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A national organization, the American Council for Judaism, was organized in 1942. Its purpose is to promote the best interests of the Jewish people in the United States and to secure for them the full rights of citizenship. The Council's program enables American Jews to meet obligations to public affairs, religious, and political, in ways compatible with their own beliefs, rather than in the Jewish nationalist pattern of Zionism. The Council affirms that nationality and religion are separate and distinct, that no Jew or group of Jews can stand for all American Jews; that Israel is the homeland of its own citizens only and not of all Jews.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

February 19, 1963

Dear Member:

As we approach the 20th Anniversary of the birth of The American Council for Judaism, we believe you will be tremendously interested in these startling developments, in which you have played a role through your support of The Council:

1. The American Zionist Council (coordinating political-action arm of all U.S. Zionist organizations) was asked last month by the Justice Department to register as a "foreign agent" of the State of Israel. (The AZC, until recently, received \$1,500,000 annually from the United Jewish Appeal.)
2. A subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has begun an investigation into expenditures in the United States of the Jewish Agency for Israel (New York), already registered as a "foreign agent." The Jewish Agency (New York) receives UJA funds from the Jewish Agency (Jerusalem). Both agencies are the same as the World Zionist Organization; and both receive their UJA funds through a third entity, the Jewish Agency, Inc. in New York.
3. The State Department has just refused to recognize the Jewish Agency, Inc. (a New York corporation) as an organization eligible to receive surplus commodities. One reason given was that our Government does not want to aid the Zionist-Jewish Agency's program of promoting immigration to Israel, described by our Government as contributing to Middle East tensions.
4. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was refused admission to a State Department briefing session January 28 on the ground

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THE AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM INC.
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What is the Council?

A national organization of Americans of Jewish faith, who believe the following: (1) Nationality and religion are separate and distinct. Our nationality is American, our religion is Judaism. Our homeland is the United States of America. We reject any concept that all Jews outside of Israel are in "exile." (2) The nationalism of Israel must be confined to the boundaries of that State. Its spokesmen, representatives, agencies and instrumentalities in no way represent us. (3) We are dedicated to extend the fullest philanthropic aid to our coreligionists and to suffering humanity everywhere. (4) No Jew or group of Jews can speak for, or represent, all the Jews of America.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE OF ZIONIST AGENCIES DISCLOSED IN AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM NEWSLETTER

New York -- The United States Government is apparently "tightening its surveillance" of key Zionist operations in this country. The government has asked the Zionist coordinating group to register as a "foreign agent" and has refused surplus commodities to another key Zionist agency on the ground that it is primarily an immigration recruiter for the State of Israel.

These actions, reported in the March edition of Brief, a newsletter of the American Council for Judaism, released here today, were described as "revealing and crucial for the future of Zionism." The newsletter said that the Justice Department in mid-January had "suggested" the American Zionist Council register as a foreign agent. The AZC, according to Brief, "is the coordinating, political-action arm of U. S. Zionist organizations."

The AZC acquired certain "hard" political functions after the United Jewish Appeal was reorganized at the suggestion of the Treasury Department in 1961.

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