

LICENSES: Poale Zion Organization
JEWISH NATIONAL WORKERS ALLIANCE

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September 27, 1944

Dear Mr. Wertheim:

The following message for you and Mr. Segal from Meilech Neustadt was received through the American Consulate General in Jerusalem under date of September 23, 1944:

"Two sums have been received, one in the amount of 1961 pounds from Bank of Montreal and the other in the amount of 1728 pounds from Amalgamated Bank. Thanks very much. Immediate visit to Rumania considered important in order to strengthen our position there and with neighbors and also in order to assist neighboring countries. Could suitable recommendation be obtained that I be granted such possibility?"

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. David Wertheim,
✓ Poale Zion Organization,
45 East 17th Street,
New York, New York.

Copy to Mr. Louis Segal,
✓ Jewish National Workers Alliance,
45 East 17th Street,
New York, New York.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: Consulate General, Jerusalem
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: September 23, 1944
NUMBER: 129

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It is requested by Melech Neustadt that the following message be transmitted through TRB to David Wertheim, Louis Segal, Poale Zion Organization, Jewish Workers Alliance. 45, East 17th Street, New York City is the address.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 8 1972

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
Jerusalem, Palestine,
September 14, 1944.

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SUBJECT: Treasury License for Poale Zion and
Jewish National Workers Alliance.



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THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's telegram no. 137 of August 25, 6 P.M., forwarding the text of License Number W-2276, issued by the Treasury Department jointly to the Jewish National Workers Alliance and the Poale Zion Organization, authorizing the transaction of certain dealings for the relief and rescue of persons in enemy or enemy occupied territory. In accordance with the instructions, a paraphrase of the text of the license was sent to Mr. Meilech Neustadt, Ichud Office, 40 Yehudah Halevy Street, Tel Aviv, with an offer to cooperate with him in carrying out the operations authorized by the license.

As the transactions contemplated would bring Mr. Neustadt under controls imposed by the Palestine Government, requiring exemption which is only granted under directions from London, he called at the Consulate General on September 12 to discuss the matter. At that time, I expressed my willingness to do what I could to enable him to discharge his functions as trustee and told him the operations had the approval of the Department of State, War Refugee Board and the Treasury.

Mr. Neustadt explained to me that he had been acting in such matters for several years but had conducted all negotiations and made necessary remittances through the regular representation of the Jewish Agency and Histadruth in Turkey and Switzerland. He says it is not practical to handle directly from Palestine necessary communications with persons in enemy or enemy occupied territory and well-organized lines have been established whereby communication comes to the representatives in Switzerland and Turkey. In making remittances

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for the benefit of persons in enemy territory he sends money to the representatives in the appropriate country, who, in turn, procure the necessary exchange. He did not seem to know the actual machinery used in procuring the exchange but says it is well established and doubtless well known to United Nations Representatives in Istanbul and Geneva.

Up to the time of his visit Mr. Neustadt had not received the remittances authorized by the specific Treasury Licenses, but he agreed to inform this Consulate General when he did so. He further agreed to report periodically concerning the disposition of any funds received from the United States, giving as complete details as he was able to obtain.

I have been informed confidentially by the Jewish Agency that the Palestine Government is aware that funds remitted to its agents in Istanbul and Geneva are intended for operations in enemy or enemy occupied territory but does not choose to intervene because of the intelligence value of reports which the Jewish Agency receive from enemy countries.

If the procedure outlined by Mr. Neustadt is agreeable, I shall receive and forward to the Department such reports of his transactions as Mr. Neustadt may send.

Respectfully yours,

L. C. Pinkerton,
American Consul General.

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Dear Mr. Segal:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 9, 1944, concerning an application filed by your organization and the Poale Zion Organization for licenses to forward funds to Dr. A. Silberschein and Mr. Marc Jarblum, in Geneva, Switzerland, and to Mr. Melech Neustadt, in Palestine.

Please be advised that we have recommended the issuance of such licenses and have been informed by the Treasury Department that licenses covering the desired transactions were issued under date of August 24, 1944.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Pehle

J. W. Pehle
Executive Director

Mr. Louis Segal,
General Secretary,
Jewish National Workers' Alliance,
Suite 1603-1610,
45 East 17th Street,
New York, New York.

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Jewish National Workers' Alliance



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45 EAST 17th STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.
 (Suite 1603-1610)

August 9, 1944

Miss Hodell
 Executive Office of the President
 War Refugee Board
 Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Hodell:

I have been informed by Mr. David Wertheim, Secretary of the Poale Zion Organization that he has made an application to your Board for a license to forward funds to Mr. Melech Neustadt (Yehuda Halevi 40, Tel Aviv, Palestine) and to Dr. Abr. Silberschein (#7 Rue Gautier, Geneva, Switzerland) and Mr. Marc Jarblum (#37 Quai Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland), to help them carry on their important activities. This license is to be issued to the Poale Zion Organization and the Jewish National Workers' Alliance, in accordance with the information contained in Mr. Wertheim's letter of August 3rd.

I have today received a cable from Dr. Abraham Silberschein urgently requesting that we send him funds to continue his most important activities.

Since the cable is of an urgent nature, I would highly appreciate it and be very thankful to you if you will arrange that the license requested in Mr. Wertheim's letter should be issued immediately.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signature)
 LOUIS SEGAL
 General Secretary

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Mr. Palle*

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Consulate General, Jerusalem
DATED: August 25, 1944
NUMBER: 137
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Please transmit promptly to Mr. Melech Neustadt, Yehuda Halevi 40, Tel Aviv, the following which is text of license No. W-2276 issued jointly to Poale Zion Organization and Jewish National Workers Alliance by the Treasury Department. (Text of license begins):

1. In order to provide relief to person in enemy or enemy-occupied territory, and in order to arrange for the evacuation to places of safety or relative safety, as shall be selected by Mr. Melech Neustadt, Tel Aviv, Palestine, the disbursing trustee for the licensee, (hereinafter referred to as the trustee), of persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory whose lives are in imminent danger and, pending possible evacuation, to sustain and safeguard the lives of such persons, the trustee (including such agents as he may appoint) is hereby licensed, notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory in any manner he deems necessary or expedient and to take all other appropriate action, including the acquisition of necessary funds, goods, or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in accordance with the terms of this license. The necessary funds to finance such

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operations may be obtained by any of the following methods:

- (a) The first method is the purchase of currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to be effected from persons in Palestine who the trustee, after consulting with the American Consulate General in Jerusalem when feasible, is reasonably certain have held such currency or exchange since prior to the freezing of such country by the United States, or have since acquired such currency or exchange in such manner as has not benefited the enemy. The sellers of such currency may be reimbursed therefor in Palestinian pounds at the prevailing unofficial rates of exchange in Palestine.
- (b) The second method is the acquisition of local currencies or exchange from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to insure reimbursement after the war to the persons supplying such currencies or exchange, blocked accounts may be established on your books in the United States, or in a bank in the United States or a bank in Palestine. No payments may be made from any such blocked account without the specific approval of the Treasury Department and no assignments may be made of any interest in such blocked account without such approval.

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(c) The third method should not be used if it is feasible to obtain the local funds by either of the first two methods. The third method is the acquisition of the necessary local funds, goods or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in free exchange or free currency notes. The trustee should take reasonable steps to avoid such foreign exchange or free currency notes being paid to persons who will make it available to the enemy.

2. The total amount of funds paid out or set up in blocked accounts or otherwise obligated under the terms of this license shall not exceed the amounts of dollars (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) authorized by specific Treasury licenses to be used under this license.

3. The trustee should keep the American Consulate General at Jerusalem fully informed with respect to the financial transactions effected under this license. Insofar as feasible the trustee should make certain that the persons from whom the local currency or exchange is purchased are acceptable to the Consulate General. The trustee should satisfy himself that payments to such persons will not benefit the enemy.

4. Periodic reports with regard to any operations engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by the trustee through the American Consulate General

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at Jerusalem, Palestine.

(End of text of license)

Please advise Mr. Neustadt that under specific Treasury license Poale Zion Organization and Jewish National Workers Alliance are remitting immediately \$8,000 and in near future additional \$25,000 to finance operations contemplated. The operations permitted by this license have the approval of the Department, the War Refugee Board, and the Treasury. The Consulate General is requested to take all reasonable steps to facilitate these operations and promptly report to the Department the progress being made and any difficulties encountered, particularly in connection with the financial operations involved. In order to avoid delays in these matters, the Consulate General is requested to make liberal interpretations of the terms of this license, bearing in mind that time is of the essence. The Department and the Treasury should be kept advised of any such interpretations.

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ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Legation, Bern
DATED: August 25, 1944
NUMBER: 2930
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Please notify Mr. Marc Jarblum and Dr. A. Silberschein, 37 Quai Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland, that Treasury Department has issued license No. W-2275 to Poale Zion Organization and the Jewish National Workers Alliance, New York City, permitting them, as disbursing trustees, to arrange for relief and rescue operations in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. The terms of this license are identical to license No. W-2229, issued to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., New York City, which was the subject of the Department's telegram No. 2438 of July 17, 1944. Under specific Treasury license Poale Zion Organization and the Jewish National Workers Alliance will remit immediately the Swiss franc equivalent of \$8,000, and in near future additional Swiss franc equivalent of \$10,000 to finance operations contemplated in such license. The operations covered by this license are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board, and the Treasury.

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10:10 a.m.
August 24, 1944

Miss Chauncey (for the Sec'y) Abrahamson, Cohn, DuBois, Friedman, Hodel, Laughlin, Lesser, Mann, Mannon, McCormack, Cable Control Files

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August 30, 1944

ORIGINAL TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT

FROM: Secretary of State, Washington
TO: American Consulate General, Jerusalem
DATED: August 25, 1944
NUMBER: 137

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1. In order to provide relief to person in enemy or enemy-occupied territory, and in order to arrange for the evacuation to places of safety or relative safety, as shall be selected by Mr. Melech Neustadt, Tel Aviv, Palestine, the disbursing trustee for the licensee, (hereinafter referred to as the trustee), of persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory whose lives are in imminent danger and, pending possible evacuation, to sustain and safeguard the lives of such persons, the trustee (including such agents as he may appoint) is hereby licensed, notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory in any manner he deems necessary or expedient and to take all other appropriate action, including the acquisition of necessary funds, goods, or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in accordance with the terms of this license. The necessary funds to finance such operations may be obtained by any of the following methods:

- (a) The first method is the purchase of currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to be effected from persons in Palestine who the trustee, after consulting with the American Consulate General in Jerusalem when feasible, is reasonably certain have held such currency or exchange since prior to the freeing of such country by the United States, or have since acquired such currency or exchange in such manner

cc: 9/2/44
For Information- Messrs. O'Flaherty, Standish, Cooper, Church, Blake, J. C. Jones, Shaw, NY Fed.

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as has not benefited the enemy. The sellers of such currency may be reimbursed therefor in Palestinian pounds at the prevailing unofficial rates of exchange in Palestine.

- (b) The second method is the acquisition of local currencies or exchange from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to insure reimbursement after the war to the persons supplying such currencies or exchange, blocked accounts may be established on your books in the United States, or in a bank in the United States or a bank in Palestine. No payments may be made from any such blocked account without the specific approval of the Treasury Department and no assignments may be made of any interest in such blocked account without such approval.
- (c) The third method should not be used if it is reasonable to obtain the local funds by either of the first two methods. The third method is the acquisition of the necessary local funds, goods or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in free exchange or free currency notes. The trustee should take reasonable steps to avoid such foreign exchange or free currency notes being paid to persons who will make it available to the enemy.

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3. The trustee should keep the American Consulate General at Jerusalem fully informed with respect to the financial transactions effected under this license. Insofar as feasible the trustee should make certain that the persons from whom the local currency or exchange is purchased are acceptable to the Consulate General. The trustee should satisfy himself that payments to such persons will not benefit the enemy.

4. Periodic reports with regard to any operations engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by the trustee through the American Consulate General at Jerusalem, Palestine.

(End of text of license)

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JERUSALEM, PALESTINE

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occupied territory against payment in free exchange or free currency notes. The trustee should take reasonable steps to avoid such foreign exchange or free currency notes being paid to persons who will make it available to the enemy.

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4. Periodic reports with regard to any operations engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by the trustee through the American Consulate General at Jerusalem, Palestine.

(End of text of license)

Please advise Mr. Neustadt that under specific Treasury license Poale Zion Organization and Jewish National Workers Alliance are remitting immediately \$8,000 and in near future additional \$25,000 to finance operations contemplated. The operations permitted by this license have the approval of the Department, the War Refugee Board, and the Treasury. The Consulate General is requested to take all reasonable steps to facilitate these operations and promptly report to the Department the progress being made and any difficulties encountered, particularly in connection with the financial operations involved. In order to avoid delays in these matters, the Consulate General is requested to make liberal interpretations of the terms of this license, bearing in mind that time is of the essence. The Department and the Treasury should be kept advised of any such interpretations.

10:10 a.m.
August 24, 1944

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Operations from Switzerland:

Basic license No. W-2275 issued August 24, 1944
Remittance license No. NY 645945 issued August 23, 1944
Letter No. 75533 dated August 24, 1944
Letter No. 75957 dated August 24, 1944 (TO Poale Zion Organization, also
covering W-2276)

Operations from Palestine:

Basic license No. W-2276 issued August 24, 1944
Remittance license No. NY 645946 issued August 23, 1944
Letter No. 75958 dated August 24, 1944

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MEMORANDUM

For attachment to: *Diles*

FFC Letter No:

Date: August 12, 1944

TO: Liaison Officer, Foreign Funds Control

FROM: War Refugee Board

Subject: Rescue and relief operations in enemy territory

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated August 3, 1944 from the Poale Zion Organization dealing with remittances to Switzerland and Palestine for rescue and relief.

The War Refugee Board recommends that appropriate Treasury licenses and other necessary documents be issued permitting the execution of the project contemplated in the letter described above.

Remarks:

- (1) 2 basic licenses for operations from Switzerland and from Palestine.
- (2) Remittance license for \$18,000 to Jarblum and Silberschein, Switzerland.
- (3) Remittance license for \$33,000 to Neustadt, Palestine.

 For the War Refugee Board
Action:

Basic license No. W-	issued	(SEE ATTACHMENT)
Remittance license No.	issued	
Other:		

 Liaison Officer
 Foreign Funds Control

Date: August 24, 1944

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License No. T-2275

Date: AUG 24 1944

L I C E N S E
(GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389
OF APRIL 10, 1940, AS AMENDED, AND THE REGULATIONS
ISSUED THEREUNDER)

To Peale Zion Organisation
Jewish National Workers Alliance
Name of Licensee

45 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York
Address of Licensee

Sirs:

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- (a) The first method is the purchase of currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to be effected from persons in Switzerland who the trustees, after consulting with the American Legation in Bern when feasible, are reasonably certain have held such currency or exchange since prior to the freezing of such country by the United States, or have since acquired such currency or exchange in such manner as has not benefited the enemy. The sellers of such currency may be reimbursed therefor in Swiss francs at the prevailing unofficial rates of exchange in Switzerland.
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- (c) The third method should not be used if it is feasible to obtain the local funds by either of the first two methods. The third method is the acquisition of the necessary local funds, goods or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in free exchange or free currency notes. The trustees should take reasonable steps to avoid such foreign exchange or free currency notes being paid to persons who will make it available to the enemy.

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3. The trustees should keep the American Legation in Switzerland fully informed with respect to the financial transactions effected under this license. Insofar as feasible the trustees should make certain that the persons from whom the local currency or exchange is purchased are acceptable to the Legation. The trustees should satisfy themselves that payments to such persons will not benefit the enemy.

4. Periodic reports with regard to any operations engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by the trustees through the United States Legation in Bern, Switzerland.

5. This license is granted upon the statements and representations filed with the Treasury Department, and is subject to the condition, among others, that you will comply in all respects with Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and the terms of this license.

6. This license shall expire six months from date hereof; it is not transferable, is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. 8389, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder and may be revoked, modified, or declared void at any time at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through the agency through which the license was issued, or any other agency designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(Signed) Orvis A. Schmidt

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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In reply please
refer to: 78533

To : Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
Foreign Funds Control Department.

From : E. W. O'Flaherty,
Acting Special Assistant to the Director.

Attention: Mr. Herman P. Davis

For your information and the completion of
your files, there is enclosed herewith a copy of
license No. W-2275, issued jointly to Poale Zion
Organization and the Jewish National Workers Alliance,
45 East 17th Street, New York City.

(Signed) E. W. O'FLAHERTY

Enclosure.

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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NY 645945

Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Poale Zion Organization and Jewish National Workers' Alliance, 45 East 17th Street, New York City, permitting them jointly, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit the Swiss franc equivalent of \$18,000 to Mr. Marc Jarblum and/or Dr. A. Silberschein, Geneva, Switzerland, for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of license No. W-2276. License period six months. The licensee or its bank of account is authorized (a) to pay the dollar amount involved to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Zurich for payment of the Swiss franc equivalent to the payee designated herein or (b) to purchase the Swiss francs involved from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as Fiscal Agent of the United States, as shall be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Please send signed copy of license to Mr. Rushmore, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and advise him this remittance is for humanitarian purposes

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director
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Please notify Mr. Marc Jarblum and Dr. A. Silberschein, 37 Quai Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland, that Treasury Department has issued license No. W-2275 to Poale Zion Organization and the Jewish National Workers Alliance, New York City, permitting them, as disbursing trustees, to arrange for relief and rescue operations in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. The terms of this license are identical to license No. W-2229, issued to the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc., New York City, which was the subject of the Department's telegram No. 2438 of July 17, 1944. Under specific Treasury license Poale Zion Organization and the Jewish National Workers Alliance will remit immediately the Swiss franc equivalent of \$5,000, and in near future additional Swiss franc equivalent of \$10,000 to finance operations contemplated in such license. The operations covered by this license are approved by the Department, the War Refugee Board, and the Treasury.

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Miss Hodel

August 21, 1944

R. B. Parke

Re License No. W-2275, issued to Poale Zion Organization and the Jewish National Workers Alliance, New York City governing relief and rescue operations in enemy territory.

There is submitted herewith, for transmission through official channels, a draft of a cable to Bern relative to the issuance of the subject license.

Conformed copies of this license and of the remittance license will be submitted to you as soon as they become available.

R. B. Parke

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DRAFT OF CABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
JERUSALEM, PALESTINE

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Please transmit promptly to Mr. Melech Neustadt, Yehuda Halevi 40, Tel Aviv, the following which is text of license No. W-2276X issued jointly to Poale Zion Organization and Jewish National Workers Alliance by the Treasury Department. (Text of license begins):

1. In order to provide relief to persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory, and in order to arrange for the evacuation to places of safety or relative safety, as shall be selected by Mr. Melech Neustadt, Tel Aviv, Palestine, the disbursing trustee for the licensee, (hereinafter referred to as the trustee) of persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory whose lives are in imminent danger and, pending possible evacuation, to sustain and safeguard the lives of such persons, the trustee (including such agents as he may appoint) is hereby licensed, notwithstanding the provisions of General Ruling No. 11, to communicate with persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory in any manner he deems necessary or expedient and to take all other appropriate action, including the acquisition of necessary funds, goods, or services from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory against payment in accordance with the terms of this license. The necessary funds to finance such operations may be obtained by any of the following methods:

- (a) The first method is the purchase of currency or exchange of the country in which the operations are to be effected from persons in Palestine who the trustee, after consulting with the American Consulate General in Jerusalem when feasible, is reasonably certain have held such currency or exchange since prior to the freezing of such country by the United States, or have since acquired such currency or exchange in such manner as has not benefited the enemy. The sellers of such currency may be reimbursed therefor in Palestinian pounds at the prevailing unofficial rates of exchange in Palestine.
- (b) The second method is the acquisition of local currencies or exchange from persons in enemy or enemy-occupied territory for which reimbursement will not be made until after the war. In order to insure reimbursement after the war to the persons supplying such currencies or exchange, blocked accounts may be established on your books in the United States, or in a bank in the United States or a bank in Palestine. No payments may be made from any such blocked account without the specific approval of the Treasury Department and no assignments may be made of any interest in such blocked account without such approval.
- (c) The third method should not be used if it is feasible to obtain the local funds by either of the first two methods. The third method is the acquisition of the necessary local funds, goods or services from persons in enemy or enemy-

occupied territory against payment in free exchange or free currency notes. The trustee should take reasonable steps to avoid such foreign exchange or free currency notes being paid to persons who will make it available to the enemy.

2. The total amount of funds paid out or set up in blocked accounts or otherwise obligated under the terms of this license shall not exceed the amounts of dollars (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) authorized by specific Treasury licenses to be used under this license.

3. The trustee should keep the American Consulate General at Jerusalem fully informed with respect to the financial transactions effected under this license. Insofar as feasible the trustee should make certain that the persons from whom the local currency or exchange is purchased are acceptable to the Consulate General. The trustee should satisfy himself that payments to such persons will not benefit the enemy.

4. Periodic reports with regard to any operations engaged in under this license should be filed with the Treasury Department by the trustee through the American Consulate General at Jerusalem, Palestine.

(End of text of license)

Please advise Mr. Neustadt that under specific Treasury license Poale Zion Organization and Jewish National Workers Alliance are resitting immediately \$8,000 and in near future additional \$25,000 to finance operations contemplated. The operations permitted by this license have the approval of the Department, the War Refugee Board, and the Treasury. The Consulate General is requested to take all reasonable steps to facilitate these operations and promptly report to the Department the progress being made and any difficulties encountered, particularly in connection with the financial operations involved. In order to avoid delays in these matters, the Consulate General is requested to make liberal interpretations of the terms of this license, bearing in mind that time is of the essence. The Department and the Treasury should be kept advised of any such interpretations.

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In reply please
refer to: 75958

To : Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
Foreign Funds Control Department.

From : E. W. O'Flaherty,
Acting Special Assistant to the Director.

Attention: Mr. Norman P. Davis

For your information and the completion of
your files, there is enclosed herewith a copy of
license No. W-2276, issued jointly to Poale Zion
Organization and the Jewish National Workers Alliance,
45 East 17th Street, New York City.

(Signed) E.W. O'Flaherty

Enclosure.

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Miss Hodel

August 22, 1944

Mr. Parke

Subject: License No. N-2270, issued to B'nai B'rith Organization and the Jewish National Workers Alliance, New York City governing relief and rescue activities in enemy territory.

There is submitted herewith, for transmission through official channels, a draft of a cable to Palestine relative to the issuance of the subject license.

Conformed copies of this license and of the residence license will be submitted to you as soon as they become available.

R. D. Parke

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Pursuant to application filed directly with this Department, you are hereby authorized to issue license to Female Zion Organization and Jewish National Workers' Alliance, 45 East 17th Street, New York City, permitting them jointly, notwithstanding General Ruling No. 11, to remit \$25,000 to Mr. Melech Neustadt, Tel Aviv, Palestine, for disbursement in accordance with the provisions of license No. W-2276. License period six months.

Orvis A. Schmidt
Acting Director

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L I C E N S E
 (GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389
 OF APRIL 10, 1940, AS AMENDED, AND THE REGULATIONS
 ISSUED THEREUNDER)

To Peale Zion Organization
Jewish National Workers Alliance
 (Names of Licensees)

45 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York
 (Address of Licensees)

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