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TO ALL DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE:

Several organizations affiliated with the American Jewish Conference have requested the postponement of the Fourth Session. It appears that a substantial number of our officers and delegates will have to attend an emergency session of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization which convenes in Zurich, Switzerland, on August 24 and which may last two weeks. That meeting will consider the urgent problems arising out of the anticipated report of the UN Special Committee on Palestine and is thus of concern to every organization affiliated with the Conference.

The Executive Committee of the Conference considered this matter at two special meetings on July 2 and 10, and decided to recommend to the Interim Committee that, in view of the above circumstances, the Fourth Session be postponed until sometime in November, or as soon thereafter as hotel accommodations can be secured.

Upon being polled, the majority of the Interim Committee voted to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation and to submit this decision to you for ratification.

This postponement is regrettable. It will doubtless inconvenience delegates who have already made plans to attend the Fourth Session. There may, however, be some advantage in holding the Session in November. The intervening months will be used for public hearings on the future organization. More time will be at our disposal to create a better understanding of the plan for the permanent organization. Such hearings are now tentatively scheduled for Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston, Nashville, and other regional centers.

We are now asking you to record your vote on the proposal to postpone the Session until November. Will you please fill out the attached referendum ballot and return it to our office by air mail or special delivery without delay?

Sincerely yours,

Louis Lipsky

Louis Lipsky, Chairman
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