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THIS REPORT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PRESENTED
BY THE LATE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLD
EXECUTIVE, **CHAUVER LEO KOWARSKY**, WHOSE
SUDDEN AND UNTIMELY PASSING PREVENTED IT.

THE MACCABI WORLD EXECUTIVE

Composition: Members of the World Executive, elected by Congress (Mexico 1969) remain in office for a period of 4 years, until next Congress (1973). The Constitution of the Movement, however, allows for changes in membership under certain conditions.

Regarding Executive members residing outside of Israel, some of them are no longer in office today in their respective territorial organizations, but only in one instance (Argentina) was an enquiry made concerning the replacement of one Executive member by another, though no final decision was forwarded.

In the Israel Executive Headquarters, the following changes occurred:

- a) the resignation of Chaver Yehoshua Hadari from his position as Honorary Secretary. Chaver Israel Ben-Nun took over this position, being relieved of his task as Joint-Honorary Treasurer, but remaining as Chairman of the Executive's Finance Committee.
- b) Chaver Eliezer Argov, elected by Congress and responsible in the Executive for "Education", asked to be relieved for health reasons and Chaver Simcha Friedman undertook this office in the Executive.
- c) Chaver Abraham Friedmann relinquished his membership in the World Executive, but remains as a "financial adviser" to the Executive.
- d) Chaver Gideon Pat, member of Knesset, joined the World Executive in Israel as a result of nomination by Maccabi Israel and is in charge of the Executive's Aliyah Department. His adoption to the Executive was made following a Resolution of the plenary meeting of the World Executive in August 1969, giving Maccabi Israel a further seat on the Executive provided that their nominee would be able to deal with Aliyah.
- e) Chaver George Flesch, upon completion of a mission to the U.S.A. on behalf of the State of Israel Bonds, returned to Tel Aviv and was entrusted with "special tasks".

Working Procedure: The Israel Executive members act as the World Executive Headquarters, working as follows:

Executive Meetings: The Executive, under the Chairmanship of the late Chaver Leo Kowarsky, met twice each month and since the plenary meeting in August 1969 regular meetings have taken place. The Executive, apart from dealing with running matters, sees its main task in the implementation of decisions and resolutions taken at the 16th World Congress in Mexico 1968 and following up the plenary session held in August 1969.

The main objects, as laid down, are as follows:-

- 1) Intensification of contact between Executive Headquarters and the Continental Organizations and Territorial Organizations.
- 2) Ideological guidance.
- 3) Intensification of cultural, educational and sports activities.
- 4) Aliyah.

This Report will deal specially with each of these subjects.

Before reaching decisions of primary importance for the Movement, apart from those which have already been taken by Congress or by Plenary Session, the Chairman Pierre Gildesgame is consulted and his advice is asked for. So far as possible, other World Executive members are also consulted.

Executive Committees: According to usual procedure, either permanent or ad-hoc Executive committees are instructed to deal with certain items and results are reported to the Executive for adoption for formal decision.

The following are some of the Executive sub-committees:

- a) permanent:
 - Finance
 - Youth & Shlichim
 - Maccabiah
 - Maccabiah Village
 - Modiin
 - Aliyah
 - Education and guidance
 - Editors Committee
- b) ad-hoc:
 - I.M.G.C. (international maccabiah games committee)
 - 8th Maccabiah Report
 - Relationship with other organizations (Jewish Welfare Board)
 - Youth Festival
 - Leadership Convention
 - Restitutions.

Remark: Report on the work carried out either by the Executive or by its committees will be presented under specific headings.

Headquarters Office: Deals with administrative matters and is, through its Executive Director, in close coordination in all Executive work at the different levels.

Meeting Attendance: Executive Headquarters in Israel, acting for the World Executive, consists of 13 members. Meetings are attended by approximately 80% of the membership (see Append. A). The President, Mr. Nachum Heth, who was seriously injured

in an accident, unfortunately is not able to participate for the time being at Executive meetings. The Honorary Vice President, Dr. Robert Atlasz, is in regular attendance.

Contact between the World Executive Headquarters in Israel and Abroad:

Contact with members of the World Executive, especially with those residing abroad, is kept by the following means:

a) Executive Minutes: Sent out in Hebrew, English and in Spanish.

As the Executive is composed of Continental Chairmen (ex-officio members) and personally elected Maccabi leaders, it is their task to take care that all territorial organizations are informed about Movement activities. Unfortunately, it has become clear that some of the elected members abroad do not act accordingly and there have been unfortunate cases where territorial organizations have not been kept in the picture by elected World Executive members residing in the respective countries.

Executive Circular Letters: Usually dealing with a specific item, like Aliyah, Publications, Modiin or special projects like the Leadership Convention, Youth Festival in Israel, are addressed to Continental Chairmen, Chairmen of territorial organizations and to all members of the World Executive. These Circulars, giving information on specific items, call for action from the side of the recipients and do not always receive full attention, thereby hampering the work of Executive Headquarters (more about this later).

The Executive in Israel decided therefore to send out minutes of Executive meetings to all territorial Chairmen, whether members of the Executive or not, and it was gratifying to receive their reaction concerning certain discussed items. As this is contrary to the rules as laid down in the M.W.U. Constitution, the Executive in Israel followed the advice of the Chairman Pierre Gildesgame and instead of sending out Executive minutes, a monthly Executive Newsletter (not to be confused with the Maccabi World Bulletin) is being passed to all territorial organizations giving full information about Executive work in Israel.

Contact with Continental Chairmen and Executive Members: Contact is usually kept by mail or, as will be reported later, through personal contact.

a) Contact by mail with Continental Chairmen is regular, but to a much lesser degree with some elected Executive members who do not reply to circular letters or take their stand on matters as reported in Executive minutes. This refers specially to those Executive members elected by Congress who are not in office today in their specific territorial organizations. It would therefore be in place to discuss at the next Congress the provisions dealing with Executive membership.

It may be advisable to bring forward a proposition that elected World Executive members, not in office in their territorial organizations, should be automatically relieved from their membership and replaced by the incoming Chairman of the territorial organization.

Personal Contact: It is right to state here that the present Executive Headquarters has succeeded in intensifying personal contact. It has made all-out efforts to delegate members to important events being held in different continents and by visiting territorial organizations at every opportunity.

Meetings with Pierre Gildesgame: Chaverim Kowarsky, Ben-Nun and Kevehazi, before attending the European Conference in Brussels in November 1970, met with our Chairman and with Maccabi leaders residing in England for important deliberations.

Latin American Maccabi Convention - Buenos Aires April 1970: Chaver Ben-Nun, Honorary Secretary, represented the World Executive Headquarters at this very important Convention and his attendance provided the opportunity to make the Forum acquainted with important decisions taken by the World Executive Headquarters, to clarify certain items and to discuss problems of mutual interest.

Chaverim Kowarsky, Ben-Nun and Kevehazi - Executive Headquarter's Delegates to the European Maccabi Conference - Brussels November 1970: With their attendance it was possible not only to prove the general interest shown toward the work of European Maccabi, but also to discuss with Maccabi leaders all subjects of major importance.

Australia: For the first time in our history, a World Executive member was delegated (Noah Klieger) for the Australian Maccabi Sports Carnival and the following Annual Conference of Maccabi in Australia, in Melbourne 1970.

South Africa: On a visit to South Africa, the late Deputy Chairman Leo Kowarsky, kept close contact with Maccabi members there and attended meetings and special events.

Apart from all this, Israeli Executive members, whenever abroad, keep a close contact with the leaders of the Movement in the countries visited, views are exchanged and discussions are held and explanations are given on decisions taken by the Executive. There are quite an impressive number of such personal contacts and to name some of them:

Chaverim Flesch, Ben-Nun and Pat - with members of Maccabi U.S.A.
Chaver Edelstein - U.S.A., Canada, Mexico.
Chaver Savidor - England, Italy.
Chaver Kevehazi - England.
Chaver Friedman - Italy.
Chaver Dr. Atlasz - Germany.
Chaver Wein - Austria, Germany, Switzerland.

Most of our distinguished Maccabi visitors to Israel attended meetings here of the World Executive or were invited to special functions in their honour in the home of the Deputy Chairman or in the Maccabiah Village.

Visits of Maccabi leaders to Israel (members and non-members of the World Executive) were used to discuss with them all matters of mutual interest.

Among Maccabim on visits to Israel were:

Chaver Gecelter - South Africa

Chaverim Worms, Gradon and Rayman - England

Chaver Menco - Holland

Chaver Haas - France

Chaver Guggenheim - Switzerland

Chaverim Wronkow, Bodnia and Haskell - Scandinavia

Chaverim Rotter and Kesselman - Argentina

Chaverim Willner, Nachman and Dr. Kranz - Germany

Chaver Marcos Mandel - Uruguay

Chaverim Yasinovsky and Barer - Mexico

The Executive feels that with regard to intensification of personal contacts there has been considerable achievement and it is the intention to proceed in this way as there can be no better way of discussing problems and finding ways and means for close coordination and cooperation.

Decisions on policy of major importance:

a) World Zionist Federation : Maccabi participation in membership drive (Census) of World Jewry.

At the last Actions Committee session of the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem in January 1970, a major item for discussion and decision was the Membership Drive, the outcome of which will serve, among others, as the key for representation from the various countries in the head organizing bodies of this World Organization. All who join this Drive will sign their approval of the so-called "Jerusalem Programme". The Maccabi World Union, according to its Constitution, as a non-political Youth Movement could not and was not ready to apply for membership in this Organization which, in the past, consisted mostly of representation from political organizations.

The "Jerusalem Programme" now complies fully with the aims and objects of our World Movement as laid down in the Constitution (Part II). The Maccabi World Executive, after being approached by key personalities in the World Zionist Organization - Jewish Agency - to subscribe to the Membership Drive in all of its territorial organizations and after thorough deliberation and after having received advice from Chairman Pierre Gildesgame, decided to enter the Drive wholeheartedly. Continental as well as territorial organization Chairmen were informed and directives issued accordingly.

With regard to the final outcome of the Membership Drive, the World Executive feels that it is of the greatest importance for the future of our Movement: The identification of Maccabi members with the aims of the Jerusalem Programme.

The name of Maccabi will be on the map of the World Zionist Organization - the Jewish Agency.

Maccabi, in future, therefore cannot be ignored by the Head Organization of World Jewry and representation in its bodies as well as allocation for Shlichim will be made according to our strength the world over.

The Executive felt that this decision is of such major importance that it decided to delegate its Honorary Secretary, Israel Ben-Nun, to explain it at the Latin-American Federation Conference in Buenos Aires (April 1970) and through the Executive delegation (Kowarsky, Ben-Nun, Kevehazi) at the European Maccabi Conference in Brussels, November 1970, where the Jewish Agency, fully aware of the importance of our participation in the Drive, specially delegated Mr. A. Dulczin, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, as a guest speaker on this subject. Further, upon the invitation of the Census Headquarters in Jerusalem, Chaver Willy Kraiem, (former Continental Movement Shaliach in Latin American countries) was sent to South and Central America where he has been instructed to help with the organization and procedure of Maccabi participation in the Census.

The World Executive left it to the discretion of its members to join the Drive, either as individuals or as Maccabi Organizations.

It will therefore be one of the tasks of the Plenary Session to make a decision with regard to Phase 2 of the Drive - elections to the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency.

The second Executive Circular (30th October 1970) asked for the opinion of all Maccabi leaders, as follows:-

- a) preference for participation on a personal basis
- b) preference for participation of Maccabi as a separate list
- c) appearing as candidates in other lists.

Although Headquarters were informed about a very lively Maccabi participation in many countries, it is, at this time, not possible to give a clear picture on progress made as most countries did not send in their reports.

World Council for Russian Jewry:

Our Movement, since its existence, has always been in the forward rank of fighters for national freedom and the defence of Jewish rights.

It was therefore a natural decision taken by the Executive in Israel to join, wholeheartedly, the appeal for moral support for our brethren in the U.S.S.R. and their right to come to Israel.

Continental Chairmen have been asked to direct the territorial organizations for full participation in public actions being taken, especially at the time of the Leningrad Trials.

The World Executive, having been approached by the Executive body of the World Council for Russian Jewry, accepted the invitation to become a member of the Council. Chaver Savidor, Chairman of Maccabi Israel, was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the Council.

FINANCE

The Movement's financial structure continues to be unsatisfactorily based. Annual expenditure is naturally rising both due to inflation and extension of activities, whilst the grant received from the Jewish Agency - the main source of income - has remained unchanged for some years. Only some countries honour their commitment for membership fees. Since the Maccabiah no fees have been received from Latin-America, although the bulk of expenditure is in fact involved in activities on behalf of our Latin American territorial organizations (shlichim, machon, shnat sherut, bulletin and Maccabion in Spanish, etc.). The Treasurer proposes to bring this problem to the Plenary Session for discussion.

The financial side of the 8th Maccabiah has been wound up and all debts have been discharged.

The Restitution claim has been actively pursued and by the time of the Plenary Session it is hoped that a report on the final outcome can be given.

No progress has been made in resolving the matter of the old Maccabiah Stadium, which still brings no income to the Maccabi World Union.

MACCABIAH VILLAGE

In the two years since Congress, substantial progress has been made. The crippling load of debts has been regularized, partly by being paid off with the help of the M.W.U. and a few territorial organizations and partly by reaching satisfactory long-term agreements. The main debt - to the Israel Government - has been consolidated by the Government taking half the debt in share capital and arranging a long period for the balance. Due to improved management, the Village is now profit-making and able to fund its loan repayment programme. Considerable maintenance and improvement work has taken place, including the erection of a 450 seat hall, which will be the central venue of the Leadership Convention. Apart from the financial and material side, progress has been made in making the Village serve its true function. More and more youth and sports groups make use of it, the Jewish Agency houses large numbers of visiting youth and an increasing number of Maccabi meetings and activities find their place in the Village. With the availability of the new Hall, the efforts in this direction will be increased.

The main burden has fallen on Chaver Mordechai Ben-Dror, who has devoted untold energy and time to this work. He is assisted by Chaverim Ben-Nun and Kevehazi, from the ranks of the Executive, and by Ramat Gan Mayor Dr. Israel Peled, as Chairman of the Board, and Israel Goldstein and Uzi Netanel, as hardworking members of the inner executive of the Village, together with its secretary Rivka Rabinowitz.

The inner executive meets at least once a week and most weeks individual members spend many further hours on management of the Village.

Further considerable improvement is desired by these Chaverim and the Executive wishes them success.

PUBLICATIONS

Maccabi World Bulletin: Edited in Spanish and in English, has for many years past served as a kind of official "mouth-piece" for our Movement, giving information on all that is going on in our Movement.

The aim of our Bulletin is to bring information about world activities, exchange information and to keep our Maccabi readers up to date with Maccabi news.

Following the need for discussion and exchange of views on problems facing our Movement and, above all, to provide material for thought on the tasks of our Movement in the future, articles in ever-increasing numbers by leaders of our Movement are published.

This quarterly publication is well received by our readers the world over, but the World Executive in Israel and its Board of Editors lament the lack of willing cooperation. In many circular letters sent out Maccabim in our territorial organizations have been asked to send in their contributions for the Bulletin and not to wait until they are asked to do so. However, response to this appeal has been most disappointing.

Distribution of our Bulletin is being steadily increased as a result of a favourable response from territorial organization Chairmen, who have sent in a revised list for the respective countries. 1500 copies in English and 1000 copies in Spanish are printed and Spanish language editions are also distributed to Spanish speaking Maccabi immigrants in the various absorption centers all over Israel.

Maccabion: The Youth & Shlichim Department of the Executive issues a special publication (quarterly) in Spanish, addressed mainly to the youth departments of our territorial organizations. It aims to serve as a guide for the organization of Maccabi youth activities in clubs as well as in camps, by bringing articles of interest for our Movement and the Jewish World as such, to be used for open discussions and, last but not least, material on how traditional and national Jewish holidays should be feted in Maccabi.

Whilst the response from youth madrichim (including those who were on Shnat Sherut in Israel and those who passed the one-year study course at the Youth Leaders Institute of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem) is very positive, insufficient response has been received here at Executive Headquarters from territorial organization Chairmen, even though they have been asked for their reactions.

The Executive in Israel, bearing in mind its task to increase activities in the field of education and guidance, decided in a meeting on March 3rd 1971 to enlarge its Board of Editors and to issue the World Bulletin and the Maccabion as one publication. It is hoped that by increasing the number of articles and publications in this manner, the World Bulletin/Maccabion will attain a high standard and supply the answer for this urgent need.

Executive Newsletter: This is sent out each month and summarizes Executive activities with the aim of keeping every one of our leaders well informed.

ALIYAH

World Congress in Mexico 1968, as well as the Plenary meeting in Israel in August 1969, prominently stressed the importance of fostering Aliyah on a voluntary basis in all spheres of its activities and so encourage Maccabi youth to settle in Israel in as large numbers as possible...

Congress further directed the incoming World Executive to nominate one of its members to be in charge of Aliyah and integration.

World Executive Headquarters in Israel, complying with this decision, entrusted Chaver Gideon Pat with the Aliyah file, fully realizing that our assistance should and could only be in social integration.

So as to be prepared to deal efficiently with this task,

- a) the Committee, headed by Chaver Pat, consisting of Executive members, Spanish-speaking members of the Youth Department, as well as Spanish-speaking Maccabi volunteers, was set up.
- b) the Committee sent out a number of circular letters (together with an appeal from Chaver Pat, which were repeated in Bulletin No. 13/70. These circulars gave information about the aims and objects and asked, above all, for information on forthcoming Aliyah of Maccabim - as without such information at hand steps could not be planned for their reception (at harbour or airport) upon their arrival and contacts with them in the many absorption centers all over the country.
- c) Maccabi Israel was approached to set up liaison groups in local Maccabi clubs, especially in those where there are absorption centers and ulpanim.
- d) Full assistance was promised from General (reserves) Uzi Narkiss, head of the Department of the Jewish Agency.

To our deep regret, in isolated cases only did territorial organizations follow our appeal and as a result of this complete lack of cooperation, the Aliyah Department - fully aware of its organizational limitations - could only deal with those Maccabi immigrants where information was received. In such cases, immigrants were welcomed upon their arrival and personal contact kept with them in the centers. In a number of cases, the Committee has been able to help successfully by giving advice, making contacts between Olim and Israeli institutions as well as private enterprises. Housing too has been dealt with in some cases to the full satisfaction of our Maccabi friends.

There are now in Israel a large number of new immigrants - a great part of them from the Latin American countries and many are former active members of our Movement - with whom we have not sufficient contact. It was therefore decided to hold a gathering of Spanish-speaking Maccabim on the 13th May 1971 (Lag B'omer) in the Maccabiah Village

with the aim of:

- a) bringing them together with the M.W.U. and Maccabi Israel through personal contact in order to establish closer ties as a first step for their integration in Maccabi Israel.
- b) to offer them hospitality by the M.W.U. and Maccabi Israel and to extend advice, professional as well as non-professional.

This gathering was a complete success. It was attended by 200 Maccabi immigrants who, in the morning hours, received information about the M.W.U. and Maccabi Israel in order to acquaint them with the Maccabi organization in this country and the possibilities for their active participation in Maccabi clubs. They had further professional advice on their rights as immigrants and the services offered by the Maccabi Sick Fund.

The luncheon was attended by all members of the M.W.U. and Maccabi Israel and the guest of honour was Mr. Arie Dulciz, treasurer of the Jewish Agency. Greetings were brought from the Municipality of Ramat Gan by the Mayor of Ramat Gan, Dr. Peled. In the afternoon, the participants were split up into groups and they discussed specific problems with professionals.

The importance attached to our event was made by the presence of General Uzi Narkiss from the Jewish Agency and the Director General of the Ministry of Absorption, who brought greetings to all participants.

This first experiment gave the M.W.U. Executive and Maccabi Israel a first-class opportunity to learn, through personal contact, about the problems of our immigrants, problems which, above all, are in the field of social integration and far less in the field of professional absorption. As an outcome of this first gathering, it was decided:

- a) to set up a special Latin American Maccabi Immigrants Committee, which will serve as a main address for concentrating individual requests for assistance in the various fields through the M.W.U. and Maccabi Israel.
- b) to set up a permanent Information Desk of the M.W.U. and Maccabi Israel, which will deal with questions of immigrants only.

Finally, it must be reported here that this gathering was the combined successful effort of the Maccabi World Union and Maccabi Israel.

Parallel to this action some 80 university students, Maccabi from Latin America, are in contact with the Executive Youth Department. It is the aim to integrate them into our Movement, especially in youth work. A special volunteer, Dr. Enrico Bimstein, is dealing immigrant or temporary resident students on behalf of the Executive. It will be his task to give advice on study possibilities in high schools in Israel to all who are interested and our territorial organizations have been informed about this in a special circular letter sent out recently.

Conclusion:

It must be perfectly clear that the World Executive in Israel in its organizational and administrative set up has, at the best, only limited possibilities to fulfil such an important task. The success of it lies therefore, not in the work of Headquarters only but in field operation through the approach to immigrants in all places where they study or later settle down. This task can be carried out only by Maccabi Israel through its more than 75 local clubs, spread all over the country.

The World Executive headquarters must act as a link between the territorial organizations and Maccabi Israel and assist Maccabi Israel in this work.

THE YOUTH AND SHLICHIM DEPARTMENT

One of the greatest problems the world faces today is the revolution of youth seeking new ways and new ideas. Maccabi the world over has in its membership a high percentage of youngsters and growing youth and we, in all fairness, must admit that our own youth is trying to find new outlets. With regard to our Movement we must admit too that only a small percentage of our youth is organized in youth groups which, as such groups, have a chance to participate in pre-planned activities or make their own programmes according to their own ideas and wishes.

The World Executive and especially its Youth Department is very well aware of the problems facing Jewish youth education and with its very limited powers and possibilities tries - and in some cases very successfully - to bring our youth into organized activities.

These are the main tasks and objects of the Department, which has its own committee consisting of members of the World Executive, members of Maccabi Israel and Maccabi Tzair Israel, as well as some Maccabi youth leaders from Latin American countries settled permanently in Israel. The Youth Department and its sub-committees is an integral part of the Movement and matters of major policy and of general importance are brought up for discussion and decision before the World Executive and Department procedure is carried out according to decisions taken.

a) Guidance and Coordination of Youth Activities in the Territorial Organizations:

It is a natural aim of the Executive to have organized Maccabi youth activities in every territorial organization and in each Maccabi club. Unfortunately we are still very far from realizing this aim. The reasons for this are manifold. There are still some territorial organizations, especially in Europe, which see Maccabi as a sports organization and leave all cultural and educational and recreational activities in the hands of other organizations, for instance to the community centers. On the other hand, there are territorial organizations which have all the facilities for sports and recreation but are not interested in organizing special youth activities. Youth may be invited to participate only as such in special events like the celebration of traditional and national holidays, but inbetween no care is taken by these territorial organizations for continuous youth activities. There are, of course, territorial organizations where Maccabi youth is organized and these are where the Movement was either able to send its Shlichim or where local youth have the possibility to organize themselves.

The Youth Department, through various means, tries to give guidance to all the territorial organizations whether Maccabi youth is working on an organized basis or not. This includes the sending of specially prepared material concerning youth activities on the basis of Maccabi Tzair work as well as material concerning educational activities and recreational activities. The "Maccabion" (reported about under "Publications")

serves as a means of communication. Another means of communication is direct contact with local Maccabi youth leaders, especially in Latin American countries, who receive material upon their own request and, last but not least, direct communication with specially-schooled Shlichim of our Movement active in certain countries.

Department efforts to increase organized youth activities were crowned with success in two important Maccabi organizations - England, where our Movement Shaliach can look back on a very successful two-years work and he has been asked to give another year; South Africa, where organized youth activities on a large scale are successfully being carried out, again through a Maccabi Shaliach.

It is proper to stress here the fact that our Movement is a youth Movement, on the one hand, but doesn't really have organized youth activities in many of its organizations and this brings us into conflict with the Youth and Pioneer Department of the Jewish Agency. The Head of this Department, Col. Bar-On, and his assistants are very well aware of this fact and are ready to give help in those countries where organized youth activities exist. It will therefore be the aim of the Youth Department to intensify its efforts to set up, in close coordination with local territorial organizations, organized youth groups which will find their home in their own clubs and the possibility of receiving a Maccabi education while giving the feeling that they are free to make recommendations and proposals as to how they want the work to be done.

b) Shlichim:

In every Congress held till now, appeals were made to the Jewish Agency to increase the number of Movement shlichim. The situation today is as follows:- Shlichim are still being sent out according to the political key of representation in head organizations of the Jewish Agency. Although relationship with the Agency and especially with its Youth Department are good, the fact remains that the Department, under the very best conditions, will only grant us the limited number of Shlichim and this allocation is fully used by us. To this we have to add the fact that the Department shows a readiness only to send Shlichim to countries where Maccabi is really active as a Youth Movement. We have today our Shlichim in South Africa, England, Italy, Peru, Uruguay, Mexico and Chile.

Shlichim sent out from Israel are Movement Shlichim, a matter which is not fully taken into account by some of our territorial organizations. A Shaliach is not only supposed to take care of the youngest members but should be given an opportunity to organize activities for the growing generation and full assistance to the Executive of the respective territorial organization. Some territorial organizations do not realize this and do not make best use of our Shlichim in this way.

The ever-increasing demands for the education of a Shaliach from our Movement as well as from the Jewish Agency makes it more and more difficult for us to find suitable people for shlichut and out of some 30 candidates only 10 were found suitable for shlichut by the Committee and an even smaller number will be found suitable by the Jewish Agency after passing through special schooling. If we take into consideration that persons of higher education have no difficulty today in finding suitable jobs in Israel and are therefore less interested in shlichut, we have to be prepared to face the problem of increasing the number of shlichim if the Jewish Agency, as we hope it will, will decide to allocate a bigger number of shlichim to our Movement. The solution to this very grave problem lies in a special education for chosen suitable persons in youth leadership, which will equip them with the necessary knowledge to act as such, not only for a comparatively short shlichut, but later on in the same field of activity. This task which, under prevailing conditions, the World Executive cannot as yet carry out, but the aim must be to set up a Maccabi Seminar for Maccabi Youth Leaders.

MACHON LE MADRICHEI CHUTZ LA'ARETZ (YOUTH LEADERS SEMINAR OF THE JEWISH AGENCY)

This special study year for young people, members of various Youth Movements and Organizations abroad, is attended regularly by Maccabim from Latin American countries for the past six years.

While for many years past our Maccabi groups at the Machon did not exceed more than 12 in number - and this in spite of organizational efforts by the Youth Department of the World Executive and promises from the Youth and Pioneer Department of the Jewish Agency to allocate more places for our Movement - we are glad to inform that this study year (1970/71) is being attended by 24 Maccabim from various countries and is the strongest organized group there.

This school aims at preparing youth from abroad for tasks as youth leaders. Studies at the Machon are for six months and for the remainder of the year the youngsters come under the direct supervision of the respective Movement, which takes full responsibility for Movement education. This second period is spent in various Moshavoth and/or Kibbutzim and here they work and study the Hebrew language, taking part in all activities, educational as well as recreational, together with the youth living there.

Tel Itzhak, a well established Moshav in the Sharon has become the "second home" for our Maccabi students.

Carefully pre-planned activities are executed on the broadest line, including Maccabi Seminars in the Maccabiah Village, compulsory attendance of physical education courses, regular weekly lectures, excursions, attendance at major Maccabi Tzair events (camps, courses for Madrichim, etc.) have all brought very good results in the past two study

periods - 1968/69 and 1969/70. Our Maccabi students have all expressed their satisfaction. The main question facing us is how many of those who passed through the Machon are active in their local clubs upon their return to their home countries.

The Youth and Shlichim Department keeps contact with groups (former students at the Machon and Shnat Sherut) but even so there is no clear information at hand. All that is known here is that a number of them are really active.

SHNAT SHERUT

Eleven young Maccabim from Uruguay were, in 1969, the first organized group to follow up an invitation to spend a year working in Israel. This group went to a newly established Kibbutz on the Golan Heights and their enthusiastic and sincere wish to play their part in building up this Kibbutz was very much appreciated. Naturally, the great distance made it very difficult for the Youth Department to organize regular Maccabi activities for them, but even so the group was visited and took part in all major Maccabi youth events and seminars during their stay in Israel.

In 1970, again a Maccabi volunteer group of eleven members, from Argentina, Uruguay and Mexico, came to Israel and are still here with us. It is of interest to note that from both these groups some 40% either have remained to settle permanently in the country or will return after settling affairs in their home countries.

ORGANIZED YOUTH GROUPS VISITS TO ISRAEL

In every case where we received information in time about planned visits of organized groups, the Department arranged special Maccabi activities for the visitors during their stay in Israel. Unfortunately, there were some cases when youth groups, belonging to Maccabi affiliated clubs, came to the country and because of lack of early information it was very difficult for us to locate them and make contact with them. The blame here must be placed with the territorial organizations.

The participation of organized Maccabi groups from England and Switzerland for the traditional Three-Day March in Israel has been very welcome and prominently featured by the TV, press and radio. Maccabi World Union Headquarters sends out information, in good time, about this event to all territorial organizations, but only these two countries have reacted to it.

SPORTS

8th Maccabiah Games:

a) Maccabiah Report: The Committee as set up by the Plenary Meeting in August 1969 prepared a full report on the 8th Maccabiah Games, a report which was based on those received from members of the I.M.G.C., the Maccabiah Organizing Committee, International Observers and Referees as well as reports from most of the team leaders.

It is the first time that such a comprehensive report and study has been made and compliments were received on it from the International Olympic Committee, the Israel Sports Authority, the Israel Olympic Committee and the leaders of our Movement abroad.

Conclusions in this report, as well as recommendations, should serve as a guide for the organizers of the 9th Maccabiah Games.

b) 8th Maccabiah Results Book: To our deep regret this book came from the printers with an inexcusable delay and our apologies are extended hereby.

9th Maccabiah Games - Israel 1973:

I.M.G.C. An Executive Committee was instructed and prepared, in close coordination with Pierre Gildesgame, the Charter for the International Maccabiah Games Committee (I.M.G.C.) for the 9th Maccabiah. In view of Pierre Gildesgame's inability on health grounds to serve again as Chairman of the I.M.G.C., after consulting all Executive members, Chaver Leo Kowarsky was entrusted with the Chairmanship and Chaver Ken Gradon with the Deputy Chairmanship of the I.M.G.C. Since the sudden and tragic death of our dear Chaver Leo Kowarsky, Pierre Gildesgame has once again taken up the Chairmanship of the I.M.G.C.

Other preparations: Chaver Chaim Wein, member of the Executive for Maccabiah Continuation, set up a small group of specialists some 6 months ago and technical preparations for the 9th Maccabiah have been started.

A special meeting of the World Executive headquarters on February 17th 1971 held with the newly appointed Director of the Israel Sports Authority, Yariv Oren, and his deputy Uri Afek, provided an opportunity to discuss with them general problems concerning the Games and full assistance was promised especially as far as provision of manpower for the 9th Maccabiah is concerned.

Continental Sports Activities:

During the period covered by this report, several Continental sports events took place. Although the Continental Chairmen will report about these directly, the

importance of such events like the Annual South African and Australian Sports Carnivals cannot be stressed often enough as they are not only highlights of sporting activities, but are of great importance as central events for community life in these countries.

Maccabi in Europe organized a number of regional tournaments in various sports.

In the Latin American Continent, regular sports events (with participation from some of the Territorial Organizations) were held.

As a result of certain political changes in some Latin American countries, the planned Latin American Sports Meet in Peru in 1971 had to be cancelled.

The territorial organizations in Latin America foster sports on a wide basis in their many beautiful country clubs and members of Maccabi in Mexico, Argentina, are included in national teams.

Relations with International Sports Bodies:

G.A.I.F. (General Assembly of International Federations): Maccabi World Union is a regular member of this important organization of international sports and Chaver Chaim Wein was delegated to all the meetings which have taken place of this organization.

Our membership in this organization is a result of our being recognized as an organization of Olympic Standing and Maccabi actually represents not only sports in our organization but in Israel too. Our presence in the G.A.I.F. enables us to keep close personal contact with the heads of all international sports federations, to keep them informed about Maccabi activities and, above all, about the Maccabiah Games.

Israel Olympic Committee and Israel Sports Federations: A close contact is kept with all Israeli sports institutions concerning the Maccabiah Games. Inbetween Games, most friendly relations are maintained through members of the World Executive who represent Maccabi Israel in these organizations.

ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE MEETINGSNumber of meetings held between August 1969 - June 1971: 33 meetings.

| | <u>Number of meetings attended.</u> | <u>Out of possible.</u> | <u>Excuses</u> <u>Illness.</u> | <u>Army Service.</u> | <u>Abroad.</u> |
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| 1. Dr. Robert Atlasz | 22 | (33) | | | 3 |
| 2. Leo Kowarsky (deceased) | 30 | (31) | | | 1 |
| 3. Luis Aron | 23 | (33) | | | |
| 4. Alexander Alexandroni | 24 | (33) | 7 | | |
| 5. Israel Ben-Nun | 30 | (33) | | | 2 |
| 6. Mordechai Ben-Dror | 25 | (33) | 3 | | |
| 7. Moshe Edelstein | 28 | (33) | 2 | 1 | |
| 8. Simcha Friedman | 22 | (33) | | 9 | 2 |
| 9. George Flesch | 17 | (18) | | | |
| 10. Michael Kevehazi | 28 | (33) | 1 | 3 | |
| 11. Noah Klieger | 21 | (33) | | | 6 |
| 12. Menachem Savidor | 18 | (33) | | | 2 |
| 13. Chaim Wein | 27 | (33) | | | 3 |
| 14. Gideon Pat | 3 | (20) | | | 3 |