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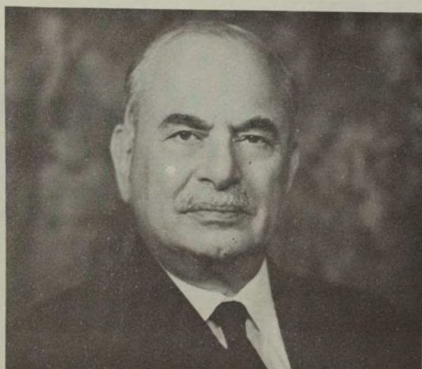
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT



The Rt. Hon. Lord Nathan, P.C., T.D., D.L., Honorary President  
of European Regional H.Q., World Maccabi Union.

Heartiest congratulations on his 70th birthday to the Rt. Hon. LORD NATHAN, Honorary President of the European Maccabi Organisation and of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Very few leaders in Anglo-Jewry are more liked or more respected than he is. An experienced Statesman and Politician, having been a Member of Parliament (1929 - 1940) before he became a member of the House of Lords, Lord Nathan has never severed close ties with the Jewish community. He is also President of a large number of other important Jewish organisations, taking a keen and sincere interest in their activities: The Hillel Foundation, The Anglo-Israeli Club, the Weizman Institute Foundation, and others, too many to be enumerated. He is one of Her Majesty's Privy Counsellors and President of the Royal Geographical Society.

The most astonishing feature about Lord Nathan's activities is that he finds time for every organisation and association with which he is connected. It must be remembered, moreover, that he is acting-principal of one of the best known firms of English lawyers in the City of London.

Lord Nathan is known wherever a Maccabi organisation exists and, despite his many preoccupations, he very generously spends time attending Maccabi Conferences held in various European cities, or in Israel. Whenever called upon, he presides at Maccabi meetings in London or honours by his presence provincial clubs, to help enlist the support of local communities. He succeeded in everything he undertook, and those closely connected with



Lord Nathan and Maccabi work look upon him as an inspiring leader and devoted friend of the Movement.

Lord Nathan is no stranger to Jewish Youth Movements as he was one of the founders, and is a life Vice-President of the Association for Jewish Youth in Great Britain, which numbers many thousands of members and whose present and past leaders hold Lord Nathan in great esteem and affection.

In reply to a telegram I sent to Lord Nathan, on behalf of our World Movement, early in February, I received from him a letter which reads:

"Dear Gildesgame,

"How very kind of you to send me that message of congratulations from yourself and Maccabi on my 70th birthday. I much appreciated it and it is messages such as this which helped me in crossing that fateful hurdle.

"Thank you and Maccabi very much indeed."

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My own experience of Lord Nathan has been extremely gratifying. I am truly proud of my association with him, dating back to 1935.

We hope and pray that our Maccabi President will be preserved in good health for many years to come; that we will continue to enjoy his friendship and the benefit of his leadership. I know that in extending to him wishes for Many Happy Returns of his Birthday, I do so on behalf of the entire World Maccabi Movement.

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# News and Editorial Comment.

## EUROPEAN MACCABI GAMES.

By far the most outstanding event in the post-war history of the Maccabi Movement in Europe will be the forthcoming Games, to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, at the height of the Summer (August 16th to August 19th). According to latest reports, every Maccabi Territorial Organisation in Europe will send a team of participants. This time, the competitions will be open to members of Maccabi only. Thus, the forthcoming European Games will be essentially a Maccabi event. They will serve to demonstrate the standard of sports and sportsmanship in the ranks of Maccabi athletes in the European zone.

Inter-Territorial Maccabi sports competitions, less ambitious than those being staged in Copenhagen, have been held in recent years in Switzerland, organised by the Swiss Maccabi Territorial Organisation, with the participation of competitors from a few neighbouring countries. The August, 1959 European Maccabi Games can, therefore, be looked upon as the first major sports event, sponsored by the Maccabi World Union, organised by the European Regional Executive H.Q., and produced by Maccabi-Hakoah in Copenhagen the 'host-country'.

### Israel will participate.

No important Maccabi event is complete without emphasis on Israel. It will, therefore, be a source of great satisfaction to all of us to see a token team of Maccabi athletes come to Copenhagen from Israel. In addition to a Handball team, a few individual competitors will participate in several invitation events. The link between the European Maccabi community and our friends in Israel will, once again, be forged and, to appreciate this event more fully, it must be borne in mind that Maccabi in Israel has agreed to assume full responsibility for the relatively high cost of the expedition.

Fuller reports concerning the European Games will be issued, from time to time, by the European Regional office in London. I suggest that these be read carefully by all recipients and their contents passed on to those interested in the event. Our friends in Copenhagen will spare no effort, nor expense, to ensure the success of this all-Maccabi European Sports Festival. Fortunately, the Civic and Government authorities in Copenhagen, as well as the Governing Bodies of Amateur Sports Federations, are taking a friendly interest in this promotion and have promised help and assistance in many ways.

### Hundreds of visitors expected.

The Copenhagen Jewish Community is looking forward to welcoming some hundreds of Maccabi visitors from all parts of Europe and, no doubt, leading representatives of the community will be present at the Banquet which will mark the conclusion of the Games.

The Games will also be witnessed, we hope, and honoured, by the presence of Lord Nathan and Mr. Romi Goldmuntz, two well known personalities who will need no introduction. Several Israeli members of the World Executive propose to travel to Copenhagen for the occasion.

## THE 1959 EUROPEAN MACCABI CONFERENCE.

As previously announced, this year's European Conference will be held in Copenhagen soon after the programme of competitions has been concluded. Participation in this year's Conference promises to be better than on any previous occasion, as many non-playing Maccabi leaders will gather in Copenhagen to accompany their teams, an experience which promises to be particularly exciting and interesting to them. They will thus be able to derive pleasure and satisfaction in the knowledge that their work on behalf of their club-members has not been in vain. The Conference should also afford Lionel Schalit a unique and gratifying opportunity, as it will be the first time that he will preside over the proceedings since he has been elected Chairman of the European Executive. He will also be able to appraise the success of the Games of which he has been one of the principal architects. Schalit has already paid



two flying visits to Copenhagen during the last three months, and my guess is that he will be going to Copenhagen a few more times before next August. Very rightly so, he is anxious to supervise every stage of the preparations, as well as to assist our friends in Copenhagen in their arduous work to find suitable venues for the various indoor and outdoor sports, as well as adequate accommodation and catering arrangements for the participants and visitors.

Fred S. Worms, Honorary Secretary of the European Executive, will be in charge of the Conference arrangements. In due course, he will send out an Agenda and will invite the nomination of delegates who are to represent all European Territorial Organisations at this forthcoming 13th European Conference.

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#### MEDITERRANEAN GAMES - A SWINDLE?

The Lebanese authorities in Beirut have apparently found a way out of a difficulty. Unable, or unwilling, to comply with the Stockholm Resolution, not to exclude any country in the Mediterranean area from the Games on political or racial grounds, they have decided to give the event a different name, and to organise it as the "Beirut Games" - open to all, excepting Israel! According to undenied rumours, the International Olympic Committee, (I.O.C.) granted permission for the "Beirut Games" to be organised in lieu of the "Mediterranean Games". Should evidence become available in support of this rumour, the I.O.C. will stand accused at having deliberately or benevolently assisted Lebanon to evade compliance with the Stockholm Resolution which is not quite a year old. There is nothing that Israel can do about it, except complain and express amazement at the manner in which Arab political "technicians" are once again allowed to interfere in, influence and undermine, the principles of international amateur sports and competitions.

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#### "CLAIMS CONFERENCE" - A NEGATIVE REPORT.

I regret to have to report that the application made to the Claims Conference on behalf of Maccabi organisations in Europe has met with a negative response. When advising me of the decision of the Board of Directors, Mr. Saul Kagan, Secretary of the "Conference" explained that some Maccabi clubs in Europe have already received, or will be receiving, financial assistance by way of allocations made to Jewish Communal Centres, some of which provide also facilities for Maccabi and other Youth Organisations. The representations which I have made to Mr. Louis Kraft (Principal Adviser to the Claims Conference in matters affecting Youth Centres) have not produced any better results. It has been explained to me that the need to help Jewish Communal organisations in post-war Europe was such that the Directors of the "Conference" had to be careful with the allocation of dwindling funds. Mr. Kagan and Mr. Kraft recognise the urgent need for Youth Centres but these, in their opinion, should be combined with Communal Centres. My contention is that a Youth Centre cannot operate satisfactorily unless it is physically separated from activities in which adults engage. Moreover, Maccabi differs from many other Youth Organisations in that it endeavours to provide for its members facilities for physical, cultural, as well as recreational activities. At the best, a Communal Centre can allow no more than one or two nights a week to youth organisations and, where there is more than one youth organisation, facilities at such centres are inevitably restricted. Competition for such facilities produces friction and frustration.

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In fairness to the "Claims Conference", I must say that they have not rejected our application out of hand, without going to some trouble explaining the reasons for their inability to entertain it favourably. Many members of the Board of Directors of the Claims Conference are known to be sympathisers of the Maccabi Movement and, under normal circumstances, their support of our application would have carried much weight, the more so as Dr. Goldman, President of the Claims Conference, has himself suggested that the application be submitted.

#### Time for action.

In my view, the Claims Conference would, in future, entertain individual applications from European Maccabi clubs, providing these were fully substantiated by facts and figures, and supported by leaders of the local



communities. It is not too early now for individual Maccabi clubs in Europe to study the best methods in compiling their applications with such help and advice as will be gladly given to them by the office of the European Regional Executive H.Q. in London. I believe I am right in saying that a circular has been sent out to all European Territorial Organisations, advising them of the situation, and calling for reports on their applications, if already submitted, or which they intended to submit in the near future. I take, therefore, this opportunity of reminding Chairmen of Maccabi Clubs in Europe to institute the necessary action without delay. This matter will undoubtedly be discussed also at the forthcoming European Conference in Copenhagen.

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#### 14th WORLD CONGRESS.

The final date of the Congress, to be held in Israel at the end of October this year, is shortly to be announced. Delegates of Maccabi organisations from all over the world are expected to participate in force; indeed it promises to be one of the most important gatherings of Maccabi leaders ever held. Much importance will be attached to it for many good reasons: Firstly, because it will give us an opportunity of reviewing the activities of the World Executive since it took office in October, 1957. Secondly, Congress will be called upon to adopt a revised Constitution of the Movement - a Constitution which is now being redrafted to bring its provisions into line with the Movement's present set-up. Thirdly, Congress will be called upon to approve the final plans and programme of the 6th Maccabiah. By October next, the recently reconstituted Board of Management of the Maccabiah Village should be in a position to render a report on further development plans of the "Village" which is to become one of our Movement's permanent institutions and a monument to the memory of the late Aron Netanel - the founder of the "Village".

Leaders of Maccabi are advised, therefore, to make their plans now, with a view to ensuring their presence at this year's World Congress, which will coincide with an expedition of South African Maccabi sportsmen, due to fly to Israel by the middle of October, where they are to engage in a number of friendly competitions with Maccabi teams.

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#### "MACCABI WORLD REVIEW" - A WELCOME REAPPEARANCE.

Last December, the 12th edition of the "Maccabi World Review" was published in Tel-Aviv by the World Executive H.Q. in English and Hebrew. Some complaints have reached me that the "Review" has not been published in any other languages, such as French, Spanish, Yiddish and German. The complaint is understandable, because not every recipient of the "Review" reads English or Hebrew. (I find it difficult to explain the situation to those complaining, because they might not even understand what I am about to say - in English...)

Let it be generally known that nothing would please the World Executive better than to be able to publish a monthly review in 4 or 5 languages, containing reports from, or about, Maccabi activities all over the world, comprising also views and opinions of Maccabi leaders everywhere. In fact, a World Movement such as ours is urgently in need of a publication, printed in tens of thousands of copies for distribution among tens of thousands of our members in every corner of the globe. We are an International Movement and close contact among the various national organisations is highly desirable. As a substitute to personal inter-visits, a printed publication could be an ideal medium; but the publication such as we have in mind is very expensive. It would require the permanent services of a multi-lingual Editor and considerable funds to defray the cost of such a publication and its global distribution. Such a regular publication would also render my "Newsletter" unnecessary. However, we have neither the multi-lingual Editor, nor even the necessary funds to run a primitive office in Machmani Street, Tel-Aviv. We must, therefore, look upon the reappearance of the "Maccabi World Review", last December, as an important and welcome event, and let us wish it Many Happy and Periodical Returns during 1959.

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COLONEL H. HENSHEL will again be in Israel at the end of February. He hopes to see there his numerous friends, as well as to meet with members of the Maccabi World Union Executive. In a letter received from him early this month (February) he informs me that he hopes to spend in London, about the middle of March, one or two days, prior to returning to New York. He concludes his letter with the following sentence:

"I thought I ought to let you know that if the matter of the Maccabiah Games comes up while I am in Israel, I will be compelled to give my full side of the story which has been fairly stated in our correspondence and in my talks both at a luncheon in Israel, when your and our committees got together and at our luncheon with Lord Nathan (in London). Unfortunately, neither you nor Mr. Tory in your public statements of my attitude have adequately quoted my position."

I thought I had made Maccabi's attitude clear insofar as our relationship with the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel was concerned. In the last issue of the "Newsletter", I have devoted to it considerable Editorial Comment. I consider it, therefore, hardly necessary to reassure Col. Henshel and his committee of our earnest desire for close and friendly co-operation in connection with the 6th Maccabiah. Col. Henshel is not alone in desiring to see close co-operation fostered among the various youth organisations in Israel. I have taken active steps to bring such co-operation about, way back in 1950. - "It takes two to make a bargain"... The Hapoel organisation have so far not replied to the Maccabi World Union proposals upon which co-operation in the 6th Maccabiah was to be based. They promised to reply to my letters but have not done so. Instead, they gave some publicity to their decision to organise an International Sports Meet of their own during the same year when the next Maccabiah is to be held. This is hardly a step conducive to better understanding and co-operation with the Maccabi World Union.

#### FRED WORMS IN ISRAEL.

In December, 1958, Fred Worms, accompanied by his charming wife, proceeded to Israel to revisit the country. Many weeks prior to his departure, he discussed with me a number of problems which exercised our minds, involving past and current problems. I had no doubt that Fred Worms' presence at some meetings of the Executive in Tel-Aviv, an Executive of which he is a member, would be found useful, for Fred is sincerely devoted and actively dedicated to the cause of the Movement in Great Britain, in Europe and in the rest of the world. He is one of the best-informed members of the Executive as to what is going on in our little "Maccabi world". His outlook - that of a successful businessman, and his genuine interest in the welfare of the Maccabi Movement, are a rare combination. He has been Honorary Secretary of Maccabi in Great Britain for a number of years past and has also been elected Honorary Secretary of European Maccabi about 2 years ago. I have always counted him among my closest collaborators; indeed, he is being kept informed daily of everything that is going on and, whenever I seek his advice, I receive a straight and clear answer in concise form.

I was not surprised, therefore, to read glowing tributes about Fred's activities during his short stay in Israel in the course of personal contacts with the Executive as well as with some individuals. He attended several meetings and made a constructive contribution towards their deliberations. He acquainted himself with the development of the Maccabiah Village, which he described as "wholly satisfactory", he has been received by Mr. Israel Rokach, Chairman of its Management Board to discuss with him plans for the financing of the "Village", having regard to Maccabi World Union's other commitments. He had a long and interesting talk with Mr. Nahum Beth, President of the Maccabi World Union Executive, as well as with a number of Maccabi leaders in Tel-Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem. The impression which Worms left on all those with whom he came into contact was such that all of them, without exception, refer to him as an able and vigorous Maccabi Youth leader. Members of the World Executive who have received copies of the Minutes of Meetings which Fred Worms attended will be left in no doubt that decisions arrived at in Tel-Aviv last December will prove of great importance in our future work.



SPORTS IN ISRAEL: "SCANDALOUS", "DISGRACEFUL".

The "National Jewish Post and Opinion", an American newspaper, published in its edition dated January 16th, an article by Carl Alpert of the Haifa Technion, in which the author describes in a very vivid style the lamentable position in the ranks of Israeli sportsmen of various organisations. His article is entitled: "Israeli Sports go from Bad to Scandal, Disgrace." Mr. Alpert does not reveal anything new, and the incidents he relates to illustrate the regrettable state of affairs in Israeli Sportsmanship are only too well known. Readers of this "Newsletter" of the many press statements I made, and those who heard my broadcasts in Israel, are familiar with my views as regards the scandalous state of affairs existing in Israeli sports organisations, and which are due entirely to a spirit of rivalry, not of friendly competition, the result of an abnormal situation, over which neither the Israel Sports Federation, nor the Parent Bodies of Hapoel and Maccabi have, so far, proved able to exercise any effective control. Mr. Alpert described the ugly fights taking place during football games, or the attacks on the referees whose decisions appear unfavourable to the losers of the game. In each case quoted by Mr. Alpert - Hapoel players seem to be the main offenders.

The "remedy".

Mr. Alpert obviously has no confidence in any one leader of the Israeli Sports Federation, nor in the governing bodies of the Sports Federations or Associations, for he does not consider them able to enforce principles of elementary discipline such as are a pre-requisite in amateur or professional competitive sports. In this respect, Mr. Alpert may be right or wrong; it is all a matter of opinion. But anyone reading Mr. Alpert's article carefully can be left in doubt that the main object of giving publicity to his views in an American Jewish newspaper was not the same as prompted other Sports leaders to reprimand Israeli sportsmen for their bad conduct; Mr. Alpert advances the theory that the only place where decent sports in Israel is to be found is on the Haifa College Campus (with which he is personally connected). He concludes: "Given proper encouragement and support it (the Technion Campus) can become an important element on the national sports scene, and finally compel a house-cleaning where it is needed." And who is to do the house-cleaning for Mr. Alpert? He provides the solution himself: "Nobody in Israel seems capable of doing anything about the situation. Surely, here is an area in which the U.S. Committee for sports in Israel can find scope for its influence. The Athletic bodies in Israel will not listen to Israelis, but they must have respect for Colonel Henshel and his colleagues who have done so much for athletics in Israel."

Party Politics - the chronic trouble.

Mr. Alpert is entitled to his own opinions. I don't think that the U.S. Committee, who have already done so much to help the promotion of sports in Israel, should, or can be called upon to, interfere in the internal affairs of Israeli sports with the conduct of which governing bodies and sports organisations and associations have been entrusted. Every one mindful of the good reputation of Israel and of its youth should, and can, appeal to the Israeli sports organisations to exclude any element of party politics from their day-to-day activities. Party politics are the cause of disruption and of constant strife in Israel. The population is sick and tired of it; let us hope that the time will come when the Israelis will heed the warning of the Prime Minister, Mr. Ben-Gurion, who wishes to see a reduction in the number of parties in Israel, as well as greater mutual tolerance among those holding different political views.

A benevolent critic.

Colonel Henshel sent me a copy of his letter to Mr. Alpert, in reference to the article referred to above. I admire the spirit in which Col. Henshel's letter has been conceived. In his view, "Israel is a young nation, with the emphasis on youth. It is virile, red-blooded and intensely sports-loving. It can attain fuller fruits of true sportsmanship perhaps quicker than much older Latin, Anglo-Saxon or Oriental dominated countries. Such incidents (of bad sportsmanship) however disgraceful, are becoming rare... Audiences mellow and mature as they come to realise and appreciate true long-range values of sports



competition as developers of personal and group friendships and as builders of goodwill... Great strides have already been made by Israel hosting and participating in the Maccabiah Games in 1950, 1953 and 1957 with fellow Jews from some 20 countries. I witnessed uniformly high standard of sportsmanship by Maccabi athletes from all over the world, as well as by Israeli audiences, equal to the best standards of Olympic Games I attended in London, Helsinki, Melbourne and Cortina."

## STOP PRESS.

THE 14TH WORLD CONGRESS is to be held on 1st, 2nd and 3rd November, 1959. This announcement has been issued from the Executive H.Q. only a few hours before this "Newsletter" was due to be mailed.

# News from World Executive H.Q.'s

The World Executive members in Israel have held regular meetings during the past few months at which important business has been discussed, dealing with manifold problems. To my regret, Minutes of such meetings are available in Hebrew only, and overseas members of the World Executive whose command of Hebrew is inadequate, are unable to peruse these important reports and are, therefore, prevented from taking an active interest in the World Movement's regular deliberations. In reply to enquiries, Dr. Justice Dayan, the hard-working Deputy Chairman, informs me that it has not been possible, owing to pressure of time, and to the expense which it would entail, to translate minutes of Executive meetings into other languages, such as English, French, German, Spanish or Yiddish.

I should explain that this "Chairman's Newsletter" is not intended to comprise also a record of World Executive meetings and deliberations; from time to time I impart to my readers news of Executive decisions. Some means will have to be found, in due course, in order to translate the Hebrew Minutes from the original into such languages as members of the World Executive residing in various parts of the world can read and understand, and I propose urging my colleagues in Israel to take the necessary steps with that object in mind. At the World Executive meetings held on December, 20th, 1958 and January 3rd, 1959, one important decision was made which, I felt, ought to be brought to the notice of readers of this "Newsletter".

## Settlement of 5th Maccabiah debts.

At the instigation of Fred S. Worms, who attended these meetings, the Maccabi World Union Executive have agreed to make representations to the Board of Management of the Maccabiah Village in the matter concerning the debts remaining to be paid, consequent upon the losses sustained at the 5th Maccabiah. As has been explained in this "Newsletter", when I reported on the financial outcome of the 5th Maccabiah, the games held in September, 1957 would not have resulted in a financial loss had not much of the revenue accruing to the organisers of the games been spent on the initial capital cost of the Maccabiah Village. Thus, it has been established that the Maccabi World Union, organisers of the Maccabiah, has, in effect, allowed some tens of thousands of Israeli pounds to be spent on the Maccabiah Village and the debts still remaining to be settled with creditors, estimated at about £2.35,000 should, therefore, be recognised as a liability of the Maccabiah Village authorities. This has been fully explained to Mr. Israel Rokach, Chairman of the Maccabiah Village Board of Directors and the contention of the Maccabi World Union Executive duly accepted by them. As a result of the meeting between Mr. Israel Rokach and some of his colleagues, and representatives of the Maccabi World Executive, a compromise solution has been agreed to, and some of the 5th Maccabiah debts claimed from and recognised by, the World Executive will now be due for settlement by the Maccabiah Village authorities. Detailed accounts, representing the debts remaining to be paid, were to be submitted shortly, and settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

By way of a postscript, I wish to mention that, but for the Maccabiah debts remaining unpaid, and the unpleasantness which this has created - a problem that has exercised our minds and caused us considerable worries since the end of 1957 - the World Executive could have progressed far better with its constructive planning but has been impeded to a considerable extent by persistent creditors.

#### The Maccabiah Village - fund-raising drive.

During my last visit in Israel (May, 1958) I emphasized, in the course of many private meetings with the Maccabiah Village Trust, with members of the World Executive, as well as with representatives of Maccabi-Israel, the importance that must be attached to the speedy implementation of the Maccabiah Village project so that it may be available for the 1961 Games, without there being any need to fall back upon last-minute improvisations which produced so much criticism and comments in the past. Plans for the practical development of the project have been available since 1956, but these could not be carried into effect for the one very prosaic reason: Lack of adequate liquid funds. In the course of a private meeting, held in Tel-Aviv, at the home of Mr. Meyer, I stressed the importance of the Israeli Community setting an example to the rest of the world and of giving a flying start to a fund-raising campaign for the Maccabiah Village which was destined to become a meeting ground of Jewish Youth from all over the world during, and between, the Maccabiahs. The Maccabi Organisation in Israel should, therefore, be the first to set the ball rolling, having special regard to the fact that Great Britain has already contributed (in 1953 and 1957) a total of some £10,000 sterling towards the project and that the South African Maccabi Council have promised to contribute 25,000 sterling by 1961, or earlier. I reminded also my friends that Mr. David Copenhagen, of Brazil, promised to contribute £2,000 towards the Village, part of which has already been redeemed.

I am glad to announce, therefore, that thanks to the energetic drive and initiative of our Executive Colleague, Yehoshua Hadari, of Tel-Aviv, Maccabi-Israel are in the process of launching a fund-raising campaign among their members and it is believed that every member of Maccabi organisations in Israel, young, adult and old, will contribute to the best of their ability, so that, in the course of time, a total of IL100,000 will be reached. Mr. Eliehu Izakson, Treasurer of the Maccabiah Village Board of Directors, was delighted to be able to inform me, only a few days ago, that some major donations have already been announced, or received, from Maccabi supporters in Israel, among them the Mayer Brothers (IL3,000) Ampa (IL1,000) The Elite Chocolate Factory (IL1,000). Mr. Izakson has also acknowledged with grateful thanks my own contribution of IL2,000 and informed me, some time ago, that individual members of the World Executive in Israel have volunteered personal contributions towards the fund - an example worth following by all members of the Executive in other parts of the world.

#### Territorial Membership Fees.

Our Hon. Treasurer, Shimon Caspi, may yet reap the reward for his strenuous endeavours to collect dues from Maccabi Organisations in many parts of the world. He prevailed upon Great Britain to increase its contribution to the general administrative funds for 1958 amounted to a total of £500. A similar amount has been received from South Africa. The difficulties he has experienced in obtaining contributions from other countries appear endless but he continues, untiringly, to urge and to remind Territorial organisations of their elementary duty towards the World Movement.

I had occasion to appeal to leaders of Territorial Organisations on previous occasions to recognise, as well as to redeem their financial liabilities towards the World Executive. I do so again in the hope that my request will not fall upon deaf ears.

We all know, and are familiar with the difficulties with which every Maccabi organisation has to contend; lack of suitable leaders, lack



of suitable club premises and a lack of regular financial income. But it must be remembered that, in relation to the numerous responsibilities which the World Executive members in Israel have to shoulder in their day-to-day work and planning, the demands which they make upon Territorial Organisations are small, and hardly amount to sacrifices.

#### The Secretariat.

I offer no apology for any one of my Executive colleagues who, in the opinion of some, are not doing enough in the performance of their duties. Let us remember, however, that Maccabi leaders everywhere give their services in voluntary capacity; some of them happen to be in the fortunate position of being their own masters, such as Business Executives, Managing Directors of important firms, or persons enjoying complete freedom of action at their discretion. Such is not the case with members of the World Executive in Israel, who have been in harness for very many years, and who continue untiringly to devote themselves, unselfishly, to the Maccabi Movement, to which they are wholeheartedly dedicated. Most of them are either professional men (lawyers, accountants, etc) having to work very hard for a material existence. Some are employed by Municipal Authorities, others by the Government. It can truly be said that none of them (and they certainly have no reason to be ashamed of it) are in "a big way of business", able to devote as much time as they like to their hobbies or social interests, without, by so doing, having to neglect their professional or business duties, and to incur the displeasure of their employers or immediate superiors.

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Mr. Abraham Tory, Honorary General Secretary of the Executive, maintains regular correspondence with a number of Territorial Organisations, whilst the office at Nachmani Street is in charge of Mr. Pistol, Executive Secretary. Our Administrative Staff comprises only a part-time Typist. I believe it fair to say that no World Organisation can aspire at doing its work efficiently without adequate administrative machinery.

We are fortunate indeed in having a very able Deputy Chairman in Dr. E. Justice-Dayan, who devotes much of his time and energy to important Executive assignments. I have particular reason for being grateful to Dr. Justice-Dayan, for he is the effective Chairman of the Executive Committee during my unavoidable absence from meetings. He has proved extremely patient, not only with his colleagues in Israel, but also with me. I wish to make no secret of the fact that he receives from me two or three letters a week, to which he replies regularly, and which contain a number of requests, directives, as well as advice, in matters affecting Executive policy and public relations. So far, Dr. Justice-Dayan has not complained, and I hope he will never be given cause to do so...

#### Sports Policy.

Among the many problems which called for urgent attention was the introduction of a programme of sports activities acceptable to, and capable of implementation by, Maccabi Territorial Organisations everywhere. Our very popular and competent Honorary Sports Director, Dr. Robert Atlasz (affectionately known as "Robby") assisted by a panel of advisers, has recently completed draft proposals for the "Maccabi Proficiency Badge". In his view, with which I fully agree, it is difficult, even inadvisable, to impose on Territorial Organisations a programme of sports training, activities and competitions in view of prevailing conditions in every country, which vary considerably and with them also the popularity of indoor and outdoor sports. This aspect can be easily illustrated by the following examples: The most popular sport in Israel, next to Football, is Basketball. With the exception of Belgium and France, I cannot think of any other country in Europe where Basketball is being practised by Maccabi clubs. In South Africa, Bowling is as popular as Cricket is in England. I can think of no more than two countries in Europe, and none in South America, where Bowling is being encouraged among the younger generation. Athletics vary in popularity as between one country and

yet, it is one of the most important branches of sport, capable of making a considerable contribution towards the physical fitness, in which young and adults, men and women alike, should engage consistently.

#### The Proficiency Badge.

I dare say that climatic conditions and the absence of proper facilities for training, such as playing fields, running tracks, swimming pools and gymnasia, have much to do with the low standard of some sports in most countries. But, as stated earlier, athletics are a pre-requisite condition of fitness and, for many years past, the Maccabi World Movement endeavoured to set up minimum standards for proficiency in athletics so as to encourage physical training, as well as to render our sportsmen more physically fit. Hence the idea of the "Maccabi Proficiency Badge" which it is intended to award to Maccabi athletes everywhere, providing they have reached the minimum standards laid down according to age groups and sex in various categories, comprising speed, endurance and elasticity. Copies of the draft proposals which, I am glad to say, include also minimum qualifications in general Jewish knowledge, such as history of the Zionist Movement, of the Maccabi Movement, Israel geography, etc, have been airmailed to Maccabi Territorial Organisations everywhere inviting comments. If approved by the majority of Territorial Organisations, the scheme for the Maccabi Proficiency Badge will be adopted and universally introduced. Special Badges will be struck, for which artists' designs are now being prepared, and the cost of which is to be borne by a wellwisher of the Movement.

As soon as Dr. H. Atlasz is able to announce the acceptance of the proposals, the scheme (in the words of Dr. Atlasz himself) "will be one of the most important means to achieve Maccabi World Union's aims and objects in the sphere of sports activities."

Those Territorial Organisations who have not yet commented on the proposals for the Maccabi Proficiency Badge are requested to do so without further delay..

#### "MACCABI THEORY".

To qualify for the Maccabi Proficiency Badge, contestants will also be required to undergo tests in the realm of "strength", comprising Putting-the-shot and Weightlifting. This in itself should further stimulate physical training. The Proficiency Badge provides, however, also for tests in mental "strength" unpretentiously referred to as "theory". As already observed in the preceding paragraphs, by "Maccabi Theory" naturally is understood the History of the Zionist Movement, of the Maccabi Movement and General Jewish Knowledge. The World Executive has not set any standards whatever, nor has it specified "weights and measures" insofar as Maccabi "theory" is concerned. It goes without saying that no individual can claim to be a true member of the Maccabi Movement unless he, or she, has an adequate notion of the concepts of Judaism, of Jewry's national aspirations embodied for over 2,000 years in the ideals of Zionism. Nor can any Jew have a claim to intelligence unless fully conversant with our past history. It will be left to leaders of Maccabi in various countries to provide tuition for those members of Maccabi whose knowledge in these spheres is inadequate or slender, as well as to do everything by all means at their disposal to equip members of Maccabi, young and adults alike, with General Jewish Knowledge, thus fostering in our ranks a truer and deeper sense of belonging to our people and a sense of loyalty to the Jewish homeland - Israel.



# News from Territorial Organisations.

## Reports wanted - from Israel.

Again, I have cause to complain at the absence of news and reports on Maccabi sports activities in Israel. I have requested by friend, Shalom Zysman, Chairman of the Israel organisation, to provide me with such reports, as I have no doubt that every reader of this "Newsletter" is keenly following events in Maccabi-Israel.

In a personal letter, dated January, 1959, Zysman refers to the Polish National Basketball team's visit to Israel recently, on their way back from Turkey, where they have defeated all their opponents.

They played 5 games in Israel against a National Selected team, Hapoel Tel-Aviv and Hapoel Haifa. They won all the games but one, in their last encounter, when they were defeated by Maccabi Tel-Aviv.

## Chanukah celebrated.

Zysman informs me also of the successful Torch Rally (Merutz ha Lapid) arranged on the occasion of Chanukah, saying: "My dream came true." Many Maccabi veterans, including Zvi Nishri, over 70 years old, and Shalom Zysman himself took part in the Tel-Aviv rally: their performance was overshadowed by fine sportsmen such as Glazer, the well known Footballer and Shencour. In the last-lap run from the municipal offices to Hograhy - where the torch was handed to the Mayor of Tel-Aviv - over 300 runners, torch-bearers from Maccabi Hatzair made up the party. A giant Chanukah candelabra was kindled and the crowds sang Maccabi and Chanukah songs, accompanied by the band of the Tel-Aviv Fire Brigade. Similar ceremonies took place in Jerusalem and elsewhere.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

### A life-membership proposed.

The South African Maccabi Council recently decided to introduce a Life-Membership scheme. The cost of administration in rendering and collecting accounts from ordinary members has proved appreciable. It is, therefore, intended to launch a drive to convert as many of the present ordinary members as possible to "Life Members" and to enlist as many persons who have not yet been members of the Association, inviting them to join the Life-Membership Scheme. It is thought that if a sufficiently large number of life-members could be enrolled, and the proceeds invested, the interest which such investment will yield may well over the bulk of the normal running administrative expenses. When this has materialised, the Office Staff, as well as Maccabi workers generally, will be free to devote their energies to many other worthy projects which Maccabi has in its programme.

The South African Maccabi Council are certainly concentrating on a worthwhile scheme with an object worthy of wide support.

### The Mayor of Johannesburg gives a promise.

In reply to a Toast to himself and the Mayoress, in the course of the Southern Transvaal Annual Maccabi Ball, held last December, His Worship, the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. I. Maltz, said that he would throw his full weight once more into Maccabi, as soon as his term of office as Johannesburg's leading citizen terminated. It will be recalled that Ian Maltz is National President of the South African Maccabi Association.

We salute Two lady members of Maccabi in South Africa who have recently gained Springbok Colours in their respective sports. They are Shirley McCarthy, selected as a member of the South African Women's Hockey side which has left on a tour of Europe, and Lorna Behrman, selected as Manageress of the

South African Netball Tour leaving on an overseas tour. Shirley has been a member of her provincial Hockey Side since 1949, having gained provincial colours for Cricket and Soft Ball.

Miss Behrman is a teacher at the King David High School, where she is also Sports Mistress. She managed the South African Netball team when the English side visited Johannesburg.

To Israel. The South African Maccabi executive is on the point of finalising arrangements in connection with the tour of Maccabi sportsmen in Israel in October of this year. The tour will be of three weeks duration. Competitions are being arranged with Israeli teams comprising Bowls, Tennis and Table-tennis. The team will be accompanied by a number of non-playing supporters and arrangements are being made for the return air-travel, hotel accommodation, touring, as well as social activities, all of which is to be covered by the inclusive cost of £255, per person.

In a letter to the "Jewish Chronicle" (London) early in February, Fred Worms, on behalf of the European Maccabi Executive, appealed to readers interested in Bowls, who may wish to proceed to Israel, next October, to get acquainted with, and to play in invitation tournaments against, our South African friends. This idea was instigated by Max J. Spitz, Executive member of Maccabi World Union, during his short visit to London recently. As an incentive to Bowlers interested in participating in the Contest with the South Africans, Max Spitz promised to accommodate all, free of charge, providing they pay their travel expenses.

I have not, so far, heard that there has been a rush of volunteers, but we will continue to give the South African tour of Israel as much publicity as possible, as it is still being said that "Europe has not done enough to field teams of Bowlers in connection with the last Maccabiah Games."

#### South African "Maccabi News".

The November, 1958, issue, edited by Arthur Goldman, reached me some time ago. Typical of our South African friends, it carries a bold headline reading: "We are very busy going places! The sky's the limit to our spate of tours." Front-page photographs show a party of Southern Transvaal Tennis and Table-tennis players, about to embark on a plane to visit East London (South Africa). Another photograph shows 50 enthusiastic Northern Transvaal Bowlers who travelled by road and sea from Durban to East London and Port Elisabeth and back again to Durban, "just for the fun of the game." The South African Maccabi Badge is displayed proudly on flags and blazers.

We are also informed that Mr. Silber, a well known Pretoria Maccabi enthusiast and his business partner, Mr. Tucker, have donated a tractor to Israel, the machine to be used at the Hebrew University Playing Fields project. The same issue carries a photograph published in a previous issue of this "Newsletter", taken at the time of Alf Blumberg's visit to Johannesburg. Another heartening sight is a photograph of the South African Maccabi Council with its popular Chairman, Alf Blumberg, seated right in the centre of the front row. Altogether, the November issue of the South African "Maccabi News" oozes optimism, enthusiasm, as it also provides convincing evidence that the South African Maccabi Movement is a heartening reality.

Pinkie Danilowitz, Maccabiah and British Empire Singles Bowling Champion, has been invited to go to England as a commentator for televised exhibition matches.





Lionel Schalit presenting a Silver Cup to David Neufeld.

### SWITZERLAND.

#### Zurich celebrates its 50th birthday.

The 50th anniversary of the Judischer Turnverein (Maccabi) Zurich was celebrated in December, 1958, in a truly impressive form. An illustrated pamphlet of some 60 pages was published on this occasion, tracing back the history of the club and describing the activities of its various leaders from 1908 to the end of 1958. With real Swiss thoroughness, the programme of the festival has been carried out as planned and without a hitch. It began on Saturday, December, 13th at 8.30 in the evening at the Kongresshaus with a Reception over which the Swiss Maccabi President, David Neufeld, presided. A large gathering of friends included also the Israeli Consul General in Zurich, Mr. Ilgar, the President of the Zurich Town Council, Dr. E. Landolt, and the Chairman of the European Maccabi Executive, Lionel Schalit. There were also representatives of the Turn Sportamt of Zurich, leaders of Maccabi clubs in Switzerland, and others.

representatives of various Jewish communities, and others.

In reply to an address of welcome, Lionel Schalit recalled the tragic fate of European Jewry during the last war, and reminded his audience that the sportsclub, whose 50th birthday was being celebrated, belonged to the few Jewish organisations able to look back on 50 years of uninterrupted existence. This was only possible in free Switzerland, which has enjoyed peace and prosperity for many decades past and where tolerance and freedom constitute an integral part of the Swiss way of life. There will always remain large Jewish communities in other parts of the world who must continue to develop and whose social and economic welfare are conditions of their survival. It was for this reason that the Maccabi Movement must endeavour to make its contribution towards the education of Jewish youth by all means at its disposal. Maccabi has become one of the leading Jewish youth movements inside and outside Israel.

To commemorate the occasion, Schalit presented to the Zurich Club a magnificent Silver Cup, on behalf of the European Maccabi Executive.

The 1200 guests present, who witnessed also the kindling of the 8 Chanukah lights by a Junior athlete, joined in the singing of the traditional "Maos-Zur". This was to mark the inauguration of the birthday festival, followed by a brief but inspiring address delivered by the President of the Organising Committee, Mr. Witzthum. He reminded the audience that the Maccabean struggles could well be compared to the Battle of Marignano; in both cases a defeat in the field led to eventual victory of the ideas which inspired the struggle. Dr. Witzthum emphasized also the fact that although Switzerland has not been involved in World wars, many of its citizens have done Army Service.

Dr. Landolt, who has visited Israel many a time, offered his congratulations to the club and stressed the close ties of friendship that existed between the Christian and Jewish communities in Switzerland. Loyalty to, and sympathy for, other countries in no way conflicted with Swiss patriotism. "Peace depended on mutual respect for, and a better understanding of, other nations. One could, therefore, well understand the interest which Swiss Jewry continues to show for Israel."

A display of Gymnastics and a Concert by Israeli Stars, preceded dancing, which was carried on until the early hours of the morning.

The following morning (Sunday) an intimate gathering was arranged in honour of Lionel Schalit at the Berman Restaurant. The host, David Neufeld

presided and members of Maccabi Switzerland National Executive attended in strength. In the course of his address, Lionel Schalit reviewed the situation of the Maccabi Movement in Europe and pointed to the necessity of personal contact with the various clubs and their leaders. In dealing with the present situation in Europe, Schalit reminded his friends that Jewish communities are in the process of being consolidated in Germany and that, in the very near future, Maccabi will have to play its part in the provision of activities for the ever-growing numbers of youth. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance - Schalit concluded his interesting observations - that Maccabi in Europe should continue to carry on its activities in an atmosphere free from partisan politics, for only in this manner can youth of all walks of life be attracted to the Movement.

Details of the forthcoming European Maccabi Games in Copenhagen were then discussed and Schalit informs me that the Swiss team will comprise not less than 70 competitors.

### FRANCE.

#### Maccabi Paris.

The News Bulletin of the "Sporting Club Maccabi de Paris", dated February, reveals renewed activity in several branches of sport: Football, Basketball and Athletics. Preparations are already being made in anticipation of the Summer Lawn Tennis season. The 13th Annual Cross-country race is to be run on 12th April.

The Vice-President of the Club, and leader of the Football Section, Mr. E. Lefschetz, reports complainingly on an unfair practice noticed recently, resulting in Maccabi football players being enticed by other Jewish teams. I thought that this unethical behaviour is prevalent among professional footballers only. Maccabi in Paris can, of course, as indeed it is able, to exercise sufficient influence to put a stop to such action, unbecoming to true sportsmen. I am sure they can do very well without my advice but, for what my advice is worth, I would advocate a direct approach to the authorities of the "Centre des Jeunes" whose members are apparently the greatest offenders.

#### Maccabi Metz.

The Chairman of this Club, Michel Banda, advised me, early in January, of the result of the recent elections of the club's committee. Mr. Maurice Cortner, has been elected Hon. President, whilst Messrs. Joe Schwalb and Maurice Flammer will be Vice-Presidents. The Treasurer will be Wolff Fiszou and Jean Poch will be Sports Director. Gilbert Epstein will assist Mr. Banda in the secretarial work and other members of the Committee will include Messrs. Dullmann, Rosenthal and Maymark.

Communications intended for the Sporting-Club Metz are to be addressed c/o. J. Poch, 1, Rue Serpense, Metz, (France).

Maccabi Metz hopes to send a team of 25 competitors to the Copenhagen Games.

I am asking Mr. Poch to let me have fuller particulars of his club's regular activities.

#### Re-opening of another Club.

We are informed by Mr. Th. Haas, of Paris, that the Lyon Maccabi club has re-started activities lately. In the years immediately following 1946, Lyon was one of the most active Maccabi clubs in France. It is hoped that future reports will confirm that Lyon has rehabilitated itself and that it has come to stay.



SWEDEN.Maccabi Stockholm.

The Stockholm Maccabi club celebrated its 25th anniversary last December, and its Honorary Secretary, Peter Haas, who acknowledged receipt of the message of greetings I sent them on this occasion, on behalf of the Maccabi World Union, informed me that messages have reached Stockholm from many parts of the world. The Silver Anniversary celebrations of the Stockholm club were attended by over 300 people.

Maccabi Stockholm carries on with its activities, which comprise Table-tennis, Bowling, Bridge, Football, Gymnastics and Handball. Some of these sections have as many as 30 or more members. The Junior Section alone is now 80 strong. There are many promising youngsters whose sporting prowess has attracted much attention.

Early in January, the Women's Gymnastic Section has been inaugurated. This will be the first Section catering for lady members, none having existed for the past 20 years. Peter Haas assures me that the creation of a Young Ladies' Section is considered a very welcome addition to the club.

Peter Haas concludes his report in the following words: "We hope that our club will be even more successful in the future: more members, more activities and more international competition. For some years past we have competed with our Scandinavian Maccabi friends, and although we were not very successful in Maccabiah competitions, we can at least say that we have participated. Our ill-success in the Maccabiah is considered as an isolated incident. We look forward to the forthcoming European Maccabi Games in Copenhagen. We hope to send a team of between 30 and 50 sportsmen and we wish the organisers success in their efforts."

GREAT BRITAIN.February events:

In a keenly contested match, the A.J.Y. Representative team, aged under 19, defeated the Maccabi Southern Football League by 8 - 3 in a game played early in February.

Stan Jacobson, a member of Maccabi Association (N.W.) London, captured three titles in the National Maccabi Table Tennis Championships held in February at the Leytonstone Maccabi premises. He helped his club to make a clean sweep of all five Senior titles, and he proved the outstanding player in a competition full of first-class contestants. In the Men's Singles final, Jacobson beat Strulowitch of Manchester Maccabi - a Lancashire Country player.

Pat Phinn, former Glasgow Maccabi member and now of London Maccabi, caused a great surprise by defeating three leading Ladies' Single title holders.

The Edgware Maccabi Football team were defeated 5 - nil by the far superior players of Hendon Catholic Sports Club.

The Gildesgate Hall.

Cyril Blausten, Chairman of the Maccabi Association (N.W.) London, announced during the Annual Ball, held on 14th February at the Dorchester Hotel in London, that a contract has been signed with a firm of contractors to build on a site adjoining the club's premises, a Hall to be used by the Junior Sections. It is to be named "The Gildesgate Hall" - "in recognition of Mr. Gildesgate's many years of service to the Club and to the Movement in Great Britain." The full amount of some £12,000 required to pay for the building is now available and has been placed into

a special Trust Account, to be named "The Gildesgame Charity Trust Fund". The Hall, which will serve for assemblies and which can be converted into a gymnasium, will be capable of accommodating some 250 junior members for their various indoor sports, cultural and recreational activities. It is hoped that the Hall will be completed and ready for use before the end of 1959.

Jackie Ingber, the Maccabiah Table-tennis champion, was well below his best form when he was beaten last December in the Scandinavian Championships in which he represented England. He was defeated by Alser of Sweden, 21 - 13, 21 - 13, 21 - 14.

The London Maccabi Association's weightlifting team, who have recently won the Championship of the Premier Division of the London Weightlifting League, was narrowly defeated at the end of January on their own premises in an International Weightlifting Match against the "Societe Athletique Montmartroise de Paris". Two British champions, Ben Helfgott and Laurie Levine both won their contests. Helfgott with an aggregate lead over R. Maridet of more than a hundred pounds was the most convincing winner of the evening. Alan Conway, another Maccabiah champion, won the featherweight event in fine style. His opponent, Joseph Ben Hayoun from Oran, was the only Jew in the French team. The other four events were won by the French club. Jack Segal, Maccabi and Scottish light-heavyweight champion lost by only five and a half pounds to H. Leons, a former "Mr. Paris".

The distinguished audience witnessing the match included Mr. W. Jones, President of the Board of the Amateur Weightlifting Association, who presented a cup given by the City of Paris to the winning team. Mr. Cayeux, President of the French Club, presented a medal from the city of Paris to Ben Helfgott and another from the French Ministry of Sport was presented to Mr. Oscar State who was Master of Ceremonies.

"Maccabi House", home of the Brighton & Hove Maccabi Association, which was severely damaged by fire several months ago, re-opened on January 18th. The occasion was marked by a Reception and Gala Dance. Club activities have been resumed and many of the leading members who rejoined have found a large number of new members who have recently joined this very successful club. The renovated premises are roomy, well-equipped, and have also a large assembly room which can be used on occasions for indoor sports and dancing.

Miss Joy Gillman, able Chairman of the Club, has now been joined by Mr. O. Ferris with whom she will divide her duties. The Choir of the Brighton & Hove Maccabi have kept the flag flying throughout the time the club has been closed and has continued to rehearse regularly. It took part in a Maccabi Chanukah Service.

#### A LEADERSHIP COURSE FOR LEADERS.

Realising the necessity to make Maccabi leaders more conscious of their tasks and responsibilities, the "Maccabi Union" in Great Britain have decided on a novel experiment which may well become an annual feature. Next April, a One-Day Convention of Executive members of all Maccabi clubs throughout Great Britain will be held in London over which Pierre Gildesgame will preside. Three or four lectures will be delivered outlining the aims and objects of the Maccabi Movement in relation to modern problems of Youth Education. Those present at the Convention (it is estimated that some 200 to 250 delegates will represent 22 executive committees) will be invited to ask questions and to participate in the general discussions. These should reveal the level of knowledge possessed by club leaders, as well as the shortcomings in the implementation of club policy. Conclusions will be drawn and summarised in memorandum form, for the careful study by the National Executive.

It was felt, for some time past, that Club Executive Committees elected or re-elected annually do not always rise to the requisite heights



in the furtherance of Maccabi sports and cultural activities. The primary object of the Convention, therefore, is to explain to all those attending it, the essentials of MACCABIUTH - the Maccabi way of life.

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The North-East London Maccabi Association.

Anyone who has seen the new premises situated at 37, Upper Clapton Road, E.5, must have been as impressed as I was. Although the premises have not been "officially" inaugurated, they are already in use by a large and active membership. This is not a new club, in the full sense of the word as, in effect, it is the reincarnation of a club known as the "East London Maccabi Association" who carried on activities in the heart of the East-End of London for many years - for some years enjoying facilities in the Deal Street premises, and for more years having carried on activities under very difficult conditions in schoolrooms. The new premises of the North-East London Maccabi Association can well serve as a model to any youth club. They are provided with a spacious Assembly Room, adjoining a well-equipped Canteen and Restaurant-Lounge. Small-sized Gymnasiums accommodate Wrestling and Weightlifting Sections, whilst a large room has been placed at the disposal of the Table-tennis Section. Separate changing-rooms are provided with showers for boys and girls. There are also Committee Rooms. At the back of the house there is a large garden on the ground of which it is hoped to erect, in due course, a full-size Gymnasium.

The new premises are a tribute to some of our valiant Maccabi boys and girls residing in the North and East of London, as well as to two distinguished personalities: Mr. Louis J. Mintz, the Honorary President of the Club, and Aubrey A. Scott, its Acting-Chairman.

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A Successor to Pierre Gildesgame nominated.

In the course of a National Executive meeting, held in London on February 22nd, I nominated Aubrey A. Scott to succeed me as Chairman of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, when I relinquish this post at the end of June, 1959. I am glad to say that the National Executive has unanimously approved of my nomination which will go forward to the A.G.M. with their blessing. If elected, Aubrey Scott will succeed me in the arduous task of leader of the Maccabi Movement in Great Britain after I have served in this office for 17 years - since 1942, when called upon by the late Professor Brodetsky, the then President of British Maccabi, to fill a war-time vacancy and to reorganise the Movement, assisted only by a handful of colleagues. Aubrey Scott, about whom I will write at greater length in one of the forthcoming issues of this "Newsletter", is one of the few leaders of Maccabi in Great Britain whose promotion was well and truly deserved. I am glad to say that, when elected, Aubrey Scott will enjoy the support of many of his present colleagues, as well as my own. I promised him to remain associated with the Movement, even though no longer in the capacity of Chairman of the Executive. So did Fred Worms, the hard-working and very able Honorary Secretary of the National Executive in Great Britain who is also due for promotion in office.

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HOLLAND.

In the absence of other news from this territory, I have much pleasure in extending to our World Executive colleague, Benno Hess, of Amsterdam and to his charming wife, heartiest congratulations on their son's (Harry Naftalie) Barmitzva, being celebrated on February 28th. Lionel Schalit was the only member of the Executive in Europe able to accept the invitation to attend, and he will thus represent himself, as well as the World Executive, on this auspicious occasion.

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## THE PRESIDENT OF THE MACCABI WORLD UNION EXECUTIVE.

This will serve to introduce to my readers Mr. NAHUM HETH, the President of the Maccabi World Union Executive Committee.

### A Lawyer.

Born in Odessa (Russia) 63 years ago and educated at the local University, as well as at the Law School of Jerusalem, Mr. Heth was one of Palestine's early Settlers. He set up home at Haifa in 1919 and 4 years later he became a member of a Committee for the development of Hadar Ha' Karmel. He began his legal practice in 1926 and, during the fateful years of 1947/1948, he was acting-legal Adviser to the Hagannah Headquarters. In 1948 Mr. Heth was appointed legal Adviser to the Israeli Ministry of Defence and he was also entrusted by the Minister with the drafting of the Military Law of the Israel Army Code.

### A Zionist.

His Zionist activities date back to 1912 and, as a leading member of the General Zionist Party, Mr. Heth was elected a member of the Second Knesset in 1951.

His record of communal activities in Haifa is an impressive one. He has been a member of the local Municipal Council since 1950.

### A Maccabi Leader.

His Maccabi activities date back to his youth when still a resident of Odessa. In 1917, he was elected Vice President of the Maccabi organisation in Russia and remained active in that capacity until 1919, when he emigrated to Palestine. In 1929 he was elected Chairman of the Maccabi organisation in Haifa and, in 1935, he became Chairman of the Merkaz-Maccabi in Israel. Having served for a number of years as Hon. Secretary of the Olympic Committee in Israel until 1951, he became Chairman of the Olympic Committee until he resigned from it in 1955. In that capacity he led the first ever Israel Olympic team to Helsinki in 1952.

At present, Mr. Heth is President of the Israel Maccabi Territorial Organisation and, as is well known to us all, he was elected unanimously in 1957 to the office of President of the World Maccabi Executive.

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### What of Nahum Heth - the Man?



Mr. Nahum Heth, President,  
Maccabi World Union Executive.

I was privileged to meet him, for the first time, in 1949. In that year, the Maccabi World Union policy was the subject of heated debates at a meeting of the World Council in Tel-Aviv. Although a member of the General Zionist Party by conviction and affiliation, he was the only Israeli who supported Maccabi delegates from overseas who militated against the efforts made by some of our Israeli colleagues to subordinate the Movement to the General Zionist Party political line. He understood that politics and amateur sports do not mix well. In an unostentatious and unobtrusive manner, he talked quietly to many of us in an effort to compose our differences amicably. He shuns publicity and, whilst a very convincing debater, I have never known him to force an issue with his opponents. He believes in friendly negotiations, whilst not giving in on matters of principle.



His influence in Maccabi circles in Israel is considerable; he is loved, as well as respected and admired, even by those who, on occasions, violently disagree with him. It was no accident, therefore, that his candidature for the vacant office of Acting President of the Maccabi World Union was unanimously welcomed by delegates attending the last World Congress.

Having observed him during meetings of the World Executive, having listened to his arguments for and against any contentious problem, I have often wondered whether his logical mind and training are of greater value to us than his dedication to the Maccabi Movement. In both these respects his attributes are invaluable. Many a time, his intervention during a heated debate has proved salutary: I nick-named him "The Fire Brigade"; whenever a dispute arose we summoned the "Fire Brigade" and the incendiary bomb was under control in a matter of minutes...

But for Mr. Heth's personal intervention, logical argument, and my faith in his great integrity, I would not have accepted the nomination for Chairman of the Maccabi World Union Executive to which I have agreed only a few hours before my election in October 1957. In deference to Mr. Heth's pleas and upon an assurance having been received from him that he would look after the interests of, and lead, the Maccabi World Executive in my unavoidable absence from meetings in Israel, I agreed to being elected. Mr. Heth nominated me on behalf of the Praesidium of the Congress and his eloquent and moving speech, which I knew to be sincere, caused me to make what I considered - and still do - one of the most important decisions of my life in the Maccabi Movement.

The following is the text of a message sent to the Zionist Federation of Great Britain & N. Ireland on the occasion of their 60th Anniversary Conference:

"I have much pleasure in conveying to you cordial greetings of Maccabi youth in Great Britain on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Zionist Federation. May your deliberations prove fruitful, and may your work for Israel continue to be inspired by true Zionist ideals.

"One of the Maccabi Movement's principal objects is to promote and foster interest, and active participation by members, in work aimed at the development of the State of Israel; to cultivate a knowledge of Jewish history, of the Hebrew language, and of national traditions. Indeed, this forms Maccabi's basic ideology, of which its very manifold activities are but an end to achieve an object. Historians of the Movement assert that the first Maccabi club was formed in 1895; displays of physical fitness by contingents of Maccabi sportsmen provided the highlight of early World Zionist Congresses. Many leaders of Zionism, in all parts of the world, received their training in Maccabi ranks, and tens of thousands of our members, from all over the world, joined the first teams of Chutzpah who laid the foundations of the Yishuv. Male and female members of Maccabi clubs joined the Jewish Brigade during the last world war and were also to be found among the Commanders of the valiant Haganah fighters. Thus, it can truly be said that members of Maccabi made a valuable contribution to the growth and consolidation of the non-political Zionist Movement.

"Although Maccabi does not now constitute an integral part of the World Zionist Confederation, our members receive the necessary education and training so that when they grow up, and are able to use their own judgment, they may well join the ranks of the active builders of Israel, as they have done for many decades past.

"I sincerely hope that the Zionist Federation in Great Britain will continue to promote better understanding for the needs of Israel in the years to come and that, in this manner, it will be able to enlist for its work the moral and active support of Jewish youth of all walks of life.

P. GILDESGAME,  
Chairman,  
Union of Maccabi Associations in  
Great Britain and N. Ireland."

# Editorial & News Comment.

## THIS NEWSLETTER.

In this issue I publish reports from many parts of the world. When carefully read, it must be concluded that Maccabi is very much a Movement and not just a myth. Reports of sports activities, as well as of successful achievements by clubs and individuals, should prove this amply. Many items of news cover activities in Great Britain. To this I have easy access and I could easily fill more pages carrying reports of club activities in various cities in England and Scotland. I am quite certain that similar activities are being carried on in many other parts of the world where Maccabi organisations prosper. If only those to whom I have addressed requests for more news would go to the trouble of supplying it! Unfortunately, the appeals have not always produced a good response and those clubs or territorial organisations about whose activities one finds very little in this "Newsletter", have only themselves to blame.

That this "Newsletter" is being read by all those receiving it, and it continues to serve the purposes for which I continue to publish it - of this there can be no doubt. I receive letters of appreciation from various readers every few days. Mr. K. Ancker, Chairman of Maccabi Helsinki, whose report is published in this issue, has just written to me:

"I continue to receive the "Chairman's Newsletter" which has always been of great use and joy to me, as well as to others in Finland."

I wish to assure Mr. Ancker and others who were kind enough to write to me recently that, although the publication of this "Newsletter" often proves a difficult task, I am encouraged in my endeavours in the knowledge that it serves as a link between old and new Maccabi friends who are as eager to receive news about Maccabi as I am glad to impart it.

## A VISIT TO THE U.S.A.

I look forward to my forthcoming visit to the U.S.A., as well as to meeting numerous friends there. Recently, I had occasion to discuss in London matters of common interest with Col. Henshel, as well as with Marcel Logb, Hon. Treasurer of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel - a Maccabi enthusiast and supporter of many years standing. I hope to meet in New York also George Flesch who works there on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and who has, at one time, played a very important part on the World Executive. I hope to renew also my acquaintance with Barney Ain, to whom I am greatly indebted for occasional news about Jewish Sports and sportsmen in the U.S. Time and opportunity permitting, I hope to meet a number of people who, I believe, are very interested in the Maccabiah Village project, as well as willing to give it their wholehearted support. Last, but not least, I hope to meet members of Col. Henshel's Committee, to exchange views with them and to bring about a basis for friendly and lasting co-operation in connection with the Maccabiah Games.

## PLAYING FIELDS FOR ISRAEL.

I hear that our old friend and veteran Maccabi leader, Mr. Norman Lourie, one of the founders of the Maccabi Movement in South Africa and of the Balfour Park in Johannesburg, a man who has undoubtedly well deserved the gratitude of those who have the interest of Maccabi at heart, is engaged in a fund-raising campaign to provide playing fields for Israel - a very worthy cause. What I am not clear about is whether Mr. Lourie has embarked upon this campaign assured of the co-operation of the leading sports organisations, such as Hapoel, Maccabi Beitar and Elitzur. It will also be interesting to know whether Mr. Lourie proposes achieving his target by means of a one-man effort and whether he relies solely on American financial support. I think Mr. Lourie would do well to take into his confidence the leaders of sports organisations in Israel for whose benefit he is undoubtedly embarking on this very gallant and worthwhile enterprise.



# THE WINGATE INSTITUTE.

News reaches me of an announcement made recently in Jerusalem by Mr. Zelman Aranne, Israel Minister of Education, of the appointment of four Americans to the newly organised Board of Trustees of the General Orde Wingate Institute for Physical Education in Natanya. Col. Henshel is one of the appointed Trustees. I was glad to learn that during Col. Henshel's recent visit to Israel, he expressed interest in the Maccabiah Village project and promised to support it, if one or two other organisations in America could be prevailed upon to help raise funds. It must be noted that the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel was one of the early supporters of the Wingate Institute and it is, therefore, only natural that Col. Henshel be invited to join the Group of American Trustees who, let us hope, will see to it that the Wingate Institute is provided with the necessary funds, without which it cannot be completed. When ready, The Wingate Institute will provide training for promising Israeli Sportamen, regardless of club affiliation or of political party to which they may belong.

## LEADERSHIP IN MACCABI.

I participated in an all-day Conference, held in London on April 12th, attended by leaders of Maccabi clubs from all over Great Britain. The object of the conference was to explain to them Maccabi's general policy, in relation to sports and cultural activities, with special emphasis upon activities of a Jewish content. In addressing the club leaders on Maccabi's Ideology generally, and on Maccabi's Way of Life - Maccabiuth - I felt that one cannot stress too often that Maccabi is a Movement for Jewish Youth, and its Sports and Cultural activities are but a means to achieve ends, and that the prime objective is to produce a physically fit and mentally healthy young generation, conscious of its duties as citizens and as Jews, capable of fostering the sense of better spiritual values, fit to play their part as members of a modern and democratic society children of the Jewish people, a people with a religious and cultural heritage of which they can be truly proud.

Aubrey Scott dealt with a balanced programme of Club activities, whilst Fred Worms referred to Maccabi's policy towards Israel, which he visited recently, and wherefrom he returned once again full of admiration and enthusiasm.

The lively discussion that went on for hours revealed that, whilst club leaders are very much concerned about their respective clubs, not all of them agreed with the theories advanced by the principal speakers. I was particularly interested in the opposition to a statement which I made that, in my opinion, it was not Maccabi's role to provide religious education for club members. This, I said, was the role of the Synagogue Ministers and of the Jewish Ecclesiastical authorities. I emphasized, however, that club leaders must bring to the notice of their members the importance of religious observance, the significance of our religious festivals and traditions and, generally, nothing should be done by the club, or by the members, likely to offend the religious susceptibilities of the Jewish community. Some argued that the teaching of religion should form part of the Maccabi club's activities; others thought that it was far more important to lay stress upon the significance of Israel, the creation of which has given every Jew, no matter what his nationality, a sense of belonging to our nation and people.

The discussion was equally interesting when views were heard about the importance of sports activities in preference to cultural activities and vice versa. One of the club leaders accused me that I was in fact advocating the introduction of political Zionism in the ranks of Maccabi, whereas another felt that my conception of Zionism was quite inadequate...

The outcome of the all-day discussion was that it led to an idea that such or similar conferences should be organised twice or three times yearly, at which free and unrestricted discussion could be invited on any topic affecting Maccabi activities generally and Jewish youth education in particular. The object of this first experiment was to provoke discussion and, in this respect, my hopes were amply fulfilled. No doubt those present will return to their clubs far better enlightened on what "Maccabiuth" means and greatly stimulated by it.

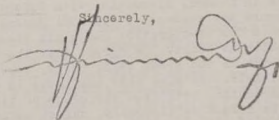
Obviously, space does not permit me to give a full report of a very interesting experiment but I hope that, at some future date, I will be able to prevail upon Alfred Morley, Principal Organiser of Maccabi Leadership Courses in Great Britain, to contribute an article on this subject, dealing primarily with Leadership Courses that have been held in Great Britain in the past, and the excellent results that these have produced so far.

#### MACCABI WORLD CONGRESS.

Once again I wish to remind Maccabi Territorial Organisations throughout the world that this year's Maccabi World Congress will open in Tel-Aviv on November 1st. Leaders of Maccabi are requested to make a note of the date, as well as to make preparations to ensure their personal attendance at this most important Maccabi gathering.

I take this opportunity of wishing my numerous friends, members, leaders and supporters of the Maccabi Movement, a happy Pesach - CHAG SAMEACH.

Sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME,  
Chairman.

#### MACCABI EUROPEAN GAMES IN COPENHAGEN.

H. Robinson, of Manchester, a member of the World Executive, European Regional Executive, and organiser of the annual "Maccabi Holiday House in Great Britain", reports on a recent flying visit to Copenhagen, in connection with the "Holiday House" which will be run there during the European Games. Robinson flew to Copenhagen on 23rd February and remained there for 3 days, where he was warmly received by Rudaizky and his colleagues. During his stay in Copenhagen, he was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. Nachemsohn.

The hotel which will house all the participants in the Games is a modern building with every facility. There will be separate quarters for men and separate for ladies. Lockers will be provided to store kit and equipment. There is also a large Dining Hall, in addition to Rest Rooms, Toilets and Showers. A shop will remain open for the sale of sweets, cigarettes, stamps, etc. The hotel is pleasantly situated on a small hill, at the foot of which is a lake, surrounded by trees. All those who will be staying at the hotel are assured of an excellent and enjoyable holiday.



The Opening of the Games, and most of the events, will be held in a large self-contained Sports Arena provided with a Stadium, Changing Rooms and Swimming Pool. The Stadium has a seating capacity for 25,000, with a grandstand for 4,000. In the centre, there is a full-sized Soccer Pitch with a Running Track around it which can be floodlit at night. In the Indoor Gymnasium, competitions will be staged in Netball and Table-tennis events. On the first floor of the same building accommodation for wrestling and fencing competitions will be provided. There is ample room for spectators. The swimming pool is perfect in every way with accommodation for a large number of spectators. The Organising Committee have all the arrangements well in hand. National Sports Organisations are co-operating and advising on technical matters, and they will also provide referees and judges. The winner of the Danish Athletic Championship, which will be held the same day as the Opening Ceremony of the Maccabi Games, will participate as a guest runner.

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Maccabi Summer Holiday House, Denmark.

A modern Hotel has been rented, situated on the coast at Espergerde, not far from Elsinore. The hotel has its own beach. The Holiday House will be open on Thursday morning, August 13th until Saturday night, August 22nd. Four meals per day will be provided, as well as a full programme of tours of Denmark and Sweden, visits to the Maccabi Games and, in the evenings, for those interested, Danos will also be held.

At the time of writing this report, about 100 applications have already been received from England alone, and so it appears that the Maccabi Holiday House in Espergerde, organised in connection with the Maccabi Games, will be as great a success as the Games themselves promise to be.

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A NEW CONCEPTION FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE 6TH MACCABIAH.

I spent several hours, one Saturday evening in March, at my private office in London, discussing with Colonel Harry D. Henshel ways and means to ensure the success of the 1961 Maccabiah. Both he and I emphasized the need for co-operation among all those who have the objects of the Maccabiah at heart. We agreed that the burden of the organisation of the Maccabiah is too great to be borne, once again, by a handful of volunteers in Tel-Aviv. We were also unanimous in our opinion that the standard of the Maccabiah, both from the point of view of sports and organisation, must be raised considerably, whilst making full allowance for present and past shortcomings attributable mainly to lack of adequate finances. We considered also the prospects of the "Maccabiah Village" development between now and 1961 and the extent to which it would be found more suitable for the accommodation of participants than on the last occasion.

Basic principles.

Col. Henshel's views are well known insofar as certain basic principles pertaining to the Maccabiah organisation are concerned. Fundamentally, these do not differ from the considered opinions of the Maccabi World Union Executive. Differences - if any - are mainly of an organisational and public-relations nature, more concerned with the sponsorship of the Games than with their technical implementation. In Col. Henshel's opinion, the Maccabiah ought to be sponsored by a large body of men from all walks of life in Israel, to be presided over by the President, or Chairman, of the Maccabi World Union. He envisages something along the lines of my own conception of some two years ago when I advocated the setting up of an "International Maccabiah Association", upon which all countries interested in the participation in the Maccabiah would be represented. In addition thereto, Col. Henshel would like to see a parallel "all-party-Committee" entrusted with the organisation of the Maccabiah in Israel itself. By "all party" Col. Henshel understands a Committee comprising representatives of the Government, Jewish Agency, and the various Youth Organisations, of the Hotels Associations, of Maccabi,

Hapoel, as well as of any other bodies in Israel showing an interest in, or expected to sympathise with, the Maccabiah Games, which are to be run along Olympic principles, and which the Maccabi World Union has long ago named "The World Jewish Sports Festival".

#### Little disagreement.

As will be seen, both Col. Henshel, representing his own views, which are undoubtedly shared by many of his colleagues of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, and myself, representing the views of the Maccabi World Union, show very little disparity or disagreement. Analysing it further still, I think it important to emphasize that my colleagues and I have long ago agreed to practice what we preach, namely that the Maccabiah Organising Committee is to be representative of all such organisations in Israel, who have the promotion of amateur sports among world Jewish youth at heart, and who believe that the advent of the Maccabiah Games, being held at 4-yearly intervals in Israel is the most important for, by so doing, thousands of Jewish youth are afforded the opportunity to visit Israel, perhaps for the first time in their life, to come into contact with the youth of Israel and who, like themselves, welcome an opportunity for forging closer links of friendship, either by witnessing or participating in friendly competition for highest honours in sport.

This was why we have invited all Israeli sports organisations to join the Maccabiah Organising Committee, as well as to participate in the Games.

The foundations for a comprehensive partnership have thus been laid but, unfortunately, the structure which was to have been erected on these foundations has, as yet, no roof over it. Why?

#### Much disagreement.

Because as soon as the Hapoel organisation has been invited to join that Committee, they put forward a number of demands which were not acceptable to the Maccabi World Union Executive, the more so as the demands amounted to a request for privileges, without Hapoel wishing to accept any of the obligations that such a partnership entailed. The other Israeli Sports Organisations gladly accepted the invitation to join the Committee but, following the example of Hapoel, they too insisted upon contingents of their own sports organisations marching behind, or at the head of, the columns of national teams of Jewish athletes from the rest of the world. Great difficulties have been experienced before it has been possible to prevail upon Hapoel to integrate their athletes into an all-Israeli National team. To do otherwise would be contrary to all rules of international sports competitions. Reluctantly Hapoel joined the all-Israeli team of competitors, only to announce in their party newspapers their own individual victories, in an endeavour to overshadow the achievements and victories of Maccabi, Elizur or Beitar sportsmen. This lack of sportsmanship on the part of Hapoel was, in my humble opinion, the main source of dissensions and which resulted also in Maccabi Israel putting up a strong resistance against any additional concessions being granted to Hapoel. Thus, the Maccabiah, instead of contributing towards better understanding and closer co-operation among Israeli Sports Organisations has, in fact, resulted in the rift between them becoming deeper and mutual hostility stronger.

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#### A compromise.

Col. Henshel has now submitted to me a Memorandum which is being considered carefully on its merits. This may produce a somewhat different approach to the problem besetting our minds when thinking of the prospects of the 1961 Maccabiah. Let it be clearly understood that my talks with Col. Henshel were not aimed at producing a reconciliation between the

U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel and Maccabi World Union. Our mutual relationship has never been friendlier. Col. Henshel is sincerely and genuinely interested - as we all are - in ensuring the success of the 1961 Maccabiah, as well as of all future Maccabiath. His latest effort is, therefore, very much appreciated.

I fully share the sentiments he expressed in one of his last letters to me, in which he says: "I feel that the high level approach that you and I are discussing may encourage our people to take a more favourable attitude.

ISRAEL. Football in the news again - a crisis.

A crisis has recently arisen in the Israeli Football Federation, resulting in a conflict between the two leading sports organisations in Israel, Hapoel and Maccabi, which reached a climax in the course of a Press Conference in Tel-Aviv last month. In view of the tendentious reports appearing in some organs of the press, normally influenced by the "left" parties, I invited Mr. Shalom Zysman, Chairman of Maccabi-Israel, to let me have an objective report on the situation. According to him: "A conflict arose in the Israel Football Federation when a decision was taken by the Federation to establish a Special Management Committee consisting of 4 Hapoel, 2 Maccabi and 1 Beitar representatives. This decision was the outcome of a majority vote at the Federation by Hapoel and Beitar against the minority vote of Maccabi delegates. The Football Federation is the only one in Israel in which Hapoel has a majority as they are represented by 8, whereas Maccabi and Beitar are represented by 5 and 2 representatives, respectively. Until recently, the Executive comprised equal numbers of representatives of Hapoel and Maccabi. The sudden "coalition" of Hapoel and Beitar, in opposition to Maccabi, was the product of political manoeuvres, for which there should be no room in sports."

According to a "Jerusalem Post" reporter who attended the Press Conference, Mr. Zysman declared that there was no need for an additional body within the Israel Football Federation. Consequently, Maccabi teams, he declared, will not play in Football League Games, nor will Maccabi players participate in Israeli representative teams, if Hapoel does not see to it that the newly formed Football Association Management Committee be dissolved. According to the Hapoel spokesman, it was found necessary to set up a smaller body (a sort of Executive Committee) to run the current Soccer affairs. Maccabi was prepared to support it, providing the representation on that body reverted to a parity basis.

Mr. Z. Finkelstein, Head of the Maccabi representatives on the Football Federation, claimed that Maccabi supported the engagement of a leading foreign trainer for the National Soccer XI at any price, but that this was rendered impossible because Hapoel had side-stepped the issue and apparently did not agree to the engagement of such a trainer.

The Hapoel press argued that the decision to set up a separate Executive Committee was the outcome of a majority (2/3rds) vote, taken by the Federation which represents 322 affiliated bodies, namely 190 Hapoel, 60 Maccabi, 56 Beitar and 16 others.

Thus, it must be concluded that, for the time being, the golden rule of 50-50 representation on the Israel Football Association with a casting vote by the Chairman is no longer operative, and that Hapoel are fully determined to force the issue by virtue of their numerical supremacy. How this is going to affect football in Israel, as well as other branches of sport is now a matter for conjecture, as well as for immense concern to all of us.

Postscript.

We are often inclined to reprimand severely the promoters of football in Israel. Thank heavens that, so far, Football has not become an industry and that the players have not turned professional. An American newspaper has recently commented on the transfer of the famous footballer, Mel Charles to Arsenal and referred to this as a "cattle deal". It is well known that, in addition to paying a very high price for Mel Charles, Arsenal have also thrown



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into the bargain two of their players in lieu of payment. The "transaction" has provoked a great deal of adverse comment in the British press. It must be remembered, however, that what is good for London is not, necessarily, desirable for Israel.

#### ISRAELI SPORTS.

Maccabi Tel-Aviv still leads in the Basketball League, having recently defeated the Hapoel Tel-Aviv team.

The Hapoel Soccer Derby was played before 8,000 fans at the Jaffa Bassa pitch and, due to the anxiety of both teams to clinch the points, there was more kick and rush than good football. Some of the rough tactics culminated in Haifa Hapoel's Ashkenazi being sent off the field during the game.

Lord Nathan will proceed to Israel in May on a short visit.

#### MACCABI PROFICIENCY BADGE.

Readers will be interested in some of the comments imparted to Dr. R. Atlasz, Hon. Sports Director of the Maccabi World Union Executive, on behalf of Maccabi in Great Britain, by Fred S. Worms, Hon. Secretary. His remarks represent the views of several leading members of the National Executive.

- 1). The targets for standards of sporting achievements appear too low. This is particularly true in the case of Athletics.
- 2). But boys under 16 should not be asked to run distances exceeding 880 yds.
- 3). Boys under 16 should use the 4 kg. weight.
- 4). Separate targets should be set for veterans who might be in the over 45 class who could go in for 10 mile walks.
- 5). Girls under 16 should not run distances in excess of 220 yards and should not be called upon to do any shot-putting. On the other hand, the standard of 7.30 metres for putting the shot for ladies of 17 to 28 is considered excessive.
- 6). Three distinctive badges should be provided; Gold, Silver and Bronze, according to the different standards attained by competitors in the various classes. A Gold Badge to be awarded to top class athletes only.
- 7). A proper Memorandum should be drawn up setting out terms and conditions on which the Proficiency Badges are to be awarded.
- 8). Opinions are divided as to whether it would be a good idea to mix "theory" with "practice". This is a matter which the Sports Director of the World Executive is to consider further, together with other observations relating to sports.

On the subject of cultural-educational activities of a Jewish content, the British Maccabi Executive had expressed no views, but these were conveyed to the proper quarter by Gildesgame personally, who is in correspondence with Executive member, Mrs. Gusta Singer.

Have you any views on the Maccabi Proficiency Badge - if so, please write at once (unless you have already done so) to Dr. Robert Atlasz, Hon. Sports Director, Maccabi World Union, P.O.B. 76, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

# News from European Regional H.Q.

## ITALY.

The Chairman, Lionel Schalit, continues with his activities without sparing time, trouble, or expense. He has recently visited Milan (Italy) where he addressed a meeting convened by Dr. Jarach, President of Maccabi Italy. Attended by some 25 people, the meeting was held at the Synagogue premises.

Schalit reports:

"The lack of progress in Milan Maccabi is undoubtedly due to the absence of sufficient leaders to take care of the youngsters whose numbers are on the increase. The Maccabi Association in Milan has been in existence since 1946 and its Chairman, Dr. Jarach, has done all he could to keep it alive. Members of the Milan Jewish community, with few exceptions, show little interest in the younger generation, and their support is not forthcoming."

At the meeting, Schalit suggested that a few persons be approached known for their interest in Jewish Youth, so that the Maccabi Movement in Italy be given a fresh lease of life. Jewish communities in Milan, Turin, Venice, Rome and Trieste are undergoing a process of consolidation and it should, therefore, be possible to find wellwishers entrusted with specific tasks. He proposed to those present that a Conference be convened in the near future with the participation of present and past leading members of Maccabi in Italy. An Italian Maccabi Federation to be set up on sound foundations, for which the prospects of success were promising. A Maccabi nucleus already exists in Milan and a fairly strong Maccabi club has been known to be active for some years past in Trieste. News is now awaited as to whether, and how soon, Schalit's proposals will be carried into effect. He promised to attend such a Conference when convened and to use his utmost endeavours with a view to carrying the idea into practical effect.

## BELGIUM.

"De Nieuwe Gazet", a popular daily newspaper appearing in Antwerp, carried a full-page story about the Royal Antwerp Maccabi Club, together with a large photograph of the Club's Committee, over which Herman Bochner continues to preside.

I quote a few extracts from the newspaper story which I consider of interest:

"Shortly a club which plays a leading part in the sporting life of the city will reach an important milestone of its history. Maccabi, whose Hon. President is Mr. Rami Goldmuntz, is one of the most active sports clubs in the Kingdom of Belgium. Its principal animator is Herman Bochner, whose association with the club has now reached its 40th year. So active a club, doing such splendid work, cannot escape our attention and admiration, as the consistent effort of its members and the enthusiasm of its leaders is unique. The reputation of Maccabi in Antwerp is no longer a local one, its achievements are well known far and wide.

"Club leaders, officials and trainers spoke to our Correspondent candidly of their achievements, as well as of their failures. One aspect must not be forgotten, namely, that after the Nazi occupation of this town, the club lay in ruins; today it is the pride of our city. Under its banner, 9 active sports sections provide facilities for a large number of youth, many of them very young indeed. Their sportsmen distinguished themselves in many ways, particularly so in Waterpolo and in Table-tennis.

"Our present premises do not convey the impression of either comfort or of a congenial atmosphere" - said Mr. Bochner, when greeting our correspondent, prior to introducing us to his other colleagues. "But", Bochner added, "Maccabi is harbouring a great hope in regard to the construction of a sports centre, with the assistance of funds from the Rami Goldmuntz Foundation, as well as from the Claims Conference. "Who knows", - Bochner concluded his remarks - "may be this new home of Maccabi in Antwerp would be completed in time to coincide with our 40th

anniversary celebrations."

When the building project has materialised, Maccabi in Antwerp will reach a stage in its growth of development which is bound to become the object of friendly envy on the part of many Maccabi clubs in Europe, not so blessed and privileged. The present membership of Maccabi Antwerp runs into several hundreds, the potential target is about 2,000.

The newspaper story of which edited extracts are quoted above, concludes with the following remarks:

"It cannot be doubted that in future Maccabi will occupy an even more important place in the sports activities of our town. Despite the success of its members in many spheres of sport, an amateur status is being strictly observed, which is remarkable in days like these when a sportsman of any distinction is either attracted by or offers his services to professional sports promoters."

#### BRUSSELS.

B. Guttman, whom I still believe to be Chairman of Maccabi Brussels, wrote to me in March, apologising for a prolonged silence.

He reports:

"Maccabi Brussels went through a very difficult period since it became homeless. Far from disintegrating, the hardships had a galvanising effect on the faithful few. The sections of Basket and Volley Ball are very much alive and kicking. We recruited new young elements; other sections are being organised. An agreement is due to be reached with the Jewish Youth Centre, whose new building, financed by the Claims Conference, has been inaugurated on 8th March, and should bring our sufferings to an end."

I replied to Mr. Guttman, asking for more particulars and for more evidence of Brussels Maccabi's active life and achievements. When received, I will be delighted to publish more news about this club which had such a chequered career ever since Otto Heimbach, at present living in America, founded it.

The Vice President of the European Maccabi Regional Executive, Mr. Romi Goldmuntz, and the very popular Hon. President of the Royal Maccabi Association in Antwerp, has recently accompanied the Queen Mother of Belgium Queen Elizabeth, on a trip to Israel where Her Majesty declared the Goldmuntz Museum in Natanya Israel open in the presence of a distinguished gathering including, among other guests, Mr. Camille Huyssmans, veteran Belgian statesman. The Museum in Natanya is one of the many Jewish and non-Jewish institutions to benefit from Mr. Goldmuntz's legendary generosity.

#### SWEDEN.

In March, I received a letter from Mr. S. Fuchs, Chairman of Maccabi Stockholm, but no report on his club's activities. Fuchs writes to me on behalf of his committee:

"We should like to express our appreciation of your work for Maccabi World Union and the pleasure of receiving your Chairman's Newsletter, which we find very good and helpful as a source of Maccabi news and ideas."

On the subject of their negotiations with the Claims Conference, Fuchs states:

"We should like to inform you that we have made application to the Central Community in this matter. The Board of the Claims Conference are considering the possibility of establishing a Community Centre in our town and, if this ever materialises, we think it will be of great value to us."

Mr. Fuchs is hereby requested to let me have an extensive report on his club's activities.



# HOLLAND.

Yet one more club formed!

Under Major Glaser's Chairmanship, Maccabi in Holland seems to be making excellent progress. In addition to the already existing clubs in the Netherlands, a new branch has been formed in the town of Enschede, on March 16th, 1959. Enschede is the principal city in the province of Twente and we are informed that in the immediate environment of Enschede there are other towns whereto the Maccabi Movement may spread: Almelo, Hengelo, Berne. It is conceivable that youngsters from the aforementioned three towns, which are only within a short distance of Enschede, will join the latest club in the Netherlands, and which is officially named the Twente Area Maccabi Association. The Chairman of this latest Maccabi club of the Netherlands is Mr. J. Hartog, and his address is Wagenaarstraat, 34, Enschede. I take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Hartog and his colleagues on a splendid achievement. This new branch has already three active sections providing facilities for gymnastics, table-tennis and bridge. More sports sections are in the process of formation.

Last February, a "Maccabi Evening" was arranged in Enschede, addressed by the Sports Director, Mr. Tugendhaft, and Mr. Glaser. A film depicting scenes of the 1957 Maccabiah was shown. As a result of the enthusiasm created that evening, the Maccabi branch in Enschede came into being.

In Amsterdam, the Annual meeting of the club was due to be held on March 31st and, if a report reaches me in time, it will be published in this issue.

The Netherlands Maccabi Territorial Organisation is fully determined to send a representative team to the European Games in Copenhagen, comprising 17 men and 15 ladies, to compete in athletics, swimming, fencing, lawn tennis and table-tennis. The team will be accompanied by 4 officials and by at least 25 supporters. Subject to conditions permitting, Holland will also send a Football team.

# FRANCE.

Sports activities in Maccabi Paris continue active. In addition to the Cross-country Race, reported on in the previous issue, Basketball matches are being played against leading teams with good results. A Junior Basketball team is now being organised at the initiative of Mr. Zaslavski, Chairman of the Section.

The Tennis Section, led by Mr. Mosbach, its Chairman, is being re-organised. A meeting attended by over 50 members, was held on March 1st, at the premises of the "Centre des Jeunes", honoured by the presence of Mr. Leo Kaminski, President of Maccabi and of Mr. Fred Goldschmidt, Hon. President of the Tennis Section. In the course of the discussion Mr. Scheffer raised also the question of participation in the Maccabi Games in Copenhagen. The Committee has been re-elected en bloc and membership fees, varying between 5,200 fr. to 6,500 fr., according to the Tennis Courts used for playing, was approved.

# FINLAND.

I am indebted to Mr. X. Ancker, Chairman of Maccabi Helsinki for a comprehensive report on the situation concerning the two Maccabi branches affiliated to the Finnish Territorial Organisation, Helsinki and Turku. Mr. Ancker would welcome correspondence from Maccabi leaders or members; letters may be addressed to him c/o Oy. I. W. Ancker Ab, Kalevankatu 4, Helsinki.

I publish below a condensed and edited version of Mr. Ancker's report which, I am sure, will be found of great interest:

The larger of the two Maccabi clubs is in Helsinki, the other about 200 km. distance from Helsinki - in Turku. The two clubs co-operate in all matters affecting Finland's representation at Maccabi Conferences or Games. Likewise, Summer Camps are being organised jointly, not to mention inter-club competitions and matches.

In connection with the forthcoming European Maccabi Games, a Committee has once again been set up to ensure co-ordination and

and co-operation with the central office, this time, in Turku. This was done because previous Committees were set up in Helsinki. Those in charge of the organisation of Finland's representation at the Copenhagen Games are: Chairman - Mr. M. Dryzyn, and Secretary - Mr. M. Pearlman. The Committee consists of two sections, one dealing with the selection of the team of competitors, the other with matters affecting administration and fund-raising.

We find it extremely difficult to maintain the numerical strength of Maccabi membership in Finland because of the drift from Judaism and the large number of persons marrying outside the faith. All told, there are only 2,000 Jews left in Finland, of which 1100 reside in Helsinki. Young people, over the age of 20, are hardly interested in communal activities, and it is extremely difficult to prevail upon them to join any Jewish club or Association. We are, therefore, concentrating primarily on Juniors, largely children, for whom facilities have been provided in a variety of sports activities, including football, table-tennis, athletics, boxing, wrestling, weightlifting, etc.

It must be remembered that Maccabi in Helsinki has existed for almost 50 years and has, at one time, been one of the strongholds in the Maccabi Movement in Scandinavia. About 30 years ago, Maccabi members belonged to the champion class of Finland, as they represented Finland in international contests. E. Katz, at one time Olympic Silver Medallist, emigrated to Israel and lost his life there during the War of Independence in 1948. Maccabi members excelled in Athletics, Boxing, Football, Wrestling, etc. In Weightlifting alone, three Maccabi members were, at one time, Finnish champions in their respective categories.

Looking back, therefore, on the glorious years when Maccabi in Finland was the strongest Jewish Youth Organisation, it is sad to have to say that, nowadays, it is difficult to find sufficient players to form a football team. A fine Handball team had to be dissolved some 6 weeks ago, because there were not sufficient members to carry on. Only 4 years ago, Maccabi players were at the top of the list of Finnish Table Tennis contestants. Today, only Juniors carry on the tradition. In Track and Field Athletics there is only one outstanding competitor, I. Baran, who represented Finland at the last Olympic Games, whilst in Wrestling the position is somewhat brighter, because Maccabi is at this moment represented by two members competing in the team representing the City of Helsinki.

The only game remaining popular, principally among the Senior members, is Bowling (South Africa please note).

Nevertheless, and in spite of the difficulties described above, Helsinki still hopes to form a team of 20 athletes to represent it with dignity and pride at the forthcoming All-European Maccabi Games in Copenhagen. It will comprise both Juniors and Seniors, competing in Track and Field Athletics, Wrestling, Table-tennis, possibly also in Cycling and Bowling, should competitions in these sports be included.

We will also be represented at the European Conference. (Ancker hopes to be there in person.)

#### SWITZERLAND.

The Annual (1958) report of Maccabi Federation Switzerland, is as comprehensive as usual. It deals with activities during the 41st year of its existence. David Neufeld, the President, states that during the year, the Federation counted over 1320 members. Of that total, 1065 paid membership fees. About 600 members are known to be active in various sports, in addition to 260 Juniors. Some 470 members, mainly seniors, are no longer active in sports, but continue to take an interest and support the various clubs to the best of their ability. The National Executive Committee is comprised of 24 members.

Maccabi clubs, otherwise known as Judischer Turn. Und Sportverband, affiliated to the Federation, are operating the following centres: Zurich, Basle, Berne, Geneva, Lausanne, as well as a Ski-sport Club in Zurich. Sports activities throughout clubs comprise, in addition to the inevitable skiing Football, Basketball, Gymnastics, Handball, Tennis, Athletics, etc.

Switzerland hopes to field a team of 50 competitors for the Maccabi European Games in Copenhagen in the following events: Handball, Basketball, Football, Tennis and Light Athletics.

As usual, Maccabi Switzerland is well organised and their Balance Sheet reveals sound and wise management. Oskar Wessley is Chairman of the Technical Commission and, as such, I believe he is looked upon as the principal sports organiser.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

Maccabi Association (N.W.) London. Mr. Cyril Blausten, Chairman of Maccabi Association (N.W.) London, is due to retire from Executive work when tendering his resignation at the Annual General Meeting of the club on May 1st. He will continue, however, to take an active interest in the club's building project and, notably, in the erection of the "Gildegame Hall", now under construction, which is to provide facilities for 250 junior members. Members of the Senior Sections will continue to take advantage of the existing facilities at Maccabi House and the Lord Melchett Hall.

Cyril Blausten has recently joined the Committee of the Jewish Board of Guardians. Cyril has gained considerable experience in youth work, as he was founder-manager of the Stamford Hill Boys' Club (one of London's suburbs), in 1934, and has played an important part in the growth of Maccabi in Hampstead with which he has been associated for nearly 20 years. By profession he is a Surveyor but, in addition thereto, he has numerous and varied interests. He is a Freeman of the City of London, a Fellow of the Zoological Society, and a member of the Royal Society of Health. Tennis has always been one of his main forms of recreation and, in his early years, he was so proficient at the game that, in 1935, he became the Singles Tennis Champion of the North London Jewish Tennis Club.

I sincerely hope that Cyril will continue to remain associated with the Maccabi Movement in Great Britain serving its interests to the best of his ability, as he has done for many years past.

#### SHEFFIELD.

If Sheffield Maccabi excels in nothing else, their Dramatic Section continues to attract much attention, as some of their players have earned the praise of many dramatic critics. Their latest production was "I remember Mama", the famous American play which was produced by Mannie Levy. Despite the many difficulties which such a production represents - comprising 24 players in the cast and 30 scene changes - the newspaper critics complimented Sheffield Maccabi in showing courageous enterprise. The play was staged at the Sheffield Library Theatre.

#### NORTH EAST LONDON MACCABI ASSOCIATION - A serious problem of succession.

This club has lost one of its most promising leaders by the tragic and untimely death of its Vice-Chairman, Mr. Leonard Shufel. Leonard, aged 30, was considered one of Maccabi's best youth leaders, the product of one of London's Maccabi clubs which has always ensured admiration. Leonard was connected with this club since it had its premises in Deal Street, in the heart of the East-End of London. When these premises were condemned, members of the club had to improvise activities in difficult conditions, in schoolrooms. For a period of about 5 years. It was not until Abrey Scott, its present Chairman, aided by such young men and enthusiasts as the late Leonard Shufel, had embarked upon the project to provide for the club new premises in Upper Clapton Road, that the club had once again come back to life.



It was at this stage in the history of the club, recently re-named the "North East London Maccabi Association" that Aubrey Scott was able to give thought to the invitation extended to him to succeed me as Chairman of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain. Both Aubrey and I thought that Leonard Shufel would be the ideal successor to the Chairmanship of the club which had made such strides towards complete re-organisation. Alas, the untimely death of Leonard Shufel has caused Aubrey Scott to change his mind and to withdraw his consent to the nomination (to which I referred in the last issue of this "Newsletter").

Scott solemnly announced at the last National Executive meeting in London that, whilst he considered it an honour and privilege to be nominated as Chairman-elect of British Maccabi, he felt that he must remain at his post with the North East London Maccabi Association, until such time as a worthy and able successor will be found.

The National Executive received Scott's announcement with very much concern. Nobody is more worried than I am, considering that I had to agree to remain Chairman of Maccabi in Great Britain for a further period of one year.

#### Full programme for Maccabi Cyclists.

Following an inspired first season, during which the racing members rode over 2,000 miles in competition, the Maccabi Cycling Centre in London is again planning a full programme of events with emphasis, this time, on time-trials. The first event is the Apollo C.C. 25 mile event on a course near Gatwick, and the team will include Mike Labelter who, in 1956 won three Maccabi Cycling championships. He was also a Gold Medallist at the last Maccabiah.

Manchester Maccabi Sports Sections are more active than ever. The Football team has had a particularly busy task, that of competing in most leagues and championships. They defeated the Water Park Football team 10-0 to enter the final of the Henry Rose Memorial Cup competition.

After a very hard and fast game, played in difficult conditions, Manchester Maccabi defeated also Glasgow Maccabi 2 - 1 in the Northern Area Finals for the Leslie Luck Football Trophy played in Newcastle recently. In the Northern Jewish Hockey League they reached the semi-final of the Ike Samuels Trophy and were only defeated after extra time by one goal.

In 1958, Manchester Maccabi were acclaimed the "Club of the Year" and they will shortly receive the J.H. Cohen Memorial Trophy. The club runs also other sports sections, including Tennis, Badminton, Swimming, Cricket and Netball. An Annual General Meeting of the club is being held on 14th April. H. Robinson (nicknamed "Robbie") is its President and H.H. Raphael Vice-President. Both of them have had considerable experience of Maccabi youth work in Manchester and remain closely associated with the club. One of the club's Vice-Chairmen, Manny Cann, is an experienced amateur sportsman, and I understand that it is mainly due to his leadership that the Club's Football team emerged so strong and victorious this season.

#### Maccabi Drama Festival.

Sponsored and organised by the Cultural Director of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain, the finals of the Annual Drama Festival were held recently in London at the Tower Theatre. The drama group of Maccabi Association (N.W.) London, who recently won the Southern Area preliminaries, was declared to be the final winner. Other clubs having also competed in the festival were: Glasgow Maccabi Association. The Adjudicator was Miss Kay Gardner, resident producer of the Tower Theatre who also presented the cup to the Winning Club.

# Drama Festival.

Six plays were presented at the Maccabi Union Drama Festival Semi-Final staged at Maccabi House in London. The adjudicator, Robert Milton, a member of the Guild of Drama Adjudicators, said he found it difficult to choose the winner to go forward to the final. The first play presented was "The Barrier", presented by Maccabi Association London, which is a play about a Christian child adopted and brought up in a Jewish home. Brighton & Hove Maccabi presented "The Diary of Anne Frank" in which Lesley Briggs played the leading part and was highly commended for it. North East London Maccabi Association presented a One-act farce "Home is the Hunted" in which Helen Maizels portrayed the part of the "Toddy Girl". "The Diary of Anne Frank" was chosen as the play with the most Jewish interest, but the Senior award went to "The Barrier". The Junior award was won by Maccabi Association London Juniors for their performance of "The Women".

Sheffield Maccabi Association held its Annual General Meeting recently. Representing the National Executive, Mr. A. Morley addressed the members and, in the course of his remarks, he stated:

"We have swung too far from tradition and it is necessary to bring back spiritual values of a Jewish content in club life. We want to see Club members engaged in a cultural programme, with emphasis on Judaism. It is important that the contribution Jewry has made towards civilization and progress should be known to us all and a contribution towards it made by every one of you."

The day before the Annual General Meeting was held, a special service was arranged in the local Synagogue at which Rabbi I. Chait spoke on the significance of Maccabi in the life of Jewish youth.

The "Manchester City Suburban News" reported recently on the activities of the Maccabi club in Manchester. I quote from the newspaper report...

... "The young people are making a tremendous success of one of the busiest Youth Clubs in the district. Named "Maccabi" it is a member of a national body of Jewish Youth, named in honour of the Hebrew warrior, Judas Maccabaeus. Among the activities in full swing throughout the year is a programme of sporting events. The club has two Football teams, the first team being the strongest they have had for years. There are 5 teams in table-tennis, playing in the various divisions of the Manchester and District Table-tennis League. At present they are champions of the Northern Area and hold all titles. The Netball teams went to London last month for the Maccabi National Championship. The first team won and the second team came in third.

"The Drama Society is very active and takes leading parts in local festivals. They have recently won the Maccabi and the Union of Jewish Literary Societies' first awards.

"The club produces each year a pantomime which is known as a "Hamishe Pantomime", known for its many touches of Jewish humour."

Maccabi Association (N.E.) London beat Manchester Maccabi in the national Maccabi Table -tennis Championships 6 matches to 5 in a most exciting contest on Sunday April 12th.

## BIRMINGHAM.

The Annual General Meeting of this club, held in March, was attended, on behalf of the National Executive, by P. Gildesgame and A.A. Scott. Members present were also addressed by Dr. Chaim Perl, the Communal Rabbi. The meeting marked the end of an era in the life of the club, for it was the first one to be held in their new premises, "Hillel House", the home which they share with Jewish students of the Birmingham University.

The young people present at the meeting have shown a great deal of

enthusiasm and interest in the future of their club. Among them were some who, for the past 3 or 4 years, struggled hard to retain the interest of the young members who, in the absence of club premises had to meet in private homes under conditions which could not possibly foster a club or community spirit. Now, under the able and dynamic Chairmanship of Joseph Singer, and assisted by such enthusiasts as Miss S. Levine, Nathan Joseph and Miss R. Kaplan and others, it is to be hoped that the club will increase its membership and make considerable progress in its all-round activities.

### The "Jewish Chronicle" Football Trophy.

Brighton & Hove Maccabi were defeated in the Southern zone Semi-final of the "Jewish Chronicle" Association Football Trophy. The victors were a team of London Jewish students, known as the Eagles. The Eagles will now meet the winners of the Northern zone semi-final to be played in Manchester on Sunday May 10th.

The London "Jewish Chronicle" continues to devote anything up to two full pages a week to reports on sports in clubs, with Maccabi providing most of the material. The Editors of the "Jewish Chronicle" have happily come to the realisation that the promotion of sports in the ranks of Jewish Youth should form part of their editorial policy. I have discussed this very matter with the Chairman of the "Jewish Chronicle", Mr. D. Kessler, whom I have recently had the pleasure of meeting privately. I stressed the importance of Athletics - one branch of sports which is somewhat neglected, primarily owing to the lack of facilities for training and competition. I was gratified to read in the issue, dated April 10th, a news item, extract of which I quote, and which is self-explanatory:

"Few Jewish youngsters reach International class (in sports) and they appear to need expert guidance. To help our promising young sportsmen and to promote interest generally among Jews in the world of sport, Dave Segal, outstanding Anglo-Jewish Sprinter of this generation has volunteered to put his wealth of experience at our disposal and will each week contribute a lively column. Segal, only 22 years of age, has had a brilliant career, but has yet to reach his peak. He has represented Great Britain in the Olympic Games as well as in the Empire and European Games."

As is well known, the "Jewish Chronicle" in an endeavour to encourage a higher standard in football, has offered a trophy for which all Jewish Football clubs in England compete. I believe that the "Jewish Chronicle" is also considering the possibility of sponsoring an Anglo-Jewish Football League, for the benefit of clubs affiliated to parent bodies, as well as to individual clubs of Jewish footballers not committed to parent bodies such as Maccabi and the Association for Jewish Youth.

Two of the outstanding Jewish teams in the North of England - Manchester Maccabi and the Leeds Jewish Institute will meet on Sunday, 13th April on the Sheffield Maccabi ground in the Northern Semi-finals of the "Jewish Chronicle" Football Trophy competition.

A number of new activities have been started by London Bar Kochba-Maccabi club recently. The Physical training class for men and women over 30 is under the supervision of Gerhart Jurke. The Children's Gymnastic Section now numbers 80 members and the youngest is 4 years old... A Swimming class has also been started at the Marshall Street Baths in the West End of London on Wednesdays, primarily to train the Waterpolo Swimming team in which Bar Kochba has always excelled. The team is now under intensive training in preparation for the Maccabi European Games in Copenhagen.

### Maccabi Weightlifters for Paris.

A strong representative Maccabi team have competed in Paris against the French Team of Société Athlétique Montmartroise. The French team narrowly defeated Maccabi when the two teams met in London in January and the Maccabi Weightlifters intend to do their utmost to reverse the result.



The Maccabi team includes two British Champions, Ben Helfgott and Laurie Levine.

#### NATIONAL OPEN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The oldest Open Table Tennis event in the world, now being held in London, has attracted most of the outstanding Jewish players, including a number of new stars from the U.S.A., led by Richard Miles. Another American Jewish player who caused a surprise was Leon Cooperman who, new in the World Championships, gained a victory over S. Shopez of Czechoslovakia.

Jeff Inger, Maccabiah Champion, reached the third round of the Men's Doubles and the last 16 in the Mixed Doubles, losing to the Yugoslav Markowitch in the first round of the English Open. Stan Jacobson, the Maccabi Champion, fought splendidly but lost to Craigy in the second round, after 5 rounds. Craigy used a sponge bat.

#### ANGELA BUXTON MARRIED.

Angela Buxton, famous ever since she won the Maccabiah Ladies' Singles Lawn Tennis Championship in 1950 and, thereafter, became one of England's leading International Lawn Tennis players, reaching the climax of her career when defeated in the Wimbledon Open Lawn Tennis Championship 3 years ago, was recently married to Mr. Donald Silk, Hon. Secretary of the British Zionist Federation. I was privileged to be one of the 300 guests attending her wedding, and to admire the radiant bride in her wedding gown which she herself designed. The honeymoon was spent in Israel, where she managed a lively 2-set encounter with Arish Avidan.

Upon her return from Israel she wrote for the "Jewish Chronicle" an article entitled "Tennis in Israel, How Britain can help". Angela recalls her first visit to Israel in 1953 for the Maccabiah Games. She described the impressions which the numerous recent changes in Israel made upon her since her last visit: -

"I could see the population grow daily as immigrants poured in from all over the world, rapidly filling up the gaps in the countryside. Even recreational centres such as a mixed Swimming Bath had opened in Jerusalem - the first one for 3,000 years. I read in the papers about the Israeli swimmers, boxers and basketball players who hold their own in the international field. However, tennis in Israel is as undeveloped as it ever was."

Angela goes on to give her views on the importance of tennis - as a sport for youth - and the inadequate facilities existing in Israel, without which the game of tennis cannot be furthered. She met in Haifa a youngster named Oded Shy, winner of 3 national tennis titles for the under-13, under-15 and under-18. She adds:

"Make a note of his name. But the progress by him, and others like him, will be marred unless something can be done to help in the way of increasing mass instruction and facilities."

She concludes her article by appealing to Anglo-Jewry in Great Britain - "The Mother country of this game" - to help all sport-loving Israelis in the promotion of tennis and "give the Israelis, with their warm and sunny climate, the opportunity they deserve and need."

Davis Cup Tennis Games come to Israel for the first time in the first round European Zone tie. Matches will be played against Switzerland on April 24th, 25th and 26th. These will be played at a newly provided Tennis Court at Ramat Gan. It will be the first time that the Davis Cup competition has ever been played in the Middle-East region and Israel's 7th appearance in this all-famous tournament. On 4 previous occasions, Israel participated in the European zone and twice in the American zone but met with no success in any of these six Davis Cup ties. Israel was

always automatically ruled out as the host-country, because of a rule forbidding matches to be played outside the zones for which they were drawn.

As announced in the previous edition of this "Newsletter", in preparation for the matches, the Israel Lawn Tennis Association are building special Stands to seat more than 2,000 spectators. It is hoped that future major Tennis Tournaments, including those of the Maccabiah, will be played at Ramat Gan Club, instead of at the inadequate Maccabi club Court in Tel-Aviv.

Four players are to be nominated for the Israeli Davis Cup team. Abraham Feiger is to be the non-playing Captain. It is almost certain that the first pair will include Avidon, now aged 31 and Davidson, a 22-year old. Both players are members of Maccabi-Israel and have previously played for Israel in international contests. They have also played in Britain in 1957. Israel's chances against Switzerland are considered quite fair.

#### ANNUAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Brighton's Municipal Stadium is to be the venue of the National Maccabi Athletic Championships on Sunday, June 14th. Athletes from Maccabi clubs all over the United Kingdom will compete for the Championship titles and also for places in the British team for the first post-war European Maccabi Games in Copenhagen.

Edgware Maccabi Association has celebrated its first anniversary recently. The Hendon Town Education Committee has approved the appointment of an additional Assistant Youth Leader at the Edgware Maccabi Club. In its issue, dated 10th April, a "Jewish Chronicle" reporter describes a visit to the Edgware Maccabi club, which is bristling with activity. Upon arrival at the club, he found 200 young people enjoying their leisure hours. The Chairman of the Club, Mr. E. Heltzer informed him that membership at present numbered over 500, divided into 3 sections, 200 Juniors between 11 and 14 years, 250 intermediary group, aged 14 to 18 years and 50 seniors in the 18 and over age group. Although criticising the club for the absence of adequate cultural activities of a Jewish content, the "Jewish Chronicle" reporter states that, in the opinion of the Club committee:

.. "There are many advantages to a Jewish Youth Club becoming a part of a wider organisation such as Maccabi. It provides the club with facilities which it lacks, for example, the Maccabi Stadium in nearby Hendon; it gives them an opportunity for participation in competitions. It brings a club into a ready-made tradition which it sometimes lacks itself (as was the case with the Edgware club). The fact that Maccabi has a pro-Israeli and pro-Zionist outlook was, from the point of view of the Edgware club, an advantage, rather than a handicap. It was because of this that the club finally decided to affiliate to Maccabi.

"Membership has almost reached saturation point. No new entrants are being admitted to the Junior group because the premises are not large enough to accommodate the number of growing members. The club hopes, at some time in the future, to build its own premises in the grounds adjoining the Synagogue."

The Reporter continued:

"The club inculcates also a sense of responsibility. I attended the meeting which was going on between Mr. Green, Club leader, and the "Committee of Senators" - a name given to those who show willingness and ability to be leaders. There were three candidates for a vacancy on the Committee for boys of about 16 to 17 years. Each candidate appeared before the meeting to give reasons why he wanted to become a "Senator". One said "To do more work for the club"; the other said: "Because I would regard it as promotion", and the third said; "To repay, at least in part, the debt I owe to the club." After the candidates had withdrawn, the committee held a short discussion. Two were admitted and one was to be told that he must first get rid of his irritating habit of throwing his weight about before he could be entrusted with more responsibility and authority...

The report concludes:

"Perhaps all this goes to show that the Edgware Maccabi club is a good youth club for Juniors, but it does not yet show, however, whether it is also a good Jewish Youth club."

The reporter complained at the absence of activities of a Jewish content, although he observed, during his casual visit, a class for the appreciation of music, a dramatic group rehearsing a Pinero Play, a copy of the club magazine, members wearing Maccabi badges. He also noted that a prayer was recited during the compulsory 10 minutes assembly in the main hall, followed by ... dancing

#### MACCABI VISITORS TO ISRAEL.

Three prominent supporters of Maccabi in Great Britain, members of the Central Maccabi Fund in Great Britain, Mr. Emanuel Curtis, is due to visit Israel during April and May. He too will be entertained by members of the World Executive during his brief stay in the Holy Land.

#### EIRE.

Mr. Harold Davis, a member of the World Council representing the Maccabi Association Dublin (Eire) has been recently elected President of the Irish Exporters' Association, this being the first time that a member of the local Jewish community has been so honoured.

Harold Davis has been long associated with Dublin Maccabi, of which he is a Life-President. He is also a founder-member of Dublin B'nai B'rith, its first Hon. Secretary and at present joint Vice President.

#### NORTH AMERICA. MONTREAL, CANADA.

Do you remember Fred Oberlander, of Olympic, Empire and Maccabiah Games fame? The unbent Heavyweight Amateur Wrestling champion and Maccabi sports leader, famous in all continents of Europe and now equally popular in the Dominion of Canada? Well, whilst the Fred Oberlander star is still shining brightly, that of his eldest son, Philip, has just appeared on the horizon. Philip, who is a trim youngster of beautiful physique and a student of the Cornell University in the United States, seems destined to follow in his father's footsteps as an amateur wrestler. He has recently been awarded the trophy for the "Most outstanding wrestler in the City and District Championships. The "Montreal Star", dated Wednesday, April 1st, 1959, carries a 4-page photograph with the following caption: "Top Grappler in Amateur Tournament" and the story continues as follows:

"Phil Oberlander, middleweight amateur wrestler, receives Bunny Sabbath Trophy from the donor as the outstanding performer of the Quebec amateur wrestling championships held at the Davis YMHA premises.

"Competing in the 174-pound class, Oberlander defeated Ray Ricci by a close decision to win the main award. Oberlander, out of Showdon YMHA club has been showing that he was due to become a big name on the amateur wrestling mat scene ever since his father got him interested in the game as a youngster.

"Among other champions who competed in the same event was Ruby Leibovitch of Maccabiah fame."

I have known Philip Oberlander since his birth in London. I remember little Phil wrestling with his young brother Ronnie on a home-made mat in the London Oberlander home, situated in Compton Avenue. A separate room was set aside, known as the "wrestling room". There, Oberlander, the father, lay on the mat with his three sons riding on his back like monkeys. At the age of three, Phil was already being coached by his father and, when his young brother Ronnie was aged three, he too stepped onto the wrestling mat to be battered by his elder brother...



Fred Oberlander informs me that his eldest son Philip is doing fine at the University, that Ronnie will shortly enter the University, and that the youngest son, Danny, whose Godfather I am, is doing fine at school, as well as in sports.

The Oberlander tradition of sports and sportsmanship continues to serve as a source of inspiration to all those who have ever had the good fortune to enjoy Fred Oberlander's friendship and Maccabi leadership.

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#### COLONEL HARRY D. HENSHEL HONOURED.

Elsewhere in this issue I publish a report of my latest talks with the Chairman of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, during his brief stay in London recently. Here I wish to bring to the notice of my readers an item of news which, I am sure, will be received with much joy and satisfaction for Col. Harry D. Henshel, an old and valued friend of ours, has been awarded the American Amateur Athletic Union Gold Medal for 1959. This award was recently announced by Mr. Charles Starke, President of the Metropolitan Association of the American Amateur Athletic Union.

Col. Henshel is to receive the award during a dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on 6th May. New York's first citizen, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, will present the award to Col. Henshel and the sponsoring Committee includes a number of distinguished personalities, among them, General of the Army Omar M. Bradley, General Lucius D. Clay, Oscar Hammerstein II, Hon. Averell W. Harriman, William Randolph Hearst, Jr., Senator Herbert H. Lehman, and many others.

Col. Henshel is Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Bulova Watch Co. His sports interests have included Basketball and Baseball. In 1915, he was one of the 4 A.A.U. representatives and met with others to create the Americans first uniform Basketball rules. He has also been a member of the U.S.A. Olympic Basketball Committee in 1936 and Chairman of the Board of the New York City Baseball Federation.

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Col. Henshel, despite his advanced youth, he is now 69 years of age - continues to take an active interest in the Olympic Movement; he travels frequently to attend International Sports events, was co-instrumental in securing for Israel a place in the Olympic family of nations, has led the American Maccabiah teams to Israel on three consecutive occasions, is greatly concerned with the development of the Wingate Institute for Physical Training in Netanya, as well as in the Maccabiah Village project. Last, but not least - he has been re-elected two months ago to the Chairmanship of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel.

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Colonel Henshel has also had a distinguished career during World War II, having earned the Bronze Star Medal and all five campaign stars awarded in the European Theatre of operations.



Colonel Harry D. Henshel,  
Chairman, U.S. Committee  
for Sports in Israel.

I take this opportunity of conveying to Colonel Henshel heartiest congratulations on behalf of the Maccabi World Movement on a distinguished award which he so richly deserved.

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AUSTRALIA.

A few copies of the "Australian Jewish News" reached me recently, dated last December. Having searched the columns of the paper, I have "discovered" that Maccabi in Australia, operating under a variety of names and designations, is very active indeed. One of the most active branches is that of the A.J.A.X. club, affiliated to the Maccabi World Union.

I found reference to the Maccabiah champion, Barney Peters, who won three singles and a double with John Marten in the Victoria Table tennis Association Summer First League.

I have seen reference to a "Hakoah" team whose Table-tennis players seem to top the list of winners.

In fact, the "Australian Jewish News" seems to devote a great deal of space to reports on Sports in which Jewish players participate.

I regret to say that whilst these reports, found in a newspaper dated December, seem to indicate a great deal of activity, I have been unable, so far, to prevail upon Mr. Lou Rose, Maccabi World Executive representative in Australia, to let me have regular reports for publication in this "Newsletter". May be this reference to him will cause Mr. Rose to oblige me at some future occasion.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Mr. Aron Shamir, the Maccabi emissary to South America, writing from Buenos Aires on April 1st, informs me that Mr. E. Gumpert, the Maccabi veteran at present residing in New York, visited South American Maccabi branches recently and stayed in Buenos Aires for 10 days. Upon his arrival in Buenos Aires, Mr. Gumpert was met at the airport by Mr. E. Dobri, President of Maccabi Buenos Aires, Mr. Dickman and Mr. Shamir. Mr. Gumpert has also visited Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile. He will also visit Montevideo, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

Mr. Shamir supplied me also with up-to-date addresses of Maccabi branches in South America where-to correspondence can be addressed. These are set out hereunder:

O.E.A. Macabi, 3135 Tucuman, Buenos Aires, Argentine.

O.E.A. Macabi, 5268 Corrientes, Buenos Aires, Argentine.

Circulo Sionista Cultural, Las Heras, 37, Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires, Argentine.

Asociacion Hebreas Macabi, Calle 4 No. 974/78, La Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentine.

Club Israelita Macabi, Av. Espana, 1930, Mendoza, Argentine.

Macabi de Rosario, San Martin 1411, Rosario, Argentine.

Macabi de Santa Fe, Buenos Aires, 2863, Santa Fe, Argentine.

I have received some further good news from Dr. Justice-Dayan, Vice-Chairman and Mr. A. Tory, Hon. Secretary of the World Executive in Tel-Aviv, on recent developments in South America, on which I am reporting in condensed form hereunder:

During the past few months, we have received reports of efforts being made with a view to re-organising the South American Federation. Our emissary, Mr. Aron Shamir, has maintained friendly relations with Mr. E. Dobri, President of Maccabi in the Argentine and with other leaders, and he is now more confident as to the outcome of his efforts, as a result of closer co-operation. Until recently, Shamir was not able to act outside of Buenos Aires. Now he can extend his activities everywhere. Shamir has now met most leaders of Maccabi clubs in the Argentine and is leaving by the middle of April for Brazil, where he has to meet several Maccabi leaders on their home ground.

We have also received a report from our other emissary to South America, Willy Krein, who was well received by Maccabi circles in Chile. He spent 6 weeks in a Maccabi camp. He is being assisted by Mr. Aron Chairman of Maccabi Chile.

Mr. David Copenhagen, President of Maccabi Brazil, reported to the Executive Headquarters on the intensive Maccabi activities going on in his country, as well as on the erection of a Maccabi House and Playground in Sao Paulo. Mr. Copenhagen promises to represent Maccabi Brazil at the forthcoming 14th World Maccabi Congress to open in Israel on 1st November next. Mr. Gumpert has now visited most Maccabi clubs in Latin-America and is satisfied with the results of his observations and talks with Maccabi leaders there.

Following upon the Conference recently held between representatives of the Maccabi World Union Executive and the Head of the Youth Department of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, there is a hope that one member of the World Executive will be appointed as a delegate extra-ordinary to South American Maccabi Territorial Organisations and his expenses defrayed by the Jewish Agency.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN MACCABI.

The Western Province Maccabi Hockey team toured, for the first time, during the Easter weekend the Eastern Provinces, playing against Port Elizabeth Jesters and Walmer Hockey clubs.

Mike Marcus a member of the South African 1950 Maccabiah Athletic team, was selected to manage the Southern Transvaal Senior Athletic team at the South African National Championships.

Haish Hack, swimming and water-polo Manager of the South African 1957 Maccabiah team, was awarded the South African Meritorious Award by the South African Swimming Union as a token of appreciation of the services rendered by him to South African swimming over the past 25 years. Mr. R. Honikman, a member of the Western Provinces Maccabi Committee, was also presented with this award for services rendered to the promotion of swimming in South Africa. Mr. Honikman accompanied the last two South African sides to the Olympic and Empire Games.

Three members of S.A. Maccabi have been selected for the S.A. Water-polo team which is to tour the British Isles and Europe during 1959. Aubrey Kaplan, who represented South Africa in 1953 and 1957 at the Maccabiah Games, Leon Nihon, a member of the 1957 Maccabiah team, and Harry Getz, who is the Manager of the team. Getz was the Manager of the S.A. Water-polo Maccabiah team in 1953 and participated also in the recent Empire Games.

At a recent meeting of the Northern Transvaal Association, Willy Trump, indefatigable Chairman, resolved to take steps to spread the gospel amongst Jewish sportsmen in the country districts of the Northern Transvaal. A sub-Committee was formed under the convenership of Joel Kusan.

After overcoming many difficulties, the South African Maccabi Council have now produced a Film of the 5th Maccabiah Games, and it is available for showing at clubs throughout the country. The film is in 2 half-hour parts, made in colour with music and spoken commentary. Apart from the purely sporting events, the film also contains some delightful shots of the tour of Israel made by the team after the games were over.



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## A GALLERY OF MACCABI CHAMPIONS IN GT. BRITAIN



Dave Segal

Fastest man on the track, British & Empire Champion (220 yards)



Debra Turner

100 and 200 yards sprinter, Maccabiah Gold Medallist, and winner of the Pierre Gildesgame scholarship.



Ben Helfgott

British and Olympic Champion Weight Lifter and Maccabiah gold medallist



Alan Conway

Maccabiah feather weight champion.



Stuart Hopps

Winner of Pierre Gildesgame Scholarship (Ballet dancing)



Laurie Levine

British middle weight Champion

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (1959)  
MACCABI ASSOCIATION (N.W.) LONDON

From left to right

Sydney Farleigh, Elected Chairman  
Cyril Blausten, Outgoing Chairman  
P. Gildesgame, President  
J. Salmon, Vice-President.



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# Editorial Comment

## BEING IN THE NEWS.

I greatly regret my inability to publish this "Newsletter" at more frequent intervals. I have been working under great pressure during the past few months and had little time or opportunity to concentrate on the production of a further issue. It may not be generally realised that such an amateur "home produced article" entails a great deal of effort. Not all material available, or made available to me, is considered of topical interest or of interest to the majority of readers of this "Newsletter". The news must be well-balanced and, therefore, carefully sorted out and edited. Ever since I started publishing I have had difficulty in obtaining up-to-date reports from Territorial Organisations and those reaching me were not always of particular interest against the general background of progress being made in the Maccabi Movement as a whole. Some Territorial Organisations did not send in any reports at all and news about their activities had to be sought from occasional newspaper reports. That more prominence is given to news from South Africa and Great Britain proves my contention; The South African Maccabi Council send me regularly cuttings from the Johannesburg "Zionist Recorder" which publishes a weekly "Maccabi Corner". Likewise, the "Maccabi Corner" carries news reproduced from this "Newsletter". In this manner, a mutual purpose is served. As to Great Britain, the Hon. Officers of the National Executive Committee, as well as of clubs, publicise their news by means of 'club magazines', as well as in the columns of the London "Jewish Chronicle". In this manner, and if I were to give more prominence to news of Maccabi activities in Great Britain, I could very well fill 10 pages, of more, of this "Newsletter" about Maccabi clubs and individuals, not all of which would be of interest to readers in, say, France, Belgium, Australia, Israel or Finland.

I am quite sure that every one individual dedicated to the Maccabi Movement and not parochially-minded, would wish to receive this "Newsletter" at more frequent intervals and find in it news, not only about his own, or his Territorial Organisation's activities, but also about the progress or difficulties encountered in the course of their work in which Maccabi leaders in other parts of the world engage.

I hope, therefore, that the prominence given in this issue to Australia, South America and Great Britain, will be considered justifiable. IF YOU OR YOUR TERRITORIAL ORGANISATION HAPPEN TO BE LEFT OUT OF THIS ISSUE ALTOGETHER YOU HAVE NO-ONE TO BLAME FOR IT BUT YOURSELF. If you are active, and if you have something to "write home about" - let's have the news, and we will publish it. If you are not active, and you have nothing to be proud of, what right have you to remain in the Movement and to claim support and publicity for yourself?

## HELP THE EXECUTIVE.

Although we are about to reach the height of the summer, when normal club activities come to a standstill, this cannot be said of the work of the Maccabi World Union Executive. At the meetings recently held in Tel-Aviv, great concern was expressed at the Executive's inability promptly to meet its remaining commitments as a result of the deficit suffered on the occasion of the last Maccabiah. Although many accounts have been settled, some creditors are still showing understandable impatience. A number of Territorial Organisations failed to remit their affiliation dues, despite many reminders received from the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Caspi. The Head Office in Tel-Aviv labours under great difficulties, but I have not heard of any member of the Executive wishing to resign because of the lack of support the Executive receives from its affiliates. This state of affairs must not be allowed to continue any longer.

## THE 1961 MACCABIAH.

The 6th Maccabiah, to be held in 1961, is yet another problem exercising the minds of the World Executive, and on the subject of which



many communications are being exchanged between the Executive and myself. One thing is sure; that if the Movement wishes to see the Maccabiah held, it must no longer rely on the support and self-sacrifice of a handful of individuals who lay down their lives - as did the late Aron Netanel - in a gallant struggle which has impaired his health, and which ended tragically by his premature death. The 6th Maccabiah, and those that will follow it, must become a liability of the Movement, as well as of public-spirited Jewish organisations claiming to care for the health and welfare of Jewish youth, and who profess a love for Israel and for its rising generation. The Maccabiah will have to be organised by a team of competent experts, under the guidance and supervision of an International Body or Committee, to be formed by the Maccabi World Union, and in which every constituent body will assume collective responsibility, financial, as well as organisational. If the alternative name for the Maccabiah be the "International Jewish Sports Festival" then there is even more reason why this event should command world-wide Jewish support.

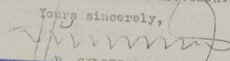
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COPENHAGEN, HERE WE COME!

The European Games, due to be opened in Copenhagen by mid-August, are yet another "miracle" - the outcome of a determined effort to succeed. Our friends in Denmark, and in London, who took up the challenge, deserve to be congratulated, as well as to be thanked. It is to be hoped that the European Maccabi Games will become a regular feature in the progressive development of the Maccabi Movement on the European scene. But important as it is to encourage the training and competition in sports, it is equally important to remember that the European Games are in no way to be looked upon as a substitute for the Maccabiah Games. Likewise, Maccabi leaders everywhere should remember that the Movement has not risen to its present importance only thanks to the physical prowess of some of its champions. The Maccabi Movement has far more to offer in terms of Jewish Youth education. Let us, therefore, hope that, in the years to come, Maccabi will also be able to sponsor a Youth Festival of Jewish Culture. Even this 'dream' may one day come true.

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SPORTSMANSHIP IN ISRAEL.

I have devoted some space in this issue to the apparent unhealthy state of affairs in the ranks of sports organisations in Israel, as reflected by recent events. I did this deliberately because I feel - as I have always felt - that if Israel is to become a source of inspiration to Jews in the Diaspora, it is even more important that uninitiated modern Jewish youth be made to look to Israel for spiritual leadership. That politics will continue to play an important part for some years to come in the communal and social life of the Israeli population, of this there can be no doubt. Those of us capable of appraising the situation realistically may well look upon the situation in Israel as a necessary evil. There may well be continuous sunshine after a period of stormy weather. Nevertheless, the young and still impressionable generation of Israelis is bound to be brought up in an atmosphere of strife which may have a disastrous bearing on character-forming. Already there are signs of chauvinism, of arrogance, of super-self-confidence, and of a lack of team spirit, all of which is contrary to the best principles of sportsmanship - in the widest sense of the word.

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I am not in favour of Government control for the sake of putting down youthful exuberance. Nor would I like to see the Government take a hand in organising an enterprise of any description which is best served as a result of a voluntary effort, prompted by public-spirited individuals. Unfortunately, our friends and 'heroes' in Israel have not come to realise that when a Jew engages in an evil activity, the bigoted world is in the habit of branding all Jews as criminals. By the same token, any event taking place in Israel, producing an adverse effect on public-opinion, inevitably reflects upon the prestige of Israel and, consequently, it depreciates its value and its innumerable merits and achievements, even in the eyes of the lovers of Zion.

Yours sincerely,  
  
R. CH. BERMAN

# America Revisited.

## Old friends and new.

Welcomed by a delegation of "Seniors" of the Maccabi Athletic Club in New York, upon my arrival there, on May 26th last, I was greatly strengthened in my resolve to devote as much time as business engagements would permit to seeing old friends, as well as to making the acquaintance of new ones. By a happy coincidence, several Executive members of the Maccabi World Movement were in New York at the time of my visit there: Leo Kaminski from France, Shalom Zyeman from Israel and Ermindo Dobri from the Argentine. Among others, with whom I have met several times, was the grey-haired, but youthful Eric Gumpert, whose report on his recent visit to the South American Maccabi clubs has impressed me immensely; George Fleisch, another veteran Israeli Maccabi leader, now engaged in the Bonds for Israel drive in the United States, Marcel Loeb, who is also Hon. Treasurer of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel and in whose home a Reception was arranged in my honour by his Committee; Mr. Henry H. Messelroth, whom many of us will remember as a representative of New York Maccabi at the last, 13th World Congress, (he is also a member of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel) and, last but not least, Eric Aschkenasy, an active Maccabi worker in pre-war Germany who has made a come-back to the Movement, and in whose home I have met a large number of Maccabi members of New York, gathered there to welcome me.

Col. Henshel, with whose several colleagues I renewed acquaintance, was hospitable, cordial and friendly. In fact, I was pleased to learn that quite a number of leading members of the U.S. Committee have, at one time or another, been associated with the Maccabi Movement in the United States or on the Continent of Europe. When addressing them on the subject of "Maccabi's Role in Jewish Youth Education", I almost felt like preaching to the converted.

To do justice to the many meetings and conversations held at mid-day, or after office hours, during my brief stay in New York, I would have to cover many pages of this "Newsletter". May I, therefore, sum up by saying that wherever I have been I was made to feel at home, and that the work done, in co-operation with my colleagues, promises to produce some good results.

Among the topics discussed in New York, the following were undoubtedly the most important ones:

## AMERICA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 6TH MACCABIAH.

Members of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel were in favour of a plan, as outlined in a memorandum prepared by Col. Henshel, following upon conversations I had with him in London earlier this year (as reported in the March/April issue of this "Newsletter"). We all agreed that the technical organisation of the 6th Maccabiah must be entrusted to a team of Israeli experts, no matter how impressive the Sponsoring Committee, and how many illustrious names appear on a list, headed by the President and Prime Minister of Israel. Col. Henshel's idea or his desire to set up an International Sponsoring Committee is not altogether new, and no leader of Maccabi opposes it. Likewise, no objection would be raised by the Maccabi World Union to the setting up of a "President's Committee" in Israel, comprised of heads of Institutions, Educational Departments, leaders of organisations, of City Councils, even of the Army, Navy and Air Force. But leaders of the Maccabi World Union maintain, as heretofore, that nothing should be done which may result in the Maccabiah Games becoming the responsibility of a body consisting of personalities only, who have neither the means, nor the ability, to ensure its continuity on a long-term basis. The Maccabi World Union would welcome a set-up, based on the principles of a partnership, each "partner" assuming a share of a collective organisational and financial responsibility. Maccabi would willingly invite representatives of existing Territorial Maccabiah Organising and Sponsoring Committees, or help set up such bodies in all parts of the world, to join a Board, able to plan and to implement decisions which are to be carried into effect by the Technical Organising Committee in Israel.

The case for and against.

Col. Henshel wishes to see large and representative committees set up throughout the world and, particularly so in Israel; whilst I am not opposed to such a desire, I feel that, for any committee's work to be effective, it must comprise a limited number of persons, dedicated to the success of the enterprise which they are pledged to serve. We may well be able to enlist the sympathy and moral support of several important personalities, internationally known, as well as of the highest dignitaries of a cross section of the Israeli Government and Civic leadership, but will these prove effective in the practical organisation of a World Jewish Sports Festival under the very difficult conditions which we know to exist in Israel, without the necessary funds, or without the necessary expert personnel? In the final analysis, the main burden of the responsibility may, once again, fall upon a handful of enthusiasts in Israel, mainly recruited from among the ranks of Maccabi - and this must not happen again!

When I pointed out to Col. Henshel that the other, smaller sports organisations in Israel, were able to make only an insignificant contribution towards the principal tasks, and that the "Hapoel" organisation - far from showing any signs of wishing to co-operate, has decided to hold its own games ("Hapoeliah") in 1961, obviously intended to clash with the Maccabiah Games - Col. Henshel did not appear to believe this to be possible. He deprecated the deplorable state of affairs prevailing in the ranks of Israeli sporting youth, to whose leaders, political prominence seems often more important than the physical and mental welfare of the growing numbers of our Sabras.

Obviously, America's participation in the 6th Maccabiah, as well as in the ensuing Games, is highly desirable. Col. Henshel's stature of a leading American Jewish sportsman is unchallengeable. The Maccabi Movement appreciates the work which the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel has done. It is also aware how much emphasis in its promotional enterprises is being laid on the fact that it had successfully sponsored and been responsible for America's participation in all three Maccabiah Games held since 1950. The Maccabi World Union Executive realises that it would be placed in a position of some disadvantage if it could not, in future years, enlist the co-operation of sports-minded Jews the world over, and of all organisations working for the promotion of sports and welfare in the ranks of Jewish youth. For this reason, we have endeavoured to maintain friendly relations with the U.S. Committee in New York, and will continue to do so, on a basis of mutual respect and tolerance for our respective policies. The Maccabi World Executive cannot, however, give its consent to any proposal, however impressive on paper, which is likely to jeopardise the future prospects of the Maccabiah Games, for which it has been alone responsible since inception. If the Maccabiah is to assume effectively the character of a World Jewish Sports Festival - an event that is to take place once every 4 years in Israel - careful and cautious long-term planning is called for and a permanent body set up, representative of Maccabi and non-Maccabi Sports organisations in every part of the world, willing and able to co-operate with the Maccabi World Union in its arduous task, as well as to share, on a fair basis, and in a spirit of partnership, in the responsibilities which such an enormous promotion by voluntary public-spirited men entails.

No monopoly wanted.

The Maccabi World Union Executive does not desire to retain exclusive monopoly of the Maccabiah Games; nor is it prepared to hand over the task to a body of men who are not answerable to any permanent parent organisation. The Maccabi World Executive will seek and invite the co-operation of the Israeli Government, of the Jewish Agency, and of the Israeli Army Council, and all Israeli Sports and Educational Institutions, as it will also wish to ensure the co-operation of World Jewish organisations who claim to be dedicated to the welfare of Jewish communities generally, and to that of the younger generation in particular. The appeal of the Maccabiah, based on its past successes, is enormous. Nothing shall be done, to accede to requests and suggestions, however well-meaning these may be, aimed at



handing over the responsibility for the Maccabiah to a body wishing to use it as a vehicle for self-aggrandizement only.

I have accordingly assured my friends in New York that we will continue untiringly in an effort to enlist the co-operation, even of so reluctant an organisation as Hapoel, for I felt sure that, given goodwill, and assured of organisational and financial support, an International Maccabiah Committee, representative of prominent world organisations, can do a great deal, together with the Maccabi World Union, to ensure that the Maccabiah shall become one of the finest and most spectacular manifestations of unity in the ranks of Jewish youth, overseas and in Israel.

A further exchange of correspondence between Col. Henshel and myself on behalf of the World Executive is shortly to take place which, it is hoped, will result in not only mutual understanding, but also in a decision for closer co-operation in many spheres of endeavour.

#### MACCABI IN NEW YORK - A Club House wanted.

Previous issues of this "Newsletter" carried reports on the work of the Maccabi Club in San Francisco. Reference was also made to an abortive effort in Philadelphia. But little has been known about Maccabi in New York. Whilst Maccabi in San Francisco continues to flourish, the one in New York was unable to make satisfactory progress, due to a lack of club premises. Soccer is still the most popular sport and several teams do good work. Just before my arrival in New York, Maccabi defeated the Brooklyn Scots 3-2. (The Hakoah Soccer Club in New York has now turned professional, with several non-Jewish players included in their teams.) My Maccabi friends in New York, the majority amongst them being of European Continental origin, are naturally eager to consolidate their position, as well as to increase the number of their members. There are several hundred youngsters in the City, in the suburbs, as well as in the residential outskirts. But, wherever an organised Jewish community exists, communal and religious leaders pay much attention to the welfare of their youth. Youth Centres are being set up in Communal Halls adjoining Synagogues or Temples, in addition to the already existing well-equipped centres of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Associations (The "Y's"), who are supported financially and all their requirements met by the Jewish Welfare Board. Without a centrally situated Clubhouse, Maccabi in New York seems unable to attract youth to its ranks, however much Maccabi's activities appeal to them. Some District Zionist leaders in New York have been approached with a request to take care of Maccabi's needs as, in this manner, a large number of young people and children of European-born parents, could be integrated and educated in an atmosphere of Zionism.

I was gratified and delighted to see a group of young Maccabi people at the Garden Party given by Mr. and Mrs. Aschkenazy in Mount Vernon, outside New York. I could see no reason why these should not form a committee - in the same way as has been done in many parts of the world - resolved to raise the necessary funds for the acquisition of a clubhouse, suitably situated in one of New York's populated districts. There is room for many more Jewish youth clubs in and around New York, and my parting message to our Maccabi friends in New York was: "Go on trying as hard as you can and, if you are really determined to succeed I may well be fortunate to meet you when I next visit New York on your own Maccabi Home ground."

#### MACCABIAH VILLAGE - fund-raising plan reviewed.

In the course of the last meeting with Col. Henshel and some of his committee members, I stated that if and when an International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee was formed, such a committee will also have to assume some measure of responsibility for the successful completion of the Maccabiah Village project. Tentatively, I expressed the view that the American sports-minded Jews could pay a fitting tribute to Col. Henshel by raising funds sufficient to pay for the erection of a pavilion bearing his name. Col. Henshel, whilst expressing appreciation for my suggestion, explained that there were other organisations, or institutions, in Israel catering for the physical welfare of Israeli youth which he and his committee felt in duty bound to support. He agreed that the Maccabiah Village project deserved support, but he would like the provision of sports

equipment, as well as of facilities for physical training for the students of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and of the Technion in Haifa, as well as the Wingate Institute in Netanya, to be treated on an equal basis. In reply, I drew Col. Henshel's attention to the fact that, whilst the Wingate Institute, the University and Technion Students happen to be, in the main, a local Israeli problem, and that several committees for fund-raising on their behalf already existed, the Maccabiah Village, as conceived by the Maccabi World Union leaders, is a project likely to benefit Jewish youth from all over the world, as well as Israeli youth. Whilst the "Village" would be used for a period of 4 weeks only during the Maccabiah Games, the accommodation provided there, in the form of dormitories, assembly and recreation rooms, gymnasias, running tracks, pitches for ball games, an open air swimming pool, kitchens, etc., etc., would become available for the use of groups of touring youth coming to Israel for varying periods of time, where they would mix in a spirit of fellowship with Sabras and enjoy there, for a nominal and low rate charges, adequate board and lodging. The Maccabiah Village would thus become a meeting place, as well as a training ground, primarily for youth; on occasions, it could also be used for groups of tourists coming to Israel under the auspices of W.I.Z.C., B'nai B'rith, the World Jewish Congress, or of several bona-fide organisations, Jewish and non-Jewish alike. The Village would be run by a permanent staff of experts and administered by the Board of Trustees, at present headed by Israel Rokas, one of Israel's most prominent citizens, the Mayor of Tel-Aviv for a quarter of a century and at present a Deputy Speaker of the Knesset.

I suggested to my friends in New York that an organisation might well be set up to be named the "Jewish Youth Fund for Israel". With the approval of the Jewish Agency, and of other World Jewish fund-raising organisations, a target could be fixed and, once reached, the campaign could stop and proceeds of the fund-raising handed over to the Trustees of the Maccabiah Village, the Wingate Institute, etc., on a basis of distribution agreed to in advance. In this manner, I proceeded, the campaign and appeal would reach a wider circle of contributors. My suggestion was an impromptu one, and we decided to explore its possibilities without, in any way, restricting our current activities on behalf of such Institutions to which our respective organisations are committed.

This matter, as well as the other problems discussed in New York, will be studied by members of the Maccabi World Executive, by the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, as well as by the Working Committee of veteran Maccabi leaders set up in New York.

## European Maccabi Games.

### Full participation.

The curtain is soon to be raised on an unprecedented demonstration of sporting prowess by Maccabi sportsmen and athletes gathered together in Copenhagen on 16th August, 1959. Lionel Schalit and Harry Shapiro in London, Bernard Bodnie, Meyer Rudelsky and Sammy Levitan in Copenhagen, ably assisted by enthusiastic committees, are leaving nothing to chance. As I dictate these lines, by mid-July, the programme of the Games has already been fixed and published, including a time-table for all events.

On Saturday, August 15th, a special service is to be held at the Copenhagen Synagogue in which members of all teams will participate. The service, as well as the Games, due to open on Sunday, will be attended by the Israel Ambassador, by Danish Government and Civic representatives, as well as by delegations of Danish Sports Organisations and representatives of various Jewish communal organisations in Denmark. The programme of competitions which will begin later on Sunday, August 16th, will go on until Wednesday, August 19th. There will also be a reception at the Town Hall by the Mayor and Municipality of Copenhagen. Once the competitions are over, the medals, trophies and cups will be distributed to participants at a Banquet and Ball organised in their honour on Wednesday evening, August 19th.

Magnificent Silver Cups to winning teams or individuals have already been promised by the Maccabi World Executive, by Lord Nathan, and Messrs. Romi Goldmuntz, Lionel Schalit and Pierre Gildesgane - the latter's cup for the "Best National Team in Athletics".

European Maccabi Territorial Organisations due to participate will include: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Eire, Finland, France, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Sweden and Switzerland.

The programme of competitions will include: Football, Athletics, Swimming, Lawn Tennis, Table-tennis, Handball, Wrestling and Weightlifting.

Happily, a strong team of Maccabi athletes from Israel will also be able to participate. Arrangements for their trip across Europe have been successfully concluded. In the Lawn-tennis tournament, England's Angela Buxton (of Wimbledon fame) promises to be one of the shining stars.

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The Annual European Conference will open on Thursday morning, 20th August, and continue until the following day.

A full report of the Maccabi European Games, as well as of the Annual European Conference, will appear in the next issue of this "Newsletter".

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The European Games have already enjoyed much publicity in the sports columns of daily and weekly newspapers throughout Europe. The Danish radio and Television, as well as the B.B.C., are making special arrangements to cover the Games. So are Sports Editors of many well known European newspapers.

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Maccabi in Great Britain intends to field a very strong team of competitors, among them Debra Turner (sprinter), the 5th Maccabiah gold medallist, Jacqueline Barnett (sprinter), David Segal, to whom reference is made elsewhere in this issue. Weightlifting will be represented by three national British champions, Ben Helfgott, Alan Conway and Laurie Levine. These are only a few names picked from a team of 50 competitors who will be travelling to Copenhagen and returning therefrom by a specially chartered aircraft.

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The President of the European Maccabi organisation, The Rt. Hon. Lord Nathan, accompanied by Lady Nathan, will attend the Copenhagen Games, as well as the Annual European Conference.

## Maccabi in South America

Welcome Maccabi Caracas!

I have Eric Gumpert's permission to publish in this issue extracts of a report sent by him to the World Executive some time ago on his experiences and impressions of a tour of South American Maccabi clubs. Since then, and undoubtedly thanks to the stimulating influence of Eric Gumpert, a new Maccabi club has been formed in Caracas, capital of Venezuela, named Club Deportivo "Maccabi". A strong committee was called into being last May, operating from the following address:

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Oficina 4 - 11,  
Edif. Las Gradillas "B",  
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Mr. Abraham Sultan was elected President and Mr. Jose Beracasa, Hon. President. Mr. Natalio Dobson, in addition to being a Vice-President, is also in charge of Public Relations, while Mr. Leon Podhorzer will deal with external inter-club matters. The committee have elected also an Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, and a number of Hon. Officers, all of whom are known for their public-spirited activities in the Jewish community of Venezuela.

Whilst still in New York, I received a cordial letter from the newly-formed club in Venezuela, who refer to themselves as "the youngest member in the Maccabi World Union family". In wishing my mission to the U.S.A. much success, they extended to me, at the same time, a cordial invitation to visit



then in Caracas. To my regret, I was unable to do so but, upon my return to New York, I informed Mr. Podhorzer that nothing would give me greater pleasure than to visit as many Maccabi clubs as there are at present in South America and that I would be particularly delighted personally to welcome the youngest Maccabi club whom we all wish every success in their future work.

#### ERIC GUMPERT - A MACCABI LEADER RE-DISCOVERED.

Eric Gumpert is no stranger in the ranks of World Maccabi leaders. On the contrary, when still in Germany, the country of his birth, he was one of the Maccabi Movement's most promising leaders. He moved to London in the early 30s, where he joined the World Executive soon after the Headquarters were transferred from Berlin (at the beginning of the Nazi era in Germany). Gumpert was also active as a sportsman in British Maccabi, he was very much liked and respected by all those who knew him. In 1940, when entrusted with a special mission by the British Government, Gumpert had to go to Washington and, as he was engaged on important war work for some time he had, consequently made his home in New York. At present, Gumpert is retired from business, but not from Maccabi activities. Both he and his charming wife seem as enthusiastic and as optimistic about the future of the Movement as anyone who never ceased work in our ranks. Now that he has, once again, returned to his favourite leisurely occupation - Maccabi - the World Executive invited him to act as "Ambassador-at-large", and I am quite confident that we will see and hear of Eric Gumpert on frequent occasions in the coming years. During a visit to Israel early this year, he attended - as a guest - some Executive meetings, and it is hoped that Gumpert will now also play an important part in any pro-Maccabi promotion on the New York territory.

#### ERIC GUMPERT'S TRAVELOGUE - SOUTH AMERICAN MACCABI CLUBS.

During the three months which Eric Gumpert spent in South America, accompanied by his wife, he visited the following states: Colombia, Peru, Chile, Argentine, Uruguay, Brazil and Venezuela.

COLOMBIA. In Bogota, there exists a small group, led by Mrs. Haskell, engaged in gymnastics and eurythmics. Mrs. Haskell complained of the lack of support from local people. Mr. Gumpert met there Mr. Hans Sperling, a former member of Hakoah-Vienna, who took up residence in Colombia over 20 years ago, an industrialist having close contacts with members of the Colombian Jewish community. Mr. Sperling is a congenial man with a soft spot for Maccabi. As is the case in other South American countries, Soccer is the most popular sport, and Mr. Sperling would like to see a Maccabi Football team in training with least delay. He thought that the visit of a Maccabi Soccer team from Israel would stimulate the creation of several Jewish Soccer teams in Colombia. Mr. Sperling was due to go to Israel, in May, and to make contact there with Dr. R. Atlaez, the Maccabi World Union Sports Director. Under Mr. Sperling's leadership, it is hoped that a strong Maccabi club will be formed in Bogota and when this took place, it will also have the facilities of a clubhouse and of playing fields.

PERU. - Lima. Although no Maccabi club exists in that city, Mr. Gumpert found several Jewish youth clubs known as "Hebrica". There are about 5,000 Jews in Peru, mainly originating from Rumania. Mr. Gumpert made contact with Dr. Sterenthal, a resident of Lima, who was interested in the establishment of a Maccabi club in that city, and who may well be instrumental in creating one, in co-operation with the already existing clubs.

CHILE - Santiago. Maccabi in Chile has good leadership and is already numerically strong. Its President, Luis Aron, is a very active man who works in co-operation with Juan Koibel, whom many of us have met at the 13th World Congress, held in Israel in 1957. (Mr. Koibel was then elected a member of the World Executive.) The Jewish Community of Santiago owns an excellent Stadium. In addition to a large Swimming Pool, there are also 12 Tennis Courts, 2 Basketball and 1 Volleyball Courts, Cinder-track and Football Pitch. At the moment they are in the process of building a Clubhouse with a restaurant and library facilities. The Stadium is owned jointly by a number of Jewish

organisations in Santiago. As the Stadium is situated outside the city, and can be reached only by motorcar or bus, it is used mainly by the young people on weekends, or during the summer vacation months.

For the present, Maccabi has its own club premises in an old rented building in the city of Santiago, but this will soon be vacated. In order to satisfy their members' requirements, it is intended to build a new large clubhouse with facilities for basketball and swimming provided. They hope to raise the necessary funds within the next 2 or 3 years, by which time the new building should be completed.

Although Gumpert considered this an ambitious programme, he thought it well within the reach of the promoters, for all Maccabi leaders in Chile are enthusiasts, as well as businessmen.

Maccabi Chile have also organised a Summer Camp for the first time. It remains open for 4 weeks for the younger group and 4 weeks for the seniors. Mr. Aron, the President of Maccabi Chile, and his wife, stayed in the camp throughout the period.

ARGENTINE. Many Maccabi activities are being carried on in Buenos Aires which has the largest Jewish community in South America. There are also Maccabi Clubs in La Plata, Bahia Blanca, Rosario, Santa Fe, etc. The Maccabi Club in Buenos Aires has some 5,000 active members. There are several other Jewish Youth clubs catering for some 20,000 to 25,000 members. The "Hebraica" clubhouse consists of a building 13 stories high, as yet incomplete.

Maccabi in Buenos Aires has two Clubhouses, one situated in the Jewish business sector, and the other in the residential area. Professional coaches and club organisers are employed. Sports activities comprises Basketball, Volleyball, Table-tennis, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Swimming, etc.

By far the most prominent leader in the Argentine is Mr. Ernando Dobri, (a member of the World Executive) the one man on whom practically the whole organisation depends. Mr. Dobri is a well known businessman in the city of Buenos Aires.

#### An ambitious building project.

In the course of my conversations with him in New York, Mr. Dobri disclosed to me details of a plan which he hopes will come to fruition in two or three years time. He hopes to build a 14 storey house, of which part will be used as business offices, shops and a cinema. The main parts of the building will be used for indoor sports, cultural and social activities for some 5,000 members. Besides this, Mr. Dobri hopes to promote a project for a Country (Maccabi) Club on the outskirts of Buenos Aires. This is intended primarily for the purpose of raising income. The "club" is to consist of a number of bungalows clustered around a sports pavilion. The bungalows will either be sold, or leased, and the income from these, as well as from rents and membership fees should be sufficient, in the opinion of Mr. Dobri, to pay the cost of maintaining the principal Maccabi House in the city of Buenos Aires should be assured of a regular income for many years to come, without having to appeal for financial support to members of the community as has been the case in years gone by.

Mr. Dobri is wholeheartedly devoted to Maccabi and, apart from the time and energy spent, he also supports the organisation financially, to a substantial degree.

During Mrs. Golda Meyer's recent tour of South American cities, receptions held in her honour in Buenos Aires, as well as in Caracas, Venezuela, were held on the premises of the Maccabi clubs in both cities. Thus, Maccabi clubs in South America have become communal institutions, as well as a meeting place for old and young alike.

URUGUAY. Montevideo. Maccabi Montevideo has a membership of about 500. Bearing in mind that Uruguay is a small country, and that the majority of Jews reside in Montevideo, the record of Maccabi's activities there is quite outstanding. Mr. Moises Soloducho is the club leader, supported by an

active executive, comprising a number of former Central Europeans, as well as some who emigrated from Turkey. The Ladies' Section is run under the leadership of Mrs. Soloduch. The Maccabi clubhouse in Montevideo serves only as a meeting place for their members, it does not provide facilities for indoor activities. This, however, is no obstacle to engaging in fine sports as, indeed, some of Uruguay's Basketball champions happen to be members of the Maccabi Basketball team. As is the case elsewhere, Maccabi Montevideo suffers from a shortage of funds and finds it difficult to meet some debts or current commitments. For this reason they were unable to participate in the last Maccabiah.

Mr. Gumpert approached the President of "Hebraica", Mr. Carlos Montag, with a suggestion that some co-operation be fostered between the local clubs whereby members of Maccabi would be permitted to take advantage of the excellent facilities available to "Hebraica" in the form of playgrounds, a stadium, etc. Mr. Gumpert's initiative has met with a fairly good response. Representatives of both clubs were due to meet with a view to discussing joint action. Mr. Eric Neumann, one of the leaders of the local Maccabi club has since then reported to Mr. Gumpert that two meetings were held and a basis for co-operation and mutual help discussed.

Some time this year, Maccabi Montevideo will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. On this occasion, they propose inviting representatives of South American Maccabi clubs, as well as sports teams for friendly competition. Should this plan materialise, a plan which Mr. Gumpert has favoured, it may well lead to a very desirable reunion of representatives of South American Maccabi clubs, and thus lay the foundations for the reorganisation of the "South American Maccabi Federation."

B R A Z I L. Sao Paulo. Whenever mention is made of Maccabi Brazil, the name of Mr. David Kopenhagen is invariably associated with it, for Mr. Kopenhagen is the foremost leader of Maccabi in Brazil. (Mr. Kopenhagen is nick-named "The Chocolate King", for he owns the largest firm of chocolate producers in Brazil). Mr. Gumpert met many Maccabi leaders during his stay there, among them several former colleagues well known in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and elsewhere. Maccabi Sau Paulo harbours an ambition to build a Sports Stadium. A fund-raising campaign has been going on for some time, and Mr. Gumpert was assured that an appreciable sum of money is forthcoming towards the target. A special Finance Committee has been set up, consisting of the President of Maccabi Sau Paulo, Mr. Samuel Back, and some members of the executive, as well as non-Maccabi members who are active in Jewish affairs, known for their interest in the younger generation by providing for them facilities for recreational activities. Mr. Gumpert is confident that once Maccabi Sau Paulo have acquired their Stadium, as well as club premises, it will emerge one of the strongest units in South America. In the course of a Reception arranged by Mr. Kopenhagen for Mr. Gumpert, and which was also attended by Mr. Moshe Cahan, leader of the Jewish community in Sau Paulo, the importance of Maccabi was stressed by all speakers. Although the club is only small, Sau Paulo counts 200 active sportsmen. It must be remembered that there are a few other Jewish youth clubs in Sau Paulo, and "competition" from these quarters is fairly strong. Nevertheless, our Maccabi group there holds its own and has produced some fine sportsmen and athletes.

Rio de Janeiro. The principal Maccabi Head Office there is known as Lida Esportiba Macabi - Rio Av. 13 Maio, 47 - salas 801/2, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). (All communications can be sent to the aforementioned address).

There are 15 Jewish Youth Clubs in Rio de Janeiro, as well as one named "Macabeust", catering for sepharadim. The Maccabi office in Rio de Janeiro acts in a supervisory capacity, co-ordinating sports and other activities. All Jewish Youth Clubs in Rio de Janeiro have Basketball teams and play also Football, Table-tennis, etc. As Jewish activities in Brazil are mainly concentrated in and around Sau Paulo, experience has shown that the creation of a special Maccabi club in Rio de Janeiro, at great expense, would not be fully justified.

On the other hand, it must be remembered that the Maccabi club in



Sau Paulo is not the only one in Brazil, for there are also active clubs in other parts of the State in: Parana, Bel Horizonte, Porto Allegre, Recife, Bahia, as well as in Niteroi (a suburb of Rio de Janeiro).

During 1958, the Maccabi Head Office in Rio de Janeiro organised a miniature Maccabiah in which 250 Maccabi members participated.

VENEZUELA - Caracas. Mr. Gumpert's story concerning the new club at Caracas is of particular interest for, at the suggestion of Hermann Adler, a well known Maccabi leader of Sau Paulo, he contacted in Caracas a former member of Maccabi Bar Kochba-Berlin, Leon Podhorzer. Mr. Podhorzer attended the Maccabiah Games held in Israel in 1957. He has been associated with the Movement for some years past and, having witnessed the Maccabiah, his enthusiasm and zeal for the Movement has risen considerably. And so, during Mr. Gumpert's stay in Caracas, Mr. Podhorzer convened a meeting of the leading personalities of the city to whom the aims and objects of Maccabi were explained. Mr. Podhorzer promised to take things in his own hands and to do what he could with a view to setting up a Maccabi club with least delay. So much for Mr. Gumpert's report. Since his visit to Caracas, the club has come into being and an announcement to this effect will be found on Page 8.

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## News from Territorial Organisations.

### MACCABI AUSTRALIA.

I have recently received a letter from the Sports Editor (Mr. H. J. Licht) of the "Australian Jewish News", a weekly published in Victoria. By coincidence, Mr. Licht has seen a copy of this "Newsletter", March/April issue, in which I complained that I was unable to publish news about Maccabi's activities in Australia as no-one there sent me any reports. Mr. Licht, after expressing amazement at the "lack of information about Jewish sport in Australia" very kindly provided me with a full story dealing with matters considered of interest to my readers. In addition to the report, he promised to send me also regular copies of the "Australian Jewish News", the "Sydney Jewish News", as well as special reports on outstanding sports activities in which Jewish boys and girls engage for, in the view of Mr. Licht "Jewish sport is very much alive in Australia, perhaps more concentrated and on higher level than in many other countries."

Since receiving Mr. Licht's letter, I also received copies of the "Australian Jewish News", a weekly published partly in Yiddish and partly in English, containing lots of interesting information about Jewish activities in Australia generally and about activities of Jewish sports organisations and clubs in particular.

### A model organisation.

Mr. Licht's report confirms that Australian Jewish sports clubs are governed by a parent body known as the Australian Judean Sports Council which is directly affiliated to the Maccabi World Union. It seems clear, therefore, that all Jewish sports clubs in Australia are indirectly affiliated to the Maccabi World Union and through the Australian Judean Sports Council.

The Australian Judean Sports Council, generally known as A.J.S.C., is the parent body of five Regional Councils organised in principal cities of Australia:

1. In Victoria, the Associated Judean Athletic Clubs (A.J.A.A.).
2. In New South Wales, the Jewish Amateur Sports Association (J.A.S.A.)
3. In Queensland, the Jewish Sports Club (J.S.C.)
4. In South Australia, the South Australian Maccabi (S.A.M.)
5. In West Australia, Maccabean League (M.L.W.A.)

Thus, the five constituents of the A.J.S.C. have their Headquarters in the capital cities in the respective States, namely, Victoria, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth.

These constituent bodies comprise and represent all the Jewish active sports clubs on the Australian territory with an aggregate active membership of over 2,000.

With very few exceptions, all Jewish sportsmen and women in Australia represent their respective clubs when competing against other Sports clubs. In some instances, as in West Australia, South Australia and Victoria, most of the venues used by Jewish teams happen to be the property of local Jewish organisations.

In Perth, the Maccabean League owns its own sports ground, comprising 3 Cricket ovals, 8 Lawn Tennis Courts, Sports Hall catering for indoor games, as well as social activities.

In Sydney, the club has its own Tennis Courts and is in the process of building on the same ground additional courts for Tennis, Basketball and Volleyball, as well as a Swimming Pool and Clubhouse.

In Melbourne, A.J.A.X. clubs have their own Gymnasium, Tennis and Squash Courts. In all there are 13 clubs organised under A.J.A.X., each specialising in a particular sports activity. Thus, the 13 clubs are the equivalent to clubs specialising in (1) Athletics (2) Badminton (3) Basketball (4) Cricket (5) Gymnastics (6) Football (according to Australian rules (7) Soccer (8) Girls' Sports Club for Hockey, Basketball and Gymnastics (9) Table-tennis (10) Swimming (11) Weightlifting (12) Lawn Tennis and (13) Squash. Each club is governed by its own committee and each committee is represented by two delegates on the A.J.A.X. Council, which is, in turn, the parent organisation for Jewish Sports Clubs in Victoria.

The set-up in other States is very similar to that in Melbourne and Victoria.

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Sports Carnivals.

The culmination of sports activities each year is reached on the occasion of the Australian Judean Inter-States Sports Carnival, held annually and lasting two weeks. These "Carnivals" take place in alternate States in an order of rotation. They are normally organised during the last week in December and the first week in January (the height of the Summer season), and the programme of inter-State competitions normally comprises Athletics, Basketball, Volleyball, Cricket, Gymnastics, Boxing, Badminton, Table-tennis, Squash, Swimming, as well as ... Public Debating.

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Mr. Light made no reference in his very interesting report to any cultural activities. It appears clear to me, however, that Australian Jewish communities are very well organised and, glancing through the pages of the Jewish weeklies published in Australia, I have no doubt that Jews there, men and women hailing from Central and European countries, are well conscious of their Judaism and so pursue communal activities which help strengthen their ranks, both spiritually as well as physically and materially.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

Maccabi tour of Israel.

Arrangements have now been completed for the Sportsman's Tour of Israel in October of this year. The party will leave the Jan Smuts Airport by an El-Al plane and will be back in Johannesburg on Tuesday, 10th November, involving a total absence of 21 days, with 19 clear days in Israel. The total cost of the tour, as previously announced, will be £250 per person. Mr. Alf Blumberg and Mr. Barney Kellen will lead the party of sportsmen and of tourists. The tourists will stay at the 'Kings Hotel' in Jerusalem, the 'Zion' in Haifa, the 'Ramat-Aviv' in Tel-Aviv, and the 'Sharon' in Herzlia.

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Provision is made for conducted tours of all recognised centres of interest in Israel and special time will be allowed for a visit to Eilat on the Gulf of Akaba.

Whether or not they participate in any sporting events the tourists will have the unique experience of being members of a friendly, cheerful group of sportsmen and sportswomen who will enjoy to the full that spirit of co-operation and goodwill which characterises sporting teams the world over. All members of the party will be permitted to wear the Association's Blue Blazer Badge, as well as Hat Band. Inevitably, tourists will also spend some time with the Ramat Gan Bowling Club and it is absolutely certain that much time will be spent on and around the Bowling Green.

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More Champions.

South African Maccabi Council is proud of yet another "Champion of Champions" in the person of Holly Dembovsky of the Emmarentia Club, who won the Southern Transvaal Women's Bowls for 1959. The Sports Editor of the "Zionist Record", Johannesburg, commented on Mrs. Dembovsky's victory by saying "It appears that once a bowler joins the ranks of Maccabi, the possibility of becoming a champion of champions is a good one."

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One of South Africa Maccabi's founders (in 1935) Mr. Harry Lourie, Hon. President of the S.A. Maccabi Council, has recently celebrated his 57th wedding anniversary. Both he and Mrs. Lourie still take an active interest in Maccabi's work. They were also pioneers of Zionism in South Africa.

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Victor Barne, many times World Table Tennis champion, known throughout the world as "Mr. Table Tennis" addressed recently the Maccabi Luncheon Club at the Jewish Guild. He gave a summary of the development of Table Tennis since 1928, and mentioned that the number of affiliated Table Tennis players throughout the world of International Table Tennis Association is nearing the 10 million mark. As is well known, Victor Barne is not the only Jewish Table Tennis Champion. Many young Jewish players have distinguished themselves in this game which, despite its popularity, has not yet been recognised as one of the 'top sports'.

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Personalities.

Ian Maltz, accompanied by his wife Rica, President of the S.A. Maccabi Association, and member of the Maccabi World Union Executive, recently spent some time in Israel where he attended also the Independence Day celebrations. As Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, they were extended a fine reception by the Lord Mayor of Tel-Aviv.

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Ken Stolloff, who has been a member of Maccabi since 1935, has been elected President of the South African Bowling Association. His Maccabi colleagues throughout South Africa and the rest of the world wish him a very successful and fruitful term of office.

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Jack de Beer, the outgoing President of the South African Bowling Association, has been honoured by being appointed Hon. Life President of the Association. Mr. De Beer has always been a keen supporter of Maccabi and has at all times co-operated in all Maccabi activities.

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Yom Ha'atzmaut was celebrated at the Balfour Club in grand style last May. Mr. Abe Hyman, the Maccabi National Vice-Chairman, was the guest speaker. Close on 400 children attended a special concert when most of the items were rendered by Junior members of the Balfour club.

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Marlene Gerson, recently scored the finest success in her career when she beat Mini Arnold, a member of the U.S. Wightman Cup team.

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Eastern Province Maccabi Basketball move.

A Basketball section to be part of the Eastern Province Maccabi Association is to be formed by Eldred Polikoff. He said that it was hoped to play friendly matches this season but that they may apply for league status in 1960. The decision to form a section brings the number of clubs in the Eastern Province to 12 - a record.

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A Sports Festival.

The first South African Maccabi Sports Festival took place in Johannesburg on 11th July until 13th July. More than 700 sportsmen and sportswomen from all over South Africa took part in the event. The games were conducted in a festive spirit and teams in many branches of sport pitted their skill against each other in an atmosphere of keen rivalry.

The programme of competitions included, Bowls, Hockey, Table-tennis, Tennis, Badminton, Squash, Golf, Soccer and a Road Run. In Soccer alone, 7 teams took part in some fast and thrilling games. One Maccabi Soccer team played against a Transvaal team as a curtain raiser at the Inter-Provincial games between Natal and Southern Transvaal.

According to a report published in the "Zionist Record", Johannesburg, on 17th July, the games were magnificently organised and a good time was had by participants and spectators alike.

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RHODESIA.

For the second successful year Maccabi, in conjunction with the Zionist Youth Executive, arranged an Athletic Meeting and Sports Rally for Bulawayo Jewish children at the Milton Junior School grounds on Sunday June 7th. The children entered into the events with great zest. Mr. Lionel Bernstein, Chairman of the Mashonaland Maccabi Committee, addressed the assembly at the opening of the rally. Mrs. Mayers, wife of the Chairman of the Rhodesian Zionist Youth Executive, presented the prizes to the winners of the various events. A novelty was introduced in the programme this year - a special race for fathers, mothers and toddlers...

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PRETORIA.

The Northern Transvaal Maccabi Association recently decided to extend its activities in order to provide social and cultural activities for Pretorians of the younger set who have, as yet, not found a place in the communal life of the town. For their benefit, sections have been established for Badminton, Table-tennis and Homecraft hobbies. The Pretoria United Hebrew Congregation was requested to make premises available for such activities.

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GREAT BRITAIN.Annual General Meeting.

This year's Annual General Meeting was held in Manchester on 28th May. It was attended by over 75 delegates, representing every Maccabi club in the country. Prior to the meeting, Rabbi J. Unstorfer, Manchester Maccabi's Hon. Chaplain, offered prayers for the success of the deliberations. Councillor Michael Fidler, representing the Council of Manchester and Salford Jews, of which he is Senior Vice-President, wished the meeting every success. Messages of goodwill and greetings were received from the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, from Alderman A. Moss, a Vice-President of Maccabi, from Jack Steinberg, Chairman of the Central Maccabi Fund, from Dr. Altman, the communal Rabbi, and others.

The meeting was one of the liveliest ever and, whilst some delegates excelled themselves when arguing, raising 'points of order', interrupting the debate under the pretext of 'points of information', there has also been a great deal of good humoured debate throughout the day.

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Chairman's Address.

The proceeds opened with an Annual Address delivered by the National Chairman, Pierre Gildesgame, who dealt with the problem of modern Jewish youth which, in his opinion, was over-rated by some, or ignored altogether by others. He wanted to see Jewish youth brought up to be free men, good citizens and justifiably proud of their Jewishness and cultural heritage. He would like to see some of the restrictions usually imposed on young people removed and a spirit of voluntary effort fostered instead. Sports activities should be looked upon as a means of releasing energy and to shake off the monotony and boredom of everyday life. For boredom, in his opinion, was the breeding ground of delinquency and of various forms of mental perversion. He maintained that self-confidence is the best antidote for an inferiority complex. The record of sports activities of Maccabi in Great Britain has something to be proud of. Gradually, a better appreciation of the value of athletics is being noticed in recent months and this was, in no small measure, due to the untiring efforts of Harry Shapiro, the Hon. Sports Director, and to Dave Segal, the well known British Amateur Champion Sprinter, who continues to devote much time and attention to the encouragement of young Maccabi athletes.

Dealing with Cultural activities, Gildesgame drew attention to the lack of interest in these, particularly those of a Jewish content. "A body without a soul was valueless and whilst much can be said in favour of sports, the young generation must be made to appreciate that to be a good citizen and a good Jew, one must devote also some time and attention to the development of the mind."

He concluded his address by declaring that to be a Jew with Judaism is quite pointless. A leader in a Jewish club must not compromise with his conscience, nor must he be satisfied with half-measures but must be, and constantly declare himself ever vigilant also in matters of religion as they affect organised youth club life and club programme planning.

A good debate.

Lionel Schalit, who took a lively interest in the discussion on cultural activities, was severe in his criticism of "the low level of cultural activities throughout Maccabi clubs in Great Britain". A resolution which he moved on behalf of the National Executive, called for the creation of a Committee to plan and to assist in the furtherance of Cultural activities of a Jewish content in various clubs was passed by the meeting unanimously.

A lively discussion, in which many delegates participated touched also on the development of the Maccabi Stadium at Hendon, London, where new changing rooms, showers, and sanitary amenities were being provided at a high cost. Mr. Gildesgame declared that the National Executive will continue to favour the development of the Stadium which is making an ever-increasing contribution towards the promotion and encouragement of athletics and of other ball games, such as Football, Cricket, and Tennis on "our own home ground."

As announced in the previous issue of this "Newsletter", Gildesgame has agreed to serve as National Chairman for yet one more year, on the understanding that in 1960 he will resign and be succeeded by another one of his colleagues. In addition to Gildesgame, the following were elected: Vice Chairman, Mr. H. Robinson and Mr. A. A. Scott, Hon. Treasurer, Jack Mundy, Deputy Secretary Alfred Morley, Sports Director Harry Shapiro, Cultural Director, Jack Shulman. Fred Worms declared that, as Gildesgame was staying on for another year in office, he too will continue for a further year in the office of Hon. Secretary.

During the Luncheon recess, the Manchester Maccabi Club was presented with the Jimmy Cohen Trophy awarded to it as the "Best Club of the Year, 1958".

GREAT BRITAIN (Contd.)

WEIGHTLIFTING- UPLIFTED.

A new monthly magazine is being published in England, "The Strength Athlete". The object of the magazine, devoted to Weightlifting, should do much to improve the present position of this sport and add to it such status as it deserves. The aim of the magazine is to provide as complete news coverage as is possible to British and International Weightlifting.

I was very grateful to see that each issue of "The Strength Athlete" contained reports of Maccabi Weightlifters who are very prominent in this sport, among them Ben Helfgott, Alan Conway and Laurie Levine. They published the results of the 1958 League, headed by Maccabi in the 1st Division. Among the first ten British Weightlifters (Olympics) the following Maccabi Champions are included: Ben Helfgott - No.1, Laurie Levine No. 5 and Alan Conway, No.6.

Maccabi Association (N.W.) London - a training ground for Leaders.

Those attending the 1959 Annual General Meeting of Maccabi Association (N.W.) London, held at Maccabi House on 14th May last, witnessed the resignation of its Chairman for the last 3 years, Mr. Cyril Blausten, as well as the installation of his successor, Mr. Sydney Farleigh. Sydney Farleigh has, for some years past, been Hon. Secretary of the Club and his promotion to the Chairmanship was a foregone conclusion.

The Chairmanship of London's leading Maccabi club is normally looked upon as a coveted distinction. The club has produced many leaders who are today occupying positions of responsibility on the Maccabi World Union Executive, as well as on the National Executive of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain, among them: Lionel Schalit, Pierre Gildesgame, Fred Worms, Aubrey Scott, Alfred Morley, Ken Gradon, and others. In 1946, I have been succeeded by Jack Richman who, like myself, remained in office for a period of 10 years. We now occupy positions of President and Vice-President of the club respectively. Cyril Blausten served as Chairman of the club most efficiently for a period of 3 years and, during his term of office, the club's finances and administration have undergone considerable improvement. Sydney Farleigh has been popular with members of the club for some years past and was considered as one of the club's most industrious Hon. Secretaries since the days of Joe Byer, the club's first Hon. Secretary, at present residing in the U.S.A., but who has not severed spiritual links with the club.

In the course of his Annual Report, Sydney Farleigh has stated that the present active membership of the club consisted of 300 seniors and 200 juniors. The Club's Senior Sports activities are being carried on successfully through the following sections: Weightlifting, Athletics, Fencing, Sailing, Football, Cricket, Tennis, Ladies' Keep-Fit, Table-tennis, Wrestling, Badminton. All sports activities are co-ordinated and supervised by a Sports Directorate presided over by Jack Graham.

The Junior Sections for boys and girls under the age of 18 engage in very much the same activities as the Seniors but under different trainers and instructors.

The Club's Cultural activities, over which Cyril Harris presides, are being carried on through the following sections: Art, Dramatics, Chess, the study of Jewish affairs, Literary, Music, Photography and Public Speaking.

The Social Directorate of the club caters for recreational activities such as Dances, which are used primarily for fund-raising purposes. The Publicity Director, Anthony Preston, is responsible also for the editorial of the monthly magazine the "Maccabi Times".

The Hon. Treasurer of the Club, Eric Rayman, dealt with financial matters and disclosed that, despite a considerable income accruing to the club from membership fees, as well as from the Annual Ball, he is still unable to balance the budget satisfactorily. He emphasized that, to run successfully the various activities of the club these have to be paid for



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and subsidized continually. The freehold property requires occasional repairs and the cost of maintenance, heating and lighting was also rising.

The out-going Chairman, Cyril Blauston, expressed his regret at his inability to continue in office but promised to remain actively associated with the club to the best of his ability. He announced that the "Gildesgame Hall" being built on the ground adjoining the Lord Melchett Hall, would be completed in the early Autumn and its inauguration would be suitably celebrated in November next.

In the course of his Presidential Address, Pierre Gildesgame declared that without a spirit of adventure, there could be no progress in Youth Education. Since the purpose of any Youth Club was to serve as a training ground for future leaders of the community, it was necessary for every member to strive to become a leader.

Table-Tennis.

Helen Littman, formerly a member of Maccabi Association (N.W.) London, has recently won the Ladies' Singles title in the Israeli Table-tennis championship. Miss Littman has settled in Israel and is now a member of Haifa Hapoel.

North-East London Maccabi Association.

The first Annual Meeting of the North East London Maccabi Association which was held at their new premises, 37, Upper Clapton Street, London, E.5, was attended by nearly 100 members. The Chairman, Mr. Aubrey A. Scott, presided. He pointed out that the club had, for the first time, won the Maccabi National Football Trophy, as well as the Leslie Luck Cup, which qualified them for participation in the 1960 finals of the "Jewish Chronicle" Trophy competition. Organised club activities in the past year were Football, Men's Physical Training, Ladies' Keep-Fit, Table-Tennis Lawn Tennis, Badminton, Athletics Cricket, Weightlifting, Swimming, Drama, Debating and Musical appreciation. Hebrew was also included among the Cultural activities in this thriving club.

Edware Maccabi Association (London).

The first anniversary celebrations of this club were held last April, on the club premises. The celebrated singer and film actor, Frankie Vaughan, who is Hon. President of the Club, made a personal appearance. Several members of the National Executive were also present, and enjoyed the display of club activities, including, among others, a "Rock 'n Roll Band"...

The club continues to do good work for its 500 young members.

Birmingham Maccabi

The new sports grounds of the Senior Birmingham Maccabi Association at the Shirley Race Course, outside Birmingham city, which was recently acquired by the Birmingham Jewish Golfers, was inaugurated last April by a Rugby match between Birmingham and Edinburgh Maccabi. The result was a justified win for Birmingham by 17 points to 3.

The Chairman of Birmingham Maccabi (Juniors) Association, Mr. John Singer, has been recently elected a member of the National Executive. He attended the Annual General Meeting held in Manchester in June, at the end of his honeymoon following upon his marriage to Miss Sarah Levene, Hon. Secretary of the Club.

MACCABI ANNUAL SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

A large number of Maccabi Track and Field athletes gathered on 14th June at the Brighton Sports Arena to compete, not only for highest honours, but also in the hope of being selected to the team due to represent British Maccabi at the forthcoming Copenhagen Games.

Ray Roseman, of Brighton Maccabi and the Sussex A.A. Mile Champion and record holder ran the mile in 4 minutes 18.5 seconds.

GREAT BRITAIN (Contd.).

Jacqueline Barnett of Brighton, the 23-year old Welsh International, could not catch the fast Debra Turner who clocked 11.6 seconds in the 100 yards race. But Jacqueline came into her own in the 200 yards, with a clear-out win in 27.2 seconds. By winning the 440 yards in 62.2 seconds, she achieved a fine double.

Fifteen-year old Carol Black, of Brighton Maccabi, won the under-16 High Jump in which her club-mate Sandra Gambrina was third.

Dave Segal, the A.A.A. 220 yards champion, went away to win that event in 21.7 seconds (having won during May the British Inter-Counties 220 yards event at the British Games, the White City London in 21.5 seconds). Early in July Dave ran again magnificently to win the 200 metres against East Germany in 21.6 seconds at the White City, London. He was also a member of the victorious 4 x 100 metres relay team.

Peter Friedlander of London Bar Kochba, who is only 16, won the 100 yards for boys under 16 in 10.4 seconds, the 220 yards in 23.8 seconds, the long jump with 20 feet 5 inches, and was the last "leg" in a successful relay team. C. Simmons of Maccabi Association (N.W.) London ran beautifully to win the 440 yards and 880 yards, the latter in the Maccabi record time of 2 minutes 1.8 seconds. In the boys' under-16 section, M. Selby (Maccabi Association (N.W.) London) won the high jump with 5 feet 4 inches. These boys and others like R. Bruck, of Birmingham and E. Freudman (Maccabi Association (N.W.) London) provided evidence of considerable improvement in Maccabi athletic standards. The championships were organised under the direction of Monty Samuels and the medals were distributed by Harry Shapiro, British Maccabi's Hon. Sports Director.

Eighteen-year old Debra Turner, has been lying, a few weeks ago, in the Isolation Ward of a Hospital in Tooting with suspected polio. Fortunately, all fears were unfounded and I am glad to report that this wonderful little sprinter is well again and in training to beat Maccabiah records at the forthcoming Copenhagen Games.

Brixton Maccabi Association. - Self criticism discouraged.

A "Jewish Chronicle" reporter expressed surprise when attending the Annual General Meeting of this club, last May, for the members, far from criticising the club leaders in their turn, or defending themselves in any way, received all adverse comments with applause. Luckily, they found a champion in the guest-speaker, Mr. A.A. Scott, who felt that much of the criticism has been undeserved. Scott is reported as saying: "I am of the opinion that there is no such thing as a bad club member; there are only bad leaders. The fact that so many members have attended this Annual Meeting is surely in itself proof of the strength of the club. It is a larger attendance than that mustered at many Synagogue weekly meetings". The President of the club, Rev. Reuben Turner, said that the club was becoming one of the finest in the South of London with a membership of 120 young people aged between 15 and 19. The Chairman of the club, Mr. Alan Gold, added that with a little more effort the club could become one of the best in London.

Soul-searching.

As at other Maccabi meetings in recent months, a great deal of soul-searching has been going on, all of which is considered a good sign and holds a promise of improvements for the future. A Vice-Chairman of the club, David Steiner, made a statement, typical of many Maccabi club leaders nowadays, when he declared: "At the beginning of the past year, this was a Jewish Youth Club with a high standing in the Maccabi Union. But now it has dwindled simply into a Youth Club and, unless we take action, it is in danger of becoming a mere weekend rendezvous..."

SPORTS PERSONALITIES.

Sir Stanley Rous, Secretary of the British Football Association, left recently by El-Al plane for Israel to conduct a weekend Course for Referees.

SPORTS PERSONALITIES (Contd.)

LAWN TENNIS

Rosalind Gourney of Manchester and Lou Hoffman of North West London Maccabi, retained their singles titles in the National Maccabi Lawn Tennis championships early in July at the West Ham Park. Rosalind, former junior Wimbledon player, was an impressive winner against Susan Goldberg of Edgware Maccabi in the Ladies' Singles Final beating her by 7:5, 6:2.

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WIMBLEDON LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Abe Segal, the South African Lawn Tennis champion and G.L. Forbes, defeated Alex Olmedo and Barry Mackay of the U.S.A. in 5 sets. This was one of the finest victories scored at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships recently.

Abe Segal was once again confirmed as a first-class Tennis Player when he defeated decisively, late in July, the Wimbledon Men's Singles champion, Alex Olmedo of the U.S.A. two weeks later. It will be recalled that Abe Segal is also the Maccabiah Lawn Tennis champion.

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Angele Duxton and her partner, C. Webb were beaten in the second round of the Women's Doubles, by Miss S. Armstrong and Miss O'Donnell.

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FENCING.

Alan Jay, Maccabiah fencing champion, won the British epee championship last May in a competition held in London. In one of the bouts, he defeated Bill Hoskyns, the World Epee Champion. Earlier this year, he won the British Amateurs' and Professor's title. He recently won also the World Foil championship.

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GILDESGANE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD, 1959.

Debra Turner of Brixton Maccabi, and Stuart Garry Hopps, of Ivri Maccabi have been jointly awarded the 1959 "Pierre Gildesgane" Scholarship.

Miss Turner was chosen because of her achievements in Athletics, her outstanding performances included winning 4 Gold and 2 Silver medals at the 1957 Maccabiah. She also became the 1957 London County Sprint Champion and 1959 Intermediate National Champion. She will enter a specialised course of training and she hopes, ultimately, to become an Instructress in Ladies' Athletics.

Stuart Hopps has won the Maccabi Southern Area Oratory Contest, as well as his Club's Cup for All-Round activities. He has decided to take a course in Ballet dancing, with special emphasis on Eurythmics. He will join the Contemporary Dance Theatre Centre.

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FRANCE - Paris.

The June News Sheet of Maccabi Paris deals with the preparation for the formation of a team due to participate in the Copenhagen Games. They hope to compete in Basketball, in Tennis and Athletics. There is also some talk about the French Football team comprising players from Paris, Metz and Lyon. In addition, Maccabi Lyon hopes to send some Swimmers, Table-tennis players, and should Volleyball be included in the programme of events, a team of Sport et Joie will also proceed to Copenhagen.

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MACCABI HOLLAND.

I have received a very comprehensive report of the activities in the various Maccabi branches in the Netherlands. It is worth recalling that in the last few years 7 successful Maccabi clubs have been operating from Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam, Haarlem, Deventer, het Gooi and Twente. The President of Maccabi Twente is Mr. J. Hartog and the Secretary, Mr. L. van Praagh, (Potgieterstraat, 2, Enschede).

The Annual Maccabi Sports Meeting is usually organised by one of the affiliated clubs. This year it was the turn of the het Gooi club, in which about 75 competitors participated in the Table Tennis Tournament, which was won by Amsterdam. The Tennis Tournament was organised by Maccabi Amsterdam. Athletics were held in Rotterdam on June 21st and highest honours went to Rotterdam who gained 47 points with The Hague coming a good second with 42, Amsterdam third with 28 points and het Gooi fourth with 17 points. Maccabi The Hague were awarded the Cup.



### MACCABI HOLLAND (Contd.)

On June 20th, an All-Day Jewish Youth Sports event was organised in Holland, with the help of Maccabi Netherlands. About 850 children took part in Football, High Jump, Long Jump, as well as in other games.

In the Swimming competitions, organised by Maccabi The Hague, about 80 members took part.

On June 23rd, the Selection Committee met to decide on the composition of the Maccabi Netherlands team for the Copenhagen Games. The Committee was presided over by Mr. J. Glaser, Chairman of Maccabi Netherlands and included also Mr. Benno Hess. The Netherlands team was to consist of 24 athletes, but this number has finally been reduced to 17, comprising: 7 tennis, 2 Table-tennis, 1 Swimming, 1 Fencing and 6 Track and Field competitors.

The Annual General Meeting of Maccabi Amsterdam, which took place on March 31st, was attended by more than 120 members. It was also attended by Mr. J. Glaser and Mr. Nihon, President of Maccabi het Gooi, by Mr. A. Haune and Mr. A. Jacobs, representing Maccabi The Hague. A new Executive Committee was elected with Mr. H. J. Polak as President and J. Brillman as Secretary. Mr. J. Lissauer was elected to succeed Mr. S. Moses, retiring Hon. Treasurer.

The Amsterdam Maccabi Swimming Section is still the largest of any in existence for it has 175 active members. The Lawn Tennis Section is the second largest having 170 members, the majority of them being children. Mr. Brillman, who has been President, and mainly responsible for the success of the Swimming Section, has now retired and is succeeded by Mr. S. Abram.

Much valuable work has been done in recent weeks by Maccabi Netherlands Sports Directorate under the Chairmanship of Mr. Nihon. On 7th June, they organised a special Tennis Meeting, on June 14th a Table-Tennis Meeting, and on 21st June an Athletic Meeting. A sincere tribute must be paid to the invaluable work done by Mr. J. Glaser, who is mainly responsible for the formation of the Netherlands team for the Copenhagen Games. He is being ably assisted by Mrs. J. Moses, Hon. Secretary.

### MACCABI VISITORS TO ISRAEL

On Page 20 of the March/April issue of this "Newsletter", I reported on the visit of three prominent supporters of Maccabi in Great Britain and members of the Central Maccabi Fund, but omitted to mention their names. They were Sam Beckman, L. J. Wintz and Harry Crape. Sam Beckman and Lou Wintz were entertained by several members of the Executive Committee at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A. Tery, Hon. Gen. Secretary of the World Executive. They were also shown around the site of the Maccabiah Village.

## Israeli Sports in the News again

### "NATIONAL DISASTER"

Such was the heading of an article published in the London "Jewish Observer & Middle East Review", on 3rd July, of a despatch by Paul Kohn, a well known Israeli sports columnist. Kohn describes the shock suffered by Israelis at the news that Poland had defeated the all-Israeli Soccer team in Wroclaw 7 - 2 in the course of a match played there in June, in the presence of 20,000 Jews who travelled hundreds of miles from every corner of Poland to see the Israelis play, in the hope of seeing them also win... In a second match, the Israelis drew with the Soccer team of Lodz 1 - 1. The "black day of Wroclaw" will long be remembered by Jewish sports lovers in Israel, and elsewhere, for it was the unanimous verdict of all Soccer fans that the display given by the Israelis during their first match in Poland was a "national disgrace and national disaster". This followed other international matches played recently by Israel in Istanbul in the European Basketball Championship when they were placed 11th among 16 participating nations. Israeli athletes were also badly defeated by Greece in Athens. They were also defeated at Ramat Gan in the Davis Cup Tournament against Switzerland.

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Of all defeats, "the Soccer debacle" was most painful because that sport is by far Israel's most popular and has commanded a large following within the last few years.

Paul Kohn proceeds by saying "Not only ardent soccer fans felt the let-down. In the Knesset the Progressive member, Mr. Yohanan Cohen asked the Minister of Education whether the Ministry should not supervise the Football Association more closely and stop Israel from participating in international contests until teams were suitably prepared..."

... "A Government Committee for sport affairs banned Tel-Aviv Maccabi from making a tour of South and North America after the 10-goal thrashing suffered in Britain, fearing that similar results would inevitably recur in Peru or Chile. Other Israeli clubs who planned to criss-cross Europe and Africa this summer, will probably also have to cancel their tentative arrangements.

... "No student of the Football game expected Israel to win in Poland at the best of times. The Israeli footballers are all amateurs with full time jobs as drivers, mechanics, clerks, etc..."

... "But the psychosis of Israel 'losing with honour' has so gained ground in sporting circles here that the invitation was accepted, though the Poles only looked to this match as a 'warming up' for their game against Spain a week later."

Then Paul Kohn proceeds to explain how the Israeli Representative team is selected and this is what is so scandalous..

"At first, only a handful of the 24 "possibles" ever turned up for training together. The players were allowed to represent their clubs, cities, associations and even work places in endless minor games. And to crown it all, politics reared its ugly head again into Israeli sport. For years now, international teams were picked according to a "fifty-fifty" key, between the leading sports associations, Hapoel and Maccabi. Hapoel represents the Histadrut, Maccabi the General Zionists. Irrespective whether the best players were in a ratio of ten to one in favour of one association at all, the line-up has traditionally been as close to the "fifty-fifty" basis as possible... Because he could not swallow this absurd principle, Jack Gibbons, the brilliant British trainer and former England international, parted company with the national team of Israel and returned to England."

#### Press Comments.

In a letter to the Editor of the "Jewish Observer", Monty Schaffer, Public Relations Officer of the Zionist Federation in Great Britain wrote inter alia:

"When the Hapoel team left these shores (Great Britain), it was hoped that in view of the adverse publicity, the sporting authorities of Israel would have learned the lesson, but apparently it was not to be. Surely, even to the most uninitiated, it is obvious that unless Israeli sport is removed from the echelons of the political parties and until the players are made to look upon sport other than as a means for trips abroad, Israel's sport, and particularly its football will remain what it is now, primarily a huge joke."

#### A Letter to the Editor.

I too have addressed a letter to the Editor of the "Jewish Observer" on 17th July, which I quote in full:

"Sir, "I am sure that many lovers of sports and particularly those concerned with sports in Israel have felt distressed at reading Paul Kohn's report published in your issue dated July 3. No one can quarrel with a factual report and I am the last to engage in such an exercise.

"I should only like to correct one statement which I consider misleading. Whereas it is true that Hapoel is the youth and sport organisation of the labour parties and as such it is known to be subsidised very generously by the Histadrut, or some of its agencies, neither Hapoel nor Maccabi "represent" the Histadrut or the General Zionists.

"The Maccabi Organisation in Israel is known to enjoy the sympathy of the General Zionist party, merely because the Maccabi Organisation keeps aloof from politics and is in no way committed to any particular party, whereas Hapoel endeavours to indoctrinate its youthful members with a brand of socialism, the merits of which need not be discussed.

"Whereas members of Hapoel invariably appear in public with socialist insignia and their columns march under the red flag, members of Maccabi recognise only one flag - that of the State of Israel. The Maccabi Organisation in Israel is but one of the very many Territorial Organisations affiliated to and owing loyalty to the Maccabi World Union. Hapoel is purely and simply an Israeli Organisation, dependent financially upon the Histadrut and unofficially following a policy of youth education laid down by the latter.

"I have always warned our sporting friends in Israel against sending out individual (club) or representative teams to compete against overseas teams, professional or otherwise, known to be better trained and, therefore, by far superior in every way. I have pleaded with both leaders of Maccabi and Hapoel in the course of personal conversations, at public meetings, as well as in radio broadcasts, neither to accept nor to solicit matches with overseas sports teams unless the Israelis had undergone consistent training under competent instructors. The tragedy is that our Israeli youngsters yearn for a trip overseas and their elders seem unable to contain them in the face of temptation. No Israeli team need be ashamed of being defeated by superior opponents, but even for a David and Goliath miracle one has to work very hard. The defeats recently suffered by Israeli sports teams can only produce one result: frustration and a loss of self-confidence. Nothing can be more deadly than that to anyone wishing to emerge victorious from an unequal contest.

R. Gildesgame,  
Chairman,  
Maccabi World Union.

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"SPREAD ZIONISM THROUGH SPORTS"

Early in May, Lionel Schalit visited Israel and attended there several Executive meetings. Prior to his departure, he addressed a Press Conference, and which was fully reported in the "Jerusalem Post". Speaking in fluent Hebrew, Schalit pulled no punches in criticising the manner in which Israel has presented itself to Jewish youth in Western Europe and Great Britain. In his opinion, the Israelis just don't speak the same language as the youngsters they have to deal with in these countries. Consequently, their success is almost nil and the work, as it is being done at present, is a waste of time, money and effort. "We are absolutely disgusted that no method has been found to divorce youth activities organised by Israelis in the Diaspora from politics. The attempts of party emissaries to instil Israel partisan concepts in their activities among youngsters aged 12 or 14 years old, is regretted by parents, teachers and local Jewry. The overwhelming majority of these youngsters quickly loses interest and turns to 'rock 'n' roll', or sports, or T.V., or in other unworthy pursuits".

"The emissaries who spread 'information' about Israel are hardly more successful, as the boy living in Stamford Hill is really not very interested in the number of cows or dunams belonging to Kibbutzim. The fact that the Israelis consider that their affairs are not the concern of the Jews living abroad is not calculated to inspire European youth in matters affecting Israel.

Mr. Schalit assured the Pressmen that Youth Leaders abroad are very keen that Israel should play a leading role in bringing a Jewish content to the lives of Jewish youth. They believe that a non-political Institute should be set up, thoroughly to prepare young Israelis for youth work abroad. In his opinion, it should not be too difficult to raise the funds abroad for such a Seminary, in co-operation with Youth Organisations in Europe and elsewhere.

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Maccabi and Hapoel united?

In the January/February issue of this "Newsletter", I published a report from an American newspaper in which Mr. Carl Alpert of the Haifa Technion branded Israeli sports as scandalous and disgraceful. The same American newspaper ("The National Jewish Post and Opinion") published last April a letter to the editor signed jointly by Hapoel and Maccabi in Haifa, taking Mr. Carl Alpert to task. I thought that as, for a change, Hapoel and Maccabi joined forces to defend their reputation, a quotation of an extract of such a "Letter to the Editor" would interest my readers:

"It is indeed most regrettable that Mr. Alpert, who presumes to understand" everything about the condition of sports in Israel, should resort to such defamation, in order to raise funds for his own sports projects.

"We are surprised that a man like Mr. Alpert, who serves an academic institution in this country, should arrogate to himself the right to brand our players as "outlaws" and the public as "inhabitants of a jungle". Of course, there is much to be said on this subject, but we wish to refrain from cheap derogation and concentrate our efforts towards higher standards of sportsmanship and achievement...

... "Every father knows how difficult it is to keep a family in harmony together and educate its members towards mutual respect and consideration. How much more difficult to bring together into team work and fair play 22 youngsters from different countries and different backgrounds who, as often as not, do not understand each other's language. Sometimes, scenes of confusion cannot be avoided in our country with its rapid absorption of immigrants and, on the field it happens that the referee himself becomes the 23rd factor of misunderstanding and conflict.

"Israeli teachers and trainers are educating the new generation to become the pride of their nation, and we are sure that this tradition will continue to become rooted in all spheres of life, including sports in our new-old country.

Signed: Hapoel, Haifa  
Maccabi, Haifa. "

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# CHAIRMAN'S NEWS LETTER

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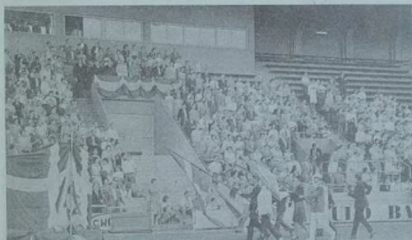
The Danish Prime Minister, Mr. H.C. Hansen, addressing spectators and participating teams during the Opening Ceremony of the European Maccabi Games.

Extract from

## The Jewish Chronicle

### EUROPEAN MACCABI

The first full-scale European Maccabi Games will begin in Copenhagen next Sunday in the presence of a distinguished gathering, including the Danish Prime Minister, who has accepted an invitation to become a Patron of this Jewish sporting event. The Games have captured the imagination of athletes all over the Continent, and 400 sportsmen and women from eleven countries, many of them of international standard, will participate. It is appropriate that our own community, the largest in Western Europe, should send a particularly strong contingent and that Israel, although outside the geographical limit of the Games, should, by special invitation, be represented by a team of top-rank athletes who are at present touring Europe. Maccabi officials are to be commended for this initiative, for, in addition to increasing competitive interest, it will enable Israeli and Diaspora youth to mix and exchange ideas. It is intended to hold the European Maccabi Games every four years in a different capital. As a means of encouraging athletics among Jews and of fostering a spirit of comradeship the idea is an excellent one, but let us keep its significance and value from the point of view of international athletics in perspective.



Dear friends,

September, 1959.

Editorial CommentTHE 14th WORLD CONGRESS.

As has already been announced by the Executive Headquarters in Tel-Aviv, the Fourteenth World Congress, which was to be held in November this year, had to be postponed until next Spring. The reasons for the postponement were stated fully. The importance we attach to a Congress of Delegates representing Maccabi Territorial Organisations from all over the world should not be underrated. Preparations for such a Congress entail a great deal of preparatory work. The responsibility for successful preparations of so extraordinary a gathering rests with members of the World Executive in Israel. They, like any other Israeli, are likely to be greatly affected by the "fever" which General Elections in Israel produce. Practically every adult Israeli belongs to one political Party or another, or are requested to assist Parliamentary candidates in their campaigns.

When we fixed the date for the 14th World Congress, we were not aware that it would coincide with the General Elections in Israel. Our Congress deliberations, if conducted in the heavily charged political climate of Israel, would undoubtedly provoke little public interest or attention. No matter what the result of the Elections is going to be, a new Government is sure to be formed some time thereafter, and its policy announced.

It will be appreciated that one of the principle topics to be discussed at the next Maccabi World Congress is the 6th Maccabiah. No Maccabiah Games, held in Israel, can be assured of an organisational success, without the help and co-operation of the Government in office, and of its various Agencies and Departments.

Having, therefore, regard to the aforementioned reasons, bearing also in mind the numerous plans under review by the World Executive, the implementation of which will directly or indirectly be affected by the future Government of the State of Israel, we felt it best to proceed with our work and planning, consolidating several projects, and to convene the 14th World Congress early in Spring, by which time both the seasonal weather and the Policy of the Israeli Government will be more predictable.

Territorial Organisations would do well to write to the Executive Headquarters in Tel-Aviv, stating their views as to whether they consider it practicable, from their own point of view, to convene Congress before, during or after Pesach.

This Issue.

This issue is devoted entirely to two comprehensive reports dealing with the European Maccabi Games, held recently in Copenhagen, as well as with the European Maccabi Conference. Considering that a great deal of space is being devoted to these reports, I will not, this time, include any of the usual features. These must be left over to the next issue.

I have taken great care to report on both these August 1959 events for two reasons: firstly, because the first post-war all-Maccabi European Games constituted an important milestone in the progress of the Movement in Europe. It helped galvanise the Territorial Organisations in one common purpose as it has also served to prove that the standard of sports in the ranks of Maccabi in Europe, although not all of International calibre, is, nevertheless, gratifying. Secondly, because the last European Conference has dealt with practically all important topics in a matter of one day, in the presence of representatives of all Maccabi clubs in Europe. What was remarkable about the delegates was that every one of them was still actively engaged in club and youth work; they are not simply "armchair" theoreticians.

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I take this opportunity of wishing all my Maccabi friends, wherever they are, a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

With Maccabi Greetings,

P. GILDESGAARDE.

התאחדות המכאבי העולמית



# European Maccabi Games

If ever the history of the first European Maccabi Games comes to be written, the name of the Hakoah-Maccabi Club in Copenhagen will be repeatedly mentioned, and a warm tribute paid to the valiant efforts made by its Committee, whose Chairman, Bernhard Bodnia and his team of collaborators excelled not only in organising ability but also in a spirit of dedication and selfless devotion to their task.

On the eve of the opening ceremony of the Games, Lord Nathan, Fred Worms and I, visited the hostel where some hundreds of athletes were to be accommodated and fed. On our arrival, we were met by Bodnia, who stood silent at the main entrance, looking worried, and showing signs of fatigue and of many sleepless nights. Together with him, we watched the intermittent arrival of the teams, from France, Belgium, Holland and Austria, alighting from omnibuses and private cars, or just walking into the grounds of the hostel, clad in their uniforms, looking fit and well, with broad smiles on their faces. Members of the teams who have arrived earlier, have already found out that no competitor was to be accorded a hero's welcome. As soon as they arrived, they were being shepherded to their sleeping quarters where, to their surprise and, at times, disappointment, they were told that each room was to accommodate anything between 16 - 24 inmates. Since many more athletes and competitors came to Copenhagen than originally estimated (in the case of the Israelis alone, some 45 arrived instead of the expected 16 only, to quote but one example), Bodnia and his colleagues hurriedly improvised sleeping accommodation for some 150 competitors, in the adjoining Y.M.C.A. premises.

## Complaints and Compliments.

The scenes at the Hostel were very reminiscent of the improvised Maccabiah Villages in Israel, in 1950 and 1953. Every competitor expected comfort and plenty of food but, when they found out, very soon after their arrival, that this was not to be, some had resigned themselves to their "fate" and got on with their training in preparation for the games. Others, somewhat bewildered, undoubtedly due to the fatigue of the journey, as well as to the nervous tension, found an outlet in vocal complaints, which were soon picked up by the many newspapermen, eager for sensational stories which, in their opinion, represented "news value". These stories, when published in English and Israeli papers, met with a great deal of resentment, not only felt by the organisers in Copenhagen, but by a large section of the competitors themselves. It was, therefore, gratifying to read many letters to the Editor, published in the London "Jewish Chronicle", as well as messages addressed to the organisers in Copenhagen by athletes, on their return home, expressing their admiration and gratitude to the Hakoah Club who, in spite of the enormous difficulties they had to overcome had, nevertheless, acquitted themselves extremely well.

That young people coming from so-called "good homes", should express some disappointment with inadequate lodging, or with a strange (Danish) diet, need not surprise anybody, but the exaggerated newspaper stories deserved to be countered by comments made by many competitors. Thus, Miss Debra Turner, in a letter published in the press, described Brian Granville's report in the "Jewish Chronicle" as both "unfair and spiteful". The very experienced international athlete, Dave Segal, in a letter published in the "Jewish Chronicle", very rightly commented: "whenever a team of sportsmen get together whether they be full internationals or just Jewish athletes competing in a foreign country, there will always be some people who complain, not because there is anything radically wrong, but just for the sake of complaining. This, I am certain, was the case in Copenhagen."

Brian Granville, whose reports in the "Jewish Chronicle" have caused much resentment, shared the opinion of some Israeli journalists that the standard of sports shown by the Maccabi athletes in Copenhagen was not high enough. Here again, I would like to quote Dave Segal, who wrote: "If the British Maccabi athletes team had taken on the full strength of Denmark's national team, they would probably have beaten them!"

It should be noted that leading Danish champions participated in many competitions; they have done so, at the suggestion of the Danish Athletic Association, in a desire to raise the general standard of performance of the Maccabi visitors. This gesture on the part of the Danish authorities, who also supplied all the officials, judges and referees, was very much appreciated by the organisers, and by the Maccabi Movement in Europe.

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#### A near tragedy.

One amusing incident, which will help to illustrate some of the complaints of our competitors in Copenhagen, is worth reporting.

When the French team arrived on the grounds of the hostel, it consisted of all men and just one woman. The woman was the wife of one of the competitors. Not knowing what kind of accommodation was being prepared, our French friend enquired where he could have a separate room for himself and his wife. On being told that his wife could not be allowed to sleep in the hostel, not even with the lady competitors, as she herself came only as a supporter, her husband vigorously protested. When told again that he would either put up with the discomfort of sharing a room with many of his fellow-competitors, or else be disqualified from the team, he exclaimed angrily: "I must sleep with my wife, I am used to it." Amid laughter, by all those present, the French competitor whispered something in his wife's ear, whereupon she left hurriedly, making her way to town, in the hope of finding a room in a nearby hotel.

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#### TEAM WORK AT ITS BEST.

The Jewish Community Centre in Copenhagen is situated at Ny Kongensgade, 6. But for the posters advertising the European Maccabi Games, and notices appearing in one or two windows, few passers-by would realise that the basement of that building was the scene of great activity for many weeks, days and nights, prior to the European Maccabi Games. The offices of this spacious basement have been "requisitioned" by the Hakoah Committee, where many men and women were engaged in hard work. The tall, and softly-spoken Meyer Rudaisky, the General Secretary of Hakoah occupied a desk from which he directed quietly and efficiently all administrative operations. Somewhere in the background, in a corner of the room, could be seen his gentle wife, Mrs. Rudaisky, typing letters, answering the numerous phone calls, or receiving numerous visitors with a courteous smile. The ailing, but very brave and courageous Josef Machensohn, Treasurer of the Committee, could be seen rushing in and out, never without his briefcase, always ready to take on more work and to add to his already numerous responsibilities. His wife too could be seen at the office, from time to time, serving sandwiches and tea to the overworked volunteers. The Vice-Chairman and Sports Director of the Games, Sammy Levitan, was virtually moving at such speed that one wondered how he could keep up the pace. In addition to dealing with all matters pertaining to the sports events, he was also acting as Public Relations and Press Officer. We were told that he was also to participate in some of the Table-tennis contests. A gifted linguist, Mr. Levitan could converse with any one of the visitors, whether at the office or on the field of competition. Typical of the selfless devotion to duty, Mr. Bernhard Bodnia, ungrudgingly allowed Sammy Levitan to do all the talking and "ordering about". Not a single member of the committee seemed eager to earn the credit for what has been, or was going to be achieved in the course of the memorable 4 days from 16th to 19th August.

The Assistant Sports Director, William Lichten, went about his work quietly and, whenever necessary, deputized for the very busy Levitan. He was also in charge of the swimming and water-polo competitions.

Hartog Wurms, the tall and painstaking Assistant Treasurer, assumed also the role of Master of Ceremonies. It was he who received distinguished visitors, whether at Receptions, or upon their arrival at the Stadium for the Opening Ceremony.

Paul Abrahamson, acted as Chief Announcer and Liaison Officer. He too, like many of his colleagues, has acquitted himself excellently, willingly following instructions issued to him by his Senior colleagues.

Many other members of the committee, too many to be mentioned by name, worked enthusiastically, without anyone realising that, but for their devotion and efficiency, many items in the vast programme, if not well looked after, might have thrown the whole machinery out of gear.

I feel I must mention one more name, that of Mr. Richard Gelvan, yet another distinguished member of the Danish community and a proficient linguist, whose help and co-operation, especially in connection with the European Conference, held on Thursday, 20th August, was invaluable.

Several of those whom we have met during our brief stay in Copenhagen, were Presidents of the Zionist Federation, of the B'nai B'rith Lodge, of the J.N.F. Committee, or of other communal institutions. And yet, they never spoke about themselves, or about their 'importance'. It was only in the course of casual conversation that we have found out that these brave men have given 25 or 30 years of uninterrupted service to the community and that, but for their leadership, the Jews in Denmark would not have been so well integrated as they are now.

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Worthy Causes - well-served.

It should be stated, however, that the advantage derived from the European Maccabi Games was not one-sided. The Maccabi World Movement, and particularly so our European organisation, will be forever grateful to the Copenhagen Jewish Community for their hospitality and for the sacrifices they have made to render this event so memorable. At the same time, the event was also significant insofar as the Danish Jewish community was concerned. At the height of the Summer of 1959, Copenhagen has seen an "invasion" of Jewish youth, about 400 strong, from 11 European countries, as well as a strong contingent from Israel. The sight of these young people brought pride and happiness to the 6000 Danish Jews who, as we all know, needed some cheering at a time when their leaders seem to be fighting a losing battle against assimilation. Many leading Jews in Copenhagen repeatedly declared that their little community and its youth has sometimes felt isolated from the rest of world Jewry. From the heads of the community, down to the shopkeeper or tradesman, all looked forward to the event, and no wonder that some 3000 of them attended the Opening Ceremony in the presence of the Prime Minister of Denmark, of the Ambassador of Israel, and of many distinguished guests.

Hundreds of young men and women, and as many hundreds of visitors who came especially to Copenhagen for the occasion from all over Europe, could be seen proudly walking the streets wearing Maccabi-Hakoah or Israeli badges. The Danish Press hailed the event as one of the happiest occasions in the annals of Denmark, and of its Jewish community in particular. In his address during the Opening Ceremony, the Prime Minister stressed the importance he attaches to the happiness and welfare of all Danish citizens, regardless of creed or religion, and he heartily welcomed the overseas visitors, referring affectionately to the Israeli team and wishing the games well.

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A memorable Shabbat.

During a Shabbat morning service in the beautiful Synagogue of Copenhagen which was filled to capacity, Dr. Markus Melchior, The Chief Rabbi, delivered a most inspiring sermon in Hebrew, English, German and Danish. Few of the regular worshippers could remember an occasion such as this. To be present at the service, on 15th August, the athletes walked 4 or 6 miles rather than ride in street-cars or omnibuses on the Shabbat. The service was conducted by the two Chazanim, whose beautiful singing, assisted by the Choir, had earned everybody's admiration. Heads of all contingents, as well as members of the World Executive present were "called up" to the reading of the Torah.

... and a Luncheon for 500.

This was followed by a luncheon served at nearby premises, to which some



400 athletes, in addition to the officials and many visitors were invited. The luncheon was prepared and arranged by a committee of lady volunteers, whose names have not even been mentioned. It must have entailed a tremendous amount of work. But, once again, "team spirit" and cheerful co-operation have produced wonderful results.

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### THE SPORTS PROGRAMME.

The time table for the sports events has been fixed about 2 weeks prior to the opening of the Games - no mean an achievement. With only slight alterations, it has been adhered to rigorously. Details of the programme of the competitions were published in a variety of forms. A concise time table setting out the daily events has been printed in English on one sheet. In addition thereto there was a programme in pamphlet form, printed in English and Danish. This was referred to as the "Official Programme", on sale at a nominal price at all venues where competitions were being held. Moreover, the organisers have published also a very attractive Souvenir Brochure with a colourful cover, featuring the Danish and Israeli flags, as well as a specimen of the gold medal struck specially on the occasion of the Games. The Souvenir Programme carried messages from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Hakoah in Copenhagen, as well as from Lord Nathan, Pierre Gildesgame, Lionel Schalit, Fred Worms, Dr. R. Atlasz and Mr. Romi Goldnuntz. The brochure published also the history of the Hakoah Club for the past 35 years (the European Games have been held in Copenhagen to coincide with the 35th anniversary of this gallant club). There were also articles dealing with the Scandinavian Jewish Youth Federation, as well as with the history of the Maccabi World Movement, in addition to some advertisements from well-wishers, which made this brochure, edited by Meyer Rudaizky, one of the most attractive and interesting publications ever to appear on the European Maccabi scene.

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### The Opening Ceremony.

The Stadium, situated in the centre of Copenhagen, at Osterbrogade, was the scene of the Opening Ceremony on 19th August, as well as of Track and Field competitions by floodlight the following evening - two of the main highlights of the European Games.

The weather has been very kind and so the Opening Ceremony took place on a warm Sunday afternoon, when thousands of people milled around the main gates of the Stadium for hours before 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The flags of the 12 participating nations, flanked between giant Danish flags, hung on the masts outside and around the Stadium.

The spectators looked forward to the arrival of the Prime Minister, and of the distinguished guests who walked across the Stadium from the Pavilion to take up their seats in the special enclosure. The Military Band played gay music, and the spectators clapped their hands cheerfully. The Danish National Anthem was followed by Hatikvah, and the playing of the Band was drowned in the full-throated singing of the National Anthem, in which the spectators and athletes joined. A special guard of honour, made up of members of Hakoah Copenhagen, hoisted the flags of the 12 nations represented at the Games, and when the Prime Minister, Mr. C.H. Hansen, mounted the specially erected stand on the grounds of the Stadium to deliver his address of welcome, one could not fail to notice the pride and emotion of Danish Jews whose patriotism and gratitude to the Danish nation are proverbial. The flag of the first European Games was ceremonially handed over by S. Levitan to Lord Nathan, who declared the Games officially open. S. Levitan delivered a brief message of welcome in perfect English and Lord Nathan, before declaring the Games open, expressed gratitude to the Maccabi Movement and the Danish people and its Government, for the friendly hospitality which all have enjoyed. It was Bernhard Bodnia's privilege to introduce the Prime Minister to the spectators and this task, like many of his other activities, he fulfilled with due modesty and dignity.

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As a token of Maccabi's gratitude to the Danish people, and to their Government, Lionel Schalit, Chairman of the European Maccabi Games, presented to the Prime Minister an illustrated, leatherbound Hagadah. In the course of a brief speech in English, he referred to the invaluable help which Danish Jews have received from the Danish people during the tragic years of war, when the entire community had been forced to emigrate to Sweden, where they found temporary refuge. The Maccabi Movement considered it, therefore,

appropriate to present to the Prime Minister a Hagadah, as a memento of the fateful days of the Danish Jewish community's exodus from their native land - so reminiscent of the exodus from Egypt and the subsequent return to the Promised Land.

After the release of 3000 pigeons and the hoisting of the Maccabi flag to indicate that the Games have begun, the scene was set for the first event - a surprise event which will forever be remembered by all those witnessing it.

The First Event of the Games. From the vast Pavilion, facing the spectators' stand, marched two Children's Football teams, one clad in blue and white jerseys - The Copenhagen-Hakoah Junior Football team, the other - clad in red and white jerseys - a local non-Jewish Junior Football team. None of the players were more than 11 years of age, indeed some of them were only 9 or 10 years old! The event was as significant as it was entertaining; significant, because it has proved, once again, that in our Maccabi work the emphasis must be on children, on youth. It was entertaining because this football match, lasting about half an hour, consisted of a display of keenness and of eagerness to score goals. There were many amusing hits and misses, but there was also a display of tactical passes and 'headers' worthy of seasoned footballers. The red and white defeated the blue and white by 2-0, but nobody seemed worried. Nobody was sorry for the losers, nor had anyone begrudged victory to the winners. Everyone seemed happy, and happiest of all were the children, for when the final whistle of the referee was blown, members of opposing teams fell into each other's arms, and walked off the field arm-in-arm, shaking hands, mutually congratulating each other - in a true spirit and manner of adult sportsmanship. This match by juniors was followed by a real "contest" between an England Soccer team and Hakoah Copenhagen. The victory of the English team 3 - 1 was well deserved, and the display of sportsmanship of the Danish Hakoah team earned an ovation due to gallant losers.

Even the photographers, the newsreelmen, the many journalists, the radio the television commentators, seemed to have enjoyed the event tremendously, for the Opening Ceremony was arranged along the pattern of the Olympic Games and, although what we have witnessed on that memorable Sunday afternoon may have only amounted to a miniature - the significance of the ceremony, as well as of the events that followed, in relation to Maccabi sporting activities generally - could not be underrated.

The significance of the first European Maccabi Games. I have been asked by many of my friends and colleagues to summarise the real significance of the event, and I will gladly do so.

- 1). It was the first occasion upon which all Maccabi organisations in Europe have participated in a major sports meet - organised by one of its oldest but, at the same time, numerically smallest, affiliated club - Hakoah-Copenhagen.
- 2). To emphasize the close spiritual links between the Maccabi World Movement and Israel - a "non-European" Israeli team was invited to participate on equal terms.
- 3). The games were confined to active Maccabi sportsmen only and were intended to stimulate sports in the ranks of our own clubs. The keen and friendly rivalry and the high standard of performance shown in all events have come up to all our expectations.
- 4). The Copenhagen Games also served to test the strength of the Maccabi Movement in Europe generally, and to consolidate it organisationally. It is estimated that some 800 competitors could have participated had (a) more events been included in the programme and competitions and (b) had the cost of travel and accommodation been substantially lower. Considering, therefore, that accommodation in Copenhagen has been limited (and has proved to be the source of some embarrassment to the organisers) and that the expense borne mainly by the competitors themselves was fairly high, the participation of some 400 athletes, including those who travelled all the way from Israel, must be looked upon as a very encouraging phenomenon at a time when Jewish Youth is often suspected of apathy and lacking in a spirit of adventure.

(The only Territorial Organisation unable to meet the challenge was Italy - a regrettable exception. To compensate for that, Norway was represented and, in consequence thereof, a Maccabi club is officially to be formed in Norway in the near future.)

5). Last, but by no means least, it must be borne in mind that the choice of Copenhagen for the first all-Maccabi European Games was made following upon an offer received from Hakoah-Copenhagen to undertake so arduous a task. As is well known, the organisers acquitted themselves creditably, despite many inevitable difficulties which they had to overcome. The Games brought happiness to the Jewish Community in Denmark, and Hakoah's successful effort had set an example of what a small band of enthusiastic volunteers can achieve by sheer hard work and determination to render service to one's fellow human-beings and Jews.

6). The whole European Maccabi Games having proved successful, should also be looked upon as a curtain-raiser and dress rehearsal for the 6th Maccabiah. It will also be treated as a forerunner to many European Games to be organised at 4-yearly intervals.

#### THE BANQUET. Wednesday, 18th August.

At about 7 p.m., the vast Tre-falke Hotel, was filled with 900 guests comprising members of all teams, about 100 young people from Great Britain, who spent a fortnight's holiday at the Maccabi Summer School, held at the seaside resort of Espergade, near Copenhagen. The presence of several hundred members of the local community made up the impressive gathering. As is customary in many European Continental countries, speeches were being delivered during the dinner, between courses. The Copenhagen Jewish community was represented by its President, members of the Board Management, the Chief Rabbi, Synagogue officials, and representatives of various organisations and societies, etc. Notable among the guests of honour was the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Zvi Aynon, Lord and Lady Nathan and members of the Maccabi World Executive.

In the course of his remarks, speaking in Hebrew and English, the Ambassador paid tribute to the organisers and competitors and expressed his extreme pleasure at the presence of the Israeli contingent. Lord Nathan, who followed him, spoke eloquently about the Danish people, their King and their country. Lionel Schalit thanked the local community for the friendly reception accorded to the visitors and as a token of the Movement's gratitude, he presented to the President of the community, Mr. Otto Levitson, a hand-painted Pesach Seder dish, which the President promised to place in the museum of the Communal Centre.

The Chief Rabbi spoke feelingly about the joy and happiness in which all had shared during the past four days. Pierre Gildesgame spoke on behalf of the World Executive and opened his remarks by informing the gathering of the receipt, that very day, of a cable from Sao Paulo, signed by the President of the Maccabi Organisation in Brazil, Mr. David Copenhagen, announcing that the South American Maccabi Games had been held a few days earlier, with the participation of 250 athletes from various South American countries, the Games having shown "an uncommonly high standard of individual and team performance." Mr. Gildesgame added that the European Games that had just terminated, were the third of a series of major Maccabi Sports Meets, within a period of six weeks. During July, similar games were also organised by the South African Maccabi Council.

Dealing with the problem of assimilation, which is exercising the minds of the Danish community, Mr. Gildesgame stated: "Our co-religionists are now enjoying freedom, tolerance and equality as citizens and as human beings, in most countries of the free world. Let us rejoice in the present situation and let us be worthy of our good fortune. On the other hand, if not carefully watched, such freedom and tolerance may accelerate the process of assimilation, as well as produce a vacuum resulting in a loss of a sense of identity with Jewry as a whole. It was, therefore, important



for the preservation of communal integrity, that youth clubs and more youth centres be created, and that our youth be encouraged to join them, where the spirit of Judaism and the sense of belonging to our people was being fostered, alongside with a sense of loyalty to the countries amongst whose people we live. Everywhere the importance of the State of Israel to the Jewish people is being emphasized.

The rendering of songs and music marked the end of the Banquet, which was followed by ballroom dancing.

#### The Good Companions.

Anyone probing the value of the Copenhagen experiment - the European Maccabi Games - as a means to unite our youth in one common purpose, through friendly rivalry in sports, would be as heartened as we were at the scenes of fraternization going on to the early hours of the morning, both in the ballroom as well as in the foyers. Athletes and guests alike mixed gaily, joining in sing-songs and in dancing the Horrah, mingled with carefree laughter. Indeed, a happy time for "victors" and "losers" alike.

The distribution of the numerous trophies and of medals was applauded by all. The British team had every reason to be proud of its achievements, and no wonder that its Manager, Harry Shapiro and officials were all smiles as they were being congratulated by all and sundry. (A total of 45 medals won, in addition to trophies). One by one they were invited to come to the stage, greeted by a musical fanfare as they were receiving their trophies at the hands of the donors, their wives or personal representatives.

Blazers, caps, berets, jackets and ties, were being exchanged or given away by many members of the teams to their new friends from other lands. Exchanges were even more frequent. We were often puzzled to see the familiar face of a Belgian athlete wearing the blazer and insignia belonging to an Israeli. Likewise, the athletes from Finland, Sweden and Denmark "swapped" ties, shirts or badges with boys and girls from England, France or Holland.

A happy and memorable occasion, well organised, efficiently run, which marked a happy ending to a successful and joyful event - the first post-war all-Maccabi European Games.

#### PICTORIAL STORIES.

Many of the pictures reproduced in this issue, tell their own story. The final results of the Games will be found on page 10. I would not attempt to describe each event separately, or to comment upon any individual team performance. For the record, I wish to point out only that the programme of competitions included the following: Football Handball, Table-tennis, Athletics (Track and Field) Lawn Tennis, Swimming, Wrestling and Weight-lifting.



The following Maccabi Territorial organisations in Europe competed: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Eire, Finland, France, Gt. Britain, Holland, Norway, Switzerland and Sweden. A notable edition of a non-European team, was Israel. The only Maccabi organisation not represented by a team of athletes, was Italy, whose chairman Dr. Aldo Jarach, accompanied by his wife, was present at the games, as well as at the Conference that followed.

Competitions in the various events, apart from the first football game played at the stadium soon after the opening ceremony, were held each day from Sunday 16th to Wednesday 18th inclusive, from eight in the morning until well after midnight.

#### HOSPITALITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS.

The organisers of the Copenhagen Games have excelled in many ways, not the least of which was the importance they attached to good public relations and friendly hospitality. Reference has already been made to the Opening Ceremony, in the presence of the Prime Minister, to the Luncheon for the athletes and their supporters following the Shabbat service at the Synagogue.

A message from H.M. King Frederick of Denmark to Lord Nathan.  
President of the European Regional Executive H.Q.

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The "Goldmuntz" Trophy for Swimming being presented by I. Fuchs to A. Trauber (Israel)



Athletes of 12 nations in a happy mood at the Banquet.



The "D. Neufeld" Football Trophy presented to H. Shapiro, Captain of the British Team.



Bernhard Bodnia presenting the "Rosenberg" Trophy for Wrestling to Berkowitz (Denmark).



Mrs. Schalit presenting the "Lionel Schalit" Trophy for Tennis to S. Goldberg (Great Britain).

Recipients of Trophies on behalf of their teams.



The "P. Gildesgame" Trophy for Track & Field presented by Mrs. Gildesgame to David Segal (Great Britain).

## Events

## Donor of Trophy

### Winners

Water polo	Hakola, Copenhagen	Belgium
Wrestling	Rosenberg, Copenhagen	Denmark
Junior Athletics	Kaj Ancker, Finland	Denmark
Swimming	Roni Goldmuntz	Israel
Handball	Israel Executive	Israel
Football	David Neufeld	Great Britain
Table-Tennis (Men)	Th. Haas	Great Britain
Tennis	Lionel Schall	Great Britain
Track & Field	P. Gildesgaard	Great Britain
Best Sportsman of Games	Dubek Cigarettes	P.Roseman, Gt.Britain
Best all-round Team	Lodt Nathan	Great Britain

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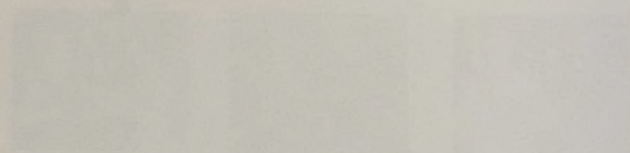
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I do not propose reporting on the many private invitations received from many kind people. I must mention, however, the Israel Ambassador, who received the entire Israel team and on the day after the European Conference he gave yet another Cocktail Party in his home to all Conference delegates, as well as to the principal organisers. The Board of Management of the Jewish Community, treated all Conference Delegates to a meal during the luncheon recess. These are but a few of the instances of the manner in which our Copenhagen friends treated their visitors.

At the Copenhagen Town Hall. One of the outstanding occasions was a Reception given by the Lord Mayor of Copenhagen in the ancient and beautiful Town Hall, situated in the centre of the city. In his address in Danish, which was translated into English, the Lord Mayor spoke of the importance modern educationalists attach to physical training, and he thanked the organisers for having given to the City of Copenhagen an opportunity to welcome so many distinguished Maccabi sportsmen and supporters.

On behalf of the visitors, Lord Nathan thanked the Lord Mayor and the City Council. Extracts from his speech are published below.

On behalf of the European Maccabi Movement, Lionel Schalit presented to the Lord Mayor a beautiful silver salver, suitably engraved. He was followed by Chaim Wein, Captain of the Israel team, who caused surprise when addressing the Lord Mayor and the hundreds of guests assembled in Hebrew. As Wein's command of Danish is fairly good, he translated his own speech into the Danish language. He too presented a gift to the Lord Mayor on behalf of Abraham Krinitzky, Mayor of Ramat Gan - "the Home of the World Maccabiah".

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#### EXTRACTS OF LORD NATHAN'S SPEECH IN THE COPENHAGEN TOWN HALL.

"... We know that here we are at the heart from which springs the whole busy pulsating life of your historic City, and the prosperity and happiness of all who dwell within it. We know that that can only be because, under your guidance, here in the City Hall, the heart of the city beats with steadiness, calmness and confidence; may all that continue!

... If testimony were needed of your influence with work for others, the work of the Hakoah club is that testimony; we have the practical experience of what Hakoah has done in cool unhurried and careful planning, followed by confident, rigorous and cheerful action. Hakoah, my Lord Mayor, has followed your example. We congratulate you, and we congratulate them.

... My Lord Mayor, all of us European Maccabi visitors to Denmark appreciate warmly the kindness and goodwill shown to us everywhere ... Here in the great square outside, day and night, the great bell tolls the passage of the quarter hours and, as the striker tolls out each complete hour, I have been reminded of my own London. There, likewise, at the quarters we hear the sound of Big Ben, famous the world over, whose firm and sonorous notes uphold the hearts and kept alive the courage of tens of millions in Europe, including, of course, those of our Danish friends during the dreadful years of war.

... We Londoners give to Big Ben striking at each hour these short and simple words:

Through this hour  
Lord, be our Guide  
And by thy Power  
No foot shall slide.

The citizens of Copenhagen may perhaps like to remember these words - each hour's prayer of the people of London."

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#### Honouring the Heroes of the Resistance.

Before leaving Copenhagen, a wreath was laid at the foot of the monument to the Heroes of the Danish Resistance during World War II. The Wreath Party included principal members of the Organising Committee, several heads of the overseas delegations, as well as representatives of the Maccabi World Executive, comprising Fred Worns, Lionel Schalit and P. Gildesgame. On a blue and white silk ribbon, attached to the wreath, the following inscription was printed: "Maccabi pays a Tribute to the Fighters for Freedom".

EUROPEAN MACCABI GAMES

16th - 19th August, 1959

R E S U L T S

FOOTBALL

Participating Countries - Denmark, Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Sweden.

Final Results:	(1)	England
	(2)	Switzerland
	(3)	Denmark

HANDBALL

Participating Countries - Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Israel.

Final Results:	(1)	Israel
	(2)	Denmark
	(3)	Austria

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TRACK AND FIELD

Participating Countries - Finland, Holland, Great Britain, Israel.

<u>100 m.</u>	Final Results:	(1)	I. Baran	Finland	10.8 sec.
		(2)	B. Levinson	Gt. Britain	11.0 sec.
		(3)	Amos Grodzinovsky	Israel	11.1 sec.
<u>200 m.</u>	Final Results:	(1)	Dave Segal	Gt. Britain	21.6 sec.
		(2)	B. Levinson	Gt. Britain	22.3 sec.
		(3)	Amos Grodzinovsky	Israel	23.0 sec.
<u>400 m.</u>	Final Results:	(1)	Dave Segal	Gt. Britain	49.3 sec.
		(2)	J. Daniels	Gt. Britain	51.7 sec.
<u>800 m.</u>	Final Results:	(1)	R. Roseman	Gt. Britain	1.55.7 min
		(2)	A. Cowan	Gt. Britain	1.55.7 min
		(3)	Ph. Staal	Holland	
<u>1500 m.</u>	Final Results:	(1)	R. Roseman	Gt. Britain	3.55.5 min
		(2)	J. Lahav	Israel	4.05 min
		(3)	Ph. Staal	Holland	
<u>4 x 100 m.</u>	Final Results:	(1)	Gt. Britain		43.8 sec.
<u>Relay</u>		(2)	Finland		45.4 sec.
		(3)	Holland		50.1 sec.
			(Gt. Britain B. Team : 46 . 1)		

<u>HIGH JUMP</u>	Final Result:	(1)	Aryeh Naveh	Israel	1.75 metr
<u>LONG JUMP</u>	Final Result:	(1)	D. Ansell	Gt. Britain	6.76 metr
<u>DISCUS THROW</u>	Final Result:	(1)	Herschkwitch	France	39.95 metr
<u>JAVELIN THROW</u>	Final Result:	(1)	D. Gribler	Gt. Britain	58.34 metr
<u>SHOT PUT</u>	Final Result:	(1)	Baruch Habas	Israel	13.72 metr

W O M E N

<u>100 m.</u>	Final Results:	(1)	Debra Turner	Gt. Britain	12.4 sec.
		(2)	J. Barnett	Gt. Britain	12.9 sec.
<u>200 m.</u>	Final Results:	(1)	J. Barnett	Gt. Britain	25.9 sec.
		(2)	Debra Turner	Gt. Britain	
<u>HIGH JUMP</u>	Final Result:	(1)	J. Fraser	Gt. Britain	1.40 metr
<u>LONG JUMP</u>	Final Result:	(1)	J. Mesnick	Gt. Britain	4.96 metr
<u>DISCUS</u>	Final Result:	(1)	Simcha Levy	Israel	33.63 metr
<u>SHOT PUT</u>	Final Result:	(1)	Simcha Levy	Israel	10.96 metr
<u>4 x 100 m.</u>	Final Results:		Gt. Britain		52.2 sec.
<u>Relay</u>					

JUNIORS - BOYSTRACK AND FIELD

<u>100 m.</u>	Final Results:	(1) B.Friedlander	Gt. Britain	11.3 sec.
		(2) A.Gordin	Finland	11.9 sec.
<u>800 m.</u>	Final Results:	(1) M.Perloff	Gt. Britain	2.03.5 mins
		(2) Arno Nachmann	Denmark	2.05.3 mins

MENSWIMMING

<u>100 m FREE STYLE</u>	(1) A.Trauber	Israel	1.03.2 mins
<u>400 m FREE STYLE</u>	(1) Ami Trauber	Israel	5.10.4 mins
<u>1500 m FREE STYLE</u>	(1) Ami Trauber	Israel	21.04.6 mins
<u>200 m. BREAST STROKE</u>	(1) G.Nast	Israel	2.45.8 mins
<u>200 m BUTTERFLY</u>	(1) P.Haber	Austria	2.58.4 mins
<u>100 m BACK STROKE</u>	(1) R.Dobronyi	Austria	1.21.0 mins
<u>4 x 200 m FREE STYLE</u>	(1) Austria		11.04.1 mins

WOMENSWIMMING

<u>100 m FREE STYLE</u>	(1) Rivka Kartin	Israel	1.18.4 mins
<u>200 m BREAST STROKE</u>	(1) Tamara Zelig	Israel	3.24.4 mins
<u>400 m FREE STYLE</u>	(1) Rivka Kartin	Israel	6.28.8 mins

WATER POLO

Belgium A - Austria	9 - 8
Austria - Belgium B	8 - 4
Final Result:	(1) Belgium A
	(2) Austria
	(3) Belgium B

TENNIS

<u>MEN'S SINGLES</u>	Final Result:	(1) E.Davidman	Israel
		(2) A.Avidan	Israel
		(3) Fred Gut	Switzerland
<u>MEN'S DOUBLES</u>	Final Result:	(1) Avidan / Davidman	Israel
		(2) Hoffman / Stoll	Gt. Britain
		(3) Goudsmit / Koster	Holland
<u>LADIES' SINGLES</u>	Final Result:	(1) Lis Bodin	Denmark
		(2) R.Gourney	Gt. Britain
		(3) S.Goldberg	Gt. Britain
<u>LADIES' DOUBLES</u>	Final Result:	(1) Goldberg / Gourney	Gt. Britain
<u>MIXED DOUBLES</u>	Final Result:	(1) Hoffman / Goldberg	Gt. Britain
		(2) Jacobs, Eiro / Bodin, ROR, R	
		(3) A. de Jongh / Agsteribbe, Holland	

TABLE TENNIS

<u>MEN'S TEAM</u>	<u>Pool 1</u>	<u>Pool 2</u>
1.	Gt. Britain	1. Belgium
2.	Austria	2. Holland
3.	Sweden	3. Finland
4.	Norway	4. Denmark
	Winners' Final (1) Gt. Britain - Belgium	5 - 4
	No. twos' Final (1) Austria - Holland	5 - 4
	Final Result:	(1) Gt. Britain
		(2) Belgium
		(3) Austria



Table Tennis, contd.

<u>WOMEN'S SINGLES</u>	(1)	Oling	France
<u>WOMEN'S DOUBLES</u>	(1)	Gelfarb / Klyne	Gt. Britain
<u>MEN'S SINGLES</u>	(1)	S.Jacobson	Gt. Britain
<u>MEN'S DOUBLES</u>	(1)	Jacobson / Strulovitz	Gt. Britain
<u>MIXED DOUBLES</u>	(1)	Jacobson / Gelfarb	Gt. Britain

WEIGHT LIFTING

<u>FEATHER WEIGHT</u>	Alan Conway	Gt.Britain	260 kilos (85-70-105)
<u>LIGHT WEIGHT</u>	Ben Helfgott	Gt.Britain	307.5 kilos (100-90-117.5)
<u>MIDDLE WEIGHT</u>	L.Levine	Gt.Britain	325 kilos (105-95-125)
<u>HEAVY WEIGHT</u>	G.Davies	Gt.Britain	332.5 kilos (112.5-97.5-122.5)

WRESTLING

GRAECO ROMAN STYLE

<u>BANTAMWEIGHT</u>		Martin Berkowitz	Denmark
<u>FEATHERWEIGHT</u>		Bent Bodnia	Denmark
<u>LIGHTWEIGHT</u>	(1)	Benny Sarde	Denmark
	(2)	Cohen	Eire
<u>WELTERWEIGHT</u>	(1)	Ruben Rubin	Finland
	(2)	Kaj Kalmering	Sweden
<u>MIDDLEWEIGHT</u>		Abbe Marcus	Denmark
<u>HEAVYWEIGHT</u>	(1)	A.Nadbornik	Finland
	(2)	Aaron Ochert	Gt. Britain

FREE STYLE

<u>LIGHTWEIGHT</u>	(1)	Benny Sarde	Denmark
	(2)	Cohen	Eire
<u>MIDDLEWEIGHT</u>	(1)	Ruben Rubin	Finland
	(2)	John Howes	Gt. Britain
<u>HEAVYWEIGHT</u>	(1)	A. Nadbornik	Finland
	(2)	Aaron Ochert	Gt. Britain

## ATHLETIC EVENTS



Finals: 400 metres Mens: 1st. Dave Segal (G.B.) 49.3 secs. 2nd. J. Daniels (G.B.) 51.7 secs.



Finals: 1500 metres. R. Roseman (G.B.) 3.55.5 mins. (Maccabi World Record). J. Lahav (Israel) 4.05 minutes.



Finals: 100 metres Womens: 1st. Debra Turner (G.B.) 12.4 secs. 2nd. J. Barnett (G.B.) 12.9 secs. 3rd. G.R. Lammers (Holland).



Three thousand pigeons released to mark the opening of the first all-Maccabi European Games.



Mr. Bernhard Bodnia, Chairman of Hakoah-Maccabi club in Copenhagen, welcoming the Prime Minister of Denmark, Lord Nathan, the Ambassador of Israel, and other distinguished guests present at the opening ceremony of the Games.



Lord Nathan declaring the Games open.



Mr. S. Levitan, Chief Organiser of the sports programme handing the Maccabi Games flag to Lord Nathan.

Extract from  
**The Evening Telegraph**

## Segal Shines in Maccabi Games

Dave Segal, one of Britain's sprint hopes for next year's Olympic Games, won the 200 metres in 21.6 seconds. When the Maccabi Games opened in Copenhagen yesterday.

Another British sprinter, Levinson, finished second in 22.3 seconds. Segal went on to win the 400 metres — an unusual distance for him — clocking 49.3 seconds.

A third British track success came in the 1500 metres which was won by Rosemann in three minutes 55.5 sec. — a new Maccabi Games record.

## Dagens Nyheder

## Pæne resultater ved Maccabiaden

I forbindelse med Maccabiaden blev der i aften på Østerbro stadion afviklet et stort internationalt atletikmøde, og her deltog bl. a. flere danske topfolk. Der blev opnået flere gode resultater, og det kan nævnes, at englænderen Daves Segal løb 200 m. under den danske rekord i 21.6, mens Vagn Koch Jensen, FIF, blev nr. 3 i 22.6. 1500 m.: Roseman, England, 3.55.5. John Schmidt, KIF, 3.56.2. 400 m.: Daves Segal, England, 49.3. Ulfrik Stokkloft, Hillerød, 49.5. 100 m. kvinder: Vivi Markussen, Aalborg, 12 sek. 200 m.: Vivi Markussen, Aalborg, 25.6. Kuglestød: Karen Inge Halkier, Aarhus, 13.19, kun 13 cm fra hendes danske rekord. Længdespring: Nina Hansen, FIF, 5.36. Højespring: Mette Oxvang 1.55 m.

I dag er programmet ved Maccabiaden følgende: Kl. 8.30-14: Tennis på B.9's baner. Kl. 10: Fodbold Danmark II-Schweiz på Genforeningspladsen. Kl. 13: Uofficielt tennislandskamp Danmark Israel på KB's baner. Kl. 10: Indledende heats i svømning samt vandpolokampe i Østerbro Svømmehal. Kl. 17.30: Fodbold Frankrig-Danmark I på Genforeningspladsen. Kl. 18.30: Brydning i Opvisningssalen. Kl. 20.00: Internationalt svømmestævne i Østerbro Svømmehal.

Extract from

## Irish News

### Maccabi Games

Three thousand pigeons fluttered across a stadium in Copenhagen yesterday to signal the opening of the first European Maccabi games. Jewish teams from 12 European countries and Israel will compete during the next four days.

### BRITISH WIN 45 MACCABI MEDALS

England won the final of the soccer tournament in the Maccabi games yesterday, beating Switzerland 1-0 in Copenhagen.

The games ended satisfactorily for England, who won 45 gold medals in football, tennis and athletics.

## THE WORLD PRESS AND THE EUROPEAN GAMES.

Since the date of the games has been announced, the sports columns of the world press carried preliminary news items of this - to the non-Jewish press - rather unusual event. Looking through the hundreds of newspaper clippings, I am quite certain that not all the sports writers and Editors of Scandinavian, Dutch, Belgian, French, British and American newspapers understood the meaning of the title - "Maccabi Games". To them it was yet another regional sports meet, in which some 12 European nations were due to participate. Considering that the event was to take place in Copenhagen, which was not a traditional venue for major European sports meets, the news had evoked some interest and thus justified a large volume of publicity.

The organisers in Copenhagen have certainly done the job well, with the result that the Danish press carried not only "stories", but also photographs of principal contestants, among them Dobra Turner, R. Roseman and Dave Segal of England. A certain amount of publicity has also been given to the promised participation in exhibition matches by Angela Buxton, of Wimbledon fame. She was prevented from coming for reasons of ill-health.

The games themselves, and the results of competitions have received a great deal of publicity - far in excess of all our expectations. Reuter, and many other leading news agencies, in addition to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (J.T.A.), were fully represented, and their cabled messages were published in the press on the day or soon after the events took place. The B.B.C., as well as a number of leading European papers, thought fit to send special correspondents. Several interviews have been recorded and thereafter broadcast on several European and overseas networks.

The exhibition matches between the leading Danish tennis players, Nielsen and Ulrich on the one hand and Avidan and Davidson of Israel, on the other, have received more publicity after the matches than before - a regrettable omission, because the matches, both singles and doubles, were attended by a bare 100 spectators.

There has been some confusion in the minds of the Israeli newspapermen, in that they referred to the European Maccabi games as "The Little Maccabiah". Time and again it has been explained to Israeli newspapermen that the European games, confined to Maccabi competitors only, were not to be confused with the Maccabiah Games, which were open to Jewish athletes all over the world, regardless of club or nationality. Thus, some newspapers in Israel thought fit to level criticism by pointing out that if an Israeli team was to participate at all, the team should have been representative of all Israeli sports organisations and not of Maccabi alone. (Needless to add that this came from papers of the "left" parties).

The London "Jewish Chronicle" sent Mr. Brian Granville to Copenhagen, one of their star correspondents. His efforts, though of a very high literary standard, have not been appreciated, neither by the organisers, nor by the participants. Mr. Granville's report, high-lighted the unsatisfactory catering arrangements, as well as the discomfort endured by the athletes, in the hostel. His reference to some of the organisers and participants alike, were couched in phraseology which smacked of spiteful sarcasm and at an attempt to ridicule all and sundry.

Mr. Granville has received the treatment which he deserved, for upon my return to England, I explained to the readers of the "Jewish Chronicle", in the course of a special interview, that owing to the necessity to observe Kashrut regulations, the organisers did not wish to serve the athletes with meat, or with other meals containing animal fat. As to accommodation, initial arrangements had been made to provide for 200 athletes, but 400 had actually arrived. All athletes had been warned in advance that both catering and accommodation facilities would be difficult, but they had accepted the situation and very few had been heard to complain.



In his report, Brian Granville referred also to the inclusion of Danish champions in many competitions who 'won' some of the events, whilst the medals were awarded to Maccabi athletes. To this I offered the following explanations: "It had been stated in advance and accepted by the competitors, that the Danish competitors would not qualify for awards. It was as a result of a suggestion from the Danish sports organisation that an agreement has been reached that outstanding Danish athletes, performing in a voluntary capacity were to participate in the games to help raise the standard of performance, or to act as pacemakers".

Several letters appeared in the "Jewish Chronicle" to rectify the wrong impressions created by the Granville reports, and in a final letter to the Editor, I stated, inter alia: "If Mr. Granville expected arrangements similar to those laid down for the Olympic games then, of course, he had reason to be disappointed and he would be justified in writing in so patronising a manner, about the alleged hardships endured by the athletes. If he prefers the evidence of his own eyes and ears, so far as results were concerned (which, in Granville's opinion, were affected by the inadequate catering and accommodation arrangements) then his reports must have been a product of an inspired imagination for, despite everything some fine performances were recorded and the games as a whole, could serve as a pattern for similar sports meets, in the future. ... "Having regard to the fact that the games were organised by amateur public-spirited youth leaders, with no previous experience, considering also that practically all competitors defrayed their own expenses and were thrilled at the opportunity to engage in friendly rivalry, I venture to say, without fear of contradiction, that the results were very satisfactory indeed."

... "We welcome criticism, if intended to be instructive, and if tendered in the form of advice, but Mr. Granville's remarks appear - as described by Miss Debra Turner, (in another letter to the "Jewish Chronicle") - "unfair and spiteful!"

Elsewhere I have already quoted the views expressed by the International British Empire and Olympic athlete, Dave Segal. I do not propose, therefore, to devote more space to some of the criticism of Mr. Granville, a well known "angry young man".

#### The Israeli Press.

Looking through the Israeli press, I noticed that one or two reports, similar in contents to the reports by Brian Granville, appeared in some Israeli newspapers. No doubt due to difficulties of transmission, the Israeli press described the various events, and in particular the opening ceremony, in a variety of versions. Some referred to 300, others to 400 to 500 participants. Some reported that some 500 pigeons were released to mark the opening of the games, others referred to 3,000. Most of the Israeli newspaper reports high-lighted the victories of the Israeli team, headlining the events, names of the winners, etc, J. Finklestone - a Londoner, and a sports correspondent of "Haari" opened the first report to his newspaper with a story of "Considerable Complaints by the Sportsmen" who were accommodated 20 - 30 to a room. His subsequent reports made no further reference to this.

The Israeli press of the "left" tried to play down the significance of the games but could not resist the temptation of devoting 2 - 3 columns to reports and to the publication of final results of various competitions. Practically all Israeli papers referred to the games as "the Little Maccabiah".

The "Jerusalem Post", published a long survey by Paul Kohn, its special correspondent, who dealt with the event in a less tendentious manner. A facsimile of his article, super-imposed by montage photographs, appears in this issue.

Some publicity has also been given in the Israeli, as well as in the English press, to the European Conference and particularly so to the criticism levelled at the Jewish Agency, for its treatment of the Maccabi World Union. The "Jerusalem Post" (whose correspondent was not seen at the Conference) wrote thus: "At the Maccabi Conference held here, the Jewish Agency came in for sharp rebukes for its insignificant financial participation in Maccabi activities in the Diaspora. In previous years, it had allocated IL.2,500. If the Jewish Agency expects to receive the aid of Diaspora Jews, it will also have to look after the Jewish sports education of the youth."



"Mr. Gildesgame, Chairman of the Maccabi Union said: "The idea that politics had something to do with the allocation of funds (by the Jewish Agency) was also whispered".

Other Israeli newspapers, such as "Hoboker", "Chadashot", "Ha'sport" carried interesting editorials on the games, referring also to the Conference resolutions. All these were written by our executive colleague, Alexander Alexandroni. It is only to be hoped that these well-written editorials had been read and understood by many leading Israelis. I regret that time and space forbid me to publish, in this issue, translations of some of Alexander Alexandroni's very pointed comments and reminders.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent who came specially to Copenhagen for the occasion, engaged not only in factual reporting but, rather strangely, in offering also criticism as well as advice. Apart from many inaccuracies, insofar as factual reporting was concerned, the J.T.A. correspondent thought fit to refer to the award made to Ray Roseman of England "For the best performance in the Games", as "surprising". Roseman was the only competitor who established a new world Maccabi record of 3 mins. 55.5 seconds for the 1500 metres, and who ran also the 800 metres in 1 min. 55.7 seconds. The J.T.A. correspondent was not satisfied. By implication, he suggested that the award should go to Dave Segal, who ran the 200 metres in 21.6 seconds. The J.T.A. correspondent - at one time an active amateur sportsman, has overlooked, apparently, a little detail: Whereas Dave Segal is a famous international, Ray Roseman has only just appeared on the scene and his 'outstanding performance' deserved, therefore, some acknowledgment and encouragement.

After dealing with the award in the tennis tournament, which, in his opinion, should have been made to the Israeli players, and not to the "much weaker British team", the J.T.A. correspondent offers the following advice:

"It is thought that the organisers would do well in future games if they dispensed altogether with prizes to countries on the basis of the number of medals and points gained by them. This tends to arouse nationalistic feelings which are completely alien to the spirit and purpose of these gatherings. The best and fairest system would be to reward an outstanding individual or team performance."

The J.T.A. correspondent has overlooked that the awards made at Copenhagen were decided upon on the same basis as is practised in all other international athletic meets. Right or wrong - the points system is still in operation. As regards the awards for outstanding individual or team performance - the J.T.A. correspondent contradicts himself in that he criticized the awards made to R. Roseman and to the British tennis team, decided upon on the merits of their "outstanding performances".

Newspapermen are not infallible, after all, however great experts they may consider themselves to be.

#### STOP PRESS.

#### The Israeli Ambassador leaves London.

On behalf of the Maccabi World Union, Pierre Gildesgame and Fred Worns conveyed to the retiring Israel Ambassador in Great Britain, H.E. Elishu Elath, cordial greetings and best wishes. They were received at the Israel Embassy in London on 23rd September. Mr. Elath expressed his admiration for the work the Maccabi Movement is doing in various parts of the world and promised to give it his moral support whenever requested.

In the course of his speech during the Banquet held at the Trefalke Hotel, Pierre Gildesgame paid a warm tribute to past Maccabi leaders whose "dedication and services to the Movement should never be forgotten: LORD (HENRY) MELCHETT, DR. LELLEWER, PROF. SELIG BRODETSKY AND ARON NETANEL. "Alas, none of them have lived to see many of their dreams come true."



# 1959 European Maccabi Conference

held at the Jewish Communal Centre, Copenhagen  
on Thursday, August 20th, 1959.

This year's European Conference, which was honoured by the presence of Lord Nathan, President of the European Maccabi Organisation, was attended by delegates from every Territorial Organisation in Europe, the sole exception being Siro.

The World Executive was represented by its Chairman, P. Gildesgame, and by several of its members, including Lionel Schalit, Fred Worms, Bonno Hess (Holland) D. Neufeld (Switzerland) M. Rudaizky (Denmark). Israel and the U.S.A. were represented by Observers: Chaim Wein and Henry Nesselroth respectively.

France was represented by Th. Haas (Paris), M. Flanner (Metz) and J. Stuenkel (Lyon). The Belgian representatives were A. Lillenthal (Intwerp) and B. Guttman (Brussels). Delegates for Holland comprised J. Glaser, as well as Tugendhaft and Jacob. O. Wessely and L. Uschatz represented Switzerland, whilst E. Sinai, President of Hakohsh-Vienna, represented Austria. Scandinavian countries were fully represented thus: M. Dryzun for Finland, P. Fuchs and Kalmoring for Sweden, L. Grud for Norway, Bodnia, Lovitan, Nachensohn, Wurms for Denmark.

Italy was represented by its President, Dr. Aldo Jarach, whilst Great Britain was represented by H. Shapiro.

In his opening remarks, Lord Nathan referred to the suitability of premises where the Conference was held, as the Jewish Communal Centre housed several busts of Danish kings and had on display portraits of past Communal Presidents and Wardens. Lord Nathan observed that the declining years must necessarily mean fewer Conferences for him, in future. He greatly valued and enjoyed his close association with the Maccabi Movement and, although he intended serving it for a few more years, he felt that some thought must be given to the nomination of a successor. One of his greatest ambitions, Lord Nathan declared, and applause, was to see the completion of the Maccabiah Village in Israel during his lifetime. He suggested that a message of greetings and thanks be sent to King Frederik of Denmark, on behalf of the European Maccabi Organisation - a suggestion which was unanimously welcomed. (Two hours after Lord Nathan's wired message was sent to the Palace, King Frederik's reply has been received, and a facsimile of his telegram is featured elsewhere in this issue).

In accordance with the prepared Agenda, P. Gildesgame, Chairman of the World Executive followed Lord Nathan to give a report on the World Executive's activities, as well as to outline his views as to future policy. He informed the delegates of the receipt of many messages of greetings, by letter and by cable, but mentioned only two of these, one from the President of the World Executive, N. Roth, and the other from members of the World Executive. The cables were duly acknowledged with thanks.

Thanks to minuted notes prepared by Fred Worms, Hon. Secretary of the European Maccabi Executive, it is possible to quote extracts of P. Gildesgame's address:

## "Aims and Objects of Maccabi".

"The Maccabi Movement is inspired by an ideology, the main principles of which have been incorporated in a set of aims and objects to be found in the Movement's Constitution. I note with regret that with some exceptions, few Maccabi clubs in Europe are aware of these aims and objects, or of their implications. The Movement, dedicated to the welfare and happiness of Jewish Youth must endeavour to fulfil its obligations by providing for its members facilities for sports and cultural and recreational activities, thereby training Jewish youth in the art of using leisure intelligently as well as usefully. Maccabi's activities are intended as a means to achieve an object, the ultimate object being the fostering of a spirit of Judaism, of

good citizenship, a sense of belonging to the Jewish people, and a sense of loyalty to its cultural heritage and traditions. Maccabi sports activities alone, however high the standard of performance achieved, are not enough. The activities must be used as a means to educate, and the education imparted to our members must be of a high Jewish content. The World Executive realises that the aims and objects, as laid down for the Movement 20 or 30 years ago, may now be considered somewhat out of date. It wishes to produce, and to offer to the Movement, a comprehensive plan of activities adjusted to the changing day-to-day conditions, as well as consistent with Maccabi's ideology. With this in mind, the World Movement's Constitution is now being re-drafted and made ready for ratification by the forthcoming World Congress. Once ratified, every Territorial Organisation and every club affiliated to the Territorial Organisation, will be expected to recognise the Constitution as the Movement's "charter", to subscribe to it, to adopt it, as well as to abide by its provisions in years to come".

#### SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

Dealing with sports, Gildesgame referred to the many difficulties of which Maccabi branches complain, due primarily to the lack of facilities for indoor and outdoor sports. He felt that too little initiative and drive has, so far, been shown by Maccabi leaders in various lands who, fearing the challenge of enterprise, are apparently unable to raise their sights or lack in confidence in their own ability to achieve what is considered essential for the survival of a Youth Centre or a Club. Maccabi leaders should not hesitate to call upon communities, on parents, as well as upon Government authorities for such help as is indispensable in the pursuit of their work. "afterall, we are taking care of the younger generation - the citizens of tomorrow, and the up-and-coming future leaders of the Jewish Community. We have the right to ask for help and, if refused, we are entitled to give expression to our dissatisfaction and disappointment. No sports activities can be engaged in, nor can progress be achieved without elementary facilities."

"American Jewry has shown far greater understanding for the needs of its youth than did leaders of European Jewish communities. In North America, a Youth Centre is considered as important and as indispensable in the life of a community as is a Synagogue or Temple. The importance of this must be brought home, very soon, to the leaders of the Jewish communities of Europe, as well as to the various organisations claiming to have the welfare of our youth at heart. To illustrate the lack of sufficient drive in respect of Maccabi youth centres, Gildesgame referred particularly to Antwerp and Paris. In both these cities, public-spirited supporters of Maccabi have either pledged support or have already raised certain amounts of money towards the acquisition or erection of Maccabi Youth Centres. The efforts have been going on for some years past and, yet, there is still no sign of a start. He warned Maccabi leaders of Antwerp, as well as of Paris, that, unless they show more initiative, courage and imagination, their admirable plans may go by default, and those at present committed to such projects may, in a few years time, have left the ranks of the Movement for a variety of reasons.

#### A more positive attitude towards Zionism.

Gildesgame confessed that, in previous years, Maccabi's policy towards Zionism, for which he accepted some responsibility, was more of a negative than of a positive character.

"We claimed, and repeatedly asserted, that we were a non-political Youth Organisation, and that political Zionism was, therefore, a matter of choice for adults, but considered harmful if any effort were made to indoctrinate youth, either by Zionist politics of the left, right or centre. This negative policy must now be abandoned and a more positive outlook adopted. Thanks to Zionism and to its work over several decades, the Utopia of the Jewish State has become a reality - the object of pride of everyone with a sense of belonging to the Jewish people. But Zionism has not fulfilled

its task so long as the State of Israel suffers from many inadequacies, either of an economic or defence nature. One did not have to be a political Zionist to give wholehearted support to the State of Israel. One did not have to be a Zionist at all who wishes the Jewish State well. The State of Israel has now become an indivisible part in the life of the Jewish people as a whole, regardless of nationality or geographical location.

"It was, therefore, incumbent upon the Maccabi Movement to make its tens of thousands of members aware of the history of Zionism, of its achievements, of every Jew's duty towards, and responsibility for, the continued existence of Israel. This work should form part of our Maccabi education which neither the home nor school are likely to impart to our children. This is why so much importance must be attached to cultural education of a Jewish content in Maccabi's general work. In the course of time, enthusiasm for, and interest in cultural work is bound to equal that shown for sports, and there is no reason at all why Maccabi should not promote competitions for highest honours in cultural achievements by youth, as is now being done so successfully for the better promotion of sports activities.

#### The Claims Conference and Maccabi.

Gildesgame dealt also with the efforts made by him and by other members of the Executive, in the course of negotiations with representatives of the Claims Conference. Many clubs on the continent of Europe were entitled to restitution in the same way as are other Jewish Communal Organisations. Whilst not prepared to consider a collective application, covering a number of Maccabi organisations in Europe, the Claims Conference have declared themselves willing to consider, as well as to review, claims coming from individual Maccabi Clubs. Thus, the matter of an application made on behalf of Hakoah in Copenhagen has already received favourable consideration, and an application, made some 2 years ago, on behalf of the Maccabi club in Antwerp, has received equally good treatment, even though the claimants could not see their way clear to accepting the proposals made to them so far. Several Jewish communities in Europe are already recipients of funds from the Claims Conference, part of which will benefit Maccabi Youth clubs in Lyon, Vienna and elsewhere. Gildesgame called the delegates' attention to the need for true and factual statements accompanying applications to the Claims Conference and, when these are ready, the World Executive will gladly support such applications by directly communicating with the Board of Directors of the Claims Conference, or with their representatives in various parts of the world.

#### Youth at War - in Israel.

Gildesgame reported on the situation affecting various sports organisations in Israel and, in particular, the Maccabi Territorial organisation there. He deplored past and existing conflicts off and on the field of competition occurring between Hapoel and Maccabi. "Conflicts of this kind do no good to the prestige of the organisations concerned, as they also impair their reputation in the eyes of Jewish youth overseas. Instead of admiration, many of us feel contempt for those responsible for such bickerings, unbecoming to Jews, to Israelis, and to sportsmen."

Gildesgame gave a detailed account of his negotiations with the Hapoel organisation, aimed at enlisting their co-operation on a friendly and equitable basis for the forthcoming 6th Maccabiah. His conference with Hapoel leaders in Israel during May, 1958, raised his hopes, and those of his colleagues, and, upon his return to England, he summarised the Maccabi World Union proposals in a letter which he addressed to the General Secretary of Hapoel for approval or for further amendments. Despite repeated promises, the Central Committee of Hapoel have failed to react and, after a period of complete silence on the subject, issued a public announcement that they - the Hapoel organisation, propose organising games similar to those of the Maccabiah during May, 1961, obviously intended to coincide or to clash with the proposed 6th Maccabiah. These tactics, Gildesgame considered to be foul and unbecoming of a self-respecting organisation. Hapoel was the numerically strongest youth organisation in Israel. Its financial



resources were almost unlimited, for they were derived almost entirely from the Histadruth. He knows, on good authority, that the Hapoel organisation have very nearly a million Israeli pounds at their disposal to defray the cost of day-to-day activities and for promotional purposes.

The Maccabi Organisation in Israel receives a paltry subsidy from the Jewish Agency, in addition to which they are impelled to accept a gift of some £130,000 per annum from the General Zionist Organisation. Without this gift, the Maccabi clubs in Israel would become extinct. The Chairman of the Maccabi Organisation in Israel, and all those responsible for its management, have made repeated public statements to the effect that in accepting the monetary subsidy from the General Zionist Party, the Movement is in no way committed politically. Be it as it may, Maccabi's "onemies", opponents and critics continue to exploit the situation to the full by pointing to the fact that Maccabi, contrary to its claims and assurances - is "affiliated" to the General Zionist Party and the conclusion is also drawn that, since the World Executive Headquarters are located in Israel, the entire Maccabi World Movement is directly or indirectly committed to the General Zionist Political Party...

This interpretation has gained so much credence that even the President of the Jewish Agency and President of the World Zionist Organisation, none other than Dr. Goldmann, has, in the course of conversations with Gildesgame, pointed to the fact that Maccabi should apply for help to the General Zionist Party or to the Claims Conference, or any organisation - other than the Jewish Agency... He too was apparently led to believe that the Maccabi Movement has certain political affiliations. Gildesgame pointed out to Dr. Goldmann that, considering his official capacity, he was expected to be better informed...

#### Relations with the Jewish Agency.

Gildesgame reported on the many complaints he heard and sharp criticism levelled at him, and at his World Executive colleagues, for their attitude of apparent complacency in the face of repeated refusals by the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem to grant to Maccabi an annual sum of money towards its educational work. He reported on an exchange of correspondence he had with Dr. Dov Joseph, Treasurer of the Agency, as well as with Mr. Eliyahu Dobkin, Head of the Youth Department of the Jewish Agency. The correspondence which has been going on for some months, had produced nothing but frustration and disappointment. The Jewish Agency had pleaded poverty or, when such a plea had failed to be convincing, they stated that its budget does not provide for the type of work in which the Maccabi Movement engages.

In the course of conversations with several members of the Jewish Agency Executive representing various political parties, Gildesgame has regretfully reached the conclusion that the Jewish Agency Executive, whose membership is predominantly Mapai, was not likely to grant the Maccabi World Union's request for £130,000, unless there was a change of heart, or a change of policy overnight. In his correspondence with the Executive members of the Agency, Gildesgame pointed out that, to exist and to pursue its work in a modest way, the World Executive Headquarters must raise annually, less than sum of £1150,000. All it asked the Jewish Agency was to contribute about a quarter towards that budget. (See the Resolution passed by the Conference concerning this matter.).

#### 6th MACCABIAH - an International Committee to be formed.

Discussions were proceeding with representatives in North America, South America and elsewhere in regard to the setting up of an International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee. When formed, it is to comprise representatives of Maccabiah Committees in every country, regardless of whether a Maccabi Youth organisation exists there, or not.

Gildesgame reported briefly on encouraging negotiations which he conducted with Col. Henshel and members of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, in New York. He assured also the delegates that Fred Oberlander is confident that a similar committee will soon be formed in Canada. Maccabi organisations

in South America are eagerly awaiting to receive a plan of the 6th Maccabiah. The South African Maccabi Council has ideas to offer for the improvement of the 6th Maccabiah and its participation in the Games is assured. The same can be said of every country in Europe. The prospects of the 6th Maccabiah, in terms of participation were, therefore, bright indeed. He could not speak with similar confidence about the organization of the Maccabiah Games, financially or administratively.

It was, therefore, proposed that once the policy for the Maccabiah has been agreed to by the International Sponsoring Committee, in fullest co-operation with the Maccabi World Union, a Committee of Patrons will be called into being, representing every section of the Israeli community, to comprise representatives of the Government of the Jewish Agency, the Army, Navy and Air Force, of various leading institutions, Trade and Industry, Universities, Municipalities, as well as of every one youth and sports organization. An appeal will be made to the Government, as well as to the Government's Tourist Corporation, to help and assist in every shape or form.

A Committee of Experts will be set up with a fund at their disposal to defray the cost of the initial preparations. The experts will have to satisfy the Sponsoring Committee that every aspect of the Maccabiah has been provided for, such as transportation, accommodation, catering, publicity, propaganda, the sale and distribution of tickets. The Maccabi World Union shall have to be satisfied that it is able to give that assurance to the International Sponsoring Committee that the Maccabiah Games will be run on an economic basis, anticipating a profit or, at least to cover its expenses in full, rather than to run the risk of incurring a loss on the venture. The co-operation between the Maccabi World Union and the International Sponsoring Committee is to be based on the principles of a permanent partnership. The question of the Maccabiah Village and its development to receive special attention, in due course.

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#### The Maccabi Proficiency Badge.

Of all Territorial Organisations who received a Memorandum from Dr. Robert Atlasz, Sports Director of the Maccabi World Union Executive, dealing with the aforementioned matter, only Great Britain offered suggestions and comments. This lack of interest in work done by a leading member of the World Executive was very much to be deprecated, said Gildesgame. The object of the Proficiency Badge was to establish a minimum standard of sporting performance in addition to common knowledge of salient information relating to Judaism and Zionism. The adoption of the "Proficiency Badge" project was a simple enough matter for it required neither great efforts nor tools. Territorial Organisations should pay more attention to advice offered in Dr. Atlasz' proposals and adopt these for the benefit of their affiliated clubs.

#### The Problem of Inter-Marriages.

In response to many inquiries and letters received by the European Executive Headquarters on the subject of a problem exercising the minds of European Maccabi leaders as well as affecting their day-to-day work, Gildesgame felt it necessary to offer comments which, he emphasized, would be tendered in the form of a personal opinion only. The views he was about to express were, therefore, his own and in no way represented or reflected the views of the World Executive.

Gildesgame continued: "During the last war years the world became inevitably influenced by Hitler's racial doctrine. The Nazis, in order to justify their barbarous acts perpetrated against Jews, claimed that every Jew, whether of Jewish parents or of remote Jewish descent was unworthy of the human race and had, therefore, to be destroyed. The German "master-race" of which Hitler was the notorious leader, considered this task as a humanitarian mission. A Jew, a half-Jew, or a quarter-Jew had to be destroyed!

"Marriages between Jews and Gentiles were commonplace in various parts of the world. Their children are brought up religiously, either according to the wishes of the father or mother or, as in most cases, without any

religious education whatsoever. There were, however, cases and there are numerous such cases today in post-war years, where children of mixed marriages - the father being Jewish and the mother Christian, or vice-versa - are being brought up in the Jewish religion, or in an atmosphere conducive to the acceptance of the Jewish faith.

#### My Opinion.

"We have been asked to advise Maccabi clubs in many parts of Europe how to treat youth applying for membership known to be the children of mixed marriages.

"Is in most cases of this nature, one should not lay down a rule, nor can one treat this problem in terms of generalisations. Each case must be treated on its own merits. If a child displays a genuine sense of belonging to its Jewish contemporaries and if it be the wish of the parents that their child fraternises, and is brought up together with other Jewish youngsters, providing also that club leaders are satisfied as to the bona-fide of the parents and their true intentions, it is my considered opinion that we would be committing a sin and would be guilty of an anti-social act if we debarred such a child from joining a Jewish club. By integrating such a child in a Jewish club, there is a hope that, in due course, and when grown up, it will join the Jewish community and become part and parcel of it. By not allowing such youngsters to join a Maccabi club (or for that matter any other Jewish club) we will be deliberately ostracising such children, alienating their feelings and causing them to join non-Jewish clubs where they will be lost to their parents as well as to the community."

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#### Other Opinions.

"I am aware that the advice I tender does not conform with Talmudic or religious precepts; but who are we to sit in judgment over a child whose father or mother, for reasons best known to themselves, chose inter-marriage? How can we penalise a child wishing to belong to the Jewish community for the alleged sins of its parents? I repeat, therefore, that every case must be treated on its merits, and if club leaders in various parts of Europe are satisfied that they are dealing with genuine applications received from young people, and which are wholeheartedly supported by their parents, they must have the courage to admit such children, even at the risk of incurring the displeasure and criticism of senior members of the community who place the observance of age-old religious principles well above modern trends, which have produced many delicate situations which were not foreseen by Talmudic sages."

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#### What is a Jew?

"In Israel today heated discussions are proceeding, initiated by the Prime Minister as to Who is, or What is, a Jew? The more liberal-minded express the view that anyone professing to be a Jew and leading the Jewish way of life should be accepted and treated as a Jew. Unfortunately, most leaders of world religions have shown themselves intolerant, claiming that the freedom of conscience of the individual must be subordinated to the principles of their respective religions. Jewish people have always been in the forefront of every battle for freedom, liberty and tolerance. It was time, therefore, that we, the modern generation, set an example to others in our own limited sphere of activities. The ancient Maccabees fought the Syrian invader and gave their lives so that they and their brethren may worship their own God, in their own way. The Jewish people have never set up missions in an attempt to convert others to their religion but, at the same time, Jewish religious leaders have shown very little tolerance towards those who did not observe the religion in a manner which was laid down many ages ago, in the form of hundreds of restrictions.

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"The Maccabi Movement and its leaders have always endeavoured to foster in the ranks of their thousands of members an understanding for the Jewish religion as well as for the Jewish cultural heritage. This it will continue to do untiringly, but at the same time conditions at present prevailing in many parts of the world affecting the lives of Jewish



communities must undergo periodical reviews. This is the task of modern education and Maccabi must not show itself bigoted or intolerant in the part which it is destined to play in the education of the young Jewish generation, present and future."

The European Chairman's Report. Good Progress and Bright Prospects.

Lionel Schalit invited comments and criticism regarding the European Games that have just ended. He assured the delegates that criticism will be carefully considered so that any mistakes committed should not recur. On the whole, he felt that the Games have proved a splendid experiment, despite some shortcomings which were inevitable. He was convinced that the European Regional Maccabi Organisation has never been more strongly constituted than it was at present, and that it contributes worthily to the welfare of smaller or larger Jewish communities everywhere.

Dealing with individual European Territorial Organisations, Schalit observed that the presence of a representative of Norwegian Jewish youth at the Conference holds a sure promise of a Maccabi Club being formed in Oslo before the year was out. Every assistance would be given to Oslo, upon request, including a visit of leading members of the European Executive to their city.

About Italy, Schalit reported on his visits to Milan during the past few months where, to his regret, he found an apathetic Committee resigned to its failures. In paying a tribute to Dr. Aldo Jarach, the President of the Italian Maccabi Federation, he reminded him that there were, not so long ago, two active clubs in Milan and in Trieste and that another club was to be formed in Rome. He promised Dr. Jarach to return to Milan accompanied by other Executive members with a view to helping him and his Committee reorganise the Maccabi Movement in Italy.

As regards Eire, Schalit observed that the Dublin Maccabi Association have excellent facilities for indoor and outdoor activities, a club house as well as playing fields, but it appeared to him that the leaders of the club had failed to show sufficient drive and imagination. He regretted the absence of a team from Eire as well as a representative at the Conference.

Turning to France, Schalit was happy to announce a complete reorganisation of the Territorial Organisation there, the climax of which has been reached only the day before. This, he added, was due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Leo Kaminiski, President of Maccabi-Paris, as well as to the co-operation of Theo Haas, the leader of the Paris Maccabi, of Mr. H. Flammer, Chairman of Maccabi-Metz, and to Mr. Stuenkel, Chairman of Maccabi-Lyons. In the course of several meetings held in Copenhagen during the past three days, the aforementioned friends have ironed out many of their differences and have unanimously agreed to place the Maccabi Movement of France on the map of Europe. The Haas has been nominated Chairman of the French Maccabi Federation, whilst Leo Kaminiski (who had to leave Copenhagen the night before) would remain a member of the World Executive as well as retain his office of President of Maccabi in Paris.

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After reviewing and referring to several other active Maccabi clubs on the European territory, Schalit stated that it was the European Executive's endeavour to study the possibility of reviving the Maccabi Movement in Germany where to large numbers of Jews have returned, and where new Jewish communities are in the process of formation.

Schalit announced also a proposal, which was well received by all delegates, namely, that members of the European Executive and Council - those mainly responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the Movement in Europe - should meet at four or six monthly intervals in some capital city of Europe to discuss matters of common interest as well as to keep under review the activities and progress made by individual clubs.

In closing his remarks, Schalit expressed the hope that with the help of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem it will be possible to find and to appoint suitable 'schlichin' who are needed as youth leaders in many European Maccabi centres.

#### The Hon. Secretary's Report: A call for better co-operation.

In his opening remarks, Fred S. Worms, the able and hard-working Hon. Secretary, referred to Gildesgame's "Chairman's Newsletter" and to the services which it has rendered over many years past. He knew that the "Chairman's Newsletter" was being carefully read by all its recipients and that, for the time being, it was the only means of imparting news and views about Maccabi on a world-wide basis.

He expressed regret at the lack of co-operation shown by some club leaders in Europe to whom communications are being addressed on frequent occasions and which remain unanswered or unattended. Speaking for the leaders of Maccabi residing in Europe, Worms asserted that each one of them, including himself, devote a considerable amount of time and thought in the pursuit of their activities and duties. - "We have, therefore, every right to expect those to whom this service is rendered to acknowledge communications thereby showing a little more appreciation." It was important to maintain such contact and he hoped that clubs will so organise themselves as to render possible regular contact with Executive members.

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Worms reported on his recent visit to Israel where he attended several meetings of the World Executive. He spoke with appreciation of the manner in which the Maccabiah Village grounds are being looked after and kept in good order and condition. He paid a tribute to Mr. Israel Rokach, Chairman of the Maccabiah Village Trustees, who devoted a great deal of time and energy in an endeavour to see the Village project come to fruition.

Worms was somewhat worried about the future of the Maccabiah Games, for they entail a considerable financial burden and he therefore saw the need for a permanent organisation. The aging members of the World Executive in Israel have not yet recovered from the blows they suffered as a result of the last Maccabiah, and it was inconceivable that Maccabi organisations the world over should stand aside and allow the same brave team of men to undertake the responsibility for the next Maccabiah - having already performed miracles on three previous occasions. Worms, therefore, welcomed the plan being discussed between Gildesgame on behalf of the World Executive and Col. Henshel, Chairman of the United States Committee for Sports in Israel. If that scheme were to materialise - the formation of an International Sponsoring Committee for the Maccabiah in a spirit of partnership and joint venture - he felt confident that the 6th Maccabiah, as well as those that will follow, it will be in the hands of a team of experts who will discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the organisers and competitors alike.

#### Pertinent Questions.

Worms concluded his address by asking a number of questions: "Will those who say that Maccabi in Israel should refuse financial help from the General Zionists suggest an alternative?" "How will the 8000 strong Maccabi Organisation in Israel continue to exist when both the Government and the Jewish Agency refuse to help it?" "Who is going to raise the vast sum of money required for the completion of the Maccabiah Village project if we are unwilling, or claim to be unable, to raise such funds by, or through, our own efforts?"

A World Organisation must, therefore, be set up and a collective effort made by individuals and Jewish organisations alike, indeed, by all those who believe that the Maccabiah Games are a necessary institution and that its survival must be assured.

#### The Conference adjourned for lunch.

At 2.30 p.m., Lionel Schalit succeeded Lord Nathan in the Chair and immediately called upon Chaim Wein, the Captain of the Israeli team and a well known Israeli sportsman, to address the Conference. (Chaim Wein, it should be noted, is also Chief Instructor of the Wingate Institute of Physical Education at Natanya, Israel).

Chain Wein speaks: "As a Government employee, I must observe some restraint in the statements which I am about to make. I feel, however, that I would be failing in my duty if I did not report to you on the 'Miracle of the Existence of Maccabi in Israel'." - such was the opening sentence in an interesting speech delivered by Wein.

Despite the lack of adequate financial support, despite the poor condition of several clubs in town and settlements, despite their inability to form new clubs, Maccabi Sports teams in Israel lead in football, swimming, athletics and basketball. Such is the spirit permeating the ranks of our members - only about 8,000 strong and only the second largest sports organisation in Israel!! (Hapoel claim a membership of over 40,000)

To illustrate further the fine spirit of our Israeli sportsmen, Wein announced that the cost of the expedition of the Israeli team to Copenhagen amounted to £14,000 towards which the Maccabi parent body in Israel contributed only £4,300. Thus, some £13,600 were raised among the athletes themselves as an expression of their keen desire to participate in this memorable event - the first European Maccabi Games.

When Hapoel sent a team to Linz (Austria) to participate in an International Labour Sports Meet, they received from their Organisation £14,000, in addition to every athlete being provided with pocket money. No participant had to endure any inconvenience by depriving himself or herself of their precious savings.

Dealing with criticism frequently being levelled at Maccabi in Israel that only few of their members obtain tuition and instruction at the Wingate Institute, Wein explained that this is due entirely to one reason: the cost of training and lodging as charged by the Institute amounts to £13.10.0d. a day. Very few, if any, prospective Maccabi students are able to spare the time from their salaried jobs or to pay as much as £1.20 per week for a period of several weeks before completing their training. On the other hand, Hapoel sends dozens of people to the Institute mainly from the Kibutzim who are being granted liberal leave-of-absence in addition to which their fees at the Institute are being paid in full by the Hapoel Central Committee.

Wein pointed out also that for the purpose of their training Maccabi clubs in Israel lack essential sports gear and suitable venues for basketball, football or athletics. The Maccabi Organisation in Israel is unable to raise the necessary funds and their members, although not disheartened, suffer as a result of such shortcomings.

In conclusion, Wein expressed his delight and that of his team-members at having been present in Copenhagen where they have been so well received and where they have enjoyed the fellowship of several hundreds of Maccabi enthusiasts from other European centres.

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A happy sequel to Wein's report.

Whilst Wein was speaking a spontaneous action was undertaken around the Conference table resulting in a substantial sum of money being promised or donated, and which it was intended to hand over to Chain Wein as a contribution towards the Israeli team's travel expenses to Copenhagen.

When Gildesgane announced the result of the collection, very much surprised by this gesture, Wein declared: "chaverim, I deeply appreciate your kindness but as Captain of the Israeli team I must decline your offer. We have paid all our expenses and we have also settled our accounts with the organisers in Copenhagen in respect of the food and accommodation received here. If you insist on dedicating this money to Maccabi in Israel you can do no better than to earmark it for the purchase of sports gear which you will send to Israel, in due course, upon hearing from me after consultation with the Maccabi Central Committee."



All delegates applauded Chair Wein's statement and the spirit which prompted it. The monies collected are held by the Hon. Treasurer.

### T H E D E B A T E.

The Chairman ruled and the delegates agreed that each topic be discussed separately as it arose from the reports given by Gildesgame, Schalit and Worms.

#### The Jewish Agency.

Bonno Hoss (Holland), feared that the Resolution on which a vote was to be taken might be misunderstood in some quarters. It must be so worded as to be effective to ensure that its implications impress themselves on the Executive members of the Jewish Agency. He asked also whether the sponsors of the Resolution are sufficiently confident that Maccabi friends normally contributing to Israeli funds would agree to earmark part of those donations towards the Maccabi World Union.

Hoss was reassured by the Chairman on both questions.

Theo Haas (France) gave an account of the constant efforts being made by him and his colleagues to obtain restitution monies. Many of those who contribute towards the "Magbit" have often to be forced to do so because the majority of well-to-do potential donors have not yet understood the important part which Israel plays in the life of Jewry. He would wholeheartedly vote for the Resolution, because "if we succeed to prevail upon the Jewish Agency to support the Maccabi World Union we will only have achieved what we are entitled to. This would be no major victory! If, on the other hand, we failed, we can appeal to many Jews in France on somewhat different grounds, as he felt confident that when appealing for support of such a youth organisation as is Maccabi, many non-givers to "Magbit" would favourably respond to our plans."

H. Flammor (Motz) stated that he could not understand the Jewish Agency's attitude and he didn't believe it possible. He would, therefore, oppose the Resolution for fear that it might impair the success of the "Magbit". Having listened, however, to the report by Gildesgame, and the Chairman's explanations, he would now vote in favour of the Resolution and, if need be, assist in its implementation.

Guttman (Brussels) suggested that the word "substantial" in the Resolution be substituted by "certain".

After further discussion the Chairman put the Resolution to the vote and the following was unanimously adopted.

#### RESOLUTION NUMBER 1:

"THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN MACCABI TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS ASSEMBLED IN COPENHAGEN DEPLORED THE CONTINUED REFUSAL OF THE JEWISH AGENCY TO MAKE A FAIR AND PROPER CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE WORLD ACTIVITIES OF THE MACCABI MOVEMENT IN THE SPORTING AND CULTURAL EDUCATION OF JEWISH YOUTH.

THE CONFERENCE CALLS UPON THE EXECUTIVE OF THE MACCABI WORLD UNION TO ADVISE THE JEWISH AGENCY THAT WHILST RESPECTING THE EMBARGO ON SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, IT WILL CALL UPON ITS MANY THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS TO EARMARK A CERTAIN PROPORTION OF THEIR DONATION TO THE J.P.A., U.J.A., AND SIMILAR BODIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MACCABI WORLD UNION. SUCH ACTION TO BE CARRIED INTO EFFECT AS FROM JANUARY, 1960, UNLESS SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH THE JEWISH AGENCY BEFORE THAT DATE."

#### Accounts.

In the absence of Ken Gradon, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Worms commented on the circulated accounts which were adopted. He pointed to some affiliation dues still remaining unpaid. Delegates present promised to remit within a short time.

DELEGATES SPEAK.

REPORTS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS.

AUSTRIA (E. Sinai). Sports activities in Hakoah-Vienna are proceeding normally. The membership is increasing but as yet, no suitable or sufficient leaders have been found to run all sections systematically. He hoped to solve this problem although he was somewhat concerned about the apathy of Jewish communal leaders in Vienna.

When the Chairman called for a report about Maccabi-Antwerp, Mr. Lilienthal declared that he had no mandate to do so and that his presence must, therefore, be treated as that of an 'observer'.

The Chairman informed the Conference that frequent written reports are being received from the Royal Maccabi Club of Antwerp whose membership continues strong and their activities verified.

BRUSSELS - BELGIUM (GUTTMAN). Whilst proud of the achievements of the Royal Maccabi Club in Antwerp, contact between Brussels and Antwerp, despite the small distance separating these towns, has been almost non-existent. The Brussels Maccabi Association, despite rumours circulated recently that it had gone out of existence, has three active sections, Volleyball, Basketball and Physical Education. But for the non-inclusion of Basketball in the Copenhagen competitions, Brussels would have fielded a first-class team in this event. The Brussels Basketball team has been promoted from the 2nd Division to the 1st. The Volleyball section has also done good work and whenever they play a match a large number of spectators comes to watch it. The weakness of the Brussels Maccabi is attributable to the lack of a centre - a Home. When Brussels Maccabi applied to the Claims Conference for a subsidy, they were informed that a sum of \$140,000 has been promised to the Brussels community to defray the cost of a Youth centre. Guttman did not think that Maccabi could work successfully or conveniently if it had to merge its members with other youth organisations operating on the same premises.

Intervening in the Debate, Gildesgane said that he admired Guttman's eloquence, for his speech was well delivered with apparent sincerity. But he reminded Guttman that he was perhaps more guilty than any other Maccabi leader in Europe in that he failed to reply to numerous letters, requests and enquiries, addressed to him in reference to the Club of which he claimed to be Chairman. He failed to maintain contact with the Chairman of the Belgian Maccabi Federation, Mr. Herman Bochner, whose existence he had apparently ignored. Likewise, he failed to reply to letters addressed to him by the Chairman of the European Organisation or by its Secretary. Guttman came to Copenhagen, Gildesgane added, without anybody expecting him. Whilst Guttman's presence was welcome it was to be hoped that his presence at this Conference, and at the discussions and reports to which he was listening, would make him aware of his responsibilities as well as of the fact that no Maccabi club can lead an insular life without recognising the authority of its parent body or the policy of the Movement which every Club should pursue. He hoped that upon his return to Belgium, Guttman will endeavour to compose his differences with Antwerp and the two clubs, together with the third one formed recently in Liege, will follow the splendid example set by the three clubs in France - now united in one purpose and under an elected leader.

Fred Worms also dealt with Guttman's report by offering the support of the London Executive in ensuring the full use by Maccabi in Brussels of the youth centre which is being built in that city.

CONFERENCE HUMOUR.

Schalit, apologising for his poor knowledge of spoken Yiddish, when addressing delegates, was told by one of them:

"Besser Schlecht Yiddish wi Schlecht Verstehen".

FRANCE -Paris (Th.Haas.) In Paris some of their outdoor activities are being carried on on municipal sports grounds in various parts of the city - some of these being too distant from the members' homes. Consequently, and because of the absence of a club house, the activities of Maccabi in Paris are being carried on by separate sections rather than by an integrated club. Nevertheless, Paris has three football teams, a good tennis section, in addition to Volleyball and Basketball teams. Paris has been offered the Maison de Jeunesse provided some years ago with funds from the Claims Conference. Only social activities could be carried on in these premises but there is no room for any indoor sports activities. Even so, those attending this Maison de Jeunesse come from various parts of Paris and among them also some North Africans. For social purposes alone the house plays some useful purpose but it cannot possibly be used as a Maccabi Centre where basic Maccabi activities could be carried on successfully. Because of this anomalous position, Maccabi in Paris was unable to produce suitable leaders, and this problem besets his mind, and that of his colleagues, to a very considerable extent.

Haas hoped that the main problem of a Maccabi Home will shortly be solved. He was happy to announce the results of the negotiations which were concluded in Copenhagen with the Chairmen of the Metz and Lyons Maccabi clubs. He was quite sure that friendly co-operation will mark all their future joint and inter-club activities.

Lyons- (Stuempler). Lyons has at present three football teams, a strong physical training section in addition to table-tennis. The premises on which the club carries on its activities are rented by Mr. Stuempler hoped that with the help of the Claims Conference some 60 million francs would be made available. When this has materialised he and his Maccabi colleagues in Lyons will collect a further 20 million francs - so that the total of 80 million francs - so that the total of 80 million francs should serve to purchase or to build a permanent Maccabi Youth Centre. If no new centre can be obtained, endeavours will be made to secure a large hall to accommodate temporarily the growing number of members, at present limited to 300 only. Lyons has a community of 15,000 Jews, most of whom are in sympathy with the Maccabi Movement.

Metz -(Flanner). The Maccabi club in Metz, Flanner declared, is proud of 30 years of uninterrupted activities, with the exception of the war years. Until a year ago, the community gave no support to the local Maccabi club but when two Maccabi leaders joined the Jewish Communal Council, they succeeded in onlisting more interest and support. He hoped that before long they will start building a centre, adequate to accommodate sports activities and which will be confined exclusively to members of the Maccabi club. They would also welcome a 'shalich' from Israel and to contribute towards his remuneration. Although the present active membership of Maccabi-Metz is limited only to 60, the potential is far greater than that number.

A Sports Festival is planned for Whitsun 1960 in which he hoped representatives of Maccabi Clubs from every part of Europe will participate.

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HOLLAND (Glaser). This was the first occasion upon which Major Glaser, the Chairman of Netherland Maccabi, was present at a Maccabi Conference. But he stated that he felt he was among friends, and this made him very happy. The Netherland Maccabi Territorial Organisation has now 1,000 active members in six clubs. He hoped that before long a club would be formed at Arnhem - a town made so well known during the last war. Shortly the Maccabi Club in The Hague will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary. Sports and Cultural activities have been carried on enthusiastically and this, Major Glaser stated, was due primarily to the fact that in Holland they concentrate on youth under the age of 17. Physical Training and Swimming appeared to be for the present the most popular sports. Some of the training sessions in Swimming attract as many as 150 youngsters which they find very difficult to accommodate in one pool.

Yom Ha'Maccabi is being observed annually and is made the occasion of celebrations attended by all active members, as well as by their parents.



Following Glaser's report, Gildesgame reminded the delegates that when he visited Amsterdam soon after the war was over, and discussed with some of the communal leaders there the possibility of forming a Maccabi youth club, he has been told that this was not possible because "we have no children". It was, therefore, gratifying that with the passage of years Dutch Jewish communities have been reorganised where hundreds of young Jews join our Maccabi clubs and engage in all spheres of communal endeavour. He saw vast possibilities in the growth of the Netherland Maccabi Movement and wished its leaders and members well.

ITALY (Dr. Jarach). The delegates listened to a pathetic story which could well be entitled "The Rise and Fall of Maccabi in Italy". Dr. Jarach traced back the history of the beginnings of Maccabi in Milan and gave a detailed account of his efforts to set up clubs in other parts of the country. Lack of funds on the one hand and lack of support from the adult Jewish community on the other, have rendered his task almost hopeless. He appealed to the European Executive for help and advice. He, himself, was willing to carry on to the best of his physical ability.

Dr. Jarach's report led to a discussion in which Gildesgame, Benno Hess, Schalit and Fred Worms participated. They all expressed sympathy for the difficulties encountered in Italy but, at the same time, everyone felt that the fight must not be given up. Gildesgame suggested that some enthusiasts among the younger Jewish generation be found and an Ad-hoc Committee formed for the reorganisation of the club in Milan. This may lead to further action in Trieste, Rome, Torino and Florence. He and other members of the Executive would be willing to proceed to Milan to attend such a meeting, if convened by Dr. Jarach. Benno Hess suggested an approach to the Jewish School in Milan where many Jewish children and teachers might be attracted to a club such as Maccabi. Signor Astor Mayer who wields considerable influence in the Milan Jewish community (and who has not come to the Copenhagen games as he promised to do) should be approached to give the lead in the matter. All agreed with Benno Hess's proposal and expressed the hope that Dr. Jarach would set upon it.

NORWAY. (L. Grusd) The Norwegian Jewish community numbers only 800 members, of those 600 reside in Oslo. Only some 25 young people under the age of 18 were considered suitable as members of a Maccabi club - declared Grusd who attended as a guest-delegate representing Norway. The largest Jewish meeting held in Oslo in recent years was attended by only some 80 people. This, he thought, was symptomatic of the lack of interest shown by the Oslo Jewish community to anything constructive of a Jewish nature. But there exists a Jewish youth association where some sports such as table-tennis is practised and outside Oslo there is a weekend house, owned by the Jewish community, large enough to accommodate 40 beds. Very little use is being made of that. Grusd felt, however, that offered advice and encouragement it should not be impossible to arouse interest in a Movement such as Maccabi in the ranks of what remains of Jewish youth in Oslo. He would gladly give a lead - if assisted. Schalit, commenting on Grusd's report, stated that he and others would be only too willing to come to Oslo to inaugurate the club there providing adequate support could be assured from the local Jewish community.

SWEDEN (S. Fuchs). Stockholm Maccabi has at present 300 members and of those 200 belong to the Junior section. Not all are as fully active as he would desire it - stated Fuchs in his report. Some 40 to 50 members meet once a week on the club premises, mostly aged under 16. There are a few members above that age. Nevertheless and despite the difficult conditions, Scandinavian Jewish sportsmen have been singled out by the National Sports Organisation and Haskel and Kelmring (both of whom were present in Copenhagen) have been decorated for their respective efforts and achievements. There are 10,000 Jews in Stockholm. There is a hope of a Communal Centre being provided there with the help of the Claims Conference. Stockholm Maccabi's application to the Claims Conference has not been met. Fuchs held the view that Maccabi in Stockholm offers good opportunities for further developments, given better facilities and more adequate accommodation.

DENMARK. Sanny Levitan reported briefly on the activities of Hakoah in Copenhagen and on their efforts to start building a club house in the very near future. Funds for the club house have been promised by the Claims Conference \$7,500, and of which good use will be made. All Jewish youth in Copenhagen will benefit from the centre and all those wishing to join the Hakoah club will be welcome there.

Levitan paid a warm tribute to members of the Executive and particularly to Gildesgane whose report that morning impressed him and inspired him to a considerable extent.

Dealing with the sports sections, Levitan regretted that at one time one of their strongest - wrestling - is now one of the weakest. Apparently, the youngsters no longer show much favour for this tough sport. On the other hand, the football section has gained in strength and there are now six playing teams of which three are seniors, two juniors and one comprising members aged 10 to 12. He recalled that the youngest football team gave such a splendid display during the opening ceremony.

In handball, two teams are doing splendid work, one men's and one ladies. The Hakoah Handball team had lost only to the strongest competitors in the game - the Israelis.

To raise funds, they organise an Annual Variety Show, usually attended by up to 1,200 paying guests. The total cost of the club house to be erected next year is estimated at some \$20,000.

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ENGLAND (H. Shapiro). The Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain now operates 17 clubs and their membership is divided into three groups: juniors, intermediate and seniors. The total active membership of Maccabi in Great Britain is now estimated at approximately 3,000. The organisation of the parent body of the 17 clubs is carried on by the National Executive Committee - all volunteers, assisted only by one efficient lady secretary/typist. The clubs carry out a full sports and cultural programme. Inter-club competitions are arranged throughout the year under the auspices of the Northern and Southern Councils. National competitions are organised by the Sports and Cultural Directorates.

Maccabi has its own stadium in London upon which a new building is now being erected costing £3,000, to accommodate changing rooms, showers and other amenities for those using the field, the pitches and the running track.

The Central Maccabi Fund in Great Britain - an independent Committee set up by supporters and sympathisers of the Maccabi Movement, raises several thousands of pounds annually, the proceeds of which are used to help clubs in need, as well as to help defray the cost of inter-club and national sports and cultural competitions.

In closing his remarks, Shapiro paid a tribute to the organisers of the Copenhagen Games and apologised for any criticism that may have been voiced by a few of the competitors, unprepared for the temporary discomforts considered inevitable.

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FINLAND (H. Dryzun). The Maccabi Club in Helsinki has recently celebrated the 40th Anniversary of its existence. It concentrates on catering for members aged under 18, distributed in the following sections: Table-tennis, Bowling, Athletics and Football. Frequent inter-club competitions are being arranged with Stockholm - Sweden. Helsinki has so far not been able to raise sufficient funds for a club house. As a result of that it has lost many of its members. Some Jewish families have emigrated and the advent of inter-marriage has created new problems.

The other club in Finland is in Turku, who have the benefit of a club house where activities are being carried on normally.

The Helsinki Maccabi Club organises regular summer and winter camps attended by an average of about 80 members.

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SWITZERLAND (Neufeld). The Swiss Maccabi Federation produces an annual (printed) report which is being distributed to all Territorial Organisations in Europe. Neufeld thought it, therefore, unnecessary to give a detailed verbal report. He was proud to announce, however, that 1,325 members take an active part in the various clubs located in Geneva, Lausanne, Basle, Zurich, etc. An 8th club is shortly to be formed at Onieres, near Geneva. The Maccabi clubs in Switzerland concentrate primarily on sports activities whilst other Jewish youth organisations, fairly well supported, cater for cultural needs. The one exception to this rule is the club in Lausanne where sports and cultural activities are included.

Maccabi's influence in the Jewish community in Switzerland continues to grow and its contribution to youth welfare meets with increasing appreciation. A technical committee has already been set up to deal with the preparations for the next Maccabiah and a fund is being raised to defray part cost of the expedition.

Neufeld, speaking for the Swiss team, complimented the organisers on the arrangements and timing of the games and expressed the view that some of the shortcomings were grossly magnified and exaggerated.

ELECTIONS.

Proposed by Rudaisky and seconded by Worms, Mr. Joseph Nachemsohn was elected as Hon. Member of the European Maccabi Executive in recognition for his services to the Movement over many years past. (During the Banquet Gildesgame presented to Nachemsohn an illuminated address recording his election.)

The following were elected as members of the European Maccabi Council:

Th. Haas - France,  
S. Fuchs - Sweden,  
I. Glaser - Holland.

The election of Rodnia at the last European Conference to the European Council was confirmed. The Chairman requested Lilienthal (Belgium) to enquire whether Mr. Sally Beck, member of the Council for Belgium, still took an interest in Maccabi work, and if he intended resigning from office he should notify the European Executive accordingly.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following Resolutions proposed by the European Executive were unanimously adopted.

(2). Maccabi-France. The Conference notes with satisfaction the reorganisation of Maccabi-France as an effective Territorial Organisation and congratulates the French Maccabi leaders on their success. The delegates expressed the hope that more Maccabi clubs will be established in France and that they may meet with ever growing success.

(3). The Conference places on record its appreciation of the work of the World Executive in Tel-Aviv in connection with the maintenance of the Kfar Ha'Maccabiah. All Territorial Organisations represented here pledged themselves to play their part in the development of the Village, in the hope that it will be able to accommodate there all participants in the next Maccabiah.

(4). The Conference sends fraternal greetings to the Scandinavian Jewish Youth Federation.

CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS:

Lionel Schalit spoke feelingly about the Conference that has just ended. He congratulated delegates on the high level of discussion and on what has been heard and seen during one day. He hopes that in addition to the club work, Maccabi leaders will endeavour to set up in their respective countries or cities several committees entrusted with the care of fund-raising so that the time available to Maccabi leaders be devoted to the development of their clubs to the welfare of their members. Whenever requested, he will



personally attend any meetings or sessions held in Europe arranged for the benefit of local Maccabi clubs. He will do so and so will many of his Executive colleagues - subject to six weeks notice being given then.

He also asked delegates present to advise him within 4 weeks from now whether or not they will require a 'shaliach' from Israel. If so, fullest particulars and qualifications of such a shaliach must be stated as well as the amount of salary which a club or Territorial Organisation in Europe can afford to pay such a person when appointed by the Jewish Agency. He hoped that the next meeting of the European and Council members will be held in Brussels by the middle of November.

At the suggestion of many delegates and in compliance with their wishes, he agreed on behalf of the European Maccabi Executive that the next Maccabi European Conference be held in Lyons, France, a week after Pesach, tentatively fixed for 13th March, 1960.

In response to other suggestions by delegates, Harry Shapiro offered to draw up detailed proposals of a blue print for future European Sports Championships, comprising the rules and regulations to be observed.

At 6.20.p.m. the Conference has ended. All delegates joined in the singing of 'Hatikvah'.

MR. ISRAEL ROKACH. 53

Mr. Israel Rokach, one of Israel's leading figures, died from a heart attack, on Sunday, 14th September, at the age of 62.

His death removes from Israel's political scene one of its most prominent men. He was Minister of the Interior during the period before the 1954 elections and until recently, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset. It was as Mayor of Tel-Aviv (from 1936 to 1953) in the most formative years of that city's history, that he will be best remembered.

Israel Rokach was born in Jaffa, where his father was one of the leaders of the community. Educated in Switzerland, he took a degree in electrical engineering. He was made a member of the Municipal Council of Tel-Aviv, in 1922, and acted as Deputy Mayor on several occasions, to Mr. Dizengof.

During the second world war, Mr. Rokach received the O.B.E. for his services. We, in the Maccabi Movement, are indebted to the late Mr. Rokach for the services he rendered to the Territorial Organisation in Israel. As is well known to readers of this "Newsletter", Mr. Rokach became Chairman of the Board Management of the Maccabiah Village, about eighteen months ago. In that capacity, he presided at every meeting of the Board and piloted, personally, the "Village" project.

The State of Israel has lost one of its best sons, a great pioneer and communal leader. He was also one of the most powerful exponents of the policy of the General Zionist party.

On behalf of the Maccabi World Executive, I have sent a cable of condolence to his widow and two daughters, expressing sympathy to them and to all those who loved and admired Israel Rokach.

#### World Executive Members Abroad.

Fred Oberlander, member of the World Executive, spent some time in London this month. In the course of his brief visit, he met a large number of friends with whom he was actively associated in Maccabi work in Great Britain. He attended also several informal talks with members of the World Executive in London.

Dr. Justice-Devan, Deputy Chairman of the World Executive, arrived in London on 25th September to have discussions with members of the World Executive here on his way home to Israel.

Max Spitz, member of the Maccabi World Union, was on a visit recently in Johannesburg where he had talks with the Executive of the South African Council.

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At the Opening of the Pierre Gildesgame Hall, Maccabi House, London, N.W.6.  
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Seated from Left to Right: Jack Richman, Rev. M. Berman, O.B.E., Rt. Hon.  
Henry Brooke, M.P., Sidney Ferleigh, P. Gildesgame, J. Salmon, Cyril Bleustein.



Pierre Gildesgame responding to the Inaugural Address by Mr. Henry Brooke, M.P.,  
Minister of Housing and Local Government.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Dear Maccabi Friends,

Readers of this "Newsletter" must have noticed by now that I endeavour to give as wide a "coverage" to news considered relevant as I possibly can. From time to time, I highlight events considered of outstanding interest. In this issue some space is devoted to the activities of the very lively Maccabi clubs of Latin-America. It will be noted, however, that I hardly ever publish news about activities of Maccabi clubs in Israel - the most important and numerically strongest Maccabi Territorial Organisation of the World Union. The reason for such an omission is very simple: I am not being provided with news and I am not prepared, nor have I the time, to read the sports columns of all Israeli newspapers in order to extract from them news items about Maccabi or other sports events. Time and again, I have requested the Chairman and General Secretary of Maccabi-Israel to let me have a news "digest" covering three-monthly periods. My appeals fell on deaf ears.

I have always maintained that those who wish news about their Territorial Organisations published in this "Newsletter", or in the columns of other newspapers, must supply the material and, wherever possible, also photographs. The publication of this "Newsletter" has become a tremendous burden, as it entails considerable time and energy, not to mention expense. Those who attach any importance to the dissemination of news about their activities provide News Editors regularly with interesting material. The most outstanding examples of a successful enterprise in this connection are provided by our South African Maccabi Council, who publish weekly features entitled "Maccabi Corner" in the Johannesburg "Zionist Record". Many columns of news appear every week in the London "Jewish Chronicle" reporting on Maccabi club activities up and down the country. Even in Australia, the "Sydney Jewish News", a weekly newspaper, devotes one or two pages to news of sporting activities in which dozens of Jewish clubs engage, all of whom are - as announced some time ago - affiliated to the Maccabi World Union.

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The publication of this "Newsletter", it should be remembered, is a voluntary effort on my part. I do it gladly and it has been a source of much satisfaction to me, as well as to many of my readers - as can be judged by the numerous letters I receive from them containing warm and encouraging tributes. This "Newsletter" is not the official publication of the Maccabi World Union but, until such time as we are able to afford a printed publication appearing in Tel-Aviv and edited by the Maccabi World Union Executive H. Q. in Tel-Aviv, this "Newsletter" will have to go on serving the purposes for which it is intended. But it will not achieve its purposes fully if it continues to provide news, in every one issue, of activities in only a few Maccabi Territorial Organisations; nor will it do justice to my ultimate hopes if many of the photographs appearing from time to time happen to feature the Chairman of the Maccabi World Union Executive... Provide me with more news and more photographs, and do so at regular intervals, and this "Newsletter" will become an important 'mirror' in which Maccabi achievements, struggles and even failures, will be reflected truthfully, with but one solitary purpose in mind: to demonstrate to you and to all others who have the cause of the Movement at heart, that MACCABI IS A MOVEMENT - and not just a dream of a few idealists.

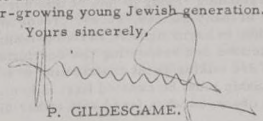
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My heartiest good wishes to all on the occasion of the New Year. May the year 1960 mark further gratifying progress in our endeavours to render services to our respective countries, to the State of Israel and, last but not least, to the welfare and happiness of the ever-growing young Jewish generation.

Yours sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.



# A PIERRE GILDESGAME HALL FOR MACCABI IN LONDON. HAMPSTEAD.

London. The progressive development of Maccabi's largest club in Great Britain - Maccabi Association (N.W.) London - the growth of its membership, and particularly so of its Junior Section, has been a remarkable one. Exactly 22 years ago, on 29th November, 1937, the club acquired its premises, together with an Assembly Hall. The official opening of the club was performed by the late Lord Melchett, who was then President of Maccabi World Union, as well as President of British Maccabi. The Hall, sufficiently large to accommodate up to 350 persons, equipped with a stage, was named "The Lord Melchett Hall" and has, since then, been the hub of diversified activities. It accommodated indoor sports sections such as badminton, handball, fencing and wrestling, as it also provided a permanent home for cultural literary and social functions.

The club has been concentrating for the past few years on the provision of facilities for Junior members under the age of 17 and, at one time, the number of Juniors has almost exceeded that of the Seniors. The Executive Committee of the club have decided to give priority to the Junior Sections, mindful of the fact that Maccabi is, first and foremost, a Youth Movement. Plans were, therefore, conceived for the erection of a hall on the adjoining ground and which would be used exclusively by the Junior Sections. At first, the cost was estimated at about £7,500 but, when the final architect's plans were approved, it has been decided to spend a little more money so that the hall should become an "all-purpose" one. Thus, many indoor sports activities, as well as cultural and social activities could be carried on in this new hall without in any way interfering with the activities of the Senior members in other parts of the building known as "Maccabi House, Compayne Gardens. The Ministry of Education has agreed to contribute £2,500 and a special Trust Fund known as the "Gildesgame Charity Trust Fund" has been set up, in whom the property of the Hall has been invested. The Executive of the club had decided to name the hall "The Pierre Gildesgame Hall" as a tribute to Gildesgame's work for Maccabi and for the club, of which he has been President for some years past.

And so, on 29th November last, in the presence of 400 guests, of the Mayor of Hampstead, and of several distinguished visitors, including Miss Miriam Moses, O.B.E., the well known veteran youth worker in London, Miss Harriet Cohen, C.B.E., the celebrated pianist and a Vice-President of Maccabi Union, Mrs. Selig Brodetsky, Dr. Israel Feldman, Chairman of the Youth Aliyah Committee in England, the Rt.Hon. Henry Brooke, Minister of Housing and Local Government, Member of Parliament for Hampstead, the "Pierre Gildesgame Hall" was consecrated and declared open.

In the course of his inaugural address, the Rt.Hon. Henry Brooke said:

"Here is an outstanding example of provision by people of experience for the work, needs and desires of those who are young. This is the quality of Maccabi House which makes it one of the outstanding institutions of this borough and one of which we are all proud. I was deeply touched when asked to open the Hall, especially as I am a member of the Church of England. In the 10 years that I have been a Member of Parliament for Hampstead, I have sought to stand for mutual understanding among people of this borough. Hampstead is a mingled place of many nations, races, creeds and colours. Unless we can live together in harmony here in Hampstead, each of us holding our convictions and respecting the convictions of others, then it is of little use talking about contributing to world peace. Peace and friendship must be created first at home. There was one golden rule to be observed when faced with either disappointment or deadlock. Do

"the nearest thing to you and do it well."

Sidney Farleigh, Chairman of the club, who presided, said: "Maccabi Compayne Gardens was one of the largest Youth Organisations in the country with an active membership of 700 and a waiting list of over 200. Now with the additional facilities of this wonderful Hall, we hope our membership will reach 1,000 within a few years. When the committee met about a year ago to discuss and to decide on how to name it, there was but one suggestion and one thought: Pierre Gildesgame. The decision was unanimous.

The Rev. M. Berman, O. B. E. consecrated the Hall, in the course of a specially composed prayer

Replying to the addresses, Gildesgame stated that he felt extremely proud and humble that a brick and mortar monument had been erected during his lifetime as a tribute to his work for Maccabi. But he added:

"This is not a tribute to myself but to all my numerous colleagues who were inspired by the ideals and by the same spirit of dedication to Maccabi as I was for over 25 years. It was their imaginative planning, their resolve, and their devotion to the welfare and happiness of our youth that made this project possible. This club has set an example of how things can be done where there is a will. The problem of youth was boredom and monotony. These breed vice and are the cause of delinquency. We think that youth today should be provided with facilities for the intelligent use of their leisure time. They must be trained to become good citizens and devoted sons of their people - the Jewish people. They should be allowed to enjoy themselves, to be gay, but not without a guiding hand. The youth of this club, and of many other Maccabi clubs in this country, and in the rest of the world, will form the generation of tomorrow. From amongst them will arise leaders of the community and, who knows, may be also leaders of a nation. No sacrifice should, therefore, be considered too great in the achievement of such important objects. Let us hope that the youngsters to whom this hall was dedicated will prove worthy of your past and future endeavours."

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The club have issued a special edition of their November magazine, devoted to the inauguration of the "Pierre Gildesgame Hall" in which the past history of the club has been traced against the background of the development of the Maccabi Movement in Great Britain.

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#### AN ADVENTURE IN WORLD CITIZENSHIP.

Some 200 Junior members of Maccabi Association (N. W.) London, heard of an exciting adventure in world citizenship, the newly established Pestalozzi Village at Seddlescombe in Sussex. Boys between 11 and 14, who had never known any real home life, had been accommodated in an old Manor House there. The children came from Russia, Poland, Ukraine and Latvia. They spent their earliest years in refugee camps in Europe. The idea of this children's village is to give them a home where they can practice their own religion, speak their own language, and yet learn to play together in an International School. Shortly some girls are expected to join this Home, among them some from West India. The Manor House in Seddlescombe knows no bar of race, or religion or colour. Although there are no Jewish children at this home, the promoters of the idea are anxious to admit also homeless Israeli children, should there be any. The Home is capable of accommodating up to 300 children.

And so, Junior Maccabi members of Hampstead decided to collect from among their members as much money as possible, each Monday, and they have already received over £50. Shortly the Junior Maccabis plan to give a surprise to the unhappy children, in the form of a concert party, songs, recitations, drums, guitar, etc. These enterprising and more fortunate children from Maccabi House have decided to work for the less fortunate children who have no homes.

An excellent idea which I warmly applaud.

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BEN HELFGOTT. - A Fine Sportsman.

The London "Jewish Chronicle" has published a series of articles entitled "Great Jewish Athletes". Last October, Ben Helfgott was given a place of honour. Ben came to England, together with a group of Jewish children from Europe shortly after the war. He was born in Lodz, Poland, in 1929 and was only 9 years old when the war broke out. When the Germans overran Poland, his family had to move to the Ghetto. Fortunately, Ben's family survived the gas chambers, but his mother and little sister were shot by the Germans before withdrawing from Polish territory. Ben and his father were sent to the Concentration Camp at Buchenwald. His father was sent to another camp and Ben never saw him again. Later, Ben learned that his father tried to escape and was shot by the Nazis whilst running for his life.

Only great willpower and a desire to live helped Ben survive his terrible ordeal. After his arrival in England, Ben has two main ambitions, to study and to take up sports. He went to a Grammar School and entered Southampton University to study Economics. On the advice of Yogi Meyer, Captain of the British Maccabiah Athletics team, and well known Youth Leader, Ben took up Weightlifting. He made amazing progress for, within a year, he had been chosen a member of the British Maccabiah team (1950) where he won a Gold Medal. Since then he participated in the 1953 and 1957 Maccabioth, he became Home Counties Light-weight Champion and, in 1954, British Light-weight-lifting Champion. He retained his title in 1955, as well as in the following years. Since then, he has been representing Great Britain in International Weightlifting contests in Russia, Poland as well as in other European countries. He is loved and admired by all his Maccabi friends and is a regular and active member of Maccabi Association (N. W.) London.

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THE MACCABIAH - A BREEDING GROUND FOR CHAMPIONS.

Perusal of the records of achievements of several Jewish Athletes and Sportsmen in many parts of the world, as can be seen from the Sports Columns of American, South American, South African and European newspapers, provide unassailable proof that participation by such individuals in Maccabiah Games held in Israel since 1950, where they distinguished themselves in their respective individual competitions, has had the effect of stimulating them, raising their hopes and ambitions for yet greater attainments. Many Maccabiah champions or record-holders have improved upon their performances very considerably. No wonder, therefore, that there are now numerous National and International Champions, ex-Maccabiah competitors, who are a credit to their country and who do much honour to the Jewish Amateur Sporting World. As is well known, the Maccabiah Games are now considered by the International Governing Bodies of Amateur Sports and treated as an important Sports Meet. Maccabiah Records are being recognised officially and participation in the "World Jewish Sports Festival" has become the positive ambition of every aspiring Jewish athlete and sportsman. SO BE IT!

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THE MACCABI "ENCYCLOPEDIA" - Congresses, Conferences and Meetings Defined.

Following several requests, I felt it necessary to explain some of the terms and definitions adopted in our Maccabi "Encyclopedia" in reference to larger or smaller meetings held regularly or intermittently, here and there.

The World Congress is the Supreme Governing Body of the Movement, its constitutional policy-making assembly, convened normally once every 4 years by the World Executive Headquarters in Israel.

A Regional Maccabi Conference of Territorial Organisations - such as the European Maccabi Conference, normally meet once a year in various European cities and is convened by the European Executive Committee and Council.

Congress, as well as Regional Conferences are attended by delegates representing Territorial Organisations, in addition to the duly elected members of the Executive and Council residing in the region. A "region" may cover an entire continent, as is the case in Europe. It may cover one or more neighbouring countries where Territorial Maccabi Organisations exist, as is the case with the South African Maccabi Council (comprising the Union of South Africa as well as Rhodesia) and in Latin-America, which comprises several Maccabi Territorial Organisations.

A Territorial Organisation normally convenes an Annual General Conference of representatives of all affiliated clubs for the purpose of considering the policy of activities, to receive accounts and a financial statement, as well as to elect Honorary Officers for the ensuing year. Such meetings are convened by the National Executive of the Territorial Organisation.

An Annual Meeting of club members, otherwise known as an Annual General Meeting, is attended by every member on the club's register, each one of whom is entitled to a vote. Rules and regulations relating to subjects to be discussed and procedure to be adopted concerning voting, etc., should be laid down constitutionally, unless a tradition is followed which is generally accepted by all concerned. In Europe a precedent has been established, according to which at an Annual Conference each Territorial Organisation is entitled to one vote, regardless of the number of delegates representing it. Each Territorial Organisation, however, is entitled to a number of delegates pro rata to the numerical strength of its declared membership.

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In several instances a Territorial Organisation or group of clubs affiliated to it is known as a "Federation of Maccabi Associations". Such is the case in Belgium or in Italy. In other countries the word "Federation" is substituted by "Union", as is the case in Great Britain: "Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain". Individual Maccabi clubs are either referred to as "Maccabi Association..." or the "Maccabi Athletic Club (A.C.) as is the case in New York. In most instances, a Maccabi club is identified by the town or locality where it is situated. Thus, one of London's principal and oldest Maccabi clubs is known as "Maccabi Association (N.W.) London", whereas another suburban club is known as "Leytonstone Area Maccabi Association", etc. In the case of South America, a group of Territorial Organisations there is known under the global name of "Confederacion Latina Americana de Maccabi".

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Please understand that there are no hard and fast rules laid down constitutionally for the type or number of Congresses, Conferences, or meetings to be held by various Maccabi Federations, Associations, or Clubs. It is a well known fact, however, that whenever and wherever Maccabi leaders meet such occasions help foster a sense of fellowship in their ranks, as well as a strong sense of belonging to the Maccabi Movement. Such meetings have also proved invaluable as a co-ordinating factor in very many senses.

On the Eve of a Maccabi Meeting in Brussels. (November, 1959).

What promised to be a meeting of European Maccabi Executive and Council members has, in fact, resulted in a minor 'European Conference'. Invitations to the Brussels meeting were originally extended to Executive and Council members only - as decided upon last August in Copenhagen. But events in the Belgian Maccabi Federation, during the past few weeks, as well as some unexpected developments which occurred more recently, caused the London Executive Headquarters to invite also representatives of the three Maccabi clubs in Belgium - Antwerp, Brussels and Liege - to attend the meeting. This was considered necessary in view of the news that has reached London of the reorganisation of the Belgian Maccabi Federation and certain differences that existed between the leaders of the Antwerp and Brussels Maccabi clubs and so, instead of the meeting being attended by a small number of Executive and Council members, the Chairman was able to welcome some 20 or more delegates and guests, among them some distinguished visitors. Mr. Pashtan, the Israeli Vice-Consul of Brussels welcomed the meeting on behalf of the Israel Embassy. Professor Perelman, Dean of the University of Brussels, Chairman of the Magbith, as well as of the "Centre des Jeunes", spoke feelingly about the situation affecting Jewish Youth in Belgium. Mr. Bornstein, greeted the assembly on behalf of the Zionist Federation of Belgium and Dr. Unger, who appeared late in the afternoon, appealed to the meeting on behalf of the Federation of Belgian Jewish Youth Organisations.

On the eve of the meeting a Private Dinner was arranged at the Atlanta Hotel, which was attended by several delegates and their wives. Inevitably an informal discussion had started, even whilst the delicious courses were still being served. Towards midnight, and not necessarily because of the quantity of wine and liquor consumed, the discussion resolved itself into a minor controversy between Guttman and Gildesgame, with all those present taking a lively interest. The controversy arose from the report which appeared in the last issue of this "Newsletter", covering the proceedings at the Copenhagen Conference. Guttman claimed that both my remarks, as well as the published report, has done him a great injustice. Gildesgame pleaded that the version as published was a factual report of what had actually been said. Although the discussion ended in good humour, Guttman felt that the criticism levelled at him was unfair and uncalled for. He said that he would raise the matter during the debate the following day.

By way of a 'peace offering' Guttman entertained all delegates, as well as their wives to a Kosher meal during the Conference luncheon recess on Sunday. Modestly, he claimed that the hosts were the Brussels club: In fact, everyone thanked Guttman personally for his generosity.

The meeting in Brussels may not go down in the history of the Movement in Europe as epoch-making. It should prove, however, in the course of time, as an important milestone in the consolidation of the Belgian Maccabi Federation. Belgium is one of the so-called "Benelux" countries, comprising BELgium, NETHERlands and LUXemburg. Considering that the situation in the Netherlands, since 1946 has proved almost phenomenal, where 10 Maccabi clubs are known to prosper and to grow in numbers, it stands to reason that Maccabi workers in Belgium will work hard and enthusiastically to equal the record of the achievements of their neighbours in the Netherlands. Let us hope and pray that our friends in Belgium will rise to the occasion and, who knows, they may before long form themselves into a "Federation" of Benelux Maccabi Associations.

BRUSSELS MEETING, ATLANTA HOTEL, November 22nd, 1959.

### REPORT.

Present at the meeting were:

World Executive Members:

Y. Hadari. (Israel).  
L. Schalit. (Great Britain)  
P. Gildesgame. (Great Britain).  
F. S. Worms. (Great Britain).  
B. Hess. (Holland).

Council Members:

K. Ancker (Finland).  
Th. Haas. (France).  
J. Glaser. (Holland).

Other representatives included: J. Fruhauf and Fishel (Antwerp) and  
B. Guttman and Dzubas (Brussels).  
I. Berkowitz (Hakoah-Maccabi Copenhagen).

There were also 4 members of Maccabi Leige who attended part of the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from K. Gradon (Great Britain), D. Neufeld (Switzerland), L. Kaminski (France), J. Nachemsohn (Denmark), Dr. A. Jarach (Italy) and E. Sinai (Vienna).

Lionel Schalit, Chairman of the European Executive presided.

Mr. Pashtan, (Israel Embassy) wished the delegates every success in their efforts to strengthen Maccabi in Europe.

Prof. Perelman, representing the "Centre des Jeunes" in Brussels (Youth Centre), after wishing the Conference well, stated that he would welcome co-operation between the "Centre" and its 400 members, consisting mainly of boys and girls aged 18 - 25 years, and Maccabi in Brussels. For the past 6 months, Zionist-minded men have been in control of the "Centre" and recently a Youth Leader from Israel has been engaged. A number of sports sections were already being formed. For the present, and until July, 1960, the "Centre" would be maintained with funds provided by the "Joint" organisation and, thereafter, the Jewish community in Brussels will have to take over full financial responsibility, amounting to about £6,000 annually.

#### Youth Centres - Not Enough.

Guttman (Brussels), drew Prof. Perelman's attention to the 'Peace Covenant' signed on 17th March, 1959 between Maccabi Brussels and the Youth Centre, whose Chairman at the time was Dr. Unger. To date, Guttman added, he has not heard that the agreement has been ratified by them. There have, therefore, been no efforts to co-operate. In his opinion, the premises of the "Centre" were too small to accommodate more than one youth organisation and there were no suitable amenities for any kind of indoor sports. The sports sections of the "Centre" depended on the same schools and playing-field facilities as did Maccabi Brussels. The "Centre" enjoyed full material support, regardless of real merit, whilst Maccabi had little support despite its pro-Zionist tendencies. Intervening in the discussion, Gildesgame suggested that an attempt at co-operation between Maccabi and the "Centre" be embarked upon without necessarily contemplating a merger.

Haas (Paris) referred to a similar situation in France, where Jewish Youth Centres have been created with funds provided by the Claims Conference. In practically all instances these have proved inadequate, and hardly any



of them are run for the benefit of young Jewish people exclusively. He hoped that before long every Jewish Sports Group or Club in France will be affiliated to the French Maccabi Federation, thus forming one strong and consolidated body, imbued with the spirit of the Maccabi Movement.

Worms (London) was in favour of negotiations being resumed between Maccabi and the "Centre des Jeunes" by an exchange of letters to clarify the position concerning the "Covenant" to which Guttman referred, all copies of such correspondence to be sent to the Executive in London for information and guidance. At the opportune time, a full-scale meeting could be held between representatives of the organisations in the presence of European Maccabi Executives whose services will at all times be available.

Benno Hess (Amsterdam) offered his services as intermediary, adding that he could, at any time, make the journey from Amsterdam to Brussels in order to attend any meetings as would be arranged by common consent.

Guttman promised the Executive that Brussels Maccabi will discuss the matter, report on their findings to the Belgian Maccabi Federation and, therefore, refer them to London for final approval.

Guttman's proposal was approved.

Fruhauf (Antwerp) was then invited by the Chairman to report on the Royal Antwerp Maccabi club and its activities. The Swimming Section, Fruhauf stated, counted 250 active members, aged 7 years upwards. The Football teams were doing well, but he regretfully had to report that the first team included eight or nine non-Jewish players who were being treated as "professionals". The Gymnastic Section worked together with the local Tachkemoni school, under the supervision of experienced trainers. The Table-tennis Section was very active, and so was the Chess Section. A new Basketball Section has recently been formed. The Bridge Section has several Belgian champions who represented Belgium at many International Tournaments.

A Swimming Gala was recently held in Antwerp in which Maccabi swimmers distinguished themselves. Eddy Keiser won the 100 metres free-style, Jacky Laiser won the 200 metres Breaststroke and third place in the Butterfly style was awarded to Gememeier. A well known Antwerp Sports Columnist reported on the event commenting: "Maccabi Antwerp is a club concentrating on sports and cultural education. Leaders of the club have every reason to be well proud of their members' achievements."

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Amateur or Professional?

Gildesgame expressed astonishment and indignation at Fruhauf's revelation concerning the Antwerp Football team. Maccabi sportsmen and athletes, he emphasized, must, at all times, observe an amateur status, as laid down by International Governing Bodies of amateur sports. Moreover, by including professional, as well as non-Jewish players in their team, young footballers, regular members of the club, were denied a chance to be promoted to the first team. This may result in such youngsters leaving the Club altogether.

Fruhauf, in an attempt to defend his club, stated that amateurism in sports was on the way out, that most football clubs in Belgium, and in other parts of the Continent, have nowadays players who were rewarded financially in some form or other. He thought that in two or three years' time professional and non-Jewish players in the Antwerp Football team would

disappear and that their place would be taken by the youngsters who are due to undergo intensive training.

Fishel (Antwerp) supported Fruhauf in his plea for tolerance of the exceptional situation which affected the Antwerp Football Section only. Others who participated in the discussion included Hess, Glaser, Haas and Berkowitz. They agreed with Gildesgame's views regarding the importance to uphold an amateur status in all sports sections. No-one can belong to a Maccabi club, let alone play in a representative match, unless he or she was a member of Maccabi, fully conscious of Maccabi's aims and objects, willing and honestly able to subscribe to the ideals of the Maccabi Movement.

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Winding up the discussion, Gildesgame stated that, before long, the Maccabi World Union would submit to all Territorial Organisations a revised version of the Constitution in which the aims and objects of the Movement will be clearly outlined. All Territorial Organisations will be expected to subscribe to Maccabi's Constitution and to incorporate such provisions in the Constitution of Clubs affiliated to them. All members joining a Maccabi club must be made fully conscious of the Movement's real aims and it should also be explained to them clearly that Maccabi's sports and cultural activities are but a means to achieve an object. Maccabi's principal object is to render our youth conscious of their Jewishness and of their duties and privileges as citizens of the countries in which they live.

Liege - A New Maccabi Club. Pacanowski, Chairman of Maccabi Liege, reported that the Jewish community of Liege consisted of some 320 or so families. The club, which has been in existence for a year, enjoys the facilities for meeting and activities in the local communal hall. Their indoor activities comprise, for the present, Table-Tennis and Judo and, before very long, a Cultural programme of a Jewish content will also be introduced. Their present membership is only about 50, but they hope to attract many more from among the Jewish students of the University of Liege.

Copenhagen's Record Recalled. Before calling upon Berkowitz, representing Hakoah-Maccabi Copenhagen, Schalit asked him to convey the thanks of the European Maccabi Movement to his club for the excellent organisation of the Games last August.

#### DENMARK.

Berkowitz (Copenhagen), who is Hon. Secretary of his Club, reported excellent progress. The Swimming Section is developing satisfactorily and, to date, the club has several football teams, including juniors aged under 11. Handball grows in popularity, there being two women's teams and 1 men's team. The European Games held in their city gave a fillip to his Club's activities, as it has also attracted many new members. Before long, work on the clubhouse, to be erected on the outskirts of Copenhagen, is to be started.

#### FINLAND.

Ancker (Helsinki) representing Maccabi Finland, confessed that he attended such a Maccabi leaders' gathering for the first time. In a prepared typed report, which he delivered in English, he stated that the capital of Finland, Helsinki, comprised 900 Jewish families, whereas Turku, a provincial town, comprised only 500 families. The Club membership in Helsinki has been reduced substantially in recent years, due to a number of social and economic factors. The Club's activities continued lively and Athletics, under the supervision of the well known athlete, Baran, were developing satisfactorily.

Reviewing the European Maccabi Games in Copenhagen, which he was

unable to attend personally, but about which he had received a very full report from members of the Finnish team, Ancker recommended that, in future, a Sports Directorate be formed to supervise the programme of events as well as to draw up rules pertaining to competitions.

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The Chairman requested Ancker to send him copy of his typed report and observations, and he reminded the meeting that following the Games in Copenhagen he invited criticism, as well as comments, from all quarters. Moreover, Mr. Harry Shapiro, British Maccabi Sports Director, promised to prepare a memorandum dealing with rules and regulations of future European Maccabi Games. His memorandum will be circulated, in due course, and comments thereon invited from all Territorial Organisations.

In reply to Ancker's criticism that too much time was taken up at the Brussels meeting with matters relating to the Belgian Maccabi Federation, Gildesgame observed that everyone should be as interested in the troubles and successes of all Territorial Organisations as they are in their own. Ancker accepted this remark in good grace.

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#### FRANCE.

Th. Haas (Paris) reported in his capacity of Chairman of Maccabi France that there were, at present, in Paris alone 4 clubs, including one at La Varenne. The Basketball team of Maccabi Paris is one of the best in France. He was very optimistic for future developments in Metropolitan France. In the Paris, district alone another - fifth Club was being formed at Villiers des Belles, consisting mainly of young Jewish refugees from Egypt and other North African countries. He was confident that Maccabi in Metz was doing well under the leadership of Flammer, and that Stumpler, Chairman of Maccabi Lyon, also continues in his efforts to strengthen the club in his city. As yet, leaders of Maccabi France have not met since the Copenhagen Conference. He hoped, however, to arrange such a meeting shortly as, indeed, he was due to proceed to Lyon to see the Maccabi club there at work.

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#### ENGLAND.

Fred Worms (London) gave a brief report on the activities in Great Britain. He had very little to add to what he said a few months earlier in Copenhagen. He referred, however, to recent developments in the life of London and provincial clubs, as well as to the policy to add a high Jewish content to all cultural activities.

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#### HOLLAND.

J. Glaser (Amsterdam), Chairman of Netherland Maccabi, proudly announced that the membership of his Territorial Organisation has reached a record figure of 1300, their ages varying from 6 - 17 years. Although Netherland Maccabi has produced no champions yet, progress made so far was good, most notably in the Swimming Sections. There were at present 9 Maccabi clubs in Holland, the latest one having been started in Utrecht. Efforts are also being made at attracting Senior members whose support for the club is considered essential.

#### STOP PRESS.

Congratulations to Maccabi Netherland on the formation of their tenth Club at Groningen. Chairman of the club is Ph. Wallage, Nausaulaan 1, Groningen. To him and his committee I wish to send through this medium my best wishes for much success and speedy progress.

I have also addressed a message of greetings to J. Glaser, Chairman of Maccabi Netherland and, in congratulating him and his committee on the unprecedented success in the development of the Maccabi Movement in Holland, I ventured to suggest that they should now begin to consolidate their clubs within the Netherland Maccabi Federation before they embark upon further expansions. I know this to be also the wish and desire of Mr. Glaser whose untiring work since assuming the Chairmanship of the Netherland Territorial Organisation has earned much respect and admiration for him.

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On September 26th last the Maccabi Club in The Hague celebrated their 10th anniversary.

#### BELGIUM.

B. Guttman (Brussels) explained that, although the Brussels Maccabi Club has only a few good sports sections, they have not yet formed a regular club Executive. Each Section is run by its own committee. He hopes that shortly a club committee will be elected from among active members. Contrary to impressions, he, Guttman, had no ambitions to become Chairman of the Maccabi Federation in Belgium, as he thought it only right that one should be elected from among the leaders of the strongest Maccabi club in Belgium - Antwerp. On behalf of Brussels, Guttman pledged complete co-operation with the Federation and with the clubs which it will comprise. He will do his utmost to strengthen the Brussels Maccabi by all means at his disposal. He expressed the hope that he will not continue to be the target of attack in the future, as he wished for nothing better than to co-operate in peace and harmony with all who have the good of Maccabi at heart.

At this stage of the proceedings, Dr. Unger (Brussels) joined the meeting accompanied by Mr. Carmi, the Israeli Shaliach attached to the 'Youth Centre' in Brussels. In the course of the greetings which he extended to the meeting, Dr. Unger stated that the agreement between Maccabi Brussels and the Youth Centre has been duly ratified, but not yet implemented. Although he was no longer Chairman of the Centre, he considered co-operation between the Youth Organisations in town very desirable, and particularly so between the Maccabi sports sections and those of the 'Centre'.

Fruhauf (Antwerp) declared that, so far as his Club was concerned, they did not wish to engage in any controversy with Brussels as regards past 'history'. They would welcome co-operation with other clubs through the Belgian Maccabi Federation so recently reorganised.

Gildesgame appealed both to Antwerp and Brussels to let bygones be bygones and to give the Belgian Maccabi Federation a chance to play its part in the furtherance of Maccabi activities in that country.

MACCABI WORLD UNION AND THE JEWISH AGENCY. A special report submitted to European Executive and Council Members.

Before proceeding to the Brussels meeting (in November) I cabled Mr. Eliyahu Dobkin, Head of the Youth Department, requesting a reply to my application, dated some two months ago, for an annual grant of £. 30,000 to the Maccabi World Union Executive Headquarters in Tel-Aviv. In reply, Dr. Benshalom, permanent Head of the Department, cabled to inform me that Mr. Dobkin has been indisposed for some time past, and that he has not yet recovered from his illness. He offered me, however, some advice, namely, to submit the application to Dr. Goldman for consideration by the Actions Committee, due to meet in Jerusalem at the end of December.

In reply to Dr. Benshalom, I reminded him that the correspondence on the aforementioned subject has been going on for almost 2 years, that when I applied to the proper quarter - the Youth Department of the Jewish Agency - Mr. Dobkin referred me to Dr. Dov Joseph, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency. In his reply, Dr. Joseph informed me that this matter had nothing to do with the Treasurer's Department, as the Youth Department of the Jewish Agency has a separate budget allocated to it, and that our application comes within the framework of expenditure for which the Youth Department has the necessary funds. Mr. Dobkin argued that the funds available to the Youth Department were inadequate, etc., etc. (I reported on this correspondence in one of the

"Newsletters" last year).

Not discouraged by the evasive tactics of members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, and trusting Mr. Dobkin's understanding for the work done by Maccabi, I deemed it necessary to inform him of the resolution unanimously adopted at the European Conference in Copenhagen last August, the full text of which will be found in Newsletter No. 70.

Unfortunately, Mr. Dobkin has been unwell and, apparently, during his absence the Youth Department has come to a standstill - at least insofar as the Maccabi World Union's application for a grant was concerned.

I informed Dr. Benshalom I do not intend following his advice, nor would I - speaking for the Maccabi World Union Movement - tolerate being pushed from "pillar to post" or treated by tactics which are obviously designed to evade the issue. I suggested to Dr. Benshalom that if the Jewish Agency had the courage to reject our application, they should say so without fear. If, on the other hand, they felt that the application came - as it does - from the Chairman of the Executive of the Maccabi World Union, representing a Jewish World Youth Organisation, it deserves of serious consideration and treatment. If the Youth Department of the Jewish Agency has, all of a sudden discovered that it is not competent to deal with it, it should have had the good sense to submit the application to the Actions Committee, or to any other body deemed qualified by supporting it as it deserves.

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I fear that my latest effort will prove abortive and that I have been far too patient and forbearing with the Jewish Agency.

I don't wish to anticipate yet another refusal but, should that be the case, I will not hesitate to mobilise Maccabi leaders and supporters all over the world for a campaign to expose the mean attitude of the Jewish Agency towards one of Jewry's leading World Youth Organisations. I hope that we will not be compelled to adopt measures such as the rank and file of the Movement wish us to take, namely, to appeal to all major contributors to the Israeli funds in all parts of the world where Maccabi supporters are known to be numerous, either to earmark part of their annual contribution for the benefit of the Maccabi World Union, or to reduce their contributions by contributing the difference directly to the Maccabi World Union funds. I do not wish to instigate a campaign which would not be compatible with our loyalty to and respect for the Jewish Agency and its magnificent work, but the Jewish Agency Executive must be reminded that Maccabi is a World Jewish Youth Organisation, operating principally in the countries of the Diaspora. That much of our educational work is identical with that aimed at by the Jewish Agency, i.e. - to render Jewish Youth conscious of its obligations towards the Jewish people generally and the State of Israel in particular. Maccabi Organisations and their numerous leaders have always generously supported funds benefiting Israel and, therefore, indirectly also the Jewish Agency. We, therefore, have a legitimate claim for financial support to the tune of a relatively small annual grant, worth as much as any average contributor to the Joint Palestine Appeal makes in Great Britain, South America or South Africa.

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P.S. In a reply, dated 6th December, Dr. Benshalom informs me that the Agency will assist Maccabi towards the expense of Schlichim, provided suitable candidates can be found. As regards the application for £30,000 he reiterates his previous suggestion that an application be made to Dr. Goldman. It has not been made clear whether the application is to be addressed to Dr. Goldman in his capacity of Chairman of the Jewish Agency. In his previous cable, Dr. Benshalom suggested that the application be addressed to the Actions Committee. In my reply I commented that if the Youth Dept., felt that our application merited favourable consideration, it was incumbent upon the Youth Dept., to place it before the competent authority for final sanction.

6TH M A C C A B I A H - D A T E .

The Chairman referred to a circular letter sent to all Territorial Organisations by Dr. R. Atlasz, Hon. Sports Director of the Maccabi World Union, in which he invited comments regarding his suggestion that the 6th Maccabiah Games to be held in Israel in 1961 during the month of July. The month of September was not considered by him suitable because of the intervening high holidays. Different opinions were expressed. Finland favoured early July, whereas Antwerp opted for the end of July. Denmark and Holland suggested the middle of July, whereas France preferred August. England, though agreeing to July, considered that neither one of the aforementioned months was really suitable because of the excessive heat of the summer months, which is likely to affect athletes' performances, as well as their comfort, should they be accommodated in tents instead of houses. It has been decided to inform Dr. Atlasz of the views expressed and to leave the final decision to the Executive in Israel.

P.S. Since then, Schalit cabled to Tel-Aviv suggesting that the Games be scheduled to take place between September 3rd to September 7th, both dates included.

INTERNATIONAL MACCABIAH SPONSORING COMMITTEE.

Gildesgame reported on his correspondence with Col. Henshel, Chairman of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, with Fred Oberlander, representing the Canadian Maccabiah Organising Committee, as well as with his Executive colleagues in Israel. All seemed in favour of setting up the International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee, the object of which has already been explained in full on previous occasions. The Executive members in Israel felt, however, that a more precise plan should be laid down for the "President's Committee" to be formed in Israel, which is to bear the character of a "Committee of Patrons" whose members are to represent every section of the Israeli community, in addition to the Government, the Jewish Agency, the Tourist Office, Universities, Youth Welfare and Sports Organisations, etc. It was thought that, if such a committee was to be formed, its membership would be limited to about 25 in all, and its terms of reference and authority more clearly defined. There was also unanimous agreement as to the necessity of setting up a panel of professional experts to be entrusted with the technical organisation of the Maccabiah in all its aspects, who would be answerable to the International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee.

Gildesgame further reported that he would bring these views to the notice of Col. Henshel and his friends and that he would request his Executive colleagues in Israel to discuss these matters with Col. Henshel, who was due to visit Israel early in December.

The meeting adopted the report and Gildesgame promised to keep members of the Executive and Council in Europe fully informed of further developments.

W O R L D C O N G R E S S .

World Executive members in Israel did not favour a proposal made by the European Executive members recently, that the World Congress that was to be held in November, 1959 be deferred to March, 1960. Nor do they favour the idea of such a Congress convened in Europe instead of Israel. In this they were supported by South African Executive members, Blumberg and Kellen who, when recently in Israel, attended an Executive meeting at which this topic was being discussed. Gildesgame maintained, and in this respect he was supported by his colleagues in Europe, that the Maccabi Movement was engaged on a number of important projects considered of major policy calling for early decisions. They were also of the opinion that if the World Congress were to be held soon after the termination of the



Maccabiah Games in 1961, delegates might feel too tired to engage in prolonged deliberations and in earnest discussion, after having witnessed Opening and Closing ceremonies and various competitions lasting some 10 days or so. Their leisure time would be put to much better advantage if afforded an opportunity to tour the country, many of whom have not seen it before. Gildesgame himself was very much in favour of World Congresses being held in Israel; in fact, he always insisted upon this rule being upheld but, on this occasion, he was of the opinion that an exception to the rule would be fully justified if for no other reason that the vital necessity to discuss urgent problems, including that of the next Maccabiah.

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Those present at the meeting agreed on the necessity to convene the World Congress at the earliest possible moment but, at the same time, they feared that, if such a Congress were to be held in Europe, and Maccabi delegates from all over the world required to attend it early in 1960, this might prejudice the chances of their attendance at the Maccabiah a year later, having regard to the cost and time and travel involved.

It was resolved, therefore, to refer the matter to the World Executive in Israel for further consideration and a final decision.

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Gildesgame suggested that, since the annual European Conference is to be held in Lyon in March, 1960, it might be advisable to invite the attendance of as many members of the World Executive residing in Israel as possible, as well as Maccabi leaders from other countries who might be able to proceed to Lyon to attend the Conference in ex-officio capacity. In this manner, all matters calling for early decisions could be placed on the agenda, several of such decisions carried into effect immediately, and other decisions of a major nature left for ratification by the World Congress, to be convened without fail, in 1961, after the termination of the Maccabiah Games. Such a compromise, Gildesgame felt, would help bridge over the temporary difficulties as it would also prove expeditious under exceptional circumstances. The matter was to be fully considered by the European Executive members in London and their findings imparted to European Executive and Council members residing in other parts of Europe, in due course.

#### C O U N C I L   M E M B E R S . - E L E C T I O N S .

At the suggestion of Th. Haas, Zass was to be appointed a member of the Council in place of V. Jacob (France) who has recently resigned. The Chairman waited to receive a letter of resignation from Mr. Jacob. The Chairman also announced the resignation from the European Council of S. Beck (Belgium) owing to personal reasons. This vacancy was to be filled when the next European Conference meets.

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#### Well-deserved Tributes.

Mr. V. Jacob, of Paris, is a well known personality in the world of French amateur sport. It was he who kept the fort for Maccabi Paris since the liberation of France. Thanks to his untiring efforts, Maccabi Paris occupies a well-deserved place of honour among the sporting and athletic clubs of France. Thanks are due to him for his past services, and I express the hope that his resignation from the European Council will not mark the end of his connections with us.

Mr. Sally Beck, of Antwerp, as well as his wife, have rendered unstintingly important services to the Movement in Belgium. Both attended all European Conferences, as well as post-war Maccabiah Games. Sally Beck's resignation is due, in the main, to his dedication to the affairs of the Antwerp Jewish Community, of which he is the distinguished Hon. Secretary.

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## News from Territorial Organisations

### SOUTH AFRICAN MACCABI COUNCIL, MACCABI TOURISTS VISIT TO ISRAEL.

"Bubbling with enthusiasm" - this is how the "Zionist Record" of Johannesburg described the 62 Maccabi sportsmen and women upon their return from a short visit to Israel, last October. Alf Blumberg, National Chairman of the South African Maccabi Council, his wife, Lily, and Barney Kellen, National Secretary, have stayed on in Israel to attend World Executive meetings. Morrie Rubin acted as leader of the party on the return trip. The happy spirit prevailing in the party, songs rendered in many languages, the appreciative and enthusiastic reaction of the visitors to everything they have seen and heard in Israel were undoubtedly the highlights of the tour.

In his report to the Quarterly Council meeting, Alf Blumberg reiterated a declaration made on previous occasions, that "the easiest and best method of making a Zionist out of a Jew was to prevail upon him to visit Israel." All participants of the tour have returned flushed with enthusiasm and with a new dedication to Zionist ideals.

Blumberg reported also on his meetings with Israeli Executive members of the Maccabi World Union. He declared that "this body is now fully aware of South Africa's attitude as regards the forthcoming Maccabiah, the Maccabiah Village scheme, politics in sports, the relations between the S.A. Maccabi and Israeli sport, as well as on any other matters which perturbed S.A. Maccabi Council in the past. On the other hand, our representatives have also gained a deeper insight in the structure of Israel sport."

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### SOUTH AFRICAN MACCABI SPORTS FESTIVAL - in 1960.

Mr. Max Goodman will be the organiser of the Sports Festival to take place at Bloemfontein from 9th July until 11th July, 1960. The Committee of convenors for the various sports sections has been elected and an appeal to all Maccabi organisations throughout South Africa has been launched to ensure biggest participation ever. With the support of all provincial associations, competitions will be arranged in Bowls, Table-tennis, Tennis, Golf, Badminton, Squash, Hockey - for both men and women. It is also intended to include Soccer, subject to sufficient support forthcoming. Practically all Maccabi groups in South Africa engage in the following sports activities: Bowls, Tennis, Table-tennis, Hockey, Golf, Cricket, Badminton, Swimming and Waterpolo. Some practise also Soccer, as well as Light and Heavy Athletics.

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Meanwhile, some of S.A. Maccabi's Athletes are scoring significant successes. Harold Bromberg, Maccabiah Gold Medallist, competing against touring German athletes, ran the 100 yards in 9.5 seconds. His run equals the North Transvaal record. Anthony Bloom ran an excellent 220 yards race against the Germans, winning in 22 seconds. Mike Marcus, who is putting-the-shot further today than when he represented South Africa in 1950 at the Maccabiah, has evolved a new training schedule.

### A Constitution for South Africa.

East Transvaal Maccabi Association have recently adopted a new Constitution which, it is hoped, will be workable. It will serve as a model for other similarly placed provincial associations, for the East Transvaal is now divided into Regional Associations: Kempton Park, Benoni, Brakpan, Boksburg, Springs and Nigel. Each Regional Association will hold its annual meetings and elect its own Regional Chairman and Regional Committee

who will meet monthly to conduct all Maccabi affairs in their respective regions. Each Regional Committee will be represented on the East Transvaal Maccabi Association. The Provincial Council will meet at quarterly intervals to co-ordinate activities in the various regions.

Barney Kellen and Abe Hyman plan an assault on other West Rand towns where they hope to organise new Maccabi groups. They hope that the West Rand will be persuaded to adopt a similar Constitution to the one now in force in East Transvaal.

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#### A GROWING MEMBERSHIP.

The Life-Membership Campaign launched about a year ago by the S. A. Maccabi Council resulted in over 500 members joining. Alf Blumberg thinks that about 5,000 Life-members could be enrolled in the course of time and, if this hope ever materialised, Maccabi in South Africa should experience little difficulty in erecting a sky-scraper to serve as a model Maccabi centre in Johannesburg.

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South African Maccabi has recently co-opted to its Executive two popular stalwarts: Peter Caspari at present Hon. Secretary of Southern Transvaal Maccabi, and a member of the National Council and keen Zionist and Chairman of the South African branch of the Jewish Ex-Servicemen's League. The other co-optee, Tuxie Teeger, at one time Chairman of Balfour Park, member of the Maccabi Council representing Rhodesia, is also a member of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies.

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Last August, membership of S. A. Maccabi was estimated at over 5,000. A drive to enrol more members continues throughout the provinces. The policy being pursued is that every sportsman and sportswoman be enrolled either as an active member or supporter.

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#### A new Desk Diary.

The 1960 Diary issued by S. A. Maccabi Council has just reached me. As the previous one, this is a publication upon which the Editors and producers deserve to be congratulated. The first part of the diary contains a series of questions and answers, from which I will quote a few typical extracts:

Question: What can I do to help sport in Israel? Answer: Join the S. A. Maccabi Association. Question: What will it cost me (to join)? Answer: Annual membership fee of £1.2.6. plus 7/6d. for the Annual Desk Diary. Life membership £25 guineas, which can be paid off by bank stop order. Question: How does Maccabi operate? Answer: (Extracts) Maccabi is a department of the S. A. Zionist Federation. It has no party political accent whatever... The Movement has its own finances which are derived from membership subscriptions and it deposits its available funds with those of the S. A. Zionist Federation. Question: When did Maccabi start in South Africa? Answer: On their return to South Africa (from the 1935 Maccabiah Games in Palestine) members of the team, under the leadership of Norman Lourie, formed the Johannesburg Maccabi Association. This body soon acquired its own grounds which it called Balfour Park and which has become the home of the great club of that name. Maccabi as such was not revived until 1950 when a Committee under Mr. Ian Maltz, was responsible for the sending of a team to the 1950 Maccabiah. The S. A. Maccabi Movement was formally constituted in March, 1951.



LOOKING AHEAD:

The following projects are comprised in the S. A. Maccabi Council's programme for the next two or three years:

- 1) The sending of the largest yet team of sportsmen to the 1961 Maccabiah in Israel.
- 2) Raising the sum of £5,000 for the improvement of the Maccabiah Village.
- 3) Raising £10,000 for the provision of Sports Fields at Ashkelon (in Israel).
- 4) Raising £1,000 for the improvement of the Tel Hashomer Cricket ground in Israel.
- 5) Assisting the South African Government to bring out a troupe of famous Israeli Folk Dancers. (Presumably the Inbal Yemenite dancers).

The Diary publishes also useful data concerning South Africa's participation and records achieved in previous Maccabiah Games, in addition to Maccabiah World Records.

Alf Blumberg's Joke.

Addressing a gathering at Balfour Park, Alf related the following story: "When I return from Maccabi Bowling ventures, I say to my wife Lily: You should see those lovely Tennis girls." Whilst he, Alf, was busy at the Jewish Guild in the Festival, Lily was playing at Balfour Park and, on her return home she got her own back by commenting: "You should see those Hockey boys."

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GREAT BRITAIN. - financial consolidation of clubs.

Fund-raising efforts by individual clubs in Great Britain are progressing satisfactorily. A Ball organised recently by North East London Maccabi Association, to benefit the widow of a deceased member of the club, raised over £250. The famous "pop" singer, Alma Cogan, headed the list of celebrities. Four hundred people attended the event.

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Leytonstone Area Maccabi Association held their 16th Annual Dinner and Ball at which Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Maizells, Vice-President of the Club, were hosts, and Mr. & Mrs. P. Gildesgame guests of honour. The Ball helped to raise £500 profit.

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Maccabi Association (N. W.) London is holding its Annual Dinner and Ball in February, 1960, at the Dorchester Hotel in London. Proceeds of this Ball are the main source of the club's income. This 1960 venture promises to be more successful than in previous years, and it is hoped to raise some £5,000.

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The Sheffield Maccabi Association will be celebrating their 25th anniversary this month. In connection therewith, they are planning a Boxing match, proceeds of which, estimated at about £500, are to be devoted towards the cost of a new Sports Ground. For many years the Cricket and Football Sections have shared a ground with one of the Sheffield Sports clubs, but facilities may be denied them at any time. Grounds belonging to other clubs in the district are not readily available for Sunday fixtures so that Sheffield Maccabi is faced with the problem of having to find its own ground.

The Annual General Meeting of the club, being held in December, will be attended by two members of the National Executive, Aubrey A. Scott and Alfred M. Morley.

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## SOUTH AMERICA - Comprehensive Report.

The Maccabi club in Montevideo, Uruguay, held its first Sports Tournament from 4th to 6th September, the highlights of which were competitions in Basketball and Table-tennis. A special brochure was published to commemorate the occasion. It carried Editorial and illustrated matter dealing with Maccabi activities of various South American clubs, comprising: Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, Chile, Peru, Uruguay. It includes also a message from Eric Gumpert, addressed to the President of Maccabi Uruguay, as well as a photograph of "Miss Maccabi 1959", attractive Miss Rachel Levovich. I have also received the first edition of the printed and illustrated magazine published by Maccabi Chile, dated March/May, 1959. It features news about their activities in Swimming, Fencing, Basketball, etc. A whole page is devoted to a report on the last Annual General meeting and to the elections that took place there. From this I see that Louis Aron has been elected President and Caesar Stutman General Secretary. But for the difficulty experienced in reading Spanish or Portuguese, I would be very pleased to report more fully on the contents of the brochures received. I would be grateful to our South American Maccabi friends if they could send me photographs of personalities, of sports and cultural events for reproduction in this "Newsletter".

I am also grateful to our friends in Caracas, Venezuela, for sending me newspaper clippings from "El Mundo Israelita" published in Caracas, featuring several columns in which Maccabi activities in Venezuela are described in detail. I shall welcome more news from these quarters, but, please - can I have this imparted to me in English?

## CONFEDERACION LATINA AMERICANA DE MACCABI - THIRD CONGRESS

Such is the official name of the Federation of Latin-American Maccabi Associations affiliated to the Maccabi World Union. In a letter, dated September, counter-signed by Leon Kaplun and Juan Keibel, Hon. Secretary. (which I had specially translated into English), I find a report on the 3rd Latin-American Maccabi Congress, held at Montevideo, Uruguay, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of that club (originally formed in 1939). Present were three members of the World Executive: Ermino Dobri, David Kopenhagen and Juan Keibel, as well as the 2 Schlichim now in Latin-America, Krein and Shamir, in addition to delegates from the following Territorial Organisations in South America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay. Apologies were received from Bolivia and Guatemala - Maccabi in Venezuela has only recently applied for affiliation and were not, therefore, represented. No news has been received from Mexico or Colombia.

The Sports Programme that followed included individual competitions in Table-tennis in which the following Maccabi clubs participated: Montevideo, Sau Paulo, Buenos Aires, La Plata and Santiago. In the team competitions, Sau Paulo was awarded first place, Uruguay second and third place drawn between Maccabi Buenos Aires and Maccabi Chile.

Roth, from Sau Paulo, was declared individual Table-tennis champion,

In the Basketball competitions, all the aforementioned clubs competed in addition to Maccabi Rio de Janeiro. The winners were Maccabi Sau Paulo. Second place was awarded to Buenos Aires, third to Montevideo and fourth to Chile.

The Congress was opened with greetings from the Israeli Ambassador in Uruguay. Three commissions were set up to deal with the following issues: (1) Education (2) Cultural exchanges (3) Constitution and organisation (4) Inter-Territorial Sports activities. (A copy of the adopted Constitution has since been received.)

Headquarters for the Federation were to be set up in Chile. The 1960 Latin-American Maccabi Festival and Conference is to be held in July, 1960 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The Plenary Session adopted the Executive's report and a resolution was passed expressing the hope that the Federation's work in future will be strengthened and intensified. It was also resolved to set up Maccabi Territorial Organisations where none existed at present.

Congress resolved also to send hearty greetings to the World Executive and its Chairman, P. Gildesgame.

As regards its future activities, the Federation decided to publish a two-monthly review, covering the activities in all countries throughout South America. It will promote Zionist and Hebrew education, using sports as a means to attract youth to Maccabi clubs.

The Constitution, as adopted by the Third Maccabi Latin-American Congress, comprises a number of provisions, of which I quote extracts:

- (1) The Maccabi Latin-American Union will be the Parent Body of Maccabi Territorial Organisations in each Latin-American country.
- (2) The "Congress" will be the governing body of the Latin-American Union and will meet in Ordinary Session once every 2 years at a place and date decided upon at the previous Congress. Extraordinary Sessions may be convened by the Executive in the event of emergencies arising.
- (3) Congress will elect the Executive, consisting of President, Secretary, Treasurer, all voting members representing each affiliated Territorial Organisation. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will have to be residents of the country where the Union Headquarters are set up.
- (4) The Executive will be entrusted with the implementation of all decisions made at Congresses, as well as with the fulfilment of specific assignments such as may arise in the course of their work, from time to time.
- (5) The President, Secretary and Treasurer will be empowered to make decisions in all matters of ordinary routine. But their decisions must be subject to ratification of the rest of the members when they meet. It will be incumbent upon Executive members to meet at least once every 6 months. The Executive will set up sub-commissions to facilitate their work, thereby delegating authority.
- (6) The Congress of the Latin-American Maccabi Union will be constituted by delegates of all affiliated countries. Each country will be entitled to a number of delegates in proportion to its total membership. Each Territorial Organisation will be entitled to at least three delegates, in addition to one delegate for every 1,000 members in excess of the first 3,000. In this manner 4 delegates would be deemed to represent 4,000 affiliated members in their Territorial Organisation. No Territorial Organisation may be represented by more than 6 delegates. Each delegate attending Congress will be entitled to an individual vote and Congress resolutions would be passed by a simple majority.
- (7) Membership of each Territorial Organisation will be assessed on the basis of fees paid to the Union in respect of the number of members declared. Each Territorial Organisation shall be liable to pay \$0.05 yearly, per member, with a minimum of \$50 per club and a maximum not exceeding \$300 per year. The Union Executive will decide on its budget, as well as on fund-raising means required by it.



(8) Congress meeting at 2-yearly sessions will always include in its Agenda the following points:

(a) Consideration of Balance Sheet and Financial Statement (b) A report from each Territorial Organisation (c) A policy to be pursued during the next 2 years. (d) The amount of affiliation dues to be paid during the next 2 years. (e) Election of a new Executive. (f) A decision as to the time and place where the next Maccabi Festival is to be held (g) any other matters which the Executive may deem necessary to submit for discussion and decision.

#### MACCABI VENEZUELA.

I am indebted to our friend, Leon Podhorzer, for a report, dated September, 1959, relating to the activities of the recently-formed club in Caracas. Maccabi in Caracas was formed at the meeting held in May, 1958 which was attended by a group of gentlemen engaged in Maccabi work in pre-war Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Germany. Most prominent among them, apart from Podhorzer was Natalio Dobson, at one time a member of Maccabi Antwerp, Belgium. Mr. Abraham Sultan, a Vice President of the Sefaradi community in Caracas was elected first President and, in this manner, full co-operation with the local religious community was ensured.

Immediate action was to be taken to apply for affiliation to the South American Maccabi Federation, as well as to the Maccabi World Union. A strong Committee has been set up and entrusted with the planning of activities as well as with the campaign to attract as many members among Caracas Jewish Youth community as possible.

Such was the situation in May, 1958. But, having devoted over a year to the arduous task, Podhorzer feels that the prospects for the future are good, despite the many difficulties that already had to be overcome and many more that were in store for them. The main problem facing them, at present, was to find collaborators and leaders devoted heart and soul to the task. Under the dynamic leadership of Dobson, a programme of reorganisation has been undertaken and many of the original founders of the club, who have lost enthusiasm had to be replaced. The majority of adult members of the community in Caracas hail from European countries. When they were young the interest in and enthusiasm for sports was not what it is today. It is, therefore, difficult to enlist their support. On the other hand, the young people of today show considerable interest in sports and opportunities for intensified training and competitions are not as plentiful at school as they can be in specialised sports clubs. It is anticipated that some difficulty will be experienced as regards the finding of premises in which sports activities can be carried on.

The local communities have been drawn to Maccabi and its activities through the columns of two weekly newspapers published in Caracas, -"El Mundo Israelita" and "Senenario Hebreo". Use is also being made of the programme on the local radio station, especially intended for Jewish listeners. The programme is known as "La Voz de Israel" ("Voice of Israel"). As a result of this campaign, 300 members have enrolled of which 100 are Seniors and 200 School children. Judging by the application forms which were so far received, interest in sports activities is particularly concentrated on Swimming, Gymnastics, Basketball and Football. Negotiations are proceeding with the National Institute for Sports, an organisation working under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, with a view to obtaining through them indoor and outdoor facilities for the various sports activities in which club members wish to engage. The Gymnastic Federation has already responded favourably and an adequate hall for activities has been made available.

A professional Sports Instructor, Carlos Hochstadt, has been engaged and his work produced very satisfactory results. Men's and Ladies' Gymnastic Sections are in full swing. Competitions in Basketball have commenced, although with comparatively little success for the Maccabi team. They have not had sufficient time to train. Nevertheless, they acquitted themselves relatively well and this has served to encourage the leaders of the club to carry on with their good work. For the first time in Caracas, Jewish boys and girls participated in sports events wearing proudly the Maccabi emblem on their shirts. Local papers published photographs and articles in praise of the Maccabi sportsmen and sportswomen. This has produced a gratifying effect throughout all sections of the community, and the leading newspaper in Caracas, "El Universal" carried a long article featuring Maccabi's activities and referring to them as outstanding events.

Although 130 members have declared themselves interested in Swimming, an Olympic Pool has not yet been secured, despite many promises to this effect. In South America, a promise must not be treated in the same way as one is accustomed to in Europe. No-one seems in a hurry. It is hoped, however, that this problem will soon be solved.

At one time, it was also hoped to form a football section.

There is also an ambitious scheme to erect a clubhouse, similar to the one possessed by the Jewish community in Mexico. The clubhouse is to become the centre of Jewish activities, as well as a "Home" for its sporting youth.

#### CHILE.

A Leaders' Course is to be organised by Maccabi Chile during the first part of July 1960, which will take the form of a Camp on the Central Coast of Chile. The number of participants from each country is unlimited, but clubs participating will be called upon to pay the expenses of outward and return travel to and from Santiago. In order to cover other expenses, the Committee of Maccabi Chile de Santiago propose asking for a subsidy from the Maccabi World Union, as well as from the Jewish Agency. Eligible for the Leadership Course are members not less than 15 and not exceeding 18 years old. Parents and relatives of participants in the Leadership Course will be allowed to visit them, if they so wish.

#### SWITZERLAND.

Oskar Wessely reports (September):

"As a result of the European Maccabi Games in Copenhagen, the activities of our clubs have been intensified and much more enthusiasm for our work is in evidence elsewhere.

"Six Basketball teams competed in Berne for the title of "Maccabi Champion". As before, Maccabi Geneva emerged victorious and have been awarded the Challenge Cup offered by the Jewish Communal Board of Switzerland. For the first time, the new Maccabi Club of Anieres took part in the contest, having fielded excellent players. Unfortunately, we were unable to send a Basketball team to Copenhagen in view of the high costs involved. On the other hand, the Football and Tennis players made a sacrifice because of their keen desire to attend the European Games. Members of the Football team have thus forfeited their Summer holidays and, instead, underwent intensive training during many weeks. They proceeded to Copenhagen by road, in motor cars. As is well known, they were well-received in Copenhagen and were the favourites of the public. When playing

in the final match versus Great Britain, the tackling of the English players was too much for them and, consequently, they lost by a narrow margin - 1:0. They were indignant at the behaviour of the British footballers who replaced a player whilst the game was in progress. Nevertheless, our players were satisfied with the silver medal, having taken second place in the keenly competed football matches.

"Our Lawn Tennis player, Fredi Gut has also distinguished himself as best European participant but was inevitably beaten by the two Israeli players. Yet, the semi-final between Gut and Avidan has provided an interesting spectacle of how good tennis should be played. Tennis has become a favourite sport of Maccabi Switzerland and much more will be heard of it in the near future.

"The Soccer Season has started again and Hakoah-Zurich won a splendid victory of 4 - 1 against a local team. In the late Autumn, the third Swiss Maccabi 'Orientation Race' is being organised, in which athletes of all Sports Sections, Juniors, Seniors, men and women, will take part in a kind of 'Cross-Country Relay'. Aided by compasses and maps, they will head for an unknown destination through meadows and forests."

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AUSTRIA. Vienna.

E. Sinai reports:

"Both the Waterpolo and Handball teams have been promoted recently to a higher division as a result of successful matches played recently against other clubs. Shortly we will be participating in the Junior Handball championship of Austria. Negotiations are progressing with the Board of Management of the Jewish community in Vienna with regard to a Clubhouse."

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FRANCE. A Maccabi Ball in Paris.

The November "News Bulletin" issued by the Sporting Club Maccabi de Paris carries a report about the Ball held there last month at the Hotel Continental. It has been one of the most successful and most outstanding social functions in the life of the Paris Jewish community. Th. Haas is credited for much of its success, for he alone sold more than 100 tickets. Only members of the Football section were conspicuous by their absence. Mme. F. Weiss was Chairman of the Organising Committee and other ladies were in charge of the Tombola and of the catering. Concluding her report about the Ball, Mme. Weiss suggests that since this last one was such an outstanding social success, would it not be possible for Maccabi in Paris to arrange similar festivities on the occasion of Chanukah, Purim, as well as Garden Parties during the Summer. In this manner, she feels confident some funds would accrue to Maccabi in Paris and at long last a 'Home' for the hundreds of their members could be acquired.

Among sports sections, Basketball and Football and Tennis continue most active and frequent matches are played throughout the seasons.

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GREAT BRITAIN.JEWISH YOUTH ORGANISATIONS CONFER.(London).

Leaders of the Association for Jewish Youth (A. J. Y. ) in Great Britain, one of the oldest and numerically the strongest Youth Organisation in this country, have recently been invited by leaders of the Union of Maccabi Associations to informal talks, designed to pave the way towards closer co-operation in certain spheres of common endeavour. The first meeting, held at the home of Fred Worms, conducted in a cordial atmosphere, resulted in a useful discussion but, contrary to some unauthorised press reports, there was no question, nor is there likely to be any, of a merger. Another meeting with a more specific Agenda, is due to be held early in January.

Co-operation between the A. J. Y. and Maccabi in Great Britain has proved possible in the past and was highlighted in connection with the British team for the Maccabiah Games. Several competitors, included in the British Maccabiah teams since 1950 were, in fact, selected from among the ranks of the A. J. Y. Sports Sections. There has also been useful co-ordination in certain sports activities between the two organisations, whose teams participate in Junior Football Leagues. One of the clubs affiliated to the A. J. Y. is the well known Brady, situated at Hanbury Street, in the East-end of London. ~~It~~ They recently decided to extend their premises to cater for old and young alike living in the district. The foundation stone was laid by Miss Miriam Moses, O. B. E., at which ceremony Gildesgame represented the Maccabi Union.

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Co-operation between the two "rival" Jewish Youth Organisations in Great Britain continues to be cordial and friendly. This should set an example to others, especially to our friends in Israel, where the ideological differences between 'Hapoel' and Maccabi appear, at times, so acute as to result in animosity, or even mutual hostility. The A. J. Y. have learned a great deal from Maccabi and Maccabi often reaps the benefit of the experience which it acquires in the course of its co-operation with A. J. Y. leaders and club members.

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DAVE SEGAL. - A Voluntary promotor of Athletics.

Dave Segal, the well known British International and Olympic athlete contributes a weekly column in the London "Jewish Chronicle", dealing with sports generally and with particular reference to athletics. The "Dave Segal Column" has now become a regular feature and it is fair to say that the "Jewish Chronicle" is making a valuable contribution towards better appreciation of sports among its readers. More generous space devoted in the weekly sports columns of the "Jewish Chronicle" featuring a large number of items of news relating to Maccabi activities, is bound to attract the attention of young readers, many of whom do not normally read this very well-edited weekly - the organ of British Jewry. Dave Segal continues to take an active interest in the training of young promising athletes and the "Jewish Chronicle" has done well to sponsor a weekend Training Course in Athletics in which Dave Segal will play a prominent part.

It is worth recalling that, during last Summer, Dave Segal has travelled a great deal, representing British Athletics in Scandinavia, in Poland, in Russia and elsewhere. In Moscow, he finished third in 21.5 seconds in the 200 metres in the Russia versus Britain Athletics match at the Lenin Stadium. When in Helsinki last September, he was greeted by members of the local Maccabi, some of whom he has met at the European Maccabi Games in Copenhagen. There he was received by the Hon. President of Maccabi Finland, Misha Kagan, and present among the hosts was also Israel Baran, at one time Olympic Sprinter, and well known Maccabi member, who won

the 100 metres race in the Maccabi Copenhagen Games. In his report, published in the "Jewish Chronicle", Dave Segal stated that he had so many invitations from members of the Jewish community that, if he had accepted them all, he would have been unable to run the races for which purpose he came to Helsinki last September.

#### HAVE A GO - promising athletes.

I quote a significant extract from one of Dave Segal's columns, of which I hope every aspiring athlete will take note. "I am only 22 years old but being an athlete has enabled me to go three-quarters round the world, including visits to Australia, the United States and the Soviet Union. If you train only four times a week, enough success will come your way. If you want to do even better: Have a go."

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#### COPENHAGEN REUNION.

On Saturday, 5th December, at the Shaftesbury Hotel in London, some 50 Maccabi athletes, men and women, attended the Reunion Party to celebrate the outstanding success of the British team in the Maccabi European Games, held last August in Copenhagen. Films of the Games, as well as coloured slides and photographs were shown throughout the evening, and all those who attended were unanimous in their verdict: It is so good to be a member of Maccabi.

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#### THE MACCABI STADIUM IN LONDON HAS A PAVILION.

On a cold and windy Sunday afternoon, on 6th December, at 3.p.m., some 80 people, well known supporters of Maccabi in Great Britain, leading patrons, fund-raisers, assembled under a wind-swept marquee to witness the inauguration of a Pavilion erected on the ground adjoining the Maccabi Stadium in Hendon, a London suburb. Gildesgame presided. Mr. Jack Steinberg, Chairman of the Central Maccabi Fund in England, to whom Gildesgame handed a commemorative golden key, praised Maccabi's work and its achievements in the sphere of sports before officially turning the key of the door leading to spacious Changing Rooms, Cloakrooms and Showers, provided at the cost of £10,000, for the benefit of the hundreds of sportsmen using the stadium grounds which comprise a Running Track, 2 Football pitches and 6 Tennis Courts. Gildesgame paid a tribute to the untiring work done during the past 10 years by those in charge of the Central Maccabi Fund. But for their successful endeavours, neither the Maccabi Stadium nor many of the clubs up and down the country would be able to carry on their work free from financial worries that have always beset them. It was true to say, however, that Maccabi clubs in Great Britain have been encouraged to be self-supporting as far as they could and, with this in mind, they organise their own fund-raising ventures in the form of dances, shows, balls, annual dinners, etc. But no youth club can possibly raise the money needed for its upkeep. This is where the monies provided by the Central Maccabi Fund, either in the form of grants or loans, have proved so very useful.

Mr. Steinberg reminded the gathering that £5,000 has been contributed by the Wolfson Foundation towards the cost of the pavilion, the balance having been raised jointly by the Central Maccabi Fund as well as by the two principal users of the Stadium, Maccabi Association (N.W.) London and the Wingate Football Club. Representatives of Wingate and of Maccabi Association (N.W.) London were present. Towards the end of the proceedings, which lasted only a quarter of an hour, Mr. Harry Craps, a devoted member of the Central Maccabi Fund Council, unveiled a plaque fixed to the wall of the pavilion to commemorate the untiring efforts made by the late Jimmy Cohen,

at one time an Olympic athlete and, in recent years, a keen supporter and fund-raiser for Maccabi in Great Britain. Mrs. Cohen, the mother of the deceased, was present at the ceremony. Her lawyer handed, on her behalf, to Mr. Steinberg, a cheque for £1,000 "As a tribute to Maccabi's work for the welfare of its youth."

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### IS 'HAPOEL' REALLY NON-POLITICAL? - A pertinent question.

During my encounters and negotiations with leaders of the 'Hapoel' Sports Organisation in Israel in 1957, designed to find a basis for co-operation between Maccabi and Hapoel in Israel, I have been assured repeatedly by their spokesmen that notwithstanding their Red Socialist Flag and emblems carried by their members, 'Hapoel' is not really a political organisation and, therefore, it was untrue to say that their tens of thousands of members, ranging from 6 years of age and upwards, were not being indoctrinated politically. Needless to say that I doubted these assertions. When 'Hapoel' declared their readiness to apply for affiliation to the Maccabi World Union, I informed them that this could not be done as, according to the Constitution of our Movement, no group, club or organisation known to have political affiliations whatsoever would be eligible. Eyebrows were raised in astonishment and eloquent attempts were being made to disabuse my mind from any such thought that 'Hapoel' were really a politically-committed organisation.

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For better or for worse, the negotiations with 'Hapoel' which were being carried on by correspondence until late 1958, have proved inconclusive. Very liberal proposals were submitted to 'Hapoel' to form a basis for co-operation between Maccabi World Union and their organisation, limited to a joint effort in the organisation of the next Maccabiah. Not having a reply to the proposals, despite cables and letters to remind them that such a reply was due. I was left with no alternative but to advise my colleagues that I consider the negotiations as having come to an end. This decision was approved by the World Executive, especially following an announcement made public by 'Hapoel' of their decision to hold an International Sports event in Israel during 1961. That decision was taken to mean that 'Hapoel' were no longer interested in a joint effort to ensure the success of the 6th Maccabiah and that, moreover, they were determined to organise a major sports event themselves bound to clash with the Maccabiah to be held in 1961.

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Mr. I. Panai, General Secretary of the 'Hapoel' Organisation, was recently in London. He paid me the compliment of telephoning me on Sunday, 6th December, in the afternoon, to announce his presence and to enquire about my well-being. In the course of the conversation he volunteered the information that he had just attended a meeting of the "International" and that his journey to several European capitals was in connection with the Sports Festival which is to be held in Israel on 1st May, 1961, under the auspices of, and organised on behalf of the International Labour Organisation by 'Hapoel'. In reply to several questions, Panai declared:

- a). The Sports Festival is to be held on 1st May, when all socialists celebrate Labour Day.
  - b). Invitations to sportsmen and athletes are being sent to non-Jewish Socialist Sports Organisations only.
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- c). (If I understood him aright) Such Labour Festivals are to be held in Israel regularly at 4-yearly intervals.



In reply to further questions, Panai stated that it was not their intention to address invitations to Jewish Sports Organisation anywhere but, if any athletes of the Jewish faith were to participate, this will be a 'coincidence'. He did not think, therefore, that this all-Socialist Sports Festival, in which non-Jewish athletes from various parts of the world are to participate will, in any way, clash with the Maccabiah. If it did - it would not be 'Hapoel's fault'...

To conclude our conversation, I declared to Panai that we would not hesitate to inform and to advise Maccabi Territorial Organisations everywhere not to accept invitations coming from 'Hapoel' to participate in this all-Socialist Sports Festival. Likewise, we will discourage any individual Maccabi athlete from participating.

I take this opportunity of drawing the attention of Maccabi leaders everywhere to the above report. Any Maccabi club in your Territorial Organisation receiving an invitation from 'Hapoel' to participate in their 1961 Sports Festival is requested to advise us immediately. Receipt of the invitations should not be ignored. Instead, they should be treated as they deserve: A courteous refusal!

#### SPORTS IN ISRAEL -SOME AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ITEMS.

George Jessel, Comedian, who is Baseball Chairman of the 'American Sports for Israel' stated, on his return from Jerusalem recently: "What's left of the Israel desert will some day be covered by baseball diamonds."

Floyd Stahl, former Ohio State Basketball Coach said, during a press interview: During a 6 weeks tour of coaching and lecturing in Israel he got more out of it than he put into it. One of the big problems is getting enough basketballs and shoes for the kids who want to play the game. Besides lecturing and coaching, Stahl showed movies of American Basketball games.

The Wingate Institute for Physical Education at Natanya, Israel, designated 4 Americans as trustees. They include Sidney S. Baron, New York, Alfred Fleishman of St. Louis, Harry D. Henshel of New York, Leonard B. Low of Los Angeles.

On a grant from the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, Yale's Bob Kipthuth, considered the world's most famous swimming athlete, went over to the Wingate Institute during April and May to conduct clinics of advanced swimming and physical education techniques for Israeli teachers and coaches. This is Bob's second visit to Israel.

The International Education Exchange Service of the U.S. Department of State arranged for the presence of two other U.S. coaches at Wingate for teaching and clinical purposes: Glen A. Martin, Baseball and Basketball Coach and Le Roy Walker, Track and Basketball Coach.

The 1957 U.S.A. Maccabiah Gold Medallist, Mike Herman, competing in his first Decathlon was placed third in the event at the National Amateur Athletic Union's event held at Kingsburgh, California. He was also placed third in the U.S.A. versus Russia athletics meeting held in Philadelphia last summer.

The only Jewish athlete in the U.S. team competing in Philadelphia was Abram Krivosheyev of Odessa. He was placed fourth and last in the 800 metres race. He told newspaper reporters he had never heard of "gefilte fish"...

The Maccabi football team in New York is not idling. In September they played the Swedish S. C. in the first league game, having drawn 1-1. During the season they also won a match against Yonckers Scotch-Americans (5-1) and others.

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### THE WORLD OLYMPIC GAMES, ROME, 1960.

#### Revised Qualifying Standards.

Maccabi athletes aspiring to be included in their respective national teams to compete in the World Olympics in Rome in 1960, should note that the following qualifying standards for entry to the Games have been decided upon by the International Olympic Committee, when they met late this summer under the chairmanship of the President, Mr. Avery Brundage.

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The International Amateur Athletic Federation, striving to limit the number of competitors for the Olympic Games have fixed qualifying standards for all events except the Marathon Walks, and have restricted the number of entries per nation. Entries will be limited for each event. One athlete per nation has the right with the option of entering two more, providing they have reached the certain standards.

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The qualifying standards for entry to the Games are:

**MEN:** 100 m - 10.4 secs. (or 9.5 for 100 yds); 200 m - 21.3 (or 21.4 for 220); 400 m - 47.3 (or 47.6 for 440); 800 m - 1:49.2 (or 1:49.8 for 880); 1,500 m - 3.45 (or 4.02 for mile); 5,000 m - 14:10 (or 13.45 for 3 miles); 10,000 m - 29.40 (or 28:45 for 6 miles); Steeplechase - 8.55; 110 m hurdles - 14.4 (or 14.4 for 120 yds.); 400 m. hurdles - 52.2 (or 52.5 for 440). High Jump - 2.05 m. (6ft. 8.3/4 ins.); Long jump - 7.50 m. (24 ft. 7.1/4 ins.); Hop step - 15.60 m. (51 ft. 2 ins); Pole vault - 4.40 m (14 ft. 5.1/4 ins.); Pole Vault - 4.40 m (14 ft. 5.1/4 ins.); Shot - 17 m. (55 ft. 9.1/4 ins.); Discus - 53 m. (173 ft 10½ ins.); Javelin - 76.50 m. (251 ft.); Hammer 62 m. (203 ft. 5 ins.); Decathlon - 6,750 pts.

**WOMEN:** 100 m. - 11.8 (or 10.9 for 100 yds.); 200 m - 24.3 (or 24.5 for 220 yds.); 800 m - 2.12 (or 2.13 for 880 yds.); 80 m hurdles - 11.2; High Jump - 1.67 m (5 ft. 5.3/4 ins.); Long jump - 5.90 m. (19 ft. 4.1/4 ins.); Shot - 14.60 m (47 ft. 10.3/4 ins.); Discus - 48 m (157 ft. 6 ins.)- Javelin - 49 m (160 ft. 9½ ins.).

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# CHAIRMAN'S NEWS LETTER

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Maccabi Table-Tennis Singles Champions. Brazilian Champion exchanging pennants with the Uruguayan Champion.



Leaders of the Latin-American Maccabi Federation. From left to right: Mr. D. Kopenhagen, President of Maccabi-Brazil, Mr. Jorge Zierz, Treasurer of Maccabi Sao Paulo, Juan Keibel, Hon. Secretary of the Latin-American Federation.



Mr. Leon Kaplun, President of the Latin-American Maccabi Federation addressing the Opening Session of the Maccabi Conference in Montevideo in September, 1959.



Maccabi Football team, Sao Paulo, Brazil.



The recently inaugurated new Pavilion at the Maccabi Stadium in London (as reported in the Newsletter No. 71).



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THE DATE OF THE 6TH MACCABIAH ANNOUNCED.

The Maccabi World Union Executive H. Q., after consultation with Territorial Organisations, has now decided, on the basis of a majority of opinions obtained, that the 6th Maccabiah

WILL OPEN ON AUGUST 29th AND WILL CLOSE ON 5th SEPTEMBER, 1961.

The following provisional Time-table has also been advised:

Tuesday, 29th August.	Opening Ceremony.
Wednesday, 30th August.	Competitions.
Thursday, 31st August.	Competitions.
Friday, 1st September.	Competitions.
Saturday, 2nd September.	Day for rest.
Sunday, 3rd September.	Competitions.
Monday, 4th September.	Competitions.
Tuesday, 5th September.	Closing Ceremony.

It will be seen from the above that the Closing Ceremony will take place one week before Rosh Hashana. This should, therefore, afford ample opportunity to competitors and supporters to return to their homelands by air in time for the High Festivals.

Plans are now being considered, designed to encourage competitors, as well as their supporters, to arrive in Israel a week or two before the Opening Ceremony. This should help competitors to adjust themselves to the climatic conditions of Israel, as well as to tour the country under the auspices of Israeli Government Agencies.

You are advised to give the above announcement widest possible publicity through your national press and radio.

Editorial Comment.A New Plan-A New Era.

In this issue I am happy to announce the date of the 6th Maccabiah, as well as details of the New Plan (Henshel-Gildesgame Plan) designed to create a sound and lasting basis for the organisations of the next and, let us hope, of many Maccabiah Games that will follow it. Considerable progress has been made in recent years in terms of a more realistic appraisal of the importance of the Maccabiah as the only JEWISH SPORTS MEET INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED. The enormous burden entailed in the successful organisation of the Games is reflected in what the New Plan aims to achieve. When carried into effect, it should mark a New Era of a permanent and happy partnership between the Maccabi World Union - the founder and, until now, the sole organiser of 5 successful Maccabiahs - and others, who will join us in a spirit of friendly collaboration, actuated by a desire to benefit sports-loving Jewish Youth the world over, regardless of nationality, colour, or club affiliation.

Thus, united in an endeavour to bring to Israel thousands of young people to compete for highest honours in amateur sports, the joint promotion will make the Maccabiah Games one of the most outstanding events in the calendar of Jewish Youth in Israel and overseas - an event justly called "The World Jewish Sports Festival".

# EDITORIAL (continued:)

## Strength through Unity.

The Maccabiah is a cherished heritage of the Maccabi Movement, an important factor stimulating training and competition in the ranks of tens of thousands of Jewish Youth. As it is to be held at 4-yearly intervals in Israel, its importance is the greater inasmuch that the advent of the Games is bound to attract increasing numbers of youth to the State of Israel, either as prospective competitors, supporters, or tourists. Thus, it will be seen that the Maccabi Movement does not pursue selfish aims only. It would be grossly unfair, however, to expect a handful of selfless members of the Executive of the Maccabi World Union, residing in Israel, to continue to shoulder the whole burden of organisation of such an event entailing many months of preparation, of labour, and of expense. It is, therefore, right and proper that the future Maccabiah Games become the joint responsibility of those wishing to participate. Hence the creation of a new plan which is consistent with the universal character of the Maccabiah Games.

I am sure that the Government of Israel, the Jewish Agency, the principal Municipalities throughout Israel, and the entire population of the Yishev will, in common with the Jewish communities in the Diaspora, treat the Maccabiah as an important event, worthy of fullest support, moral as well as material. Any help which the Government and the People of Israel, will give to the Maccabiah organisation in future should no longer be treated as a favour, but as a gesture readily extended to those who, by a common effort will work for the Honour of Jewry and the Glory of Sport.

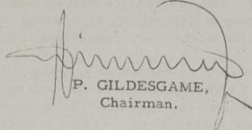
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## THE 14TH WORLD CONGRESS.

Opinions differ as to whether the next World Congress should be convened some days prior to the Opening of the 6th Maccabiah, or on the day after the Closing ceremony. I invite comments and observations. I would be in favour of Congress being held two or three days before the Opening of the Maccabiah as, otherwise, delegates will be far too tired intelligently to participate in the Congress debates after having attended the various indoor and-outdoor Maccabiah events at the height of the Summer in 1961. Bearing in mind also the desirability of competitors, supporters and tourists coming to Israel a week or two before the Maccabiah Games, to enable them to tour the country, to visit friends, or to spend some time with their family, I feel that, if the overwhelming opinion of Maccabi leaders, the world over, be in favour of Congress being held before the Maccabiah Games, the World Executive will decide accordingly and announce its decision within the next two or three months. YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE WELCOME.

With Maccabi Greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
P. GILDESGAME,  
Chairman.



# A NEW PLAN for The 6th Maccabiah.

As announced in previous issues of this Newsletter, a new plan for the 6th Maccabiah has now been agreed to by the World Executive Headquarters in Israel, as well as by Executive members in London and myself. The plan is based upon a scheme conceived jointly by Colonel Harry D. Henshel, Chairman of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, and myself, and it is due to be carried into effect immediately.

The main objects of the plan are outlined hereunder. It will be seen from it that, when implemented, the INTERNATIONAL MACCABIAH SPONSORING COMMITTEE (I. M. S. C.), will henceforth become an organisation bearing the character similar to that of the International Olympic Committee.

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE will be an all-Israeli Organisation, representing the Israeli Government, its various Agencies, as well as a cross-section of the community, playing the part of a Board of Patrons of the Maccabiah Games, under the high patronage of the President of Israel.

THE TECHNICAL MACCABIAH ORGANISING COMMITTEE will consist of experts and specialists, many of whom will be full-time paid technicians, dealing with the various aspects of the Maccabiah organisation.

## Why a New Plan?

It has been found necessary to adopt the above plan in order to relieve members of the World Executive residing in Israel of the enormous physical and mental burden entailed in the organisation of the Maccabiah Games once every 4 years. The Maccabiah must henceforth become a joint responsibility of all those wishing to ensure its success.

Past experience has proved that, if well organised and administered, the Maccabiah may well be a vital link uniting sports-minded Jewish youth, regardless of Nationality, colour or club affiliation, in one common purpose: The promotion of intensive training and competition in all branches of amateur sport, thereby raising the performances to Olympic standards. The Maccabiah, due to take place in Israel once every 4 years, would rank and be recognised as an International Sports Meet. Thus, the Maccabiah Games - the World Jewish Sports Festival - will also play an important part in the ingathering of tens of thousands of Jewish Youth on the soil of Israel, be they as competitors, supporters, or as spectators.

With these objects in mind, it is our firm resolve to enlist the fullest help and co-operation in our efforts of every organised Jewish community the world over, of leading Communal organisations, of the Government of Israel, of the Jewish Agency, as well as of all sections of the Yishuv in Israel.

Details of the New Maccabiah Plan explained.

I will now **explain**, for the benefit of my readers generally, and for the information of members of the World Executive and World Council in particular, the objects and responsibilities of the three committees who will, in future, be entrusted jointly with the Maccabi World Union, with the organisation of the Maccabiah Games.

THE INTERNATIONAL MACCABIAH SPONSORING COMMITTEE.

- (1) The Chairman or the President of the Maccabi World Union shall invite all countries (hereinafter named "member-countries") intending to participate in the 6th Maccabiah Games, to nominate two or more persons of distinction and known for their active interest in the Maccabiah, to represent them on the International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee (I. M. S. C.).
- (2) The Maccabi World Union Executive shall be a permanent founder-member of the I. M. S. C.
- (3) Each member-country shall be represented by one integrated "delegation", representing bona fide Jewish Amateur Sports Youth or Welfare Organisations who pledged themselves to co-operate together for the benefit of the Maccabiah Games and/or in the formation and expedition of a National team of competitors
- (4) The I. M. S. C. shall decide on the general policy to be adopted for the ensuing Maccabiah Games. Its decisions shall be binding upon all member-countries, as well as upon the Maccabiah Technical Organising Committee in Israel (M. T. O. C.). Accordingly, the I. M. S. C. shall decide on the dates when the Games are to commence and to terminate, on the number of competitions to be included, on the eligibility of teams or individuals as to charges to be made for athletes' catering and accommodation, as well as on all other matters affecting the technical, financial and administrative organisation of the Games.  
The I. M. S. C. shall also ensure that the competitions will be conducted under the rules of the International Governing Bodies of Amateur Sports.
- (5) As regards decisions to be made, each member-country, regardless of the number of delegates representing it, shall be entitled to one vote. Resolutions shall be adopted by a simple majority and votes may be cast also by cable or letter.

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE.

- (1) The President's Committee (P. C.) to be set up in Israel, shall be called into being by the I. M. S. C. It will act as a Board of Patrons with the President of Israel as the Chief Patron. It will be presided over by an Hon. Chairman, to be nominated by the I. M. S. C.
- (2) In addition to the Government of Israel, the Jewish Agency, and the Armed Forces, the President's Committee shall also comprise representatives of Universities, Educational Institutions, Women's Welfare Organisations, principal Municipalities and Settlements, as well as of all Youth and Sports Organisations in Israel. Thus, the President's Committee shall be representative of all sections of the Israeli community.
- (3) The main object of the President's Committee shall be to ensure the whole-hearted participation in, and support by, the Israeli population in the Games in whichever part of the country individual events may be held. As and when required, the President's Committee shall also be called upon to assist the

I. M. S. C. in obtaining financial and organisational assistance from the Government, the Jewish Agency and from principal municipalities in Israel.

#### TECHNICAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

- (1) The Technical Organising Committee (T. O. C.) of Experts shall be set up by the I. M. S. C., or by another body authorised by it to do so. It will be comprised of a number of volunteers as well as of temporary fully paid and qualified personnel, entrusted with specific assignments, such as the organisation of competitions, the supervision of these by competent referees and judges, the choice of suitable venues, accommodation and inland transportation of athletes, catering and welfare, the distribution and sale of admission tickets to all events, the provision of sports gear, press, publicity, public relations, propaganda, etc.
- (2) The T. O. C. may set up a number of sub-Committees entrusted with specific responsibilities.
- (3) The Finance Committee will form an integral part of the Technical Organising Committee. Its task will be to submit to the I. M. S. C., latest by September, 1960, a Budget of estimated Income and Expenditure, covering all aspects of the Games. The Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee shall be a Chartered Accountant and, if so desired, his, or his firm's, services shall be remunerated at an agreed fee.

IMPORTANT. It must be noted that the Maccabi World Union Executive, in addition to being a founder-member of the I. M. S. C., shall be also represented on the President's Committee, as well as on the Technical Organising Committee, it being understood that, in all instances, eligibility of members, whether representing the Maccabi World Union, or any other organisation, shall be decided on individual merit only. The object of this condition is to forge links of a voluntary and friendly partnership between the Maccabi World Union, on the one hand, and all those wishing well the Maccabiah Games, and ready to co-operate for their future success, on the other. Furthermore, the future success of the Maccabiah will depend not only on the good intentions of organisations and individuals, but also on a common effort in which all concerned must be actively engaged.

#### HOW THE NEW PLAN FOR THE MACCABIAH IS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

- (1) As soon as nominations will be received from each country, giving the names and addresses of persons to be invited to join the I. M. S. C., an official invitation will be extended to them and, when accepted by them, their names will appear on the list of member-countries of the I. M. S. C. They will receive fullest information, being details concerning the organisation of the 6th Maccabiah in all its aspects, and their consent to such proposals will be requested in writing, or by cable.

If at all possible, a meeting of all member-countries of the I. M. S. C. will be convened, to be held in Rome during the period of the 1960 Olympic Games, due to be held there this coming August/September, 1960. At that meeting, or latest by October, 1960, final plans for the 6th Maccabiah will have to be ratified.

- (2) A detailed plan covering all aspects of the Maccabiah organisation is now in the course of preparation. A copy of a draft memorandum embodying all proposals will be despatched by airmail from Tel-Aviv during May. A special Secretariat will be set up in Tel-Aviv, to deal with all correspondence and direct contact will also be established between member-countries of



the I. M. S. C. and myself in England.

- (3) I am proceeding to Israel early in April, for a visit lasting 3 weeks. During that time I will preside at several Maccabi World Union Executive meetings at which the details of the plan referred to in the earlier paragraph will be worked out and translated into Hebrew, English, German, French and Spanish.
- (4) If at all possible, a provisional Budget of Income and Expenditure will also be prepared, and copies despatched to all members of the I. M. S. C., as well as to all members of the Maccabi World Union Executive, for information, comments, criticism and/or approval.
- (5) During my visit to Israel I will endeavour to set up the President's Committee, following upon an audience which I hope will be granted to me by H.E. the President of the State of Israel, Mr. Itzhak Ben-Zvi. I also hope to be received by the Prime Minister, the President of the Jewish Agency Executive, by the Head of the Israel Tourist Corporation, as well as others whose assistance and advice in connection with the 6th Maccabiah will be considered of immediate importance.
- (6) The question of the Maccabiah Village and the accommodation of athletes participating in the 6th Maccabiah will also be discussed with the Board of Management, as well as with the municipalities adjoining the Maccabiah Village.
- (7) Likewise, matters pertaining to catering for athletes and the charges to be made, will be discussed with several experts and tentative decisions made, subject to the approval of the I. M. S. C.
- (8) As regards the date for the 6th Maccabiah, a special announcement is published elsewhere in this issue.

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#### An Appeal to Territorial Organisations.

Meanwhile, all Territorial Organisations are advised to lose no time and to start preparations for the next Maccabiah forthwith. Set up Maccabiah Organising Committees where none exist and encourage intensive training of athletes with a view to ultimate selection to national teams.

A list of Maccabiah events will be issued, in due course, but, meanwhile, it can be taken for granted, subject to confirmation, in due course, that competitions in the following events will be held: ATHLETICS (Track & Field events), GYMNASTICS, BOXING, WRESTLING, WEIGHT-LIFTING, FENCING, SWIMMING, WATERPOLO, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BOWLING, LAWN TENNIS, A TABLE-TENNIS TOURNAMENT, CYCLING.

Any country wishing to suggest additional competitions should write to us at once.

Any countries intending to participate in any of the events provisionally announced in the preceding paragraph should notify us soonest, without obligation.

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NEWS FROM WORLD EXECUTIVE HEADQUARTERS.

I have learned with much regret that our Executive colleague, Z. Rusecki, has been taken ill recently and has flown, last week, to Boston, U.S.A. for further treatment. Another Executive World Colleague, Mr. Ben-Dror, is recovering from heart trouble. We wish them both a speedy and complete recovery.

Dr. Eliezer Justice-Dayan, Deputy Chairman of the Executive, is proceeding to South Africa at the end of March to organise the Israel Pavilion at the Johannesburg Exhibition. He will also be in Rhodesia to supervise the Israeli Pavilion at the Exhibition in Bulawayo. There he is to meet the Queen Mother, Queen Elizabeth of England, when on an official visit. On his way back from Africa, Dr. Justice-Dayan will stop over in Europe for a few days for consultations with Maccabi colleagues.

Dr. R. Atlasz will be visiting the United States next May. Dr. Gusta Singer, another member of the World Executive, is sitting for her degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the Pittsburgh University in the U.S.A. Mr. Shalom Zysman, another member of the World Executive, has been elected Deputy Mayor of the Ramat Gan municipality.

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THE MACCABI PROFICIENCY BADGE (TZIUN HAMACCABI). The attention of all Territorial Organisations is drawn to the circular letter issued last December by the Executive H.Q., over the signature of Dr. Atlasz, Sports Director. Full details of the Maccabi Proficiency Badge are given, and T.Os. are earnestly requested to study this scheme and to introduce it among their affiliated clubs with as little delay as possible.

It must be remembered that whilst the Maccabi World Movement has done much towards the promotion and active participation by Jewish youth in sports, this alone does not constitute the fulfilment of Maccabi's aims and objects. A cultural programme of activities of a Jewish content is as essential, if not more important, than the education of our youth in the realm of sports. The Maccabi Proficiency Badge scheme is an indication of our desire for the introduction of elementary knowledge among tens of thousands of members of Maccabi all over the world of Jewish matters.

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'MACCABI' OBITUARIES.

Maccabi in Great Britain has lost one of its outstanding supporters in the untimely passing away of Samuel Shekhory. Born in Jaffa 58 years ago, the late Shekhory was educated at the Herzlia Gymnasium in Tel-Aviv, and was a contemporary of Moshe Sharett, Dov Hos, and others, from the earlier Zionist generation. He was a member of Haganah, together with the legendary Joseph Trumpeldor. Shekhory has long been interested in the Maccabi Movement and was, at one time, a first-class Lawn Tennis player. He was also a former Vice-Chairman of the London Maccabi Association. His Zionist activities in Great Britain date from the time when he graduated from the London School of Economics. He was a former Vice-President of the Zionist Federation and was Chairman of the St. John's Wood and Maida Vale Zionist Society for many years. He was also a prominent executive of the Marks & Spencer organisation in England. His funeral at the Willesden Cemetery in London, on 4th February, was attended by several hundreds of his friends and admirers. Shekhory is survived by an ailing wife. There were no children.

Jacques Schapiro. We announce with regret the passing away of Jacques Schapiro, until recently President of the Maccabi Athletic Club in New York. A letter of condolence on behalf of the Maccabi World Union has been sent to his bereaved family.

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# RELATIONS WITH THE JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE.

## Annual Grant Provisionally Doubled.

I am pleased to inform my readers that, following upon representations made to the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem, I have now received a communication from Mr. Elyahu Dobkin, Chairman of the Youth and Hechalutz Department, dated 28th January, 1960, an extract of which reads as follows:

"Owing to my prolonged illness I could not keep in touch with you for the last four months. I have returned to my desk only a few days ago and hope that in a couple of weeks I shall be quite well again. Your recent letter and cables were brought to my attention. I am very sorry about the misunderstanding which arose, and in order to show the goodwill of my department, I decided to allocate for the administrative expenses of the Maccabi World Union an annual amount of £5,000 (Five thousand Israeli pounds), as from the next fiscal year, i.e. starting from April, 1960. This is an exception, as we do not, as a rule, participate in the administrative expenses of the various organisations. This allocation is, of course, in addition to our assistance for special projects in which your organisation may participate, such as shlichim, summer and winter youth leaders' institutes, visits to Israel, etc.

"Dear Mr. Gildesgame, I sincerely hope that you will appreciate that I have done my utmost in this case. At the same time, I am prepared to support your request for an allocation from the General Budget of the Agency. In this connexion you should apply to Dr. Goldman and to Dr. Joseph, the Agency's Treasurer."

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A few days later, I received a letter from Dr. B. Benshalom, Chief Official of the Youth and Hechalutz Department, in which he writes, inter alia:

"I wish to take this opportunity to inform you that in the Youth Department's Budget for the year starting 1st April, 1960, we have included the amount of £5,000 as the Youth Department's grant towards your organisation. It was not easy for us to arrive at this decision... since the budget for the next financial year has been cut. We insisted, however, on this grant as a token of our deep interest in your work, and we hope our proposal will be approved. Of course, this grant of the Youth Department is not intended to exclude the grant you are asking for from Dr. Goldman, but to supplement it."

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At the repeated suggestions of Dr. Benshalom, I have applied to Dr. Nahum Goldman, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, and President of the World Zionist Organisation, for an interview during his recent brief stay in London. Dr. Goldman was good enough to receive me at his hotel, where I have spent with him about an hour, in the company of Lionel Schalit, Chairman of the European Executive. We acquainted Dr. Goldman with the financial situation of the M.W.U. Executive, with the resolution passed at the last World Congress, as well as at the recent European Conferences. We pointed out to Dr. Goldman that, in accordance with this resolution, it was incumbent upon the M.W.U. Executive members to apply to the Jewish Agency for an annual grant of £30,000 to assist the M.W.U. in its vital work, benefiting tens of thousands of Jewish Youth all over the world - members of the Maccabi World Union. Failure on the part of the Jewish Agency to meet our repeated requests would impel the M.W.U. to launch a world-wide appeal to its sympathisers and, if need be, to request all our sympathisers to earmark part of their annual donations towards the Israeli funds (Joint Palestine Appeal or the United Jewish Appeal, or Magbith) in favour of the Maccabi World Union. The World Executive would only reluctantly embark upon such a campaign in appreciation of the vital work done by the Jewish Agency, and particularly so by its Youth and Hechalutz Department. We had no doubt, we assured Dr. Goldman, that were we to appeal to Maccabi sympathisers in the Diaspora to



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At the repeated suggestions of Dr. Benshalom, I have applied to Dr. Nahum Goldman, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, and President of the World Zionist Organisation, for an interview during his recent brief stay in London. Dr. Goldman was good enough to receive me at his hotel, where I have spent with him about an hour, in the company of Lionel Schalit, Chairman of the European Executive. We acquainted Dr. Goldman with the financial situation of the M.W.U. Executive, with the resolution passed at the last World Congress, as well as at the recent European Conferences. We pointed out to Dr. Goldman that, in accordance with this resolution, it was incumbent upon the M.W.U. Executive members to apply to the Jewish Agency for an annual grant of £30,000 to assist the M.W.U. in its vital work, benefiting tens of thousands of Jewish Youth all over the world - members of the Maccabi World Union. Failure on the part of the Jewish Agency to meet our repeated requests would impel the M.W.U. to launch a world-wide appeal to its sympathisers and, if need be, to request all our sympathisers to earmark part of their annual donations towards the Israeli funds (Joint Palestine Appeal or the United Jewish Appeal, or Magbith) in favour of the Maccabi World Union. The World Executive would only reluctantly embark upon such a campaign in appreciation of the vital work done by the Jewish Agency, and particularly so by its Youth and Hechalutz Department. We had no doubt, we assured Dr. Goldman, that were we to appeal to Maccabi sympathisers in the Diaspora to

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I have just heard from Mr. Dobkin that the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem has decided to increase the grant to £10,000. Further particulars in the next issue.

earmark part of their donations for Israel for the benefit of the M. W. U., such an appeal would prove very effective indeed.

After listening to our representations, Dr. Goldman explained to us the financial difficulties under which the Jewish Agency is labouring, and the necessity to cut its budget of expenditure for the ensuing year. Nevertheless, in appreciation of the educational work in which the M. W. U. engages and the patience which we have exercised heretofore, Dr. Goldman promised to do his utmost, with a view to prevailing upon his Jewish Agency Executive colleagues to grant our request in the largest amount possible. A final decision, he added, could not be arrived at before he returned to Israel, early in March, when he was due to meet his Executive colleagues with whom he proposed discussing this and a number of other matters having a bearing upon finance. He could not promise us £30,000, but he would do his utmost to meet our wishes, which he considered reasonable.

Dr. Goldman suggested that I write to him again towards the end of February, to New York, reiterating our application, so that the matter can be placed before the Jewish Agency Executive for a final decision.

In reply to Mr. Dobkin's communication, as quoted above, I informed him that, whilst I very much appreciate his gesture, inasmuch as the present annual allocation of £2,500 has been doubled, the sum of £5,000 was considered inadequate. Nevertheless, since Mr. Dobkin suggested that an additional allocation may be made from the General Budget of the Agency, and considering also that Dr. Benshalom made it perfectly clear that the grant of £5,000 "is not intended to exclude the grant you were asking for from Dr. Goldman, but to supplement it", I have decided, after consultation with my colleagues, to allow the matter to rest until such time as Dr. Goldman has returned to Jerusalem when a final decision in reference to our application for £30,000 will be announced.

A careful note should also be made of Dobkin's written promise that whatever the amount of the cash allocation, this will be in addition to the Jewish Agency's assistance for special projects, including Schlichim, summer and winter Youth Leaders' Institutes, as well as subsidized visits of Maccabi members to Israel.

#### EUROPEAN CONFERENCE.

This year's European Conference is due to be held in Lyon, France on 26th/27th March.

Lionel Schalit, Chairman of the European Executive Committee, and Fred S. Worms, Hon. Secretary, have already decided on an agenda for the conference, which is expected to be attended by every Maccabi T.O. in Europe. In addition to an inaugural religious service in the principal Synagogue of Lyon, to be held on Saturday morning, 19th March, the Conference Agenda comprises the following:

- (1) Opening of the Conference by a prominent member of the Jewish Community in Lyon.
- (2) A report by the Conference Chairman, Lionel Schalit.
- (3) A report by Pierre Gildesgame on recent developments in the Movement with particular reference to the 6th Maccabiah.
- (4) The Hon. Treasurer's Report.
- (5) A discussion on all reports, followed by reports from T.Os, by accredited delegates.
- (6) Resolutions.

A Ball will be held to mark the Opening of the Conference on Saturday evening, March 26th, to which all delegates will be invited.



## News from Territorial Organisations

### U. S. A.

Maccabi Athletic Club of New York. Henry Nesselroth reports:

A new Committee has been formed recently at a meeting held at the offices of the late Jacques Schapiro, President of Maccabi New York, who passed away two months ago. Several young people have shown an interest and are willing to participate in the re-organisation of Maccabi New York. Henry Nesselroth has been elected Chairman, for the time being. Several groups of young people, interested in Basketball, Soccer and Gymnastics, have joined the club and meet every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening. The membership has been sub-divided into two age groups, 14- 16 years and 17-19 years. A Bowling Section is in the process of formation. The number of new members joining the club has been so large that the problem of club premises is now becoming urgent.

Competent Coaches and Instructors will soon be engaged. Meanwhile, members of the Soccer team act as provisional trainers. The first social "get together" of members was arranged in the basement of a Synagogue in New York and was extremely well attended.

A Finance Committee is also being set up, consisting of young people. A Membership Campaign is shortly to be launched to enlist 200 more members during the next few weeks. The Soccer teams play every Sunday in their respective leagues, with fairly satisfactory results.

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I take this opportunity of congratulating our friend, Nesselroth on his bold enterprise. We wish him every success in his future endeavours.

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Marcel Loeb, of New York, a member of Maccabi Athletic Club, has been invited by Robert F. Wagner, Mayor of New York, to join the City's Chapter of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Loeb is also Treasurer of the U. S. Committee for Sports in Israel.

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### RHODESIA.

Mr. Leib Frank, Organising Secretary of the Rhodesian Maccabi Association, writes on 25th January:

"Your Chairman's Newsletter is being circulated to leading members of the Maccabi Council in Rhodesia and is always being read with deep interest. We have been particularly moved by your plea in your Editorial comment in Newsletter No. 71.

"In order to remedy our past remissness a copy of the January issue of the "Central African Zionist Digest" is enclosed. . . . The Central African Zionist Digest" is a monthly publication issued by the Rhodesian Zionist Council to all Jewish homes in the Central African Federation. It has a circulation of 2,500 copies. The back page has been reserved for Maccabi reports.

"We hope to keep in touch with you, in future, and will endeavour to send you news from the Rhodesian Movement at regular intervals."

RHODESIA.

I acknowledge with thanks the first batch of news items received directly from Mr. Leib Frank and have pleasure in publishing some of these:

- \* Rhodesian Maccabi has decided to adopt official Maccabi colours for its various sporting teams. Chairman, Lionel Bernstein, and his colleagues, are shortly to inaugurate a competition for a badge design. The Rhodesian Maccabi Association will shortly be embarking upon a campaign to interest as many Jewish athletes as possible, attracting them to the Movement.
- \* The provision of a new Basketball Court at the Parkview Club, Bulawayo, will help to stimulate interest in this sport, and there is now talk of organising a Men's Hockey team, not only for local matches, but also for competitions with other Maccabi clubs in the South African Union.
- \* An All-Day friendly Cricket match between a Bulawayo Maccabi XI and B.A.C. was played at the B.A.C. Ground on 27th December, 1959. The game was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it is hoped that this successful venture will lead to the formation of a Bulawayo Maccabi Cricket Team to play against other sides, in due course.
- \* Matabeleland Maccabi is considering sending a Cricket team to the Union of South Africa early in 1960 to compete in a triangular tournament between the Transvaal and O. F. S. Maccabi.
- \* Over 40 Senior and Junior Youth participated in a Table-tennis competition under the auspices of Mashonaland Maccabi at the Salisbury Jewish Guildhall on December 7th, 1959. Mr. Bernard Marks, Chairman of the Wingate Table-tennis Section, presented cups to the winners.
- \* Dr. E. Justice-Dayana, Deputy Chairman of the Maccabi World Union, passed through Bulawayo last month (December). As is well known, he is closely connected with the Israel Government Organisation responsible for the exhibit at the forthcoming Central African Trade Fair. Dr. Justice-Dayana had talks with the Rhodesian Maccabi Chairman. He is due to return to Bulawayo in a few months time to supervise Israel's exhibit in that town. (To which reference is made elsewhere in this issue).
- \* Following the example set by the S.A. Maccabi Council, the Rhodesian Maccabi Association is inaugurating a new Luncheon Club launched by the Matabeleland Maccabi Committee. The first of these luncheons was to be held at the Selborne Hotel, Bulawayo on Wednesday 27th January. (The Luncheon Club is for male Maccabi members only).
- \* The Annual Meeting of the Rhodesian Maccabi Council was held at Gwelo on Sunday, November 22nd, 1959, with the participation of representatives of affiliated clubs. L. Bernstein presided. H. Hart, of Salisbury was elected Vice-President to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Joe Smith, now residing in Northern Rhodesia. The agenda covered every aspect of Maccabi work in the Federation, and the meeting decided to launch a Life Membership Drive early in 1960, and to embark upon a scheme to collect funds for the 1961 Maccabiah.
- \* In addition to the Maccabi Badge, the meeting also adopted a proposal to introduce a Maccabi blazer, tie and scarf on lines similar to those of the provincial Maccabi Associations in South Africa.
- \* The Rhodesian Maccabi Sports Festival is to be held in Salisbury during

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June, 1960. Plans are being formulated to cater for the largest possible variety of sports and to make this an annual event for Rhodesian Jewish sportsmen.

\* The Northern Transvaal Maccabi Association has extended an invitation to the Rhodesian Maccabi Council to send a contingent to visit Pretoria to participate in the Sports Festival held there last Christmas. Events included Bowls, Table-tennis, Lawn Tennis and Squash.

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FRANCE.

Maccabi Association Metz. M. Flammer, Chairman of the Club reports:

I have encouraging news to give you about our activities in Metz. Our efforts during the last 3 years, aimed at consolidating our activities, are now bearing fruit. Active membership of the club has now risen to 150, comprising 2 Football teams, a Handball team for Seniors and another for Juniors. Both our first Football and Handball teams are competing in the County Championships.

This year we have also formed a Swimming Section for boys and girls, aged 9 - 15 years. Active membership of the section is now 35 and they are already training to compete in the Lorraine Championships. All our Juniors meet once every Thursday evening for Physical training exercises. Some play also Handball. Juniors, aged 10 - 15 will, I hope, form the backbone of our future Senior membership. Considering that the total number of youngsters of the Jewish Community, in Metz, does not exceed 300, and that we have attracted over 150 to our work, the future of Maccabi in Metz is very promising indeed.

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Sporting Club Maccabi Lyon.

The Annual General Meeting of this club as reported in "Le Bulletin" (published by the Lyon Jewish Community) was held at the Palais de la Bourse on 2nd December, 1959. The Chief Rabbi Kling, Dr. Reich, Theo Haas (President of Maccabi France), as well as Mr. V. Jacob (Secretary-General of the Sporting Club Maccabi in Paris) were present.

Mr. Jac Stumpler, President of the Club, welcomed the guests and invited Mr. Haas to preside. Mr. Ernest, Secretary-General, gave a report on the club's activities, and the Treasurer, Mr. Joseph dealt with the financial situation of the club for the past year. Sports Leaders of the various sections (Football, Swimming, Table-tennis, etc) rendered their reports to the large number of members wearing the Club's white blouses or shirts, adorned with the Maccabi badge.

Mr. Haas spoke on Maccabi's aims and objects and the lively discussion that followed was symptomatic of the keen interest shown by members in their respective activities.

The following Honorary Officers were elected: President, Jac Stumpler, Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Cohen and Meltzer, Secretary General, A. Ernest, Assistant Secretary, A. Albert, Treasurer, H. Joseph, Assistant Treasurer, E. Stumpler. A Committee of 10 was also elected.

The club hopes to have its own premises in the not-too-distant future and the work of the new Committee is beginning with this object in mind.

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FRANCE (continued).Maccabi Paris.

In a letter dated early February, Mr. L. Kaminski, President of the club reports:

Our Tennis section is developing rapidly. I have just signed a contract for the acquisition of a new Tennis Court on grounds belonging to the Societe St. Gabain. The Court will be laid at our own expense. Much of this is due to the indefatigable Mr. Mosbach, thanks to whose initiative the necessary funds have been raised, and to which members and leaders of the club have also contributed. Considering that the total cost of this venture is £10,000, I think that you will agree this indicates the high spirit actuating our members to make so creditable an effort.

I have met Messrs. Haas and Zas recently, on several occasions, to discuss one of the most essential requirements: - a clubhouse for Maccabi in Paris. If, for no other reason, I intend remaining active so as to help the completion of this task.

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HOLLAND.

MACCABI NETHERLAND. Chairman, Major J. Glaser, reports:

All 10 Clubs active.

It is hoped to arrange an inter-club Lawn Tennis Tournament at Whitsuntide, 1960, in which Maccabi Paris, Amsterdam and London will compete.

The 10th Maccabi Club in the Netherlands, recently formed at Groningen, is doing well. The Chairman of the club is: Mr. Ph. Wallage, Nassaulaan, 1, Groningen, and the Secretary: Mr. R. de Vries, Zuiderstraat 80, Sappemeer.

A meeting of Chairmen of clubs in the Netherland Territorial Organisation was held at the end of January last to discuss the consolidation and co-ordination of all inter-club activities.

The Amsterdam club now has a regular football team and another one is in formation at The Hague. Football is being encouraged among juniors aged 10-14. In future, the Maccabi flag will be displayed at the Amsterdam Stadium every Sunday throughout the season.

On February 7th, the first International Swimming Meeting between Amsterdam, The Hague and Antwerp was held with the participation of 200 swimmers in the presence of 500 supporters.

A Programme for 6 months ahead.

The first meeting of Sports Directors of all clubs was held in Amsterdam on 3rd January, and a programme for the ensuing 6 months has been decided upon.

An inter-club Gymnastics competition at The Hague on May 15th.

A Lawn Tennis competition in Amsterdam on May 26th, followed by International Table-tennis competitions at Amsterdam on June 5th and 6th.

Athletics Day, to be held in Rotterdam on June 26th.

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### What is Maccabi?

At Haarlem Maccabi Club, a special meeting was convened on 17th January to discuss "What is Maccabi?". A short film was shown of the European Games in Copenhagen, followed by a Sports Forum.

A Maccabi Festival evening was organised by T'Gooi at Hilversum on 23rd January.

At The Hague, a Purim Thè Dansant will be organised on 13th March.

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## SWEDEN.

Stockholm. Mr. S. Fuchs, Chairman of the Club reports:

A Youth Organiser has been appointed by the Jewish Community in Stockholm for a trial period of 6 months to assist all Youth Associations in their work.

An Association of Patrons, comprising persons who were members of Maccabi in years gone by, has been formed in Stockholm to assist the Maccabi club financially.

Mr. Leif Grud of Oslo, Chairman of the Jewish Youth club in that town, has applied for affiliation to the Maccabi World Union. Mr. Fuchs advises me also of the address of the Hon. Secretary of the Maccabi Association in Stockholm which is: Mr. Lenmart Metz, Grev Magnigatan, 6, Stockholm.

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## SOUTH AFRICAN MACCABI COUNCIL.

### Aid to Israel Tennis Courts.

We applaud most sincerely our Maccabi friends in South Africa for their initiative and generosity, thanks to which the new Hebrew University Campus in Jerusalem has now been provided with two Tennis Courts, built with funds donated to the University by the South African Maccabi Association. The two Olympic-sized Tennis Courts were officially opened last month.

To mark the occasion, two exhibition matches were played, the first between Dov Gershon (University Champion) and Gavriel Dubutzky ( Technion Champion). The match went to four sets, each player winning two.

In the second exhibition match, Eliezer Avidan beat the reigning champion, Arie Davidson.

...and Bowling Greens too. A South African Maccabi dream may come true in the foreseeable future, as a result of conversations Alf Blumberg, Chairman of the S. A. Maccabi Council, had last November with the Mayor of Jerusalem and his Councillors. Blumberg declared: "If this proves a success - as I am sure it will, this will represent a start of a series of bowling greens in cities such as Tel-Aviv, Ramat Gan, Haifa and Beersheba." In outlining the basis on which greens would be built, Blumberg added: "The municipality of each city would provide a site and also build and maintain a green on it. Members joining clubs would be required to erect and maintain a clubhouse. In this manner, entrance and subscription fees would be kept low, which means that

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the ordinary man-in-the-street would be able to play the game, without any great financial commitment. In addition to the Jerusalem Municipality authorities, help would be given by J. Karpas, a citizen of Jerusalem who was in on the original discussions with Blumberg.

Hockey too!

Blumberg hopes that Hockey will also soon be established as a major sport in Israel:

"If Hockey can be established during the next year to 18 months, the S. A. Maccabi Council will apply to the M. W. U. to allow Hockey to be included as one of the official Maccabi sports."

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Getting ready for 1961.

Preparations for the Maccabiah are in full swing. The fund-raising campaign for the 1961 Maccabiah Games has got off to a flying start. Funds will be raised principally by canvassing for advertisements for the 1961 edition of the S. A. Maccabi Desk Diary.

The S. A. Maccabi Council is fully determined to send the largest ever team of competitors to the next Maccabiah in Israel.

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HAROLD BROMBERG - Sportsman of the Year.

Arthur Goldman, the well known S. A. sports columnist, hails Harold Bromberg as the outstanding S. A. sportsman of 1959. Writing in the "Zionist Record" of Johannesburg, Arthur Goldman declares: "In my opinion, the 20 year old Harold Bromberg stands out supreme. He gained his Springbok colours against the recent visiting German athletic team - honours which some said he should have received last year in the Empire Games at Cardiff. Not only did Harold pull off a great 100 yards win in the Pretoria "test" against the Germans, in the fast time of 9.5 seconds but, a few days later, running on a heavy track, he set up a new South African record for the 100 metres in 10.5 seconds. If he can maintain his recent form, there is no reason why this nice, quiet youngster should not represent his country in the Olympic Games in Rome."

Two weeks later, Barney Kellen, writing for the "Maccabi Corner", in the issue, dated 15th January, announces Harold Bromberg's decision to go to England, where he is expected to arrive by the end of February. In paying a tribute to Harold Bromberg, Barney Kellen writes: "There is no doubt that Harold Bromberg would have gone one better than Dave Sandler and would have thus repeated his 1957 performance. Dave Sandler, as you will remember, won the sprint double at the 1953 Maccabiah but in 1950 he won the 200 metres only and gained second place in the 100 metre event.

"I am sure that all South African sportsmen wish Harold every success in England, and we hope he will return to South Africa fit and able to take his place once more among our leading sprinters."

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Will Harold return home?

The London "Jewish Chronicle", in the issue dated 5th February, has this to say about Harold Bromberg:

This South African 100 metres Sprint Champion, who was born in Bethnal Green, London, is coming to Britain on 26th February, and hopes to win selection as a member of the British team for the Olympic Games in Rome



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"next August. The British Amateur Athletic Board have stated that Bromberg, who is now 21, is eligible for British selection.

"One of the greatest sprinters in the world, Bromberg won the Maccabiah 100 metres title in 1957 in 10.4 seconds. This was better time than that of the 100 metre winner at the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne.

"After returning to South Africa, Bromberg won a 100 yard race in 9.5 seconds. This is exactly the English native record, so Bromberg's chances of selection for Britain would appear to be bright.

"Bromberg, who was taken to South Africa 10 years ago, may decide to settle in Britain. He would be a notable addition to the ranks of Anglo-Jewish sprinters.

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One must now wait to see what Harold Bromberg decides to do next August. No matter what his decision shall be, we wish him every success in his future career. The Maccabi Movement in Great Britain will welcome Harold Bromberg, and will extend to him the courtesy and hospitality as is due to a fellow-Maccabi member and an outstanding athlete.

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The "Zionist Record and South African Jewish Chronicle" reports on February 12th, that Bromberg gave one of his best performances during the Eastern Transvaal Athletic Championships held early in February. He clocked 10.48 seconds for the 100 metres, thus breaking the South African record, previously held by Maccabiah Gold Medallist, Wesley Perkes. This was Harold's last performance in South Africa prior to his departure for England.

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## GREAT BRITAIN.

### REVIVAL OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

An Example worth following. - The Jewish content emphasized.

The Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain has gone a long way towards making good several important deficiencies. Having succeeded in attracting young people under the age of eighteen to its twenty-odd Clubs, by providing for them facilities to engage in sports and other recreational activities, a programme of cultural activities of a high Jewish content has been introduced which promises to show gratifying results. Every Club member is called upon to take an active interest in at least one of the many cultural activities provided. The significance of Jewish festivals, the highlights of Jewish history, the development and progress of Zionism, the advent of the coming into being of a Jewish State, and all that this represents to world Jewry, are being brought home to the youngsters by a variety of imaginative media, designed to arouse their lasting interest.

### A free trip to Israel.

A special committee has been set up, comprising leading members of the National Executive, to draw up a programme and to study the reaction thereto, by the large number of members engaged in it. Both the Southern and Northern Area Councils of the Maccabi Union have nominated Cultural Directors, responsible for the introduction and implementation of a programme of various activities in their respective areas. They will be answerable to the Cultural Directorate of the National Executive. A small number of club members who excelled

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themselves during each year, having reached a high standard of proficiency, or of knowledge, will be awarded a prize in the form of a tour of Israel, lasting from three to four weeks, the cost of which will be defrayed with the co-operation of the Jewish Agency.

All National annual events organised for Maccabi clubs, such as the Drama Festival, The Essay Competition and The Oratory Contest, will, in future, no longer bear a "neutral" character; emphasis will be laid on the attainment of higher standards in the revised cultural programme and competition promises to be keen.

Yom Hamaccabi and Ha'Atzmaut celebrated.

Chanukah will be celebrated throughout the country as Yom Ha'Maccabi (Maccabi Day), and Yom Ha'Atzmaut will be celebrated either by clubs individually or jointly with other youth organizations. Hebrew classes for beginners and for advanced students will be introduced wherever necessary or possible, and a special digest of news concerning world Jewry and Israel in particular will be published at monthly intervals and distributed free to members of all Maccabi Clubs, accompanied by suggestions for discussions and debates on the Club premises.

Let it not be thought that Maccabi in Great Britain is a prosperous organization who can well afford the luxury of bold experiments. One thing is certain: The National Executive is determined to persevere with its programme, even at the risk of losing a proportion of members showing a dislike for it. It is their declared policy to attract as many youths under the age of seventeen as clubs can accommodate, and to carry on with a programme of education comprising sports, recreational and Jewish cultural activities, worthy of our movement and of its time-honoured tradition.

The Cultural Directorate of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain, had the benefit of special guidance and advice from Lionel Schalit who took it upon himself to re-activate cultural activities of a Jewish content throughout the 20-odd clubs in Great Britain. He has been ably assisted by Jack Shulman and Rev. Rueben Turner, Joint Cultural Directors of the National Executive, as well as by Mrs. Joy Wolfe, (at one time Chairman of Brighton & Hove Maccabi Association) and Alfred Morley, the well known Youth Leader.

Not all Maccabi clubs in Great Britain have had suitable Cultural Directors. This position has now been remedied.

The Fact-Finding Committee, appointed by the National Executive, will continue its work until satisfied that the revised plan has been effectively carried into being throughout the Maccabi Clubs. A Conference of all Club Cultural Directors will be held in two months' time to assess the results achieved to date, and to decide on future plans.

THE 1960 LEADERSHIP COURSE.

As in previous years, the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain has, once again, organised the 1960 Leadership Course for Club members. Those attending the Course, held on Sunday February 7th, and Sunday, February 14th have listened to lectures on some of the following subjects - "Religion in the Maccabi Club", "Zionism in the Maccabi Movement" and "The functions of Honorary Club Officers and their inter-relationship: 'Section Leaders' Responsibilities"

There were also "specialist" lectures dealing with day-to-day club organisation, such as "Sports and Cultural activities, their organisation and

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administration", "Publicity and Public Relations", "The Maccabi Club pattern", and, last but not least, "The Maccabi Movement - its Origins, Development and Aims and Objects".

A special Weekend Seminar, held at the seaside hotel at Westcliff from February 19th to 21st inclusive, was attended by a selected number of promising Club members who have shown an exceptional interest in Maccabi club leadership. "Graduates" of the Leadership Courses will be entrusted, in due course, with special assignments and responsibilities in the clubs of which they are members.

## An important Appointment.

Mr. Sidney Bunt is to resign from the post of Organising Secretary of the Stamford Hill Associated Clubs at the end of March, and to take up an appointment with the Maccabi Union in Great Britain as National Organiser. Mr. Bunt is known as one of England's outstanding professional Youth Leaders, having spent many years in the Jewish Youth Movement here. He will start activities on April 1st, and will pay particular attention to the organisation of Maccabi Junior clubs throughout the country.

DAVID SEGAL. Having won a scholarship to the Furman University, U.S.A., David Segal has left England recently, but is due back again in June. It is hoped that he will maintain his good form and, if he continues intensive training, he is sure of a place in the British Olympic Athletic team.

## MACCABI JUNIORS.

Chanukah Service. Over 250 children and their parents attended the Annual Chanukah party of the club held in the Lord Melchett Hall in London. Instrumentalists, a Concert Party, Fencing and a Discussion Group, presented short items in a display woven into a "This is your Life" theme of an imaginary Maccabi old boy.

Mrs. F. W. Gould, wife of the guest of honour, presented certificates of merit and awards included the Hendon & District Junior Football League Trophy, and the A. J. Y. under-16 Cricket Cup.

The North-East London Maccabi Association which re-started activities in September, 1958, held their first open night at their Maccabi Centre, 37, Upper Clapton Street, London recently. Parents decided to form a committee in support of the Club. Thirtyfour parents of the Senior Group joined.

The club, which has 150 active members in both senior and intermediate groups is, according to the Chairman, Mr. A. A. Scott, "bursting at its sides". He said that when a building site is found for them by Hackney Council, they plan to build a large new centre that will cater for 1,000 members. There is already a waiting list of 100 for each group.

On 26th January, Phil Strulovitch, Lancashire Country Player, beat Benny Casolsky, ex England International, in the final of the Men's Singles in the Maccabi Table-tennis Championships at the Nathan Laski Hall in Manchester, early in February. In fact, Manchester Maccabi made a clean sweep of all events, having beaten men and women opponents, members of Maccabi clubs in the London area.

Under the auspices of the London "Jewish Chronicle", a Young Athletes' Course was held recently at Skeet Hill House, in which about 30 boys and girls participated. Yogi Mayer, 3 times Captain of the British Maccabiah Athletic team and Brady Boys' Club Youth Leader, was Director of the Course and was



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ably assisted by Ron Roddan and others, including Dave Segal. There were a number of outstanding young athletes such as Cowan, Simmons, Peter Friedlander, Imber and Burnett (Leeds.)

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GILDESGAME HALL.

Personal Note. I wish to thank my many friends for the congratulatory letters and cables received. Among them was also one from the Hon. David Marshall, Singapore, at one time Chief Minister of Singapore.

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SOUTH AMERICA.A Sports Stadium for Sao Paulo Maccabi.

Mr. David Kopenhagen, President of Maccabi Sao Paulo, writing to me early in January reports:

We are due to complete the purchase of a Stadium, and we are proud to declare that, on this occasion, we will pay in full for the land - a rare phenomenon especially as regards the purchase of Real Estate by a Jewish Communal Organisation. We bought the property at an advantageous price and the title deeds are due to be handed over to us very shortly.

Maccabi Sports Festival, Montevideo, September, 1959.

Referring to the Festival, on which I have fully reported in the previous "Newsletter", Mr. Kopenhagen states:

"This has been a most pleasant experience to all concerned, as it will also stimulate everybody to even greater activity in future. Chile, Uruguay and the Argentine participated in various sports and Brazil was also represented there by the Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro clubs.

"The Festival left an unforgettable impression on all our South American friends.

"As you will see from the photographs (some of which are published on the front page of this issue) there has been great activity throughout the Festival and many notable performances have been recorded. The Congress which followed afforded us the opportunity to deal with several problems. We now look forward to the next South American Maccabi Games to be held in Sao Paulo in July, 1960. The Maccabi Movement in South America has important potentialities and a brilliant future awaits it. We hope to be in a position to make good some of the losses which the Movement has sustained in the obliteration of many Maccabi clubs on the European Continent after the second World War.

"I take this opportunity of expressing my satisfaction at receiving your "Newsletters". These are nearly my exclusive source of information concerning Maccabi activities the world over. I read them always and look forward keenly to the arrival of the next issue.

"A member of Maccabi in Sao Paulo, has been invited to join the Supreme Council of the Basketball Federation of Brazil. This is judged here as an extraordinary recognition of the prestige which our clubs enjoy throughout the South American continent."

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# ISRAEL WINS ASIAN SOCCER.

Thanks to newspaper clippings which I receive from an Agency, as well as to indirect reports reaching me, I am able to give some news about the Israel Soccer team's participation in the Asian Football Tournament (Western Zone). (To my regret, no report on this subject has reached me directly from our friends in Israel).

Several thousands mobbed the Israel Football team at Lydda Airport when they returned from India, where they had won the Western Zone Asian Football Tournament. Israel's performance was the best with 8 points out of 6 games. Iran, Pakistan and India scored 7, 5 and 4 points respectively.

I am indebted to Mr. Sass Moses, Chairman of the Maccabi Association, Bombay (a member of the World Executive) for a full report, dated 29th December, 1959.

You may have read in the newspapers that an Israeli Football Team participated in the Asian Football Tournament (West Zone) at Ernakulam and were the winners. I give below the final results:-

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drew.	For.	Against.	Points.
Israel	6	3	1	2	10	8	8
Iran	6	3	2	1	12	10	7
Pakistan	6	2	3	1	8	10	5
India	6	2	4	0	7	10	4

When we first read in the newspaper that Israel would be participating in the forthcoming tournament, we were anxious that the team should stop in Bombay enroute and play a game with the Bombay XI. The local Football Association was willing to arrange such a match and I immediately contacted Dr. Atlasz, as well as the Israeli Consul in Bombay, to give effect to this plan. Unfortunately, the Israel organisers were not sure whether they would be able to spare the team. We contacted the team again, after they reached Ernakulam but they confirmed they would not be able to play a game with Bombay. Had they been able to do so, this would have been a tremendous booster for Israel and India.

## A reception by Maccabi Bombay.

The team did, however, stop at Bombay on their return trip, arriving on Friday evening, 18th December. They left by plane the next evening. A Reception was arranged for them for Friday night, during which all players were presented with souvenirs, given to them by Maccabi Association Bombay. They were also invited by the Governor of Bombay for tea, prior to their departure. Their presence in Bombay was given much publicity in the local newspapers. The team was made up of members of Maccabi, Hapoel and other Israeli organisations. They will now have to participate in the match between the finalists of the various zones, to take place in Korea, towards the end of 1960, and we wish them the best of luck.

An anonymous correspondent commented on the Israeli victory in the Asian Football Tournament, Western Zone. He writes: "Here is an example of how a well-trained and disciplined team can perform well. The selection of the team was left to a professional trainer who refused to be guided or prompted. His decision as to final selection was made on individual merit of the players and not on the usual pattern of 50/50 "parity" as between Maccabi and Hapoel."

# CHAIRMAN'S NEWS LETTER

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## SPECIAL EDITION

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ON SUNDAY, MARCH 27th 1960.



Mr. Th. Haas, President of Maccabi France, presenting a Cup on behalf of the Conference Delegates in the course of a civic Reception extended to them by the Mayor of Lyon.

Pierre Gildesgame has left for Israel on April 5th. This special edition is devoted to a condensed report of the 1960 European Conference, held last month, in Lyon, France. The report was compiled from notes and minutes prepared by Fred S. Worms, Hon. Secretary of the European Regional Maccabi Executive H.Q.

The next issue of this "Newsletter" will contain a full report of Gildesgame's activities during a four weeks' visit to Israel, in addition to the usual features and news from Territorial Organisations.



## RESOLUTIONS

adopted at the

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE at LYON, FRANCE,

on the 27th March, 1960.

1. The European Maccabi Conference places on record its regret at the state of affairs of Maccabi Brussels and calls upon the Belgian Territorial Organisation to give urgent attention to the Brussels Club.
2. The European Maccabi Conference calls upon the World Executive to develop the Maccabiah Village to become a suitable accommodation centre for the 1961 Maccabiah. The financial assistance of Government Departments and Tourist Agencies, to whom the Village could be let between Maccabiahs, is to be sought on a commercial basis.
3. The European Conference places on record its formal approval of the New Plan for the organisation of the 6th Maccabiah, as outlined in the "Chairman's Newsletter" dated February, 1960.
4. The Conference calls upon members of the World Executive Headquarters in Israel to consult Executive members the world over before taking any major policy decisions. Such consultation to take place at the discretion of the President or Chairman of the Executive by cable or letter giving executive members in various countries a clear 14 days to vote by cable or letter.
5. The Conference expresses its appreciation to the Jewish Agency for increasing the annual grant to £10,000 but urges early consideration of our application for the full £30,000 to enable the Maccabi World Union to carry out its worldwide activities.
6. The Conference places on record its approval and appreciation of the affiliation to the Maccabi World Union of the Jewish Youth Association in Oslo.
7. The Conference thanks Maccabi Lyon for the splendidly organised meeting and for their generous hospitality.
8. The Conference recommends to the World Executive that the next World Congress be held immediately prior to the commencement of the 6th Maccabiah.
9. The Conference calls upon the Executive of Maccabi Switzerland to appoint a Sports Co-ordinator to take charge of inter-territorial sports activities in Europe, so that a prevention of clashing of the dates of various events can be achieved.

Theo Haas called upon Pierre Gildesgame, Chairman of the World Executive, who dealt with the New Plan for the 1961 Maccabiah, as outlined in his Chairman's Newsletter, February Issue, No. 72. Speaking in German, he explained, in some detail, the objects of the International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee, of the President's Committee, as well as of the Technical Committee of Experts. He reported also on his negotiations with Executive colleagues in Israel and with Col. Harry D. Henshel, representing the U.S. Committee. He revealed contents of a letter received a few days earlier from the Sports Organisation Hapoel, in Israel, who informed him that they had decided to proceed with the arrangements to organise a Sports Festival on the 1st May, 1961, under the auspices of the Socialist International Sports Federation, ostensibly to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Foundation of Hapoel.

Mr. Gildesgame declared that the World Executive was determined to go ahead with the preparations for the Maccabiah, with all vigour, along the principles already announced, and wished to do so with the fullest co-operation of the U.S. Committee, with Hapoel, as well as with all other organisations desirous of ensuring the success of the 1961 Maccabiah Games.

Should any organisations deem it wise to obstruct the Maccabi World Union in its efforts, or to impair the chances of the I. M. S. C. being formed, the M. W. U. Executive will proceed on its own, even though this would be "very much to our regret."

On the subject of the Maccabiah Village, Mr. Gildesgame stated that plans are now being worked out to provide better accommodation for the resident athletes than they had enjoyed in 1957. Help from the Government, the Jewish Agency and from other quarters, was about to be enlisted. The development of the Village itself, rests with a Board of Management, presided over by the well known and popular Mayor of Ramat-Gan, Mr. Abraham Krinitzky. The widow of the late Aaron Netanel had recently announced her intentions to contribute the sum of £10,000 towards the Village project. Lord Nathan was due to visit Israel during April and he, too, promised to take an active interest in the financial requirements of the Village project.

Mr. Gildesgame added : "no effort will be spared to provide suitable accommodation for the athletes, who will spend about a week in the Village grounds. But should we be unable, for reasons beyond our control, to improve upon previous conditions, we will expect competing teams and their leaders, to agree to spend a few days in tents. We do not want to create a situation resulting in some teams being accommodated in hotels, whilst others, unable to afford the expense, will have to live under canvas. We are also resolved to improve on the standard of catering, transportation and all other amenities which are considered indispensable for competitors under the climatic conditions prevailing in Israel at the end of August." Mr. Gildesgame then reported on his recent negotiations with the Jewish Agency, who agreed to increase the annual allocation for the Maccabi World Union from £2,500 to £10,000. Whilst appreciating this gesture he, and his World Executive colleagues, will continue to negotiate with members of the Jewish Agency Executive, with a view to raising the Annual allocation to the amount applied for, namely, £30,000. He hoped that in this matter, as well as in all other matters - to which he referred during his report - the Conference would support the World Executive by unanimously voting in favour of the resolutions which were to be submitted for the consideration of Delegates during the afternoon session.

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Mr. Jac Stumpler, President of Maccabi Lyon, the Host Club, declared the Conference open and invited Mr. Theo Haas, President of Maccabi France to take the Chair.

Mr. Haas called upon Lionel Schalit, Chairman of the European Maccabi Executive to pay a tribute to the memory of the late Zelig Rusecki, a member of the World Executive who passed away recently, after a prolonged illness. Delegates observed a minute's silence.

Mr. Fred Worms, Hon. Secretary, stated that the delegates present represented the following countries:-

SWITZERLAND	...	D. Neufeld, A. Spiegel, E. Pascheles.
FRANCE	...	Leo Kaminski, Theo. Haas, M. Zasslavsky.
AUSTRIA	...	E. Sinai, Weintraub.
GREAT BRITAIN	...	Mr. & Mrs. John Singer, Jack Mundy, P. Gildesgam Lionel Schalit, F. Worms.
HOLLAND	...	Major J. Glaser.
BELGIUM	...	J. Fruhauf, Friedberg.

Represented at the Conference were also the Sporting Club Maccabi of Lyon by: Messrs. Stumpler and Apfeldorfer, and Sporting Club Maccabi of Metz by Messrs. Flammer, Rosenfeld and Poch. The following countries apologised for their inability to send delegates; (In some instances their reports had been received and opinions about matters due to be discussed at the Conference according to the Agenda duly expressed.) They were: Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Eire and Italy.

Mr. Worms announced the receipt of a cable of greetings from Members of the World Executive in Israel, and read out also the following text of a cabled message received from Lord Nathan, reading as follows:

"AS PRESIDENT OF EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL ORGANISATION OF MACCABI MOVEMENT SEND BEST WISHES FOR EUROPEAN CONFERENCE STOP THIS FIRST TIME FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TAKE CHAIR AT EUROPEAN CONFERENCE BUT HAVING LEFT HOSPITAL ONLY QUITE RECENTLY DOCTORS ADVISE ME REFRAIN AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM FATIGUES CLEARLY LONG JOURNEY TO LYON FALLS WITHIN THAT ADVICE STOP AM SURE COLLEAGUES WILL UNDERSTAND STOP I ADVISED PIERRE GILDESGAME HAD CONFERENCE TAKEN PLACE PARIS WOULD HAVE MADE EFFORT BUT AM AFRAID ADDITIONAL TRAIN JOURNEY TO AND FROM LYON DOES MAKE THAT DIFFERENCE STOP AM SORRY NOT TO BE WITH YOU BECAUSE AM AWARE OF VERY IMPORTANT TOPICS YOU ARE DISCUSSING PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH 1961 MACCABIAH STOP PROBLEMS FACING US IN TRYING ESTABLISH SPONSORSHIP OF MACCABIAH ON WORLD WIDE BASIS WITHOUT LOSING IDENTITY OF GAMES WITH MACCABI MOVEMENT IS DIFFICULT TASK STOP SHALL BE ISRAEL SAME TIME PIERRE GILDESGAME NEXT MONTH STOP SHALL DO EVERYTHING I CAN BRING HOME TO AUTHORITIES IN ISRAEL THAT SUCCESS OF MACCABIAH GAMES IS OF IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY IN ISRAEL BUT TO JEWISH YOUTH ALL OVER WORLD STOP I WISH YOU SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE STOP

NATHAN"



a prominent person from another country, 20% of the total sum should be earmarked and transferred to the European Maccabi Fund. This Fund would assist in the organisation of future European Maccabi Games, as well as of any other Regional promotions, if held in countries where the organisers could not afford the expense. The Sports Festivals due to be organised in Metz, Amsterdam and Antwerp, were a welcome activity in the ever-increasing interest in friendly competition bearing an International Maccabi character. He would, therefore, like the Conference to appoint a Co-ordination Officer, residing in Switzerland, who would act as a "Clearing House" in all matters affecting proposed inter-Territorial Tournaments. Mr. Schalit regretted Major Glaser's decision to retire from the Chairmanship of Maccabi Holland and expressed the hope that he would continue his association with the Movement as, under his Chairmanship, ten lively Maccabi Clubs had been operating in the Netherlands which needed supervision and continued leadership. Major Glaser, intervening, stated that he could not carry on as Chairman for a variety of reasons, including failing health, but he hoped that his successor would do justice to his task, in the same way as he had. He would always remain associated with the Movement.

Schalit dealt also with the Belgian Maccabi Federation. He regretted that although Brussels had joined the Federation, they had not, so far, played the active part which was expected of them. So far as he knew, the Brussels Maccabi Club had continued to engage in limited sports activities, but had not reformed its Executive Committee, as Mr. Guttman had promised to do during the last Conference, held in Brussels. Nor has co-operation with the Maison de Jeunes been accomplished. Mr. Schalit stressed the importance of closer liaison and co-operation among members of the World Executive residing in various parts of the world. Many decisions of major importance were being taken by the Executive Headquarters in Israel, without adequate consolidation with others who are collectively responsible for such decisions. He hoped that the Resolution which Delegates would be asked to approve would merely place on record the expression of a desirable procedure, and not necessarily a vote of censure on the World Executive. He referred to Resolution No. 4 on the Conference papers.

#### DEBATE.

The Chairman then invited general comment on the reports given by Gildesgame and himself.

Gildesgame stated that it was still the intention of the World Executive to organise a World Youth Jamboree, in connection with the next Maccabiah. He hoped that some two or three thousand youngsters, aged between 14 and 17, would accompany their National teams as supporters, and that these expeditions could be organised under the auspices and with the help of the Jewish Agency. He would discuss this matter with the head of the Youth Department in Jerusalem. The Youth Jamboree would be of immense significance, as apart from affording many youngsters the opportunity of a visit to Israel, at a low cost, their presence in the country for a period of four weeks, and their appearance at the Maccabiah under their respective National flags, would stimulate recruitment for the cause of Israel, as well as for the Maccabi Movement. The youngsters could be accommodated and spread over a number of Kibbutzim and, during the period of the Maccabiah, put up in tents, or under conditions similar to those made available to the competing athletes.

Glaser (Holland) thought that closer contact between all world Territorial Organisations could be established if a list of their addresses, and the names of their principal Hon. Officers, could be supplied. Worms promised to deal with this request.

Sinai (Austria) requested Gildesgame to urge the Sports Director of the

Questions: Replying to a number of questions from Delegates, Mr. Gildesgame stated that the World Executive will endeavour to reduce the daily charge from six dollars. He also hoped that by 1961 the Maccabiah Village would be provided with an open-air swimming pool. The feeding of athletes will become the responsibility of Catering contractors. Insofar as the use to which the Maccabiah Village will be put during the Inter-Maccabiah years, Mr. Gildesgame declared that negotiations were proceeding with a view to "letting" the available dormitories and other amenities, to a number of organisations, through the good offices of travel agents and under the direct supervision of the Board of Management of the Village. The cost of the upkeep of the Village in future should be covered amply from the income derived from "letting". He also hoped that the income from the 1961 Maccabiah would be higher than on any previous occasion. Any profit accruing would be held by Trustees, appointed jointly by the Maccabi World Union and the International Maccabi Sponsoring Committee. Funds so available, would be used for the development of the Village, as well as to improve upon the organisation of future Maccabiah Games.

At this stage, the Chairman invited Mr. Lionel Schalit to take the Chair.

#### Regional Report:

Mr. D. Neufeld, (Switzerland) suggested that, to save time, Delegates intending to attend Territorial Organisations should, in future, be requested to send in to the European Executive Headquarters typed reports of regional activities on all matters considered of interest. Copies of such reports to be circulated in advance to Conference Delegates and questions or comments be allowed arising from such reports, instead of verbal reports taking up the time of the Conference, as has been the case heretofore.

This was unanimously agreed to.

Lionel Schalit congratulated Maccabi France on the consolidation of its four affiliated Clubs: Paris, La Varenne, Metz and Lyon. Mr. Haas (France) observed that steps will shortly be undertaken to establish Clubs in Strasbourg and Bordeaux. In connection therewith he wished the Conference to pay a tribute to Mr. Kaminski (France) for his inspiring leadership and untiring efforts.

In his report on the European Territorial Organisations, Mr. Schalit dealt with some of the following topics:-

He regretted the unavoidable absence of representatives of five countries, but stated that activities in those countries, with the exception of Italy, continued to be satisfactory. He stressed the important part played by the "Chairman's Newsletter" published at intervals and expressed the hope that it would one day be published also in other languages so that all recipients could understand and appreciate its contents to the full.

He thought it desirable that each country should make its own travel arrangements for the Maccabiah, but, wherever group travel could be organised, contact should be made with the London headquarters as soon as possible.

He was very much in favour of the setting up of a European Maccabi Fund. Wherever monies were being raised for the Maccabiah, with the help of

Neufeld (Switzerland) suggested that, regardless of conditions provided in the Maccabiah Village for the athletes, he would like members of the World Executive coming from various countries, to spend 24 hours at the Village, supervising the arrangements and gaining some experience of conditions there, so that they could advise on future improvements on the basis of personal experience.

The suggestion was welcomed by all Delegates present.

Neufeld also wanted to see a directive issued by the Maccabiah Organisers, that, in future, all teams comprising Maccabi athletes should carry their own Territorial Maccabi and National flags, designed individually, but incorporating the Maccabi Emblem. Visitors and supporters accompanying the teams, should be encouraged also to wear the same uniform as the athletes.

On the subject of the sports Liaison Officer, after a discussion in which all participated, it was agreed that Switzerland would nominate one of its Hon. Officers to co-ordinate Inter-Territorial Sports Tournaments.

As regards the European Maccabi Fund, the Chairman explained that, wherever necessary, a prominent speaker from another country should be invited, thus attracting prospective generous contributors to a Dinner, Banquet, or to a Cocktail Party. The Conference accepted the proposal without going into further details as to its ultimate implementation. It was felt, however, that those present at the Conference, and who voted in favour of the European Fund, automatically pledged their support for it and would advise the London Executive Headquarters of the amount, representing 20% of the funds raised, on each one occasion.

Mr. Schalit referred to remarks made earlier by Mr. Gildesgame, who stated that, in his opinion, it would be far better to hold the World Congress a few days prior to the commencement of the 6th Maccabiah, and not immediately thereafter. His European Executive colleagues agreed with this proposal, having regard to the fact that all those who participated, or who witnessed the Maccabiah events, would be far too tired to attend the Congress and to participate intelligently in its debates. Moreover, many persons from overseas would wish to return to their homes in time for the High Festivals and this too was an effect to be taken into account.

Flammer was invited to report fully on the football tournament, to be held in Metz in May. In addition to the tournament Handball matches will also be included in the programme.

Friedberg announced that the Antwerp Maccabi Club will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary during this coming October. He expressed the hope that Territorial Organisations from all over Europe would be represented in large numbers, to witness and to participate in the celebrations.

Glaser announced the formation of the Judo (Ju-Jitsu) sections in many of the Maccabi clubs in Holland. He also gave details of the International Tennis Tournament being organised in Amsterdam on June 5th and 6th.

Schalit reported on the Cultural programme being introduced in Great Britain, laying emphasis upon its Jewish content. May 1st will be celebrated in London as Israel's Independence Day, in which Maccabi Clubs will play a prominent part, similar celebrations will take place in the provincial towns, with participation of local Maccabi Clubs.



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6th Maccabiah to issue full details of all competitions, as soon as possible. Without it, countries would not be able to announce the events in which they proposed participating, nor would they be able to gauge the ultimate size of their team - information which Gildesgame required every Territorial Organisation to furnish at the earliest opportunity. Flammer (France) wondered whether some scheme could be conceived, designed to dispense with the transfer of membership fees to Israel.

Kaminski (France) replied that the M. W. U. in Israel could not afford to run its administration without the necessary funds.

Rabbi Kling (Metz), (who attended as a guest) observed that the Maccabi Movement did not publicise adequately its activities and achievements. He thought that the appointment of a Publicity Officer and of a person responsible for publications in many languages, was very much overdue.

A. Spiegel (Switzerland) considered that the Maccabiah Village had tremendous possibilities - if organised on a commercial basis. He urged the World Executive to prepare soonest a building plan accompanied by an estimate of cost, and to place the proposition before a number of serious investors who, because of their appreciation of the merits of the scheme, would undoubtedly wish to support it financially, treating it as an investment. Many blocked accounts in Israel, the property of non-residents, could be used for the purpose of the Maccabiah Village Co., Ltd.

Fruhauf (Belgium) stated that if six dollars per athlete per day were again levied, this would reduce drastically the size of Maccabiah teams coming from abroad. The end of August was not considered a suitable date for Belgium and this, too, was likely to create inconvenience. Whilst appreciating the difficulties connected with the provision of improved accommodation for athletes, he expressed the hope that this matter will be borne in mind by the organisers, as one of the most important factors determining wider participation in the future Games.

Kaminski (France) felt that selection of athletes should, in future, be arrived at on the basis of a higher standard of performance by teams and individuals alike. Too many weak teams and mediocre athletes participated in previous Maccabiah Games, regardless of cost entailed.

Gildesgame, replying to Kaminski, reminded him that the principal aim of a Maccabiah was to ensure widest possible participation of Jewish Sportsmen, regardless of Club affiliation. The performances of Jewish sportsmen generally, with a few exceptions, have not created any sensations so far. Lack of training facilities and of interest in the various branches of sport, were the cause of it. The Maccabiah Promoters would not be wise, therefore, to limit participation in the Maccabiah, by raising the standard of performances in the same way as the International Olympic Committee was doing. Every country must endeavour to produce and to enlist its best Jewish athletes. Those who are not already members of a Jewish Sports Club, or of a Maccabi Club, may well join, following upon a Maccabiah experience. Such cases have already been noted in the past and a repetition of this experiment was, therefore, considered worthwhile.

Poch (Metz) thought that no-one below the age of 14, or over the age of 17, should be allowed to join the Youth Jamboree. He thought the idea an excellent one and he was confident that, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made, France would probably be able to send a few hundred youngsters. Hundreds of such youngsters proceed to Israel each year, under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund, and he could see no reason why arrangements could not be made for next year's expedition to coincide with the 1961 Maccabiah.

In the absence of Ken Gradon, the Hon. Treasurer, Fred Worms presented the Accounts which were duly approved by the Conference.

In his closing speech, Gildesgame called upon Leaders of Maccabi, the world over, to re-dedicate themselves to their task, and to realise the great responsibility involved in Youth Education and in leadership. He felt that the European Maccabi Movement had made considerable strides in recent years and that it will become, in the foreseeable future, one of the World Maccabi Movement's strongholds. He would like to see more emphasis laid on Cultural Education, although he welcomed the increasing interest and progress made in the realm of sports. Having now completed 25 years of active service in an Executive capacity in the World Maccabi Movement, Gildesgame declared that he felt those engaged in leadership in Europe and who succeeded him during the past year or so, deserved to be thanked and congratulated. He particularly singled out Lionel Schalit, Chairman, and Fred Worms, Hon. Secretary, with whom he co-operated closely, and with whom he maintained daily contact. He was proceeding to Israel in a few days time, invigorated by what he had seen and heard in Lyon, and strengthened in his resolve to lead the Movement towards greater attainments.

The following were re-elected by acclamation:-

<u>Lionel Schalit.</u>	Chairman.
<u>Fred S. Worms.</u>	Hon. Secretary.
<u>Ken Gradon.</u>	Hon. Treasurer.

Flammer has been elected a member of the World Council (France) in the place of V. Jacob, resigned.

The Hon. Officers of the European Executive requested Gildesgame to thank Maccabi Lyon in the "Chairman's Newsletter" for their wonderful hospitality. Many delegates were entertained to a private dinner party given by Stumpler, and the social highlight of the Conference was a Ball, organised by Maccabi Lyon, in which hundreds of members of the local community participated. Although many delegates did not return to their hotel until the early hours of the morning, it was gratifying that the Conference opened at 9.45 a.m., as planned. Delegates attended a very impressive service in the old synagogue of Lyon with its magnificent high ceiling. The Grand Rabin Jean Kling dedicated his address to the important role which the Maccabi Movement played in the education of Jewish Youth. The Shabath festivities included a reception in the fine old town hall of Lyon where the Deputy Mayor expressed the official welcome of the municipality to the delegates. He expressed particular pleasure as a sportsman and as a friend of the local Maccabi Club that the Conference should have chosen Lyon for its venue. Mr. Haas, in his capacity as Chairman of Maccabi France, presented the Physical Training Officer with a silver cup in commemoration of the event. This reception was followed by a luncheon to which the delegates were entertained by Gildesgame and Schalit.

Once again this Conference cemented the bonds of friendship between the leaders of the Maccabi Union in Europe and it also assisted greatly in the raising of the status of the Maccabi Club for whom the Conference was a fine opportunity of putting Maccabi on the map.

# CHAIRMAN'S NEWS LETTER

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ISRAEL RE-VISITED



The President of Israel Mr. Itzhak Ben-Zvi receives a M.W.U. Delegation. From left to right: A. de C. Lt.-Gen. Carmel, the President, Mrs. Ben-Zvi, S. Zyman, Chairman of Maccabi Israel, A. Krinitzky, Chairman Maccabiah Village Board of Directors, N. Hoth, President M.W.U. Executive, P. Gildesgame and A. Tory, Hon. Gen. Secretary.



M.W.U. Delegation at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. From left to right: S. Caspy, Hon. Treasurer, P. Gildesgame, Mrs. Golda Meir, Dr. R. Atlasz, Hon. Sports Director, A. Nal, Head of the British Commonwealth Dept., and A. Tory.



At the Ministry of Finance. From left to right: The Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, P. Gildesgame, A. Tory, S. Caspy and N. Hoth.



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# Editorial Comment.

Dear friends,

In this issue I am reporting on my latest visit to Israel. Much material and several items of interesting news have accumulated during the past eight weeks, which I regret I shall be unable to publish because this number is already voluminous enough. I hope to publish the next issue before the end of June.

I feel it necessary to offer some comment on two reports; The meeting with Leaders of Maccabi-Israel, and the agreement signed with Hapoel.

\* The Maccabi Organisation in Israel and its numerous Clubs, counting about 8,000 members, principally youngsters not exceeding the age of eighteen, has a splendid record, insofar as its sports activities go. They lack funds for centres, as well as facilities for outdoor activities. The few football grounds in Tel-Aviv and elsewhere, whether the property of municipalities, of Maccabi or of Hapoel, are all in poor condition, dusty and hardly provided with adequate arenas for spectators. Even some international matches have been played on these recently.

Although greatly improved since 1950, the Ramat Gan Stadium belongs to the Municipality and the cost of hiring it for a single event is relatively high.

Lack of funds for development and extensions, have placed Maccabi in Israel in a position of practical disadvantages. Because of this situation, they find it difficult to attract new members, as modern youth - whether in Israel or elsewhere - prefers comfort to hardships. The condition of some of the Maccabi Centres which I have seen in Tel-Aviv or Haifa is lamentable; some structural repairs and a coat of paint would make a vast difference to them. Consequently there is no "club spirit" in the ranks of Maccabi Israel.

\* A permanent state of tension exists between leaders of Hapoel and Maccabi; Hapoel boasts numerical supremacy and material prosperity - advantages which are not enjoyed by Maccabi. Added to that, any people joining Hapoel do so with an ulterior motive in mind; they are assured of jobs provided for them by the various branches of the Trade Unions (Histadrut).

The aforementioned facts are undeniable. On the other hand, Hapoel and Maccabi largely share the responsibility for the success of the Israel Olympic Committee, the Israel Sports Federation, as well as of the Football Association, where work has been carried on for the past year or two in an atmosphere of apparent harmony and co-operation; and yet, relations between leaders of the two organisations are far from sincere. Hapoel are suspected of wishing to "liquidate" the Maccabi Organisation in Israel and Maccabi, suspicious and resentful, do not trust Hapoel's frequent denials, however genuine these may sound. Instead of mutual respect and tolerance, one finds traces of mutual fear, mixed with contempt.

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\* For several years past I have tried to exercise what influence I could to bring about better understanding between the two organisations which, if united and working in harmony - could bring about a very happy state of affairs in the ranks of Israeli Youth, raising the standard of their welfare, as well as of their sporting performance. Time and again I pleaded with them that there was room for two such organisations in Israel and that it was desirable - if only to create opportunities for competition in the field

of sport - to have two or more sports organisations. National teams - I argued - should always be selected on individual merit, and not on a basis of parity (50-50). Training of National teams should be organised under the best coaches that "money can buy". A well-playing and well-behaved team of sportsmen proceeding overseas, is capable of producing far more goodwill for Israel than any number of Ambassadors, or of other achievements in the realm of politics, art and science. My theory has proved right when, after some years of hesitation, the Israel Football Association has engaged as its coach Giula Mandi of Hungary, creator of the "Magyar Marvels" of the 1950's. Mandi refused to differentiate between one footballer and another, on the grounds of their personal association with a particular sports organisation. He picked the best boys excelling in the art of soccer, and he now has a team that matches a good many in Europe and elsewhere. Although the English referee, Mr. Jack Kelly, was severely criticized by England's "Under 23's", every observer agreed that Israel's 4-0 victory at Ramat-Gan on Sunday, 22nd May, was well deserved.

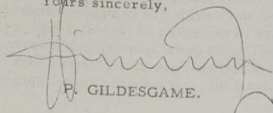
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As regards the agreement with Hapoel, the details of which are outlined in this issue, let me declare at the outset, that no matter what one reads into it, the Maccabi World Union is determined to honour it fully. It should be noted, however, that throughout the negotiations with the representatives of Hapoel - as reflected in the terms of the agreement - much more importance was attached by Hapoel to the so-called "public appearances" than to any valuable contribution they could make, either towards the success of the Maccabiah Games generally, or to the emergence of a successful Israeli team which will be competing for highest honours against competitors from some 25 other countries.

\* Our Hapoel friends felt that their importance was not sufficiently recognised by the M. W. U. and that it was grossly under-rated by Maccabi Israel. They wanted, therefore, to make quite sure that their existence and identity - that of Hapoel - will be conspicuous and evident outwardly, throughout the Maccabiah, be it during the opening and closing ceremonies, at the receptions, or otherwise 'on parade'.

\* My Executive colleagues and I, recognising Hapoel's susceptibilities, have agreed to grant a number of requests, and it will be seen that, not content with Maccabi World Union's recognition of Hapoel's importance as a sports organisation, they insisted also on a similar status being granted to the Histadrut which, in effect, has nothing to do either with the Maccabiah or with the Maccabi World Union. However, desirous as we were, not only to ensure Hapoel's participation in the Israeli Maccabi team, but also to demonstrate our recognition of Hapoel's importance as a leading Jewish and Israeli sports organisation, we have come to terms with them in the hope that this agreement, reached some 15 months before the Maccabiah (instead of doing so at the last minute before the Maccabiah) will pave the way towards closer co-operation between Hapoel and Maccabi in Israel, as it should also strengthen the ranks of those working untiringly and in a spirit of dedication to give the future Maccabiah Games a true and lasting character of a World Jewish Sports Festival.

With Maccabi greetings,  
Yours sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.



## Foreword to a Report

A VISIT TO ISRAEL APRIL 10TH - MAY 3RD, 1960.

As most of you know, I have recently returned from a visit to Israel, devoted entirely to the examination of problems affecting the Maccabi World Movement generally, and the forthcoming 6th Maccabiah, in particular. Determined to use my short stay there to utmost advantage, my activities had to be planned carefully, and a tentative time-table covering numerous engagements prepared in advance. My Israeli executive colleagues anticipated a great deal from that flying visit, and so did I. I realised that I may not be able to embark upon a similar trip for another year, and that a solution to vital decisions facing the World Executive had to be found without further delay.

Wishing to be well rested, prior to engaging in activities entailing some 18 hours a day, I decided to sail to Haifa by boat from Naples, on April 7th, thus reaping the benefit of a restful time in excellent climatic conditions during the 2½ days' trip. I arrived at Haifa on Sunday morning, April 10th, where I was met by my good friends, Nahum Heth, President, and Abraham Tory, Hon. Secretary of the Executive. Real work had started from that moment onwards and, with the exception of a few hours of leisure, during the Festival of Pesach, work had continued to the last minute before leaving Haifa on 3rd May at mid-day.

### A tribute to Executive Colleagues.

Before giving a detailed report of activities, I wish to pay this public tribute to all my Executive colleagues in Israel for the friendly manner in which they received me, for the cordial hospitality extended to me, and for the spirit in which they co-operated with me throughout the difficult meetings, sessions and conferences which formed an integral part of a very crowded programme. In fact, every member of the Executive residing in Israel, including those who have been ailing for some time, made an effort to attend every meeting.

Our late friend, Selig Rusecki, whose tragic death has been announced some time ago, was often remembered during our deliberations and tribute paid to his devoted services to the Movement during many years.

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I was glad to see Moshe Chelouche, the veteran Maccabi leader - at one time Chairman of the World Executive who, despite old-age and failing health, made a point of attending one meeting as a token of his appreciation for the work being done at this crucial moment. He shook my hand warmly and, when bidding me goodbye, he stated: "May God bless your labours with every success."

I was pleasantly surprised by the presence of Mordechai Ben-Dror at every Executive meeting who, not many months ago, has been ordered a complete rest by his doctors, following upon a heart attack. Not only did Ben-Dror take a lively interest in all discussions but, in fact, has refused to spare himself whenever his personal co-operation was needed in some of the negotiations in which he played an active part.

Alex Alexandroni, who also suffered from illhealth, and who, for other personal reasons, did not attend any Executive meetings during the past few months, also resumed activities soon after my arrival in Israel. In view of his many commitments as Sports Editor, he will no longer be dealing with Maccabi press and publicity. Instead, he will be entrusted with Public Relations - a task for which he is eminently suited.

Although estranged because of some misunderstanding that occurred some two years ago, in consequence of which he decided not to attend any further Executive meetings, our friend, Yoshua Aloof (who recently celebrated his 60th birthday) one of Maccabi's most seasoned veterans, also decided to attend all Executive meetings at which I presided. His personal grievances will be settled very soon.

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Other executive colleagues, and particularly so Tory and Caspy, have spent as much time as was needed, closely co-operating with me, determined to help settle all problems in which I was engaged. Tory and Caspy, as well as other members of the Executive, have been away from their respective offices and businesses for many days, realising that the opportunities at hand called for prompt action, and that the work undertaken by me called for frequent consultations, not to mention the courage to make prompt decisions.

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I have been a fairly frequent critic of our collective work - as a World Executive - criticism to which I gave also expression during the first meeting over which I presided; I am firmly convinced, however, that every member of the World Executive residing in Israel is eminently capable of discharging a task entrusted to him and that, providing the various challenges will be met, the executive body of our Headquarters in Tel-Aviv will earn our fullest gratitude for the immense work done - and done well.

#### "New blood" in Young Executives.

I was particularly pleased to see in our midst three young men, highly experienced, recently co-opted to the Executive, whose enthusiasm, devotion to the cause, and intelligence, will produce most gratifying results in the months and years ahead of us. I refer to Arie Cohen, who spent a lifetime in the Movement and who, for some years past, served as a special Maccabi Youth Leader in South America.

S. Schumacher, known as Schumi, is another seasoned Youth Sports Leader, despite his young age; a fine athlete and sportsman, with considerable experience in organising Sports Meets; he is now employed as Physical Education Officer by the Municipality of Tel-Aviv-Jaffa.

Noah Klieger is the third young addition to our World Executive, who gained his Maccabi experience in several European countries, prior to setting up home in Israel a few years ago. By profession a Sports Journalist and Reporter, and because of the experience gained by him in Israel in radio and newspaper reporting, he has now been entrusted with the task of handling M. W. U. Press and Information. He has already shown his ability, considering that he had not lost a single opportunity, during my brief visit in Israel, to have every item of authorised news published within a few minutes from it happening, news carried by radio and by all newspapers, regardless of party.

#### ON THE EVE OF THE TRIP TO ISRAEL. A London Press Conference.

To prepare 'public opinion' in Israel, prior to my arrival there, I considered it expedient to invite the London representatives of the Israeli Press, as well as the Anglo-Jewish papers, to inform them of the main objects of my forthcoming visit. As a result of the Press Conference held in London on Sunday, 3rd April (on the eve of my departure) every newspaper in Israel published details of the principal plans for the next Maccabiah, covering such

items as the International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee, the Maccabiah Village, the Youth Hostel Project, as well as the proposal for a Youth Jamboree, to coincide with the period of the 6th Maccabiah.

The London "Jewish Chronicle" headlined its report "Sweeping changes for the Maccabiah" and went on to say: "The Maccabiah was now well established but Mr. Gildesgame thought there was room for improvement."

"Chadashot Ha'Sport", published in Tel-Aviv, headlined its report: "Mr. Maccabi's returning to Israel. Pierre Gildesgame, the promoter of Jewish Sports in the Diaspora speaks of his plans."

"Cherut" announced "The 6th Maccabiah will attract more sportsmen from all over the world than any of the preceeding Games." "Haboker" stated: "Ambitious plans for the 6th Maccabiah reach well beyond a comprehensive sports programme."

Similar news items appeared in the Israeli Press, published in Polish, Rumanian, French, English, German and Yiddish. The "Jerusalem Post" was particularly generous in reporting on the London Press Conference with a headline reading: "The Maccabiah Internationally Recognised."

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It is worth noting that when I was received by Mr. Theodore Kollek, Head of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, he greeted me by stating: "I know all about your plans. I have read about them in the "Jerusalem Post". I congratulate you. The press has been very kind to you and I hope that you will receive similar treatment before your return to England."

#### The inquisitive Pressmen.

Whilst in Israel, I have been approached by several newspapermen for "exclusive interviews". I have refused to oblige. Instead, I have informed everyone concerned that, before my departure, a Press Conference will be held, to which all newspaper and sports editors will be invited. I did not wish to prejudice any of the pending negotiations by making premature statements to pressmen, who are in the habit of slightly distorting facts, or of presenting them according to the policy pursued by their own particular editorial board.

(As will be seen from this report, a final press conference was held on Tuesday, 26th April, attended by a record number of newspapermen, and which was reported fully and favourably by all papers from the extreme Right to the extreme Left.)

#### WORK STARTED.

##### Executive Meetings.

The first Executive Meeting over which I presided was held on 16th April, and lasted some 8 hours.

Subsequent meetings were held on April 18th, 22nd, 26th and 29th.

Moreover, we held a number of sub-Committee meetings, attended by two or three members of the Executive at a time. As meetings of the Executive have been reported in Minutes, copies of which have been sent to all members of the World Executive, I do not propose enlarging on these. I will, therefore, confine my report to meetings and conferences not otherwise reported on.



## Conferences and Interviews

These took place with several personalities in the following (approximate) chronological order.

Thursday, April 14th. Mr. Kadish Luz. - Speaker of the Knesset  
(Chairman of the Parliament of Israel.)

Mr. Luz confessed that he was not an expert on sports, that he preferred agriculture to politics, but he welcomed a conversation on any topic concerning Maccabi. Having been suitably introduced to Mr. Luz by my "native" colleague, Mr. Tory, and encouraged by my host's kindness, I explained to him the nature and purpose of our various plans, upon which he commented thus: "I like the idea of the International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee, as well as that of a Committee of Patrons in Israel, which will help forge a link between Jewry in the Diaspora and our own Yishuv, through the medium of the Maccabioth, which have become one of the most outstanding events in the national life of this country".

Referring to the alleged lack of appreciation in Government quarters for the need to promote sports, and for the provision of facilities for training and competition in Israel itself, Mr. Luz stated: "During the past few days, I have come to realise to what extent a vast proportion of our population is really interested in sports. The football match between Israel and Yugoslavia, played in Belgrade a few days ago, has aroused so much interest that even I - a man who does not understand the elementary rules of the Football Game - listened most attentively to a running radio commentary from Belgrade, whilst the match was in progress. When, in the end, our team scored a 3-1 victory, I was truly delighted and felt proud of our boys! I am sure that upon their return, the President will receive them at his residence and will congratulate them personally."

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### A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE FOR SPORTS.

It was at this stage that I discussed with the Speaker of the Knesset the role which the Israel Parliament could play in the promotion of Israel sports generally, and the extent to which it could support morally and otherwise, the Maccabiah Games. I was delighted to learn that a special Committee is to be set up by the Knesset to deal with sports matters, and I took the liberty of outlining to Mr. Luz the important role which such a committee could play, if it agreed to co-operate and be guided by the M. W. U., as well as by other Israel sports organisations. Mr. Luz welcomed my suggestion.

A few days later I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Gideon Ben-Israel, Chairman of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee for Sports, who promised to co-operate closely with the M. W. U., and to give the Maccabiah and its New Plan its fullest and wholehearted support. A permanent liaison is to be established between the Parliamentary Sub-Committee and the M. W. U.

### A BUSY DAY IN JERUSALEM - THURSDAY, April 19th.

At the Prime Minister's Office.

At 9 a.m., Mr. Theodore Kollek, Head of the Prime Minister's Office, and of the Israel Tourist Corporation, received a Maccabi World Executive delegation, consisting of Dr. Atlas, Caspy, Tory and myself. It is well known that Mr. Kollek is one of Israel's most influential Government Executives.

one who had the confidence of the Prime Minister, Mr. Ben-Gurion, for some years past.

After listening to me for well over half an hour, Mr. Kollek's reaction can be summed up thus: The Israel Government welcomes and approves of the setting up of an International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee who, together with the M. W. U., the principal organisers of the Maccabiah Games, should assume full responsibility for the Maccabiah Games in years to come. In the final analysis, countries participating in the Games must be consulted before any major decisions are implemented. The setting up of a Committee of Patrons in Israel, with the President of the State as Chief Patron, is an equally excellent idea which will meet with general approval.

As regards the use of the Maccabiah Village as a Youth Hostel during inter-Maccabiah years, Mr. Kollek thought this to constitute a "good solution to costly project." He was confident that the Development Department of the Tourist Corporation will favourably consider an application for a loan of up to 40% of the total cost entailed, repayable over a period of 20 years at the rate of interest of 8% per annum. As the project has now been conceived on a business basis, he could see no reason why it should not enjoy fullest support from generous contributors, as well as from investors. He suggested that the project should rank as an "Approved Enterprise", thus reaping the benefit of a number of valuable concessions granted by the Government of Israel to companies registered in Israel.

Mr. Kollek promised to put us into touch immediately with officials in charge of various Government Departments, as well as with sections of the Tourist Corporation with whom appointments have been fixed there and then.

The idea of organising a Youth Jamboree to coincide with the period of the 6th Maccabiah would, in the opinion of Mr. Kollek, gain for the M. W. U. wide applause, coupled with wholehearted support on the part of the Youth Aliyah Department and of the Youth and Hechaluz Department of the Jewish Agency.

Kollek took a very poor view of Hapoel's much publicised decision to organise a sports festival in May, 1961 - ostensibly to celebrate the 35th anniversary of that organisation's existence - only 4 months prior to the Maccabiah Games. On the other hand, he shared the view of those who believe that the Maccabiah is likely to over-shadow any other major sports event taking place in Israel the same year.

"I will give you every help and assistance I can, and the Prime Minister's office will gladly co-operate with you in all your future endeavours." - such was Mr. Kollek's parting message to my colleagues and myself.

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The events that followed have proved that Mr. Kollek is a man whose promises can be trusted. I reproduce in this issue copy of a letter received from him after my departure from Israel.

With Mr. Moshe Shapiro - Minister of the Interior.

At about 11.30 a.m., the Minister, Mr. Shapiro, accompanied by his Vice-Minister, Mr. Ben-Meir, received our delegation. The Minister thought well and whole-heartedly approved of our various plans, and Mr. Ben-Meir, an orthodox Rabbi by profession - took a very lively part in the discussion that followed.

As a result of this interview, the Minister has promised to direct Mayors of all Municipalities in Israel to give what help and assistance will be required to ensure the success of the Maccabiah, or any events that may be staged in their municipalities. He also promised to give favourable consideration to entertainment tax concessions (usually charged on admission tickets to sports events). Municipalities will be requested to provide facilities and accommodation, wherever required, to supporters accompanying teams and, above all, to the many hundreds of children due to join the Jamboree. To ensure closer contact between the Maccabiah organisers and the Ministry of the Interior, a special liaison officer will be appointed by the Minister, with whom regular contact will be maintained and who is to receive representations on behalf of the Minister, as well as to maintain contact with Mayors of Municipalities, as may be required from time to time.

At the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

At 12.30 p.m., we were welcomed at the Ministry by Mr. Nal, Head of the British Commonwealth Department (an act of courtesy to the Chairman of the M. W. U. who is a British subject).

The Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, received my colleagues and myself with a broad smile and, as she settled down behind her desk, her first question was: "What can I do for you, gentlemen?"

As I proceeded to give Mrs. Meir a full report on our plans and decisions, Mrs. Meir frequently exclaimed "fascinating"! Indeed, Mrs. Meir was genuinely fascinated by, what she described as, "an imaginative plan upon which the authors deserve to be wholeheartedly congratulated." She, too, thought the idea of the Jamboree an admirable one and as to the plan for the Youth Hostel, she expressed the hope that groups of women tourists under the auspices of the Hadassah and W. I. Z. O., will be afforded accommodation as and when such will be available during the inter-Maccabiah years.

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On the International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee she commented as follows: "The I. M. S. C. will form a bridge between World Jewry and Israel, firmly founded on the Maccabiah, upon which I look as a permanent event giving joy and happiness to old Jews and young alike - here and in the rest of the world. I realise that Maccabi has performed miracles in the past, and that you, gentlemen, will continue to work in a spirit of dedication to ensure that the Maccabiah Games shall always be held in Israel, despite the financial and administrative difficulties which this promotion entails. Let it not be thought that our Government is indifferent to the welfare and happiness of the masses of Jewish Youth organised in Maccabi clubs in many lands. I have seen the premises of many Maccabi clubs in recent years and was particularly impressed by some I visited recently in South America. We are very grateful to you for what you are doing by way of Jewish Youth Education and you deserve our fullest support." Then she added: "I would like to see more libraries on your club premises with Hebrew books which your members will be able to read."

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At the conclusion of the talks, which lasted about 2 hours, Mrs. Meir promised to appoint a Liaison Officer representing the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to keep in close touch with the organisers of the Maccabiah.

Visas to all Maccabiah participants and tourists coming to Israel during the Maccabiah period will be granted free of charge. All Israeli Embassies, Legations and Consulates, will be requested to give what assistance they can to the Maccabiah Organising Committees in all lands, and a directive to this



effect will be issued as soon as necessary. Mrs. Meir asked that a list be sent to her of all countries intending to participate in the 1961 Games.

#### A MEETING WITH LEADERS OF MACCABI-ISRAEL, THURSDAY, APRIL 21st.

In the late afternoon, I attended a friendly get-together with members of the Executive of the Maccabi Territorial Organisation in Israel, held in the very well-appointed Conference Room of the Kupat-Cholim Maccabi in Tel-Aviv. Shalom Zysman was in the Chair and a cordial welcome was extended to me by the Vice-Chairman of the Executive, Mr. Rothstein.

This meeting has been arranged at my request. I felt it necessary to meet the men responsible for the present and future destinies of one of Maccabi's most important Territorial Organisations. I wished to exchange with them views and opinions on a number of matters of common interest.

#### Party Politics.

First, I dealt with one problem which has often constituted a subject for controversy and conflict: The relationship between Maccabi-Israel and the General Zionist Party. Once again, I have been assured that the General Zionist Party in Israel (the smallest and, at present, the least influential political party) does not expect the Maccabi organisation to adopt a party political line in any shape or form. Nor would the leaders of Maccabi-Israel agree to any such demands. There are, in fact, no tangible political ties between the Maccabi and the General Zionist Party in Israel.

The General Zionist Party in Israel has been generous in that it had agreed, some years ago, to subsidize Maccabi-Israel to the tune of £25,000 or £30,000 per annum, because they thought and believed that members of Maccabi in Israel were in no way politically committed, and they did not wish to see them involved with any of the socialist parties.. .

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#### Two wrongs?

It has been made clear to me - and I have no reason to doubt the solemn declarations made during that meeting - that if a similar amount were available to them from any other source (without any conditions attached) leaders of Maccabi-Israel would be happy to accept such help and to dispense with the £30,000 received from their present benefactors. They are aware, they told me, that, because they continue to receive the subsidy from the General Zionists, some confusion is created, often resulting in multifarious and prejudicial statements being issued in the camps of the "opposition". Some of those present went so far as to argue - not without good reason - that no-one appears to condemn the Hapoel Sports Organisation, or to criticise it severely, for its persistent effort to indoctrinate their members with socialist creeds.

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As everyone in Israel knows full well, the Histadrut is setting aside, in its annual Budget, the sum of £1,250,000 (one and a quarter million Israeli pounds) for the Hapoel Organisation, for its daily work, development and manifold promotions. This is, of course, an undeniable fact and, having regard to Maccabi-Israel's struggle for survival, in view of the very slender finances available to it, one must make some allowance for the unfortunate position in which they find themselves in having constantly to be on the defensive because of their so-called "alliance" with the General Zionist Party. Had the General Zionist Party been a strong political organisation - as they have been at one time - Maccabi would have been less vulnerable to criticism, and perhaps its material situation much better than it is.

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# Lack of good Public Relations.

I pointed out to the meeting that far too little is being heard, or publicised, about Maccabi-Israel's successes in the field of sport, and that their work, generally, appears to be influenced more by fear of Hapoel than by the knowledge of their own strength and achievements which, let it be clearly stated, are remarkable. Despite the lack of facilities for training in many branches of sport, despite their inability to employ paid instructors and trainers, despite the lack of funds necessary to build clubhouses, and to extend activities in Settlements and Kibbutzim in the Negev and in the North, Maccabi-Israel continues to produce some fine sportsmen and athletes, footballers, basketball players, etc., well out of all proportions to its numerical strength.

## A'solution'to all troubles?

The Hon. Treasurer suggested that the World Maccabi Movement might well consider it advisable to raise funds for Maccabi-Israel, so that these could be used to supplement their present meagre income. Thus, they might be able to dispense with the subsidy from the General Zionist Party. A sounder financial position would enable them to provide more clubs and more facilities for outdoor sports - to attract more members to the ranks who are now compelled to join Hapoel or other organisations offering better advantage.

In reply, I stated that every Territorial Maccabi Organisation the world over is already struggling hard for survival, their main pre'occupation being fund-raising. If and when impressed by Maccabi-Israel's unflinching resolve to extend its activities, to become a model Maccabi Territorial Organisation, apt to inspire the many tens of thousands of Maccabi members in Israel and in the outside world, I feel sure that an appeal for help from leaders of Maccabi-Israel - if not of a permanent nature - may well meet with a ready and generous response. Mr. Zysman announced at the end of the meeting that he inaugurated a Fund-raising campaign in Israel with good prospects.

## NEGOTIATIONS WITH HAPOEL.

### Friday, April 22nd Mr Lavon - A'Summit Meeting'

"Feared by most, respected by some,"-such is the reputation enjoyed by Mr. Pinhas Lavon, General Secretary of the Histadrut. I have also heard him described as "The Krushchev of Israel" and "The unofficial Prime Minister", a man who "runs the Government" and decides on its destinies from the "Kremlin" (Head Office of the Histadrut).

Jokes apart, everyone agrees that Mr. Lavon is "the strong man" of Israel, responsible for the policies of the Histadrut and of its agencies. It was, therefore, natural for me to assume that Mr. Lavon takes also a personal interest in Hapoel. Upon making enquiries no-one was able either to confirm or to deny my assumption.

In view of the deadlock reached with Hapoel in the course of correspondence conducted with them since 1957, and of a letter received recently from their General Secretary, Mr. I. Panai, informing me courteously of their decision to organise a Sports Festival in May, 1961, which will absorb much of the time and attention of their branches, and of their Central Committee, I felt that the time has come for me to raise this matter again at the highest level - a kind of "Summit Conference" between Mr. Lavon and myself. It was generally known that Mr. Lavon has been suffering lately from ill-health and that, at the time of my arrival in

Israel he has been spending at his office only two hours a day. After three attempts, two of which have produced negative results, Mr. Lavon has agreed to receive me at his home "for a quarter of an hour only".

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I don't wish to relate details of my conversation with Mr. Lavon which, I am glad to add, lasted over 2 hours in a cordial atmosphere of mutual respect for our views and opinions which greatly differed. The outcome of the conversation at which Mr. Tory and Mr. Zeev Hering (a member of the Histadrut Inner-Executive, and the one responsible to it for all matters pertaining to the Hapoel) were also present, can be summed up as follows:

- (a) Hapoel appreciate the New Plan for the 6th Maccabiah and welcome the setting up of the I. M. S. C. and of the Committee of Patrons in Israel; They also like the idea of the Jamboree.
- (b) If extended, Hapoel are willing to accept an invitation from the Maccabi World Union to participate in the next Maccabiah.
- (c) Hapoel insist upon greater prominence being given to their organisation in the course of the various Maccabiah 'public appearances'.
- (d) Hapoel insist upon a basis of equality with the M. W. U. in the organisation of the Maccabiah.

My reactions were that we would welcome Hapoel's participation in the Maccabiah, firstly, as members of a united Israeli team of competitors and, secondly, in some spheres of the technical and administrative organisation of the Games generally, providing that, in both instances, practical propositions will be submitted to us for further consideration.

In reply to Mr. Lavon's question whether we were willing to resume negotiations, I stated that we would be glad to do so immediately, whereupon Mr. Lavon nominated Mr. Zeev Hering and Mr. I. Panai, with whom a first meeting was arranged to be held the following afternoon at my hotel.

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Saturday, 23rd April. In the course of the first session, attended by Hering and Panai, representing Hapoel, Tory and myself representing the M. W. U. Executive, several questions were raised and answered on both sides.

After a two hours' discussion, conducted in a friendly spirit, I have invited Hering and Panai to prepare a draft agreement for consideration by the M. W. U. Executive.

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A few days later.

Two more meetings followed, and those were also attended by Mr. Mordechai Ben-Dror, representing the M. W. U. (as well as the General Council of Maccabi-Israel); Mr. I. Rubinstein, Treasurer of the Hapoel Central Committee also joined in. Inevitably, a good many arguments have been heard by both sides in an endeavour to find a solution compatible with the dignity and status of the parties to the agreement.

#### AGREEMENT WITH HAPOEL SIGNED.

Finally, on Saturday evening, 30th April, at the office of Mr. Tory, an agreement has been signed by Tory, Ben-Dror and myself, on behalf of



the M. W. U. and Maccabi-Israel, and by Hering, Panai and Rubinstein, on behalf of the Central Committee of Hapoel.

The main heads of the agreement can be summed up as follows:

- (1) A Joint Israeli Committee will be formed comprising an equal number of representatives of Maccabi and Hapoel.
- (2) The task of the Committee will be to supervise the organisation in all matters affecting Israel's participation in the Games also as regards separate "appearances" of Maccabi-Israel and of Hapoel.
- (3) The Joint Committee will deal with
  - (a) All matters pertaining to the Israeli team's participation in the Opening and Closing ceremonies, publicity relating to the Israel Maccabiah team, parades, receptions and tourism.
  - (b) The use of various sports venues for Maccabiah events.
  - (c) The distribution of sports gear after the Maccabiah, received as donations from sources outside Israel; half of this is to be given to the Sports Federation in Israel, and the other half to the Maccabiah Village.
- (4) In the event of Maccabi-Israel receiving a monetary subsidy from the M. W. U., organisers of the Maccabiah, an equivalent amount will be allocated also to the Hapoel.
- (5) The Joint Committee to be allowed to help in the management of the Maccabiah Village insofar and during the 6th Maccabiah.
- (6) Two Chairmen will be elected to preside alternatively at meetings of the Joint Committee, one of whom will be appointed by Maccabi, the other by Hapoel.
- (7) Membership of all sub-Committees will consist of equal numbers of Hapoel and Maccabi. Chairmen of such sub-Committees will be members of Hapoel and Maccabi, according to requirements, or to their qualifications.
- (8) Responsibility for the final selection of members of the Israeli team will rest with the Israel Sports Federation and, insofar as the selected Football team is concerned, this will be the responsibility of the Israel Football Association.
- (9) Contingents of Hapoel and Maccabi-Israel will be entitled to appear in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Maccabiah in a manner indicating their respective identities. The form and programme of such appearances is to be agreed to by the Joint Committee.
- (10) A special evening will be set aside to form part of the general programme of the Maccabiah, devoted to a Reception to Maccabiah participants which will be arranged by the Central Committee of Hapoel and of the Histadrut. On that evening, no competitions or other major functions will be arranged.
- (11) Members of the Israeli team of competitors will wear identical uniform in addition to a small badge to indicate individual membership of Sports Organisations. The team will march, however, under the flag of the State of Israel.

- (12) Members of the Joint Committee will participate in all presentations which will be held in the Stadium, or outside it, and particularly so during the Opening and Closing ceremonies.
- (13) Necessary steps to be taken to ensure the participation of representatives of the Central Committee of the Histadrut and of the Secretariat of Hapoel in all Receptions being held during the period of the Maccabiah.
- (14) In the event of opportunities being afforded to visiting teams to fraternise with other Israeli sports clubs or associations, means should be found for similar opportunities for Hapoel.
- (15) In the event of any differences of opinion arising among members of the Joint Committee, such matters are to be brought before Messrs. Shalom Zysman (Chairman of Maccabi-Israel) and Itzhak Panai (General Secretary of Hapoel) for consideration and settlement. In the event of no agreement being reached, the differences should be referred, for further consideration by Messrs. Gildesgame and Hering, with a request to find a solution acceptable to both parties. Efforts to find such solutions should be made with utmost speed.

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Verbal agreement was also reached on two other points. First, that no public announcement is to be made before a whole week has elapsed. This was done at the request of the Hapoel representatives who needed some time for the agreement to be ratified by their Central Committee. (Since then a Public announcement has been released). Second, Mr. Hering, acting on behalf of Hapoel, promised to advise me within 4 weeks, of the names of Hapoel representatives on the Joint Committee. Also, that within 3 months from the date of the agreement, the Joint Committee will submit to me (the Chairman-elect of the I. M. S. C. and Chairman of the M. W. U. Executive) a full report on their plans affecting Israel's participation in the Maccabiah, covering all other provisions as set out in the agreement. Mr. Hering assured me also that notwithstanding Hapoel's commitment as regards their own Sports Festival, to be held in May, 1961, all those nominated by Hapoel to serve on the Joint Committee will devote as much time as necessary in the pursuit of the Committee's work.

Similar undertakings have also been received from the Chairman of Maccabi-Israel.

#### BOARD MEETING OF THE MACCABIAH VILLAGE LTD. APRIL 23rd.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maccabiah Village Ltd., was held in the attractive and well-maintained building (erected on the site of the Maccabiah Village in 1957) at 4.30 in the afternoon. This was preceded by an intimate Reception in honour of Lord Nathan and myself, arranged by Mr. Abraham Krinitzi, Chairman of the Board.

Replying to a brief address of welcome by Mr. Krinitzi, Lord Nathan stated that he was very much impressed by the excellent condition in which the land of the Maccabiah Village was kept. He sincerely hoped that the plans on which his "good friend Gildesgame" has now been working, will come to fruition, and that, by August, 1961, several more buildings will be completed to accommodate as many athletes as possible under conditions better than those in 1957. He was confident that under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Krinitzi, and with the co-operation of his enthusiastic colleagues, as well as with the support which the plan of the Youth Hostel will undoubtedly receive from all quarters, the entire project will be

completed in the foreseeable future, and that he, Lord Nathan, would like to be present on such an occasion, witnessing one of his Maccabi dreams come true.

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The Board meeting that followed was very well attended. Again, I have been assured that every member of the Board has made a special effort to be present as a sign of respect and appreciation for the Chairman of the M. W. U. Among those present I have seen Mr. E. Ichilov, member of the Knesset, Mrs. Rivka Netanel, as well as Messrs. Z. Suzaieff, S. Yavnai, M. Kvaszni, J. Savir, A. Freedman, Izachson and, of course, the very popular and much appreciated Minute's Secretary, Rivka Rabinovitz. After having explained to my colleagues the project of the Youth Hostel, the Board have approved of it in principle, and welcomed the initiative, **pledging their wholehearted support.**

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In the course of the discussion, I have reported on the negotiations initiated a few days earlier with Mr. Mordechai Stern, General Manager of the Rassco Rural and Suburban Settlement Co., Ltd. Mr. Stern and Rassco, who are well known throughout Israel as leading building developers, constructors and promoters, thought the project imaginative and sound. Mr. Stern thought that in a matter of a year or two, the Maccabiah Village can be completed and its facilities used as an International Youth Hostel. Although the cost may run into a million Israeli pounds, it would not only be a self-supporting venture, but should also yield satisfactory profits, with a return of about 11% to 12% on the investment.

The Directors of the Maccabiah Village Ltd., have rightly insisted upon control being vested in its Board, and that a financial structure of the project be accordingly prepared.

#### OTHER MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES.

In addition to spending some time with Mr. Stern and the Rassco Corporation I also paid a courtesy visit to the British Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Patrick Hancock. The Ambassador very kindly returned the courtesy when he attended a reception in honour of Lord Nathan, arranged at the Accadia Hotel on Tuesday, 28th April.

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We also met with Dr. Benshalom, of the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Jewish Agency, who confirmed the Agency's decision to allocate to the M. W. U. an annual grant of £ 10,000 and to give this promise early effect by remitting the aforementioned sum in two or three instalments. (Since then the first instalment has been received).

During an interview with Mr. Amos Iron, Managing Director of the Tourist Industrial Development Co., Ltd., in Jerusalem, we have been assured that the Government will grant a loan of up to 40% towards the Maccabiah Village project, as soon as he and his department have seen the architect's plans, as well as estimates of cost and details of the financial structure which it was proposed to adopt.

An equally satisfactory meeting was held with Mr. Zegetman, Head of the Department in charge of "Approved Investments Projects".

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I was delighted of the opportunity to spend a short while with Mr. Eliyahu Dobkin, World Chairman of the Keren Hayesod, Member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, and Head of its Youth and Hechalutz Department. Despite a prolonged illness, Mr. Dobkin was good enough to receive me at



his home in Jerusalem and, although I refused to discuss with him "business", he nevertheless assured me that his department will sympathetically consider every reasonable request submitted to him by the M. W. U., be it in connection with the Maccabiah, the appointment of Maccabi Schlichim to various lands, or with the use by the Jewish Agency of the accommodation to be made available in the Maccabiah Village-Youth Hostel, when completed.

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A few days later, Mr. Dobkin telephoned me from Jerusalem, to say that he was happy to read in various newspaper reports of the proposed Youth Jamboree and, speaking on behalf of his own Department: "I shall be glad to give you all the assistance I can, necessary for this great venture to succeed".

#### AUDIENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL. APRIL 25th.

A week prior to being received in audience by the President of the State and Mrs. Ben-Zvi, a letter has been addressed to him on behalf of the M. W. U. Executive, requesting him to agree to be Chief Patron of the 6th Maccabiah. Present at the audience in the President's official residence were Mr. N. Heth, Mr. A. Krinitzi, Chairman of the Maccabiah Village Ltd., Shalom Zysman, Chairman of Maccabi-Israel, Abraham Tory.

Mr. Heth introduced the visitors and formally asked the President to accept the patronage of the next Maccabiah. Mr. Heth then asked me to give the President a brief report on the New Plan for the Maccabiah. Speaking in Hebrew and in English, I acquainted the President with our decision to broaden the aspect and character of the Maccabiah, and gave him also some details about the Maccabiah Village-Youth Hostel project and of our hopes to organise a Youth Jamboree to coincide with the date of the 6th Maccabiah.

The President replied: "I feel greatly honoured by your request and, considering that I have been Patron of three previous Maccabioth, I am glad to inform you of my consent to be your Chief Patron yet once again. We consider the Maccabiah one of the great events in the annals of the Young State of Israel. The Maccabi Movement deserves to be praised for its vigour and tenacity. I also welcome your initiative in that you wish to set up a Committee of Patrons representing all sections of the Israeli community; in this manner, the entire Jewish world will be associated with the Maccabiah. I wish you every success in your endeavours."

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Mrs. Ben-Zvi was particularly fascinated by the Jamboree project, and wanted to know how many young people we hoped to be able to bring to Israel next year, where we were going to accommodate them, how we are going to feed them, and what measures were being adopted to take them around on conducted tours. When I informed Mrs. Ben-Zvi that all these matters are well in hand, and under constant review, she nodded her head approvingly and expressed the hope that she and her husband will be invited to witness the Maccabiah Games as well as to receive some of the children who will come to the Jamboree. (See facsimile of letter from the President's Private Secretary.)

APRIL 25th. MEETING WITH MR. LEVI ESHKOL - MINISTER OF ~~BRIDGE~~ FINANCE.

Accompanied by my colleagues, Caspy, Tory and Heth, I was received by Mr. Eshkol in his office at the Ministry of Finance, Jerusalem, on Monday, 25th April at 11.30. a.m. He congratulated me warmly on what he called, an "excellent exposé", dealing with the New Plan for the Maccabiah and the various projects in connection therewith. In response to my request for a substantial grant-in-aid towards the Maccabiah, estimated to cost £500,000, Mr. Eshkol took up a defensive attitude. He explained, in some detail, the intricacies of Israel's economy, and the pressing need to pay for the State's defence, for housing, for various projects considered extremely vital to the prosperity of the ever-increasing population.

A Boxing Bout.

At this stage of the discussion I told the Minister that it looked as if we were engaged in a boxing match, the first round having been won by myself and the second by him. Mr. Eshkol observed: "Do you hope to win the third round and the match with a knock-out?" I answered - "I will be quite content to win on points..."

As the conversation proceeded, and its tone became more serious, Mr. Eshkol pointed to the vast lands around the building of his Ministry lying waste, waiting to be developed and built up. These were, in his opinion, very important matters which must receive priority attention. The Minister was slightly annoyed with me, but did not fail to appreciate my point a little later, when I observed that he seemed to overlook the vast amounts of money raised by Jewry in the United States, in Great Britain and in lands all over the world, without which Israel could not be built up, and its defences maintained in its high degree of efficiency. "THERE COMES A TIME," I added, "WHEN ISRAEL MUST SHOW A TOKEN OF ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE DESIRE OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO VISIT ISRAEL, TO ATTEND A UNIQUE WORLD JEWISH SPORTS FESTIVAL. ONE MUST LOOK UPON THE YOUNG JEWISH PEOPLE, ORGANISED IN CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD, AS POTENTIAL SETTLERS IN ISRAEL. PROPAGANDA AND PUBLICITY ALONE, HOWEVER ELOQUENT IN PRINTED OR SPOKEN FORM, WOULD NOT ATTRACT A MODERN YOUTH TO ISRAEL, AWAY FROM HIS HOME, SCHOOL OR COLLEGE. BUT THE PROSPECTS OF BEING PRESENT AT AN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS MEET, SUCH AS THE MACCABIAH, HAVE PROVED TO BE AN IMPORTANT STIMULANT; THIS, AS WELL AS THE PROJECT OF THE YOUTH JAMBOREE, DESERVED ENCOURAGEMENT AS WELL AS SUPPORT BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT"

The Minister conceded me the third "round" and asked how much we wanted. My colleagues supported me in my request for a subsidy of £100,000. Thereupon the Minister suggested that we submit a formal application to him, which he promised to consider most carefully and to do his utmost with a view to the application receiving favourable treatment.

We assured the Minister, before leaving his office, that the next Maccabiah would be administered and organised by experts, that expenditure would be carefully scrutinised, and that every effort will be made to show a nominal profit. It was necessary, however, we explained, to prepare suitable accommodation and provide adequate food for participating athletes, despite the fact that a tentative decision has been made to reduce the per-capita charge to five dollars a day, instead of six dollars. Admission tickets to the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as to all the events of the Maccabiah, will be sold through a well known Agency, and it was generally hoped that the next Maccabiah will serve as a model to Games which will follow it, in years to come.



Translation:

"In reply to your letter, dated 15th April, 1960, I am desirous to inform you that the President will confer his patronage upon the 6th Maccabiah taking place next year.

"The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi have also expressed their desire to be present at the Opening Ceremony of the 6th Maccabiah.

With greetings,

(Signed). M. MENDES,

Private Secretary to the  
PRESIDENT."

SECRETARY 1100  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

5 May, 1960  
Jerusalem

Mr. Pierre Gildesgame  
Earl Shilton  
Leicester  
ENGLAND

Dear Mr. Gildesgame,

I say thanks for your letter of 28 April regarding your recent visit to Israel.

I am happy to learn that your various sessions with the persons connected with the West Arabiah were so successful and we hope that this is a sign of great things to come.

I was also glad to learn that an agreement was reached between Israhah and Nagel, and I am sure that this will contribute greatly to the success of the Arabiah.

I shall be delighted to offer my assistance to your colleagues at any time and I look forward to hearing of further developments.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,  
*T. Kallal*  
Theodore Kallal

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With Mr. Eliyahu Elath.

The same afternoon Mr. Caspy and I went to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to see Mr. Eliyahu Elath, at one time Israel Ambassador in Washington and London. Mr. Elath praised our Plan, and spoke well of our projects. He said he will be glad to be a member of the Committee of Patrons and would use his utmost influence with his numerous friends in the United States and Great Britain, whose support will be sought in connection with the Maccabiah teams to be formed in the aforementioned countries.

A RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF LORD NATHAN - Thursday, April 28th  
at the Accadia Hotel.

Over 100 guests gathered in the spacious lounge of the Accadia Hotel to meet Lord and Lady Nathan. Mr. I. Wolfson who was also to be present was prevented, at the last minute, from attending. Among those present at the reception were the Chilean Lawn Tennis Davis Cup players, H. E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. Hancock, The Mayor of Ramat Gan and Mrs. Krinitzi; the Chairman of the Knesset Committee for Sports; Secretary-General of the Hapoel Central Committee; Chaim Glovinsky (Liaison Officer of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel), the Director-General of the Wingate Institute for Physical Education; the President of the Israel Lawn Tennis Association and the Chairman of the Israel Sports Federation. The Chairman of the Israel Football Association, members of the Executive of Maccabi-Israel, Mr. M. Stern (General Manager of the Rassco Corporation) members of the World Executive, and many others. Greeting telegrams were received from the Mayors of Jerusalem, Haifa and Batyam. Cordial messages were also received from Messrs. E. Dobkin and Moshe Kol.

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After delivering a brief address in Hebrew, I paid a tribute to Lord Nathan and to his devotion to the Maccabi cause. "As President of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain and of the European Regional Headquarters, Lord Nathan is not just a figurehead; he continues to take a lively interest in every aspect of our work." I have stressed also the fact that Lord Nathan's sincere interest in the Maccabiah Village project will stand us in good stead.

Replying, Lord Nathan returned the compliment and paid also a warm tribute to Mr. Krinitzi for all that he and the Ramat Gan municipality have done since 1950. "Without Mr. Krinitzi's initiative and active co-operation, the Maccabiah would not have assumed the importance which it now plays in the life of Israel"

Lord Nathan expressed the hope of witnessing before very long the completion of the Maccabiah Village project and of the Youth Hostel - "If this be the last thing I do during my many years work for Maccabi."

During the evening, I have shown a colour film of the 5th Maccabiah which was very well received by all those present.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26th A PRESS CONFERENCE IN TEL-AVIV.

The Conference Room at Sokolow House - Headquarters of Israeli newsmen, was full to capacity, including representatives of some telegraphic agencies. Mr. Klieger opened the proceedings and Mr. Tory introduced me to the gathering. Shimon Caspy, another member of the World Executive, was also in attendance. Following upon a report on my principal activities in Israel, and those of the World Executive, a number of questions from the newspapermen were answered. The nature of the questions asked clearly indicated the interest which our various projects have aroused among News Editors.

Every daily and weekly paper appearing in Israel the same evening, or the following day, carried stories extending to two or three columns. Typical headlines included: "Sportsmen from 35 countries to participate in the Maccabiah", "The President of Israel to head an impressive list of Patrons representing a cross-section of the Israeli community", "International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee formed.", "The 6th Maccabiah will cost half a million pounds", "The Maccabiah Village, to be used as a Youth Hostel, will cost one million Israeli pounds", "Maccabi to sign an agreement with Hapoel 15 months before next Maccabiah", "Jewish Agency and Youth Aliyah promise every help".

MACCABIAH STADIUM IN TEL-AVIV.

Soon after the conference, I proceeded to a luncheon meeting with Messrs. Stahl, Dubitzki and Lifschitz, acting-trustees of the Maccabiah Stadium in Tel-Aviv. We were discussing the improvements made to the Stadium since the trustees took it over on behalf of the Maccabi club in Tel-Aviv. The old dilapidated wooden benches were now replaced by concrete slabs, providing seating accommodation for over 2,000 spectators. The ground has been levelled and is now fit for Soccer matches to be played on. The players' changing rooms have been provided with hot and cold baths and showers. A concrete fence has been built around the Stadium and, shortly, turnstiles will be introduced to admit the public, thus avoiding the customary gate-crashing. Additional spectators' stands are also to be provided and, subject to funds being available, a Cinder Running Track will be laid, so that it can be used during next year's Maccabiah. Approximately £100,000 have already been spent on improvements to the Stadium, and more will be spent as time goes on.

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I was gratified to learn that the terms of the agreement entered into between the M. W. U. Executive and the Trustees acting for Maccabi-Tel-Aviv, have been fully honoured and a monthly rent paid. The annual rent is to be raised at the end of June. The Trustees have also discussed with me the possibility of the M. W. U. making a contribution towards the cost of further improvements. A tentative offer will be made, if only as a token of the World Executive's appreciation of the manner in which the trustees have discharged their obligations, so far. It is thought that a contribution of £5,000 will be made available to the Trustees in the form of admission tickets to the Maccabiah, proceeds of the sale of such tickets to be retained by the trustees on the understanding that the aforementioned amount will be used exclusively to defray the cost of further specified improvements.

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## MACCABI TEL-AVIV CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

One of the first functions I attended (this time as guest of honour) was a Sports Meet organised on the grounds of the Tel-Aviv Maccabiah Stadium on 14th April, in the afternoon. This was the second day of the Sports Festival, comprising an interesting programme of athletics, football, etc. The only overseas participant in the light athletics was Lou Roseman, member of Maccabi in Great Britain, who ran several races, winning them all. During the inaugural ceremony, the Chairman of Maccabi Tel-Aviv presented me with a commemorative golden badge which is featured on the frontispiece of the souvenir programme, as illustrated in this issue.

## A VISIT TO THE WINGATE INSTITUTE.

Escorted by Mr. Bagg, Director of the Institute, and his wife, I paid a visit to the Institute at Natanya one morning, where I was pleased to see the further additions and improvements, as well as the students' dormitories recently erected. I was fortunate to come along when Agnes Kelety, the famous Olympic Gold Medallist in Gymnastics, and now one of the principal tutors at the Institute, was in the process of coaching a selected team of girls. Mr. Bagg gave me some interesting information on recent plans which are to be carried into effect in the course of the next year or so. I have also admired the very well provided library with text books in various languages on a variety of subjects dealing with physical training. Among other things, I have noticed also the tree which I have planted in the grounds of the Institute some 2 years ago, and which is reaching 'satisfactory heights'.

Dealing with the staff of instructors, I have noted with a sense of satisfaction that three of the principals happen to be men who continue to hold leading positions with Maccabi: Yehoshua Aloof, Chaim Wein and Schumi.

I was distressed to learn that members of Maccabi clubs in Israel are still unable to take advantage of the Training Courses, mainly due to their inability to pay the required fees. I have made an offer to Mr. Bagg which, if accepted, will enable 10 members of Maccabi in Israel to take up a course of training in the very near future.

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## Looking Forward To 1961.

### YOUTH HOSTEL AND JAMBOREE PROJECTS EXPLAINED.

#### The Youth Hostel.

As the Maccabiah Games are to be held at 4-yearly intervals in Israel, it stands to reason that a permanent structure must be provided to accommodate up to 500 competitors under modest, but suitable conditions. We can no longer afford to waste money on temporary and inadequate accommodation, as we have done in 1950/1953 and 1957. In planning a permanent Maccabiah Village, the main emphasis must obviously be on dormitories, provided with bathrooms and showers, in addition to a dining hall, kitchens, as on facilities for indoor and outdoor recreations during the hours of leisure.

Such a permanent structure would have to be maintained in good repair, at a fairly high cost, whether occupied or unoccupied. Those who have not welcomed the idea of a permanent Maccabiah Village enthusiastically when it was first mooted, had argued - justifiably so - that to build a Village such as we had in mind, at a fairly high cost, and to use its facilities for a period of 4 - 6 weeks only every 4 years, would amount to folly and to an extravagance.

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No-one had suggested an alternative. We have thought of one and, when satisfied as to its merits, I decided to promote and to launch it to the best of my ability.

Let me explain what prompted me to produce a plan for a Youth Hostel, to be used and occupied fully during the inter-Maccabiah years.

It is a well known fact that tourism to Israel is steadily on the increase. Accommodation in hotels, of any category, or in boarding houses, has proved inadequate and expensive. Persons with low incomes, particularly so young people and teenagers were, therefore, precluded from visiting Israel in the past.

On the other hand, the cost of travel generally, especially by chartered aircraft, is fast tumbling. This is also true of air travel to Israel. I thought, therefore, that the provision of accommodation, centrally situated in Israel at a low cost, would stimulate tourism, especially in the ranks of teenagers. Our Maccabi Youth Hostel should suit this purpose admirably. An opportunity may also be afforded of occupying part of the hostel to Hadassah and W.I. Z. O. Groups and groups of young people travelling to Israel under the "Shnat Sherut" and Jewish Agency Government schemes. During the off-tourist seasons, accommodation at the Hostel could also be made available to the ever-increasing numbers of pilgrims whom Travel Agents in Israel have not been able to accommodate in as large numbers as desired. (I refer to Christian Pilgrims.)

I feel confident, therefore, that, during inter-Maccabiah years, the Maccabiah Village could be used as a Youth Hostel, or as a Hostel with dormitories for 4, 12 or 18 persons at a very low cost. The scheme would, therefore, be self-supporting and, according to experts whom I consulted in Israel, the hostel run on business lines and with the help of expert staff, and if adequately occupied would, in fact, in 2 - 3 years' time, show a profit.

The contribution which the Hostel would make to the provision of accommodation for groups of up to 500 persons at any time visiting Israel during the various seasons of the year is beyond any doubt, and the expense of its construction would be more than fully justified.

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#### Ample amenities.

The provisional policy laid down will favour the admission of young people, aged 14 - 18 of both sexes. In addition to dormitories, the Architects have also been instructed to submit a plan comprising a large-sized Dining Hall with modern kitchens, indoor and outdoor recreation rooms. On the vast grounds of the Village, there will also be 2 Soccer pitches, 2 Basketball Courts and 4 to 6 Tennis Courts (Hard and Grass), An open-air Swimming Pool (of Olympic dimensions), a Cinder Running Track, a Sports Hall (which could also be converted for use by Conventions or large gatherings), a Synagogue, a miniature Hospital or Clinic and, last but not least, accommodation and offices for permanent staff.

In due course, and subject to further funds being available, the Village will also comprise Squash-Racket Courts, a Turkish Bath, a Cafeteria, a Post Office, a Telephone Sub-Exchange, 2 or 3 shops, etc.

#### A Permanent Staff.

A permanent staff will include a General Manager, (thoroughly experienced in hotel management) a Welfare Officer, a Youth Leader, a Doctor and Nursing Staff. Sports Instructors, Coaches, Trainers, Masseurs.

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To sum up, the Village will become a self-contained 'model Village', suitable for young people, as well as for the not-so-young. Only bona-fide groups will be eligible for accommodation at agreed charges which will, at all times, be moderate. On occasions, groups of Israeli youth will be allowed to use the indoor and outdoor sports facilities, preference being given to visiting members of Maccabi clubs from overseas.

The Board of Directors of the Maccabiah Village, who will exercise control over the project, have already agreed to make the Village available to the M. W. U. for a period of 6 weeks on the occasion of future Maccabiah Games. **FREE OF CHARGE.**

#### A business proposition.

I hope to announce in the next issue of this "Newsletter" fuller particulars of the building project, as well as of the financial structure, which is now being carefully examined. The Israeli Government has promised to support it by granting a loan of up to 40% of the approved cost repayable over a period of 20 years at a nominal rate of interest. It is almost certain that several individuals in many lands will generously support the project in the form of outright donations. But it is also envisaged that the public in Israel and overseas will be requested to buy shares in the company to be offered to all those willing to buy them in denominations of about \$275 each, or the equivalent in other currency. The Israeli experts estimate that, in the course of the next two or three years, the shares will yield a dividend of 11% to 12%.

#### ISRAEL YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION VERY INTERESTED.

In the course of an interview held in Jerusalem on Monday, April 25th, with Mr. Korngold, Chairman, and Mr. Katz, Vice-Chairman, of the Israel Youth Hostels Associations, we have been assured of the Association's wholehearted support for the scheme. Mr. Korngold stated that as there is no Youth Hostel anywhere within a radius of 30 miles of Tel-Aviv, the choice of the Maccabiah Village for this purpose was a very happy one, indeed. The Israel Youth Hostel Association would give the project every support and their Committee would gladly co-operate with us in the promotion, as well as in the running of the Hostel.

Statistical figures with which I have been provided, show that, in Israel, there are, at present, 14 hostels only, rather poorly equipped, providing 1200 beds in all. Foreign visitors during 1959 came from more than 30 different countries with the U.S.A. and France topping the list. Several tens of thousands of applications have to be declined because of the absence of accommodation. Considering that our scheme covers a variety of usages, not excluding the generally accepted foreign Youth Hostel visitor, it is assured of fullest occupancy.

I wish to conclude by expressing the hope that accommodation for at least 250 6th Maccabiah participants will be provided in well-constructed dormitories by the end of August 1961.



Photograph at Biennial General Meeting of the South African Maccabi Council, held in Johannesburg March 18th - 19th, 1960. Seated from left to right: Abe Hyman, Vice-Chairman, Alf Blumberg, Chairman, Barney Kellen, Secretary of the South African Maccabi Executive. Addressing the meeting is guest speaker, Dr. Eliezer Justice-Dayan, Vice-Chairman of the M.W.U. Executive.

## כנוס היוכל

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Cover of the souvenir programme published in connection with the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Maccabi club in Tel-Aviv.



ROMI GOLDMUNTZ.

I regret to announce that our good friend, Mr. Romi Goldmuntz, President of Belgium Maccabi and Vice President of the European Maccabi Executive Headquarters, died in Antwerp at the age of 77.

An active communal worker and philanthropist, Mr. Goldmuntz was also credited with the revival, after the second world war, of the Belgian Diamond Industry, of which he was Hon. President for some years past. For his services he was awarded the highest Belgian Decorations and in 1958, the French Government made him a Knight of the Legion of Honour. There was hardly any activity in the Jewish Communal life during the past 20 years in which Romi Goldmuntz did not take an active part. It was largely due to him that two principal Synagogues were built in Antwerp, one of which was named after him. He was also Hon. President of B'nai B'rith in Belgium. He took a keen interest in Israel, where he established a Children's Home. The Museum in Natanya, which bears his and his wife's name, was also founded by him. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother of the Belgians, inaugurated the Museum during her visit to Israel last year.

Mr. Goldmuntz's generosity was legendary. It was largely thanks to his efforts that the Royal Maccabi Club of Antwerp carried on a successful existence. The Goldmuntz Foundation which has been set up by him some years ago, has distributed large sums of money to a variety of good causes. Antwerp Maccabi's Centre was to have benefited from it.

Mr. Goldmuntz attended several Maccabi European Conferences in London, in Antwerp and elsewhere. He always took a keen and intelligent interest in our work and he will be remembered by all of us as a great friend and a great and generous Jew.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF from Territorial Organisations SOUTH AFRICA.

The Biennial General Meeting of the South African Maccabi Council was held in Johannesburg on March 19th and 20th last. Alf Blumberg presided. Presenting his report, he was glad to state that the link between Maccabi and Zionism in South Africa continues strong. Two members of the South African Maccabi Council were Provincial Chairmen for the I. A. U. Appeal. Maccabi members are regular workers in all Zionist branches throughout the country. Dealing with future policy, Blumberg declared: "If you gave me 10,000 life-members throughout South Africa, I guarantee that Maccabi will be able to provide playing fields and sports grounds for all youth in Israel. Interest on the investment of the amount so raised will also enable us to finance a team of athletes to the Maccabiah once every four years." "It has always been my contention" - Blumberg continued - "that every Jewish person should visit Israel at some time or another. Without seeing the country, it is impossible fully to appreciate its problems and requirements. Such an opportunity will present itself again in 1961, when the 6th Maccabiah takes place in Israel. I hope our tour in 1961 will attract a few hundred tourists."

One of the sessions was also attended by Dr. Justice-Dayan, Vice-Chairman of the Maccabi World Union Executive, who was welcomed by Alf Blumberg very cordially. Dr. Justice-Dayan brought greetings from the World Executive and wished the Council success in its deliberations.

The following National Executive was elected to hold office for the next two years: President - Mr. Ian Maltz, Chairman - Mr. Alf Blumberg, Vice-Chairmen - Messrs. Abe Hyman and Phil Abro, Hon. Treasurer - Mr. Maurice Sandberg.

(See photographs in this issue, taken at the above meeting).

### FRANCE.

As this Newsletter is being produced (May 26th), the opening ceremony of a Grand Inter-city European Maccabi Tournament is taking place in Metz (France). The Tournament is to go on until Monday 29th May, inclusive. The Sports programme includes Football, Handball and Swimming. Teams of competitors have gone to Metz from London, Glasgow, (Great Britain) Antwerp (Belgium), Copenhagen (Denmark), Vienna (Austria), Zurich; Basle (Switzerland) and Paris (France).

In addition to a service in the local Synagogue, to a Grand Ball on Saturday night, the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Metz will give a Reception to all participants and organisers in the Salon d'Honneur of the Town Hall.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

The Annual General Meeting of Maccabi Associations (N. W.) London, was held on May 5th. The President of the Club, P. Gildesgame (at that time on his way back from Israel) sent a message to the gathering, subsequently published in the "Jewish Chronicle Feature and News Service". Gildesgame warned of the danger of striving to encourage fine athletes without paying any heed to their spiritual and physical needs. It is the declared policy of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain to promote throughout their club, Cultural activities of a high Jewish content. The criterion of a good member of a Maccabi Club is the quality of his citizenship and his adherence to the principles of Judaism.

Sidney Farleigh, Chairman of the Club, described the past year as one of unusual achievement, marked by rising membership, financial stability, fine Club spirit, unprecedented triumphs in the sphere of sports, and the winning of the British Maccabi Union Trophy for the "Maccabi Club of the Year".

### REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (EIRE).

Harold Davis, for many years a leader of Maccabi in Dublin, and a member of the European Maccabi Council, has resigned, owing to other pressing engagements. Ireland has now nominated Eli Spain to represent it on the European Council.

At the last Annual General Meeting, Jack Roberts was elected Chairman of Maccabi Association, Dublin.

### ARGENTINE.

The second Argentinian Maccabi Games were held in Buenos Aires from the 14th - 17th April last, in which Clubs from the following cities participated:- Buenos Aires, Cordoba, La Plata, Santa Fe, Parana, Bahia Blanca, Mendoza, Rosario, Concordia, Tucuman. The Sports programme included: Football, Volley Ball, Basket Ball, Table-Tennis, as well as a Chess tournament.

I hope to publish a fuller report on the above Games as received from the Maccabi Youth Leader in the Argentine, Mr. Ram Maguen.

## SWEDEN.

S. Fuchs, Chairman of Maccabi Stockholm, reported in March that his Club's activities are progressing well. Bowling is at the moment the best section with about 35 active members. Other Club activities include, Football, Gymnastics and Netball. A junior section, with boys and girls aged between 8 and 16, has recently been formed; all members are very active.

An illustrated and very attractive leaflet has been published by Maccabi Stockholm, featuring the 1961 Maccabiah and encouraging Jewish athletes to come forward and to declare their willingness to join a team of competitors.

## BELGIUM.

The Belgian Maccabi Federation is holding regular meetings. Representatives of Brussels have so far not participated. Despite the inconvenient date for Belgian Youth, the Belgian Maccabi Federation is determined to form a strong team for the 1961 Maccabiah.

## RHODESIA.

On March 12th last a Cavalcade of Sport was organised by the Matabeleland Maccabi Committee at the Bulawayo Jewish Guild Hall, which was packed to capacity. The large audience was offered a wide variety of entertainment and demonstrations of sport and physical culture, comprising Judo, Gymnastics, Fencing, Table-Tennis and Wrestling.

The highlight of the evening was a competition for "Mr. Maccabi, Rhodesia". Fifteen entrants from Salisbury and Bulawayo participated. Salvador Hanan was declared the winner of the first Mr. Maccabi ' contest.

The all-Rhodesian Sports Festival is to be held in Salisbury during Whitsun, 6th June. The programme will include Bowls, Tennis, Table-Tennis, Squash and Hockey.

Writing from Bulawayo on the eve of his return to Israel Dr. Justice-Dayan reports on his meetings with the Committee of Rhodesian Maccabi. He also addressed the local luncheon Club on the subject of the Maccabiah. Among others, he reported also on Gildesgame's recent successful activities in Israel.

As will be recalled, Dr. Justice-Dayan is a Director General of Israeli Overseas Exhibitions. The Israel Pavilion in Bulawayo was awarded the first prize and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother of England, who visited the Pavilion, congratulated Dr. Justice-Dayan personally and wished Israel well. The Queen's visit at the Israeli Pavilion has greatly pleased the local Jewish population.

\*\*\* Manchester Maccabi defeated Antwerp Maccabi 2-0 in a Football match played in Antwerp on Sunday 22nd May to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Antwerp Club.

Manchester Maccabi defeated also North East London Maccabi Association last April and thus won the "Jewish Chronicle Trophy" for 1960

The Maccabi Stadium at Hendon is to be used as training ground for England's "Under 23's".



# CHAIRMAN'S NEWS LETTER

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At the Reception in honour of Lord Nathan held at the Accadia Hotel, Herzlia  
(as reported in Newsletter No. 74)

From Left to Right: Mr. & Mrs. N. Het, Mrs. A. Krinitzi, Mr. Gideon Ben-Israel, member of Knesset and Chairman of its Sports Committee, Mr. I. Panai, Secretary-General of "Hapoel", Mr. A. Krinitzi, Lord Nathan, H.E. The British Ambassador, Mr. P. Hancock, Mr. Shalom Zyeman, Mrs. P. Hancock, Mrs. P. Gildesgame, Lady Nathan, P. Gildesgame.



Mr. Abraham Krinitzi, Chairman of Maccabiah Village Board of Directors  
in conversation with Lord Nathan.

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Editorial Comment.

Dear friends,

WORLD EXECUTIVE IN ACTION.

Members of the World Executive Headquarters in Tel-Aviv have recently decided on a distribution of "portfolios", intended to ensure better individual, as well as collective effort. There are no significant changes in the allocation of duties. Members of the Executive residing overseas will have received the relevant minutes of the meeting recently held in Tel-Aviv recording the tasks with which individuals have been entrusted. What is so very important at this time is not the particular assignment for which individuals are responsible, but the zeal and consistent effort applied to, and the effective and prompt execution of every job. I venture to submit that every task facing us at present is of utmost importance and urgency. Executive members in Israel realise it and they spare no efforts whenever engaged on a specific project.

I feel it essential to address a request to World Executive members residing in many parts of the world who remain somewhat outside current problems. Please show a keener interest and offer your advice or services; Let us pull together, work together, and share in the joys of fulfilment - the only and most satisfying reward for services rendered to a good cause.

MACCABI POLITICS.

Some vigorous protests have reached me from Israeli correspondents, readers of page 7 of "Newsletter" No. 74.

They were incensed at a statement of mine reading:

"Once again I have been assured that the General Zionist party in Israel (the smallest and, at present, the least influential political party) does not expect the Maccabi Organisation to adopt a party political line in any shape or form."

One of my correspondents, who was most outspoken in his criticism, considered the aforementioned statement to be both unfounded and unfair.

"Unfounded" he says because: "The General Zionists are the 5th party out of 12 represented in the Knesset and 24 lists have contested in the last elections. The Party has 8 members in the Knesset, followed by 'Ahdut Avoda' (7) 'Progressives' (6) 'Agudat Israel', Communists and others. Moreover, General Zionists are represented in municipalities and town councils far more than any other party in this country, with the exception of Mapai. This goes also for its influence in the economic life of the country."

"Unfair" because: "...As you yourself have emphasized, General Zionists are the only party in Israel subsidizing the Maccabi with an amount of £30,000 per annum. Is this the way of showing our gratitude?"

My correspondent concludes his letter by asserting that the statement made in the last "Newsletter" has roused astonishment in the General Zionist circles."

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In reply, I wish to offer the following comment:

I am prepared to admit my ignorance as to the party political structure in Israel. I stand corrected and will be happy in the conviction that the General Zionists exercise more influence than I have been led to believe, and that



although they are only the 5th party out of 12 represented in the Knesset, they wield influence in the economic life of the country out of all proportions to their Parliamentary representation.

I certainly did not mean to offend the General Zionist Party leaders, for whom I have a high respect. They struggle in Israel against very many odds, despite the fact that they represent the largest body of Jewish opinion overseas.

A more careful reading of my comments on the subject of Maccabi Israel and the General Zionists - as published in "Newsletter" 74 - will not, I hope, lead any objective person to suspect me of hostility towards General Zionism or the General Zionists, wherever they may be. Although at no time a member of a Party, I am myself a General Zionist at heart and in deed.

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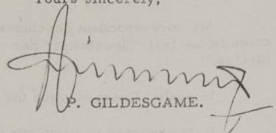
RETIRED - TO WORK HARDER.

Some two years ago I have resigned from the Chairmanship of the European Regional Executive, an office held since 1946. I have been succeeded by Lionel Schalit, an able and dedicated Maccabi worker - a leader whose sincerity and sense of duty are already well known throughout Europe and outside it.

In June this year, I have resigned also from the Chairmanship of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain - an office held since 1942. During 18 years of my Chairmanship, I have witnessed many developments which have proved heartening and stimulating. War-time conditions have shaken and shattered practically every communal organisation not concerned with the war effort. Only some 2 or 3 Maccabi clubs remained open. Since 1946 the Movement in Great Britain has been built up, not by the effort of one man. The achievement is due entirely to team work. Many leaders, both on the club and on the national level, continue active, giving the benefit of their experience to the younger ones. A younger man, whom I have always admired, and who is still involved in daily club work, was nominated by me to succeed me in the Chair of one of Maccabi's most dynamic and most active Territorial Organisations. I refer to Aubrey Scott. Anyone who has known Aubrey will tell you that his organising ability, coupled with a sense of dedication to the Movement are the best guarantee that the pattern evolved by myself for the last 18 years will be pursued as to fundamentals, whilst the organisation is bound to be streamlined by the energetic Aubrey Scott, assisted by a team of experienced Executives who promised to give him the same support as was enjoyed by myself.

Having resigned from the Chairmanship, and having been elevated to the office of President of Maccabi Great Britain, I have done so resolved to devote more time, more energy and more thought to the World Maccabi Movement. This is no time for relaxation. Retirement from one job means harder work in another.

With Maccabi greetings,  
Yours sincerely,

  
P. GILDESGAME.



Aubrey Scott, recently elected Chairman of Maccabi in Great Britain, presenting an illuminated volume of letters, poems and messages to Pierre Gildesgame. Mrs. Gildesgame looking on.

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## "MR. MACCABI" IS HONOURED

### Many Tributes to Mr. Gildesgame

#### *Jewish Chronicle Reporter*

Glasses were raised at the Empress Club, Berkeley Street, W., on Monday night to "Mr. and Mrs. Maccabi." For that is how many speakers referred to Pierre and Manusia Gildesgame at a dinner given, to pay tribute to their great services to the Movement, by the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Gildesgame will have a permanent record of how high in the esteem of Maccabi officers and members they are held. For as the dinner concluded they were presented with a huge bound volume of letters, poems, and tributes from Maccabi members all over the world.

#### **Movement's Veneration**

It was Mr. Lionel Schalit, Chairman of European Maccabi, who spoke of the "veneration" in which Pierre Gildesgame, who is President of British Maccabi and Chairman of World Maccabi, is held by Maccabi members abroad.

And it was Mr. Jack Richman, of Maccabi North-West London, the "home club" of Mr. Gildesgame, who added: "We are proud and humble to be your friend."

The trend which the speeches were to take was shown at the beginning of the toast by Lord Nathan, British Maccabi's Hon. President, who spoke of Mr. Gildesgame's long service to Maccabi as British Chairman, a position now held by Mr. Aubrey Scott. Lord Nathan said: "This is a sym-

posium with variations on a single theme. We are all going to sound the same note."

Mr. Scott told the guests, who included Lady Strabolgi, Mr. Barnett Janner, M.P., and Mrs. Janner, Lady Nathan, Mrs. Brodetsky, and Miss Harriet Cohen: "Everyone who has worked with Pierre in the common cause has become his friend."

Mr. Janner told how Mr. Gildesgame had worked to rebuild Maccabi after those terrible days when Hitler's actions had caused the transfer of Maccabi from Berlin to Britain. Mr. Jack Salmon paid a special tribute to Mrs. Gildesgame.

Further tributes came from Mr. Jack Steinberg, Chairman of the Central Maccabi Fund, and Mr. Fred Worms, Secretary of the Maccabi European Executive.

In reply Mr. Gildesgame said he felt humble. He had not deserved all this praise. If any tribute had been paid he was sure it was intended as a tribute to the Movement.

#### **Jamboree Plan**

Today, he said, Maccabi was 185,000 strong. There was no single organised community in the world without a Maccabi club. And he spoke of the Movement's aim to organise a Jewish youth jamboree in Israel and of the intention to provide a Maccabi village in Israel for the Maccabean Games, to be used afterwards as a hostel for young people.

The dinner concluded with a tribute to Lord Nathan, paid by the Hon. Secretary of British Maccabi, Mr. Alfred M. Morley.

## A Progress Report.

### THE MACCABIAH VILLAGE - YOUTH HOSTEL PROJECT.

Since my return from Israel, a great deal of thought has been given to the project, as fully explained in "Newsletter" No. 74. Many letters and memoranda have been exchanged with members of the Board of the Maccabiah Village Ltd., colleagues of the Maccabi World Union and myself. Close contact has also been maintained with the Rassco organisation in Tel-Aviv and, latterly, with Mr. Mordechai Stern, its Managing Director, who recently visited Johannesburg, where he acquainted Alf Blumberg, Chairman of the South African Maccabi Council with the latest developments. Mr. Stern informed me that the South African Maccabi Council hoped to raise from among investors, Maccabi sympathisers and supporters, a sum of about £200,000.

Mr. Stern came also to London, where I spent with him several hours discussing the project, upon which I reported, in some detail, to all concerned.

Great Britain too hopes to raise £200,000 from among contributors and investors.

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The original plans for the Maccabiah Village are due for revision because when they were first drawn up by the Architect, its conversion into a Youth Hostel has not yet been conceived. Now that the Youth Hostel idea has been unanimously agreed to, and enthusiastically received by all, provision has to be made for additional installations at a total cost which will be correspondingly higher. (We now estimate the cost to reach  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million Israeli pounds.)

A new and revised scheme is now being worked out to attract investment in shares which promises to be profitable when the Youth Hostel will be running on economic lines.

#### An interesting scheme.

It is believed that in South Africa, as well as in Great Britain, it will be possible to interest investors in the Youth Hostel project who, instead of purchasing shares will donate their money to the Maccabi Territorial Organisations. Thus, the South African Maccabi Council and the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain may become legitimate shareholders in the Maccabiah Village - Youth Hostel Company and derive an income from dividend which they will use to finance, in years to come, their Maccabiah expeditions. Alternatively, some investors may choose to hold shares in their own name, assigning the dividends in favour of the Territorial Maccabi Organisation in their own countries.

This idea should appeal to Maccabi Organisations in other parts of the world and I hope that, when the prospectus of the project will be published, our loyal Maccabi supporters everywhere will have no hesitation in supporting it, and to follow the example set by South Africa and Great Britain with much enthusiasm.

#### YOUTH JAMBOREE.

The Youth and Hechalutz Dept., of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, jointly with the Special Events Department of the Israel Tourist Corporation, are engaged on proposals which will be published shortly. These will cover the cost to be borne by individuals, or by organisations sponsoring National



A PROGRESS REPORT (continued).

Jamboree Groups. The Jamboree project has roused much interest in many countries and I was particularly gratified to hear that the National Jewish Welfare Board of America proposes actively to support the scheme, once details of it have been announced.

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It can already be stated that Jamboree participants will be expected to pay their own return fares, whether travelling by chartered aircraft, or by sea, and that the Youth Department of the Jewish Agency will make arrangements in connection with board and lodging; each participant or sponsoring organisation will be expected to make a nominal contribution towards the cost of stay in Israel, which will include conducted tours, attendance at the Maccabiah events, special shows, lectures, visits to Kibbutzim, children's colonies, etc.

All countries interested in the Jamboree would do well to publicise it as well as to set up a scheme, the object of which should be to encourage young people to begin SAVING UP MONEY to enable them to pay the cost of the trip to Israel next year.

6TH MACCABIAH PREPARATIONS.

As will be seen from reports reaching me from various T.O.s. preparations have already been discussed in several countries where Organising Committees will soon be formed. As usual, Great Britain is first in the field. An Inaugural Meeting of the Maccabiah Organising Committee was held in London on 11th July. Mr. Ken Gradon has been elected as Chairman.

U.S. A. COMING TO MACCABIAH.

Following upon an exchange of several letters with Colonel Harry D. Henshel, Chairman of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, (sponsors of the U.S. participation in the 1950, 1953 and 1957 Maccabiah Games,) I am now assured, on good authority, that his Committee will, yet once again, undertake the task and responsibility for the expedition of a U.S. team. Before deciding to do so, they asked me for an assurance that the organisation of the Games in 1961 will be far better than any of the preceding ones. I had no hesitation in giving them such an assurance. Various aspects of the organisation of the Games will be entrusted to experts, working under a Director-General who, in turn, will be responsible to the International Maccabiah Sponsoring Committee and to myself, its Chairman.

I sincerely hope that the U.S. Committee will embark upon the task in a spirit of partnership and, whilst the responsibility for the organisation of the Maccabiah Games must rest with us, all participants in the Games, whether Maccabi-committed or not, should deem it a privilege to make what contribution they can towards the ultimate success of the World Jewish Sports Festival.

JOINT MACCABI - HAPOEL COMMITTEE FOR ISRAEL.

The Maccabi Organisation in Israel have announced the nomination of three of their members to serve on the Committee, in accordance with the agreement reached with Hapoel. They are Mordechai Ben-Dror, Dr. Jakob Dalman and Yehoshua Caspy. The names of the Hapoel representatives have not yet been announced.

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A PROGRESS REPORT (continued).

THE INTERNATIONAL MACCABIAH SPONSORING COMMITTEE.

With a few exceptions, practically all countries to whom an invitation has been extended have promised to nominate their representatives very soon. A provisional list of nominations received so far includes the following:-

AUSTRIA:	Mr. E. Sinai, Mr. Gustav Leitner, Mr. Weintraub.
BRAZIL:	Mr. D. Copenhagen, Mr. S. Back, Mr. A. Jagle.
DENMARK:	Mr. B. Bodnia, Mr. W. Lichten, Mr. R. Gelvan.
EIRE:	Mr. J. Roberts, Mr. E. Spain, Dr. J. Miller, Mr. W. Samuels.
FRANCE:	Baron Elie de Rothschild, Mr. E. Fleg, Mr. L. Meiss, Mr. L. Kaminski, Mr. Th. Haas.
GREAT BRITAIN:	Lord Nathan, Mr. Barnett Janner, M. P., Mr. Aubrey A. Scott.
INDIA:	Mr. S. Moses, Mr. D. Abraham, Mr. W. Abraham.
ITALY:	Mr. M. D. Pergola, Dr. A. Jarach.
SWEDEN:	Mr. S. Fuchs, Mr. Leopold Haas, Mr. Joel Haskel.
SOUTH AFRICA:	Mr. A. Blumberg, Mr. A. Hyman.
SWITZERLAND:	Mr. D. Neufeld, Mr. E. Pascheles, Mr. A. Spiegel.

A full list will be published in due course to identify the various personalities and the offices held by them in their respective countries. All those nominated have written to me, approving of my election as Chairman of the I. M. S. C. - as proposed in the original memorandum conceived jointly by Col. Henshel and myself.

THE COMMITTEE OF PATRONS OF THE MACCABIAH IN ISRAEL.

Practically every Israeli personality invited to join the Committee of Patrons, of which H. E. The President of Israel, Mr. Itzhak Ben-Zvi is Chief Patron, have now replied signifying their consent to be associated with the Maccabiah endeavour and to lend it moral support.

I am happy to be able to announce (in alphabetical order) the names of some of those from whom replies have recently reached me.

*Abba Hushi, Israel Council*

Mr. Ami Assaf, Vice Minister, Ministry of Education, Dr. Tuvia Bar-Ilan, Director-General of the Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Mr. David Ben-Ari, Mayor of Bat Yam Municipality, Mr. Gideon Ben-Israel, Chairman of the Knesset Committee for Sports, Mr. E. Dobkin, Chairman, Keren Hayesodd, Youth & Hechalutz Dept., Jewish Agency, General Jacob Dori, President of the Technion, Haifa, Mr. E. Elath, former Israel Ambassador Washington and London, and now Head of the Afro-Asian Dept., Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel, Dr. Nahum Goldman, President of the Jewish Agency, World Zionist Organisations, Jewish Congress, etc., Mr. Abraham Hacohen, Mayor of Saffad, Mr. Moshe Kol, Head of the Youth Aliyah Dept., Jewish Agency, Mr. Abraham Krinitzi, Chairman of the Maccabiah Village and Mayor of Ramat Gan, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, General Secretary of the Histadrut, Mr. Joseph Levi, Mayor of Eilat Municipality, Dr. S. Lipschitz, President of the Israel Lawn Tennis Association, Mr. Kadish Luz, Chairman of the Knesset, Prof. Benjamin Mazar, Rector, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mr. Jehoshua Reich, Head of the 'Beitar' Sports Department, Mr. Mordechai Ish Shalom, Mayor of Jerusalem, Mrs. Rebecca Sieff, O. B. E., President, International Zionist Organisation (W. I. Z. C.) Mr. Moshe Teahar, Mayor of Tiberias, Mr. Shalom Zysman, co-Chairman, Israeli Olympic Committee.

POSTSCRIPT.

Have just received a letter from Mr. Mordechai Namir, Mayor of Tel-Aviv, notifying me that he too consents to be a Patron of the Maccabiah.

A PROGRESS REPORT (continued)GOOD RELATIONS WITH ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Mrs. Golda Meir, appointed Mr. Abba Gefen as Liaison Officer for the 6th Maccabiah. He is the Deputy Director of the Ministry's Department for Cultural Relations.

In a letter received from Mr. Gefen, dated 14th June, we are informed that the all-Israeli Embassies and Legations have been requested to give every assistance to Maccabiah preparations. Consulates have been instructed to issue, free-of-charge, visas to all those proceeding to Israel for the 6th Maccabiah.

Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, informed me that the Israeli Treasury will support the Maccabiah financially in the same way as it did on the occasion of the 5th Maccabiah. In thanking the Minister for his kindness, I requested him to specify the amount of the subsidy which - the Minister advised me - would be payable in two instalments, the first during 1960 and the second in 1961.

Ministry of the Interior.

The Head of the Minister's Office informed us that Mr. M. Adler has been appointed Maccabiah Liaison Officer.

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MACCABIAH STIMULATING TOURISM TO ISRAEL.

As already announced elsewhere, the Maccabi Athletic Club of New York is organising a large group of supporters to accompany the U.S. Maccabiah team on their expedition.

In Great Britain, preparations are being made for a group of up to 100 members of Maccabi clubs, aged 18 - 30, to visit Israel in August, 1961, and to set up a Summer Camp there, in co-operation with the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Jewish Agency. This group is to be in addition to whatever number of youngsters, aged 14 - 18 intending to participate in the Jamboree.

News has just reached me from South Africa that the South African Maccabi Council are making arrangements for a large group of tourists to visit Israel during the period of the Maccabiah Games. The only qualification to participate in this tour is Maccabi membership.

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PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS.

A British Maccabi Leader honoured - Fred Worms. The B'nai B'rith First Lodge of England, which has just celebrated its Golden Jubilee, has entered upon its 51st year of existence with an emphasis on youth, for it has elected as its President for the ensuing year, Fred Worms, known personally to practically every reader of this Chairman's "Newsletter".

Although only 39 years of age, he has gained considerable experience in communal work, especially benefiting Jewish youth. Recently elected a Vice-Chairman of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain, he has



PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS (continued).

held the office of Hon. Secretary of the European Executive Headquarters for a number of years, and has also been a member of the Maccabi World Union Executive since 1957.

In his Presidential Address, Fred Worms contrasted the continuous forward movement of Jewish emancipation in Great Britain, with the violently changing pattern of Jewish fortunes - and misfortunes - on the European continent. He concluded his very interesting and eloquent address by stating that Jewry was looking nowadays for its revival to Israel and the West.

In the course of the remarks following his official installation, Worms generously acknowledged the fact that he has acquired a great deal of experience in communal work during the years of his active association with the Maccabi Movement.

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Colonel Harry D. Henshel - 70.

On the 29th June, at the famous Hotel Pierre in New York, a large gathering assembled to celebrate Harry Henshel's 70th birthday. I sent a cable to Milton Weil, Chairman of the organising committee, conveying my personal best wishes "to my ever-young and dynamic friend, Harry Henshel". I quote an extract from the cabled message ... "May he continue for many years to render invaluable service to the welfare of our young generation. I gladly join in paying my tribute to his untiring efforts to promote and uphold highest principles in sport and sportsmanship and look forward to close and friendly co-operation with him in many of our joint future endeavours."

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Col. Henshel's interests have covered many areas during his association, for the past 35 years, with a large number of organisations. During the war he was Chairman of the National Jewish Youth Welfare Board, armed services division. He is still a leading figure in the Amateur Athletic Union and for his services for the past 50 years, he has been awarded its Gold Medal in 1959. Way back in 1936, he was a member of the first U.S. Olympic Basketball Committee and of every Committee since then. He is an ardent and devoted leader of the United Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. Last, but not least, he has been Chairman for the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, since inception.

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Dr. Robert Atlasz, Hon. Sports Director of the Maccabi World Union, has recently visited the U.S.A., where he was received by the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel. He also met with Maccabi leaders in New York. On his way to Switzerland, where he interviewed the Chancellor of the International Olympic Committee in Geneva, Mr. Otto Mayer, he stopped over in London for a few days, where he had talks with members of the World Executive residing in Great Britain. He also met Mr. Stern of Rassco.

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Dr. E. Justice-Dayan, returned from South Africa and Rhodesia, has resumed his duties as Deputy Chairman of the Maccabi World Union in Tel-Aviv.

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Alexander Alexandroni, a member of the World Executive, is on a European tour. Due in London by the middle of July, he will be seeing several of his Executive colleagues to discuss with them Maccabiah preparations. Mr. Alexandroni is the well known Sports Editor of several Israel publications, as well as a regular broadcaster and commentator on sports on the Kol-Israel Radio.

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PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS (continued).

Lionel Schalit, Chairman of the European Maccabi Executive, has recently visited Maccabi branches in Switzerland, France and Holland. Right now he is visiting Russia and Latvia.

Mr. Rothstein, Vice-Chairman of the Maccabi organisation in Israel, has recently visited London where he had discussions with Gildesgame on matters affecting the Maccabi movement in Israel.

Mr. Moshe Yavnai, a very active member of the Maccabiah Village Board is touring Europe and is due shortly in London.

News from Territorial OrganisationsUNITED STATES.

A welcome revival in the activities of Maccabi Athletic Club New York, has recently been reported by its Chairman, Mr. Henry Nesselroth. The Committee consists of some 36 members, engaged in the provision of facilities for various sports activities as well as in the raising of funds for a Clubhouse. A special sub-committee has been set up to deal with preparations for the Maccabiah and it is hoped that as a result of efforts generally undertaken by the Maccabi Athletic Club of New York, and the Maccabi Club in San Francisco, a Soccer team will be formed to represent the U.S.A. in the Maccabiah. Should this succeed, the Soccer team will be integrated in the U.S. Maccabiah team.

Already negotiations are progressing with a view to chartering an aircraft for some one hundred supporters of the Maccabi Athletic Club in New York, to cheer the U.S. Maccabiah team to victory.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Moolie Smeyatsky, the winner of the welterweight division of the 1957 Maccabiah, reached the final of the South African Amateur Wrestling Championship held at Johannesburg last March.

Last year's heavyweight champion, Max Ordman, who has won the title at the last three Maccabiah Games, was not allowed to take part in the Championship because of an ankle injury sustained in the Transvaal Championships. Max Ordman will be a member of the South African Olympic team.

Another Jewish wrestler, Ralph Rabkin, a final year medical student, won the Light-Heavyweight title at the inter-University Championships last year.

The "Zionist Record" (Maccabi Corner) published the following news item in its issue, dated 17th June last:

Ashkelon Sports Club. "Leo Tager, Mayor of Ashkelon, who is on a short visit to South Africa, met the Maccabi Executive last month to discuss arrangements whereby operations for the building of the sports stadium at Ashkelon can be started as soon as possible.

Mr. Tager informed us that a piece of ground on approximately 30 acres has been set aside by the Ashkelon Municipality for this project.

## NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS.

### SOUTH AFRICA (continued).

A management board consisting of members of the Ashkelon Municipality and representatives of the S. A. Maccabi Council has been formed in order to administer and maintain this stadium. Messrs. Max Spitz, Norman Lourie and Sammy Levin are our representatives on this board.

We will shortly be receiving detailed plans of this stadium.

Those Maccabi members who are already life members of the Ashkelon Sports Club will be pleased to know that building operations will commence shortly.

Another item appearing under the heading "MACCABI'S EDITOR-IN-CHIEF" reads as follows:

Arthur Goldman who for many years has been editor of the S. A. Maccabi News and the Maccabi Diary, and whose name has also featured very often in these columns, has been appointed General Manager of the Johannesburg unit of Odhams Press.

I want to extend to Arthur the congratulations of the members of the Maccabi Association on his appointment which we all feel sure he richly deserves.

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### RHODESIA.

Dr. E. Justice-Dayan, Vice Chairman of the World Maccabi, was guest speaker at the Matabeleland Maccabi Luncheon meeting, held on Wednesday, 18th May. Dr. Dayan described the efforts being made in Israel to increase facilities for sports for children. He expressed the hope that Rhodesia would send a stronger representative team to next year's Games.

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Three of the semi-finalists in the Rhodesian Open Tennis Championship (Men's Singles) played in Bulawayo during Whitsun, were Maccabi members.

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### LATIN-AMERICA. BRAZIL.

(early July).

At the time of writing, the 2nd Latin-American Maccabi Games are being held in Sao Paulo (Brazil). They will last 3 days from 7th to 10th July, and the following Maccabi Territorial Organisations are sending 400 competitors: Chile, Uruguay, Argentine and, of course, Brazil. In connection with the Games, a Latin-American Conference will also be held with the participation of Maccabi leaders from the aforementioned countries. I have sent the following cable to Mr. D. Kopenhagen:- "Please convey to organisers and participants of Second Latin-American Maccabi Games our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes. We feel confident that Maccabi leaders in South America have fullest understanding for our ideals and that they will continue to strengthen the Movement for the benefit of the generation of today and tomorrow. We hope South American Maccabi organisers will be fully represented at 6th Maccabiah Games in Israel next year. Lehitraot Baaretz Hazak Veematz Pierre Gildesgame, Chairman, Maccabi World Union."

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Ram Maguen informs me that the Sao Paulo Congress, apart from receiving reports on the Latin-American Maccabi activities, will deal also with problems relating to Sports and Youth education and Maccabi's role in connection therewith. They will consider the Maccabiah Village-Youth Hostel project, as well as decide on measures to be adopted to ensure fullest



NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS.  
LATIN-AMERICA BRAZIL (continued).

participation in the 6th Maccabiah. At my request, the Youth Jamboree will also be placed on the Agenda.

Ram Maguen, who is the Maccabi World Union Imissary in Buenos Aires, speaks highly of the magnificent spirit in Maccabi branches visited by him regularly. Inter-club competitions are a regular feature. During a visit to Santiago de Chile, he met also with another Maccabi World emissary working there, Mr. Willy Kreim. They have been received in the home of Chile's Maccabi President, Mr. Aron. During his travels, Maguen met also with Mr. Kaplun, President of the Latin-American Maccabi Federation, Mr. Ermindo Dobri, President of Maccabi Buenos Aires, and with others. The topic of conversation inevitably touched upon Maccabi problems.

Maguen is quite confident that the second Maccabi Games being held this month in Sau Paulo will be a curtain-raiser, as it will also serve as a stimulant, to the 6th Maccabiah.

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ISRAEL.

ISRAELI FOOTBALLERS ELIMINATED.

Despite her great victory over Yugoslavia, Israel has failed to qualify for the Olympic Games football competition. By beating Greece 5 - 0 in Athens in June, Yugoslavia obtained a total of five points - the same as Israel - but the Yugoslavs have a better goal average and so qualify for the Olympic Games.

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Shalom Zysman, Chairman of Maccabi Israel, reports: The Maccabi Tel-Aviv Soccer team were short of one point to gain the Israel Football Championship. On the other hand, we strengthened our representation in the National League, where we are represented by six Maccabi teams out of twelve.

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We are informed that Rafi Levy, the star Israeli centre-forward, has accepted an offer from the Highlands Park Club, a leading South African professional soccer club.

Rafi Levy is a member of Tel-Aviv Maccabi, who scored Israel's goals against Yugoslavia as well as two goals against the England Under-23 team.

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ISRAEL (SOCCER) VICTORY POINTS WAY.

A Sports Editor of a leading London newspaper "The Daily Telegraph" commented in its issue, dated 24th May, as follows, (extracts): "Despite the unfortunate reverse in Tel-Aviv (when the England Under-23 were defeated by Israel), the tour has been heartening at a time when our soccer is rather in the stocks. Before flying back to London airport yesterday with the English team, I talked to Guila Mandi, the famous Hungarian Coach, who is the architect of the rising Israeli team which beat England 4-0. Mandi was convinced that we are learning the two lessons given us in 1954 by Hungary, probably the finest side ever. He considered that against Israel England had fine technical potential - they wasted many chances in the first half - but that Israel got more out of their players by greater tactical discipline. He hoped that by reconstructing our mid-field play, towards which this side made big efforts, we would not lose our characteristic determination in defence and finishing.

Almost the most important lesson we have to learn is that of Mandi himself who stated that Soccer teams need to be run not by unqualified committees but by one man of outstanding professional ability, foresight and dedication.

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NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS (continued).DENMARK.  
COPENHAGEN.

We congratulate Isak Berkowitz on being elected Chairman of Hakoah Copenhagen. His election took place in May, having thus succeeded Bernard Bodnia, who remains on the Executive Committee.

The very energetic organiser of the European Maccabi Games held in Copenhagen last year, Mr. Sammy Levitan, has been elected Vice-Chairman.

Ino Jacobsen is Honorary Secretary, to whom all communications should be sent. His address is: Holger Danskesvy 3A, Copenhagen, Denmark.

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FINLAND.

K. Ancker of Helsinki reports:

Preparations for the 6th Maccabiah Games have already started and a Joint Committee of Maccabi Helsinki and Turku has been set up. For the present it is difficult to forecast the strength of our team. We are aiming at a minimum of seven to twelve competitors.

At Whitsuntide a sports day for Maccabi Juniors was held at Turku. Our Juniors have shown considerable progress, as can be judged by the result of the contests.

This summer Maccabi Helsinki will organise a Football Camp for Juniors, with participation of members of Junior Maccabi sections from Sweden and Denmark. The Camp will be open for two weeks.

One of our (Helsinki) Junior Soccer teams has reached the top of its class and the second team is heading in the same direction. A fine spirit of fellowship has developed among all members.

Our youngsters are also being encouraged to take an interest in Track and Field Athletics and next winter we hope to start an Ice Hockey Section.

The Annual (35th) Congress of the Scandinavian Jewish Youth Federations will be held this year in Finland, Maccabi Helsinki acting as organisers and hosts. During the meeting, various sports will be organised under the leadership of Dr. M. Schick, a former Chairman of Maccabi Finland. A Youth encampment is being set up for this purpose at the Sports Institute of Eerikkälä, a distance of about 120 kilometres from Helsinki.

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SWITZERLAND.

Oskar Wessely reports:

Sports activities throughout our Clubs have been intensified recently, in anticipation of the 6th Maccabiah. In the Lausanne competition, our Club of Geneva secured the title of Basketball Champions, having been awarded the Challenge Cup of the Swiss Community for the sixth consecutive time.

The Zurich Soccer team can look back to a very successful season. Without losing a single point during the whole of the Championship Games, the team won the two deciding matches and has thus been promoted into the higher league.

The Netball team of Basle Club continues to lead and is top of the Basle Championship League.

NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS (continued).  
SWITZERLAND. (contd.).

It is regretted that the Swiss Soccer team could not take their best players to the International Maccabi Football tournament, held in Metz recently. Other competing teams appeared superior, especially the soccer team of Metz which, as has been already reported, comprised a few professional non-Jewish players. We, in Switzerland, have a totally different idea about the sense and purpose of the Maccabi movement, and we disapprove of the practice adopted by Metz.

Israeli riflemen have recently visited Switzerland, competing against Swiss marksmen. Israelis have greatly improved on their performance as they have also set up new Israeli records. The Israelis were extended an official reception by Maccabi Switzerland, at which our President, David Neufeld, welcomed the visitors. Among the visitors were several Swiss sportsmen, including Benny Guggenheim, who won a Gold Medal in the 5th Maccabiah, Shooting Competition.

MACCABI NETHERLAND.

Since Major J. Glaser resigned from the Chairmanship of the Netherland Territorial Organisation, some difficulty has been experienced in finding a successor to this office. We are now informed that a meeting of delegates representing the ten Maccabi branches in Holland, will shortly be held at which a successor is to be elected.

Mr. M. Polak, until recently Chairman of Maccabi Amsterdam, has been succeeded by Mr. S. Moses. Mr. Polak remains a member of the Club's Executive Committee. Maccabi Amsterdam will be represented on the Board of Maccabi Netherland by four delegates, comprising Messrs. M. Polak, S. Lissauer, J. Brillerman and S. Moses.

On the 26th June, Maccabi Netherland organised an Athletic Tournament in Rotterdam with the participation of five Maccabi Clubs. Rotterdam were awarded the Winner's Cup, having gained 76 points. Utrecht scored 35 points, Amsterdam 34, The Hague 32 and Groningen 20 points.

Mr. Kvashni, Chairman of Maccabi Ramat Gan, Israel, has recently visited Amsterdam and attended one of the Club's Executive meetings. Mr. Kvashni witnessed some athletic training and saw the Table-tennis section in action. He also inspected the Tennis Court and Swimming Pool.

AMSTERDAM INTER-CITIES MACCABI LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Last May, France, Holland and Britain participated in a Tennis Tournament organised by Maccabi Amsterdam. According to all reports, the organisation was of the highest order and the hospitality at its best.

During May, a Football Tournament was organised in Antwerp, with the participation of several European Maccabi Soccer teams.

FRANCE.

In the first inter-city Maccabi Football Tournament held at Metz (France) two British Maccabi teams participated, in addition to Soccer teams from Belgium and Denmark. London Maccabi reached the final after two decisive wins against Copenhagen and Metz (b). The final was played between London



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FRANCE (continued).

and Metz (A) team. Despite a 2-0 lead at half time, Metz scored a 3-2 win.

The opening ceremony took place on Thursday, 26th May; it was attended by a large crowd, in the presence of civic dignitaries, and of representatives of the Metz Jewish community. A reception was held in the Town Hall, where the visitors were welcomed by the Mayor. Two services were held in the local synagogue. The Chief Rabbi of Metz preached suitable sermons.

The Football Tournament was marred by some regrettable incidents, due primarily to the inclusion in the Metz team of players alleged to be professionals.

Mr. Lionel Schalit, Chairman of the European Maccabi, presented the Mayor of Metz with a Hagada and he and Mrs. Schalit were guests of honour at a Grand Ball organised by Maccabi Metz on Sunday evening, 29th May.

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Theo Haas, President of Maccabi France, reports: All is well with Maccabi in France.

Flammer has been elected President of Maccabi Metz. Until recently he was acting Vice-President.

Activities in Maccabi Lyon are being carried on satisfactorily. As the Summer vacation period begins, a full programme is under review for the Autumn and Winter seasons.

The Maccabi club at La Varenne has done exceedingly well. The Junior Section has shown considerable progress. This is due in no small measure to the existence of facilities available to them in the Communal Centre. In fact all children of the local Talmud Torah have joined the club and participate in its activities.

The membership of Maccabi Paris has recently increased, due mainly to a large number of young Egyptian refugees who set up home in Paris.

The Sports Festival held recently at the Olympic Stadium of St. Maul has been a great success. One Hundred and fifty sportsmen participated, among them also the Metz "A" Football team.

Last month the Annual General Meeting of Maccabi Paris elected me (Th. Haas) its President. In accepting this office, I promised my friends to concentrate on the enlistment of members in the younger age groups. Honorary Officers of my Committee comprise a number of experienced and devoted Maccabi leaders, including Leo Kaminski, Lefschetz, Goldschmidt and Starck. They will concentrate all efforts with a view to finding a suitable Maccabi Clubhouse in Paris. I will also endeavour to attract to Maccabi persons who have not been approached in the past. Among other things I hope to publish a regular printed magazine instead of the one-sheet monthly bulletin as at present.

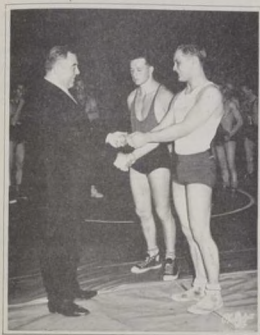
Early in September I hope to set up the Maccabiah Organising Committee in France under the Presidency of Baron Elie de Rothschild.

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## CANADA.

"LIKE FATHER LIKE SON"

Fred Oberlander hands a medal  
to his Champion son, Philip.

Philip Oberlander, aged 20, son of Fred Oberlander, recently won the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Championship in the 174 lb Class. As Philip was one of the youngest competitors, he was not entered for the Olympic team, but there is a strong possibility that funds will be raised to guarantee his inclusion in the Canadian expedition.

Philip, who is a student at Cornell University, U.S.A., hitch-hiked his way to Montreal Canada to compete in the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Championships. It is a case of "like father like son" in the Oberlander family. Fred Oberlander was three times Champion in amateur wrestling; he held the Canadian crown, was nine times the British and French Heavyweight Champion.

Fred was particularly proud of Philip winning the Canadian Championship. He now hopes that Philip will be a member of the Canadian Maccabiah team next year. Should Philip be honoured by being nominated in the Olympic team, he will be the second Oberlander to compete, as his father captained this British team in the 1948 Olympic Games.

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OLYMPIC GAMES IN ROME.

The names of all Jewish competitors in the Olympic Games are, as yet, unknown. It will be interesting to scrutinise the lists, when announced, in order to establish some identities. The Maccabiah selectors in various countries will undoubtedly eagerly study such lists with a view to approaching some individual athletes in their respective countries not already known to them.

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According to the "Jewish Chronicle" Correspondent in Tel-Aviv, 17 athletes have been selected to represent Israel at the Olympic Games in Rome. Six more are to be chosen shortly. Chaim Wein, co-Chairman of the Israel Olympic Committee, stated at the Press Conference that the Israeli Olympic team will be selected from 150 "possibles". All will be selected on their individual merit only, regardless of club affiliation.

The Israel Basketball Olympic team will compete in the preliminaries to be held in Bologna. Israel girl gymnasts will include Ruth Abeles, Rali Benyehuda and Miriam Kara who have been trained by Agnes Keleti, the Hungarian Jewish gymnast who won four gold and two silver medals at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne.

David Van Gelder and Michael Ron, fencers, will go to Rome following their great performances against England in Haifa recently. Van Gelder caused great surprise by defeating Alan Jay, British champion by 5-1. This occurred when the English team defeated both Israel's "A" and "B" teams in an international sabre competition by 7 - 2 and 6 - 3 respectively.

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Four Jewish athletes have been selected for the Moroccan Olympic team. They include Jacques Bengualid (fencing) Albert Assouline, Michel Benakoun and Sam Azoulay (Wrestling).

OLYMPIC GAMES IN ROME (continued).

HAROLD BROMBERG, the brilliant young South African sprinter, now in London, who caused a surprise last March by beating Peter Radford, England's outstanding 100 and 200 yards champion has, apparently, retired from athletics altogether. Following his initial success, he was beaten in one or two other races and, so far as I know, has not competed any more since then. He is employed by a London Insurance Company and, despite the encouraging attitude towards him by leaders of Maccabi Great Britain, he has not been seen or heard of for the past three months. The high hopes held out for Bromberg have thus been dashed. It is very unlikely that he will compete for selection in the Olympic Games, and one can only hope that he will make a comeback after the summer, so that his participation in the Maccabiah Games (representing South Africa or Great Britain) may still be possible.

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Three Jewish Fencers are among those chosen to represent Great Britain at the Olympic Games. They are: Alan Jay, Ralph Cooperman and Michael Straus. The first two have competed successfully in the last three Maccabiah Games.

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HARRY KANE, a former British and Maccabi Champion, has recently made a welcome return to athletics. He won the 400 m. hurdles in 54.2 seconds, at Hurlingham, in the match between London A.C., London University and St. Luke's College. His time was only two seconds outside the qualifying time for the Olympic Games. He also reached the final of the 440 yards at the British Games at the White City.

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DAVE SEGAL, who recently returned from America, finished second in the 100 yards British Southern Championships returning the same time of 9.9 seconds as the winner, D. Jones. He also competed in the A.A.A. Championships at the White City having come 4th in the 100 yards (9.8 seconds) and 2nd in the 220 yards finals (21.5 seconds). At the time of going to press, it is not yet known whether Dave Segal is eligible and, if so, whether he will be selected for the British Olympic team. See STOP PRESS on Page 17.

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VISITORS IN ROME.

I am able to announce the names of some personalities closely connected with the Maccabiah Games in various countries who will attend the Olympic Games in Rome next August. Among them, Dr. W. W. Meisl, at one time Hon. Secretary of the Maccabi World Union and, for some years past, Foreign Editor of the "World Sports" monthly, the official publication of the British Olympic Committee.

Col. Harry D. Henshel, Chairman of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, Dr. R. Atlasz, Hon. Sports Director of the Maccabi World Union, Mr. David Kopenhagen, President of the Maccabi Club in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mr. Eric Gumpert, veteran Maccabi leader, at present residing in New York, Shalom Zysman, Chairman of Maccabi Israel and co-Chairman of the Israel Olympic Committee, Mr. David Abraham, Vice-President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation, a member of the Indian Olympic Association Council and of its Executive Board as well as a member of the Editorial Board of the Indian Olympic Association's journal. Also Mr. Alex. Alexandroni of Tel-Aviv.

Messrs. Max Lovell, Al Marcus, Harold Zimman and Charlie Ornstein, members of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel and officials attached to the U.S.A. Olympic Committee. Mr. Sam Gerson, President of the Maccabi Athletic Club in Philadelphia, Bernard Bodnia, past Chairman of Maccabi-Hakoah Copenhagen, Jack Salmon, Vice President of Maccabi Association London.

I too am proceeding to Rome for the Olympic Games and anyone wishing to contact me there can do so c/o. THE METROPOLE HOTEL, ROME.

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Ping-Pong Tournoi du Maccabi

## Bor enlève la finale de la série B



Bor, champion du Katanga, remporte le challenge Mercantile Africain.

## NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS (continued)

### MACCABI ELISABETHVILLE (CONGO) IN THE NEWS AGAIN.

H. Pieters, President of the Club, reported last May: "Although we have been in existence some  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years, this is my first written report since the formation of the Maccabi Sportsclub in this territory. We have 70 active members. Our principal activities have been Basketball and Ping Pong. This year we also ran a Football section. A small Bridge section is in the process of formation.

In 1958 we were admitted to the 2nd Basketball Division, where our men played extremely well and finished in second place - 6 teams taking part.

In December 1959, we had a visit from a Rhodesian Basketball team and, after a good game, Maccabi ran-out winners. Marc Albeldas, a member of our Committee, is the enthusiastic Captain of the Basketball team.

Our troubles in connection with a Basketball pitch are over. Last year we managed to obtain permission from our Congregation to build a Basketball Court next to the Weizmann Hall. We now have all the facilities we require.

Table-Tennis (Ping Pong). During 1959, this section went from strength to strength, training and games taking place in the Weizmann Hall.

Mr. Idel Bor (whose photograph appears on this page) was the 1958 provincial champion, having earned this distinction again in 1959 and 1960. Bor is the Hon. Treasurer of our Committee.

In 1959, as well as this year, we organised a Maccabi Championship, open to all players affiliated to the "Federation". Members of Maccabi gained many victories. It was in the local League Table-Tennis competition in 1959 that we earned greatest honours, our men having been winners both in Divisions 1 and 11.

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It is hoped that Maccabi in the Congo will participate in next year's Maccabiah.

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Disturbing news has reached us connected with the situation in the Congo. We are informed that many Jews have been killed and communities temporarily broken up.

We hope and pray that peace and order will be restored to the Congo and that a normal life of all communities, races and religions will soon be resumed.

STCP PRESS: OLYMPICS.

The British Olympic Committee has just announced that among others, Dave Segal has been selected to compete in the 200 metres, as well as in the 4 x 100 metres Relay. M. Hyman of Portsmouth will compete in the 10,000 metres.

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NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

AUBREY SCOTT SUCCEEDS GILDESGAME AS CHAIRMAN OF MACCABI  
IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The Annual Conference of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain, held in the Pierre Gildesgame Hall, London on 12th June, was attended by delegates representing 17 affiliated clubs. In the course of his Chairman's Report, Gildesgame paid a tribute to every one of his colleagues who served on the 1959/1960 Executive, under his Chairmanship. Many of those have occupied leading positions in the Maccabi Movement in Great Britain for almost as long as Gildesgame himself. To mark his resignation from the Chairmanship of the National Executive, and to ensure his continued connection with it, Gildesgame has been unanimously elected President, whilst the Rt. Hon. Lord Nathan has agreed to act as Hon. President.

A bronze bust of himself was presented to Gildesgame on behalf of his friends and colleagues by Fred S. Worms, recently elected a Vice-Chairman of the National Executive. Alfred Morley has been elected Hon. Secretary and Jack Mundy continues as Hon. Treasurer.

In the course of their circulated reports to the delegates, verbally amplified during the Conference, the Hon. Officers gave a detailed account of their activities during the past 12 months. The Maccabi Movement in Great Britain, one of the few leading and successfully run Youth Organisations in the world, with an active membership of several thousands, continues to play an important part in the promotion of Sports, Cultural and recreational activities with ever-increasing success.

Harry Shapiro, the energetic Hon. Sports Director, gave an account of the many inter-club and national sports championships held during the year which revealed a gratifying high standard of team and individual performance. Many sports sections were added to the already existing ones in every club. British Maccabi teams also took part in tournaments organised by Maccabi Territorial Organisations in Europe, the recent ones having been held in Antwerp (Belgium), Amsterdam (Holland) and Metz (France). This was a departure from the rather conservative policy of the past and should serve as a forerunner to many more in the years to come.

MACCABIAH PREPARATIONS.

Britain is probably one of the first Territorial Organisations in the Movement to have already formed a 6th Maccabiah Organising Committee. Experts are watching carefully performances in Athletics, Football, Swimming and in other events. A Technical Committee has been set up, with a number of sub-Committees to take care of the various branches of sport, as well as of such matters as the transportation of the British Maccabiah team, its welfare, the provision of uniforms, not forgetting publicity, due to be launched early in September, designed to help create a public opinion favourable to Britain's participation in the Maccabiah Games.

During June, over 160 athletes from London, Edinburgh, Manchester, Newcastle, Brighton and Birmingham Maccabi clubs took part in this year's Annual Championships at the Maccabi Stadium in Hendon (London).



Fred Worms, recently elected Vice-Chairman of Maccabi Union in Great Britain, presents to Gildesgame a bronze head of himself by Archibald Ziegler (extreme right) the well known Anglo-Jewish painter and sculptor. Also in the picture is Mrs. P. Gildesgame.



The Annual Conference of the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain, May, 1960. The out-going Executive of which Gildesgame was Chairman, an office held by him for the last 18 years.

Seated Front Row, left to right: Harry Robinson, Alfred Morley, Fred Worms, P. Gildesgame, Aubrey Scott, Harry Shapiro and Mrs. N. Minter.

Standing: E. Meltzer, Rev. R. Turner, Jack Richman, Jack Mundy, Lionel Schalit, John Singer, Bernard Saphir, Neville Peters, Sheelagh Harris, Cyril Netts, Sidney Bunt, Monty Samuels, Ken Gradon.



# NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS.

## GREAT BRITAIN (continued).

Cultural activities. Good progress has also been announced in the sphere of Cultural activities by the Hon. Director. Rev. R. Turner. The emphasis on the Jewish content in all club activities will continue unabated. So will efforts at bringing home to the young Maccabi members the realities of Israel and what it represents to us all.

Even the Hon. Treasurer, Jack Mundy, had no complaints. On the contrary, he promised to support all his Executive colleagues requiring more funds for the promotion of sports and cultural activities. He paid a tribute, as did other Hon. Officers, to members of the Central Maccabi Fund, thanks to whose efforts Maccabi clubs in Great Britain are sustained financially so that the work of the parent body has been made possible for some years past.

Leadership Courses. Mr. Alfred Morley gave a cheerful report on the outstanding success of the Maccabi Leadership Courses which have now become a permanent institution. Great satisfaction was shown when Alfred Morley asked all those delegates who ever attended a Leadership Course to stand up. More than half of those present rose to their feet, signifying that they attended, at one time or another, the Leadership Courses. All agreed with Morley that the Courses have done a great deal to encourage leadership in the rank and file of the Movement, as well as to accept responsibility for various tasks entrusted to them by club executive committees.

A Junior Division. Aubrey Scott, whose election as Chairman of the National Executive was unanimous and unopposed, dealt at some length with a proposal to form a special Junior Division of the Maccabi Union in Great Britain, the object of it being not only to see to it that every club encourages the formation of sections for the age group 14 - 17, but that clubs, having such Junior Sections be managed by a special National Divisional Executive independently, whose policy will be guided and supervised by Senior members of the National Executive. Aubrey Scott has been working on this scheme for some time past and has been assured of support by all clubs. He will be assisted in his further work for the Junior Division by Sidney Bunt, a very experienced professional Youth Leader, recently appointed by Maccabi in Great Britain for this specific purpose.

## DRAMA FESTIVAL.

The Birmingham Maccabi Association were host to the three teams which took part in the Maccabi Northern Area Drama Festival, which was held at the Theatre Centre on Sunday.

Manchester presented "Rock Bottom" by Nina Warner Hooke; Newcastle presented a comedy of Jewish life, "The Guest of Honour" by Seamus Fail. Mr. Morris Fishman, producer of the Birmingham Crescent Theatre, the adjudicator, selected as the winning production "Mother's Pride" by John Bourne, presented by the Glasgow Maccabi Association.

There was a record entry of 210 competitors in the National Maccabi Swimming Championships, organised recently in Hull. Outstanding performances were given by a member of London Maccabi Bar Kochba, whose time of 61.6 seconds for the 100 yards Free-style, marked a National Maccabi record.

## REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.

During the Annual Sports Day, held at the Maccabi Stadium, Dublin, in July, the following results were recorded: Senior 100 yds. K. White, 220 yds. L. Cohen, 440 yds. D. White, 880 yds. R. Danker. Junior 100 yds. J. Swalbe, 220 yds. A. Collins, 440 yds. B. White.

## NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS.

## GREAT BRITAIN (continued).

## ANNUAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP.

Over 160 athletes from London, Edinburgh, Manchester, Newcastle, Sheffield, Brighton and Birmingham Maccabi clubs took part in the Annual Championships at the Maccabi Stadium, Hendon on Sunday, June 19th.

Ray Roseman of Brighton Maccabi ran the mile on his own. Having had no opposition, he finished the four laps in 4 mins. 19.4 seconds. (Ray Roseman can do much better as, indeed, a week later he ran the mile at Motspur Park in 4 mins. 6.2 seconds. This time was better than the world record of 4 mins. 6.4 secs. established by Sidney Wooderson on the same ground 23 years ago. In the British Southern Athletic Championships, Roseman finished only 8th, but his performance is believed to be the best ever accomplished by an Anglo-Jewish Miler).

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In the Ladies' 100 yards, Debra Turner ran brilliantly to win in 11.7 secs., eight yards ahead of Jacqueline Barnett, yet another Maccabiah participant. Alan Cowan, last year's Maccabi champion, retained his title in the men's 880 yards.

Very welcome to the Annual Maccabi Championships were several youngsters as, for instance, David Sheperia and David Speker, both aged 16, from Newcastle. Another 16 year-old, M. Selby, of Maccabi London won three events. He created Maccabi records for the high jump with 5 ft. 6½ ins, the long jump with 19 ft. 3½ ins. He won the under-16 half mile in 2 minutes 28 secs. Susan Harris (Bar Kochba) also in the under-16 section, set a new record in the girls' high jump with 4 ft. 6 ins.

The Women's 440 yards race provided a thrilling struggle between Jacqueline Barnett of Birmingham Maccabi and Carol Rubin of Bar Kochba London. By the time they reached the halfway stage, they were running side by side but Miss Barnett went ahead in the final straight to win in 60.2 seconds.

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In the Southern Maccabi Tennis Championships, held in June, Miss Liza Bodin of Copenhagen Maccabi, temporarily living in London, beat Miss Susan Goldberg 7-9:6-1:6-4, in the finals. In the ladies' doubles, Miss Bodin and Miss Goldberg beat Miss Joy Wolfe and Miss Ezekil of N. E. London Maccabi 6-2:6-0. Miss Goldberg is a member of the Edgware Maccabi Club in London.

The winner of the Men's Singles was Stan Jacobsen, as Lou Hoffman, the holder, had to retire because of an injured wrist.

Another youngster, Miss Ruth Abrahams, a 15 year old Birmingham Maccabi player, was an outstanding competitor in the Northern Maccabi Championships, held in Glasgow. Miss Abrahams won the Ladies' Singles and was a runner-up in the Ladies' Doubles.

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Miss Angela Buxton, the third Maccabiah Ladies' Singles Gold Medallist, is shortly to return to active tennis. It is hoped that she will represent Great Britain in next year's Games.

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Early in July, Arnold Stoll, of Manchester Maccabi won the Men's Singles in the National Maccabi Lawn Tennis Championships at Manchester. Stoll defeated Stan Jacobson (Maccabi Association London) in two straight sets. 6:3, 7:5.

In the Men's Doubles, Hoffman and Jacobson had an easy victory 6:1, 6:1 over Rudd and De Jongh. Hoffman and 14 year old Susan Goldberg, of Edgware Maccabi won the mixed doubles. Miss Goldberg won the Ladies' Singles by defeating Ruth Abrahams of Birmingham Maccabi 6:3, 6:3 in the final.

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## NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS.

### GREAT BRITAIN (continued)

#### JUDO (Ju-Jitsu).

Fifteen year-old Roger Russell of Edgware Maccabi has won the Southern England Junior Judo Championship.

#### ALL ENGLAND TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP. - WIMBLEDON, 1960.

Rodney Mandlestam of South Africa, won the Boys' Singles at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships defeating J. Mukerjee of India after a very hard match. Rodney is a member of Maccabi South Africa and his win at Wimbledon should go a long way towards his selection to the 6th Maccabiah Games next year.

Other notable Lawn Tennis players at Wimbledon included Abe Segal of South Africa who lost to Roger Becker of England 11:9, 3:6, 6:4, 6:3.

Mrs. Kaufman of Maccabi Switzerland returned to the Wimbledon Tournament again and had to retire when playing against Mrs. Grundy. Mrs. Kaufman's retirement, after having played several sets, was due to an accident which she suffered on the day of the Tournament.

Among the French competitors, Pierre Darmon, France's No. 1 was knocked out by Rod Laver, one of Australia's finest Lawn Tennis Players. Pierre Darmon is a Jew and the Maccabiah selectors in France would do well to approach him in good time with a view to enlisting his participation next year.

Thanks to Dr. W. W. Meisl's kindness, I am able to publish an extract of a feature which appeared in "Idrottsbladet", Scandinavia's leading sports magazine, entitled "Unbeatable World Record".

#### A WORLD RECORD.

Ivan Osier, the Danish Physician and Fencer has established a world record which is not likely to be surpassed. He has taken part in 7 Olympic Games. He could have competed in 8, had he not refused to participate in the 1936 Olympics, held in Hitler's Berlin. Osier is a proud Jew.

At the age of 19 (he was born in 1888) he participated in the Olympics held in London in 1908, having contested in the épée events. Four years later at the Stockholm Games, he won a Silver Medal in this event, but then changed to Foil and Sabre. At Antwerp in 1920, Osier has finished seventh in the Foil competition. In Paris, in 1924, he was sixth in both Foil and Sabre; in Los Angeles in 1932, he came seventh in the Sabre. He competed again in Amsterdam in 1928 and returned to London in the 1958 Olympics. He could not win any medals and that year celebrated his 60th birthday.

#### BRIGHTON & HOVE

Having been closed for over a year, Brighton & Hove Maccabi Association has re-opened in June. The Club premises have been redecorated and provided with a Coffee Lounge and Restaurant. A full-time Youth Leader has been appointed. Several adult voluntary helpers have offered their services and a number of sections are in operation, including an "Adventure Group", a Social services and a Charity Group.

Brighton and Hove Maccabi were renowned for their sporting prowess, particularly so in Soccer, Lawn Tennis and Swimming. They also had a very strong Amateur Dramatic Section.



## NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS.

GREAT BRITAIN. (continued).BRIGHTON & HOVE.

The Club at Brighton and Hove owes a debt of gratitude to one of its most devoted leaders and, at one time, ablest Chairman, Michael Hartz. It was due to Michael's energy and determination, ably assisted by Sidney Bunt, British Maccabi's Youth Organiser, that this, one of England's best Maccabi Clubs - has re-opened its premises. There is every hope that it will continue to flourish as well as to live up to its excellent reputation.

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AUSTRALIA.

A successful Carnival was held in Sydney early this year with the participation of the Associated Judean Athletic Clubs, the Jewish Amateur Sports Association of New South Wales, the South Australian Maccabi, the Maccabiah League of Western Australia, and the Jewish Amateur Sports Association of New South Wales. Teams numbering 60 came from Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. It is interesting to note that Perth is 3,000 miles from Sydney! All team members were billeted in Jewish homes and the result of the gathering of so many boys and girls from many States was viewed as of great importance by the entire Australian Jewish community.

As is already known, all the above Youth and Sports Organisations are affiliated to the Maccabi World Union and are now integrated in the Australian Maccabi Council.

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The "Sydney Jewish News" (published 6th May, 1960) reports: "The Headquarters of the Australian Maccabi Council has been transferred to Sydney and the Jewish Amateur Sports Association will next month elect a President, Treasurer, Secretary and Liaison Officer."

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In the same issue, a special feature appears entitled "Australia could send a big team." According to the story, Australia could be represented at next year's Maccabiah by a team of 20 or more since "a survey of talent available shows that we have at least 20 young Jewish sportsmen and women capable of reaching top honours in the World Jewish Olympics." The survey does not include sportsmen and sportswomen likely to reach Maccabiah standards between now and the selection of the team. Nor have any youngsters with potential talent been taken into consideration.

Australia's first representative contingent numbering 12 brought back 6 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals from the 1957 Games, to place Australia 5th in the unofficial points table of competing nations.

Final decision of the team composition will depend on two factors, one, how much finance is raised and, two, the priority list to be compiled by the Selection Committee which is, as yet, to be appointed by the Australian Maccabi Council (formerly known as the Australian Judean Sports Council).

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STOP PRESS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MACCABIAH VILLAGE LIMITED HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE RASSCO ORGANISATION AT A MEETING HELD ON 17 TH JULY, AS A RESULT OF WHICH THE BUILDING OF THE MACCABIAH VILLAGE YOUTH HOSTEL IS TO COMMENCE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. FULLER PARTICULARS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

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# CHAIRMAN'S NEWS LETTER

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## OLYMPIAD GATHERING IN ROME, AUG/SEPT. 1960

Officials of the Israeli Olympic Team with friends at a Reception on Aug. 27th 1960



Standing: Left to Right: Copenhagen (Brazil), Lovell (U.S.A.), Weinberg (Isr.) Imbar (Isr.) Marcus (U.S.A.) Bodnia (Denm.) Col. Henshel (U.S.A.) Zysman (Isr.) Heffer (Isr.) Glovinsky (Isr.) Salmon (England) Dafni (Isr.), Yekutieli (Isr.), Gehl (Isr.), Caspi (Isr.), Col. Socher (Isr.),  
Seated: Left to Right: Wein (Isr.), Mrs. Bodnia, Mrs. Wein, Mrs. Gildesgame, Mrs. Gehl, Mrs. Zysman, Mrs. Gumpert, Rosenblum and Gumpert (U.S.A.).

### JEUX DE LA XVII OLYMPIADE

57<sup>th</sup> SESSION C.I.O.  
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### GAMES OF THE XVII OLYMPIAD

57<sup>th</sup> SESSION I.O.C.  
AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>  
August 27th 1960

Mr. F. Gildesgame  
Chairman  
Maccabi World Union  
Metropole Hotel  
Rome

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letters dated July 21 and 27, as well as to your memorandum which I received to-day, I inform you that the Executive Board of the I.O.C. has considered favourably your request tending to give official recognition to the MACCABI WORLD UNION and to place it on the list of International Organizations having an Olympic Standing. This recommendation has to be approved by the full Session of the IOC at a later meeting. I shall let you know which decision has been taken.

Letter from Mr. Otto Mayer, Chancellor  
of the International Olympic Committee.



At a Maccabi Meeting in Rome:  
Left to Right: Copenhagen (Brazil), Abraham  
(India), Dr. Atlas and Berger (Israel).

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Editorial Comment.The World Executive at work.

Although many members of the World Executive H. Q. in Israel have been overseas during the summer months, work on the important projects on which we are engaged has been proceeding incessantly. Inevitably, the centre of activity has been transferred to London: as will be seen from the reports published in this issue, the three weeks' of my stay in Rome during the Olympic Games have not been wasted.

The MACCABIAH VILLAGE project has been under constant discussion, and it continues to absorb our thoughts. Numerous long letters and cables exchanged between myself, members of the Board of Directors of the Maccabiah Village Ltd., and of the World Executive, are beginning to produce tangible results. The prospects of the "Village" being ready for occupation by Maccabiah athletes towards the end of August are good. Construction of the entire project may take a few months longer, and the Youth Hostel, as described in the previous editions, may not be completed before the end of 1961. It will cost about £2,000,000

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The share capital structure of the aforementioned project is now under close study and details of this, as well as of the accommodation that will be available to groups of tourists, young and adult alike, should be ready within the next month or so. Revenue from letting the accommodation is estimated to cover amply the running expenses of this enterprise. We are determined that it shall be self-supporting, and that profits derived from it, after payment of dividends to shareholders - will help pay the interest on the loans granted us by the Israel Government and the Rassco Corporation.

A prospectus setting out full details of the project, accompanied by simple illustrations, will be published before long. It is sure to attract many contributors, as well as investors. We trust that, in the course of the next two or three years, the total capital required will be raised and the liability to pay interest on the loans will cease.

Much hope is attached to major fund-raising campaigns due to be launched shortly in Great Britain and in South Africa. Since our American friends have been acquainted with details of the project of building a permanent home for visiting groups of Youth from all over the world, and which will also become, once every 4 years, the home of Maccabiah participants, they too have recognised a moral liability to support the venture financially.

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I feel confident that any Jewish person having the interest of Israel at heart, and seeing in this imaginative project an excellent opportunity to stimulate tourism in Israel, will support it, not only in the form of praise and compliments, but also by contributing towards its realisation generously. I look to our many friends in Latin-America, where the Maccabi Movement is thriving, to lend us a hand in this enterprise.

I realise that every Jewish Organisation, and this is particularly true of voluntary welfare organisations, such as Maccabi, are beset by domestic financial problems, calling for an urgent solution. But a little extra effort on everybody's part, either by way of a voluntary contribution or treated as a business investment, will go a long way towards bringing to fruition a unique enterprise which has earned the wholehearted support of the Government of Israel, and of its many agencies.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT (continued).

The spirit of a great adventure.

The Maccabi Movement has always been in the forefront of many worthy enterprises. We believe that our insistence upon the Maccabiah being held and organised exclusively in Israel, despite the economic and organisational difficulties, is symptomatic of our desire and determination to forge a link between the Diaspora and Israel by means which, according to all opinions, are considered difficult and, at times, insurmountable. I have always maintained that Maccabi's work in the ranks of its 180,000 active members, can be truly defined as "Practical Zionism" - devoid of party politics. The contributions which the Maccabiah Games have made to the life of the Israeli population and the promotion of competitive amateur sports among Jewish youth in some 30 lands, has been appreciated, not only by world Jewry, but also by the International Governing Bodies of Amateur Sports. The recognition by the International Olympic Committee of the Maccabi World Union as an "International Federation of Olympic Standing", speaks for itself. The ready willingness of so many distinguished personalities to join the International Maccabiah Games Sponsoring Committee, as well as the Israel Committee of Patrons of the 6th Maccabiah, provides yet additional evidence of the popularity of the Maccabiah Games which now ranks as the only World Jewish Sports Festival of its kind.

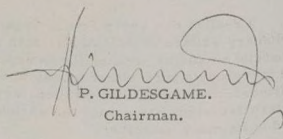
We did not hesitate to add to our burdens and responsibilities when we decided to combine next year's Maccabiah with an International Jewish Youth Jamboree. The Jewish Agency readily agreed to associate itself with this praiseworthy idea and have decided to grant an important subsidy towards the cost of entertaining, lodging and feeding a group of 300 children aged 15 to 19 years. Should this experiment prove successful, it will be the forerunner to similar Jamborees in years to come; the number of participants may be raised to 600, or even up to 1,000 at a time! Nothing will constitute a greater attraction to these young children than the prospects of visiting Israel at a time when they could also witness, and in due course, participate in what is commonly known as the "Jewish Olympic Games".

The Maccabi Movement has embarked upon making three important contributions to the welfare of Jewish Youth, to the honour of Jewry and to the glory of sport. Fortunately, we can count on full co-operation from Maccabi Territorial Organisations the world over, as well as from countries such as the U.S.A. and Canada - where no major Maccabi organisations exist. Thus, the Maccabi Movement's own contribution towards uniting world Jewry and Israel in one common effort will, I sincerely hope, help strengthen the bonds of fellowship in the ranks of our younger generation, to whose welfare and happiness we are all dedicated wholeheartedly.

May these thoughts inspire us in the pursuit of a great adventure in this new year 5721 - the year of the SIXTH MACCABIAH!

With Maccabi greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
P. GILDESGAME.  
Chairman.

### "SPORTSMANSHIP" AND THE 17TH OLYMPIAD.

All those who witnessed the Games in Rome are agreed that the inspiring motto of Baron de Coubertin - "The important thing is to participate, not to win" - is rapidly becoming a dead and meaningless letter. Whenever a swimmer took to the water, an athlete adjusted his starting blocks, a team of footballers or basketball players appeared in the arena, thousands of voices were heard shouting and screaming "patriotic" slogans. Whenever the judges' or referees' decision was considered "unfair" thousands booed and whistled their disapproval. A victory by an Italian or German athlete was acclaimed by hysterical war cries, by waving of national flags and by violent gestures bordering on hysteria.

True lovers of sport, and those dedicated to the spirit of the Olympic Games, have suffered grievous disappointment at the demonstrations of nationalism displayed by so many spectators to whom victory of their teams mattered more than the observance of the principles of sportsmanship.

If future Olympic Games are to become a contest between one "master race" and another, if they are to be dominated - as has been the case in Rome - by some 25,000 German spectators shouting "Heil" or "RA-RA-RA" (very reminiscent of the Hitler days), or by the young Italians screaming I-TA-LIA, or if minor or major squabbles are to take place between Russians and those opposed to communism, it would be advisable that the International Olympic Committee revise the future policy of the Games by invoking and stressing Baron de Coubertin's motto for all to understand and to respect.

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### Maccabi records - recorded.

The British Amateur Athletic Board has recently published a pamphlet entitled: "British Athletics 1960", compiled by the National Union of Track Statisticians. It contains world and United Kingdom records, as well as the results of Britain's International matches. Achievements of several Maccabi athletes are duly recorded, including those of Dave Segal, Debra Turner and Jaqueline Barnett. What is particularly pleasing is that the outstanding performances at the European Maccabi championships at Copenhagen are given in full.

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### "DAS NEUE ISRAEL".

I have received copies of the last three publications of the aforementioned monthly magazine, the official organ of the Swiss Zionist Federation; an extremely well edited and profusely illustrated newspaper of about 200 pages, dealing with politics, culture and science; its policy is to foster friendly relations and understanding between Switzerland and Israel. The editors have also decided, very wisely so, to afford space for news and comment on Jewish sports activities the world over. Entrusted with this assignment is our good friend, Mr. Erich Burghmeier, at one time President of Maccabi Switzerland, still actively interested in sport, despite the fact that he is over 70 years of age. Burghmeier has set himself the task of writing about Jewish sports activities of topical interest and, reading his latest contributions, I was not at all surprised at the considerable space devoted to Maccabi activities generally, and to the part played by the Israel team in the recent Olympic Games.

I venture to express the hope that Jewish monthly or weekly magazines and papers in other parts of the world will attach as much value to the promotion of sport in the ranks of our young generation as is done by "Das Neue Israel". Weeklies and monthlies in Great Britain, South Africa, Rhodesia and in Australia, devote ever-increasing space to Jewish sport and much of the material is being provided by the Territorial Maccabi organisations.

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## A Roman Diary

As was to be expected, Rome was full of tens of thousands of tourists, Olympic spectators, and of competitors, coming from some 87 countries. Meeting friends, offering hospitality to them, or the acceptance of many invitations, seemed almost impossible. And yet, a few days after my arrival in Rome, a social gathering was arranged at my hotel to meet all officials of the Israeli Olympic team, as well as numerous Maccabi friends from various parts of the world. We had with us David Copenhagen of Sao Paulo (Brazil), David Abraham of Bombay (India), B. Bodnia of Copenhagen (Denmark), Eric Gumpert and his wife from New York. Mr. S. Nahmias, First Secretary of the Israel Embassy in Rome and his charming wife, as well as Mrs. S. Gestetner and her son of London. World Executive members from Israel included: Dr. R. Atlasz, Zysman, Schumacher, Klieger. The company includes also Berger, Secretary of Maccabi Israel. The following morning, a breakfast meeting was held at my hotel to meet members of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, notably Col. Harry D. Henshel, Max Lovell, Harold Zimman and Al Marcus. Present was also Mr. Louis Kraft, at one time Executive Director of the National Jewish Welfare Board of America and, at present, in charge of the Geneva office of the American Joint Distribution Committee. Other friends attending the meeting included Haim Glovinsky, Hon. Secretary of the Israel Olympic Committee, Dr. R. Atlasz, Mr. Shalom Zysman and Mr. Eric Gumpert.

In the course of our conversations, we touched on a variety of topics relating to the organisation of the next Maccabiah, to the appointment of a Director-General of the Games, on the Maccabiah Village project and the Youth Jamboree. All those present agreed on the desirability of close co-operation between the organisers of the Maccabiah and the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel. It has also been agreed that the I.M.S.C. be referred to in future as the INTERNATIONAL MACCABIAH GAMES SPONSORING COMMITTEE (I.M.G.S.C.) The word GAMES to be added as, in some quarters, the name of the Maccabiah itself may not convey its full meaning.

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### U.S.A. CO-OPERATION.

As regards the Maccabiah Village project, our American friends agreed that a moral liability existed to co-operate in its implementation and ways and means were to be studied on how funds can be raised from among American contributors and investors in the course of the next year or so. My brother, Leon, a resident of New York, and one of the 'leading lights' of the America - Israel Cultural Foundation, has generously offered to assist the U.S. Committee in its campaign, which offer has been accepted gratefully.

Col. Henshel and his colleagues were particularly anxious to receive an assurance that the Maccabiah Village structure will be completed in time to accommodate the athletes.

I also had separate meetings with Atlasz, Zysman, Gumpert, Copenhagen, Ike Sassoon of Maccabi Bombay, Harry Goetz of Maccabi South Africa, Arieh Attar of San Francisco, Mr. Dubitski of Israel, Col. S. Socher, Chairman of the Israel Defence Forces Sports Committee, and others.

I have been entertained by Mr. Willy Daume, President of the Sportbund. A number of misunderstandings that occurred between the German Sportbund and some organisations in Israel have been cleared up satisfactorily.

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THE ISRAELI OLYMPIC DELEGATION ENTERTAINED.

A very impressive Reception to members of the Israel Olympic team was given by the Roman Jewish Community on Saturday evening, August 27th, at the main Synagogue, where Rome's Chief Rabbi, Alio Toaff, addressed the congregation in fluent Hebrew, to which Shalom Zysman, head of the Israeli Olympic Team, responded suitably. Jewish officials attached to various Olympic teams were also present at the short but impressive ceremony, which was followed by a Reception in the Communal Hall, as well as at the adjoining Jewish School.

The Israel Olympic team reciprocated the hospitality in Rome by throwing a reception at the Residenza Palace Hotel to a large number of guests who included Jewish Olympic participants, as well as officials of some 16 nations.

COL. HENSHEL ENTERTAINS.

Col. Henshel was host at a luncheon to a number of specially invited guests comprising, among others, officials of the Israeli Olympic team, as well as some members of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel. Several speeches were delivered, all of them in good-hearted humour, which added to an atmosphere of friendship. Speakers included Mr. Edward Rosenbloom of Washington (U.S.A.), Harry Goetz, of South Africa, who announced that the South African Maccabi Council will send to the next Maccabiah a team 200 strong. (Goetz has recently been elected a member of the International Amateur Swimming Federation).

In the course of my speech, I conveyed to Col. Henshel everybody's good wishes on the occasion of his 70th birthday. I dealt also with the need for greater unity in the ranks of Israel Sport Organisations as this, more so than anything else, will help Israel emerge with much better results when participating in future international competitions. Shalom Zysman and Haim Glovinsky, acknowledged the help and assistance which the Israeli Sports Community has received at the hands of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel for many years past. David Kopenhagen gave a report on Maccabi activities in Brazil and spoke of the growth of our Movement there in recent years, greatly stimulated thanks to Brazil's participation in the last (5th) Maccabiah Games. Mr. Dafni, a Sports Liaison Officer on behalf of the Israel Foreign Office, also spoke. Bodnia (Copenhagen) brought greetings from Scandinavian Maccabi organisations.

Mrs. Gildesgame thanked Col. Henshel on behalf of all ladies present for his magnanimous hospitality.

The proceedings were presided over very ably by Max Lovell, acting as Master of Ceremonies.

The photograph on the front page records the happy atmosphere of the above event.

THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE RECOGNISES THE MACCABI WORLD UNION AS A SPORTS FEDERATION OF OLYMPIC STANDING.

The letter reproduced on the front page of this "Newsletter" tells its own story. Since then, and after my return from Rome, a further letter has been received from the Chancellor of the International Olympic Committee (I.O.C.), the full text of which reads as follows:

CCMITE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIQUE,  
Mon Repos, Lausanne, Suisse.

Maccabi World Union,  
Mr. P. Gildesgame, Chairman,  
Highfield Mills,  
Earl Shilton,  
Leicestershire, England.

September 26, 1960.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our previous correspondence I have the honour to inform you that the MACCABI WORLD UNION has been recognised by the International Olympic Committee at its Rome Session and will be placed in the list of "International Federations having an Olympic standing."

Regarding the Patronage you asked for your Maccabiah World Games, I regret to inform you that this request has not been admitted for the reason that we receive many of such demands which cannot all be admitted.

We wish the heartiest Welcome to your Union in the Olympic Movement and send you our best wishes for the success of your Organisation.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Otto Mayer, Chancellor.

Great importance is attached to the recognition of the Maccabi World Union by the I. O. C. and it is, therefore, worth recording that full credit for it is due, in the first place, to our untiring Hon. Sports Director, Dr. R. Atlasz, who, acting on his own initiative, went to see the Chancellor of the I. O. C. at his Headquarters in Lausanne, with a view to discussing with him the possibility of according the Maccabiah Games Olympic Patronage. At Dr. Atlasz's request, I have written to Mr. Otto Mayer, stating the reasons why we thought the Maccabiah Games had deserved of such recognition. Its international character, the fact that it has become a permanent Sports Meet, not to mention its stimulating effect on training and the contribution it has made over many years to the raising of the standard in many branches of sport deserved of moral support and, therefore, of official patronage of the International Olympic Committee.

Following an exchange of letters with the Chancellor, it appeared that the I. O. C.'s policy was not to encourage - for reasons best known to themselves - Regional Games, in addition to those already established in many parts of the world. The Executive of the I. O. C. were, nevertheless, in favour of granting to the Maccabi World Union, recognition as a Federation of Olympic Standing, upon learning that the Maccabi World Union jointly with the International Maccabiah Games Sponsoring Committee, are instrumental in the organisation of the Games which have earned the support and recognition of all International Governing Bodies of Amateur Sports.

The International Olympic Committee's decision, as imparted in the last letter from its Chancellor, quoted above, means in reality that, whilst the I. O. C. are unable to grant the Maccabiah Games its official patronage they, nevertheless, recognise the full merits of the organisers of the Maccabiah Games and indirectly they give their blessing to, and approval of, the Games themselves.



An important milestone.

In future, a full report of the Maccabiah Games will be rendered to the office of the International Olympic Committee and outstanding performances attained at such Games will, therefore, be duly recorded, not only by the International Governing Bodies of various amateur sports, but also by the I. O. C. This should help raise the prestige of the Maccabiah Games in the eyes of the world as it will also, undoubtedly encourage participants to achieve better performances in many competitions.

Insofar as Jewish and Maccabi sportsmen and athletes are concerned, experience has shown that they looked upon participation in the Maccabiah as valuable experience as well as a 'stepping-stone' towards yet a higher achievement: to be selected for their respective national teams to compete in future Olympic Games.

ISRAEL'S POSITION IN "REGIONAL GAMES".

Representations made in Rome to the International Olympic Committee (I. O. C. ) by Israel's Olympic Representatives have not succeeded. The resolution submitted to the I. O. C. protesting against the exclusion of Israel from the Mediterranean Games has been omitted from the agenda. Shalom Zysman and Haim Glovinsky, representing the Israel Olympic Committee, met with Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the I. O. C. , to discuss with him the text of the resolution which has been previously submitted to the Chancellor, Mr. Otto Mayer. Mr. Brundage justified the omission of the resolution from the agenda on the grounds that the I. O. C. was not interested in encouraging Regional Games. He ignored the arguments in support of the resolution. It has been pointed out to him that several Mediterranean Games have already been held, and more are to be organised in the not-too-distant future; prompt action was, therefore, called for. It would be contrary to the letter and spirit of the I. O. C. 's Constitution to discriminate against any country on religious or political grounds. It would have been far more effective - Israel's representatives argued - if the I. O. C. withdrew its patronage from any Regional Games whose organisers fail to honour Olympic principles. Israel's resolution demanded that the International Olympic Committee should patronise Regional Games only if the organisers invite all countries within the region without discrimination, and that the organising countries grant visas to all those wishing to participate in Regional Games."

(The acceptance of such a resolution would render it impossible for any country under Arab influence to exclude Israel from participation.)

I understand that Mr. Brundage gave his personal assurance that once a date and place for the next Mediterranean Games has been fixed, Israel's resolution will be placed on the I. O. C. 's agenda for further consideration.

The Israeli representatives have seen several members of the I. O. C. in Rome, some of whom promised to support Israel's resolution when it comes up for discussion. Meanwhile, the matter has been left in abeyance, and the conclusion to be drawn from this incident is that the I. O. C. have as yet to assert its full authority with all member-countries who practise racial or political discrimination.

ISRAEL IN ASIATIC GAMES.

The Organising Committee of the All-Asia Games, due to take place in Indonesia next year, also met in Rome. Yekutieli and Glovinsky, representing the Israel Olympic Committee, attended the meeting and received assurances

that the first paragraph of the regulations for the Asian Games aimed at disallowing discrimination on grounds of race, colour or creed will be strictly observed.

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#### THE ISRAEL OLYMPIC TEAM'S PERFORMANCE.

(According to N. Klieger)

The Israel team consisted of 34 participants competing in the following 17th Olympiad events: Basketball, Athletics, Swimming, Weightlifting, Fencing, Gymnastics, Cycling and Shooting.

The Basketball team played in the pre-Olympic Tournament in Bologna, in which 17 other nations took part. Had they reached one of the first 5 places, they would have qualified for the Olympic Tournament in which 16 teams participated. In Bologna they lost by a very narrow margin for, in the final games they were defeated by Canada 60 : 59 and by Yugoslavia 62: 61 - a difference of one point in each case!

Five men and three girls participated in the Athletics, each one of them having been defeated in the first heats. According to Israeli standards, they did very well, but this was not good enough. Grodzinowsky ran the 200 metres in 21.8 seconds - and came fourth in his heat. He also ran in the 400 metres, clocking 48.9 seconds. The Israeli middle-distance runner, Pantilat, bettered the Israel record in the 800 metres which he ran in 1.54.7 minutes, thereby beating his own record by 1.6 seconds. He came 1/10th second behind the British European Champion, Brian Hewson. In the 1500 metres, Pantilat was the first Israeli runner to cover this distance in less than 4 minutes, having clocked 3.59.8 minutes. Kushmir broad-jumped 7.20 metres which, in the Helsinki Olympiad, would have earned for him a fifth place. In Rome, he came 30th among 50 competitors in this event! Feinberg threw the javelin 68.24 metres thereby breaking a Maccabi World record. Other Israeli athletes, and particularly so the women, have shown very poor form.

Among the swimmers, only Traber justified his participation in Rome, having equalled his own Israeli record for the 100 metres Free-style in 59.7 seconds. In the 400 metres Free-style he was below his best form, having finished in 4.58.6 minutes.

Miron and Cohen beat the Israeli records in Weightlifting, but their efforts were of no avail in the face of very strong international competition. The same applies to the women Gymnasts, despite the fact that they were trained by the former Olympic Gold Medallist, Agnes Keleti.

The Cyclists and Fencers, whose inclusion in the Olympics was totally unjustified, gave very poor displays.

#### Israel - favourites in Rome.

The Israeli team were, nevertheless, favourites in the Olympic Village, as well as wherever they appeared. Pantilat, who was chased in the 1500 metres by an Iraqi runner, had the good sense to shake hands with the Iraqi. This earned for him much applause from those spectators who realised that the Israeli and Iraqi were "political enemies". A street in the Olympic Village was named "Via Israel". Officials attached to the Israel team were invited to all receptions given by diplomatic missions in Rome, as well as by the Pope. Dr. Atlasz, Glovinsky and Zysman, have frequently met with Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, as well as with other Olympic officials. All conversations were conducted in a friendly atmosphere.

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Noah Klieger, the well known Maccabi Sports journalist comment "The last Olympic Games were more of a show-down between the big powers than a Sports Festival. It almost looked like a struggle between the 'Socialists' versus the 'Capitalists'. Having regard to the unprecedented records achieved

at the 17th Olympiad it is fair to say that Israel has put up a gallant effort and that, despite its failures, it has not disgraced itself."

Dr. Atlasz commented "Considering the sports conditions prevailing in Israel, the lack of facilities for training, we could not expect any better results against such overwhelming odds."

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#### CO-OPERATION WITH UNESCO.

Another important event culminating in Rome must be recorded here. The Maccabi World Union has been invited to send an Observer to the World Congress of the International Council of Sport and Physical Education (C. S. P. E.) convened in Rome by the UNESCO Youth Institute. The first general assembly was held on 12th and 13th September, and was attended on behalf of the Maccabi World Union by Eric and Mrs. Gumpert.

I am happy to announce that the Maccabi World Union has been elected a full voting member of the International Council of Sport and Physical Education from whom it will receive such assistance and advice as is available to all other members.

#### What are the objects of the Council? (C. S. P. E.)

It was founded on 27th September, 1958, in Paris, by a number of persons anxious to create an instrument for co-operation between national and international Institutions interested in sport and physical education. Its objects are:

- \* To secure recognition by scientific, educational and civic organisations of the cultural values inherent in sport and physical education.
- \* To promote and facilitate the exchange of relevant literature and other information among different countries.
- \* To render assistance to countries which express a desire for such assistance in the fields of sport and physical education, as well as to initiate and promote scientific research.
- \* To use sport and physical education to further international understanding.

To achieve its objects, the Council shall hold World Congresses at the time of the Olympic Games, International Conferences on Sport and Physical Education to be sponsored by Unesco, or by any other inter-Governmental Agencies. It will set up Working Committees appointed by an Executive Board and Council and it will issue publications as well as any other means of information deemed of interest.

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#### A Competitor's impression of the Olympic Games.

BEN HELFGOTT, British Weightlifting champion, represented Great Britain in Melbourne and Rome and, on this last occasion, acted as Captain of the British Weightlifting team. I quote some extracts of a letter received from him:

The Olympic Village: "The Olympic Village consisted of 1348 flats, sufficient to accommodate about 8000 athletes, trainers and officials. Television sets were placed inbetween the columns on which the structure rested, where, in the cool breezes and protected from the sun, athletes relaxed, watching the events of the Games. Inside the Village we had a shopping centre, post office,



Ben Helfgott's comments (continued):

bank, baths, hairdressers, laundry, and a club with bars, where athletes of all nations, speaking many languages, met and exchanged impressions. This place has lost its popularity as the Games were drawing towards the end. There were ten restaurants and a large international one catering for the requirements of most nations. The food was not as good as in Melbourne. Moreover, the Israelis did not have their own kitchen, as was the case in Melbourne and Helsinki. It is a pity that special efforts have not been made for Jewish sportsmen of various nationalities to meet more often whilst in Rome".

Standards of performances. "The tendency for the standards to rise has continued uninterrupted ever since the re-birth of the Olympic Games in Athens in 1896. Even two World Wars did not appear to affect progress in sport. Human ambition knows no bounds. With the creation of more nations, especially in Africa, and Asia, the impetus of nationalism, as seen in sport, will become fiercer and thus may well effect a further increase in the standards of performance. One of the outstanding examples of rapid progress was provided by Wilma Rudolph, the American coloured girl, who won three gold medals in Rome, and who was not at all noticed in Melbourne.

"Despite the fantastic performances and records broken every day, the majority of competitors returned home from Rome depressed, mainly by the adverse press comments in their own countries. Many Japanese competitors returned home with their heads shaved - as a token of disgrace - because of their failure to do better than they did in Melbourne 4 years ago. The British team has been severely criticised for not winning more medals, and yet every performance of their athletes was far better than in Melbourne. What more could the Israelis do than break their own national records?

"One seems to forget that never in Olympic history have so many nations and competitors fought for highest honours - 87 nations and over 6,800 competitors! Out of the thousand-odd Track and Field athletes, only 30-odd had won an individual gold medal.

"In the past there were only a few outstanding performances in Olympic competitions. Today there are many, when comparing them with previous records. Some of the losers in Rome would have won gold medals in Melbourne. This is indicative of the ever-rising standard. No wonder, therefore, that Rome produced some super performers such as Elliott in the 1500 metres, Wilma Rudolph in the 100 and 200 metres, Lasov in the weightlifting and Boris Shanklin in gymnastics.

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"Olympian International."

Sam Gerson, of Maccabi Philadelphia, whom I met in Rome last month, founded there an "Olympian International". Mr. Edgar Tanner, of Australia was elected President with Sam Gerson as Secretary and Treasurer. Hon. Presidents of the Olympian International include such well known names as Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the I. O. C., Dr. Georgio de Stefani of Italy, Mari Negri, of the Argentine, Reginald Honey of South Africa, Dr. Ferreira Santos of Brazil, Mohammed Jajer of Egypt, Armand Massard of France, Shalom Zysman of Israel, and many others. In a press hand-out issued by Gerson, he states that it is hoped that the Olympian International will be fully organised by the time the Tokyo Games are in full swing.

Gerson's idea is to form the association of many thousands of men and women who participated in Olympic Games, either as competitors or as officials.

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The Maccabi Club in Rome (Italy) in action.



The Ju-Jitsu (Judo) Section (See story inside).

"SPORTSMANSHIP" AND  
THE 17TH OLYMPIAD.

All those who witnessed the Games in Rome are agreed that the inspiring motto of Baron de Coubertin - "The important thing is to participate, not to win" - is rapidly becoming a dead and meaningless letter. Whenever a swimmer took to the water, an athlete adjusted his starting blocks, a team of footballers or basketball players appeared in the arena, thousands of voices were heard shouting and screaming "patriotic" slogans. Whenever the judges' or referees' decision was considered "unfair" thousands booed and whistled their disapproval. A victory by an Italian or German athlete was acclaimed by hysterical war cries, by waving of national flags and by violent gestures bordering on hysteria.

True lovers of sport, and those dedicated to the spirit of the Olympic Games, have suffered grievous disappointment at the demonstrations of nationalism displayed by so many spectators to whom victory of their teams mattered more than the observance of the principles of sportsmanship.

If future Olympic Games are to become a contest between one "master race" and another, if they are to be dominated - as has been the case in Rome - by some 25,000 German spectators shouting "Heil" or "RA-RA-RA" (very reminiscent of the Hitler days), or by the young Italians screaming I-TA-LIA, or if minor or major squabbles are to take place between Russians and those opposed to communism, it would be advisable that the International Olympic Committee revise the future policy of the Games by invoking and stressing Baron de Coubertin's motto for all to understand and to respect.

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Maccabi records - recorded.

The British Amateur Athletic Board has recently published a pamphlet entitled: "British Athletics 1960", compiled by the National Union of Track Statisticians. It contains world and United Kingdom records, as well as the results of Britain's International matches. Achievements of several Maccabi athletes are duly recorded, including those of Dave Segal, Debra Turner and Jaqueline Barnett. What is particularly pleasing is that the outstanding performances at the European Maccabi championships at Copenhagen are given in full.

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"DAS NEUE ISRAEL".

I have received copies of the last three publications of the aforementioned monthly magazine, the official organ of the Swiss Zionist Federation; an extremely well edited and profusely illustrated newspaper of about 200 pages, dealing with politics, culture and science; its policy is to foster friendly relations and understanding between Switzerland and Israel. The editors have also decided, very wisely so, to afford space for news and comment on Jewish sports activities the world over. Entrusted with this assignment is our good friend, Mr. Erich Burgheimer, at one time President of Maccabi Switzerland, still actively interested in sport, despite the fact that he is over 70 years of age. Burgheimer has set himself the task of writing about Jewish sports activities of topical interest and, reading his latest contributions, I was not at all surprised at the considerable space devoted to Maccabi activities generally, and to the part played by the Israel team in the recent Olympic Games.

I venture to express the hope that Jewish monthly or weekly magazines and papers in other parts of the world will attach as much value to the promotion of sport in the ranks of our young generation as is done by "Das Neue Israel". Weeklies and monthlies in Great Britain, South Africa, Rhodesia and in Australia, devote ever-increasing space to Jewish sport and much of the material is being provided by the Territorial Maccabi organisations.

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WELCOME, MACCABI ROME!

From time to time new ground is broken in some parts of the world where a Maccabi Club is founded by one or more individuals who were associated with the Movement directly or indirectly, for any length of time. Readers of this "Newsletter" will remember the story about the Maccabi club in Caracas, (Venezuela), in Lisbon (Portugal) or in Elisabethville (Belgian Congo). This time I am able to tell another fascinating story concerning the Maccabi club in Rome, founded in March, 1960.

I have met its founder and President, Sr. Piero Castelnovo, on the club's premises which consist of a fair-sized gymnasium, adjoining the communal centre, in the spacious basement of the ancient Roman Synagogue, who told me something which, I am sure, will interest every one of my readers.

Judo and Boxing - for self-defence.

The re-appearance last year of a wave of anti-Semitism in the form of swastikas daubed on walls of Jewish houses, and the resurgence of neo-facism throughout Italy, provoked a reaction among the youngsters living in the Jewish quarter of Rome that something must be done to prepare themselves for unarmed combat, intended for self-defence. It was, therefore, natural to start a Maccabi Youth club with two sections - Judo (Ju-Jitsu) and Boxing. Four hundred youngsters, aged 13 and over, joined the club in a matter of days, and an average of 100 attended the Gymn's session. Most of the members come from middle-class families with moderate financial incomes; several of them border on destitution. Even the monthly members' subscription of 200 lire has proved excessive, and the income derived from that source was in no way sufficient to ensure the survival of the club. General expenses are covered by contributions received from members of the community.

The "Comunita" has allowed Maccabi the free use of the gymnasium and of the adjacent premises, located in the heart of the Jewish quarter. This privilege is limited, however, to evening hours only. The enthusiastic support of the members holds a promise that the club will survive, and will be enlarged, through additional activities. The club has joined the Federazione Italiana Atletica Pesante (FIAP) which is affiliated to the Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano (CCNI). The FIAP grants a number of privileges to affiliates, including limited insurance coverage against accidents incurred in the Gymn.

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An enthusiastic Committee.

Although the club has only been in existence a few months with limited opportunities for training, it has already achieved a degree of proficiency equal to at least one year's training. This has been evident in several contests; several more are scheduled for the near future.

Professional coaches are in charge of training under the supervision of Mr. Luciano Camerino, Hon. Sports Secretary.

Sr. Renzo Attias, is the Vice-President of the Club and Sr. Marco Carlo is the Hon. Secretary. Anyone wishing to communicate with the club's President should address all communications, in French or in English to:

Sr. Piero Castelnovo, Via S. Martino Della Battaglia, 3, Rome.  
Future plans.

Castelnovo and his colleagues are firmly determined to carry into effect many of their plans for this youngest Maccabi club in Europe by the introduction of some activities of a cultural-educational character, such as

the teaching of Hebrew, dissemination of information about Israel and Zionism, as well as the promotion of a number of lectures on Judaism generally.

The First Secretary of the Israel Embassy in Rome - Mr. Shlomo Nahmias, has promised to assist the committee of the club in their future work. If capable of organising their Maccabi club activities along the established pattern, there is little doubt that, before long, Rome will become the seat of the Maccabi Italian Federation. I have provided Sr. Castelnuevo with some essential information and, at his request, I offered him also some guidance and advice as to their future development.

On behalf of the M. W. U. Executive, I welcome the Maccabi club Rome and wish them continued success in their work.

\*\*\*\*Photographs reproduced in this issue illustrate one of the exhibitions given by members of Maccabi in Rome in the presence of many representatives of the Roman-Jewish community and of the Israeli Embassy.

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## Maccabiah Village

### PROGRESS REPORT.

Final architect's plans are in the course of preparation and, according to the Contractors, the Rassco Rural Suburban & Settlement Co., Ltd., of Tel-Aviv, the major part of the project will be completed by August 1st, 1961. It can, therefore, be stated that adequate accommodation will be available for all Maccabiah competitors coming from overseas.

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The Israel Tourist Industry Development Corporation Ltd., has agreed to grant a loan of £600,000 and the Rassco Corporation will finance the project, in the form of a loan, to the tune of £200,000. As soon as the share capital structure of the "Village" Company has been agreed to and investment proposals approved, it is hoped to raise the sum of £50,000 in Great Britain, as well as a further £50,000 in South Africa, either by voluntary contributions or in the form of the sale of shares.

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The total cost of the Village-Youth Hostel project is at present estimated at about £1,500,000, which should cover architect's fees, contractors remuneration, etc. To this must be added the cost of furniture, beds and bedding, equipment, etc. The grand total cost of the project, when completed, including the Sports Hall (which can be converted into a Conference Hall) Football grounds, Basketball Courts, Open-air Swimming Pool, Administrative Offices, Synagogue, and other amenities, is estimated to cost a total of £2,000,000 (Two million Israeli Pounds).

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It is as yet too early to forecast how long it will take before all the capital will be raised. Accordingly, it cannot be stated accurately how long it will be before this great and ambitious project will be fully completed and the Youth Hostel ready for permanent occupation.

Every effort is being made, however, by all concerned, to provide adequate and satisfactory accommodation for Maccabiah participants, upon their arrival in Israel on or about the end of August.

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MACCABIAH VILLAGE Progress Report. (continued) .

I hope to announce fuller details in the next issue of this "Newsletter". Meanwhile, I would like to take this opportunity to pay a warm and sincere tribute to the untiring efforts of Mr. Krinitzi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Maccabiah Village Limited (who is suffering from failing health) of Mr. Zalman Susayeff, as well as to Mr. Mordechai Stern, Managing Director of the Rassco Corporation, whose helpful and understanding attitude is sure to make an invaluable contribution towards the final solution.

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## International Youth Jamboree

Following the preliminary information which appeared in the July issue of this 'Newsletter' (page 4), I am now able to announce that negotiations with the Jewish Agency have been completed, and the following arrangements for the 1961 Jamboree agreed to:

- (1) Numbers. The total number of participants will be limited to 300. On their arrival in Israel they will be organised in groups of 60, mainly according to languages spoken.
  - (2) Age Group. Boys and girls, principally members of Maccabi clubs, aged 15 to 19 years old. Young people interested in the Maccabiah will also be welcome.
  - (3) Duration of the Jamboree. Participants' stay in Israel will be for a period of about 4 weeks, arriving there on or about 7th August and leaving on 5th or 6th September. During the last week of their stay, that is from Tuesday 29th August to Tuesday 5th September, the youngsters will attend the opening and closing ceremonies of the Maccabiah, as well as many of the competitions taking place in Tel-Aviv, Ramat Gan or elsewhere.
  - (4) Cost. Return travel expenses will be paid by each participant, by the Club or Territorial Organisation sponsoring them. In addition thereto the sum of £25 (English pounds sterling) will have to be paid for each participant to cover the cost of accommodation, feeding, tours, and admission to the Maccabiah Opening and Closing ceremonies. Payment will be made to the Treasurer of the local office of the Jewish Agency. Where no Jewish Agency office exists, enquiries should be made from the local Zionist Organisation to ascertain the nearest office of the Jewish Agency with whom contact ought to be established. In Europe, the principle Jewish Agency offices, whereto payments can be made, are situated in Geneva, Paris and London.
  - (5) Programme. In addition to the specially organised tours of Israel by experienced guides, able to speak either English, French or Spanish, each national contingent shall be in the charge of their own group leader. The programme will also include visits to a number of selected towns, settlements and kibbutzim, where special displays will be arranged for the entertainment and education of the youngsters. Groups of 60, selected according to languages, will be taken around the country in luxury coaches or buses, and nights will be spent in clean and well-appointed hotels, or in approved lodgings. The Youth Department of the Jewish Agency jointly with the M.W.U. are working out a detailed programme of the Jamboree which will be published in pamphlet form and distributed in all countries for the information of those who intend, or have already decided to participate in the Jamboree.
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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH JAMBOREE (Continued)Additional information.

Please note the following additional information:

- \* Payment at the rate of £25 (English sterling), or the equivalent in foreign currency, will have to be obtained from participants some time before their departure from their respective countries and paid into the office of the Jewish Agency, as indicated above.
- \* Applications from participants must be obtained with least delay as the total number is limited to 300. Only those who apply earliest and whose application is accompanied by a deposit on account of the total cost involved, should be considered and approved for inclusion.
- \* The Head Office of the M. W. U. in Tel-Aviv (47, Nachmani Street) must be advised by each country soonest of the total number of applications received. In this manner it will be possible to limit the number of participants from each country in relation to the allowed maximum total of 300. Communications concerning the number of participants which each country intends sending should reach the Head Office of the M. W. U. latest by the end of December, 1960.
- \* Any help which a country may require by way of information about the Jamboree, publicity, or the chartering of aircraft, should be obtainable from the office of the Territorial Organisation. The Territorial Organisations all over the world are, therefore, advised to communicate immediately with the Head Office of the M. W. U. in Tel-Aviv, for any additional information or assistance on any subject concerning the Jamboree generally or their own participation in particular.

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WORLD YOUTH COUNCIL PROPOSED.

"Less than 1/5th of the youth in the non-Communist Diaspora belong to any Jewish organisation; of the 47,000 youngsters, aged between 16 and 25 who belong to organisations which are in some way associated with the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Jewish Agency, only 35,000 belong to a pioneering movement (Chalutzim)." In other words, the vast majority of Jewish youth is outside a Zionist Movement.

The above statement was made by Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, head of the Youth and Hechalutz Department when recently in London, on his way to the U.S.A. and Canada.

In New York, Mr. Dobkin was due to address the first ever Conference of American Jewish Youth of religious, political and non-political shades, brought together under the 'umbrella' of the Jewish Agency. The main topic of discussion was to be the question of establishing firm links between the American Jewish Youth and Israel and the problem of Hebrew and Jewish education.

As a result of recent discussions in the Executive of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Dobkin stated that he, and some of his colleagues, would put forward at the next Zionist Congress, a proposal that about 10% of the budget of the Jewish Agency should be allocated for Youth Work in the Diaspora, devoted primarily to Jewish education. He admitted that there had been and still was stiff opposition to this proposal which, if accepted, would cause a reduction of the monies available to the World Zionist Organisation for its work in Israel. Providing he was successful in his present efforts, Mr. Dobkin hopes to set up, before long, a World Youth Council which will operate under the auspices of the Jewish Agency.

### 'HAPOEL' PETACH TIKVA SOCCER TEAM IN GREAT BRITAIN.

This year's Israel Soccer champions, 'Hapoel' Petach Tikva, were defeated by 4 goals to nil when they played the "Third Lanark" Scottish First Division side in Glasgow early in September. It was the opening game of the British tour. There was a crowd of spectators estimated at 6,000 of whom about a quarter were members of the local Jewish community.

Their second match was played against another Scottish team 'Raith Rovers'. 'Hapoel' was defeated by 4 goals to 1. They drew 1-1 with 'St. Mirren' and their fourth match was played against 'Leyton Orient' in London. At half-time, they took a 2 to 1 lead. The match was stopped by the referee, owing to torrential rain, which flooded the Leyton Stadium. The match attracted only 1500 spectators who roared with laughter as the players tried to kick the ball which was swimming about on the pitch.

'Hapoel' were also beaten 2 - 1 by 'Glentoran' of Belfast. The Irish team scored the winning goal in the last minute.

In the past 6 years, 'Hapoel' have been three times champions of Israel - three times runners-up in the league, and have won the cup once. The club, which was founded in 1936, has an English Coach, Mr. Jack Gibbons.

### INTERNATIONAL MACCABIAH GAMES SPONSORING COMMITTEE.

The following countries have nominated their representatives (in alphabetical order) to whom communications will be sent in future on all matters concerning the 6th Maccabiah.

AUSTRIA: Messrs. E. Sinai, Gustav Leitner, David Weintraub.  
AUSTRALIA: Messrs. Basil Isaacs, Leo Kellerman, Joe Rosen, M. Myers, Lou Ro  
BELGIUM: Messrs. L. Maersdorf, P. N. Ferstenberg, H. Bochner.  
BRAZIL: Messrs. D. Kopenhagen, S. Back, A. Jagle.  
CANADA: The Hon. Justice Harry Batshaw, Messrs. Joseph N. Frank, Alex Fisher, C. A., Fred Oberlander.  
CHILE: Senator A. Faivovich, Messrs. Noy Furmann, Leon Kaplun.  
DENMARK: Messrs. B. Bodnia, W. Lichten, R. Gelvan.  
EIRE: Messrs. J. Roberts, E. Spain, W. Samuels, Dr. J. Miller.  
FINLAND: Baron Elie de Rothschild, Messrs. E. Fleg, L. Meiss, L. Kaminski, Th. Haas.  
GREAT BRITAIN: Lord Nathan, Messrs. Barnett Janner, M. P., Aubrey A. Scott.  
GUATAMALA: Mr. Max Trachtenberg.  
INDIA: Messrs. S. Moses, David Abraham, B. A., LL. B., W. Abraham.  
ITALY: Mr. D. Pergola, Dr. Aldo Jarach.  
SOUTH AFRICA: Messrs. A. Blumberg, A. Hyman (additional awaited).  
SWITZERLAND: Messrs. D. Neufeld, E. Pascheles, A. Spiegel.  
SWEDEN: Messrs. S. Fuchs, L. Haas, J. Haskel.  
URUGUAY: Messrs. M. Soloducho, E. Kuhn, G. Klein.  
U. S. A.: Col. H. D. Henshel, Messrs. Max Lovell, H. Zimman, M. Loeb.  
VENEZUELA: Messrs. N. Dobson, H. Gottlieb, L. Podhorzer.

A few more nominations are awaited and a complete list will be published in the next issue.

MACCABI - GUATAMALA  
(SOUTH AMERICA)



Abraham Tory, Hon. Secretary, M.W.U. Executive, with Committee members of Maccabi Association in Guatemala. Seated on his right: M. Trachtenberg, Chairman, and on his left, B. Tenenbaum, Vice-Chairman.



Maccabi Ha'tzair Guatemala on parade on Israel's Independence Day.



The Israel Ambassador at Guatemala being entertained at "Maccabi House" in the course of a social gathering.

## News from Territorial Organisations.

### ABRAHAM TORY "AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY" - IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Abraham Tory, the hard-working Hon. Secretary of the Maccabi World Union, has been entrusted with an important mission by the Keren Hayesod in Israel, which will take him to a number of South American countries during the next few months.

His first stop was New York, where he arrived on 12th September. There he was given a cordial reception by the Maccabi Athletic Club at which over 100 guests were present, including among others, Leo Kaminski of Paris - a member of the World Executive. Henry Nesselroth, the dynamic Chairman of the Maccabi Athletic Club in New York presided. Tory's travel itinerary took him to Guatemala, where he spent 10 days. From there he flies to Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Bolivia and Argentina. Due to arrive in Buenos Aires on 25th November, he will stay there until December 6th and, time permitting, he will also visit Chile, Peru and Mexico, before returning to Israel via London.

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## MACCABI GUATAMALA.

I am indebted to my friend Tory for a brief report on his visit to the Maccabi club in Guatamala, extract of which I quote:

"The driving spirit of the Maccabi club here is its Chairman, Max Trachtenberg, who is also Editor-in-Chief of the communal monthly magazine "El Macabeo". On the eve of Roshashana, "El Macabeo" published a special supplement, summarising communal events for the past year, in which a number of photographs were featured showing Maccabi club activities (two of these are reproduced in this "Newsletter"). "El Macabeo" has also given much publicity to next year's Maccabiah Games and to the Youth Jamboree; both of these events aroused considerable interest among the young people here. The Chancellor of the Israel Embassy is a great Maccabi friend and his co-operation with our Maccabi people has earned him much gratitude.

"The principal sports activities are Table-tennis, Indoor Football and Athletics. Not far from town there is a Jewish Country Sports Club where young and old meet at weekends. Maccabi members use the amenities available at this club, including a beautiful swimming pool. The Country Club has been founded by supporters of the Maccabi organisations here and, thanks to their generosity, the club premises, which were acquired only 6 months ago, consist of 4 nice and tidy rooms as well as of a small library. The adult members of the community seem divided into Sefaradim and Ashkenazim, the latter hail mainly from Poland and Germany. Their children are happily integrated in the Maccabi club without any distinction. Their sporting performance is not yet impressive but, nevertheless, they are anxious to participate. Negotiations are already proceeding with a view to chartering the aircraft to convey the participants and a large number of supporters to Israel in 1961. There are many youngsters wishing to proceed also to the Jamboree, especially those unable to go to Israel as competitors.

"My visit to Maccabi House and to the Sports Centre, has aroused much enthusiasm and you have no idea how important it is for leaders of Maccabi from other lands to visit clubs in South America. When consolidated, Latin-American Maccabi will form an important numerical section of the World Movement. They promised to send to Mr. Gildesgame copies of their monthly magazine and they asked to receive regularly the "Chairman's Newsletter".

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## URUGUAY.

### MACCABI MONTEVIDEO.

A communication dated August 1960, received from Montevideo, reports on the new elections that took place there recently. Sr. Moises Soloducho has been elected President and Sr. Eryk Kuhn Vice-President. Sr. Jose Fenyes is Secretary-General, whilst Sr. Erich Neumann is Treasurer. The new Committee comprises 24 members in all.

I also received a report dated late August about Maccabi activities in Uruguay from which I quote some extracts:

... "As you already know, the first South American Maccabi Games took place in Montevideo in September, 1959. This has been followed by the second Latin-American Maccabi Games, held in Sao Paulo in July this year.

"A Basketball team has been promoted to the 2nd Division. One of our players, Adolpho Lubnicki, has been invited to join the National Basketball team of Uruguay. Our Table-tennis team is now in the top division and one

Maccabi Montevideo (Continued):

of our players has won the Singles National Championship.

Great activity is going on in our Stadium, around which a fence is being constructed. New Tennis and Volleyball Courts are being laid. During this year we have added a second Tennis Court and have also completed the redecoration of our clubhouse, a part of which has been enlarged. We also plan to build a Gymnasium.

We sent a delegation of 110 persons to the Second Latin-American Maccabi Games in Sau Paulo. We are now concentrating all efforts to enable us to send as large a team as possible to the next World Maccabiah Games. We shall keep you fully informed as to progress made in connection therewith."

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BRAZIL.

Second Latin-American Maccabi Games.

Mr. David Kopenhagen, President of Maccabi Brazil (who is on a short visit to London) reports that 250 competitors took part in the 2nd Latin-American Maccabi Games, held in Sau Paulo, Brazil from 7th to 11th July. Participating countries included Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Brazil. Unfortunately, the Chilean delegation has been reduced to a minimum, owing to the tragic earthquakes which affected life and transportation throughout Chile. Nevertheless, Maccabi-Chile have made a gesture, which has greatly impressed everyone in Sau Paulo. Having raised a substantial sum of money to pay the cost of their expedition to Sau Paulo, but unable to send a full team, they placed the surplus funds at the disposal of the organisers in Sau Paulo to help cover their expenses. Thus, only a token team participated from Chile, who earned the gratitude of the organisers and of all participants.

The Opening and Closing ceremonies of the Games were very impressive indeed. Apart from the Israel Consul, representing the Government of Israel, the distinguished gathering included representatives of the State of Sau Paulo, as well as of the Municipality.

\*\*\*\* Photographs appearing in this issue help to reconstruct the festive atmosphere which prevailed in Sau Paulo during the memorable 4 days in July. Maccabi youth from 4 Latin-American States gathered together in a mood of happiness and with a sense of fulfilment.

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Mr. Kopenhagen, to whom several receptions were given in London, and who has visited several Maccabi clubs in the London area, informs me also that the sum of \$750,000 is being raised in Sau Paulo to defray the cost of a Maccabi Stadium in that city. Mr. Kopenhagen is quite confident that the money will be raised and that a Maccabi Stadium will make an invaluable contribution towards the promotion of sports in the ranks of Maccabi in Sau Paulo, in view of the ever-increasing numbers of members joining the Club where present facilities are quite inadequate.

Leaders of Latin-American Maccabi Organisations present at Sau Paulo last July, included Mr. Kaplun, President of the Latin-American Federation, as well as Mr. E. Dobri, President of Maccabi in the Argentine.

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Mr. Luis Aron, at one time President of Maccabi Santiago de Chile, has emigrated to Israel. He has been succeeded by Mr. Noy Furmann.

Mr. Joel Haskel\* of Stockholm\* attended some Maccabi conferences held in Rome last August.\*

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LATIN AMERICAN MACCABI GAMES  
SAU PAULO, BRAZIL, 7-11 JULY, 1960



The Opening ceremony of the Latin-American Games, Sao Paulo, as seen by a photographer of Brazil's leading Sports Journal.



Mr. Leon Feffer, Israeli Consul in Sao Paulo, addressing a capacity crowd attending the Opening Ceremony.

Seated left to right: Kaplun, Secretary of State of Sao Paulo and members of the Municipality.



The March Past of the participants.



During the Closing Ceremony, Distribution of medals and insignia to commemorate the event. Left to Right: Copenhagen, Jagle, Dobri and Kaplan.



NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS (Continued)ARGENTINE.

I am informed that the Maccabi Federation Argentine will be celebrating this year its 30th anniversary. To my regret, I have no further information on the subject, and I shall be obliged to Mr. E. Dobri if he will be good enough to let me have fuller particulars for the information of the World Executive, as well as for publication in this "Newsletter".

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U. S. A.

The following will represent the U. S. A. on the International Maccabiah Games Sponsoring Committee (I. M. G. S. C.): Col. Harry D. Henshel, Mr. Max Lovell, Mr. Harold Zimman, and Mr. Marcel Loeb (all four are leading members of the U. S. Committee for Sports in Israel).

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ISRAEL.A MACCABI MAGAZINE "MACCABIM"

Some 2 weeks ago I received the first copy of an illustrated magazine published by Maccabi Israel, entitled "Maccabim". Well edited, and containing interesting material, it promises to become an important and regular source of information concerning Maccabi activities in Israel and in the rest of the world. The Editors of "Maccabim" deserve to be warmly congratulated on this, their first effort. Considering, however, that it is printed in Hebrew only, I fear that it will inevitably have a limited circulation. The cost of newsprint is fairly high and to ask Maccabi Israel to publish their magazine in two or three other languages might sound unreasonable. Nevertheless, the Maccabi Organisation in Israel should bear in mind that we all look to them for a lead and inspiration in our day-to-day activities. We have heard very little about these and, whenever an item of news about Israel sports appears in a newspaper, brief as it may be, it fills us with pride and satisfaction. If the necessary funds and contributors could be found to extend the "Maccabim" publication and to publish it in at least three languages, the revenue from subscriptions, from increased circulation, as well as from advertisements, might well compensate the publishers for the extra cost involved.

We will look forward to the next edition and we wish the publishers of "Maccabim" many more happy returns of their first welcome effort.

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PATRONS OF THE 6TH MACCABIAH IN ISRAEL.

The following names have been added to the distinguished list of Israeli personalities who consented to be Patrons of the 6th Maccabiah: (A list of those who have previously consented was published on page 6 of the "Chairman's Newsletter", dated July.)

Mr. Abba Hushi, Mayor of Haifa, Mr. Israel Carmi, co-Chairman of the Israel Sports Federation and Mr. Y. Panai, Secretary-General of the Hapoel Organisation.

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The Haifa Maccabi Football club recently cancelled a tour of Persia. Instead, they proceeded to Yugoslavia where they played a series of matches.

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NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS. (Continued) .

ISRAEL.

'Hapoel' Tel-Aviv lost the first match of their Cyprus tour when the team was beaten by Nicosia 4 - 2 after leading 2 - 1 at half time.

A Joint Committee to organise Israel's participation in the Maccabiah has now been set up. It consists of the following: Representing Maccabi Israel: Mr. M. Ben-Dror, I Berger and I. Caspy. Representing 'Hapoel': Arye Arni, Eliezer Roy and Arye Hirsch.

The eclipse of a star.

Arieh Avidan, the well known Israel Tennis player, is giving up competitive tennis. This 32-year old sportsman won his first national singles crown in 1947 and the last in 1958. He represented Israel in 9 Davis Cup ties, the last 5 in partnership with Elezar Davidman, now aged 23. Both are Tel Avivians and members of the local Maccabi club.

Avidan has made 10 trips abroad, playing in more than 40 countries in Europe, Asia, North and South America.

Avidan's decision to retire was followed by a fine performance of Davidman and Gabriel Dubitzki in the Turkish International Tennis Championships at Ankara. Opposed by leading players from Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia and Cyprus, both players got through to the men's singles final, with Davidman winning a long four-set match, and the two of them also took the doubles title.

It is hoped that the Tennis Tournament being organised in connection with the 6th Maccabiah will be played on the newly-laid Tennis Courts on the site of the Ramat Gan Bowling Green. There will be accommodation for up to 2,000 spectators.

ERIC GUMPERT is on a visit to Israel, where he intends staying until the end of November. He has been engaged in Maccabi work for over 30 years. A resident of New York, he undertook several journeys on behalf of the Maccabi World Union Executive, visiting clubs in Latin-America and in Europe. Next December he is coming to Great Britain where he will spend about 10 days, prior to visiting Maccabi Territorial Organisations on the African Continent. Meanwhile, he is devoting much time and energy to World Executive affairs in Tel-Aviv, co-operating with our other colleagues. He is rejoining the World Executive, of which he has been a member in pre-war years and he hopes to return to Israel next August to attend the Maccabi World Congress and the Maccabiah. Eric Gumpert is accompanied by his charming wife.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Birmingham Maccabi Association has recently taken possession of their new premises which were inaugurated in the presence of members of the National Executive and of the local community. The club committee were not discouraged by an accident that occurred the night before when an explosion damaged part of the club premises. Thus, another club in Great Britain can now carry on activities in their own home.

## NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS.

GREAT BRITAIN (Continued).

Maccabiah table tennis champion Jeff Ingber returns to the English international table tennis team this month, when he plays for England in three matches, all against Russia. Also in the England team are Ian Harrison (Gloucester) and Derek Burridge (Middlesex).

For the first time an organised Maccabi Junior League for boys under 17 is to be run during the 1960/1961 Football Season. Eight clubs are to compete and there will also be a knock-out competition for a junior cup.

A special section for "minors" aged under 13 years is being formed at the Maccabi Association (N. W.) London club.

Fourteen-year old Susan Goldberg, of Maccabi Association Edgware (London), who was beaten in the semi-finals of the "Evening News" Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament, will receive free coaching and tennis equipment from the Association Lawn Tennis Coach. This is her prize for reaching the semi-finals. In 1959, Susan won the Maccabi Southern Area Ladies' Singles title, the youngest ever. Later in the same year, at the Maccabi Games in Copenhagen, she won two gold medals in the mixed doubles, where she partnered Lou Hoffman and, in the women's doubles by Rosalind Goorney.

Manchester Maccabi Football Section has three Football teams playing this season. There are over 50 members in the Football section alone. The club has also 5 Table-tennis teams in the Manchester and District Table-tennis League.

The Union of Maccabi Associations has set up the Junior Division Executive for Maccabi club members in the adolescent age group. Miss Bryna Richman, an experienced club leader, has been elected Chairman of the "Junior" Executive. She has been an active leader in Maccabi for many years and has recently joined the National Executive. The Junior Division will launch a series of training schemes for potential youth leaders, as well as for senior members in whom qualities of leadership require development.

Brighton & Hove. Only 9 weeks after the opening of their new premises, membership in the Intermediate Section increased to 220. Club officials have reluctantly considered the starting of a waiting list.

A Grand Chanukah Parade is being planned to take place in one of London's largest halls next December. Members of all clubs throughout Great Britain will participate. The programme direction and production have been entrusted to Jack Richman, a member of the National Executive and an amateur theatrical producer of considerable experience.

The Maccabi Union is also introducing a new Football league in 1960/1961 Season. It will be known as the Provincial Maccabi League, catering for 5 provincial Maccabi clubs: Manchester, Sheffield, Birmingham, Leicester and Cardiff. A representative team from this league will play a side chosen from the Southern Maccabi League towards the end of the season.

Playing-fields for Sheffield. For the first time in its 25-year history, Maccabi Sheffield is to have its own playing-fields. A five-acre sports field at Wadsley, on the outskirts of Sheffield, has been purchased by the organisation.

The ground is not yet in suitable condition but after levelling and other alterations have been completed, it is expected that there will be available two football pitches and a cricket pitch.



## NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS.

### SOUTH AFRICA.

South African Maccabi Council has already set its machinery in motion in preparation for the 6th Maccabiah.

National convenors in all sports have been appointed and these, together with the sub-committees will be watching performances of sportsmen in every field of sport. Mr. Herbert Nathan, Chairman of Southern Transvaal Maccabi, has been appointed to make enquiries in regard to a Supporters' tour to the Games next year.

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Max Spitz, a member of the World Executive who has recently visited Johannesburg, reports that the South African Maccabi Council have decided to raise a team of about 150 Maccabiah competitors. They propose co-ordinating their efforts with Maccabi in Rhodesia - so that the total combined strength of the two teams shall be about 200.

He also stated that as soon as Great Britain has approved the Maccabiah Village project, they will launch their campaign to raise £50,000 in the shortest possible time.

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### MACCABI FRANCE.

The Metz incident.

Reference to the Maccabi Sports Tournament in Metz in the last issue of this 'Newsletter' provoked some criticism from Maurice Flammer, President of Maccabi in Metz. I quote extracts from Mr. Flammer's letter to me:

... "I categorically deny that any of our footballers were professionals. We have never had any. Maccabi Metz is a member of the French Football Federation; the Tournament was conducted under the Federation's control; the referees were appointed by the Federation. Consequently, no player would be allowed to participate unless of amateur status.

"Some persons living outside France do not understand the conditions prevailing here. Metz has a population of 100,000. There are only 700 Jewish families in our town. All youth activities are organised by Maccabi and, with the help of the community, we hope to extend these activities and to increase the number of our members very considerably. It must also be remembered that since the tragic war days and the massacre of Jews by Hitler, a new young Jewish generation is rising, and the majority of those in our midst are only 10 - 15 years old. It is for these young ones that we are endeavouring to provide recreational activities. In order to raise the standard of play, we are reluctantly having to include from time to time, non-Jews in our teams. We have doubled our membership for the past year or so; at present we have 2 senior and one junior football teams, one senior and one junior Handball team. We are also developing a Men's Basketball team, as well as one for ladies. In September we hope to inaugurate a Ju-Jitsu (Judo) section and, for those not engaged in sports, a Chess section. Our Swimming Section already attracts 30 - 60 participants during training.

"You will conclude from the above how much importance we have attached to the Maccabi Sports Tournament held in Metz, and the extent to which it has stimulated the development and growth of our activities locally.

MACCABI SPORTS TOURNAMENT IN METZ, FRANCE  
MAY, 1960



Spectators standing to attention singing Hatikvah.



The British Team.



Lionel Schalit, Chairman European Maccabi Executive, presenting the Cup to the Captain of the winning Football team.

MACCABI HA'TZAIR AT PLAY



Gedera Club Choir.



Petah Tikva, Israel, at play.

NEWS FROM TERRITORIAL ORGANISATIONS (Continued).

MACCABI FRANCE.

"Unfortunately, you have not reported in your 'Newsletter' the enthusiasm which the tournament has evoked in the ranks of the Jewish population in the County of Lorraine and the close relationship that has been so evident between Maccabi Metz and the leaders of the Jewish community in our town.

"I hope, therefore, that you will be good enough to publish my report in the next issue of your 'Newsletter' and that you will emphasize the fact that I have vigorously denied that any professional players were included in the Maccabi Metz Soccer team."

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ITALY.

Mr. Della Pergola, the well known Italian Sports writer, has been nominated Chairman of the Italian Maccabiah Organising Committee, I am informed that he is making contacts with Jewish athletes in Milan, Turin, Florence, Genoa and Rome, and that quite a number of young people have expressed their intention to participate in next year's Maccabiah. Mr. Della Pergola's son is at present in Israel, where he proposes obtaining from the Executive H. Q. fullest information relating to the programme of the Maccabiah competitions.

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RHODESIA.

Matabeleland Maccabi broke new ground in Bulawayo on Sunday, September 4th, when Maccabi fielded two youthful fifteens in a keenly contested rugby match. Maccabi "A" beat Maccabi "B" 24 -6.

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Steps are being taken to organise Rhodesia's selection for the next Maccabiah Games. Only sportsmen who are members of Maccabi by a definite date, prior to the Games, will be eligible for selection.

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Harry Hart, Chairman of Mashonaland Maccabi, has been re-elected Vice-President of the Rhodesian Bowling Association. Several well known bowlers, members of Maccabi Bulawayo, will represent Rhodesia at the inter-district Bowls Tournament in Queenstown.

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I understand that the present position of Dublin Maccabi is precarious and "something will have to be done within the next 12 months" - said Mr. H. Good, President of the Club.

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STOP PRESS.

I have just been informed that Mr. Max Lovell, a prominent member of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, has been nominated Chairman of the U.S. Maccabiah Games Committee. He is assured of the co-operation of several outstanding personalities actively connected with the promotion of sport in the U.S.A., and known for their interest in the Maccabiah Games.

We look forward to close co-operation with Max Lovell and his colleagues and to the re-appearance at next year's Maccabiah of a strong team of Jewish athletes from all over the U.S.A.

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