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AZC Gives Up \$ to Avoid Foreign Agent Registration

NEW YORK (P-O) — The American Zionist Council has decided to relinquish the departments it received when the Jewish Agency was separated in order not to have to register as a foreign agent, according to a report in Haaretz.

The various departments will revert back to the American section of the Jewish Agency for Israel which has received its budget from Jerusalem ever since the establishment of the Jewish Agency Inc.

The latter is made up entirely of American Jews from Zionist, United Jewish Appeal UJA and Federation circles which administer the UJA funds in Israel,

using the Israeli Jewish Agency as their agents there. This organization was set up to assure that all UJA funds would be used only for philanthropic activities in Israel.

The Council has been receiving the major portion of its budget from the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem since the new arrangement three years ago that diverted all UJA funds for philanthropic efforts alone. After several abortive fund raising campaigns, the Council, confronted with having to register as a foreign agent for receiving funds from overseas, decided to give up the departments and function only in the area of public relations.

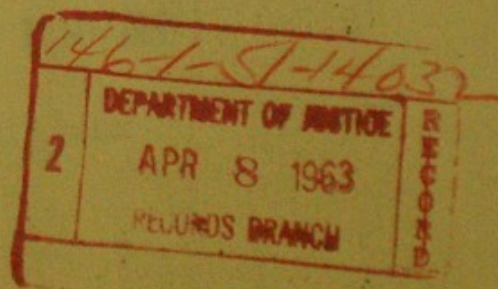
In New York, a spokesman for the Jewish Agency for Israel said that the Agency was not prepared to make any statement on the matter. The American Zionist Council was unavailable for comment.

While those making the decision felt there was no stigma attached to being registered as a foreign agent, Haaretz reports, it was felt that such a registration would be used adversely by Arab propagandists in this country.

While it is understood that the Council will return most of the departments, there is some talk about its holding onto a few. If it does, it would have to support these departments out of its own budget. Present departments of the Council are: Education and Culture, Torah Culture, Youth, Herzl Institute and Herzl Press.

The funds coming from the Jewish agency in Israel originate from Jewish communities all over the world except the United States which administers its own funds. Zionist activity covered by the above departments will now be financed directly from Jerusa-

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