put (*1*) any other privileged motion; (2) the substitutes in the reverse order and if such be not carried then (3) an amendment to the amendment; (*4*) an amendment to an original motion; (5) the original question: provided, however, that the chairman of any standing committee whose report is under consideration or any one member designated by him in his place may close the debate on its report, ten minutes being allowed for such purpose notwithstanding that the previous question has been ordered.

14. There shall be but one amendment allowed to the main motion and but one amendment to the amendment. Substitute motions may be offered to a motion after amendments thereto have been offered, but such substitute shall not be subject to further amendment.

15. Any member may call for the reading of papers, referred to in the subject under consideration but no paper shall be reread more than once without leave of the convention.

16. All petitions and resolutions after having been read shall, unless otherwise ordered by the convention, be referred by the Chair to the proper standing committee without debate.

17.(a) The election of officers shall be a special order of business at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 27, 1965. The newly elected officers shall be installed on Thursday, May 27, 1965.

(b) For nominations and elections of members to all commissions, each District shall submit the names of their nominees to the Secretary, in writing, at one time, in the following order:

Anti-Defamation League Commission
B'nai B'rith Youth Commission
B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission
Vocational Service Commission
Commission on Citizenship, Veterans and Community Affairs
Adult Jewish Education Commission
Commission for Israel

(c) For nominations and elections of Vice-Presidents and members of the Board of Governors, and members of the Court of Appeals each District shall submit the names of its nominees in writing to the Secretary, at one time.

(d) For nomination and election of the President of the Order, each District shall be called upon in numerical order. There shall be one nominating speech of not more than fifteen minutes for each candidate, and not more than three seconding speeches of not more than five minutes each for each candidate.

18. The Supreme Lodge shall not resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

19. The convention may by a majority vote go at any time into executive session and during such sessions none but delegates shall be permitted to attend.

20. A member who has discussed a pending question shall not be permitted while holding the floor, either during or at the end of his discussion, to move the previous question, to move to lay on the table, or to postpone indefinitely.

21. Unless a member attends each day the sessions of the convention and until its final adjournment he shall not be entitled to receive payment of his expenses, unless his absence is excused by the convention.

22. All propositions for changes of or amendments to the Constitution, and all matters falling within the province of any standing committee, shall be presented to the convention not later than the adjournment of the Monday afternoon session, unless received by consent of at least two-thirds of the delegates present.

23. These rules shall not be suspended, repealed or changed, except by a two-thirds vote of the members present; except that *Rule* 2 may be changed by a majority vote.

24. All propositions or resolutions submitted or referred to the several committees shall be reported out by each of said committees, indicating the action taken upon such propositions or resolutions, either affirmatively or adversely, or a substitute proposal be offered, in order that the proponents of any such resolutions may have an opportunity to move for consideration of any such resolutions by the convention as a whole.

25. Action of the convention on any subject matter referred to more than one convention committee, or reported by more than one convention committee, should not be taken until the convention has before it the report of all such committees.

26. Matters of order not specifically provided for by the rules of the Convention shall be determined according to parliamentary usage as embodied in Robert's Rules of Order.

27. This will ratify the action of the President of the Order who has appointed the following Convention Committees:

Adult Jewish Education
Anti-Defamation League
B'nai B'rith Youth Organization
Budget and Finance
Community Services
Constitution and Laws
Credentials and Rules
Hillel
International Affairs
Israel
Membership
President's Message and the State of the Order
Publications and Public Information
Resolutions
Resources and Development
Vocational Service

The report of the COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RULES *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on Credentials and Rules: MR. LEWIS, chairman; ROBERT I. LIPTON (District 5) co-chairman; IRVING RUBINSTEIN (District 1); LARRY MISHKIN (District 2); PHILIP LAX and MAX ROSENN (District 3); BILL LEVINE (District 4); BEN Z. GLASS (District 6); MILTON T. SMITH (District 7); LYON FAINER (District 22); MRS. HAROLD REFOWICH (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultant: CARL N. WEINSTEIN.

EVALUATION COMMITTEE

JUDGE DAVID COLEMAN of Los Angeles *(District 4)*, chairman of the Evaluation Committee which had submitted its report preliminary to the Convention, in an address to the delegates, reviewed the historical development of the Committee and the process it pursued. He said that the Committee had adopted the view that the goals and purposes of B'nai B'rith must continue to be responsive to the changing needs of the Jewish community, that they must be clearly defined and forward-looking, exciting the imagination of the membership; yet they must be realistic and attainable.

Judge Coleman reported some of the preliminary results of an Evaluation Committee survey conducted among B'nai B'rith's leadership. He cautioned that the survey was still in its first stages—only 32% of the anticipated responses had been recorded—and could not yet be fully interpreted. He said that complete findings of the survey, and of a parallel study of the membership, would be available at a later date.

The following Evaluation Committee recommendations were referred to appropriate Convention committees:

1. *An Evaluation Committee consisting of one representative of each North American District and one representative of the B'nai B'rith Women, to be appointed by the President at the start of each triennium, and to meet as frequently as required.*
2. *Amendment to the Constitution providing for a system of staggering the terms of office of Vice Presidents, commencing in 1968.*
3. *The President to be empowered to appoint, with the approval of the Board of Governors, a Presidential Cabinet, consisting of four members of the Board of Governors in addition to the President, that shall meet at the call of the President for the purpose of consultation on major decisions that need to be made when the Administrative Committee or Board of Governors is not in session.*
4. *Further studies to clarify the relationship between the Supreme Lodge and Districts.*
5. *Appointment by the President of a special committee to consider the desirability and feasibility of a realignment of North American Districts.*
6. *Organization of local conferences of B'nai B'rith staff personnel, under the guidance of the Executive Vice President, for the purpose of promoting better communications among the agencies of B'nai B'rith. The Committee also recommended annual local conferences of board members of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and B'nai B'rith Vocational Service, under the leadership of fund-raising personnel, for the purpose of fostering better communications and collaboration in B'nai B'rith fund raising activities.*
7. *The President to meet annually with the chairmen and directors of B'nai B'rith commissions for the purpose of promoting better communications and cooperation among them.*
8. *A survey of leadership training in B'nai B'rith with a view to systematizing and otherwise improving this phase of operations.*
9. *A bi-weekly bulletin to be produced by the public relations department for distribution among B'nai B'rith leaders.*

10. a. *Amendment to the Constitution vesting in the President the power to appoint the chairman of the International Council, who shall not be an officer of the Supreme Lodge. (This provision would not apply to Honorary Presidents.)*

    b. *An alternative recommendation providing that the chairman of the International Council be elected by the Council in conformity with present Constitutional provisions applicable to B'nai B'rith commissions, but that the President be ineligible to serve as chairman of the Council. Further, any matter of international policy recommended by the International Council be subject to ratification by the Board of Governors.*

11. *The International Council to explore ways of establishing appropriate relationships with the various B'nai B'rith agencies that are engaged in international work, and with lodges.*
12. *The International Council to study the advisability and feasibility of shifting the emphasis of its central funds from administration to program.*
13. *An amendment to the Constitution providing that henceforth "District Grand Lodge" shall be known as "District No. —."*
14. *The next Evaluation Committee to be asked to undertake a review of the entire Constitution.*

ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION

Report presented by LOUIS KRANITZ *of St. Joseph, Mo. (District 2), chairman*

The greatest threat to Jewish life today is from within. Parallel with the affluence and security of Jews in the free world is the gradual deterioration of Judaism. Formerly the assaults were from without—in the form of anti-Semitism and persecution—and Judaism itself was wholesome and intact within. The situation in our time is totally reversed. Jews are secure, but it is Judaism itself that is daily becoming more attenuated.

In the light of this situation, we must reconsider our priorities. No organization of the scope and importance of B'nai B'rith can be said to grapple with the fundamental challenges of Jewish life today if it fails to give primary importance to the subject of Jewish education. Jewish adults without Jewish values can neither shape nor sustain a Jewish community congenial to the sensitivities and qualities we strive to inculcate in our children through our Hebrew and religious schools. Thus, in a sense, the community undermines the work of our system of child education. This conflict can be resolved and the opponents made allies only by a far-reaching, imaginative program of adult Jewish education.

The importance of adult Jewish education as one of first consideration cannot be a matter of pronouncement and verbal affirmation alone. It must be reflected in prestige, effort, budget and the commitment of our leadership.

To help translate this goal into reality, the Convention Committee on Adult Jewish Education strongly urges the adoption of the following resolutions, as a means of affirming B'nai B'rith's resolve to strengthen Jewish loyalties and values in the world Jewish community:

1. **Be it resolved that the Supreme Lodge commend the Commission on Adult Jewish Education for its work and urge it to strengthen and enlarge its program of adult Jewish education in the world Jewish community.**

The Resolution authorizes the Commission to embark upon a broad, imaginative program designed to reach adult Jews on all levels. In so doing, we recommend that the Commission seek out outstanding Jewish teachers and scholars to interpret Jewish culture and history; experiment with new methods for the dissemination of Jewish knowledge to an increasing number of adults; enlarge and intensify its present program of formal and informal patterns of adult study—in homes, institutes and lodge and chapter meetings; create texts and materials suited for such a program; and co-operate with other agencies and institutions working in this field in a concerted assault upon Jewish ignorance.

2. **Be it resolved that the quarterly magazine Jewish Heritage be made available to every B'nai B'rith member.**

Jewish Heritage, the Commission's illustrated quarterly, enjoys tremendous prestige and has found a real niche for itself in the world Jewish community, counting among its subscribers and contributors hundreds of rabbis, scholars and Jewish leaders in many countries. Despite the accolades, however, B'nai B'rith support lags, with many members remaining in total ignorance of the magazine's existence. Indeed, barely 50% of its present subscriptions (approximately 10,000) derives from B'nai B'rith membership.

To overcome this situation, the Convention urges the Supreme Lodge Board of Governors to devise ways and means to make possible a subscription to this valuable publication for every B'nai B'rith member.

3. **Be it resolved that all B'nai B'rith officers be encouraged to participate personally in some form of Adult Jewish Education.**

At a time when knowledge of Jewish life and values is becoming increasingly indispensable for leadership in the world Jewish community, B'nai B'rith cannot afford to lag in this vital area.

If the program of adult Jewish education is to achieve its fullest objectives, it must exert every effort to keep B'nai B'rith leaders on all levels continuously informed about Jewish life and Jewish issues. To this end, the Supreme Lodge urges all officers on every level of B'nai B'rith activity to engage actively in some form of Jewish study by attending B'nai B'rith institutes of Judaism and/or study-discussion groups, and familiarizing themselves with the contents of *Jewish Heritage*, B'nai B'rith Books and other publications dealing with Jewish themes and issues.

Since membership takes its cue from leadership, it follows that the active involvement of leaders in Jewish study will of necessity induce greater membership participation and thus raise the levels of B'nai B'rith activity as a whole.

4. **Be it resolved that the Commission on Adult Jewish Education be empowered to develop instrumentalities, by utilizing experts in language instruction and all available modern methods and techniques, for the greater diffusion of the knowledge of Hebrew among adults.**

5. **Be it resolved that the Supreme Lodge Board of Governors be urged to allocate available funds to the Commisson on Adult Jewish Education on the basis of the new problems, challenges, needs and opportunities within the world Jewish community.**

The rapid growth in importance of B'nai B'rith's adult Jewish education program was recognized by the last Supreme Lodge Triennial Convention (1962) when it voted to remove the fifty cents per capita assessment on which the Commission budget had been based in order "to provide a budget for the AJE Commission in excess" of previous years.

Despite the above resolution and the rapid escalation of requests for field services and materials, the budget of the Commission has declined steadily since 1962. In that year, the budget was $99,277; in 1963, the budget was reduced to $97,750; in 1964, an additional and larger deduction of $2,472 was introduced; in 1965, a slight increase to $100,599 covers only essential salary adjustments. Thus, while B'nai B'rith's adult education program grows apace, staff and budget remain at a standstill. Every year the amount available for adult Jewish education services to B'nai B'rith lodges and chapters has declined rather than increased. While in 1961, 44.2% of the budget was available for AJE programming, the present budget available for services and program is only slightly about 30%—and this with an accelerated program constantly demanding the expenditure of greater sums.

In order for the Commission, therefore, to meet the new challenges and demands and to continue to bring status and prestige to B'nai B'rith for the Order's presently acknowledged leadership in this vital area of Jewish concern, it is imperative that sufficient funds be made available. In this way the Commission would immediately be enabled to expand its services to B'nai B'rith lodges and chapters and to embark upon a bold new program of adult Jewish education for the enhancement of Jewish life.

The report of the COMMITTEE ON ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on Adult Jewish Education: MR. KRANITZ, chairman; BILL LEVINE (District 4) and ISADORE MARKUS (District 22), co-chairmen; HY CHIPKIN, LOUIS GREENBERG, HYMAN SCHONZEIT and HARRY WATERSTON (District 1); MAX SOFFER (District 2); JACK SINGER and SIDNEY SOBEL (District 3); JULIUS SAMSON (District 4); DR. SOL NEIDICH (District 5); JOSEPH FOX, ALFRED BOUNIN, ESAU COHODES and DR. LEON FELLMAN (District 6); EMILE GROSSBART (District 7); MRS. SAUL NISKER (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultant: MRS. LILY EDELMAN.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

Report presented by DANIEL L. BRENNER *of Kansas City (District 2) chairman.*

The Committee heard Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the League, and Arnold Forster, its general counsel, summarize ADL activities during the three-year period. They reported unprecedented activity and major achievement, emphasizing the role of ADL in civil rights, the Ecumenical Council, Soviet anti-Semitism, anti-Jewish discrimination and counteraction to the Radical Right.

The detailed ADL report is contained in the BOOK OF REPORTS distributed to Convention delegates.

The essence of ADL's contribution to the community can be summed up in the words of President Lyndon Johnson on his acceptance of the ADL award:

> "I am most grateful to B'nai B'rith and the Anti-Defamation League. They have the gratitude of this nation. In your half century of fighting discrimina-

tion, you have never tired, you have never faltered, you have never lost faith in your cause, and your cause has given faith to your nation. . . . Wherever your torches burn, there tolerance, decency and charity have been illuminated. . . . Bigots and bias hide whenever you come into view, but you are much more than anti-prejudice. . . . You are pro-justice and you are pro-freedom."

1. The ADL national executive committee recommended that the number of vice-chairmen be increased from three to six and that there be created the office of assistant secretary. *Article IX, Section 58, Paragraph 2* of the By-Laws now provide as follows:

> *The Commission, so organized, shall meet annually. At the annual meeting following the Convention of the Supreme Lodge, the Commission shall select from among its membership a Chairman, three (3) Vice Chairmen, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a National Director who shall thereby be an officer of the Commission; all of whom shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are selected.*

When the ADL Commission was enlarged from 55 to 110 members at the 1962 Triennial, the new Commission decided that because of its increased size there would be need for an increased number of officers. At that time, the ADL By-Laws were amended to provide for six vice chairmen. Six such vice chairmen were elected at the 1963 annual meeting of the Commission and have been serving as *de facto* vice chairmen ever since. Since ADL became involved in independent fund raising in 1963, there has been a steady increase in the duties of the secretary of the Commission. The number of occasions has increased considerably when the signature of a secretarial officer is needed on checks, stocks, bonds and official documents. In 1964 the office of assistant secretary was created to cope with this need and such officer has been serving *de facto* ever since.

The following amendment to the Constitution was proposed:

> *The Commission, so organized, shall meet annually. At the annual meeting following the Convention of the Supreme Lodge, the Commission shall select from among its membership a Chairman, six (6) Vice Chairmen, a Treasurer, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary and a National Director who shall thereby be an officer of the Commission; all of whom shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are selected.*
>
> **The Committee unanimously recommended adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution.**

2. The ADL national executive committee recommended that the President of B'nai B'rith Women and the Chairman of the ADL committee of B'nai B'rith Women be members of the ADL national executive committee. *Article IX, Section 58, Paragraph 5* of the By-Laws now provides:

> *At each annual meeting of the Commission the Commission shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of the President and Executive Vice-President of the Order, the officers of the Commission, together with not less than seven (7) additional members of the Commission, one of whom shall be a representative from B'nai B'rith Women, a majority of the members of which Executive Committee must be members of the Order.*

B'nai B'rith Women has been playing an increasingly more important role in the affairs of ADL. According to the present By-Laws, 14 members of B'nai B'rith Women serve on the national commission. The President of B'nai B'rith Women now serves on the Commission by reason of her office. It is important that she should also serve on the executive committee in the same capacity, as should the ADL chairman of B'nai B'rith Women.

The following amendment to the Constitution was proposed:

At each annual meeting of the Commission the Commission shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of the President and Executive Vice-President of the Order, the President of B'nai B'rith Women and its ADL Committee Chairman, the officers of the Commission, together with not less than seven (7) additional members of the Commission, a majority of the members of which Executive Committee must be members of the Order.

The Committee unanimously recommended adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

3. The ADL national executive committee recommended that the language of the Constitution be changed from District "General Committee" to "Board of Governors or its equivalent." *Article IX, Section 59, Paragraph* 2, now provides:

If a vacancy shall occur among members of the Commission representing Districts, such vacancy shall be filled by the General Committee of that particular District Grand Lodge.

ADL has already changed its By-Laws to provide for the change in designation from "General Committee" to "Board of Governors." The above change merely conforms the language.

The following amendment to the Constitution was proposed:

If a vacancy shall occur among members of the Commission representing Districts, such vacancy shall be filled by the District Board of Governors or its equivalent, of that particular District Grand Lodge.

The Commission unanimously recommended adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

4. The Constitution provides that each North American District is entitled to three elected members to the ADL Commission. The total membership of the Commission is 110 of which 55 are elected or appointed members of B'nai B'rith, 50 are public members elected by the Commission and the remaining five are the President of B'nai B'rith, the Executive Vice-President of B'nai B'rith, the President of B'nai B'rith Women, the chairman of the League, and the national director of the League.

District No. 22, a North American District, was created since the last Convention and therefore has no representation on the Commission.

Accordingly, the Committee recommended

that the membership of the Commission be increased to 116, the additional six members to be made up of three to be elected by District No. 22 and three additional elected public members, so as to maintain a degree of parity between the number of public members and the elected and appointed B'nai B'rith members.

Since technical and legal matters are involved it is recommended that this Amendment become effective no later than December 31, 1965.

Benjamin Greenberg, ADL national treasurer, reviewing the financial status of the League and its fund-raising activities, reported that in 1962, the last year of the Joint Defense Appeal, ADL received $2,350,000. In the second year of the independent ADL Appeal, $3,500,000 was achieved. Mr. Greenberg urged continued vigorous support of B'nai B'rith and B'nai B'rith involvement in Welfare Fund campaigns so that the goal of $3,700,000 would be attained in 1965.

5. It was proposed that the Anti-Defamation League National Director reissue to the Anti-Defamation League staff a previous directive that the full name of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith must be used in all publications, releases and communications of the League.

The Committee recommended adoption of the proposal.

6. The Committee was advised that the Convention Committee on Resources and Development was considering problems of multiplicity of fund campaigns, the need for increased funds and the need for coordinated planning. The Committee received and discussed these items from the report of the Committee on Resources and Development.

The Committee unanimously endorsed the recommendations of the Convention Committee on Resources and Development.

The report of the COMMITTEE ON ANTI-DEFAMATION *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on Anti-Defamation: MR. BRENNER, chairman; JUDGE DAVID ROSE (District 1), co-chairman; SIDNEY RABINOWITZ, IRVING SIEGEL and DR. BEN ZOLOV (District 1); BARON GOLD and LOUIS MATUSOFF (District 2); HARRY JACOBS and MAX ROSENN (District 3); DAVID P. GOLDMAN and MERLE D. COHN (District 4); MAURICE STEINBERG (District 5); JULES CUBERNEK, MORRIS DIRENFELD, ABE JOHNSON, HIMAN S. IMBER, JOE E. SMITH (District 6); IRVING GERSON (District 7); DAVID S. KATZ (District 22); MRS. ISADORE BINSTOCK (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultants: BENJAMIN R. EPSTEIN and ARNOLD FORSTER.

B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Report presented by HARRY YUDKOFF *of Detroit (District 6), chairman.*

The Committee viewed with deep concern the problems confronting the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and sought to appraise realistically the current status of its affairs. Recognizing the obligations of BBYO to those areas of the Jewish community in which it serves, the Committee concluded that the services currently rendered, although meritorious in many respects, leave a great deal to be desired.

The Committee, reviewing the program qualitatively and quantitatively, found that at present there is, on the average, a single professional staff worker for every 36 youth chapters, whereas the generally accepted standard to achieve even minimal objectives is a ratio of one to 15. The Committee regarded one particular factor as having deterred BBYO in its desire to maintain higher standards of service for a greater number of youth—a lack of adequate financial support.

The Committee recognized that the staff is capable and has the benefit of excellent direction, that the materials provided are effective, and that the excellence of the program has been acclaimed by experts in the field. In addition, it found that BBYO enjoys the dedicated support of a multitude of loyal B'nai B'rith volunteers serving as advisors and in other capacities. But the Committee believed that the time was long past due for B'nai B'rith, and more particularly its leadership, to recognize the urgency for increasing financial support of this important segment of its activities.

The Committee affirmed that it is the solemn obligation of each delegate to recognize the part he must necessarily play to produce the additional sums required to maintain the high standards of quality of which Jewish youth are deserving, and at the same time serve the thousands of young persons anxious to participate in the program who are now merely names on waiting lists.

The Committee observed that the quality of the program should be a first and foremost consideration, and recommended that

> **Until such time as sufficient additional financial support is provided there be no further increase in the total number of groups and youth presently being served.**

There are 1,700 youth chapters with a total enrollment in excess of 45,000, as compared with 1,500 units serving 43,000 at the time of the last convention.

A substitute motion was proposed that

> **This Convention urges that the quality of service of the B'nai B'rith Youth program not be diminished and that within the resources available to it the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission implement the program to its fullest capacity.**

The substitute motion was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.

Since the B'nai B'rith is committed to the principle of voluntarism, having always encouraged the involvement of its members and the utilization of their services as advisors to B'nai B'rith youth groups, the Committee took note of a gap between the number of advisors required and available and recommended

> **An accelerated effort on the part of Districts and their respective constituent lodges and chapters to assist the BBYO staff in the recruitment of qualified advisors.**

The need for a Junior division in BBYO was brought to the attention of the Committee. The Committee acknowledged the validity of such a program but recommended

> **Until such time as financial resources permit an expansion of services, it would not be feasible to include age groups other than those now being served.**

The Committee recognized an urgent need for full implementation of the BBYO program in Israel. It noted that a number of years ago the International Council had tentatively allocated $26,000 to initiate a B'nai B'rith youth movement in Israel, but that the funds were forfeited when District 14 proposed that they be used to subsidize the Israel scout movement, whereas the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission and the allocations committee of the International Council maintained that the funds be utilized only for a B'nai B'rith youth movement. The Committee found that District 14 had since reversed its attitude and therefore recommended that

> **Provision be made for the allocation from the recent West German restitution payment of a sum that will provide $25,000 annually for a ten-year period to establish a BBYO program in Israel.**

Failing this, the Committee, although agreeing in principle with the need for such a program in Israel, was constrained with reluctance to conclude that there could be no alternative but to leave District 14 to its own resources for the support of such a program.

[*The recommendation was received without substantive action by the Convention.*]

The Committee, considering the gaps between Jewish youth abroad

and North American Jewish youth, and keeping in mind that BBYO is dedicated to the concept of *K'lal Yisrael,* recommended that

Districts outside North America examine more fully the purposes and objectives of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

Hopefully, as a result of such a review and in greater recognition of the impact of BBYO upon the respective communities involved, a more intense effort might be made to broaden the scope of BBYO in these areas through the employment of staff personnel. The Committee specifically suggested the possibility of BBYO directors for the European continent, for Great Britain, for Australia and New Zealand, for Central America and for South America, noting that in the absence of proper staff no progress can be contemplated toward the internationalization of BBYO.

The Committee recognized the need for more adequate facilities for youth leadership training—programs comparable to the one held annually at Camp B'nai B'rith—and the need for scholarship funds to assist in leadership training. The Committee expressed its regret that the current fiscal position does not permit consideration of these important programs at this juncture.

The Report of the CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION, *except as noted above, was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on B'nai B'rith Youth Organization: MR. YUDKOFF, chairman; I. BUDD ROCKOWER (District 3) and WALTER SCHELITZER (District 14), co-chairmen; HENRY A. COHEN, ARNOLD HENOCHSTEIN, MILTON KADISH, LESTER MACKTEZ and SEYMOUR PEARLMAN (District 1); MORLEY GLUSKOTER and DR. MARCUS GILMAN (District 2); ISADORE BOGIS, DR. A. A. BROTMAN and SAMUEL GILBERT (District 3); JACK SPITZER, HOWARD MICHEL and JACOB J. LIEBERMAN (District 4); LOUIS MIRMAN (District 5); MARVIN K. BAILIN, PAUL S. ELIAS, DAVID C. GOLDFINE, BENJAMIN I. MORRIS and OTTO F. WEINER (District 6); MURRAY EHRLICH (District 22); MRS. PHILIP BOBLASKY (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultant: ALEX BALZER.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Report presented by ISAAC WAGNER *of Chicago (District 6), chairman.*

The Convention Committee on Budget and Finance considered the financial state of the Order and reviewed fiscal operations of the B'nai B'rith Supreme Lodge and its agencies for the past triennial period.

The years 1962, 1963 and 1964 were turbulent, fraught with many fiscal disturbances and changes. During this period the dissolution of the Joint Defense Appeal took place—one of several events which could have severely shaken the fiscal stability of the Order. The resourcefulness and initiative of B'nai B'rith's leadership surmounted the difficulties. A successful fund-raising operation was established within the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and a successful B'nai B'rith 120th Anniversary campaign was initiated and carried out.

During the triennial period a B'nai B'rith Building in New York was purchased, and construction of the B'nai B'rith Building in Tel Aviv completed.

The Committee noted the gratifying development of B'nai B'rith's newest activity—the Members' Insurance Program, with its great promise of membership growth and its capacity to create a source of income which reached important proportions at a very crucial period.

The Special Evaluative Committee of the B'nai B'rith International Council requested that the Constitution be changed to remove the fifty cents per capita limitation on the budget of the International

Council, as now provided. The stated purpose of the proposed change is to permit the Supreme Lodge Board of Governors to augment the International Council budget from other sources. The proposal specifically was that Section 52 of the Constitution be changed to read as follows (new wording underscored):

> *"Every member of the Order shall pay annually, in addition to the per capita tax, as determined pursuant to the proceding Sections, if any, the sum of fifty cents, which shall be collected from each and every District Grand Lodge as a part of the membership dues in such manner as the District Grand Lodges (or the Board of Governors in the case of those Lodges under its direct jurisdiction) may prescribe and shall be remitted to the Board of Governors by the District Grand Lodges quarterly, which sum shall be a part of the General Fund and out of which sum, but not limited thereto, the Board of Governors shall provide the budget of the International Council established by Article XV."*
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> **The Committee recommends that under present conditions the limitation now contained in Section 52 be retained and that the request of the Special Evaluative Committee of the B'nai B'rith International Council be not approved.**

District 2 requested that Sections 134-135 of the Constitution be amended to provide relief to a lodge when a member leaves a city without a card of withdrawal or without formally resigning in writing.

The Committee voted to refer this matter without recommendation to the Convention Committee on Constitution and Laws.

The Committee reported the following recommendations:

1. **That the General Fund per capita for B'nai B'rith lodges in the United States and Canada for the ensuing three years, beginning January 1, 1965, shall be four dollars per year for the purposes now provided in Section 50 of the Constitution.**
2. **That per capita for the international phase of B'nai B'rith shall be fifty cents per year, to be levied on members of B'nai B'rith lodges in the United States and Canada, and also on those members residing abroad, as provided in Section 52 of the Constitution.**
3. **That the stand-by authority for the special emergency assessment of one dollar provided in Section 51 of the Constitution be continued for the ensuing triennial period.**

Report of the COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on Budget and Finance: MR. WAGNER, chairman; MAX J. SCHNEIDER (District 1) and MRS. MICHAEL SHAPIRO (B'nai B'rith Women), co-chairmen; JOSEPH BARKAN, HERMAN METZ and SYLVAN SOLOMON (District 1); MARTIN GLUCHOW and DONALD W. HARRIS (District 2); I. BUDD ROCKOWER and SIDNEY RUDOLPH (District 3); ALEC JACKSON (District 4); JULES BANK (District 5); MORSE P. HERSHFELD and COLEMAN S. TAUBE (District 6); JACK W. KUHN (District 7); HARRY J. PACHTER (District 22); MRS. LOUIS KASH (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultant: JOSEPH SKLOVER.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Report presented by HARRY B. FRIEDMAN *of Texarkana, Ark., (District 7), chairman*

The Committee heard a summary by Raynard Jameson, director of the Citizenship, Veterans and Community Affairs, of a survey being un-

dertaken by ACTION, Inc., (American Council To Improve Our Neighborhood) at the request of B'nai B'rith to determine the feasibility of B'nai B'rith engaging in a Government sponsored program of housing for the senior citizen. The Committee was pleased to note that a Board of Governors committee on senior citizen housing, under the chairmanship of Abraham Brenman, has been engaged in evaluating the project.

The committee found CVCA an effective and extensive service program which represents the face of B'nai B'rith to the general public through its many projects and enjoys the respect and cooperation of various Governmental agencies and civic organizations. Moreover, the Committee agreed that the program is one of the most effective vehicles B'nai B'rith has for the involvement of its membership, thereby proving itself an asset in fund raising and membership acquisition and retention. The Committee, by resolution, expressed itself as "appalled at the grossly inadequate funds allotted the Commission"—less than one half of 1% of the total amount budgeted for all B'nai B'rith agencies—although the demands for additional services are increasing daily, and recommended that

> **The budget of CVCA be substantially adjusted upward to a degree enabling the Commission to perform more effectively its assigned tasks by means of adequate professional staffing and other necessary programming devices, and to give more qualitative and increased services to all units of B'nai B'rith and help the Commission realize the full potential of its programs.**

The Committee further urged that

> **The Administrative Committee and Board of Governors be mandated to review the budget of this Commission and make the necessary funds available to it for these purposes.**

The Committee reviewed a survey conducted by the Commission which indicated that the present name of the Commission is unwieldly and too long, and not satisfactory to many members. The Committee formally considered a proposal of the Commission for a change of name to *"Commission on Community and Veterans Services."* and recommended that

> **The request be adopted to achieve the objectives of the Commission.**

[*Secretary's Note: The foregoing recommendation was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws and was adopted by the Convention.*]

The Committee, noting that CVCA activities serve all men regardless of race, color or creed, and that under Government sponsorship many new social service programs are being activated and extended, recommended that

> **B'nai B'rith undertake to participate through the Commission in the Anti-Poverty Program by the preparation of materials that will serve as suggestions and guides to local B'nai B'rith units for their cooperation in this important effort.**

The Committee further urged that

> **Adequate funds be made available for the immediate implementation of this program.**

The Committee took sober notice of the fact that free men and women are today engaged in a continuous struggle against armed forces of aggression, that more and more free peoples are becoming involved in this struggle, and that B'nai B'rith, with a long and honorable record of

service to the Armed Forces, must give renewed emphasis to this area of its activities. The Committee therefore recommended that

All units of B'nai B'rith, through their respective CVCA committees, undertake to provide increased programming for hospitalized servicemen and for men and women of the Armed Forces who are serving the cause of peace, and that every effort be made to extend the program among veterans installations.

The report of the COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICE *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on Community Services: MR. FRIEDMAN, chairman; DR. ABE GREENBERG (District 6), co-chairman; LLOYD BARDACH, PHILIP KELMAN, SOL ROBINSON and AL SALTZMAN (District 1); THEODORE MARKS (District 2); DUDLEY J. BERSON, CLARENCE HOURVITZ, NATHAN SHAPIRO and BEN UNTERMAN (District 3); GORDON LEVOY (District 4); DR. LEON H. FELDMAN (District 5); HARRY CRAMER, SAMUEL MARREK, DR. ALEX MINTZ and MILTON WEINSTEIN (District 6); AARON WOLFE (District 22) and MRS. ALFRED E. LAKIN (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultant: RAYNARD JAMESON.

HILLEL

Report presented by DR. WILLIAM A. WEXLER *of Savannah (District 5), chairman*

The Committee was not content to limit its discussions to "action topics" but went into a comprehensive evaluation of the structure of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, developments in the Hillel program and projection of future needs.

The Committee gave its attention to the explosive expansion of the student population. Michigan State University, which had in 1938 an enrollment of less than 6,000, last year had 28,000 students in residence, and by 1970 will have about 47,000. This explosive growth is especially true for Jewish students. In 1915 there were about 7,000 Jewish students at American colleges; today there are more than 300,000 in North America alone, and three of every four Jewish youth between 18 and 25 attend college.

The youth generation is no longer a silent generation; it is vocal and determined in the expression of its dissatisfactions and needs. Some of the elements that contribute to the growing restlessness and rebelliousness grow out of the fact that many colleges have become factories for mass production in order to cope with the enormous numbers of students who seek an education. As a result, college life has become frustratingly impersonal and many youngsters feel that they are no longer individuals but numbers on the educational assembly line. There is the relentless pressure to make grades; there is little opportunity to sit back, to think, to engage in conversation with a professor and probe some of the basic presuppositions of life.

The rebellion on the campus today may well be born, at least in part, out of the anguish and confusion of young people who look for a sense of selfhood and personal identity, and who seek, in a world of profound insecurity and shifting values, some guidance, some values, some compelling authority, some commitment, that will make their freedom and existence meaningful.

The Committee observed that B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations has an important role to play in dealing with this inner unrest and in helping provide young people with guidance and a sense of values indispensable

to their development as mature human beings and informed, self-affirming Jews.

Another concern discussed by the Committee was the problem of intermarriage. According to the headlines, intermarriage among American Jews today is increasing by leaps and bounds and much is made of the point that a college education especially tends to increase the rate of intermarriage among Jews in the third generation.

The Committee recognized that the rate of intermarriage is greatest where there has been inadequate Jewish education. Even Dr. Eric Rosenthal, author of the famous study on intermarriage among American Jews, has pointed out that among college students Jewish education has a significant effect in stemming defection from Jewish identity—cutting the rate of intermarriage by half.

That Jewish students are accessible to this kind of influence is shown by the impact of intelligently planned and programmed summer camps and similar projects of intensive Jewish living and experience. It is shown in the products of Jewish day schools; it is shown in the influence which a gifted and successful teacher and counselor can have on the lives of young people—on the questions they ask, the understanding they gain, the decisions they make. In the case of the Hillel program it is also shown, the Committee noted, in the steadily increasing number of young men who have been motivated to enter the rabbinate and other fields of Jewish communal service.

Intermarriage in our open society, the Committee concluded, will become a greater rather than a lesser problem, and must be dealt with on all levels of the B'nai B'rith program, particularly in the crucial college "marrying" years.

The Committee took note of the fact that the Hillel budget had increased from $2,005,477 to $2,202,918 in the past three years—an increase of only 3.1% per year. During the same period the Jewish student population had increased at a rate twice as fast. On its present budget Hillel maintains a full-time staff of over 80 directors, 125 full-time secretaries and janitors, 52 Hillel buildings, programs at 253 colleges and universities, and a national office.

The Committee gave close attention to the problem which Hillel has had during the past year with personnel. For the first time, six important positions were left unfilled because Hillel was unable to meet the salary requirements of candidates. Hillel was unable to add to its staff a single 1964 graduate of any rabbinical seminary, Orthodox, Conservative or Reform, most of whom began their careers at a salary level far above what Hillel now provides. The Committee expressed concern over the possible loss of staff members unless radical elevation in the salary of Hillel directors is made possible.

The Committee recommended that

1. **The Hillel budget be increased by fifty per cent within the year to meet such urgent needs as equalization of salary levels; additional full-time staff members such as assistant directors; sub-marginal program support; establishment of additional regional offices; and additions to the staff of national consultants in arts, music, dance and drama.**
2. **Special approaches be developed in B'nai B'rith fund-raising to encourage support from those specialized sources concerned with the work of Hillel on the college campus, such as educational and philanthropic foundations, Friends of Hillel, parents of students, alumni and religious institutions.**

3. **B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations seek to enlist the support and cooperation of the entire Jewish community in the enlargement of the program of Chairs of Jewish Studies that are supplementary to the cultural program of the foundations and counselorships.**

The Hillel Commission has had before it requests from 280 schools for the establishment of a Hillel unit on their campus. At least 100 merit priority consideration, based on the factors of Jewish student enrollment and the remoteness of many of these schools from organized Jewish community life. The Commission has made available to unaffiliated Jewish student groups Hillel publications and program resources and, on occasion, students from non-affiliated schools have attended regional and area Hillel institutes. The national staff has been in correspondence with some of these groups on a continuous basis, offering them encouragement and program suggestions.

The Committee observed, however, that this has been only a temporary stopgap and has failed to deal with the real problem. It recommended that

4. **Ways be explored to provide the funds immediately to establish new Hillel foundations and update part-time counselorships to full-time foundation status at ten to twelve major universities and, in addition, to open 100 new counselorships.**

The Committee estimated that the minimal cost to establish these new services would be $500,000 a year.

The Committee noted with interest the successful initiation and development of the National Hillel Faculty Program, for which a $20,000 special grant was received two years ago from the Merrill Trust. The Committee found the two-year experiment to have proved itself a very successful one. It is estimated that there are 10,000 Jewish faculty members on campuses where Hillel serves, and a high percentage are now associated with Hillel through the faculty program. The Jewish community and Judaism need these intellectual leaders and the Committee urged that

5. **The Supreme Lodge take cognizance without delay of the need to finance and expand the Hillel Faculty Program.**

The Committee reviewed a resolution submitted by the Commission (and referred to the Convention Committee on Constitution and Laws) petitioning for an amendment to the Constitution to provide for an increase in the membership of the Commission of seven additional members to be appointed by the President and ten additional members to be elected by the Commission. The Committee believed

6. **This change is justified by the need to add to the Commission men of influence and substance in the Jewish community, outstanding B'nai B'rith persons and leaders in the American community, and recommended adoption of the resolution.**

The Committee learned of a number of events of the past three years which indicate a growing interest among federations and welfare funds in the enrichment of Jewish life on the college campus through Hillel foundations. At the two most recent General Assemblies of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds a portion of the agenda had been given over to Jewish college youth, led and participated in by Hillel staff members. In Rochester, N. Y., the Jewish federation provided all the funds to up-grade the part-time counselorship at the University of Rochester to a full-time foundation.

The Committee regarded these developments as wholesome and encouraging and

7. Recommended that concentrated efforts be made to solicit greater moral and financial support for the Hillel program from federations and welfare funds.

The Committee was pleased to learn that for the past five years the United Jewish Appeal has been engaged in a joint effort with B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations to bring distinguished Israel lecturers and academicians for lecture tours of Hillel foundations. This effort to establish a cultural bridge between the Israel and the American academic community has been considered so successful that the program (costs of which are borne by UJA) is to be tripled next year. In addition, UJA has brought Hillel students from 30 universities to its National UJA Conference in New York for special leadership training sessions. This year the program will be expanded to include Chicago and Los Angeles, as well as the East. The Committee proposed that

8. UJA be commended for its foresight and vision in this effort to develop leadership in the Jewish community and its splendid spirit of cooperation with Hillel.

The Committee analyzed the international scope of the Hillel program and its foundations and counselorships in the United States, (215 units), Canada, (15), Australia, (4), Great Britain, (7), Israel, (2), Netherland, (1) Switzerland, (2), and Union of South Africa, (3).

The Committee took note of a budgetary problem affecting the Hillel Foundation at The Hebrew University and Haifa Technical Institute (Technion). These units had been supported out of West German restitution funds (most recently through the International Council) which will have been exhausted before the end of 1965. The Commission officially requested additional allocations from new German restitution funds received by B'nai B'rith

9. The Committee recommended that the request be approved.

The Committee recommended that

10. An intensive survey be undertaken of Jewish campus population and Jewish student life in overseas districts and that the Hillel staff prepare for a frame of reference for and an estimate of the costs of the survey. A priority among the areas to be studied should be established so that the study can be undertaken within a reasonable length of time. The Committee further recommended that the cost of the study be subsidized by the respective Districts of the countries involved and the International Council.

The Committee, noting the need for more adequate support for existing Hillel units in overseas Districts, recorded its

11. Gratification with the efforts of those Districts that have accepted greater financial responsibility for the work of Hillel in their respective countries.

The report of the COMMITTEE ON HILLEL *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on Hillel: DR. WEXLER, chairman; JACK BOHM (District 2), co-chairman; BERTRAM BERNHARDT, GEORGE GORDON and BEN HAIBLUM (District 1); EMANUEL SPACK (District 2); ALBERT M. COHEN and ALBERT PARADISE (District 3); DR. HY GINSBURG (District 4); EDWARD ROSENBLUM (District 5); ROBERT LAPPEN, HARVEY STEADMAN, SAM STONE and EARL WECHTER (District 6); STANLEY KAUFMAN (District 7); E. M. SPRACKMAN (District 22); MRS. RUDI HIRSCH (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultant: RABBI BENJAMIN M. KAHN.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Report presented by HARRY S. WENDER *of Washington (District 5), chairman, and* MRS. HY GINSBURG *of Fresno, Calif., (District 4), co-chairman.*

The Committee considered a proposal of the B'nai B'rith Evaluation Committee that in place of the Constitutional provision authorizing the International Council to elect its own Chairman,

authority be vested in the President of the Order to designate the Chairman of the International Council.

It was the sense of the Committee that the authority of the International Council to elect its own Chairman be preserved so that the Council may continue to exercise a right that is provided for every other B'nai B'rith council, commission or agency.

The Committee recommended that the proposal be disapproved.

The Recommendation was approved by voice vote of the Convention.

The Committee considered a proposal of the B'nai B'rith Evaluation Committee that the Constitution be amended

to disqualify the President of the Order from serving simultaneously as Chairman of the International Council.

The Committee, after considerable deliberation, concluded that it is not in the best interests of B'nai B'rith, short of an emergency situation, for the President to serve as Chaiman of the Council or of any other B'nai B'rith Commission or agency. It recommended that

The sentiment inherent in the Committee's views be adopted as a resolution, but without Constitutional amendment, to guide the Presidents of B'nai B'rith in their future relationships with the International Council.

The Committee expressed its desire to entrust to the judgment of the Resolutions Committee whether an extension of the principle to include other B'nai B'rith Commissions and agencies should be included in the recommendation.

The Recommendation was approved by voice vote of the Convention.

[*Secretary's Note: The Convention subsequently adopted an amendment to Section 87 of the Constitution as presented by the Convention Committee on Constitution and Laws: "Nor shall the President of the Order be Chairman of any Commission or Council."*]

The Committee recognized the valuable service rendered to the International Council by the Honorary Presidents of B'nai B'rith, and considered the fact that their participation is a result of Presidential appointment, there being no Constitutional provision granting Honorary Presidents *ex officio* membership status on the Council. At the same time, the Committee noted, Honorary Presidents are by Constitutional provision, members *ex officio* of the Administrative Committee of B'nai B'rith.

The Committee concluded that membership of Honorary Presidents on the International Council should not be dependent upon the will and discretion of an incumbent President but that such membership should be mandatory, and proposed that

Article 15 of the Constitution be amended to include Honorary Presidents as members ex officio **of the International Council.**

It was also the sense of the Committee that the above proposal should equally apply to the former Executive Vice President upon his acquisi-

tion of Honorary Executive Vice President status, and therefore recommended that Section 73 of the Constitution be amended to read

> **The Council shall consist of the President, the Honorary Presidents, the Executive Vice President and the Honorary Executive Vice President of the Order;" [etc.]**
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> **The Recommendation was approved by voice vote of the Convention and the Convention Committee on Constitution and Laws instructed to implement the Recommendation by drafting an appropriate Constitutional amendment to be submitted to the Convention.**

The Committee considered proposals of the International Council that

> *(a) a "Stagger System" be initiated for B'nai B'rith International Council membership.*
>
> *(b) abrogation of Constitutional delimitation on tenure for International Council representatives serving more than two consecutive terms.*

The Committee was of the view that, in principle, the best interests of B'nai B'rith would be served by a system in which the membership of the International Council is rotated so as to avoid the creation of a neophyte Council for each triennium.

The Committee also recognized that the application of present Constitutional tenure restrictions will deprive the International Council of some of its more experienced membership. In an effort to preserve such valued personnel the Committee recommended that

> **The Constitution and Laws Committee devise some appropriate means whereby a limited number of such experienced members may continue their service until the Convention of 1968.**

It was the further view of the Committee that the means be formulated in such manner as to

> **permit each District outside North America to retain, at its discretion, one of its two representatives on the Council in such cases where the maximum six-year tenure of both representatives jointly expires with the Convention in 1965, and to redesignate such member on the Council for an additional term not to extend beyond the Convention of 1968.**

This above Recommendation was intended to be permissive and not mandatory.

The Committee considered a referral from the International Council's Evaluative Committee dealing with the tenure of the seven Presidential appointees from North America to the Council. The Committee recognized that the principle of rotation is equally applicable in this instance and recommended that

> **The Constitution and Laws Committee prepare an amendment for consideration by the Convention authorizing the President at his discretion to reappoint for one additional term, not more than three of the North American representatives to the Council whose tenure of six years will expire with the Convention of 1965, provided that their total tenure shall not extend beyond the Convention of 1968.**

The above Recommendation was intended to be permissive and not mandatory.

The Recommendations were referred to the Convention Committee on Constitution and Laws.

Committee on International Affairs: MR. WENDER, chairman; MRS. GINSBURG, JACK MORRISON (District 15) and PAUL JACOB (District 19), co-chairmen; HARRY GREENBLATT, JACK NOWITZ, HERBERT DREXLER (District 1); JAKE SCHWARTZ and STANLEY FISHMAN (District 2); DR. L. ROBBINS and HARRY BARTON (District 3); JACK SPITZER (District 4); HAROLD GREENSPUN, LOUIS BARDEN and PAUL WELTMAN (District 6); JERRY WOLENS (District 7); JUDGE JOSEPH LAMM (District 14); JUAN PLAUT (District 20); HANS KLIMT (District 21); MAXWELL LEWIS (District 22). Consultant: SAUL JOFTES.

ISRAEL

Report presented by HENRY BLATT *of Montreal (District 22), chairman.*

Israel is no longer a dream. After 2,000 years, we are now confronted with reality. Our heritage has taken on a new meaning. Dream and reality are now frequently indistinguishable; dreams have become programs of action and the horizon has been extended far beyond our wildest dreams.

This march of events has made participation in the deliberations of the Convention Committee on Israel an exciting experience. The Committee was called on to consider recommendations, some of which displayed vision, some of which called for courage; all of them dealt with hard facts and realities of life.

The Committee was addressed by Dr. Haim Yahil, newly-appointed director of *Kol Yisrael* and head of the new joint Government-Jewish Agency Center for activities in the Diaspora. Dr. Yahil informed the Committee of the broad areas of possible cooperation between the Center and B'nai B'rith. Teddy Kollek, director of the new Israel Museum and chairman of *Keren Hanegev*, which maintains the *Midrasha* (Academy) at Sde Boker, spoke to the Committee about the B'nai B'rith Ben Gurion Library at the *Midrasha*. Avraham Tsivion, director of the *Midrasha*, was also helpful in answering questions.

The Committee reviewed two separate series of recommendations submitted by District 14 and the B'nai B'rith Commission on Israel. The recommendations of the Commission grew out of its tenth annual meeting at which an Israel Projects Review and Planning Committee, composed of the Commission's officers, was established. President Label A. Katz; Honorary President Philip M. Klutznick; Judge David Coleman, Vice President; Dr. William Wexler, Membership Cabinet chairman, and Rabbi Jay Kaufman, Executive Vice President, had joined the planning committee in a consultative capacity.

The recommendations of District 14 were the result of a similar process, and of consultation with the Commission. Therefore, in several instances, the recommendations of the District and the Commission could easily be merged.

Although the Commission and District 14 extensively researched their recommendations, it was acknowledged by both that much technical and pragmatic work remains to be done. Conscious of this, the Committee, except in matters reflecting existing Israel programs, calls for adoption of the recommendations *in principle* with the understanding that the practical details involved are subject to further study by the incoming Commission in consultation with appropriate Supreme Lodge bodies.

The following recommendations were acted upon:

1. *A resolution of a political nature relating to Israel, presented by District 14.*

Favorably recommended to the Convention Committee on Resolutions.

2. *Mutual representation between the Commission and the International Council without cost and without voting rights.*

Favorably recommended and forwarded to the Convention Committee on International Affairs.

3. *Request of District 14 for full-fledged representation on the Commission on Israel, with a voting member but without expenses.*

Favorably recommended to the Convention Committee on Constitution and Laws.

[*Secretary's Note: No action on this recommendation was reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution and Laws.*]

4. *Recomendation for the exchange for limited periods of high school students between Israel and B'nai B'rith throughout the world.*

The Committee recommended approval in principle.

5. *Recommendation for intensive B'nai B'rith lay and professional leadership training in Israel.*

The Committee recommended approval.

6. *Twinning of District 14 lodges with B'nai B'rith units throughout the world for a two-way exchange of ideas, information, materials and procedures, operated through the Commission, the respective Districts and B'nai B'rith Women.*

The Committee recommended approval.

7. *Proposal for practical assistance in the amalgamation of Israel's variegated population through the establishment and maintenance of a network of community centers.*

The Committee recommended that the proposal be referred favorably to the incoming Commission for further study and refinement.

8. *Proposal for the establishment of a Commission-District 14 mixed-committee for the study of existing and possible future Israel projects and institutions.*

The Committee recommended that the proposal be referred favorably to the incoming Commission.

9. *Proposal that B'nai B'rith assume leadership in popularizing the Hebrew language and culture through Ulpanim—intensive Hebrew study courses—and other methods, in cooperation with other community organizations and institutions.*

The Committee heartily recommended approval. It is the Committee's sincere hope that Hebrew will eventually become the second language of every Ben B'rith outside of Israel.

10. *Proposal for the utilization of B'nai B'rith facilities, publications and procedures to familiarize professional and skilled workers with employment opportunities in Israel, and encourage and assist those willing to avail themselves of the opportunities.*

The Committee recommended approval.

11. *Public action and Tourism.*

The Committee tabled these items and recommended that they be referred to the incoming Commission.

12. *Recognizing the need for finances for the operation of the Commission and for the expanding activities envisioned by the above recommendations.*

The Committee recommended that the Supreme Lodge study jointly with the Commission the sources and methods by which the funds required will become available.

The recommendations presented herewith appeared *in extenso* in the report submitted by the Commission on Israel and should be considered in that context and regarded as part of this report.

Report of the COMMITTEE ON ISRAEL *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on Israel: MR. BLATT, chairman; JUDGE SHALOM KASSAN (District 14), and MINO M. COVO (District 20), co-chairmen; TED GORMAN, MEYER HALPERIN, SOL HECHTKOPF, and ELI TOPEL (District 1); ALBERT FISCHEL (District 2); WILLIAM NATHAN, HARRY STARK, and ROBERT FRANKEL (District 3); SEYMOUR KNEE and BENJAMIN BENDAT (District 4); MORRIS PRICE (District 5); AVRUM CHUDNOW, MITCHELL G. DREDZE, and SAMUEL G. BANK (District 6); LEO BURSON (District 7); MRS. AVIGAIL EFRONI (District 14); MRS. HY KORNBLEET (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultant: PHILIP E. KATZ.

MEMBERSHIP

Report presented by HERMAN FINEBERG of *Pittsburgh (District 3), chairman.*

The Committee noted the latest membership report of enrollment in the United States and Canada of more than 206,000 men and 130,000 women. The men's figure, highest in B'nai B'rith history, represents a milestone of achievement. The Committee saluted the accomplishments of the Membership Cabinet and the vast army of B'nai B'rith, voluntary and staff, that made it possible. It cited, and presented to the Convention, Leonard Cohen of Hillside Lodge, Newark, N. J. (District 3), 1964-65 national membership champion who had enrolled 442 new members during the year—the largest number ever enrolled by any individual in a single year. [Mr. Cohen was accorded a standing ovation by the Convention.]

The Committee considered the following general matters:

1. *A proposal of the Evaluation Committee for a pilot study of membership-at-large and of a B'nai B'rith national council of Jews residing in small communities.*

The Committee affirmed the importance of the lodge structure, expressing itself in favor of "membership-at-lodge" rather than membership-at-large. It endorsed

Enrollment of new members into lodges in their respective or nearby communities, and programs stimulated by lodges and Districts for enrolling non-members in adjacent communities.

The Committee agreed that a District so desiring could experiment with membership acquisition techniques within the existing structure.

2. *A proposal of District 2 that uniform cemetery markers of gravestone insignia be made available, if the number of requests warrants it, for the purchase by the families of deceased B'nai B'rith members.*

The Committee recommended approval.

3. *A proposal of the Evaluation Committee for a survey of leadership training in B'nai B'rith, with a view to systematizing and otherwise improving its operations.*

The Committee recommended approval.

4. *A proposal of District 22 to eliminate the requirements that wives of members who apply for B'nai B'rith major medical insurance should themselves be, or become, members of B'nai B'rith Women.*

The Committee recommended the proposal be disapproved.

5. *A request from Okinawa Lodge that servicemen below the age of 21 be accorded permission to affiliate with B'nai B'rith.*

The Committee recommended that a special committee of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and the Membership Cabinet, together with other interested B'nai B'rith agencies, explore the feasibility of B'nai B'rith affiliation at the age of 18 in areas where a B'nai B'rith Young Adults group does not exist.

The Committee referred the specific matter of Okinawa servicemen to the Convention Committee on Constitution and Laws.

The Committee considered the following matters presented in the report of the Membership Cabinet:

6. *A proposal for a B'nai B'rith film for membership purposes.*

The Cabinet proposed that a contingent fund be established for visual aids, that the Board of Governors appropriate a minimum of $5,000 a year toward its maintenance, and that B'nai B'rith Commissions, Districts, departments, and B'nai B'rith Women be invited to contribute to growth of the fund. The Cabinet projected a revolving-fund on a continuing basis so that films and other visual material could be produced as needed, and as sufficient funds become available.

The Committee recommended approval.

7. *A proposal for the establishment of a basic format on operations and projects to be prepared for lodges in order to improve and standardize operational procedures.*

The Committee recommended approval.

8. *Endorsement of a concept of advance research and planning for B'nai B'rith growth, and a proposal that a committee be established for this purpose, utilizing qualified persons within and outside B'nai B'rith.*

The Committee recommended approval.

9. *Proposals for an early meeting of District secretaries and other interested staff for the purpose of (a) devising uniform forms and reporting procedures to be used by all Districts; (b) standardizing by-laws of new lodges and (c) exploring possible revisions in the opening and closing ceremonies of lodge meetings, in the installation of officers and the institution of new lodges and in other aspects of the present ritual, in order to make the ritual more dramatic, contemporary and vital.*

The Committee recommended approval of these proposals.

10. *A proposal for greater emphasis on the development of new lodges.*

The Committee recommended approval, endorsing accelerated new lodge activity, the sponsorship of new lodges by existing lodges and the formation of new units wherever the potential warrants it.

11. *A reaffirmation of B'nai B'rith policy of complete cooperation with B'nai B'rith Women including assistance in the formation of chapters of B'nai B'rith Women.*

The Committee recommended approval, expressing its own disfavor with any isolated practices by individual members and lodges to impede the establishment of a new chapter.

The Committee was critical of any use of women as "auxiliaries" or any discouragement of their participation in independent programs, regarding such action as contrary to B'nai B'rith policy.

12. *A proposal that the nomenclature of the B'nai B'rith Membership Advisory Board be changed to the B'nai B'rith National Membership Honor Roll in order to clarify its purpose as a special segment of the Cabinet composed of men who have enrolled 150 or more new members during a single year.*

The Committee recommended approval.

The Committee endorsed the need for greater involvement by the Membership Cabinet in Districts outside North America in order to build a bigger and stronger B'nai B'rith in all parts of the world. It also recognized a need for greater communications among the key leadership element who have the responsibility of interpreting the B'nai B'rith program and recommended

13. *Publication of a quarterly newsletter with editorial content designed to keep key leadership fully informed on developments in B'nai B'rith.*

The Committee considered and agreed with the views of the Cabinet chairman that there is need for (a) greater involvement of the individual member as an active participant in B'nai B'rith programs; (b) greater Jewish content in programming; (c) closer coordination among B'nai B'rith agencies and departments, and (d) agency activities geared more pointedly towards the B'nai B'rith lodge.

The report of the COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on Membership: MR. FINEBERG, chairman; BEN Z. NUDELMAN (District 6) and MRS. NATHAN HOLSTEIN (B'nai B'rith Women), co-chairmen; MILTON ADELMAN, PHILIP FANEUIL, JACK GARFUNKEL, SIEGMUND KLEVE, EDWARD LINNETZ, DR. ELLIOT ROSENBERG, IRVING RUBINSTEIN and HARRY SHECHTMAN (District 1); GENE ROSEN and NATE LIPSON (District 2); ROBERT LIPSON (District 3); OSCAR FELDER and ALEX "SANDY" KLEIN (District 4); SAMUEL NIEBERG (District 5); WILLARD VINITSKY, HYMAN ROSENBERG, JACK FREIDEN and MENDLE MELTZER (District 6); IRVING GERSON and SYDNEY BORSCHOW (District 7); ARTHUR DIAMOND (District 22). Consultant: ALBERT Z. ELKES.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE and THE STATE OF THE ORDER

Report presented by LEONARD ORLOFF *of Philadelphia (District 3), chairman*

The Committee assigned to the study of the President's Message and the State of the Order carefully examined this brilliantly perceptive message and studied the analytical blueprint outlining the current state and development of the Order.

The President's Message to the Supreme Lodge Triennial Convention is a model of perceptive grasp and succinct presentation of the progress and achievements of the Order during the administration of President Label A. Katz. The success and effectiveness of his leadership is simply but eloquently put in the perambular section of the Message:

"The state of the Order is good.
"We have moved . . . from strength to strength.

"We have held steadfast to the spiritual purpose of B'nai B'rith.

"We have multiplied the resources which give substance to our purpose . . .

"We have increased."

The first section of the report constitutes a delineation of the factual bases upon which the inspired stewardship of President Katz rests. Imposing statistics of membership gains, and funds accumulated and expended testify to the significant progress accomplished. And the brief description of the extension and development of the programs of B'nai B'rith agencies similarly denote the forward march of the Order. President Katz underscored the family character of B'nai B'rith—the broadening and deepening cohesiveness that must necessarily bind various parts to one another. The Committee, taking cognizance of the massive, yet briefly sketched documentation, congratulates the President for the excellence and dedication of his leadership, and wishes to give added emphasis to the family character of B'nai B'rith. We must never forget that B'nai B'rith Women and B'nai B'rith youth are an integral and indispensable part of the B'nai B'rith family.

The second section of the Message takes on a philosophic bent with the theme of optimism transcending the burdens and obstacles that beset the Jewish community. The Committee welcomes the positive note struck by the President in his rejection of the glib and superficial notion of the "vanishing Jew."

In casting aside the prophets of doom and despair, the Message went on to affirm and reaffirm our purpose: to make real the Jewish heritage to Jews everywhere. Specifically projected are our mission to Jewish youth, our mission to spread Jewish culture and enlightenment, our mission to give expression to the oneness of our people. The vision then proceeds to lay stress upon our commitment to the principle of our common kinship with the people and land of Israel whose burdens, especially those relating to immigration, all Jews (the Committee emphasizes) must necessarily consider their own.

The affirmation of mission necessarily, too, embraces the need to protest when Jewish life anywhere in the world is callously denied or cruelly thwarted, as is so tragically illustrated in the Soviet Union today.

The Committee concluded that the vision of President Katz's message is a spur to action, an incentive to dedication, a stimulus to effort and initiative. B'nai B'rith, the Committee concluded, must accept with vigor and determination, the challenge of the closing words of President Katz: *"Come, let us begin."*

The Committee also considered and acted upon a number of referrals from Districts.

A referral submitted by District 15, and amended by the Committee:

That the Triennial Convention reaffirms the need for close consultation between Supreme Lodge in Washington and the officers of overseas Districts. In particular no action affecting the particular overseas District should be taken by the Supreme Lodge, wherever possible, without prior consultation with the officers of the District concerned.

The Referral is recommended for adoption.

A referral from District 1 proposed

That the Supreme Lodge Board of Governors elicit the opinions of the boards of the various Disrticts as a guide to formulating policies embracing the totality of B'nai B'rith.

The Committee took note of the fact that

> **The Supreme Lodge Board of Governors is composed of representatives of various Districts whose responsibility it should be to ascertain the views of their respective constituencies.**

Referrals from District 3 and District 22, respectively (both of which had the same wording), offer the resolution

> *That the Supreme Lodge "be memorialized to convene its Triennial Conventions in the future not later than the month of March."*

The Referral is not recommended for adoption.

[*Secretary's Note: The foregoing matter was also referred to the Convention Committee on Resolutions which recommended that "the Supreme Lodge Convention Committee take into consideration the dates of District conventions in order to avoid date conflicts as much as possible."*]

The report of the COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND THE STATE OF THE ORDER *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on President's Message and the State of the Order: MR. ORLOFF, chairman; MYRON HERZOG (District 6) and DR. YEHOSHUA MAZUR (District 14), co-chairmen; MARK FRACKMAN and NATHAN C. WYMAN (District 1); SIDNEY G. KUSWORM (District 2); CHARLES GELB and AARON RICH (District 4); MAURICE WEINSTEIN (District 5); DR. ELMER IMBER (District 6); MILTON T. SMITH (District 7); MAX SHECTER (District 22); MRS. MICHAEL SHAPIRO (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultant: DR. WILLIAM KOREY.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

Report presented by E. ALBERT PALLOT *of Miami (District 5), chairman.*

The Committee considered a referral from District 6 which noted that "some B'nai B'rith agencies omit the name of the Order on their official stationery, publications and press releases, and in mass media interviews and public forums," and asked that the Convention and Board of Governors

> *Issue an official directive to all Commissions and committees to remedy this situation and insure that B'nai B'rith be included where it is now omitted.*

The Committee unanimously concurred and recommended that the proposal be adopted.

[*Secretary's Note: The President referred the recommendation to the Convention Resolutions Committee, where the matter was discussed. However, no resolution was presented to the Convention.*]

The Committee considered a proposal of District 5 that a special committee

> *study the feasibility of* The National Jewish Monthly *publishing several detachable center pages each month containing program aids for lodges, supplemented by detailed articles "demonstrating the activity of the lodges."*

The Committee noted that *The NJM* already publishes news of the lodges, and that the Department of Membership and Programs issues technical program material to all lodges.

The Committee recommended that the proposal be disapproved.

The Committee discussed District periodicals, expressed a belief that they have the potential for making valuable contributions to the lodges in their areas, and recommended that

All Districts not now publishing such periodicals study the desirability of establishing them.

The Committee considered a proposal of the Evaluation Committee for a bi-weekly news bulletin for B'nai B'rith leaders, "to carry news of all B'nai B'rith programs." Members of the Committee pointed out that a great volume of B'nai B'rith information is now being received by the leadership, that duplication should be avoided, that the question must be considered as to whether there is enough leadership news to fill a fortnightly, and that the term "B'nai B'rith leaders" is a flexible one and how it is interpreted would influence costs. For these and other reasons, the Committee was of the opinion that while the original proposal might have merit, it required further study. The Committee therefore recommended that

The incoming President appoint a special committee to give the matter further study, with the understanding that it report its recommendations to the Administrative Committee or the Board of Governors within one year.

The report of the COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on Publications and Public Information: MR. PALLOT, chairman; MILTON BERGER (District 3) and HAROLD RUBIN (District 7), co-chairmen; RICHARD CHARLES, SAMUEL GURWITZ, SAMUEL KELLIN, JACK H. LEVIN and HERBERT SKALSKY (District 1); MAX KOHNOP (District 2); HARRY C. COHEN (District 3); HYMAN DANOFF, MORRIE KRAUS and NORMAN SIMON (District 4); JOSEPH ARMAN, JACK GUTKIN and BERNARD MOZINSKI (District 6) and MRS. SAMUEL B. RUDNER (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultant: EDWARD E. GRUSD.

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Report presented by BILLY B. GOLDBERG *of Houston (District 7), chairman.*

The Committee noted with gratification the increase in fund raising during the past three years and commended the outgoing Administration and B'nai B'rith Women for their efforts. The Committee also noted that the continuing growth of B'nai B'rith programs and their widespread acceptance each year will call for much greater budgets to meet increased needs and to maintain B'nai B'rith as the responsible and responsive servant of its members, the Jewish people and the community at large. Therefore, the Committee declared, the matter of increased resources must be the prime concern of every delegate and every B'nai B'rith leader on the Supreme Lodge, the District and the local lodge level.

The Committee found that the backbone of B'nai B'rith fund raising continues to be the Service Fund program. In order to continue the progress and growth that has already taken place, the Committee

1. **Called upon the top echelon leaders of B'nai B'rith to intensify their individual efforts in support of the Service Fund.**

The active participation and leadership of Supreme Lodge Vice Presidents, the members of the Board of Governors and specifically members of B'nai B'rith commissions who know intimately the needs of the programs, as well as the District leadership, are deemed by the Committee to be vital to its continued success.

The Committee found that the Supreme Lodge policy governing the Service Fund program, as established by the "Sugarman Resolution," provides for a uniform code of behavior relating to the disposition of

funds by B'nai B'rith lodges and serves to insure the maximum support of the Service Fund. The Committee recommended that

2. **This policy expressed in the Sugarman Resolution be continuously presented each year to each new administration of each lodge and be enforced more rapidly by the Districts than it has been in the past.**

Service Fund leadership in the Districts have requested that tax exempt status be established for the Service Fund. Tax exempt status has already been established for the Service Fund in District 2. The Committee recommended that

3. **The incoming Supreme Lodge Chairman of the Service Fund Program meet with the various Districts for the purpose of taking the necessary steps for establishing tax exempt status for the Service Fund in each District.**

The Committee noted that the $14.00-per member Service Fund established at the 1962 Convention has been a stimulating influence upon the Districts and lodges to strive for greater achievements. A significant number of lodges have reached or exceeded this goal. The Committee urged that

4. **All lodges continue their efforts towards the $14.00-per member goal and reaffirm this as a matter of primary importance.**

Historically, B'nai B'rith has directed its membership to take an active part as well as leadership in the activities of the Jewish community. Accordingly, the following was adopted by the 1950 Convention:

Whereas the B'nai B'rith is desirous of co-operating in endeavors of the organized Jewish community, and

Whereas the B'nai B'rith is committed to the principle of overall community fund raising, and

Whereas the B'nai B'rith is desirous of cooperating in Jewish community endeavors,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that B'nai B'rith urges the membership of its lodges and its chapters to participate in the various phases of the programs of the federations and welfare funds within the American and Canadian Jewish communities, and, In order to carry out these objectives the Supreme Lodge calls upon each lodge and chapter to appoint a chairman and establish a committee of its membership to cooperate and participate with the Welfare Fund or Federation in its community to achieve these objectives.

The Committee recommended that

5. **the principle set forth in the foregoing resolution be reaffirmed.**

District Youth Fellowships are sponsored at District conventions in honor of outstanding B'nai B'rith leaders and distinguished residents of the respective districts. The Committee expressed its gratitude to Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, each of which has allocated a portion of its convention time for the presentation of a Youth Fellowship. Experience has shown that these ceremonies are inspiring, have added dignity to the convention sessions and dramatized the value of B'nai B'rith's youth service programs, and have also enlisted many members as contributors. Moreover, the technique, because of its selectivity, has not been competitive with the Service Fund program. The Committee urged that

6. **The Convention call upon and urge Districts 1 and 22 to join other Districts in participating in the District Youth Fellowship program, with the assurance that the Districts can establish ap-**

propriate guidelines to harmonize this effort with other ongoing District fund raising procedures.

The Committee also recommended that

Youth Fellowship events be conducted on State Association or Regional Council levels in key areas to broaden the list of "Special Gifts" contributors.

The Committee was advised that the wills and testaments program of the B'nai B'rith Foundation is conducting an educational program among lawyers, accountants, insurance agencies and trust officers in various communities, detailing the program, the needs of B'nai B'rith's youth agencies and the advantage of including the B'nai B'rith Foundation in testamentary and inter-vivos dispositions. The program had been undertaken only a few years ago, but it is known that already a large number of wills cite the B'nai B'rith Foundation. The Committee recommended that

7. **The wills and testament program be accelerated and intensified to permit greater dissemination of this information, particularly to the B'nai B'rith membership.**

The Committee proposed that the respective Districts be requested to establish standing committees, headed by qualified and able members who have experience in the field, to implement the program.

The Committee was advised that as a result of the specialized fund raising effort conducted during the 120th Anniversary, $770,000 was pledged by a small group of "Anniversary Founders and Sponsors" and a new fund raising concept in B'nai B'rith was evolved. The Committee expressed the conviction that if a proper vehicle for obtaining large gifts is created and proper individual approaches are made, B'nai B'rith could increase its resources substantially.

The Committee noted with favor the proposal for a $10,000,000 Endowment Fund, as approved by the Board of Governors, representing a five-year program which, when completed, should provide B'nai B'rith with additional income of $750,000 a year, and recommended that

The Convention endorse the undertaking and initiate such other steps as are necessary to inaugurate the Endowment Fund successfully.

The Committee considered a referral from District 1 regarding the multiplicity of B'nai B'rith fund raising, noted with satisfaction the addition to the staff of an Associate Executive Vice President among whose primary responsibilities shall be the coordination and direction of the development of resources, and presented the following resolution:

Whereas we recognize the great need for additional funds to carry on the increased responsibilities of all agencies of B'nai B'rith and the urgency of finding the best techniques of achieving this objective;

Whereas we recognize the difficulties growing out of the multiplicity of campaigns and the need for coordinated planning and efforts;

Whereas we recognize the successful fund raising history of B'nai B'rith and express our conviction that the full potential of B'nai B'rith has never been fully realized;

Whereas we recognize that the Board of Governors and the agencies of B'nai B'rith have taken the first step by strengthening the fund raising personnel;

Whereas we recognize the need for coordinated planning on the national, District and local levels;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the President of B'nai B'rith appoint a committee forthwith for the purpose of planning and recommending coordinating programs to achieve the above purpose; and that this committee shall report to the Administrative Committee and the Board of Governors at their regular meetings.

The Committee noted with gratification the contributions of the B'nai B'rith Members' Insurance program to the resources of B'nai B'rith.

The Committee considered a proposal that the Chairman of the B'nai B'rith Foundation serve as an *ex officio* member of the Board of Governors and

Referred the matter with its affirmative endorsement to the Convention Committee on Constitution and Laws.

The Committee expressed its grateful appreciation to Maurice Bisgyer, retired Executive Vice President, for his vision and foresight in directing B'nai B'rith toward obtaining more substantial gifts through the Founders' program of the 120th Anniversary.

The report of the COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

[At the close of the report, President Label A. Katz presented to HERBERT DREXLER, president of Chaplain Goode-Ben Goldman Lodge (District 1), a special citation signifying that the lodge had raised the largest sum for the National Youth Service Appeal among all lodges in the Order.]

Committee on Resources and Development: MR. GOLDBERG, chairman; MRS. MOE KUDLER (B'nai B'rith Women), co-chairman; ALFRED GOLDEN, AL GURA and SIDNEY SNYDER (District 1); BERNARD GOLDSTEIN and LOUIS WEILAND (District 2; IRVING CHVAT, IRVING ELBLING and MAX P. LEVY (District 3); RUDI HIRSCH and SAMUEL TARSHIS (District 4); JACK JENKINS (Distirct 5); LEO BREITMAN, JACK FABER, ISADORE FEINGLASS, CLARENCE LIPMAN and SOL MOSS (District 6); LOUIS BARG (District 7); ISADORE BLACK (District 22). Consultants: SIDNEY H. CLOSTER and HARRY A. DOBKIN.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Report presented by MRS. LEONARD SIMS *of Detroit (B'nai B'rith Women), chairman.*

The Committee on Vocational Service found that Jewish youth have serious guidance needs. This was borne out in a research study in depth of the college and career plans of Jewish high school youth conducted in cooperation with the B'nai B'rith Women in forty states and the District of Columbia. Neither the schools nor other agencies have begun to meet these needs for the population explosion of young persons who plan further education and training. Without professional counseling their contribution to themselves, their family, their community and to society may be limited, sidetracked, or lost.

The Committee recognized the tremendous impact of B'nai B'rith Vocational Service research, individual counseling and publications on the lives of Jewish youth.

The Committee congratulated District 22 for initiating a vocational service program that has met with the approval and support of the membership of the District.

The Committee looked with favor upon the reported intention of District 7 to establish a BBVS office in that District.

The Committee recommended that:

1. **There be further research and additional publications, particularly in the area of BBVS career briefs and other educational and vocational information for Jewish youth.**
2. **Wherever feasible, subject to the approval of the Commission, all BBVS counselors, whether in a Vocational Service office administered by B'nai B'rith or a jointly-sponsored program with any other agency, shall have the right to do individual and group counseling. All fees charged shall be paid to B'nai B'rith Vocational Service.**
3. **Upon confirmation of the need for a B'nai B'rith Vocational Service office, and subject to the approval of the Commission, such services shall be, wherever feasible and desirable, established in all metropolitan areas and extended to all suburban rural areas.**
4. **The Commission reexamine the fee-structure of B'nai B'rith Vocational Service.**
5. **The Commission establish a uniform system of accounting for each of its Vocational Service offices subject to independent audit at the Commission's direction.**

The Committee considered the following Resolution offered by District No. 14:

It Is Hereby Resolved by the members of the Board of Governors of B'nai B'rith District 14 that a Vocational Service program be established in the State of Israel in which the Ministry of Social Welfare has expressed its interest and desire to cooperate, and that the said service be under the direction of the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service Commission.

It Is Further Resolved that the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith in Convention assembled be, and is hereby memorialized to, authorize and direct the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service Commission, if feasible, to initiate a B'nai B'rith Vocational Service office in Israel in order to carry out and implement the foregoing resolution.

It Is Further Resolved that the program of the said Vocational Service be geared to the special problems of the people of Israel, it being understood that the program, at all times, shall remain a B'nai B'rith-sponsored program under the direction and control of the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service Commission.

6. **The Committee recommended that the request of District 14 be approved and that the Convention authorize the incoming Commission to implement it.**

The report of the COMMITTEE ON VOCATIONAL SERVICE *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on Vocational Service: MRS. SIMS, chairman; A. SOLOMON MENTER (District 1), co-chairman; NORMAN J. COHEN, IRVING ROSENKRANTZ, WILFRED STACHENFELD and SANFORD WEIL (District 1); EDWARD BLAUGRUND and JOSEPH COHEN, Denver (District 2); DR. MORRIS HOROWITZ (District 3); HY SAMUELS (District 4); BERYL ZERIVITZ (District 5); JULES LEVIN and BURTON SCHATZ (District 6); MAX ZELEN (District 7); DR. H. O. SINGER (District 22); MRS. SEYMOUR FRANKLIN (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultant: DR. S. NORMAN FEINGOLD.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

Report submitted by ABRAHAM BRENMAN *of Paterson, N. J. (District 3), chairman, and* MOSES L. KOVE *of New York (District 1), co-chairman.*

1. REPRESENTATION TO GENERAL CONVENTION. The Committee considered a proposal submitted by District 6 that

> *District representation to the Convention be based on one representative for each 400 members and for a majority fraction thereof, instead of 800 members as at present.*

The Committee recommended that the first paragraph of Section 6 of the Constitution be amended to read:

> **The Supreme Lodge shall consist of representatives elected by the District Grand Lodges, one representative for every 600 members and for a majority fraction thereof, but in no event shall the representatives of any North American District be less than twenty-two (22).**
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> **That the number of members of each District Grand Lodge shall be determined as follows:**
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> **(1) The membership on December 31st preceding the date of the meeting of the Supreme Lodge as reported to the Board of Governors according to Section 112 hereof, provided that**
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> **(2) all amounts due to the Supreme Lodge for the last quarter of such preceding year for such members so reported (under the provisions of Sections 50, 51 and 52 hereof) have been paid by April 1st of the year in which the Supreme Lodge meets.**

The Committee further recommended that two members rather than one of each Women's District, as at present, be designated as representatives to the Convention. It, therefore, recommended that the third paragraph of Section 6, of the Constitution be amended to read:

> **The incumbent officers of B'nai B'rith Women, all women who have served B'nai B'rith Women as President, and two members of each Women's District, to be designated by such District, shall be representatives to the Supreme Lodge, with a total not to exceed 33 plus the President of the B'nai B'rith Women.**

The Recommendations were adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

2. STAGGERING TERMS OF VICE PRESIDENTS. The Committee considered a proposal of the Evaluation Committee for staggering terms of Vice Presidents of the Order. The Committee expressed the view that since the election of Vice Presidents is determined by the delegates of the respective Districts, and that normal attrition by deaths, resignations and failure of re-election for a second term would solve the problem in due time.

> **The Committee recommended that the proposal be disapproved.**

The Recommendation was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.

3. HONORARIUM FOR THE PRESIDENT. The Committee considered a proposal from District 1 that a proper Constitutional provision be enacted to provide for a salary for the President.

The Committee did not agree with the principle of an allowance of a salary. It was, however, sympathetic to the financial problem created for an incumbent President by the tremendous amount of time which

the office demands. The Committee, considering what is done by other large organizations, recommended that in addition to his expenses an honorarium, the amount fixed by the Board of Governors, be provided for the President. Accordingly, it recommended that there be added to the end of the second paragraph of Section 18 of the Constitution the following sentence:

> **The President shall be paid an honorarium in such amount as shall be fixed at the beginning of his term of office by the Board of Governors.**

The Recommendation was disapproved by voice vote of the Convention.

4. PROPOSAL FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CABINET. The Committee considered a proposal of the Evaluation Committee that

> *The President be empowered to appoint, with the approval of the Board of Governors, a Presidential Cabinet of four members of the Board of Governors in addition to the President, which Cabinet shall meet at the call of the President for the purpose of consultation on major decisions that must be made when the Administrative Committee or the Board of Governors will not be in session within a period of twenty days thereafter.*

It was the consensus of the Committee that it would be unwise to place in the hands of a Presidential Cabinet of appointed members the power and authority to act on behalf of B'nai B'rith between meetings of the Administrative Committee and the Board of Governors. The Committee believed that the size and importance of B'nai B'rith makes it imperative that the President call together the entire Administrative Committee at frequent intervals as, and when the need arises, and emphasized that the government of our Order should never be entrusted to a small hand-picked group.

> **The Committee unanimously recommended that the proposal be disapproved.**

The Recommendation was approved by voice vote of the Convention.

5. GENERAL CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. The Committee considered a proposal of District 1 that

> *The pertinent Constitutional provisions in relation to B'nai B'rith agencies be reviewed and rewritten to bring about all possible similarity and uniformity of language.*

The Committee also considered a proposal of the Evaluation Committee that

> *There be appointed a special committee to review the entire Constitution and to report to the next Triennial Convention.*
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> **The Committee concurred in the proposal of the Evaluation Committee and recommended that the special committee be appointed by the President and that the special committee be prepared to report to the next Triennial Convention.**
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> **The Committee contemplated that in the course of its duties the special committee would also review those sections of the Constitution pertaining to B'nai B'rith agencies, as proposed by District 1.**

The Recommendation was approved by voice vote of the Convention.

6. COMPOSITION OF HILLEL COMMISSION. The Committee considered a proposal of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission for amendments to the Constitution to provide for an increase in the Commission membership from seven to fourteen the number of members to be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Governors; from ten to twenty the number of members to be designated by the Commission with the advice of the President of the Order.

In favorably considering the matter the Committee was also of the opinion that if the number of members appointed by the President and elected by the Commission is to be doubled, it would be equitable also to double the number of members nominated by the representatives to the Supreme Lodge from each North American District. It was also suggested that the President of B'nai B'rith Women be made a member *ex officio* of the Commission. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the first paragraph of Section 63 be revised to read

> **The Commission shall consist of the President and Executive Vice President of the Order and the President of the B'nai B'rith Women; two (2) members from each North American District to be nominated by the representatives to the Supreme Lodge from such District and to be elected at each regular Convention of the Supreme Lodge; fourteen (14) members to be appointed by the President of the Order with the approval of the Board of Governors thereof; ten (10) members to be designated by the Executive Board of the B'nai B'rith Women; and twenty (20) members elected by the Commission with the advice of the President of the Order, two of whom shall be from Districts outside of North America.**

Because of the revisions recommended above, the Committee further recommended that the last paragraph of Section 63 be revised to read

> **At any election of the class of twenty (20) members who are to be elected by the Commission, no more than sixteen (16) who had been elected for a full term at the preceding regular election shall be eligible for re-election. Said sixteen (16) members shall be eligible for re-election notwithstanding other provisions of this Constitution limiting tenure of Commissioners.**

The Recommendations were adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

7. CHANGE OF NAME FOR COMMISSION ON CITIZENSHIP, VETERANS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. The Committee favorably considered a proposal of the Commission on Citizenship, Veterans and Community Affairs that its name be changed, except that the Committee added thereto the name of B'nai B'rith. The Committee recommended that

> **Wherever the name "Commission on Citizenship, Veterans and Community Affairs" appears in the Constitution there shall be substituted the name "B'nai B'rith Commission on Community and Veterans Services."**

The Recommendation was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

8. CHANGE IN TITLE OF ARTICLE IX. To conform with the titles of other Articles concerned with Commissions, the Committee rceommended that

> **The title of Article IX be revised to make said title read "B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission.**

The Recommendation was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

9. COMPOSITION OF B'NAI B'RITH ANTI-DEFAMATION COMMISSION. The Committee considered a proposal of the Convention Committee on Anti-Defamation that the number of members of the Commission to be elected by the Commission shall be increased from 50 to 53. The purpose of the proposal is to maintain the present balance as between members elected from the Districts and members elected by the Commission as a result of the automatic admission to the Commission of three members from the newly-created District No. 22.

The Committee recommended approval of this proposal and further recommended the first paragraph of Section 58 be amended to read

> **The Commission shall consist of the President and Executive Vice President of the Order, the President of the B'nai B'rith Women, the National Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, and the National Director of the Anti-Defamation League; three (3) members from each North American District to be nominated by the representatives to the Supreme Lodge from such District and to be elected at each regular Convention of the Supreme Lodge; twenty-one (21) members to be appointed by the President of the Order with the approval of the Board of Governors; thirteen (13) members to be designated by the Executive Board of the B'nai B'rith Women; fifty-three (53) additional members of the Commission to be elected by the Commission with the advice of the President of the Order; and, additionally, all National Chairmen of the Commission, who, having completed their terms of office, heretofore or hereafter, shall automatically become life members of the Commission.**

The Committee considered a proposal of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission requesting certain minor changes in the language of the second paragraph of Section 58 so as to provide for six Vice Chairmen and an Assistant Secretary. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the language of the second paragraph of Section 58 be amended to read

> **The Commission, so organized, shall meet annually. At the annual meeting following the Convention of the Supreme Lodge, the Commission shall select from among its membership a Chairman, six (6) Vice Chairmen, a Treasurer, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary and a National Director who shall thereby be an officer of the Commission; all of whom shall serve for a term of three years or until their successors are selected. The Commission may also select an Executive Vice Chairman to serve in a consultative and advisory capacity as well as such honorary officers as it deems advisable from time to time to serve without vote.**

The Commission also requested a change in Section 58 so as to provide for the President and Anti-Defamation League Chairman of B'nai B'rith Women to serve *ex officio* as members of the Commission. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the fifth paragraph of Section 58 be amended to read

> **At each annual meeting of the Commission the Commission shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of the President and Executive Vice President of the Order, the President of B'nai B'rith Women and its Anti-Defamation League Committee Chairman, the officers of the Commission, together with not less than seven (7) additional members of the Commission, a majority of the members of which Executive Committee must be members of the Order. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of**

the President of the Order, or Chairman of the Commission, at intervals, and as frequently as may be found necessary; and shall be called on the written request of four (4) members of its Executive Committee.

The Recommendations were adopted as amendments to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

10. REFERENCE TO DISTRICT BOARDS OF GOVERNORS. The Anti-Defamation Commission proposed that the references in Section 59 to the General Committees of the respective Districts include an alternative reference to District Boards of Governors since that is the established name in several of the Districts. The Committee recommended that

the proposed change is covered in the second paragraph of Section 109 and no further revision is necessary.

The Recommendation was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.

11. NOMENCLATURE. The Committee considered the proposal of the Evaluation Committee that

The Constitution be amended so that henceforth "District Grand Lodge" shall be known as "District No. —."

It was the consensus of the Committee that there should not be a change in terminology affecting one part of the B'nai B'rith structure until there are proposals for possible changes in terminology affecting other parts of the B'nai B'rith structure. The Committee recommended that

The proposal be disapproved and that the next Evaluation Committee study the nomenclature which applies to the Supreme Lodge, District Grand Lodges, and the lodges, and report to the next Convention.

The Recommendation was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.

12. FORMATION OF NEW DISTRICTS. The Committee discussed that provision of the Constitution which provides that before a new District can be formed there must be approval of all of the lodges within the area covered by the proposed new District. As a result of its own recent experience, District 22 proposed

amending Section 94 of the Constitution to the effect that unanimous approval of all lodges involved shall not be required and that, substituted for unanimous approval, shall be the approval of such percentage of lodges as the Supreme Lodge in Convention assembled shall deem proper and advisable.

The Committee favorably considered the intent of the proposal and recommended that Section 94 be revised to read

If five (5) or more lodges within one (1) or more District Grand Lodges desire to form a new District Grand Lodge, a petition to that effect shall be presented to the Supreme Lodge, if in session, and if not in session to the Board of Governors, together with copies of resolutions passed by at least 85 per cent of the lodges within the territory covered by such proposed new District Grand Lodge (such resolutions to be passed by a majority of all the members within each of such lodges), provided that the membership of such lodges as last reported to the Board of Governors, shall total at least 85 per cent of the total number of members

(as so reported) of all the lodges within the territory covered by such proposed new District Grand Lodge. Such lodges shall be within contiguous territory. If the number of members of the lodges within the territory of the proposed new District Grand Lodge is at least 9,000*, and, if by the formation of the proposed new District Grand Lodge, the number of members of each of the District Grand Lodges affected will not be reduced below 9,000*, then the Supreme Lodge, if in session, and if not in session, the Board of Governors, may at its discretion issue a charter for such new District Grand Lodge. Any such petition to form a new District Grand Lodge shall first be presented to the General Committee or General Committees of the District or Districts affected thereby, and, as a condition precedent to further action upon such petition, the approval of such General Committee or General Committees shall be necessary. If such approval shall be given, the certificate or certificates thereof shall be presented with the other certificates required by this Section.

The Committee's recommendation for a figure of 5,000 was amended by the Convention to 9,000. The Recommendation, as amended, was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.*

13. QUALIFICATION OF LODGE REPRESENTATIVES TO DISTRICT GRAND LODGES. District 2 proposed

> *an amendment to Section 102 of the Constitution that would make eligible as a representative to the District Grand Lodge any member serving as a lodge officer at the time of the Convention, as well as any member in good standing for not less than three years.*

The Committee favorably considered the proposal and recommended that Section 102 be amended to read

> **The qualification of members of and lodge representatives to the District Grand Lodges shall be prescribed by the constitution of each District Grand Lodge, provided, however, that no one shall be entitled to be a member of or act as a lodge representative to the District Grand Lodge unless he has been a member of the Order in good standing for not less than three (3) years immediately preceding his election or is acting, at the time of the convention to which he is elected, as an officer of the lodge; and provided further that in new lodges, during the period of three years following the date of their institution, members thereof shall be eligible to be elected as representatives who have been members of the Order for not less than one year immediately preceding their election. The method of election of lodge representatives to District Grand Lodges, and the number of such lodge representatives shall be prescribed by the constitution of each District Grand Lodge.**

The Recommendation was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

14. REMISSION OF PER CAPITA WHEN MEMBER LEAVES CITY WITHOUT NOTIFICATION. District 2 proposed amending Sections 134-135 of the Constitution

> *So as to provide relief to a lodge when a member leaves the city without a card of withdrawal or without formally resigning in writing.*

This proposal was submitted to the Committee by the Convention Committee on Budget and Finance. The Committee believed the proposal might result in less diligence on the part of lodges in dues collection and diminish the income of the Supreme Lodge.

The Committee recommended disapproval of the proposal.

The Recommendation was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.

15. FORMATION OF DISTRICTS OUTSIDE OF NORTH AMERICA. The Committee considered a request of the B'nai B'rith Council for Southern Africa, which now has a membership of 483 in eight lodges, for a change in Section 117 of the Constitution to permit

> *The formation of a District Grand Lodge outside of North America "as soon as ten lodges are in existence, irrespective of the number of members."*

At present, Section 117 requires a minimum of ten lodges with a minimum of 1,000 members for the formation of a District Grand Lodge outside of North America. The Committee was sympathetic to the unique problems involved in Southern Africa, but it was the Committee's opinion that these should be dealt with by the B'nai B'rith International Council, and that no such change in the organic law should be made, since to do so would open the door to similar requests from areas in other parts of the world.

The Committee recommended that the proposal be disapproved.

The Recommendation was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.

16. ENLARGEMENT OF B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH COMMISSION. The B'nai B'rith Youth Commission proposed that the size of its membership be enlarged. The Committee favorably considered that the composition of the Commission be changed to include two members instead of one from each North American District; eleven instead of nine women to be designated by the Executive Board of B'nai B'rith Women; seven members instead of three to be elected by the Commission; and not to exceed three Honorary Life Members without right of vote, to be chosen by the Commission. To accomplish this, the Committee recommended that Section 65 be revised to read:

> **The Commission shall consist of the following members: the President and Executive Vice President of the Supreme Lodge, the President of the B'nai B'rith Women and its Youth Committee Chairman, two (2) members from each North American District to be nominated by the representatives to the Supreme Lodge from such District, and to be elected at each regular Convention of the Supreme Lodge; eleven (11) women to be designated by the Executive Board of B'nai B'rith Women; the Presidents of the Aleph Zadik Aleph, B'nai B'rith Girls, and B'nai B'rith Young Adults, while serving in such offices; thirteen (13) members appointed by the President of the Order, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors thereof; seven (7) members to be elected by the Commission with the advice of the President of the Order; and not more than three Honorary Life Members without vote to be chosen by the Commission.**
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> **The members of the Commission nominated by the Men's Districts, those elected from the North American Women's Districts, those appointed by the President, and those elected by the Commission shall hold office for one term between regular Conventions of the Supreme Lodge and until their successors are qualified.**

At any election of the class of seven (7) members elected by the Commission and at any appointment of the class of thirteen (13) members appointed by the President of the Order, no more than eighteen (18) of the combined group of twenty (20) members, who had been so elected or appointed for a full term at the preceding regular election or time of appointment, shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment. Said eighteen (18) members shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment notwithstanding other provisions of the Constitution limiting tenure of Commissioners.

The Recommendation was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

17. HONORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMISSIONS. The B'nai B'rith Youth Commission proposed that

Each Commission and the International Council be entitled to elect more than one Honorary Chairman, if it so desires.

The Committee favorably considered this proposal and recommended that Section 81 of the Constitution be revised to read

Each of the Commissions and the Council referred to in the caption of this Article shall enact its own rules and regulations for its government and the administration of its affairs, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors of the Order, and shall elect from among its members a Chairman, one or more Vice Chairmen, and may elect Honorary Chairmen who shall not become members by virtue of such office nor entitled to any of the rights of membership except the right of voice at its meetings. However, the above limitation on the status of such Honorary Chairmen shall not apply to those who were serving as such in May 1956.

The Recommendation was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

18. INCREASE IN DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS COMMISSIONS. Having in previous deliberations recommended an increase of from one to two District representatives on the B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission and the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission, it was the consensus of the Committee that the membership of all other Commissions, with the exception of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission, be similarly increased. Therefore, the Committee recommended that Sections 67 (*Vocational Service*), 69 (*Community and Veterans Services*), 71 (*Adult Jewish Education*) and 79 (*Israel*) be amended

To provide for two (2) District representatives to be nominated by the representatives to the Supreme Lodge from the respective Districts and elected at each regular Triennial Convention of the Supreme Lodge beginning with this Convention.

The Committee noted that the foregoing recommendation does not apply to the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission inasmuch as the number of District representatives on this Commission was increased at the last Convention.

The Recommendation was adopted as amendments to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

19. REPRESENTATIVES-AT-LARGE TO THE SUPREME LODGE. The Committee noted that the Constitution provides only that the President and Past Presidents of the Supreme Lodge shall be representatives-at-large to the Supreme Lodge. The Committee favorably considered that certain other officials be accorded the same status, and accordingly recommended that the second paragraph of Section 6 be amended to read

The President of the Supreme Lodge, all Past Presidents thereof, all Vice Presidents of the Supreme Lodge, the Executive Vice President, Honorary Executive Vice Presidents of the Supreme Lodge, the Treasurer of the Supreme Lodge, the Chairman of each National Commission and of the International Council, shall be representatives-at-large to the Supreme Lodge and be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of representatives regularly elected under the provisions of the Constitution.

The Recommendation was disapproved by voice vote of the Convention.

20. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE SUPREME LODGE. The Committee noted that the Constitution now provides that special meetings of the Supreme Lodge may be called whenever two-thirds of the members of the Board of Governors from the North American Districts vote in favor thereof. The Committee recommended that the first sentence of Section 13 be amended to read

Special meetings of the Supreme Lodge may be called whenever two-thirds of the members of the Board of Governors vote in favor thereof.

The Recommendation was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

21. HONORARY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENTS. It was the consensus of the Committee that provision be made in the Constitution for Honorary Executive Vice Presidents. The Committee recommended that the third paragraph of Section 17 be amended to read

Honorary Presidents and Honorary Executive Vice Presidents of the Order may be elected by the Supreme Lodge at its regular Conventions from among its Past Presidents and Past Executive Vice Presidents, respectively, each of whom shall serve for life.

The Recommendation was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

22. PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The Committee noted that the Constitution provides that the Chairmen of Commissions are entitled to attend meetings of the Board of Governors with the privilege of the floor, but without right to vote. The Convention Committee on Budget and Finance proposed that the same privileges be extended to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the B'nai B'rith Foundation. The Committee favorably considered this proposal and further believed that the same privileges should be given to the Chairman of the National Fund Campaign Cabinet. The Committee recommended that Section 20 of the Constitution be amended to read

The Chairmen of all National Commissions of the Supreme Lodge, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the B'nai B'rith Foundation and the Chairman of the National Fund Campaign Cabinet shall, by virtue of their respective offices while holding the same, be entitled to attend meetings of the Board of Governors with the privilege of the floor but without right to vote. Their expenses shall be paid out of the budgets of their respective bodies.

The Recommendation was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

23. BUDGET OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered a proposal of the International Council to amend Section 52 of the Constitution to provide that

The budget of the International Council not be limited to the sum of 50 cents per capita which is at present collected as a part of the membership dues to provide the budget of the International Council.

The Committee recommended that

The proposal be disapproved and that there be no change in Section 52 of the Constitution.

The Recommendation was approved by voice vote of the Convention.

24. LIMITATION OF TERMS OF MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL. The International Council and the Convention Committee on International Affairs proposed a temporary, partial suspension of Section 90 of the Constitution, which limits the tenure of members of the Commissions and International Council

To enable the International Council to have greater continuity in its membership during the early stage of its existence.

The Committee concurred with the intent of this proposal and recommended that the second and third paragraphs of Section 73 of the Constitution be amended to read

If the terms of both representatives from a District Grand Lodge outside of North America expire with the Triennial Convention of 1965 by virtue of Section 90, such District Grand Lodge may select one of such representatives to serve as a member of the Council until the Triennial Convention of 1968 notwithstanding the provisions of Section 90.

The President of the Order with the approval of the Board of Governors, may appoint up to three representatives from North America whose terms expire with the Triennial Convention of 1965 by virtue of Section 90, to serve as members of the Council until the Triennial Convention of 1968 notwithstanding the provisions of Section 90.

The Committee further noted that

The present second paragraph of Section 73, referring to interim representatives on the International Council, is now obsolete and should therefore be deleted.

The Recommendations were adopted as amendments to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

25. MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered a referral from the International Council concerning the convening of meetings of the Council, and recommended that Section 75 of the Constitution be amended to read

The entire Council is to meet in regular annual session, alternately between a place in North America and a place outside of North America whenever possible, the date and place to be set by the Executive Committee, or in the absence of such designation, by the Chairman. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman of the International Council, or by written request of at least three (3) members of the Executive Committee.

The Recommendation was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

26. THE PRESIDENCY AND CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMISSIONS AND COUNCIL. The Committee considered a referral from the Convention Committee on International Affairs in regard to service by the President

of the Order as Chairman of the International Council. The Committee recommended that Section 87 of the Constitution be amended to provide that the President, while serving in such capacity, shall not also be Chairman of a Commission or the International Council, and that Section 87 should read

> **No person shall be Chairman of more than one National Commission or Council concurrently; nor shall the President of the Order be Chairman of any Commission or Council.**

The Recommendation was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

27. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY OF SERVICEMEN UNDER AGE 21. The Committee considered the request of Okinawa Lodge #2411 that Section 131 of the Constitution be amended

> *To permit members of the Military Establishment under the age of 21 and serving overseas to become members of B'nai B'rith.*

The Committee recommended that

> **The matter is administrative, and no change should be made in the organic law.**

The Recommendation was approved by voice vote of the Convention.

28. CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS FOR COMMITTEE ON JEWISH AMERICANA. The Committee considered a proposal of Dr. William Wexler that the Committee on Jewish Americana be made a permanent committee of the B'nai B'rith, with constitutional status. The Committee expressed neither approval or disapproval of the merits of the proposal and recommended that

> **It be referred to the next Evaluation Committee for study.**

The Recommendation was approved by voice vote of the Convention.

29. REPRESENTATION ON COMMISSIONS RELATED TO SIZE OF DISTRICTS. The attention of the Committee was directed to the fact that at present each of the North American Districts has the same number of representatives on the various Commissions irrespective of the number of members in such Districts. The Committee did not consider the substantive merits of the matter and recommended that

> **It be referred to the Special Committee on Constitutional Review.**

The Recommendation was approved by voice vote of the Convention.

30. REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN ON INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the fact that the International Council includes two representatives selected by the Executive Board of B'nai B'rith Women with the approval of the Board of Governors, but that there is no specific designation of the President of B'nai B'rith Women as a member of the Council. The Committee favorably considered that the President of B'nai B'rith Women be designated specifically as a member of the Council and that the number of representatives selected by the Executive Board of B'nai B'rith Women be reduced from two to one. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that Section 73 of the Constitution be amended to read

> **The Council shall consist of the President, Honorary Presidents, the Executive Vice President, Honorary Executive Vice Presidents of the Order, and the President of the B'nai B'rith Women; two (2) representatives selected by each of the District Grand Lodges out-**

side of North America; seven (7) representatives from the North American Districts appointed by the President of the Order with the approval of the Board of Governors, and one (1) representative selected by the Executive Board of the B'nai B'rith Women with the approval of the Board of Governors.

The Recommendation was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution by voice vote of the Convention.

31. REPRESENTATION OF DISTRICT 22 ON INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL. The Committee recommended that

There be referred to the Board of Governors for study and report to the next Convention the question as to whether District 22 shall continue to be regarded as a part of the representation from North American Districts to the International Council or whether it shall be entitled to separate representation in accordance with the provision now applicable to Districts outside North America.

The Recommendation was disapproved by voice vote of the Convention.

Committee on Constitution and Laws: MR. BRENMAN, chairman; MR. KOVE and JUAN PLAUT (District 20), co-chairmen; SYDNEY A. HELLENBRAND, LAWRENCE PEIREZ and HERBERT SETLOW (District 1); JOSEPH COHEN and HAROLD S. COOK (District 2); RUBIN RITZ and ALAN SILBERGLEIT (District 3); DAVID CHERTKOW (District 4); JUDGE MILTON FRIEDMAN (District 5); SOLOMON HARRISON and BERNARD ROMAN (District 6); STANLEY M. HART (District 7); ISRAEL LEVIN (District 14); H. PINNER (District 15); GASTON KAHN (District 19); JULIUS BRISKIN (District 22); MRS. LOUIS PERLMAN and MRS. HARRY STRAUSS (B'nai B'rith Women). Consultant: DR. MAX F. BAER.

RESOLUTIONS

Report presented by DAVID M. BLUMBERG *of Knoxville (District 7), chairman, and* MRS. FRANCES SOLOVICH *of Detroit (B'nai B'rith Women), co-chairman.*

1. B'NAI B'RITH and WORLD JEWRY. The growth of the B'nai B'rith organization in the Diaspora and in Israel, and the key positions occupied by its members in many Jewish communities throughout the world and especially in the U.S.A., the largest Diaspora community, make it imperative to define its objectives and to adapt its activities to the issues and challenges facing contemporary world Jewry.

The trend in most countries is towards converting B'nai B'rith from a closed and limited Order to a wide-scale comprehensive organization which would include the highest quality leadership in Jewish life. B'nai B'rith is therefore obligated to educate its members and activate them in Jewish public life. It shall have as its clear aim the strengthening of world Jewry, by fostering and promoting Jewish culture and by an active partnership in the upbuilding of the Jewish State in Israel as a haven for all Jews who wish to settle there.

The activities of B'nai B'rith throughout the world should be based on the following principles:

(a) The unity of the Jewish people in Israel and the Diaspora, and collective responsibility of branches of Jewry as well as responsibility of Jewish communities in free countries for the fate of their brethren in countries of oppression. This calls for a comprehensive knowledge of the situation prevailing in the Jewish world and the strengthening of communications and direct contact between communities.

(b) The recognition of mutual responsibility of the State of Israel and Jewish communities abroad. This demands an energetic and constant participation of world B'nai B'rith in the solution of problems which confront the State of Israel. There is urgent need for the continuation of efforts both of groups and individuals to fulfill special programs for the upbuilding and development of the country, the absorption of immigration, and aid in finding a speedy solution to the problem of integration of the various communities in Israel. It also involves the deepening of the knowledge on the part of Israel's population of the spiritual creativity of Diaspora Jewry, and the character, achievements, and problems of Jewish communities throughout the world.

(c) The deepening of Jewish consciousness, particularly among the youth, the promotion of Hebrew education in all its aspects, and encouragement of youth organizations in their Jewish cultural activities.

(d) Continuation of the struggle for the rights of Jews throughout the world and combatting anti-Semitic manifestations directed either at individual Jews or at Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

(e) A firm and coordinated stand, moral and political, against any attempts to weaken the political status of Israel in the international arena or to endanger her security.

(f) Aid for every effort for international understanding between religions and communities, both on an international scale and among the population in the State of Israel.

(g) Active participation by members of the Order in Jewish community life through the assumption of leadership in the existing institutions. Assistance in consolidating young leadership and encouraging the acceptance of responsibility both with respect to the needs of the communities themselves and with respect to the overall Jewish needs.

(h) Cooperation with the Order in Israel with a view to assisting in the gradual development of Israel into a model state in regards to its social order, economy, political system, freedom of the individual, equal educational opportunities and high educational standards, social responsibility towards citizens handicapped by underprivileged backgrounds, so that the Jewish State will be indeed a source of pride and a model for all nations of the world.

The Committee recommended that the new Administration as soon as it can feasibly do so, appoint a special committee to review the proposed platform and report to the Board of Governors at the earliest possible time.

The Resolution on B'NAI B'RITH AND WORLD JEWRY *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

2. MIDDLE EAST ARMS. *Whereas* the supply of sophisticated offensive arms to the Arab countries in the Middle East is steadily growing; and

Whereas this jeopardizes the stability of the Middle East and tends to create an arms imbalance that could spark a world conflagration; and

Whereas B'nai B'rith has a continued interest in maintaining peace and the balance of power in the Middle East in the prayerful hope that a just peace may emerge;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the State of Israel be enabled to secure sufficient and proper future armaments to redress adequately any imbalance, and

Be It Further Resolved that all nations of the world use their good

offices to encourage nations of the Middle East to meet at the conference table in a common search for a just and lasting peace.

The Resolution on MIDDLE EAST ARMS *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

3. JORDAN WATERS. *Whereas* water is indispensable to the life and growth of any country; and

Whereas a vast percentage of the Land of Israel is arid and its growing population can be settled in such areas only if the vital need for water is justly met; and

Whereas the uniform regional plan has apportioned the waters of the Jordan River system between Israel and her neighbors on a reasonable and just basis, and such plan was accepted on the technical level by all parties concerned; and

Whereas the Arab nations have announced a program to divert uselessly the source of the Jordan River and appear to have already taken steps to implement these plans for the sole purpose of depriving Israel of its fair share of these waters;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that B'nai B'rith support Israel's natural, inalienable, and internationally recognized right to its fair share of the water from the Jordan River system, through the public forums of the 42 countries in which B'nai B'rith has representation; and further that our constituencies make appropriate representations to their respective governments and their delegates to the various international bodies to support the purpore and tenor of this resolution.

The Resolution on JORDAN WATERS *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

4. WILLIAMS-JAVITS BILL. *Whereas* business firms in the United States have been negatively affected by trade restrictions, organized and implemented by the League of Arab States and promulgated through their Central Office for the Boycott of Israel and its regional agencies; and

Whereas American business organizations have been subjected to harassing and intimidating demands from said agencies to supply information on their transactions, associations, and managements, with failure to provide such data resulting in the application of trade restrictions; and

Whereas such restrictive practices employed by foreign agencies against Americans are violating basic American principles and constitute interference with Americans' freedom of action; and

Whereas American citizens are entitled to the support of their government in their resistance against foreign interference with their freedom of action;

Now, Therefore, B'nai B'rith urges speedy hearings on, and adoption of, the Williams-Javits Bill (S. 948) pending before the Banking and Currency Committees in both houses of Congress, which will amend the Export Control Act of 1949 and declare it to be "the policy of the U. S. to oppose restrictive trade practices, or boycotts, fostered or imposed by foreign countries against other countries friendly to the U. S."

The Resolution on the WILLIAMS-JAVITS BILL *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

5. ARAB BOYCOTT. *Whereas* the League of Arab States Boycott against Israel is not confined to prohibiting trade between themselves and Israel but seeks to obstruct trade between other countries and Israel; and

Whereas the League of Arab States in the pursuit of that objective attempts to force other countries to become involuntary participants in political and economic warfare against a friendly country; and

Whereas the League of Arab States has been harassing business organizations in various countries of the free world by the imposition of restrictions in violation of free trade; and

Whereas the imposition of such restrictions and compliance with them is incompatible with democratic freedoms;

Now, Therefore, B'nai B'rith respectfully urges the governments of the free world to instruct their diplomatic representatives to demand of the League of Arab States that they desist from restrictive trade practices and boycotts; and

B'nai B'rith further respectfully urges chambers of commerce and trade and industrial associations in all countries affected by the Arab boycott to refuse compliance with the restrictive rules and regulations of the League of Arab States promulgated through their Central Office for the Boycott of Israel and its regional agencies, and to assure the business communities of the world freedom of action unhampered by discrimination and intimidation.

The Resolution on ARAB BOYCOTT *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

6. B'NAI B'RITH-ISRAEL CENTENNIAL. This year marks the 100th anniversary of B'nai B'rith's relationship to and interest in the land and people of Israel. It was in October, 1865, that B'nai B'rith, responding to an urgent appeal from Sir Moses Montefiore, contributed $4,500, a considerable sum at that time, to aid victims of a cholera epidemic then raging in Palestine.

From that time on, B'nai B'rith has been ever ready to extend its aid to our kinsmen struggling to revive the land of the Bible and aspiring to re-establish sovereign Jewish dignity on the soil of our people's Promised Land.

Through its Commission on Israel, B'nai B'rith has played a leading role in the development of Israel's economy, in the redemption of the land, in the education of her children, and in building an interchange of people, thought, and purpose to help forge the unity of the Jewish people.

In recognition of that day in 1865, we hereby proclaim October, 1965 as Israel Centennial Month, and call upon all B'nai B'rith units to hold appropriate anniversary programs in support of the B'nai B'rith Israel Program and, in every way, to increase their Israel activities for the sake of Jewry and B'nai B'rith.

The Resolution on B'NAI B'RITH-ISRAEL CENTENNIAL *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

7. GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION. *Whereas* the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has adopted and implemented indemnification legislation to compensate victims of Nazi persecution for personal sufferings and material losses; and

Whereas these efforts of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany have been recognized as expressing a sense of moral responsibility for the outrages of the Nazi system; and

Whereas the cut-off date for the indemnification law was October 1, 1953, after which date no applications could be filed by persons otherwise eligible for compensation under said law; and

Whereas there are tens of thousands of Nazi victims who, through no fault of their own, but by reason of their living in Eastern Europe before the 1953 deadline, were unable to file applications for indemnification,

Now, Therefore, B'nai B'rith resolves to call upon the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to reinstate the prior indemnification law by extending the 1953 deadline; to provide compensation for damages to aid victims of Nazism whose earning capacity was impaired; and further to compensate the widows of Nazi victims who died before October 1, 1953, without opportunity to file.

The Resolution on GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

8. SLAVE LABOR. *Whereas* many of West Germany's leading industries were employers of tens of thousands of Jewish slave laborers during the Hitler period; and

Whereas these industries actively solicited the labor of these concentration camp victims and exploited them mercilessly in barbaric and inhuman ways; and

Whereas with but few exceptions Germany industry, as a whole and individually, has thus far not accepted the legal and moral obligations to compensate the approximately 100,000 former Jewish slave labor claimants,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that B'nai B'rith in convention assembled calls upon the individual German industries which were employers of slave labor to recognize their legal and moral responsibility for compensation to such survivors, and

Be It Further Resolved that the central body of Germany industry and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany exercise their respective influences upon these German industries to oblige them to assume their legal and moral responsibility for compensation.

The Resolution on SLAVE LABOR *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

9. STATUS OF SOVIET JEWRY. *Whereas* Jewry in the U. S. S. R. is deprived of the rights retained by all other national and by all other major religious bodies; and

Whereas such deprivations and discriminatory patterns are violative of Soviet constitutional provisions; and

Whereas limited token concessions by the Soviet government, such as isolated Yiddish publications and the limited baking of matzot, while encouraging responses to world public opinion, can in no way be interpreted as even a partial fulfillment of the right of Soviet Jewish citizens to equality in the U. S. S. R.; and

Whereas a campaign of vilification against Judaism is being conducted in the Soviet press and other Russian publications, which uses anti-Semitic stereotypes and canards which inflame hatred of the Jew;

Therefore, the B'nai B'rith Triennial Convention calls upon the Soviet Government to adhere to its constitutional statutes and ideological assertions by restoring to its Jewish citizens their full cultural, educational, national, and religious rights; to end the vilifying press campaign directed against Judaism; and to combat vigorously anti-Semitism in all its manifestations.

The Resolution on STATUS OF SOVIET JEWRY *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

10. REUNION OF WAR-SEPARATED FAMILIES. *Whereas,* the reunion of families is a basic principle of international morality recognized and supported by the United Nations; and

Whereas there are today thousands of Jews living in the Soviet Union who were torn asunder from their families by the Nazi holocaust; and

Whereas the Soviet Government has given support to the principle of reunion of families by, for example, encouraging splintered Armenian families to be reunited;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that B'nai B'rith calls upon the Soviet Government to permit on a voluntary basis its Jewish citizens separated from their families abroad to leave in order to be reunited with their families.

The Resolution on REUNION OF WAR-SEPARATED FAMILIES *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

11. GENOCIDE and OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS. *Whereas* the failure of the United States to ratify international human rights treaties, such as the Genocide Convention, has compromised the American tradition of championship of international morality and the rule of law on a global scale; and

Whereas this attitude in international human rights commitments has given rise to the Communist allegation of insincerity, embarrassed our friends abroad, limited our effectiveness in calling to account violators of human rights, and hindered us in participating in the process of creating norms of human conduct on an international basis; and

Whereas the late President John F. Kennedy in July, 1963, reintroduced the need for U. S. leadership in advancing human rights by transmitting and requesting Senate ratification of three international agreements dealing with forced labor, slavery, and political rights for women; and

Whereas President Johnson's administration spokesmen have reiterated support for U. S. ratification of the Genocide treaty;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that this convention authorize the President of B'nai B'rith to communicate with all members of the Senate to urge that the Genocide Convention and the Conventions on forced labor, slavery, and the political rights of women be promptly ratified.

The Resolution on GENOCIDE AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

12. UNITED NATIONS. *Whereas* today we commemorate the 20th anniversary of the United Nations; and

Whereas we also now celebrate International Cooperation Year, which testifies to the magnificent cooperative achievement of the United Nations in promoting peace, combating poverty, and raising economic and social standards of mankind; and

Whereas every effort must be made to strengthen the United Nations and intensify the cooperation process and promote the welfare of mankind in order to prevent a nuclear holocaust;

Therefore, B'nai B'rith in Convention assembled resolves to rededicate this year to vigorous support of the United Nations and to engage in every type of program aimed at making International Cooperation Year a vital instrument of human understanding.

The Resolution on the UNITED NATIONS *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

13. VOTING RIGHTS. *Whereas* B'nai B'rith has always advocated as one of its basic tenets a profound devotion to the equality of all men in the eyes of the law and in the eye of God, and fought for the basic rights of all American citizens and against the dangerous concept of second-class citizenship; and

Whereas B'nai B'rith has long endorsed those who have sought that end in a peaceful and non-violent manner, and has been in the forefront of those who seek an America in which every citizen is judged on his individual worth; and

Whereas the denial of equality before the law, the denial of equal economic opportunity, and the denial of a free choice of housing are inimical to the American credo; and

Whereas the diminution of the rights of any American citizen is, in turn, a diminution of the rights of all American citizens,

Now, Therefore, B'nai B'rith urges the Congress of the United States to act favorably upon pending voting rights legislation; urges the President of the U. S. vigorously to implement and enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and rededicates itself to help bring the realities of American life into conformity with the noble aspirations of American democracy.

The Resolution on VOTING RIGHTS *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

14. FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION. *Whereas* the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith has always supported public education, and has long recognized the urgent need for legislation granting extensive federal aid to public education throughout the country; and

Whereas B'nai B'rith has always supported the religious clauses of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, made applicable to the states by the Fourteenth Amendment, which guarantee freedom of religion and seek to secure such freedom by means of separation of church and state; and

Whereas B'nai B'rith has therefore opposed the use of public funds in aid of sectarian schools at the primary or secondary level; and

Whereas B'nai B'rith is opposed to any public educational program which may result in the exposure of public school children to sectarian influences, the religious segregation of students, or the operation of sectarian religious influences on the curricula, textbooks, teaching methods, or teaching materials used in the public schools, or which might in any other way adversely affect the independence and integrity of the public school system;

Now, Therefore, B'nai B'rith resolves that any programs put into operation under the recently adopted U. S. Federal Aid to Education Act should operate under regulations which will secure the absolute control of any public funds expended under that Act by public authorities only, and which will avoid the use of public funds in aid of sectarian schools at the primary or secondary level, and which will prevent the exposure of public school students to sectarian influences, the religious segregation of students, or the operation of any religious influence on the curricula, textbooks, teaching methods, or teaching materials used in such public schools, or which would in any other way adversely affect the independence and integrity of the public school system.

The Resolution on FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

15. WAR ON POVERTY. *Whereas* the U. S. is dedicated to the proposition that its citizens shall not be subject to discriminatory treatment and all shall be equal regardless of race, creed or national origin; and

Whereas the War on Poverty program enunciated by President Johnson is a natural and necessary outgrowth of the nation's commitment to provide equality of opportunity without discrimination; and

Whereas B'nai B'rith supports the broad purposes of the War on Poverty program and should undertake specific programs in implementation of such commitment as it may determine from time to time, and should recommend similar undertakings by all B'nai B'rith constituent units in the U. S.,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith urges its Commissions, Committees, Districts, Councils, and units in the U. S. to (1. Become conversant with the aims and programs of the War on Poverty on a national and local level; and (2. Consult with all interested B'nai B'rith agencies for information and guidance regarding participation in the War on Poverty program activities designed to help do away with the economic causes of racial and ethnic discrimination.

The Resolution on WAR ON POVERTY *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

16. CONVENTION DATES. *Whereas* the annual conventions of all the Districts of North America are held during the months of May, June, and July; and

Whereas the Triennial Convention of the Supreme Lodge has been held during the month of May; and

Whereas the dates of the District conventions and Triennial Conventions have been so close together, hardships have been created on the delegates because of time and money expended during such a short space of time, and in some cases District conventions suffer from loss of leadership because of the aforesaid reasons;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Supreme Lodge convention committee take into consideration the dates of the District conventions in order to avoid date conflicts as much as possible; and

Be It Further Resolved that the place and date of the next Triennial Convention be announced within one year after the end of this Convention, thus giving the Districts two years' notice in which to plan their own conventions to avoid conflicts of dates.

The Resolution on CONVENTION DATES *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

17. B'NAI B'RITH EVALUATION COMMITTEE. The Committee on Resolutions recommended to the Convention that Items 1 and 2 of the Evaluation Committee's report be approved. These items were:

1. *That an Evaluation Committee be appointed by the President shortly after each triennium.*
2. *That the Committee shall consist of one representative of each of the North American Districts, and one representative from the B'nai B'rith Women.*

The Resolution on B'NAI B'RITH EVALUATION COMMITTEE *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

18. B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN. The accomplishments of the B'nai B'rith Women are not always fully recounted in our records. This Convention

must take special note of the past six years, for we are proud of their many deeds and accomplishments.

We, the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith, look back many years upon a record of philanthropies, institutions founded, supported, and guided by these noble daughters of the Covenant.

In marking the shining achievements during the tenure of our beloved and tireless leader, President Label A. Katz, we pay tribute and honor, and give our warmest heartfelt thanks to those dedicated women who served side by side with him, with brilliance of purpose, devotion, clarity of vision, and with charm and personality. We hail all the B'nai B'rith Women, and especially Mrs. Charles Solovich, Mrs. Moe Kudler, and Mrs. Leonard Sims, as true *Aishes Chaim,* women of valor, seeking no glory, satisfied only with the gigantic task of bringing together all Jews in a true spirit of B'nai B'rith—Benevolence, Brotherly Love, and Harmony.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by this 1965 Triennial Convention, assembled in this ancient homeland of our forefathers, that we recount and state our profound appreciation and gratitude to the B'nai B'rith Women and their leaders during the past six years.

The Resolution on B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

19. HARRY S TRUMAN. The delegates and officers of the Triennial Convention now in session in the State of Israel extend warmest and sincere greetings to President Harry S Truman, and likewise extend our thanks and appreciation for his Message in participation in the dedicatory service in memory of the late Eddie Jacobson held by our Convention during its deliberations. We pray for his good health and happiness.

The Resolution on HARRY S TRUMAN *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

20. FRANK GOLDMAN. B'nai B'rith lost one of its dearly beloved leaders when Frank Goldman was taken to his eternal rest. Over a long and fruitful life he strove mightily to promote the welfare of his people, his country, and all humanity. He was a man of integrity, of deep wisdom, steeped in the traditions of Judaism, Americanism, and democracy, and his life was a litany of service and devotion to the great principles of our Order—Benevolence, Brotherly Love, and Harmony.

For many decades every leader in B'nai B'rith found in Frank Goldman a sagacious counselor, an inspiring champion of the entire program of our Order, a warm and true friend throughout the years of other Presidents, officers, and those thousands whose labors and efforts have helped to bring our Order to its highest achievements in a long and illustrious history.

Frank Goldman, your friends miss you and mourn you. Your brothers and sisters assembled at this Triennial Convention delight in the light you shed, and we will walk with pride and high hopes up the steep incline toward a better world for all people.

The Resolution on FRANK GOLDMAN *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

21. LABEL A. KATZ. Years of devoted service in B'nai B'rith serving Judaism have been climaxed for Label A. Katz by six outstanding years as President of the Supreme Lodge. No man has sacrificed or given more to a cause which might well be termed his life work. He has walked and talked with the leaders of the world and they have listened

to him. His capacity for work and his great understanding have endeared him to all.

We in B'nai B'rith are deeply indebted to Label Katz for his splendid leadership, for which we will be ever grateful. His reward will be the realization that the forward progress of the work of the Order will not be halted.

We wish him well in his endeavors and good health and happiness.

The Resolution on LABEL A. KATZ *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

22. MAURICE BISGYER. Maurice Bisgyer having retired as Executive Vice President of the Supreme Lodge, it is fitting that B'nai B'rith recognize the work, love, leadership, time, and devotion that he has expended on behalf of B'nai B'rith and Jewry. He devoted 27 years in the service of our Order and during all of that time he gave of himself unstintingly. He has earned the love and devotion of all with whom he came into contact.

We in B'nai B'rith wish to take this opportunity of expressing to Maurice Bisgyer the warm feeling and respect we will always have for him. May God give him years and health to enjoy his retirement.

The Resolution on MAURICE BISGYER *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

23. APPRECIATION. Whereas, although the 1965 Triennial Convention has been held during trying times, we are glad to note the positive accomplishments of the Convention;

Whereas we have modernized and improved the Constitution; we have set newer and higher objectives; we have achieved greater understanding of our world-wide problems;

Whereas we have received inspiration from one of the greatest Jewish leaders, President of B'nai B'rith Label A. Katz; the Honorary President of B'nai B'rith Philip M. Klutznick; from the dean of Israel's spokesmen, David Ben-Gurion; the President of Israel, His Excellency Zalman Shazar; the Prime Minister, His Excellency Levi Eshkol; the Deputy Prime Minister, His Excellency Abba Eban; the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Her Excellency Golda Meir; and other members of the Cabinet of the State of Israel; and from that distinguished member of B'nai B'rith, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, the Hon. Arthur Goldberg;

Whereas all our deliberations have been the results of long and careful planning by Sydney Hellenbrand, our Convention Chairman, his Committee, and our tireless and hard-working Washington and New York staffs, we owe to Brother Hellenbrand, his Committee, and our staff workers thanks and gratitude for a Convention which will be remembered as among the most fruitful in the annals of B'nai B'rith;

Whereas we extend our special gratitude to our brothers and sisters of District No. 14 (Israel), who did so much to facilitate the operations of the Convention business by placing at our disposal a most efficient clerical staff, as well as graciously providing various social accommodations,

Be It Therefore Resolved that the 1965 Triennial Convention go on record with a unanimous vote of thanks to Vice President Sydney Hellenbrand, the Committee, our Washington staff, our New York staff, to District No. 14, and to everyone who labored sincerely and tirelessly to bring forth the splendid results which are now part of our record of

greater accomplishments, higher aims, and a B'nai B'rith which will bring about a better world for all Jews and all people.

The Resolution of APPRECIATION *was adopted by voice vote of the Convention.*

Committee on Resolutions: MR. BLUMBERG, chairman; MRS. SOLOVICH and HILARY S. PRYER (District 21), co-chairmen; HARRY BERMACK, JULIUS NEIMAN, HARRY P. BABUSH and OSCAR GOLDMAN (District 1); JUDGE SAUL PINCHICK (District 2); DR. WILLIAM LIEBESMAN, PHILIP LAX, DR. SIDNEY RUBENSTEIN and LAURENCE STAMELMAN (District 3); NORMAN GODELL and MOE KUDLER (District 4); ROBERT LIPTON (District 5); AVRAM "BUD" CHARLIP, LOUIS DAVIS and PHILIP H. MITCHEL (District 6); SHALOM DORON (District 14); JOSEPH KUTNER (District 15); S. MEIJER (District 19); A. BERTIE LEVI (District 20); JACIE HOROWITZ (District 22). Consultant: HERBERT S. LEVY.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nominations and election of officers for the next triennium were held Thursday, May 27, 1965.

Dr. WILLIAM A. WEXLER (District 5) and JUDGE DAVID COLEMAN (District 4) were nominated and seconded for the office of President.

The vote was by closed ballot.

Dr. Wexler was elected to the office of President.

Upon motion of Judge Coleman, the vote was declared unanimous.

LABEL A. KATZ (District 7) was elected unanimously an Honorary President of the Order by a standing vote of acclamation.

SIDNEY G. KUSWORM (District 2) was unanimously elected Treasurer.

MAURICE BISGYER was unanimously elected Honorary Executive Vice President.

Dr. Wexler was formally inducted into office by Mr. Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

The following were nominated and elected to office:

VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE ORDER. SYDNEY A. HELLENBRAND (District 1); DANIEL L. BRENNER (District 2); ABRAHAM BRENMAN (District 3); JEFFERSON E. PEYSER (District 4); E. ALBERT PALLOT (District 5); DR. ABE GREENBERG (District 6); DAVID M. BLUMBERG (District 7); JUDGE JOSEPH M. LAMM (District 14); JACK MORRISON (District 15); PAUL JACOB (District 19); MINO M. COVO (District 20); HANS SPITZ (District 21); SAMUEL MOSKOVITCH (District 22).

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. JUDGE SIDNEY SUGARMAN (District 1); LOUIS MATUSOFF (District 2); LEONARD ORLOFF (District 3); MOE KUDLER (District 4); JACK J. JENKINS (District 5); BERNARD ROMAN (District 6); BILLY B. GOLDBERG (District 7); YEHOSHUA MAZUR (District 14); FRED SIMON WORMS (District 15); AARON NEUMAN (District 19); A. BERTIE LEVI (District 20); HILARY PRYER (District 21); HENRY BLATT (District 22).

COURT OF APPEALS. Chief Justice: ABRAHAM GLOVSKY (District 1). SIEGMUND KLEVE (District 1); HAROLD S. COOK (District 2); JUDGE MAURICE SPORKIN (District 3); EDWARD ROSENBLUM (District 5); JACK SPERLING (District 6); HARRY B. FRIEDMAN (District 7); JUDGE SHALOM KASSAN (District 14); DR. IGNATZ HERZFELD (District 19); ISADORE MARCUS (District 22). [Districts 4, 15, 20 and 21 will report their Court of Appeals selections at a later date.]

ANTI-DEFAMATION COMMISSION. EUGENE L. SUGARMAN, MOSES L. KOVE and SIDNEY L. RABINOWITZ (District 1); JUDGE ROBERT L. ARONSON, JUDGE CHARLES ROSENBAUM and BARON H. GOLD (District 2); ISADORE BINSTOCK, HAROLD STAENBERG and EPHRAIM M. BAKER (District 3); MERLE D. COHEN, DAVID P. GOLDMAN and HY SAMUELS (District 4); JUDGE MILTON A. FRIEDMAN, NATHAN RICH and MAURICE STEINBERG (District 5); BEN Z. NUDELMAN, MORRIS DIRENFELD and COLEMAN S. TAUBE (District 6); SIMON WEIL, MAYER NEWFIELD and DAVID BARG (District 7); LOUIS HERMAN, DR. ALEXANDER LIPSON and MURRAY SPIEGEL (District 22).

BBYO COMMISSION. LESTER A. MACKETZ and M. SANFORD WEIL, JR. (District 1); JACK N. BOHM and JUDGE SAUL PINCHICK (District 2); BERNARD S. TINT and ROBERT LIPSON (District 3); HOWARD MICHEL and JACK SPITZER (District 4); LOUIS MIRMAN and ROBERT I. LIPTON (District 5); JOSEPH FOX and JULES LEVIN (District 6); HAROLD RUBIN and EMILE L. GROSSBART (District 7); HART WINTROB and SAM J. DAVIDSON (District 22).

HILLEL COMMISSION. GEORGE E. GORDON and JULIUS NEIMAN (District 1); EMANUEL SPACK and RAYMOND S. FREILER (District 2); ROBERT FRANKEL and DR. ALLEN BROTMAN (District 3); HYMAN O. DANOFF and DAVID A. CHERTKOW (District 4); JULIAN BLACKMAN and JAY MARKOWITZ (District 5); MILTON M. WEINSTEIN and STANLEY BERNSTEIN (District 6); STANLEY M. KAUFMAN and MAX ZELEN (District 7); E. J. SHAPIRO and DAVID MARKS (District 22).

VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION. WILFRED S. STACHENFELD and SIDNEY SNYDER (District 1); JOSEPH L. COHEN and THEODORE B. MARKS (District 2); MILTON BERGER and ABE CRAMER (District 3); ALEX "SANDY" KLEIN and NORMAN GODELL (District 4); S. SYLVAN FARBER and ELI HURWITZ (District 5); H. BURTON SCHATZ and FRANK LOCKE (District 6); LOUIS H. BARNETT and PAUL SWARTZ (District 7); DR. H. O. SINGER and PHILIP ROSENBAUM (District 22).

COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES COMMISSION. SOL ROBINSON and HERMAN M. METZ (District 1); JACK J. GOLD and SAMUEL J. FRAZIN (District 2); DR. WILLIAM LIEBESMAN and DR. SIDNEY RUBENSTEIN (District 3); GORDON LEVOY and CHARLES T. GELB (District 4); HERMAN KOPLEN and LEO STEINMAN (District 5); MARVIN K. BAILIN and WILLARD VINITSKY (District 6); ROBERT BESSER and AL C. SCHLOSSER (District 7); SYDNEY BROWN and MONTAGUE RAISMAN (District 22).

ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION COMMISSION. LOUIS GREENBERG and HYMAN C. SCHONZEIT (District 1); HAROLD S. COOK and BERNARD R. FRIEDMAN (District 2); MAX MESHON and IRVING CHVAT (District 3); JULES L. SAMSON and FRANKLYN BRANN (District 4); JULES BANK and HARRY RULNICK (District 5); DR. LEON FELLMAN and ALFRED H. BOUNIN (District 6); JERRY WOLENS and GEORGE MITCHELL (District 7); E. M. SPRACKMAN and BARNEY GROSSER (District 22).

ISRAEL COMMISSION. TED C. GORMAN and MEYER HALPERIN (District 1); EDWARD P. BLAUGRUND and LEONARD BELOVE (District 2); WILLIAM NATHAN and ALVIN ENGLANDER (District 3); BENJAMIN M. BENDAT and EMIL DOHAN (District 4); MILTON SEIDENMAN and JACOB ZUCKERMAN (District 5); SOLOMON HARRISON and DR. ELMER S. IMBER (District 6); LOUIS KOTLER and PAUL KAPELOW (District 7); HARRY J. PACHTER and SAMUEL S. BARD (District 22).

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL. Districts outside of North America announced their selections, in accordance with Section 73 of the Constitution, as follows: WALTER SCHELITZER and SHALOM DORON (District 14); JACK MORRISON and JOSEPH KUTNER (District 15); PAUL JACOB [second representative to be selected at the next District convention]; HELMUT HEINEMANN and RICARDO HOLZER (District 20); HANS SPITZ and HILARY PRYER (District 21).

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By motion of BEN Z. GLASS (District 6) the Convention was adjourned sine die.