A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Sunday, March 9, 1969 at the office of the Corporation at University House, 11 East 69th Street, New York, New York.

The Chairman called for a moment of silence in memory of the late Prime Minister of the State of Israel, Levi Eshkol. He appointed a committee composed of President Nathaniel L. Goldstein and Professor Milton Handler, Chairman of the Executive Committee, to convey to Mrs. Eshkol the condolences and sympathy of the Board and members of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The Chairman, who had just returned from Jerusalem where, as Chairman of the Board of Governors, he had meetings with President Harman, Rector Rotenstreich and other officials of the University, reported on the current affairs of the University. He indicated that construction on Mt. Scopus was going forward at an accelerated pace. Construction has begun on 12 dormitories, each housing 120 students. Shortly, there will be 6 additional dormitories of the same type. These 18, together with the rehabilitation of the former Ratnoff Building, will give the University new facilities for close to 2,500 single students. The rapid increase in the student body has created a current emergency housing problem and in response the University will build 33 prefabricated dormitories, each housing 32 students. These dormitories will be located on the Givat Ram Campus and will house over 1,000 students. The Chairman reported that construction of these prefabricated dormitories will cost a total of $1,650,000 with the Government contributing 50%. The members of the Board authorized the American Friends to proceed with an effort to reach people on an individual basis to underwrite the funding of this program. The cost to American Friends of the Hebrew University will be a total of $825,000. A $50,000 dormitory for 32 students will require $25,000 from a donor to be matched by the Government's $25,000.

He also reported that temporary dormitories were being rushed on Mt. Scopus so that 350 students who are literally standing by for a roof over their heads may be accommodated immediately. The housing shortage is due in part to the increased enrollment of foreign students by the University. He also emphasized the scarcity of private apartments and rooms available to students; even when available, they are in most cases beyond the reach of the average student because of the prohibitive rentals.

The Chairman also stressed the need for faculty housing and urged that the American Friends direct its efforts in the coming year towards helping to alleviate this problem by getting donors to fund faculty housing construction. The University engineers and architects are now working on developing plans which will be presented to us with the construction costs.

It was also reported that the rehabilitation program of the buildings on Mt. Scopus, as well as construction of new buildings needed for the forthcoming school year, were also proceeding. It is expected that the building which will house the Truman Center will be completed a month ahead of schedule. The buildings which will comprise the Eugene and Estelle Perkauf Science Compound are now being rehabilitated.
and new buildings to be included in the Compound will be under construction shortly. The former Jewish National and University Library and the Rosenbloom Building are in the final stages of rehabilitation. These two buildings, together with a newly-constructed building, will comprise the University's Center for Legal Studies.

The Chairman further advised that there were now almost 13,000 students at the University including some 3,300 overseas students from 49 different countries. He stated that the University was concerned about increasing the number of graduate students. The present number of graduate students in relation to the total student population is approximately 20%. While this figure is a tremendously improved proportion over previous years, it is the hope of the University to bring this figure up to 30%. He pointed up that at this time the cost of supporting a graduate student is approximately eight times the cost for an undergraduate student.

He reported that the first formal classes on Mt. Scopus were opened on February 5 of this year, when several hundred students began their training in the Hebrew University Preparatory Courses. These students represent three different categories: a) men and women in the army who have been billeted for their last six months of army training at the Hebrew University to prepare for entrance examinations toward enrollment upon their discharge from the army; b) men and women who have already been discharged from the army but who need refresher training in preparation for the entrance examinations at the University; and c) new immigrants who want to be prepared for enrollment at the Hebrew University.

He further reported that the entire Law School will be transferred from the Givat Ram Campus to the Mt. Scopus Campus. This transfer will be taking place, in part, in this Fall semester and, it is hoped, will be completed by the opening of the Fall semester of 1970. He stated that all first-year science students should be taking all of their courses in the new Ferkauf Science Compound on Mt. Scopus during the school year beginning in the Fall of 1970.

He indicated that an intensive research study is now going on reviewing the following: a) proportion of faculty to students particularly in the Faculties of Humanities and Social Science; b) the almost complete lack on the present campus of office space and office assistance for faculty members; c) the serious shortage of space for the activities of the student organizations and of the University's services for students; d) the inadequacy of student housing, particularly for married students and those with families; e) the almost complete lack of adequate and reasonably priced housing for faculty members; f) the absence of University-oriented facilities for visiting professors; g) the inadequacy of library facilities particularly on the undergraduate level; h) the infinitesimal proportion of the University's annual income being derived from permanent endowment.

The Chairman advised that the University was currently within its operating budget, but expects an increase for the fiscal year ending 1970 of approximately IL 11,000,000.

Nathaniel L. Goldstein, President of the American Friends, reported that the accrual and cash income of the American Friends in this past fiscal period will be satisfactory in spite of the curtailment of our campaign efforts resulting from our recognition of the primacy of the Israel Emergency Campaign.
The President reported on the bombing incident in the cafeteria of the Jewish National and University Library on Wednesday, March 5, 1969 at 11:30 a.m. with approximately 250 students and faculty members in the room. 29 people were injured -- one lecturer and 28 students. According to the reports we received, there were no critical injuries and the physical damage to the cafeteria was not great. Classes throughout the University were back on schedule that afternoon and the cafeteria was reopened the same day. He read the cable which was sent by the Officers of the American Friends:

"We are shocked by the barbaric bomb explosion of the students' cafeteria. Gangsterism cannot stop life and learning. The American Friends are with you and pledge to work harder and to do more to further our mutual cause."

He also reported that a release on the bombing was sent to all the news services.

The President then announced that this would be the last year of his term as President of the Corporation and in this connection, he appointed a Nominating Committee for the purpose of nominating a new President and other officers whose terms would also expire, for the succeeding year. He directed that the Committee report at the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

The President advised that a Convocation of the Hebrew University would be held in Israel between July 6 and 11 of this year, during which time dedications of various building projects would be held. He reported that Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, has consented to become the new Chairman of the Advisory Council for the Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University.

Dr. Seymour Alpert of Washington, D.C. reported on the Corporation's current project for the funding of the Medical Teaching and Administration Building at the Hebrew University. The Medical Auditorium. It was announced that Dr. Albert B. Sabin is retiring as National Chairman of the Medical Division of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and that he was nominating Dr. Alpert as his replacement. Dr. Alpert was elected unanimously. Upon Dr. Alpert's recommendation, Dr. Sabin was unanimously elected as the Honorary Chairman of the Medical Division.

Mr. Charles E. Feinberg of Detroit, Michigan reported on the new project for the Corporation involving funding of a program to purchase textbooks vitally needed at the Hebrew University. He reported that he has been successfully involving a number of people around the country in establishing a textbook acquisition fund and an endowment fund which will give the program continuity and perpetuity. Mr. Feinberg, an authority on Walt Whitman, is frequently invited to lecture at universities throughout the country. He advised the Board that he will take advantage of these occasions to reach potential supporters of the textbook program.

Dr. Henry Sonneborn reported on the Corporation's study program at the University and advised that some 1,000 new students from North America are expected to enroll in the Academic Year 1969/70 for one year or longer. Some 800-900 of these students will be selected through our Office of Academic Affairs. In addition, a greatly increased enrollment is anticipated for the 1969 Summer Courses. Approximately 15% of the One Year students are remaining at the University for longer periods --- a factor which has increased the housing problem.
The Chairman of the Board expressed sorrow over the death of Mrs. Jane Prince, pioneer Founder of the Women's League for Israel and highly revered member of the Board of Directors. He directed that President Goldstein and Chairman of the Executive Committee Handler draft a resolution expressing to the family the condolences of the Board on her passing.

Mr. Seymour Fishman, Executive Vice President, gave a summary report on last year's activities of the Corporation and reviewed the Corporation's various projects. He also projected a program for the coming year. He made reference to the fact that this past year the campaign was curtailed in its public functions in order to avoid any possible interference with the Israel Emergency Campaign which has primacy in the efforts of the American Jewish community. This understandably affected activities of the Corporation this past year. He made reference to the inception of the Medical Division and the Library Advisory Council in the past campaign period as reported by Dr. Alpert and Mr. Feinberg. He also referred to the initiation of a campaign for Equipment and Supplies, chaired by Mr. Max M. Low, and the program for Scholarships. These efforts, promulgated through individuals and by small private special interest groups, are a means of bringing in support for the academic operations maintenance budget of the University without in any way interfering with the public campaign efforts for the Israel Emergency. He stressed that it is in these areas that every member of the Board could participate.

Daniel Katzman of Omaha, Nebraska, Morris M. Messing of South Orange, New Jersey, Louis Rogow of West Hartford, Connecticut and Mrs. Max Schenk of New York City were elected to the Board of Directors to fill existing vacancies.

Professor Oscar I. Janowsky, former Chairman of the Committee on Study Programs of the American Friends and now retired, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Board of Directors.

The Chairman thanked the Board members present, particularly those who came in from cities outside of New York for attending the meeting and expressed his appreciation for their confidence and their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Rothberg
Chairman