

# LZA leader wants full employment

By SHIRLEE IDEN  
 Southfield attorney Morris Lieberman was re-elected chairman of the Regional Division of the Labor Zionist Alliance (LZA) at a weekend conference in Cincinnati.

According to Gordon Silverman, regional executive director of LZA, headquartered in Farmington Hills, about 25 people from the Detroit Metropolitan area attended among the 70 participants from Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Lieberman has been chairman of the LZA region for two years.

A number of resolutions were adopted including a pledge of support for full employment legislation.

"LZA will go further than simply support such legislation. We will put all our resources into working to see it implemented," Silverman said.

The conference also formally endorsed Full Employment Week which began on Labor Day and continues through Saturday.

"The National Full Employment Coalition is the group sponsoring this week long observance," Silverman said. "It is spearheaded by the labor unions."

SILVERMAN said conference attendance was about half men and half women and that during the discussion one of the women asked, "What about support for women?"

In response, the group endorsed the work being done by many organizations, to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, he said.

In other actions, the LZA delegates decided to participate in coalitions that are involved with progressive social action.

"An example of this is our involvement with the A. Phillip Randolph Institute in the fight against unemployment," Silverman said.

LZA and the United Black Trade Unionists Chapter of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute formed a coalition

in May of this year to pressure Congress to pass a full employment bill.

At that time, at a mass meeting in Oak Park, the two groups were addressed by two prominent national leaders of their movements: Bayard Rustin, national president of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute and Judah Shapiro, LZA national president.

"We have a commitment to make government and society respond to the needs of people," Shapiro said at that time.

Rustin pointed out that the needs for employment, free education, medical care, medical delivery service and better housing encompasses both blacks and whites.

The recent LZA conference reiterated its unwavering support for Israel.

"It was an interesting discussion because our role at this time is as member of the loyal opposition since we are aligned with the Israeli Labor Party."



GORDON SILVERMAN

# Citizens rally to support task force

The Birmingham Kiwanis Club Tuesday kicked in \$300 to launch a fund-raising drive to aid the task force investigating the deaths of four Oakland County youths.

Kiwanis spokesmen said the purpose of the drive is to create an auxiliary fund which can be used by the task force in the event that it needs extra money for supportive services.

The money will be placed into a special account in an as yet undesignated local bank. Other area Kiwanis Clubs and service organizations will be contacted for support.

Contributions from private individuals will also be accepted. Checks should be made out to the Birmingham Kiwanis Task Force Auxiliary Fund, PO Box 6500, Birmingham 48012.

"We felt if we opened it up to anybody who wanted to participate, this would help to remind the public that this guy has still not been apprehended," said one Kiwanis board member.

"This is our way of expressing a vote of confidence in the efforts of the

task force," said past president Lou Gibson.

The task force is investigating the kidnap-murders of four Oakland County children within the last 17 months. Federal and state financing is due to expire in mid-October, and the task force has asked communities where the children were abducted or found to contribute \$200 each month for another six months to continue the investigation.

Lt. Robert Robertson of the Michigan State Police has estimated that it will take \$3,000 a month to support a

scaled-down task force of 12-15 investigators.

That would not include cost of investigators' salaries, which would have to be paid by the departments involved.

NO ONE from the task force attended the press conference Tuesday at which the Kiwanis Club announced the fund drive, but Gibson said, "Lt. Robertson is all in favor of this."

Kiwanis members said excess money could be used to purchase films or to pay speakers to make presentations in schools on measures that can be taken to prevent child molestations.

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