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TO THE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE:

This is to inform you that the Emergency Session of the delegates to the American Jewish Conference called for March 21 has been cancelled.

At a special meeting of the Interim Committee held on Wednesday, March 10, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. The Interim Committee, having reviewed the recent Jewish developments in Palestine and Europe, records its conviction that the emergency situation which called the Conference into being continues. The dangers of jeopardizing the equitable settlement of the Palestine issue, the deteriorating position of the Jewish DP's, the need for completing negotiations designed to secure adequate safeguards for the Jewish people in peace treaties with former enemy countries and to assure restitution of confiscated property, make it imperative to continue such activities of the Conference.

The Interim Committee, therefore, in order the better to further these vital activities, and in accordance with the mandate of the December 1947 session of the Conference in Chicago with respect to its duration cancels the emergency session of the American Jewish Conference called for the City of New York on March 21, 1948.

2. In view of the difficulties encountered in the matter of establishing a permanent American Jewish Assembly as envisaged at the Chicago session, the Interim Committee decided that the work of the Preparatory Committee and its subcommittees is to be suspended.

The Interim Committee also considered the Palestine situation and adopted a resolution, moved by Frank Goldman, President of B'nai B'rith, and seconded by Julius Klein, National Commander, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., and Edward S. Silver, President, National Council of Young Israel.

The delegates representing your organization have already received official notice of the cancellation of the Emergency Session.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Lipsky
Louis Lipsky, Chairman
Executive Committee