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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE:

It is our duty to inform you that 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 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 has considered this matter at two special meetings on July 2 and 10. Efforts were made to secure postponement of the Zurich meeting, but were not successful.

The Executive Committee has, therefore, 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.

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.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee to postpone the Session until November is subject to the approval of the Interim Committee.

We ask you to notify us immediately of your reaction, either by telephone or wire (collect) since the Interim Committee decision must be submitted to the delegates for their ratification without further delay.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Lipsky

Louis Lipsky, Chairman
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