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September 21, 1943.

Major Frederick F. Greenman  
The Judge Advocate General's Office  
2626 Munitions Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Fred Greenman:

I feel that it is my privilege and my duty alike to write to you about a situation which I gather is developing within the Executive body of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I must say that Rosenberg, Goldman, and Eisendrath -- all of whom you know -- were immensely helpful in achieving the unity which was the real gain of the Conference. You, as an old Zionist, would have been delighted with the fairness and friendliness of Adolph Rosenberg and the people around him in the matter of their understanding of, and their going along with, the resolution, although Rosenberg did feel that he could not vote in favor of it, and that it was his duty to submit the matter for consideration to the Board at its next meeting.

What I am thinking about particularly at this moment is this. I wish you would be present at the meeting in Cincinnati on Sunday, the 4th, but I assume your official duties may make that impossible. It would be really lamentable from every Jewish point of view if, after discussion and a vote, the Board failed to ratify the resolutions. It would be regarded throughout the country as proof that the much-heralded unity of the Conference was not a reality. I have the feeling, though I may not be correct, that the wisest thing to do would be for the Board to refrain from action, that there should be no insistence either on ratification or non-ratification, and that the Board should, in the democratic spirit of which you, a good Republican, would approve, postpone decision with respect to ratification until the entire Union shall have had a chance to study the thing through and to reach a decision in the Spring of 1945 at the Biennial Council. It would be utterly divisive should there now be a vote against ratification, and it might conceivably hurt the Union if, as a result of ratification, or non-ratification, some of the member synagogues and temples were to withdraw from the Council.

I am confident that you will feel as I do that the Board is not called upon of itself to reach a decision, and that it may fittingly and in the democratic spirit, postpone ratification or rejection until the Spring of 1945. Of course, all that I have written has no relation to what I am sure you favor, namely, that the UAHC in any event remain within the Conference. Whatever its decision or whatever be a postponement of the decision, it should not withdraw from the Conference, nor need it withdraw, in the light of the original agreements. If you happen to be in town within the next week or ten days, give me a ring and we will talk things over. With warmest greetings, dear Fred, believe me

Faithfully yours,

SSW:S



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September 27, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am happy to have your note of September 24th. I look forward to spending some time with you in the very near future to discuss matters generally. For the moment, and because I know that if our plans do not miscarry we shall see each other soon, I shall content myself with commenting only on the matters set forth in your letter:

1. I know that a great deal of attention is given at J.D.C. Executive Committee meetings to how matters should be handled before the Allotment Committee. It becomes embarrassing, therefore, to a member of the Committee to be in any manner involved in those discussions. Resignation from the J.D.C. Executive Committee, therefore, became a necessity. Should I have failed to resign from the U.P.A. Administrative Committee, I am sure needless and pointless discussion would have been aroused. I, therefore, resigned from both.
2. I really looked forward to spending considerable time with you at Columbus --- I had so many things to discuss with you. I was called home from Columbus in the forenoon of Sunday, the 12th. When I left Columbus, I was in one of the most dejected and despondent moods I have yet experienced. Many things displeased me greatly and I was very much worried that in the setting which I found there, your efforts might not bear the fruits that they should. I meant to write you at great length but instead decided to wait until I should meet with you. When I learned that you had asked Henry Montor to take the post of Executive Director and that he agreed to undertake those duties, 90% of my discussion with you became unnecessary. I have a great deal of confidence in his ability and good sense, and I am sure that he will keep his eye on the ball in such manner that your effort is not diverted to tangential matters as I have been afraid it was in danger of being diverted.
3. I think that Feuer is an excellent choice for the full-time job working under the Chairman of the Committee on Community Contacts. I have been instrumental in dis-



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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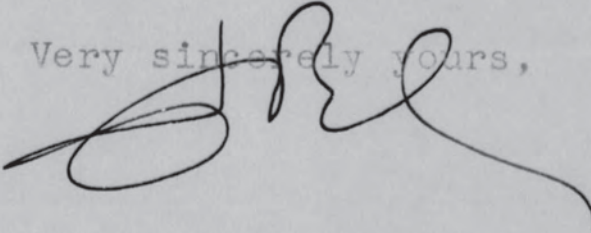
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tributing hundreds of copies of his book, because I found it to be the best and most readable thing available in the field that it attempts to cover. It is so difficult to find a combination of adequate background and public relations skill, I feel we certainly should make use of Feuer if he is available.

4. With respect to your negotiations with J.D.C.: I have been pretty fully informed by both Mr. Hyman and by Henry Montor. I hope we shall get enough time on the 4th and 5th of October to have a full-dress discussion. All of the members of the Committee have the material which I hope they will digest before next Monday. I, for one, will be very much disappointed if full and complete discussion is, to any important degree, sacrificed on the altar of playing ball to the extent of not pointing out all of the important deficiencies in the other Agency's application. In other words, so long as there must be a discussion and a contest, I think the discussion should be full and complete and the contest one which should enable the Allotment Committee to make a clear decision.
5. I am today writing to Rosenwald asking him to submit the financial statements of N.R.S. I refrain from writing you my thoughts in connection with N.R.S. and what I think of it being entitled to a place in the U.J.A. picture. It is difficult for me to be temperate in this connection, so I shall be quiet.

I shan't see you before Rosh Hashonah. Please accept for Virginia, yourself and the boys, from Terry and myself, our very best wishes for a New Year during which we may see fruition, to some extent at least, of the Herculean efforts which you have expended --- and plenty of health and happiness, too.

Very sincerely yours,



JG:RSB



# memo

from

JOEL GROSS

Sep. 29

If you can conveniently  
arrange your time  
to permit of our  
getting together for  
a chat Sunday  
evening (Oct. 2) I  
should like to  
talk with you a  
bit about the  
Emergency Committee  
etc. Write me



to my home  
326 West End Road  
South Orange  
N. J.

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very best to  
all of you

Joe

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October 12, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Anselm Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am presuming upon your time because frankly I do not know whether we should take further action on the enclosed document.

On September 4th a letter appeared in the Glens "Post Star" by Herbert Best attacking the Zionists. With the help of Mr. Kenen we framed an answer which was sent to Mrs. Tanner, the president of the Glens Falls Hadassah chapter, and was published over her signature. To this answer Mr. Best gave the response which I am enclosing.

Mrs. Tanner in writing to us says that the President of the B'nai B'rith in their community feels that it is a matter for the Anti-Defamation League. Do you think that we should take such action? In any event, Mrs. Tanner felt that she had to reply to Mr. Best's second letter, although she and I both agreed that the reply should be short. Mr. Kenen drew up this reply, too, and I have indicated to Mrs. Tanner that I hope this will close the series as far as their local paper is concerned.

Sincerely yours,

*Rose L. Halprin*

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Chairman  
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October 13, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
Executive Committee  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dearest Dr. Silver:

It is truly regrettable that we have to dwell again on a matter which some may regard rather lightly as being related to a question of mere "Kibbudim", while in reality it goes quite deeply into the very structure of the Emergency Council.

The Mizrachi and the entire religious bloc was somehow omitted from the delegation which made representation to the State Department in behalf of the American Jewish Conference. When inquiry was made at the last Emergency Council meeting as to why the "parties" were disregarded in the composition of the delegation, you -- in your characteristic moral courage and fairness -- gave eloquent assurance that this practice would not be repeated.

This morning we have learned that a committee registered this week with the British Embassy the protest of the American Zionist Emergency Council against the hideous, libelous, mass trials in Palestine and also in this instance Mizrachi was completely ignored.

May we emphasize again that it is such practice that gives added strength and validity to that group in American orthodox Jewry which claims continually that Zionism is tendaciously ignoring the existance of the large masses of orthodox Jews and that because of it the latter must begin to act on its own and present itself as an independent entity on all occasions and in all instances. It is, therefore, surely in the interests of Zionism as a whole to show that any such statements are untrue and baseless.



In addition thereto it must also be understood by all that although the essential thing in our work is to achieve our common goal and purpose it is, nevertheless, impossible for any group in Zionism to allow its identity to be crushed even under the impact of significant events.

We should very much like to hear an explanation of the above facts so that we may know as to what can be anticipated in the future.

Sincerely yours,

*Leon Gellman*  
LEON GELLMAN  
PRESIDENT

LG/ra

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF  
AMERICA

New York Office  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York City

October 13, 1943

Mr. Joel Gross  
744 Broad Street  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Gross:

I wanted to talk to you, particularly about your work in the Emergency Committee and its relationship to the Z.O.A., because it is the one Committee of all the Committees appointed by the Emergency Committee where this relationship needs to be clearly defined.

In view of the fact that the next meeting of the Z.O.A. is to be held Saturday night, October 16th, at which time this matter may be discussed, it was, I thought important for me to meet with you before that time. Perhaps such a meeting could still be arranged today, while you are in the same building as I shall be.

Cordially yours,

ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN (Signed)

Israel Goldstein, President  
Zionist Organization of America



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October 14, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I enclose, for your information, copy of letter which Dr. Goldstein wrote me under date of October 13th, and the contents of which his secretary took the precaution to read to me over the telephone "as a matter of record" before mailing the same to me.

My engagements were such that I could not meet with him yesterday. I did speak with him later in the afternoon, and I advised him as clearly as I could that the matter of defining the relationship between the Zionist Organization of America and the Emergency Committee or the relationship between the Community Contacts Committee and the Zionist Organization of America was not my function and that I would not embark on any discussions with him relative thereto. He thereupon insisted upon stating to me "for the record" his idea of what the Committee should do and I advised him that if he were correct in his definition, it was a mistake to ask me, and certainly a terrible mistake to ask you, to function. His idea is that the Emergency Committee, and under it its sub-committees, should gather information and disseminate it among its constituent organizations.

I write you because it is apparent to me that unless the atmosphere is cleared once and for all, you and I and all others who attempt to be of service will be obstructed again and again by this character of tactic which evidently is born of afterthought. I imagine you will have to have it out with him at the Emergency Committee meeting on Monday and I suppose that the grander the scale of discussion and decision, the less we will be annoyed and irritated in the future.

I understand there is a possibility that you will be in for the Zionist Organization of America Executive Committee



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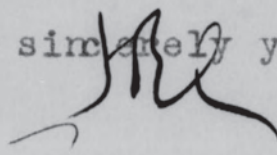
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meeting on Saturday night. I shall be there and shall talk to you if you do get in. If your plans miscarry in this connection, I shall see you Monday.

I hope your visit to Washington has given you some cause for encouragement.

Very sincerely yours,



JG:RSB  
Enc.





October 15, 1943

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin  
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1819 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

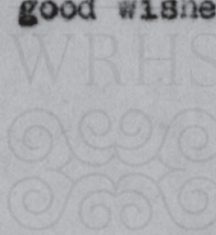
My dear Mrs. Halprin:

Who is Herbert Best and why is Glens Falls'  
"Post Star" giving the subject such play?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





October 15, 1943

Mr. Leon Gellman, President  
Mizrachi Organization of America  
1133 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Gellman:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 13.

This delegation to the British Embassy has been something of a hoodoo. It was voted, you will recall, to send this delegation some time ago, before I became chairman of the Executive Committee. The Embassy was prepared to receive the delegation, but nobody wanted to go. It was finally decided to send an aide memoire instead of the delegation, which was done. But the Embassy still kept the appointment open to receive our delegation. Personally, I did not wish to go, for I did not wish to make my first contact with the Embassy over such an issue. Mr. Arthur Lourie finally managed to get together a delegation. I am sure that the absence of a member of the Mizrachi from the delegation was a pure oversight. I shall see to it that on the next important delegation the Mizrachi shall be represented.

Wishing you a very happy holiday, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



*Goldmann*

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MINUTE OF CONVERSATION WITH

Mr. Henry Field, Mr. Straus-Hupe, Dr. Gottfried Salomon, Dr. Goldmann

Lunch -- Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.      November 3, 1943.

Mr. Field is engaged by the White House to prepare studies on problems of migration. Dr. Salomon and Mr. Straus-Hupe are in Mr. Field's office, formerly attached to the OSS. Mr. Field knows the Middle East very well, having worked there as a geologist; he is interested in Jewish post-war migration problems, especially Palestine. He asked Dr. Goldmann to secure for him all the studies which have been made by the Jewish Agency in Palestine, especially those dealing with the Negev and the Jordan Valley, and also those dealing with general agricultural and industrial development schemes.

Dr. Goldmann said that Mr. Field would have to provide the facilities for sending the material via diplomatic pouch, which he agreed to do.

Dr. Goldmann promised also to make available to him the reports of the Palestine Survey Commission of the American Palestine Institute and of the Post-War Economic Planning Committee of the Emergency Committee.

The discussion then centered about the general Palestine situation and Mr. Field appeared to be very friendly to the Zionist cause.

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Washington, D. C.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 6, 1943.

My dear Mrs. Halprin:

Mrs. Roosevelt will be very glad to meet  
you and your associates at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday,  
November 17th, at her apartment, #29 Washington  
Square West.

(Signed)

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina C. Thompson  
Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mrs. Rose Halprin  
Chairman of Post-War  
Planning Committee  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York (17), New York.



*Dr. Silver*

November 9, 1943

Miss Malvina C. Thompson  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Thompson:

Thank you for your kind note of November 6th.

My associates and I look forward with a great deal of pleasure to meeting with Mrs. Roosevelt at her apartment at 29 Washington Square West, on Wednesday, November 17th, at 10:00 A.M.

We greatly appreciate your helpfulness in this matter.

Cordially yours,

RH:MED

Rose Halprin  
Chairman,  
Post-War Planning Committee



November 23, 1943  
(via Air Mail)

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was glad to learn from Mr. Weisgal indirectly that you would be with us on the 30th. When I talked with Mr. Weisgal about your prospective visit to Washington he suggested that it might be helpful to you to have some notion of what the group would be interested in. By and large the members are government employees, not well versed in the background of Zionist politics, either national or international.

I think if you touch on the following subjects it will be helpful:

- (a) Your evaluation of the trend in American Jewry's support for Palestine, with special reference to the strength and organizational tactics of the opponents - some reference to the recent N. Y. Conference and its postlude.
- (b) Your appraisal of the trends of British and American foreign policy re Palestine.
- (c) Your conception of the types of tactics to be followed in bringing maximum pressure to bear to achieve Zionistic ends.

If you plan to be in Washington in time for dinner, and were free, I would be pleased to arrange that we had dinner together with a few of the inner-circle. Please drop me a line whether this suits your plan, or whether you would prefer to come directly to our meeting which takes place at the home of Alex Taub, 1629 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., Tuesday, November 30th, at 8:30 P.M.

Sincerely yours,

*Eli Ginzberg m.w.g.*  
Dr. Eli Ginzberg

Dr. Eli Ginzberg  
2025 I Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

EG:MWJ (dictated but not read)



November 24, 1943

Dr. Eli Ginzberg  
2025 I Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Ginzberg:

Thank you so much for your kind note.

I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting you and your group next Tuesday in Washington. I shall keep in mind your suggestions as to the subjects to be touched on in our discussions.

I should very much like to have dinner with the smaller group as you suggest, but unfortunately I have already made a dinner engagement with a public official in Washington. I shall therefore come straight to Mr. Taub's home at 8:30 P.M.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



December 4, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a line on behalf of all of us to tell you that we greatly appreciated your making time to spend an evening in our midst and to guide the innocent as well as the sophisticated through some of the unknown waters of modern Zionist problems.

As I told you I found your talk exceedingly well balanced - but much more important than my reactions were the sentiments of the group, many of whom verbalized their admiration for your presentation.

I hope that the post-mortem at the hotel was of some use to you.

The Nathan meeting has been shifted back again to December 16th. We will meet at Louis Harris', 3201 36th Street, N. W. If you are in town we would be very happy if you could join us.

With kind regards,

*Eli Ginzberg*  
Dr. Eli Ginzberg

EG:MWJ



December 6, 1943

Mr. Chaim Greenberg  
Jewish Frontier  
45 W. 17th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Greenberg:

Mr. Emanuel Neumann has requested me to send you  
the enclosed check.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.





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December 17, 1943

Dr. Israel Goldstein  
270 W. 89th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I think that it would be a splendid gain for the UPA if you could persuade Mr. Charles Rosenbloom to take the chairmanship. He has standing throughout the country, a layman whose interest in the UPA as well as in Zionism has continued over a period of many years unflagging and consistent. He is thoroughly acquainted with the work of the UPA, has sat in with me frequently at meetings of the Allocations Committee as well as assisted in reaching agreements with the JDC in recent years. He is highly regarded by the officers of the JDC. In Pittsburgh under his leadership the most successful campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal have been conducted.

I have spoken to him about it quite informally and I believe that he would consider it if the heads of the K.H. and the K.K. would urge him. I spoke to Dr. Wise about it on Wednesday and he agreed that Rosenbloom would be an excellent choice.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Please address your reply to:  
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MRS ROSE HALPRIN AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL.

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TO ABBA HILLEL SILVER.



## MEMORANDUM

FROM *Miriam Cohen*

DATE:

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

December 31, 1943

SUBJECT:

When I cancelled your appointment with Colonel Hoskins, he expressed his regret that you were ill and asked me to tell you that he will be in Washington for the next two weeks and will be very glad to see you any time you can make it.

M.C.

MC;njt



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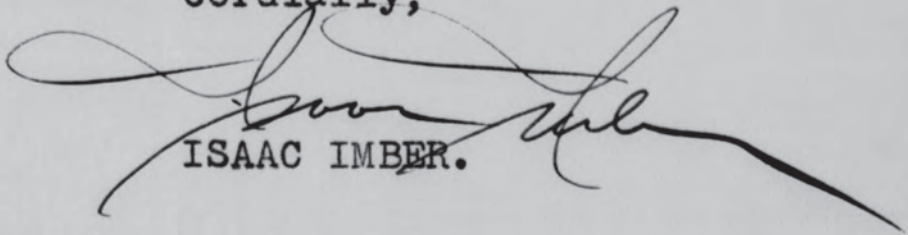
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:-

Back in 1941, I wrote several articles for "The New Palestine" dealing with the need for the structural reorganization of American Zionism. In one of them I spoke of the formation of local Zionist councils. Again in 1942, in an article addressed to the Biltmore Conference, I pointed to the necessity of forming some sort of territorial union. Because the American Emergency Council, under your leadership, is now moving in the direction I had advocated at the time, I am taking the liberty of sending you two of these articles in the hope that they might prove to be of some interest to you.

Kind personal regards and good wishes.

Cordially,

  
ISAAC IMBER.

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January 6, 1944

Mrs. S. W. Halprin  
225 E. 74th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Halprin:

I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know what progress you have made with the Committee on Contact with Allied Post-War Groups. I should like you to be in a position to give a report on your activities at the next meeting of the Emergency Council. Have you completed the organization of your Committee?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Please reply to  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio



January 6, 1944

Colonel Harold Hoskins,  
State Department,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Hoskins:

I regret very much that due to illness,  
I was compelled to cancel the appointment  
which you set for me for last Friday.

I shall be in Washington during the week  
of January 10th and if you can spare a few  
moments, it would give me great pleasure,  
indeed, to consult you about our work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,



# American Zionist Emergency Council

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342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.  
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January 10, 1943.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
1720 16th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I took action on your letter of January 5, in accordance with the changed arrangements made between Mr. Shapiro and yourself over the telephone. I arranged for a meeting with reporters from the newspapers which took place today at 11:00 A.M., at our office. The following newspapers were represented: The Jewish Morning Journal, Day, Mizrachi Weg, Der Yiddisher Kemfer, Dos Yiddishe Folk; JTA and JPS. At first I arranged with Mr. Jacob Fishman, Chaim Greenberg and Dr. Goldmann to represent our council at the press-conference, but Mr. Fishman called me this morning to say that he will not be able to come. Later, in a personal discussion, he explained to me the reasons and also told me of the letter which he sent to you in answer to your invitation.

At the conference we distributed an English and Yiddish statement and a press-release. Dr. Goldmann and Chaim Greenberg gave convincing arguments for the necessity of combatting the League for a Free Palestine and the group which is behind it, in general.

After the meeting, I made the rounds in the newspapers. In the Morning Journal an editorial has been prepared at my request and the release will go on the first page. Mr. Fishman will have a column within a day or two. Besides Mr. Meckler, the editor, and Mr. Fishman, I talked to the city-editor and to a group of friends. We can be entirely assured as to the attitude of the Morning Journal.

In the Day I discussed the matter with the editor, Wm. Edlin, the publisher, Morris Weinberg, and the city-editor, S. Zuckerman. Mr. Edlin and Mr. Zuckerman, as well as the reporters, were entirely on our side, and I was promised full co-operation. In fact, I prepared the news-story together with the reporter at the editorial office. However, at Mr. Weinberg's office, I found an entirely different attitude. In the first place, he notified me that he gave orders to stop our story till he will advise with a friend as to the stand of the paper with regard to our controversy. I spent at his office a long time explaining the entire situation and why he, as a Zionist of long standing, ought to stand by our movement in combatting a new danger. Weinberg is angry at Zionist leadership, but I feel that he is not lost for us. I told him that you wanted him as a member of the publications committee, to which he answered, that he received no invitation as yet.

When I returned to the office, the city-editor of the Day communicated with me to say that the statement will be published but without "trimmings" and commentaries. May I suggest that you meet with Weinberg on your next visit to New York. I know he will gladly accept an invitation from you.



The Forward will treat our statement as a thing of remote interest. There is an impression among the leading figures of the Forward that Dr. Wise and Dr. Goldmann, as well as other Zionist leaders, are supporting the left wing elements in this country, which are the Forward's mortal enemies. The paper cooperates fully in behalf of the Histadruth and the fund-raising organizations, but is not keen on supporting Zionist politics in this country.

I discussed this matter today with Chaim Greenberg, and suggested that he and I visit the Forward and straighten out matters. I imagine that it will be done within the next few days. Mr. Greenberg wants to sound out some of his friends there.

The JTA will carry the story, and the JPS of course. The Mizrachi Weg, Kemfer and Dos Yiddishe Folk will prepare their readers accordingly. They will print the story, devote editorials and other reading matter to this question.

I have a feeling that once we made a definite step we ought to go on vigorously with it. May I suggest that some of our friends on the Council prepare feature articles on the subject, which I will place in the papers. A statement alone is not sufficient. There is no doubt that we can stir up public opinion if the campaign is vigorously handled.



Very cordially yours,

Arnold K. Isreeli

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# PUBLIC RELATIONS COUNCIL of the Jewish Federation of Indianapolis

Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt, Executive Secretary

975 N. Delaware Street - Lincoln 6635

January 13, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
105th and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I had mimeographed, about which there may be necessary a brief word of explanation.

Mr. Isaacs, whose letter to me is enclosed, is chairman of our Public Relations Council, which, as he indicates, is made up of some 28 community organizations, including religious, fraternal, cultural, labor and Zionist organizations.

Both Mr. Isaacs and I are members of the Zionist organization and feel this situation keenly. I would like to have your reaction to Mr. Isaacs' letter.

Sincerely,

*Maurice Goldblatt*

Rabbi M. Goldblatt

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I wish you would read and return. I took this from Mrs. Goodman's desk.

Mr. Isaac is head of the Public Relations Council and a very capable, clever and energetic person. It was his plan to get the Public Relations Council which constitutes all groups in Jewish life, to handle the protest drive.

If he were to handle it, he would make contact with the leaders of the city, in all walks of life, which contacts none of the Zionists. It is unfortunate that the tactics of Daniel Frisch have not meant credit to the Zionist organization, or any other institution with which he is associated.

Everything is politics for the purpose of self-aggrandizement. He has discouraged men from joining the Zionist organization who would have been wonderful material and just the kind that is needed but when some of them joined and attended the Zionist meetings, they saw no program - either educational or otherwise, to encourage them to bring in new blood.

It would seem to me that when we have as big a job to do as we have that it would be well for the interested groups to lay aside their petty politics or self-aggrandizement to gain the bigger point. It is true that the Zionists are sponsoring this protest and without them we would never have gotten anyplace, but it is necessary for them to do all of the work.

If you let others do the work here in this community, you can get the leading citizens to put on the show.

I was in Cincinnati at the emergency council meeting and there I met a very prominent attorney who attempted to have a big meeting and had engaged Bob Taft to speak when he was informed that the Zionists were going to handle it and then, some other group wanted



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to handle it. Finally there were four groups in all. In desperation, Bob Taft called him and asked which group he should deal with. Now that is a fine state of affairs, when you have such an important issue and such a short time in which to do it.

I am writing this to you confidentially because I know that you have your heart and soul in the work and it is only by telling you what the conditions are that you can guide yourself properly.

I will say that as far as Indianapolis is concerned, Daniel Frisch and Jack Weiss are out to capture control of every Jewish organization in the city. They have been thwarted once by being unscrupulous. They are allying themselves with anybody and everybody to accomplish their purpose. It is not doing the Zionist organization any good.

Unfortunately no one has any respect for the Zionist group or the Zionist leadership.

Meyer Gallin is now President but the old gang are not supporting him.

Now there is one issue at stake and that is to get this protest drive over so that it will be done in a high class fashion and unite all groups for the cause of Palestine.

If the Zionists are going to control the strings, then you are not going to get the whole-hearted support of, not only the Zionists, but the "non" and "anti".

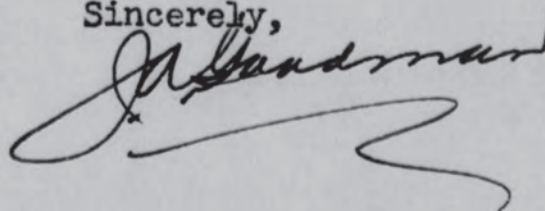
We are trying to get an outstanding speaker here and if we succeed we are going to do the job in the way in which we want to do it, and we are going to ignore the Zionist organization. The old Zionists will have absolutely no part in the program. Neither their names will be connected with it, nor will they be invited to guide, participate in any way.

On the committee there are Zionists, but they are not of the old school. The plan is to place this in the laps of the non-Jewish leaders.

When you finish reading the enclosed letter, please return it.

Sincerely,

J. A. Goodman/kc

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. A. Goodman', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.



January 14, 1944

Mr. A. K. Isreeli  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Isreeli:

I had a long talk with Mr. Weinberg. I would suggest that you follow through your suggestion and contact the Z.O.A., Hadassah, the Mizrachi, etc. with an idea of arranging for some kind of a subsidy for new service and let me know what success you had.

with all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



January 17, 1944

Mr. Isaac Imber  
The Palestine Histadrut Campaign  
45 East 17th St.  
New York 3, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Imber:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me copies of the articles from the New Palestine which you wrote. I read them with a great deal of interest.

The Emergency Council is of course not organizing permanent Zionist councils all over the country. We are calling into existence small and effective ad interim contact groups in the principal cities and regions to be used for quick action in connection with our work. We are not burdening these contact groups with any other task except political activity as directed from national headquarters. Perhaps some day these contact groups may develop into the councils which you have in mind.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Please address your reply to  
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Cleveland, Ohio



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January 20, 1944.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Ave.  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver,

copy to *AKS*  
sent *ch* date *1/24/44*

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As you know, a second Food Conference is scheduled to be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas. In view of Hadassah's large program of school luncheons and nutrition work in Palestine, we are attempting to get a place for a representative to that conference. Undoubtedly the discussion on food will include a consideration of production possibilities throughout the world and it was therefore our thought that Zionist bodies should be represented officially with a view of presenting the production possibilities in Palestine.

I bring this matter to your attention so that you may take such steps as you deem advisable.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

*Rose L. Halprin*

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Chairman  
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January 20, 1944

Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt,  
Public Relations Council of the  
Jewish Federation of Indianapolis,  
975 N. Delaware Street,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Rabbi Goldblatt:

Thank you for your letter of January 13th and for sending me a copy of the letter of Mr. Norman Isaacs. I also received a letter from Mr. J. A. Goodman on the same subject.

You will understand, of course, that I cannot enter into differences of opinion which have arisen in a local community. Personally, I do not see why both the Zionist organizations of your city, as well as the Public Relations Council, could not pass resolutions on the White Paper. That has been done in my own community here where both the Jewish Community Council and the Zionist organizations and others have passed resolutions which they forwarded to the proper authorities, and have carried on active propaganda against the White Paper.

There really should be no organizational controversy on this matter, for all groups in the country - Zionist, anti-Zionist and non-Zionist - have already registered their protest against the White Paper, and the authorities both in Washington and in London know that the whole of American Jewry is united in its opposition to the White Paper.

What is important and immediately urgent is to be sure that the new policy which will be announced for Palestine - and the revocation of the White Paper will come only as a by-product of the new political policy which Great Britain will announce - will be a just policy which will do no violence to the rights of the Jewish National Home. The center of gravity in our propaganda today should, therefore, be not the



Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt

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revocation of the White Paper but the full implementation in letter and spirit of the Balfour Declaration and our rights under the Mandate - in a word, the full Palestine program as contained in the Palestine Resolution adopted by the American Jewish Conference which was so overwhelmingly endorsed by American Jewry.

To that end, the American Zionist Emergency Council established local contact groups in hundreds of cities throughout the country, and your community undoubtedly has one of these. At a national conference held in Cleveland a few weeks ago, it was unanimously decided by the local representatives of these local community contact groups not to restrict their activities to a fight on the White Paper, but to devote themselves to the championing of the full Palestine program, as defined in the resolution adopted by the American Jewish Conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

The Temple,  
Ansel Rd. at E. 105th,  
Cleveland, Ohio



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LONDON JANUARY 21, 1944 (Rec'd Jan. 27)

NLT ARTHUR LOURIE  
AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL  
342 MADISON AVENUE  
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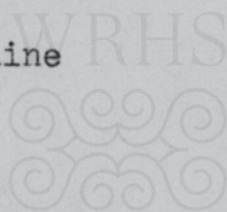
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ISAAC HERZOG CHIEF RABBI

Received -- Feb. 1, 1944

Bessie Kline





January 27, 1944

Mr. A. K. Israeli,  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Israeli:

I was very happy to hear from you of the splendid progress which was being made in connection with the conference of religious forces.

I agree with you that a delegation to Secretary Hull would be highly desirable - four or five of the leading Rabbis in the country should constitute this delegation with, perhaps, Rabbi Leventhal of Philadelphia as the chief spokesman. The delegation will, of course, urge the abrogation of the White Paper and the establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth.

I would not suggest, at this time, that a delegation call upon the President. You readily understand the reason for it.

A resolution should, of course, also be introduced, endorsing the Palestine Resolution which was introduced in Congress today, and calling upon all the religious bodies of America to rally behind this resolution.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver



January 28, 1944

Dr. Israel Goldstein  
270 W. 89th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I am enclosing herewith a letter  
in which I believe you will be interested.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
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January 28, 1944

Rabbi Wolf Gold, Chairman  
National Conference of Orthodox Jewry for Palestine and Rescue  
Hotel Pennsylvania  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Gold:

May I convey to you, and through you, to the delegates attending the National Conference of Orthodox Jewry for Palestine and Rescue, my warmest greetings. I hope that your deliberations will be eminently successful. In these critical times it is of utmost importance that the wisdom and authority of the religious forces of our people shall be marshalled and utilized to the utmost. We are fighting for our existence in the world as a free people. We are beset with ruthless and desperate enemies all around. In this life and death struggle we need to draw deep draughts of courage from the spiritual wells of our faith.

The remnants of our people from Nazi-ravaged Europe must be saved. Our national life must be fully reconstituted in our national home. Those who oppose our national rebirth -- the little foxes who spoil the vineyard -- must be fought and exposed. The morale of our people in these trying days must be maintained. You have a historic opportunity to help in all these great tasks.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



January 28, 1944

Mr. Hayim Greenberg,  
c/o Jewish Frontier,  
45 East 17th Street,  
New York (3) N. Y.

My dear Mr. Greenberg:

Rabbi Samuel Wohl writes me that you informed him that Jacques Maritain is a strong friend of our cause and that he would be willing to help us in our work. I am wondering whether it would be possible to obtain from Mr. Maritain one or two articles which we would place in important magazines. In what other way do you think he can be helpful? Could we get, through him, an endorsement of the Jewish National Home from a group of leading Catholics in this country?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver



COMMENTS

On a memorandum dated April 20, 1943  
by Col. Harold Boies Hoskins  
Executive Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary of State, Adolph A. Berle, Jr.

1. General Observations

1. Character of the Report

The data on which Colonel Hoskins' memorandum is based were collected during a three and a half months' period of travel in the Near East, from November 1942 to March 1943. The memorandum purports "to summarize the facts and information." But it is essentially a statement of opinion on the situation in the Near East, based -- insofar as it is not merely a reiteration of preconceived views -- on conversations with selected individuals.

The investigation was confined to interviews with certain classes of persons: diplomatic and military representatives -- American, British, and Free French; American missionary and educational leaders; and "Arab leaders both in and out of political office." There is no indication in the report that he made an effort to ascertain whether there were divergent views, or to sound out public opinion at large. Moreover, despite the fact that Col. Hoskins discusses Palestine and Zionism at length, he makes no reference to having met Jewish leaders; nor does he give any inkling of the views they hold on the issues he discusses.

The major thesis of Col. Hoskins' report was that Zionism had become a central issue throughout the Near East and that, unless the Arab opposition were appeased, a serious armed conflict was bound to ensue. A year has now passed since Col. Hoskins made his investigation, and his ominous prediction of an impending explosion has not been substantiated by the event. The Axis forces have since then been ousted from the Near East and the Axis radio propaganda largely silenced. Whatever may have been the grounds for Col. Hoskins' conclusions a year ago, there is now no foundation at all for his apprehensions -- as recent authoritative reports on the Near East confirm.

2. The Problem of Palestine in the Near East

Colonel Hoskins spent about the same amount of time in each of the countries visited -- Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Transjordan and Iraq. Yet, the report confines itself largely to Palestine and the conflict between the Jews and the Arabs. He makes no mention of the outstanding factors in the Near East situation, e.g. its growing economic importance as a source of oil and as a center of commerce; the political difficulties arising from the effort to establish self-government on Western models in the Orient; the widespread problems of poverty, disease and illiteracy. Although the memorandum carries the broad title "The Present Situation in the Near East," it gives the impression of being primarily directed to an attack against the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

3. Colonel Hoskins' Approach

Perhaps a clue to Colonel Hoskins' orientation is to be found in the biographical note that he gives, stating that his parents were missionaries, associated



with the American University of Beirut. He volunteers the information that in his contacts with the Arab leaders, he was assisted by a list especially prepared for him by Dr. Bayard Dodge, President of the University. The American University of Beirut established by American Protestant missionaries has done important work for the education of the Christian Arabs in Syria and Palestine. It is credited particularly with having played a large part -- if not the chief role -- in the development of Syrian Arab national consciousness. Unfortunately, the Arab students have not always interpreted the American ideas of self-development in the spirit in which these ideas were taught, and have frequently taken a chauvinistic attitude in their promotion of Arab nationalism. A number of graduates of the University of Beirut have, during the last quarter of a century, been leaders in the organization of propaganda of an insidious kind against the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

## II. American Interests and Standing in the Near East

### 1. The Alleged Decline of American Prestige

The memorandum asserts that "American prestige" has declined considerably in recent years and is still declining, despite the fact that for many years it was extremely high throughout the whole Near East. But Col. Hoskins adduces no evidence to this effect. His statement that in December, 1942, a petition signed by Senators and Congressmen supporting the Zionist position led to "unprecedented demonstrations against the United States" lacks confirmation. Whatever minor demonstrations may have occurred during Col. Hoskins' visit must be ascribed to the character of the Axis broadcasts on this subject at the time. Reports coming from the Near East indicate, on the contrary, that American influence has been growing, in both the material and cultural spheres.

### 2. The Crane-King Commission

The Crane-King Commission, to which Col. Hoskins refers as evidence of America's former high prestige, was appointed by President Wilson to help settle a dispute which had arisen between France and Britain with reference to the assignment of mandated territories in the former Ottoman Empire. Originally this was to have been an international Commission, but the French and British withdrew. The American section, proceeding alone, made a hasty tour of Palestine and Syria in an atmosphere which they admit was permeated by propaganda and intrigue. Apart from the questionable character of the whole investigation the original data given in the little-known full report of the Commission does not support the statement sometimes made, and repeated by Col. Hoskins, that the United States was the first choice as Mandatory. The petitions, whatever their value, indicate that the Syrian nationalists wanted complete independence; they did not want any Mandatory, whether the United States or Great Britain, but they were ready to accept "assistance" -- the votes being fairly well divided as between Great Britain and the United States with a slight preference for the latter. This is hardly sufficient evidence on which to base a statement that American prestige was higher in the past than it is today.

## III. Tension between Arabs and Jews

### 1. The Threat of Violence

It has long been the technique of anti-Zionists to raise the scare of civil war and the threat of an outburst of violence unless the Arab demands are met. This type of argument dates back to the initial period of British Occupation in 1918-20, when a leading military officer made the statement that a force of 50,000 men would



be required to initiate the Balfour Declaration. As a matter of fact, although there were some disturbances in Palestine in 1920 and 1921, these were less serious than similar outbreaks against the French and the British in Syria and Iraq, where there was no Zionist problem. From 1922 to 1929, Palestine enjoyed a period of peace unequalled in other mandated territories; the Government grew over-confident and withdrew the major part of the military forces. In 1929, taking advantage of the situation, the notorious Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini - now in Berlin as a collaborator of Hitler - incited the Wailing Wall riots by arousing the religious fanaticism of the illiterate Moslem rural population, after he had failed to stir up feeling on the basis of the national issue.

The most serious disturbances were those which occurred between 1936 and 1939. It is now generally recognized that these disturbances were aided by Axis funds and by propaganda from radio stations at Bari and Berlin. They were marked by acts of terror against the Arab opponents of the Mufti as well as against the Jews and the British, and were unquestionably greatly aggravated by "gentle handling" (to quote the Royal Institute of International Affairs) on the part of the Palestine authorities. While there are serious political differences between Arabs and Jews in Palestine which should not be minimized, their relations in the day-to-day life are, generally speaking, normal and not marked by bitterness. The violent outbreaks which have occurred from time to time have always been stimulated and incited from above, that is to say, by Arab political leaders.

## 2. The Jewish Defence Force

The Hagana to which Col. Hoskins alludes as an under-cover military organization with aggressive designs is - as the Hebrew name implies - a defense association. It was organized in 1920 after the first Arab attacks; the Government has always known of its existence and has in general not interfered with its activities. It has proved helpful to the authorities during times of unrest by relieving the Government of the necessity of protecting certain of the Jewish areas. It has no military organization, but resembles rather a farmers' or citizens' defense corps. During the Arab terror of 1936-1939, the hagana was widely commended, not least by the British, for sternly refusing to be goaded, in the face of gravest provocation, to acts of retaliation against the general Arab population.

The Royal Commission which investigated the disturbances of 1936 pointed out that it was practically impossible to prevent gun-running by Arabs over the 250 miles frontier, bordering on countries where the inhabitants are allowed to carry arms. In the light of this, the Royal Commission went so far as to recommend that in the event that the Arabs were again aggressors, it was right that they should be disarmed first, and only thereafter should the Jews be disarmed. They said: "If there is one grievance which the Jews have undoubted right to prefer it is the absence of security. Their complaints on this head were dignified and restrained." They also recommended that the force of Jewish Supplementary Police, organized with the aid of Government during 1936-1939, should be included as a part of the permanent internal security arrangements. There is a growing recognition that the solution will be, not the suppression of the hagana but its evolution into a recognized home defense corps, equipped and financially aided by the Government.

## 3. Arab Intransigence and "Political Zionism"

Nothing could be more misleading than the implication that Arab intransigence and readiness to use violence is due to extreme demands made by the Jews, to "political Zionism and its proposed Jewish State and Jewish Army in Palestine." The truth is that the Arab leaders have rejected every compromise. In 1923, when the



British offered an Arab Agency analogous to the Jewish Agency as recognized in the Mandate, the Arab representatives curtly refused. In a letter to the High Commissioner they arrogantly said: "The Arab owners of the country cannot see their way to accept a proposal which tends to place them on an equal footing with the alien Jews." In 1936, testifying before the Royal Commission, an outstanding Arab Nationalist leader said: "We utterly refuse to meet at the same table with any persons who call themselves Zionist Jews... We don't accept the formula laid down by the Jews, that there should be no domination by Jews over Arabs or by Arabs over the Jews." In 1939 they even rejected out of hand the MacDonald White Paper, which virtually repudiated the Balfour Declaration, on the ground that it failed to stop Jewish immigration absolutely and immediately. As one of them said before the Royal Commission: "Frankly speaking, we object to the existence of 400,000 (the number at that time) in the country."

Since the outbreak of the war, in the light of the catastrophe which has overwhelmed the Jews of Europe, the Zionist Organization has reformulated its aims in terms of Jewish mass immigration, unhindered land development and settlement, and the ultimate establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth. This change, incorporated in the "Biltmore program", is in fact a return to the original meaning of the Balfour Declaration as conceived by the British statesmen who sponsored it. It reflects the realization of outstanding American leaders that in the light of the ruthless persecution of the Jews of Europe and the need of a haven for the masses that have become homeless, it is more imperative than ever to carry through the original intent of the Balfour Declaration.

There is no evidence that this facing of realities has led to increased tension between Jews and Arabs, as Col. Hoskins implies. It is true that anti-Zionist forces are once again attempting to engender fear and to use the threat of violence as a means of preventing the revision of the 1939 White Paper. Reliable information from Palestine describes the alarming reports of an impending rebellion as "utterly fantastic . . . fed by mischievous misleading intelligence reports -- or, worse still, motivated by political conspiracy." Although the political trouble makes are at work again, the relations among the people at large appear, if anything, to be improving now that the Mufti and some of his pro-Axis collaborators have been exiled and that the British Government is exercising stricter measures of control. While the work achieving genuine cooperation between Arab and Jew will require a long-range program of education, promotion of mutual understanding, and no less, further improvement of health and economic conditions, students of the political history of Palestine are agreed that a firm policy based on the unequivocal implementation of the terms of the internationally approved Mandate for Palestine is an indispensable prerequisite for peace and rapprochement.

#### IV. Palestine's Capacity to Absorb Large Immigration:

##### 1. Density of Population:

Col. Hoskins also goes out of his way to suggest that Palestine is already over-populated. He says: "Traveling through Palestine one clearly realized that it is not an unpopulated area into which an indefinite additional number can immediately be poured." But traveling through a country by train or automobile is hardly the most reliable method of judging economic possibilities. Another quick way to judge the matter is suggested by Col. Hoskins: he compares Palestine with the State of New Hampshire, about the same size or a little larger and intimates that the population of Palestine is already four times too large. The choice of New Hampshire is arbitrary. Massachusetts, for example, smaller than Palestine,



has a population almost three times as large as Palestine. Taking an example closer to Palestine, and, calculating on the basis of the density of population of Egypt's cultivated area -- which is only one-third larger than the area of the Holy Land -- then Palestine could sustain a population ten times as large as at present. It is clear that the size of a country is only one factor determining the optimum population. Other factors are the character of climate and soil; the type of agriculture, whether intensive or extensive; the relation of agricultural development to industrial development; the technique of production; and prevailing standards of living.

## 2. Growth in Population and Improved Standard of Living

Palestine has been rapidly developing from a backward agricultural economy to one characterized by modern agriculture and industry. Moreover, developments in the Levant -- the expansion of land, sea and air transportation -- are making Palestine the chief commercial center in the Middle East. The new harbor at Haifa is already the third largest in the Eastern Mediterranean; it serves as one of the terminals of the oil pipe line from Iraq and is the starting point of the new motor road to Bagdad. Along with the economic growth has gone an unprecedented increase in population -- as the Royal Institute of International Affairs says: "probably the highest rate of increase of any country in the world during the period." The population has doubled in the last score of years. Two decades ago the number of inhabitants was about 750,000, including 590,000 Moslems, 85,000 Jews and 75,000 Christians. Today the population is over 1,500,000, of which about a third are Jews. The remarkable growth in the Arab population is due largely to natural increase resulting from a great reduction in the death rate, particularly in the incidence of infantile mortality. That this is due to better conditions brought about directly or indirectly by the Jewish endeavor in Palestine is proven without a shadow of a doubt by comparison with all the other Arab countries where the death rate remains high and where the population, if not stationary, is increasing only slowly.

The increase of population has in Palestine, moreover, been accompanied by a rise in the standard of living for all classes of the Arab population. Here, too, the factor of Jewish endeavor in Palestine has admittedly been a major one. Under the causes mentioned by the Palestine Royal Commission as effective in advancing Arab progress in Palestine, the following are mentioned: the large import of Jewish capital into Palestine; Jewish example in the improvement of Arab cultivation; the reclamation and anti-malarial work undertaken in Jewish colonies with their effect on all Arabs in the neighborhood; the work of health institutions like Hadassah, which, though founded with Jewish funds, have treated Arab patients in the cities and in the rural communities. They say: "The general beneficent effect of Jewish immigration on Arab welfare is illustrated by the fact that the increase in the Arab population is most marked in urban areas affected by Jewish development."

## 3. Optimum Population in Palestine

All experts agree that the population of Palestine can be larger than it is at present. Estimates of its population in ancient times by competent authorities range from 3,000,000 to 10,000,000. The central tendency of the most critical calculations for Roman times indicates 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 for Palestine and Trans-Jordan. It is reasonable to suppose that with modern technological advances in agriculture and industry this figure can easily be surpassed.



Dr. W. C. Lowdermilk of The Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture has projected a plan for a full use of the water and power resources of Palestine which promises a complete transformation of the country's economy. He estimates that if such a project were carried out, Palestine and Trans-Jordan could absorb a population of close to six millions, that is, over three times the present number. For Palestine alone, without Trans-Jordan, this degree of population density would mean about 3,500,000 - more than double the present number of inhabitants.

#### V. Zionism and the Modern Near East

An energetic and comprehensive development of Palestine geared to a regional development planned for the Middle East can be of great significance in raising the level of life in this whole area. The Arab peoples are by all accounts as capable and as intelligent as any Western nation; but, at the present time they are living in a transitional period. As many writers on the Near East point out modern ideas and technical innovations introduced from the West have thus far had only a superficial effect on the life of the Near East. Before Western ideas can take any real root, there must be more popular education; more public health work is imperative; and the improvement of health work is necessarily associated with reducing the widespread poverty of the masses. The East requires more science, more industry, and more technology applied to raising the standard of life of the people. Far better understanding of the meaning of democracy is needed if the slogans of self-government are not to be exploited by reactionary forces aiming for dictatorship.

In his recent book, Meet the Arab, John Van Ess, who has lived and worked among the Arabs in Iraq for forty years, describes the situation:

But the near disaster to the British forces in the rebellion of 1941 was the direct result of trying to play cricket with a crowd who were heavily bribed by the Axis and who cared not a whit for the good of their own country . . . you see, in Iraq we had a technique all our own. When a cabinet had become unpopular either on account of what it had or had not done, or generally because it had had its feet in the trough too long, we didn't bother with elections. We short circuited the process and shot up the opposition. Those who didn't get shot hopped a plane for Egypt or India. It saved a lot of time and got results of a kind . . . . . Education in all the Arab states has been superficial, laying entire stress on learning facts, colored to be sure by passing ideologies, but not at all inculcating the dignity of manual labor. . . . the boy has found his home atmosphere uncongenial and has sought expansion in the cafes and clubs where he learned and practiced the patten of chauvinism. Indeed, such training seemed to be the surest guarantee of a government job, while, after all, all other doors, chiefly economic, were closed to him anyway.

The Zionist endeavor in Palestine is a major force in the Middle East working towards a genuinely democratic social order based on a respect for labor and imbued with an ethical and international system. The Zionist upbuilding of Palestine is not only a matter of justice to the Jews, but its fullest possible contribution must be seen in the perspective of the development of the Near East as a whole.



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman,  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a marked copy of the Congressional Record for February 10 which contains the very well composed and forceful article by Mr. Samuel B. Weinstein of Portland, Oregon, on the great humanitarian policy in which we have a mutual interest. As soon as the Public Printer delivers to my office the thousand reprints of the Record which I made in the Senate on the 10th instant, I shall forward the entire edition to Mr. Abe Gilbert of Portland, with my compliments, covering all expenses incurred.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Robert H. H. H. H.*

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February 25, 1944

Hon. Rufus C. Holman,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

May I thank you for your graciousness in sending me a copy of the Congressional Record for February 10th and for the pleasure which I derived from reading the editorials which, by your request, were printed in the Congressional Record. I read them with keenest interest. They reflect the attitude of men of good will throughout our beloved country.

I need not tell you that we are greatly heartened by the pledge of active support which you gave to the Senate Resolution 247. I hope that nothing will delay favorable action on the resolution in the Senate of the United States.

With all good wishes, and again thanking you for helpfulness and cooperation, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver



MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Dr. Stephen S. Wise

Date March 6, 1944

From Arthur Lourie

I received the following cable today:

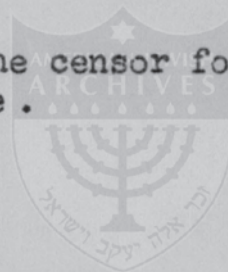
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NAHUM GOLDMANN"

It was apparently held up by the censor for nearly a fortnight, and  
of course has no relevance at this time.





March 14, 1944

Mr. Leon Gellman  
1133 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Gellman:

The Zionist Emergency Council authorized me to appoint a committee to consider the present status of the Political Bureau of the Jewish Agency which was established a few months ago, and the question of its continuation in view of the new developments which have taken place in relation to our own re-organization and the expansion of our work. I regard this as a very important assignment and I would greatly appreciate it if you would serve on this committee along with Mrs. Judith Epstein, Mr. David Wertheim and Dr. Israel Goldstein. I am requesting Judge Morris Rothenberg to act as chairman. As soon as Nahum Goldmann and Goldstein return, a meeting will be called.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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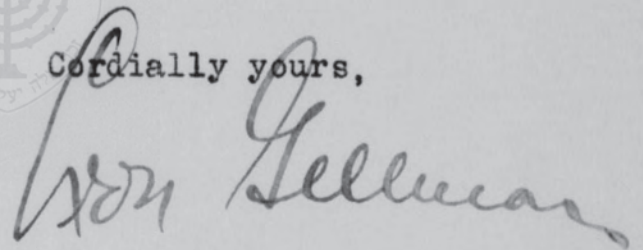
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

In answer to yours of the 14th, I wish to inform you that I shall be glad to serve on a committee along with other representatives of Zionist groups to consider the present status of the Political Bureau of the Jewish Agency in Washington.

With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Louis H. Howe

LG:RW



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March 20th, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman of the Executive Committee  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I noted your picture in the last issue of the Time magazine.

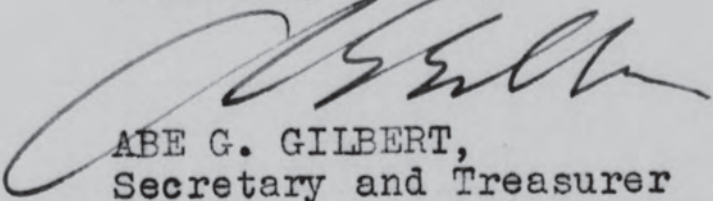
I wish to state that the above committee is going to continue its educational program; and in answer to great demand we are getting out a bigger and better issue of The New Horizon. We have information gathered from the Abrogation Committees of Canada and over the entire Pacific coast.

For this issue we would like to run a statement from you and also your picture.

Enclosed herewith is copy of our paper and our petition. We have over 20,000 signatures on these petitions.

Kindly let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

  
ABE G. GILBERT,  
Secretary and Treasurer

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## Prime Minister WINSTON CHURCHILL Denounces Palestine WHITE PAPER

### Oregon Congressmen Indorse White Paper Abrogation

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YOUR AIR MAIL LETTER  
WITH ENCLOSURES JUST RE-  
CEIVED. I AM DELIGHTED TO  
HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
COOPERATE WITH YOU IN  
THIS GREAT HUMANITARIAN  
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YOU 100 COPIES WITH MY  
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Senator Holman also states,  
Feb. 11, 1944:

"Be assured that I am happy  
to be of service in this fine, noble  
crusade for the relief and succor  
of a distressed and suffering  
people."

Senator Holman also remarks  
in Congressional Record, A 222,  
February 10, 1944:

I am prompted because of my  
profound sympathy for the dis-  
tressed and harassed Jews in  
Europe, who plead for the restora-  
tion of their ancient and historic  
homeland in Palestine to take  
this opportunity to record my  
approval and to pledge my active  
support of Senate Resolution 247  
and all other similar measures  
intended to accomplish the same  
purpose.

CONGRESSMAN HOMER D.  
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FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMIT-  
TEE.

HOMER D. ANGELL, MC"  
Also Congressman Angell  
writes:

Feb. 10, 1944.

Dear Mr. Gilbert:  
I am just in receipt of your  
letter of February 7. As I wired  
you yesterday, I presented this  
matter to the House Committee  
which is holding hearings on it  
and there is nothing new to re-  
port to you as yet. I urged upon  
the Committee that the legisla-  
tion be reported out favorably so  
that the bars might be let down  
for permitting the Jewish people  
to return to Palestine and that the  
Balfour pledge be made good.

Thanking you for writing me,  
I am

Sincerely yours,  
HOMER D. ANGELL, M.C.

PAGE 3—WHAT YOU CAN DO  
TO HELP.

### National Labor Leaders Join Drive to Reestab- lish Jewish National Home In Palestine

Washington—Thomas A. Mur-  
ray, President of the New York  
State Federation of Labor, has  
joined the American Palestine  
Committee, "the vehicle for the  
expression of the sympathy and  
good will of Christian America  
for the movement to reestablish  
the Jewish National Home in  
Palestine." This was announced  
today by Senator Robert F. Wag-  
ner of New York and Senator  
Charles L. McNary of Oregon, co-  
chairmen of the committee.

Mr. Murray is the most recent  
of labor leaders who have become  
affiliated with the American Pal-  
estine Committee. Others include  
A. F. of L. President William  
Green, who is vice-chairman of  
the committee; C. I. O. President  
Philip Murray, who is a member  
of the organization's Executive  
Committee; Matthew Woll, Second  
Vice-President of the A. F. of L.;  
James B. Carey, Secretary-  
Treasurer of the C. I. O.; Edward  
G. Brown, President of the Inter-  
national Brotherhood of Electrical  
Workers of America; H. W.  
Brown, President of the Interna-  
tional Association of Machinists;  
and D. B. Robertson, President  
of the Brotherhood of Locomotive  
Firemen and Enginemen.

The committee also includes  
many outstanding figures in the  
field of education, government  
and religion, and now aims to  
enroll the broad mass of Christian  
Americans in its nation-wide drive  
to reconstitute the Jewish Na-  
tional Home in Palestine.

### Women Zionists President Issues Appeal For Justice In Palestine

The threat of the MacDonald  
White Paper is of the gravest  
concern to the 100,000 members of  
Hadassah, who have played such  
a tremendous role in the upbuild-  
ing of Palestine since our organi-  
zation was founded thirty-two  
years ago.

Today Hadassah, the largest  
Zionist organization in America  
and the largest Jewish women's  
organization in the world, main-  
tains a vast network of health,  
hospitalization, child welfare, re-  
creation, youth refugee, vocational  
guidance and land reclamation  
projects in the Holy Land. We  
have sent tons of supplies—food,  
drugs, equipment and clothing;  
we have planted forests and pur-  
chased land, we have greatly  
raised the health standards of the  
entire population through our  
non-sectarian medical service; we  
have rescued more than 10,000  
European children and have  
equipped them to assume their  
responsibilities in the Palestine  
community—all this to the end,  
the ultimate goal, that in Palestine  
a homeland would be assured the  
Jewish people, a haven where the  
persecuted of our faith could be  
rehabilitated and live, as all have  
the right to live, in freedom, dig-  
nity and self respect.

It is for the future that we have  
been building, and that is why at  
this time we realize the impera-

### Mayor Riley Supports Balfour Resolution

Mayor Earl Riley of Portland,  
Oregon, who recently gained  
world fame on his good will trip  
throughout England, to a com-  
mittee told of his experiences in  
England and of the high praise  
among English leaders for Pal-  
estine. The distinguished Portland  
Mayor told the Abrogation Com-  
mittee that England was depend-  
ing today exclusively on Palestine  
for citrus fruits and many other  
agricultural products. He stated  
that the English leaders were high  
in praise of the services both in  
the armed forces and in produc-  
tion that Palestine was rendering  
the Democratic forces of the  
world. Following is telegram sent  
by Mayor Riley to Congressmen:

February 7, 1944.

Hon. Homer D. Angell  
Hon. Lowell Stockman  
Hon. R. S. Ellsworth  
Hon. Sol Bloom  
Hon. James W. Mott

House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.  
I earnestly urge you to use your  
influence and support of House  
Resolutions Four Eighteen and  
Four Nineteen. It is essential in  
justice to thousands of human  
beings of the Jewish Faith that  
the gates of Palestine remain open.  
We should as freedom-loving citi-  
zens of America reaffirm our  
pledge and support of the Balfour  
Declaration. Please make your  
position known as favoring the  
above with the House Foreign  
Affairs Committee.

EARL RILEY,  
Mayor of the City of Portland.

### The American Declaration On Palestine

Resolved by the Senate and  
House of Representatives of the  
United States of America in  
Congress assembled, That the  
United States of America favors  
the establishment in Pal-  
estine of a national home for the  
Jewish people, it being clearly  
understood that nothing shall  
be done which may prejudice  
the civil and religious rights  
of Christian and all other non-  
Jewish communities in Pal-  
estine, and that the holy places  
and religious buildings and  
sites in Palestine shall be ade-  
quately protected.

Adopted unanimously in both  
Houses on June 30, 1922.  
Signed by President Harding  
on September 21, 1922.

ive need for opening the doors  
of Palestine to large scale Jewish  
immigration. To shut the doors  
of the country promised to the  
Jews as their homeland is indef-  
ensible discrimination and  
cruelty.

We of Hadassah in hundreds of  
communities throughout the  
United States are adding our  
voices to those of millions of Jews  
and non-Jews who are demanding  
that the infamous White Paper be  
abrogated, that the pledge of the  
Balfour Declaration be fulfilled,  
and that the Jewish people be en-  
abled to take its rightful place in  
the progressive order of mankind,  
which we pray may issue from this  
struggle.

(Mrs. Ben) Mariam Rosenfeld,  
President, Portland Chapter  
of Hadassah.

### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAILS PALESTINE

In speaking of Palestine  
President Roosevelt said:  
"Two decades have wit-  
nessed a remarkable exem-  
plification of the vitality and  
vision of the Jewish pioneers  
in Palestine.  
"It should be a source of  
pride to Jewish citizens of  
the United States that they,  
too, have had a share in this  
great work of revival and  
restoration."

### Edith N. Rogers Pledges Support

Foreign Relations Committee  
Member Urges Jewish  
Commonwealth

Washington — Representative  
Edith Nourse Rogers (Republican,  
Massachusetts), a member of the  
House Foreign Relations Commit-  
tee, today pledged her support to  
the Wright-Compton Resolution  
on Palestine, which was intro-  
duced in the United States House  
of Representatives on January 27.  
Representative Rogers declared  
that the Wright-Compton Resolu-  
tion "is expressive of the senti-  
ments of the American people,"  
and added that the Jewish people  
"have more than justified the  
expectations of mankind with  
reference to Palestine."  
"By their skill, energy, labor  
and sacrifice, they reclaimed the  
soil of their Homeland and rebuilt  
the country in a manner that com-  
pelled the admiration of the civil-  
ized world," she said.

### PALESTINE

By a Christian Minister

"Inasmuch as ye have done it  
unto one of the least of these my  
brethren, Ye have done it unto  
me" (Matthew XXV).

The fate of the Jews of Europe  
who have undergone tribulations  
like no other people on earth, must  
move the heart of all Christians  
and awaken the conscience of  
America.

As a Minister of His Word, I  
feel that we owe a debt to the  
suffering People of the Book. I  
am shocked by the British White  
Paper which would close the doors  
of Palestine to new Jewish immi-  
gration.

As a Christian and as an Ameri-  
can, I raise my voice in horror  
and submit to you my strongest  
protest against so inhuman, so  
un-Christian, so un-American and  
undemocratic a policy. Please use  
all means to have it revoked. The  
Palestine resolution which has  
been introduced into both Houses  
of Congress must be passed with-  
out delay. It provides the only  
means for Americans to express  
their conviction that the doors of  
the Jewish Homeland must not  
be closed.

### WHY DEFEAT THE WHITE PAPER

If the policy of the British  
White Paper of 1939 should  
stand undefeated, Palestine  
would become the only non-  
Axis country in the world  
which would, by legislation,  
bar Jews from immigration  
and land ownership. This would  
make the Four Freedoms and  
all solemn pledges given to  
the Jews a tragic farce.

### ALSO

### History and Meaning of Chamberlain's White Paper Concerning Palestine

#### 1. Provisions of the White Paper of May, 1939

Issued by the Chamberlain gov-  
ernment, the White Paper provides  
A. Immigration of Jews to Pal-  
estine limited to 75,000 for five-  
year period between April, 1939,  
and March 31, 1944. Complete  
cessation of immigration after  
March 31, 1944 (except for the  
balance of the 75,000 unable to get  
transportation by that time).

B. Sales of land to Jews pro-  
hibited in greater part of Pal-  
estine.

#### 2. Relation of White Paper to Legal and International Basis of Jewish Settlement in Palestine

A. Palestine was conferred as a  
mandated territory to Great Bri-  
tain by League of Nations in 1922.  
Mandate provided "for the estab-  
lishment in Palestine of a national  
home for the Jewish people." The  
Mandate was approved by the 52  
nations of the League and by the  
Congress of the United States.

B. Britain assumed an obliga-  
tion under the Mandate consistent  
with her Balfour Declaration of  
November 2, 1917, promising to  
aid in the establishment of Jewish  
homeland in Palestine.

C. Winston Churchill, in Parlia-  
mentary debate on May 23, 1939,  
declare dthe White Paper of May,  
1939, to be "a breach and repudia-  
tion of England's obligation."

D. In June, 1939, the Permanent  
Mandates Commission of the  
League of Nations refused to  
sanction the White Paper, declar-  
ing it not in accordance with the  
Palestine Mandate.

#### 3. History of White Paper

A. Closing of Palestine's doors,  
like the closing of the Burma  
Road, and the pact at Munich, was  
a product of Chamberlain's ap-  
peasement policy, and remains as  
a last unrepudiated vestige of that  
ill-fated policy.

B. Winston Churchill, speaking  
against the White Paper in the  
House of Commons, declared: "I  
am sure of this, that to show your-  
selves infirm of will and unable  
to pursue a long, clear and con-  
sidered purpose, bending and  
twisting under the crush and  
pressure of events—I am sure that  
this is going to do us a most seri-  
ous and grave injury at a time like  
this . . . It is hoped to obtain five  
years of easement in Palestine by  
this proposal; surely the conse-  
quence will be entirely the oppo-  
site. Long before those five years  
are past, either there will be a  
Britain which knows how to keep  
its word on the Balfour Declara-  
tion and is not afraid to do so, or,  
believe me, we shall find ourselves  
relieved of many overseas respon-  
sibilities other than those com-  
prised within the Palestine Man-  
date."

#### 4. Effect of the White Paper

A. The 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 Jew-  
ish dead in Europe, victims of axis  
tyranny, witness the ghastly fate  
of Jews in this war.

(Continued on Page 4)



# U. S. Senators Wagner and Taft Endorse Resolution

## Statement of Senator Robert A. Taft

[Republican, Ohio]

Mr. President:

I am joining today with the Senator from New York (Mr. Wagner) in offering a resolution favoring the establishment of Palestine as a place for the permanent settlement of millions of European Jews.

The resolution recently reported by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee provided for the establishment of a commission to investigate, and report on one of the most serious problems which faces the world today. Without waiting for the Senate to act, the President has set up such a commission which shall determine the best method of saving those Jews who have not been massacred, who are in Germany or its satellite countries, and those who are wandering without homes throughout the earth. Until a place is found to which the unhappy Jews of Europe can repair and get a new start in life, free of unreasonable economic sanction and blind religious and racial hatred, the fundamental causes for anti-Semitism will continue in Europe.

It seems to me that the only solution of this problem lies in the restoration of free and unrestricted immigration of Jews into Palestine, at least until that land has absorbed as many people as it can.

Palestine was set aside as a homeland for the Jews during the first World War. The League of Nations approved this solution and our government and the British government also agreed to it. In 1922, under the leadership of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, a Republican Congress unanimously gave its approval to Palestine as a Jewish homeland. A Republican President signed the legislation. Unfortunately, considerations of military policy led the British Government to change that policy and forbid, in effect, the further immigration of Jews into Palestine, when the Jewish population is still only one-half of the Arab population.

The resolution now presented is really a reaffirmation of the historic policy of the Congress. It is a step toward the solution of one of the problems which must be solved if peace is to exist throughout the world. I hope that all people of good will can join in approving the resolution.

## Statement of Senator Wallace H. White, Jr.

[Republican, Maine]

Mr. President:

I take great satisfaction in the introduction of the Resolution just presented to the Senate. If I correctly understand its purpose and its terms, it is a reaffirmation of an attitude of the Congress expressed more than 20 years ago with respect to the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people.

The cruelties inflicted upon the Jewish people in late years, and their present desperate plight, appeal to the heart of the Christian world for remedial measures and for fulfillment of this plan for a home for them.

This Resolution encourages hope that there will soon come realization of those aspirations. It should have early and favorable consideration by the Senate.

### WAR TIME PALESTINE

We promised a national homeland in Palestine to the Jews in 1922, and today we are reaping the harvest of that promise. Palestine's Jews have made a splendid contribution to the war effort of the United Nations. They have converted their country to a full war-time economy, they have sent many thousands of their young men to fight in the British forces, they have made of Palestine a real arsenal of democracy in a part of the world which, unfortunately, is known for its indifference to democracy's fate.

### FOR FREEDOM

Freedom is not just a word to the people of Europe. Some of them remember it—and understand what they have lost.

Freedom is a gift which you as a citizen of these United States can help give to millions of European Jews, who may be denied it forever through the British White Paper of 1939, which closes the doors of Palestine to new Jewish immigration after March 31.

See Page 3 to help!

## House Address of Representative JAMES A. WRIGHT of Pennsylvania on the Palestine Resolution

Mr. Speaker:

These resolutions introduced today by myself and by the gentleman of Connecticut, Mr. Compton, constitute a restatement of the established American policy relative to the Jewish National Home in Palestine as declared by the 67th Congress, through the adoption of the Palestine Resolution in 1922. It is in harmony with the ideals for which this war is being fought.

The tragedy of Jewish homelessness in Europe as intensified by the Nazi persecutions, makes it imperative on the part of the United Nations to deal effectively with this grave human problem. After the victory there will be hundreds of thousands of Jews in Europe for whom it will be necessary to find a place of shelter.

The country most available to receive this large number of destitute people is Palestine, where the Jewish pioneers, as a result of their own achievements and sacrifices, have prepared the Jewish National Home to absorb these victims of the Nazi oppression. The very designation of Palestine as a Jewish National Home connotes the freedom of entry of Jews into Palestine as a matter of right. This is a basic attribute of a homeland.

It is worthy of mention that the Jewish community of Palestine has rendered magnificent service to the cause of the United Nations through the work of its factories, the produce of its farms and the volunteer service of 30,000 of its young men in the armed forces of Great Britain, as members of General Montgomery's heroic 8th Army.

The adoption of this resolution will be a source of comfort to all nations who are now crushed under the heel of the Nazi tyrant.

To the Jews of Europe the adoption of this resolution will give renewed hope and faith.

### IF YOU WISH TO HELP THE FUTURE OF PALESTINE

If you are active in any organization, will you have them wire or write our Senators and Congressmen of this historic and momentous legislation.

Petitions to be presented to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Congress can be obtained for circulation of names at 817 Public Service Building, telephone BRoadway 5469. Also see page 3.

### CONGRESSMAN ELLSWORTH PLEDGES CONSIDERATION

February 10, 1944.

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

Thank you for your letter of February 7th and your telegram of that date. I have read with interest your comments on the Resolution pending before the House Foreign Affairs Committee and am glad to have your opinions.

You may be assured of my interest in this bill and my careful consideration when the bill is reported to the House by the Committee.

With many thanks for your letter and telegram, I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
HARRIS ELLSWORTH.

## Message From Governor Dewey

A message from Governor Thomas E. Dewey stated that "there must be recognition of the historic rights of the Jews in Palestine," and that "it is essential that a way be found to open the doors of Palestine."

"If these doors remain closed," Governor Dewey's message said, "the specter of hundreds of thousands of helpless and wandering Jews will intensify the difficulties of the peace and will cast grave doubts upon its sincerity and soundness."

## House Address of Representative Ranulf Comton

Republican of Connecticut

in connection with the

### Palestine Resolution

Mr. Speaker:

It is a signal honor as well as a moral duty to be the joint author and sponsor of House Resolution, simultaneously introduced by the Honorable James A. Wright, member from Pennsylvania on the majority side of the House. This is a subject that has been near my heart for many years and as I have indicated I am most happy to be privileged as a member of Congress to take some action looking toward the abrogation of the British White Paper which attempts to hold the Jewish people as a permanent minority in Palestine and which precludes the relief to the suffering Jew so long and so vividly presented to us in Europe. It is hoped that this joint action by the Congress will give the State Department encouragement to take active steps to bring about favorable action in Europe. It is also my hope that this concerted joint action, with the engendered sympathetic public opinion reawakened by these resolutions, will spur the administration to pursue an aggressive policy toward that end.

Let no one say this is not our business to interfere with Great Britain in this matter. Decidedly it is our affair. Great Britain formally initiated the project in 1917 and wanted our approval and encouragement which we and the other Allies of World War One gave at that time. Subsequently, Great Britain became the trustee—mark you, the trustee—for fifty-two nations of the League of Nations in establishing a Jewish National Home in Palestine. We must not forget that in 1922 a Joint Congressional Resolution favoring the establishment of a Jewish Home for the Jewish people in Palestine was adopted unanimously, and we must not forget that in 1924 a special treaty between England and the United States gave special significance and sanction to the mandate for Palestine.

It is worthy of note that the treaty specifically set forth that any changes must be with our assent. This is ample reason, if there were no humanitarian ones, for us to actively and energetically insist that Great Britain abrogate the British White Paper which was enunciated without our assent or approval.

Every humanitarian impulse is toward opening wide the doors of Palestine to our suffering brothers of the Jewish faith. Let me say in conclusion that literally thousands of my constituents in Connecticut, both Jew and Gentile, have urged me to lend assistance to any action that might speed the day when Palestine would once more be a haven for the Jew.

Answering those thousands and acting on behalf of the sympathetic members of the minority I have taken this action today. It is my earnest hope that the House will give unanimous approval to the adoption of the resolution.

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## Palestine Resolution

Introduced by SENATORS WAGNER and TAFT

Measure Urges Free Immigration and Jewish Commonwealth; Backed by Barkley and White

Washington—Senator Robert F. Wagner (Democrat, New York) and Senator Robert A. Taft (Republican, Ohio), today introduced in the United States Senate a resolution urging the United States "to use its good offices and take appropriate measures to the end that the doors of Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

The bi-partisan measure was hailed on the floor of the Senate by Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley (Democrat, Kentucky), and Acting Minority Leader Wallace H. White, Jr. (Republican, Maine).

In presenting the resolution, Senator Wagner drew attention to the Joint Resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Congress of the United States in June, 1922, and which declared that "the United States of America favors the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people."

"This resolution (the Wagner-Taft measure) reaffirms the historic policy of the Government of the United States," Senator Wagner asserted.

Reviewing the history of Palestine since the days when the British Government after World War I, with the approval of the United States and the allied and associated nations, assumed the Mandate over Palestine, Senator Wagner said:

"While Palestine achieved remarkable growth in the next twenty years, a new day did not dawn for the world at large. Instead, under the prodding of Hitler and Mussolini, and under other influences, a series of unfortunate developments conspired to divert the orderly fulfillment of a great objective. During the 'Munich Period', the then British Government adopted the so-called 'White Paper' restricting immigration, land purchase and colonization of Palestine by Jewish settlers. This policy then, as now, shocked the sensibilities of men of good will everywhere. No one was more outspoken in opposition to the White Paper than Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

"In the meantime, the present war began, and Hitler's murder squads undertook their deliberate program of exterminating the Jewish population of Europe. At a time when Palestine should have been open to welcome these unfortunate people and utilize their contribution to the utmost, the gates were virtually closed.

"Those Jews who were fortunate enough to be in Palestine have made and are making a truly glorious contribution to the Allied cause. While General Montgomery and his valiant Eighth Army were fighting with their backs to the Suez Canal, and Rommel already had invited guests to his contemplated first dinner party in Cairo, the Jews of Palestine were performing heroic deeds as commandos and as other shock troops. In Palestine the entire community of men and women dedicated their lives to the defense of their homeland and to the production of urgently needed materials of war for the Allied forces. President Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill, and other Allied leaders have spoken most generously of their contribution.

"Now and in the post-war period, this Jewish community stands ready to give refuge to their persecuted brethren in Europe. From 1933 to 1939, Palestine welcomed more refugees from Hitlerian terror than were absorbed by the rest of the world. When the war ends, Palestine has the capacity to absorb the uprooted and destitute Jews who will survive Hitler's vengeance. The need then will be greater than ever before.

Senate to Open the Doors of Palestine  
Senator Taft, co-sponsor of the

measure, declared that "until a place is found to which the unhappy Jews of Europe can repair and get a new start in life, free of unreasonable economic sanction and blind religious and racial hatred, the fundamental causes for anti-Semitism will continue in Europe."

"It seems to me that the only solution of this problem lies in the restoration of free and unrestricted immigration of Jews into Palestine, at least until that land has absorbed as many people as it can," he added.

An impassioned plea in behalf of the persecuted Jews of Europe and a tribute to the Jews of Palestine was voiced by Senator Barkley, who declared:

**"I HAVE BEEN FREQUENTLY INSPIRED BY THE DEVOTION AND THE ENTHUSIASM WITH WHICH MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE NEVER SEEN PALESTINE, AND WILL NEVER SEE IT, HAVE DEVOTED THEIR LIVES AND THEIR MEANS TO PROVIDE A HOME FOR THE PERSECUTED JEWS OF EUROPE."**

"It is my opinion that Palestine can yet absorb many hundreds of thousands. I have been informed from reliable sources that ultimately, by the process of improvement in agriculture and industry and all the other things which go to make life worthwhile, that in all likelihood Palestine could absorb and support approximately 3,000,000 Jews. If that is true—and I have no reason to doubt it—it seems to me that we ought to encourage every effort, not only as American citizens, but that as a government we ought to encourage every effort to facilitate the migration of oppressed, harassed people into the land of their ancient ancestors."

The bi-partisan nature of the Wagner-Taft resolution parallels that of the measure which was introduced in the House of Representatives on January 27, by Representatives James A. Wright (Democrat, Pennsylvania) and Ranulf Compton (Republican, Connecticut). That resolution was endorsed by House Majority Leader John W. McCormack (Democrat, Massachusetts) and House Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (Republican, Massachusetts).

The text of the Wagner-Taft resolution follows:

"Resolved, that the United States shall use its good offices and take appropriate measures to the end that the doors of Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

## Britain Urged To Scrap White Paper

The 1939 White Paper on Palestine, unless abrogated, will leave Palestine as the one place in the world, outside of Nazi-occupied Europe, where Jews will be denied admission solely because they are Jews.

When the Chamberlain Government promulgated the White Paper on Palestine in 1939, Mr. Winston Churchill called it "a plain breach of a solemn obligation." The proposed stoppage of Jewish immigration into the Holy Land would virtually annul the British pledge to assist the Jewish people in the upbuilding of their National Home.

The British Government has not seen fit as yet to revoke that disastrous document. And never before were the Jewish people so much in need of a place of refuge. It would be a historic crime if the Chamberlain White Paper were not scrapped without delay. The United States is bound by the British-American convention of 1924, to see to it that Great Britain complies with her obligations under the Palestine mandate.

### PROTEST

Humanitarian considerations, as well as clear treaty obligations, compel America to raise its voice in a mighty protest for Abrogation of the White Paper.



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FOR A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF PALESTINE AND THE WHITE PAPER

### The Bible On Palestine

Theological students call attention to the fact that in the entire Bible there is but one direct deed of land by God to a people as follows:

(Canaan—that part of Palestine between the Jordan and the Mediterranean.)

#### GENESIS

1921 B. C.  
Chapter XII

God calleth Abram, and blesseth him—He buildeth an altar unto the Lord.

1. Now the Lord had said unto Abram, get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

2. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3. And I will bless him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him; and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5. And Abram took Sarai, his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all and substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

6. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7. **AND THE LORD APPEARED UNTO ABRAHAM, AND SAID, UNTO THY SEED WILL I GIVE THIS LAND: AND THERE BUILT HE AN ALTAR UNTO THE LORD, WHO APPEARED UNTO HIM.**

### From The Oregon Daily Journal

#### THE FORSAKEN PEOPLE

(By Samuel B. Weinstein, chairman, Committee for the Abrogation of the Palestine White Paper.)

In these trying and tragic times thoughtful men and women have been looking ahead to the day when our armed forces come home victorious and peace reigns triumphant over a better world. Principles have been laid down, and discussions are going forward to feed the hungry, and to assure freedom of worship, free institutions, and economic security to freemen everywhere on this earth.

For the conquered peoples of Europe and Asia, in the darkness of their suffering and sorrow, these plans offer at least a continuing hope of a better day to come. But for the helpless Jews in conquered Europe, Hitler is doing the planning. He is deciding their future by a ruthless campaign of unlimited murder. This minority is simply being wiped out—now.

The millions who yet remain have maintained their physical existence in the hope that an opportunity will be given them to emigrate to Palestine, a place where they are wanted and welcomed by their own brethren, but this last avenue of escape from the Nazi terror is to be shut off by an act of one of the United Nations.

Twenty-six years ago the Balfour Declaration guaranteed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people who may wish to settle in Palestine. Since that time the Jews have built

their homeland into one of the greatest colonization achievements of our time. But that effort is now threatened with destruction. On March 31, under the terms of the Palestine White Paper of 1939, the doors of Palestine are to be closed forever to Jews. This infamous white paper was the climax of the appeasement policy pursued by the Chamberlain government in 1939, at a time when the forces of democracy were in retreat. It was the Munich policy over again, applied to Palestine. It was legally, morally, and humanely indefensible.

Today, as democracy takes the offensive and victory is assured, appeasement must be ended. The illegal and immoral white paper must be swept aside. The doors

The Balfour Declaration was justly hailed throughout the world as an act of historic reparation and as a charter of freedom for the Jewish people. It was designed to open the gates of Palestine to homeless and harassed multitudes of Europe's persecuted men and women of the Jewish faith. The reasons which 25 years ago led the American people and the government of the United States to favor the cause of Jewish national restoration in Palestine are still valid today. In fact, the case for a Jewish Palestine is overwhelmingly stronger and the need more urgent now than ever before. I am confident that America will answer this call for a hand of friendship and sympathy. It will act, and act now, to avert another blow to millions of human beings. Justice, liberty, fair play, and regard for the dignity of the human personality are not yet entirely forsaken.

### Palestine Should Be No Waiting Wall

(From the Portland (Ore.) Daily Journal of Jan. 20, 1944)

Closure of Palestine to further development as a national home for Jews of all nations threatens at a time when freedom and civil rights are being fought for on battle fronts throughout the world. That the rights of Jews in the Holy Land should be denied is now particularly serious, in view of the need of refugee homes for Jews able to escape Nazi persecution.

To trace the issue, it is necessary to go back to the Balfour Declaration of 1917, when Arthur James Balfour, British Foreign Affairs Secretary, wrote that "His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities."

The declaration was too vague. It created the term "a national home for Jews," but failed to define the degree of civil authority, rights, and privileges. It therefore launched years of controversy, which Winston Churchill once tried to settle, while Colonial Secretary, with the statement that Jewish people are in Palestine by right, not by sufferance, and that Jews were entitled to further development of their community, which could be considered a state or national home.

But in 1939 the British Government, pursuing the appeasement policies of Chamberlain in the Near East as well as in Europe, issued a white paper which gave such new interpretation to Arab authority as to threaten the entire Jewish national home movement. American and British Jews seek abrogation of this paper and determination of a policy in line with the accepted intent of the Balfour Declaration. Aid of the American Government and public is sought. At this hour, when the

settled, and further development of the community should be made possible on a permanent basis. Peace in Palestine is feasible if a policy is clearly established.

### What You Can Do To Help

First, wire or write your United States Senators and Representatives in Washington, D. C., and urge their support on pending resolutions that have been introduced.

Second, get extra copies free and distribute among your friends of The New Horizon, which can be secured at Office, 817 Public Service Building.

Third, get signatures for following petition, which also can be secured at above office. Our petition reads as follows:

#### PETITION

Sponsored by  
OREGON COMMITTEE FOR  
ABROGATION OF WHITE  
PAPER

To Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America; and  
To Honorable Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State:

The undersigned, in keeping with traditional American interest in the principles of justice, tolerance and fair play, respectfully call to your attention the splendid achievement in reconstruction and settlement which the Jewish people created in Palestine since the issuance of the Balfour Declaration, and which Declaration was approved by 52 nations of the world, including the unanimous approval by both Houses of Congress of the United States, thus recording the historic sympathy of the American people for the upbuilding of Palestine as a haven for the homeless millions of persecuted and helpless men, women and children of the Jewish Faith.

We regret, that at a time when millions of Europe's Jews have died at the hands of the Nazi oppressors, and millions are yet threatened with extinction, that the British Government plans to put into effect the White Paper on Palestine which will close the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration on April 1, 1944, a policy adopted by the Neville Chamberlain Government in 1939, as a part of the discredited appeasement program, and ever since forcefully condemned by every liberal statesman of Britain including Prime Minister Churchill.

We, therefore, respectfully urge you that the United States Government use its influence to bring about the immediate abrogation of the White Paper.

Respectfully yours,  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### PALESTINE

By a Union Member

Organized labor has already demonstrated its sympathy with the democratic Jewish community of Palestine. Both the CIO and the AFL have passed resolutions favoring the development of Palestine as a self-governing Jewish Commonwealth, and have asked that the gates of Palestine be opened for entry and settlement of as many Jewish refugees as may need or shall desire to go there.

As a member of (name of union) and as one of your constituents, I ask you to support the (Wright-Compton or Wagner-Taft) resolution when it is voted on in the (House or Senate). A just social and economic order has been established by the workers of Palestine by dint of much hard labor and effort. We cannot afford to let such achievements go to waste, and we certainly cannot afford to pass up any channel of escape through which the Jews of Europe might reach freedom.

### Senator R. F. Wagner Appeals For Palestine Justice

Mr. President:

I deem it a great privilege to join Senator Taft in sponsoring this resolution, concerning one of the greatest humanitarian movements before the American people today—to right the tragic plight of the Jews of the Old World and help them re-build their ancestral homeland, where they may live as free men and useful citizens.

This resolution re-affirms the historic policy of the government of the United States, formulated by the Congress in June, 1922, when it unanimously passed a Joint Resolution sponsored by the late Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, then chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations. The Congress then declared "that the United States of America favors the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of Christian and of other non-Jewish communities in Palestine, and that the Holy places and religious buildings and sites in Palestine shall be adequately protected."

The Lodge resolution concerned the famous Balfour Declaration, establishing in Palestine a homeland for the Jewish people. Although it was issued in the name of the British Government, the Balfour Declaration was, as a matter of fact, a joint policy of the Governments of Great Britain and the United States. Before its official publication it was the subject of prolonged and cordial negotiations between Mr. Woodrow Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George, the respective heads of the two governments. In the words of Hon. Josephus Daniels, the United States was a "moral co-sponsor" of the entire plan.

It was hoped then by the Allied Government and by men of good will everywhere that the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine would solve an age-old problem. It was contemplated that the disgraceful era of economic and social persecution of the Jews in Europe would terminate and this people, from whom we derive our Christianity and our basic laws, among many other contributions, would once again be allowed to work out their salvation in peace and freedom.

With this in mind the British Government after World War I, with the approval of the United States, and the allied and associated nations assumed the Mandate over Palestine.

While Palestine achieved remarkable growth in the next twenty years, a new day did not dawn for the world at large. Instead, under the prodding of Hitler and Mussolini, and under other influences, a series of unfortunate developments conspired to divert the orderly fulfillment of a great objective. During the "Munich Period," the then British Government adopted the so-called "White Paper" restricting immigration, land purchase and colonization of Palestine by Jewish settlers. This policy then, as now, shocked the sensibilities of men of good will everywhere. No one was more outspoken in opposition to the White Paper than Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

In the meantime the present war began, and Hitler's murder squads undertook their deliberate program of exterminating the Jewish population of Europe. At a time when Palestine should have been open to welcome these unfortunate people and utilize their contribution to the utmost, the gates were virtually closed.

Those Jews who were fortunate enough to be in Palestine have made and are making a truly glorious contribution to the Allied cause. While General Montgomery and his valiant Eighth Army were fighting with their backs to the Suez Canal, and Rommel already had invited guests to his contemplated first dinner party in Cairo, the Jews of Palestine were performing heroic deeds as commandos and as other shock troops. In Palestine the entire issue is so vital, it should be

community of men and women dedicated their lives to the defense of their homeland and to the production of urgently needed materials of war for the Allied forces. President Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill, and other allied leaders have spoken most generously of their contribution.

Now and in the post-war period, this Jewish community stands ready to give refuge to their persecuted brethren in Europe. From 1933 to 1939, Palestine welcomed more refugees from Hitlerian terror than were absorbed by the rest of the world. When the war ends, Palestine has the capacity to absorb the uprooted and the destitute Jews who will survive Hitler's vengeance. The need then will be greater than ever before.

Our government has done and is doing its utmost to alleviate the conditions of European refugees during the war. Every President of the United States since Woodrow Wilson has looked with favor upon the Jewish homeland as the permanent solution of a vexing problem. This resolution will help uphold the hand of our government in support of its traditional policy—a policy that is in furtherance of the ideals of all the United Nations.

### Statement of Senator

**Alben W. Barkley**

[Democrat, Kentucky]

Mr. President:

I am glad to join with my colleagues in an expression of sympathetic interest with the objective to be attained by the Resolution just presented.

In 1919, just 25 years ago, there were only 55,000 Jews in Palestine. Today there are more than 600,000. Their population has increased; migration has gone in that direction in the past quarter of a century in large measure because Jews and non-Jews who have been interested in the establishment not only of Palestine as a homeland for the Jews, but in more recent years as a refuge for persecuted Jews, have by their contributions and their cooperation and their organization made it possible not only for Palestine to absorb 600,000 Jews in a quarter of a century, but have made it possible for Palestine to absorb many other hundreds of thousands of Jews.

I visited Palestine about six or seven years ago. I saw the results of their great improvements. It was necessary at the outset to irrigate waste lands, to drain flat land, and to re-forest. But what has been done there in the establishment of new communities, and new enterprises, has been a source of great inspiration. More than 600 factories have been established in Palestine. Those factories are turning out more materials than are being sent into Russia, Turkey and even into India.

By the reclamation program which has been in process of completion during the last decade, which resembles in some respect the reclamation program of our own country in reclaiming arid and waste lands, a condition of economic welfare has been brought about which has truly been a model for a country like Palestine.

The Jew ordinarily is not looked upon as an agriculturist. Especially in our own country the Jew is mainly engaged in mercantile manufacturing and trade activities. But in Palestine even those who have never before lived upon farms or cultivated land have been able to acclimate themselves to the readjustment necessary, so that they are becoming real farmers in the land of their ancestry.

There is a perfectly natural link that binds the Jew to Palestine, which we can all understand. During the last ten years more than 300,000 Jews have gone into Palestine from the oppressed countries of Europe since the rise of Hitler. He has been responsible for the cold-blooded murder of more than three million men, women and children since the war began in 1939. These men, women and children were not killed because they were engaging in war. They were not among those who were killed as soldiers. They were murdered merely because they were Jews, and for no other reason, in an effort to consummate the threat, or promise, whichever way one may



# SUNDAY OREGONIAN ASKS JUSTICE FOR PALESTINE

take it, of Hitler to exterminate the Jews in Europe. We of the Christian world can more thoroughly appreciate today than we could a week ago the feeling of Jews all over the world on account of the ruthless murder of their people. We can more fittingly understand the reactions of Jews everywhere to these murders and slaughters now that we have learned of the ruthless, conscienceless murder of men of our own nation by one of the Axis Powers.

I have been frequently inspired by the devotion and the enthusiasm with which men and women who have never seen Palestine, and will never see it, have devoted their lives and their means to provide a home for the persecuted Jews of Europe.

It is my opinion that Palestine can yet absorb many hundreds of thousands. I have been informed from reliable sources that ultimately, by the process of improvement in agriculture and industry and all the other things which go to make life worthwhile, that in all likelihood Palestine could absorb and support approximately 3,000,000 Jews. If that is true and I have no reason to doubt it—it seems to me that we ought to encourage every effort, not only as American citizens, but that as a government we ought to encourage every effort to facilitate the migration of oppressed, harassed people into the land of their ancient ancestors. Recently I have been reading a book by Emil Ludwig entitled "The Mediterranean." It is a wonderful book, patterned somewhat after the fashion of his book on the Nile. It is not the history of any nation, or of any people, but it is the history of all the civilizations that have risen and have flourished on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. The Roman Empire, the Grecian Empire, the Persian Empire, and Byzantine Empire and all the empires that have flourished there have passed away, and are now nations only to memory and on the pages of history. Palestine still remains, and is there, and will remain through all the centuries of the future.

Mr. President, I hope the aspirations of those who look upon it and are seeking to make it a homeland for the Jews will have success beyond their fondest dreams.

## Statement by Majority Leader House of Representatives

From Desert Returned to "Land of Milk and Honey"

The Palestine Resolution meets with my hearty approval. It is an expression of the sympathy of the people of the United States with Jewish aspirations for the restoration of their national life in Palestine. It is a reassertion of the historic attitude of the United States as embodied in the Lodge Palestine Resolution which was adopted by Congress in 1922.

The tragedy of the Jewish people has never been so deep as it is today.

The terrible persecution and mass murder of the Jews of Europe is so ghastly that no true Christian heart can withhold its sympathy. But all will not be destroyed. That is the hope and prayer of all civilized men. Those Jews who will escape Nazi extermination will face cruel homelessness—except for Palestine.

Following the victorious conclusion of the war the only country which will be capable and ready to receive and absorb large numbers of these unfortunate people will be Palestine.

During the last two decades the Jewish pioneers in Palestine have turned sand dunes into orange groves. They have pushed farther into the waste land the frontiers of cultivation and settlement. They have developed industries and made Palestine a better place to live in for all of its inhabitants regardless of race or creed.

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## 'White Paper' Fight Aided

Sunday Oregonian February 17

The Oregon Committee for the Abrogation of the White Paper, an organization of Jews seeking free immigration and land-holding for Jews in Palestine, has received a telegram of support from Senator Rufus C. Holman, Chairman Samuel B. Weinstein announced Wednesday.

The Oregon committee has joined with the American Zionist Emergency Council in advocating approval of congress for bi-partisan resolutions in house and senate urging the American government to use its influence with Britain to obtain abrogation of the Palestine White Paper.

Angell Also to Lend Aid

"I am delighted to have this opportunity to co-operate with you in this great humanitarian movement," Holman wired. "Senator McNary is unable to assist but I shall take over if agreeable until he is able to return to his office."

Representative Homer D. Angell, republican, Oregon, also wired that he is in favor of the resolutions. Representatives Harris Ellsworth and James W. Mott said they would give the committee's report serious consideration when it is made.

The Palestine White Paper, unless abrogated, will bar Jewish immigration into Palestine after March and will prevent additional ownership of land there by Jews. It was issued in 1939 by Neville Chamberlain, assertedly in appeasement of the Arabs. Jews seek reaffirmation of the Balfour declaration to create a national homeland for Jews in Palestine.

## Appeasement Defeats Itself

If the last years have taught us any lesson it is this: that appeasement is not worth its price and defeats itself ultimately.

The ban of Jewish immigration to Palestine, included in the White Paper of the Chamberlain Government, is a child of the unhealthy spirit of appeasement. It is in the words of Mr. Churchill "the plain breach of a solemn pledge" and a terrible blow to the hopes and aspirations of the suffering Jews of Europe.

The upbuilding of Palestine has greatly benefited the entire Near East—Jews, Arabs and Christians alike. In a single generation and by peaceful means, Jewish pioneers have performed real miracles on the soil of their old homeland. Shall all this be terminated for no other reason than the appeasement of a few Arabs who have been influenced by the enemy?

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The 600,000 Jews of Palestine have made a magnificent contribution to the war effort of the United Nations. Thousands of their sons have volunteered in the armed service of Great Britain and give a good account of themselves on the field of battle.

It is nothing but elementary justice to enable the homeless Jews of Europe—the victims of a Nazi tyranny—to enter Palestine not on sufferance but as a matter of right.

This resolution is a reaffirmation of the established policy of the United States in favor of a Jewish National Home in harmony with the new and terrible realities with which the Jews of Europe are faced today.

Majority Leader JOHN W. McCORMACK

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TO HELP.

## An Historic Step Is Taken

On Thursday, January 27, Representatives James A. Wright (Democrat of Pennsylvania) and Ranulf Compton (Republican of Connecticut), introduced into the House of Representatives a resolution reading:

"WHEREAS, the 67th Congress of the United States on June 30, 1922, unanimously resolved that the United States of America favors the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of Christian and all other non-Jewish communities in Palestine, and that the holy places and religious buildings and sites in Palestine shall be adequately protected; and

"WHEREAS, the ruthless persecution of the Jewish people in Europe has clearly demonstrated the need for a Jewish Homeland as a haven for the large numbers who have become homeless as a result of this persecution;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the United States of America that the United States shall use its good offices and take appropriate measures to the end that the doors of Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country, and that there shall be full opportunity for colonization, so that the Jewish people may ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."

## Winston Churchill Denounces White Paper

B. The effect of this has been to create a flood of refugees, seeking temporary haven in neutral lands.

1. Hordes of people—6,000 in Switzerland, 12,000 in Spain, 4,000 Jewish children in Bulgaria, and countless thousands of others who escaped from Nazi dominated lands—desperately pray for help.

2. Palestine should be the natural haven to rescue them.

C. Freezing of the population status in Palestine which the White Paper would accomplish, would:

1. Condemn to annihilation those who otherwise would find refuge in Palestine.

2. Violate the objectives set forth in the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate agreed to by the League of Nations and the Congress of the United States.

5. Leading Americans and Britons Urge Abrogation of White Paper

A. Senator Robert Wagner:

"This is no problem for the Jews alone; it is a United Nations problem, and it must be dealt with through the most vigorous action of a united conscience. We should use to the fullest possible extent the facilities and the hospitality of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, without waiting until all the red tape is unwound, without clinging to all the artificial barriers and policies of a colonial era that is dead and past."

B. Wendell Willkie:

"The United Nations must prevent the closing of Palestine either as a temporary haven or as a permanent home . . . The policy of this White Paper mirrors the era of appeasement which gave it birth, and, as that philosophy has been discredited so must the White Paper be abrogated."

C. Herbert Morrison, British Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, in Parliament, May 23, 1939:

"We regard this White Paper and the policy in it as a cynical breach of pledges given to the Jews and the world, including America. This policy will do us no good in the United States, where we need to be done good, and where we need the good will of the great American people. It comes at a time of tragedy and apprehension for the Jewish race throughout the world, and it ought not be approved by the House today."

D. Archbishop of Canterbury (in 1939):

"If immigration for the next five years is confined to the limits of the White Paper . . . the position is that the Jews are reduced to the status of a permanent minority in a preponderantly Arab State. After all their hopes, they shall return in their National Home to that minority status which has been their lot through long centuries in every part of it was precisely from this permanent world! I venture to think that next minority status that they had hoped to escape . . . Now, I repeat, they are given the prospect that

the minority status will be permanent, and whatever a National Home may have meant—we all know that many interpretations are put upon it—it surely cannot have meant that."

6. Important Facts Concerning Settlement of Palestine

A. Before World War I, Palestine was largely a land of desert soil, malarial swamps, denuded forest slopes.

B. Jewish population in Palestine has risen from a few thousand to about 600,000. Swamps have been cleared and a thriving agricultural and industrial society created.

C. "Jewish agricultural colonization in Palestine is the most remarkable devotion to land and reclamation of land that I have seen in any country of the new or old world," declares the renowned expert, Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, assistant chief, Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

D. Industry and raw materials have proven a valuable support to allied armies in the Near East.

E. Arabs have benefited by economic opportunities and higher standard of living. Arab infant mortality rate is now lower in Palestine than in any other Arab center. It is well known that there are vast areas of land available to Arabs in Arab-controlled countries and also in Palestine.

F. The Jews in Palestine have enlisted in and become a vital part of the British Army, thus contributing to the victories of our United Nations.

CONGRESSMAN JAMES W. MOTT WILL STUDY ABROGATION LEGISLATION February 9, 1944.

Dear Mr. Gilbert: This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram of February 8th, relative to House Resolutions 418 and 419, on which the Committee on Foreign Affairs is now holding hearings.

Since these resolutions involve a highly important phase of foreign policy, the hearings on them will be lengthy and exhaustive. When the testimony is concluded and printed it will receive my most thorough and painstaking examination. You may be assured that in my study of this testimony and of the Committee's report on it, your views will be kept carefully in mind.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours, JAMES W. MOTT.

## Issues Ominous Warning

April 1

—From The Sunday Oregonian, February 20, 1944.

Our heart really bleeds for No. 10 Downing street. Under the trying conditions of 1939, when Britain had her back to the wall and the axis powers were enjoying particular success in the middle east with propaganda beamed at the Mohammedan world, the government stifled its conscience and issued a "white paper" announcing that at the end of five years—on April 1, 1944—Jewish immigration into Palestine would be stopped. This amounted to abrogation of the Balfour declaration and seemed to end all hope of a Jewish "national home," though there is no reason to believe it reflected the actual desire of the government. The government evidently felt quite incapable under the circumstances of "taking on" the Arabs, just as later it temporarily closed the Burma road because it felt incapable of resisting the Japanese.

Now, however, the five years are within a few days of being up. The government faces the difficult problem of deciding which promise carries the most weight—the original one to the Jews under the Balfour declaration or the later one to the Arabs in the white paper? The altered military situation has restored some freedom of choice, and of course the Chamberlain government which authorized the white paper is by way of being a goose-pimply memory. The Churchill government must choose its own most honorable course, when there obviously isn't anything easy in either course.

As for ourselves, we do not see how the British government can resolve the matter on the basis of its own immediate interests. The world war I allies had a stake in Palestine, and fifty-three nations joined in 1922 in giving approval to the principles of the Balfour declaration. And the subscribing nations note with approval that the Jewish people have more than kept their side of the bargain. They now constitute 40 per cent of the population of Palestine. They have modernized and enriched the country. They have brought unprecedented prosperity to their Arab neighbors. They not only have performed prodigious labors to establish themselves, but have made great sacrifices in order to receive the refugees who have come to them from Hitler's scourging. All these facts of the situation are matters of world knowledge and world concern—just as is the fact that possibly 3,000,000 out of Europe's 6,500,000 Jews have been lost by one means or another during the war, and that the door of Palestine is practically the last door which has been open to survivors.

Consideration of these facts is responsible for house resolutions 418-9 and for the Taft-Wagner resolution in the senate, all reaffirming the Balfour declaration. They should pass and go at once to No. 10 Downing street. The governments of all other free nations should take action to the same effect. The embarrassment of the British government, if it should reverse itself, will be a temporary thing. The tragedy of the Jews, if the last door is shut, will be a blot upon our age.

## U. S. Senator White Says—

Senator White seconding the Palestine Senate Resolution and asserted:

"The cruelties inflicted upon the Jewish people in late years, and their present desperate plight, appeals to the heart of the Christian world for remedial measures and for fulfillment of this plan for a home for them. This Resolution encourages hope that there will soon come realization of those aspirations. It should have early and favorable consideration by the Senate."

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## Restoration of Jewish Homeland in Palestine

EXTENSION OF REMARKS  
OF

HON. RUFUS C. HOLMAN

OF OREGON

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Thursday, February 10 (legislative day of  
of Monday, February 7), 1944

Mr. HOLMAN. Mr. President, I am in receipt of a communication from a prominent, substantial, and patriotic citizen of Oregon, for whom I have the greatest respect and friendship. Not only because of my admiration for this exemplary American citizen, Mr. Abe G. Gilbert, but also because of my profound sympathy for the distressed and harassed Jews in Europe, who plead for the restoration of their ancient and historic homeland in Palestine and whose cause is sponsored by Mr. Gilbert, I request unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the RECORD, for the benefit of every Member of the Congress, two editorials from the Portland (Oreg.) Daily Journal, which he has sent me on that subject.

I take this opportunity to record my approval and to pledge my active support of Senate Resolution 247 and all other similar measures intended to accomplish the same purpose.

There being no objection, the editorials were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Portland (Oreg.) Daily Journal of  
January 18, 1944]

### THE FORSAKEN PEOPLE

(By Samuel B. Weinstein, chairman, Committee for the Abrogation of the Palestine White Paper)

In these trying and tragic times thoughtful men and women have been looking ahead to the day when our armed forces come home victorious and peace reigns triumphant over a better world. Principles have been laid down, and discussions are going forward to feed the hungry, and to assure freedom of worship, free institutions, and economic security to freemen everywhere on this earth.

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For the conquered peoples of Europe and Asia, in the darkness of their suffering and sorrow, these plans offer at least a continuing hope of a better day to come. But for the helpless Jews in conquered Europe, Hitler is doing the planning. He is deciding their future by a ruthless campaign of unlimited murder. The minority is simply being wiped out—now.

The millions who yet remain have maintained their physical existence in the hope that an opportunity will be given them to emigrate to Palestine, a place where they are wanted and welcomed by their own brethren, but this last avenue of escape from the Nazi terror is to be shut off by an act of one of the United Nations.

Twenty-six years ago the Balfour Declaration guaranteed the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people who may wish to settle in Palestine. Since that time the Jews have built their homeland into one of the greatest colonization achievements of our time. But that effort is now threatened with destruction. On March 31, under the terms of the Palestine White Paper of 1939, the doors of Palestine are to be closed forever to Jews. This infamous white paper was the climax of the appeasement policy pursued by the Chamberlain government in 1939, at a time when the forces of democracy were in retreat. It was the Munich policy over again, applied to Palestine. It was legally, morally, and humanely indefensible.

Today, as democracy takes the offensive and victory is assured, appeasement must be ended. The illegal and immoral white paper must be swept aside. The doors of Palestine must not close.

The Balfour Declaration was justly hailed throughout the world as an act of historic reparation and as a charter of freedom for the Jewish people. It was designed to open the gates of Palestine to homeless and harassed multitudes of Europe's persecuted men and women of the Jewish faith. The reasons which 25 years ago led the American people and the Government of the United States to favor the cause of Jewish national restoration in Palestine are still valid today. In fact, the case for a Jewish Palestine is overwhelmingly stronger and the need more urgent now than ever before. I am confident that America will answer this call for a hand of friendship and sympathy. It will act, and act now, to avert another blow to millions of human beings.

Justice, liberty, fair play, and regard for the dignity of the human personality are not yet entirely forsaken.

[From the Portland (Oreg.) Daily Journal of  
January 20, 1944]

### PALESTINE SHOULD BE NO WAILING WALL

Closure of Palestine to further development as a national home for Jews of all nations threatens at a time when freedom and civil rights are being fought for on battle fronts throughout the world. That the rights of Jews in the Holy Land should be denied is now particularly serious, in view of the need of refugee homes for Jews able to escape Nazi persecution.

To trace the issue, it is necessary to go back to the Balfour Declaration of 1917, when Arthur James Balfour, British Foreign Affairs Secretary, wrote that "His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities."

The declaration was too vague. It created the term "a national home for Jews," but failed to define the degree of civil authority, rights, and privileges. It therefore launched years of controversy, which Winston Churchill once tried to settle, while Colonial Secretary, with the statement that Jewish people are in Palestine by right, not by sufferance, and that Jews were entitled to further development of their community, which could be considered a state or national home.

But in 1939 the British Government, pursuing the appeasement policies of Chamberlain in the Near East as well as in Europe, issued a white paper which gave such new interpretation to Arab authority as to threaten the entire Jewish national home movement. American and British Jews seek abrogation of this paper and determination of a policy in line with the accepted intent of the Balfour Declaration. Aid of the American Government and public is sought. At this hour, when the issue is so vital, it should be settled, and further development of the community should be made possible on a permanent basis. Peace in Palestine is feasible if a policy is clearly established.



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To HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America; and  
To HONORABLE CORDELL HULL, United States Secretary of State:

The undersigned, in keeping with traditional American interest in the principles of justice, tolerance and fair play, respectfully call to your attention the splendid achievement in reconstruction and settlement which the Jewish people created in Palestine since the issuance of the Balfour Declaration, and which Declaration was approved by 52 nations of the world, including the unanimous approval by both Houses of Congress of the United States, thus recording the historic sympathy of the American people for the upbuilding of Palestine as a haven for the homeless millions of persecuted and helpless men, women and children of the Jewish Faith.

We regret, that at a time when millions of Europe's Jews have died at the hands of the Nazi oppressors, and millions are yet threatened with extinction, that the British Government plans to put into effect the White Paper on Palestine which will close the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration on April 1, 1944, a policy adopted by the Neville Chamberlain Government in 1939, as a part of the discredited appeasement program, and ever since forcefully condemned by every liberal statesman of Britain including Prime Minister Churchill.

We, therefore, respectfully urge you that the United States Government use its influence to bring about the immediate abrogation of the White Paper.

Respectfully yours,

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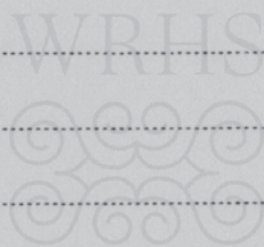


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April 6th, 1944

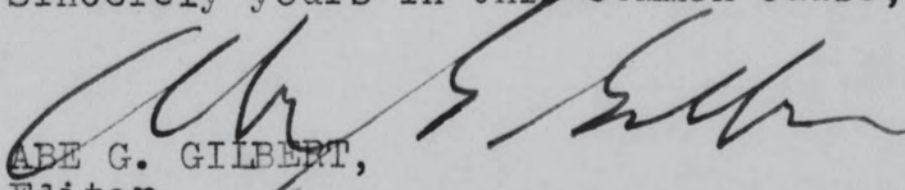
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman of the Executive Committee  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want you to be one of the first to receive  
and would appreciate your opinion and advice  
on this second issue of The New Horizon. Al-  
so would like your picture and an article for  
the next issue.

If you desire more copies of this paper, I  
will be glad to send them to you.

Sincerely yours in this common cause,

  
ABE G. GILBERT,  
Editor

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April 10, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
1031 Lake Shore Blvd  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I asked the Editor of "World Petroleum" to send you a copy of his magazine's last issue, containing an article of mine THE ARAB PIPELINE, A VENTURE IN IMPERIALISM. I thought that it may be of interest to you, both from the viewpoint of America's foreign policy and of the Administration's stand in the Arab-Jewish controversy over Palestine.

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Sincerely yours,

*E. Ben-Horin*  
Eliahu Ben-Horin



*Dr. Silver*

BRITISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON 8 , D. C.

April 10th, 1944

Dear Rabbi Wise,

The Ambassador is away for a few days, and in his absence I write to acknowledge the letter which you and Rabbi Silver wrote to him on April 6th on the subject of Miss Freya Stark.

Your letter will be shown to Lord Halifax as soon as he gets back.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

W. G. Hayter.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York.



April 11, 1944

Mr. Abe G. Gilbert  
Editor  
826 S. W. 2nd Ave.  
Portland 4, Oregon

My dear Mr. Gilbert:

Thank you for your kind letter and for  
the copy of the New Horizon which you sent me.

Permit me to congratulate you on the  
effective manner in which you are carrying on  
the fight against the White Paper and in behalf  
of the resolutions which were introduced in  
Congress.

The picture of me which you have in your  
Paper is horrible, and at your request, I am sending  
you a new photograph.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



April 13, 1944

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin  
254 West 82nd St.  
New York 24, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

Thank you so much for your kind note of April 10. I have not as yet received your article on the Arab Pipeline, A Venture In Imperialism. I am very eager to read it. I read your article in Harpers with a great Deal of interest indeed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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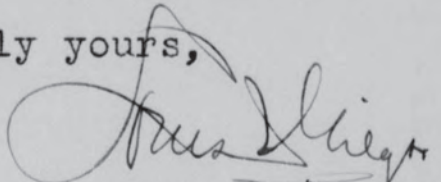
My dear Rabbi:

We would like to discuss with you an important matter relating to the World Zionist Organization and would appreciate the granting of an opportunity to a few of our administrative officials to confer with you on this subject at your convenience.

We thought that you might be making a trip East within the near future and if you will advise us of the time and place where we could meet with you we will deeply appreciate it. If you do not intend to come East for any considerable length of time, we would appreciate your advice as to when it would be convenient for us to see you in Cleveland.

With kind personal regard, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Grand Secretary

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Oberlin, O. Apr. 14. 1944.

Honored Sir,

I am deeply interested in the current Jewish - Arab controversy, and wish to get the views - and reasons for holding these - of wiser men than myself. I am, like Mark Antony of old, just a plain, blunt man who talks right on - I have neither wit, worth nor words. I may be mistaken, but here are my views. According to Scripture, the Israelis held their land by right of conquest of the most merciless description. And, according to Josephus, lost Jerusalem on account of partisan strife among the defectors. But, to come down to 1914-16, when Lawrence rallied the Arabs against the Turks, he, by the authority of the British General Staff, guaranteed them an Arab Kingdom, with a ruler chosen by themselves. That was when cold iron and red blood won the decisive arguments. It was largely due to the incessant raiding and cutting of supply lines, that led to the loss of Jerusalem. I believe these facts are not contradicted. But - when the cluster of machine guns and passing of ink had succeeded to the stammer of machine guns and shooting of blood, there came Balfour, and the jactance of finance kept from their doors to gnaw the bones of the people who had broken the sword and tower of the day. The British are a race of realists, not awayed by any religious influence. The question with them is, will the good will of Jewry compensate for the hostility of 50,000,000 Mohammedans in India, and the loss of Turkey's aid. These two factors may be the sword of Damocles in the scales of war. I wish you to believe, Sir, that I am absolutely without either racial or religious prejudice regarding your race - we are all Americans together - but I am simply advising how it seems to an ignorant old soldier of 44 years service. The fact that Jewish Colonists have improved their holdings and not legalizing process, as their leaders stave of the petitions pledged to the Arabs. I shall welcome any reply you will be good enough to make, or any literature you can furnish.

Yours very truly,

Robert L. Hawkins  
93 E. Loring St.  
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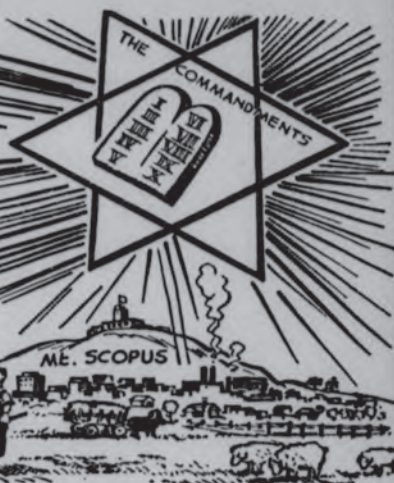
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Dedicated to the Hope and the Effort of giving a New Horizon in life to the tired, hungry, oppressed, and homeless Jews of war-torn Europe by the creation of a Jewish National Homeland in Palestine where the persecuted of that ancient people can find a haven of security and peace. Also for the Abrogation of the Palestine White Paper.

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PORTLAND 4, OREGON

April 18th, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you for your congratulatory and inspiring letter of April 11th; also for your late picture. I wish to state that I would like to have had that picture for the last issue, but my only source was The Oregonian, a local newspaper. I believe they had it since the last time you were in Portland. I recall hearing your inspiring talk at Temple Beth Israel with our esteemed friend Rabbi ~~Abe~~ Berckowitz.

Should you have any special message or article for our next issue, which will come out in five or six weeks, I shall be glad to run it with your picture.

I have parts of your speech, which came late for the last issue, which I will run in the next one.

I remain

Sincerely yours in this great humanitarian cause,

**ABE G. GILBERT**, Editor

AGG:ao



PATRICK HURLEY

1210 Shoreham Building  
Washington 5, D. C.  
April 18, 1944.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of April 7th to  
General Hurley has been received and you will  
receive a reply in the near future.

The General has been spending the greater part of his time away from the office but when he does come your letter will be brought to his attention.

Very truly yours,

*Lucille M. Carter*  
Secretary to General Hurley.



April 19, 1944

Mr. Roland L. Hawkins,  
93 E. Lorain St.,  
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 14th. It is quite impossible to answer all your questions by means of a letter. I am taking the liberty of enclosing, herewith, a recent statement on the subject which interests you, presented by Mr. Emanuel Neumann before the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the House of Representatives.

Should you wish any additional information on the subject, I would suggest that you write to the American Zionist Emergency Council at 342 Madison Avenue, New York.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver



April 20, 1944

Mr. Louis I. Gilgor,  
Grand Secretary,  
Brith Sholom,  
506 Pine Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Gilgor:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 13th. I shall be in Washington on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, April 25th and 26th. I shall be most happy to see you and a few of your administrative officials, as you request, on one of these two days. Please let me know by wire if that is convenient and I will set the hour for the meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver



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Mr. Louis I. Gilgor,  
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506 Pine St.,  
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Will be pleased to meet you 2 P. M. Tuesday, Office of  
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Abba Hillel Silver

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C O P Y

April 26, 1944

Mr. William Hard  
1731 Eye Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hard:

It's a long time since I last had the pleasure of meeting with you, though I had been hoping to see you again in connection with a number of matters.

If I am writing to you today, it is because I have just bought the May number of "The Reader's Digest," and have just read the article on Palestine by Frederick C. Pajnton. I am shocked by it. And I am also terribly worried about the incalculable harm which the article is bound to do the cause which is so dear to me, and I know it is to you. The article fairly bristles with mistakes, contradictory statements, distortions, half-truths, and downright falsehoods. Far from being an objective and balanced treatment of the problem, it is obviously one-sided as well as superficial. I am really amazed that a journal like the Digest should print such an article without giving the representatives of the Zionist movement an opportunity to submit our observations at least privately to the editors of the Digest before they decided to publish it.

Apart from the Zionists, there are people in this country who are authorities on Palestine, such as Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, Assistant Chief of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, who has recently published a book on the subject "Palestine, Land or Promise," Professor William F. Albright, head of the Oriental Seminary, Johns Hopkins University, who spent about sixteen years there, neither of them being Jews, and there are others. I wonder why it hasn't occurred to the "Reader's Digest" to print a summary of Dr. Lowdermilk's book.

The article in question will, I am sure, create a terrible impression and be a severe blow to the Zionist cause. I appeal to you, dear friend, to do what you can to make good the damage. I know your heart is in the right place. Surely you can help us.

With warmest regards, as ever

Cordially yours,

Emanuel Neumann

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# American Zionist Emergency Council

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342 MADISON AVENUE  
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April 26, 1944.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I understand that at the meeting of the Executive next Monday the question of an advertising campaign in the Yiddish press will come up for discussion.

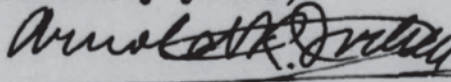
I am attaching herewith three pieces of copy for advertisements, which, I am sure, will arouse the Yiddish reading public more than articles or statements printed in the regular columns of the papers could.

The copy was prepared on the following themes: (1) Open Doors  
(2) The group's Machiavellian tactics of appeasing anti-Zionists, and -  
(3) The American League for a Free Palestine.

In sending you the copy now, I hope that you will be able to read it beforehand and come to the meeting with a clear mind of what I have in view.

Of course, advertising is not the only measure I propose. I feel that we will be able to place articles and elicit proper editorial comment, too. But in our own paid-for space we can talk with more vigor and candidness than otherwise, particularly when we are confronted with a shrewd advertising campaign on their part where they mince no words.

Cordially yours,

  
Arnold K. Isreeli

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April 27, 1944

Mr. Arnold K. Isreeli,  
American Zionist Emergency Council,  
342 Madison Avenue,  
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Isreeli:

Thank you for letting me see the enclosed articles. They are all right, but I would like to have the judgment of one or two Yiddish journalist friends of ours - to read them and make suggestions. I would particularly like to have the judgment of Mr. Jacob Fishman and Mr. David Pinski. There is no particular rush about publishing these statements so that a few days delay will not be serious.

Mr. Neumann sent me a draft of a statement to be issued by Senator Wagner. I thought the idea excellent and the statement also. If Senator Wagner gives his approval, that should be publicized first and let it be circulated for a time before we start publishing our ads. I will talk to you about this matter further next Monday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver



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I SHALL BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOU TO LUNCH ON TUESDAY MAY THIRD  
IN NEW YORK CITY PLEASE TELEPHONE MY SECRETARY CORTLANDT  
7-9800 ON TUESDAY MORNING TO FIX THE TIME AND PLACE=

NATHANIEL L GOLDSTEIN ATTORNEY GENERAL OF  
THE STATE OF NY 80 CENTRE STREET NEW YORK 13  
NEW YORK==

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May 8, 1944

Mr. A. K. Isreeli  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Isreeli:

I think that the statement of  
Professor Einstein in the Princeton Herald  
should be put in the form of a pamphlet  
with the necessary editing and circularized.  
I think the permission of Dr. Einstein should  
be obtained for it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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May 15, 1944

Mr. Conrad Hoffmann  
Board of National Missions of the  
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Thank you for yours of the 11th. We shall  
look forward to receiving the alternative dates  
for our proposed meeting and feel confident that  
the discussion will prove most fruitful.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro  
Director

HLS:HBI

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BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

May 11, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I do appreciate your letter of May 3rd and sincerely trust that at some time mutually convenient we can arrange for the proposed informal non-public conference I suggested. I have taken up the matter with our Foreign Missions Conference and its sub-committee on Moslem Lands and they are much interested and eager for such an informal conference. They are to advise me shortly of several alternative dates for the proposed meeting which I will then be glad to communicate to you in the hope that one of them will prove convenient to you and your representatives.

Sincerely yours,

CH/m

/s/ Conrad Hoffman

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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL  
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

May 15, 1944

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro  
American Zionist Emergency Council,  
324 Madison Avenue  
New York, 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Our Foreign Missions Conference suggests the following alternative dates for the proposed informal non-public conference between representatives from your group and representatives from the Foreign Missions Conference particularly concerned with the work in Moslem lands.

Friday June 2  
Tuesday June 6  
Wednesday June 13  
Thursday June 14

We would suggest that we meet here in our building unless you would prefer to meet elsewhere. In any event may we hear immediately from you as to the most convenient dates among the above for your group. We would suggest four to six representatives. Would you also indicate whether morning or afternoon would be most suitable.

Sincerely yours,

Conrad Hoffmann

CH/m  
Signed in Dr. Hoffmann's  
absence.

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5/17/44



MEMORANDUM

To DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER.

Date May 16, 1944

From MR. ISREELI.

RABBI ABRAHAM KLAUSNER - I gathered information about Rabbi Klausner from Rabbi Aaron Shuchotowitz, Orthodox, and Mr. Louis Sachs, the Zionist leader in New Haven, who is our correspondent there.

Rabbi Shuchotowitz thinks that Rabbi Klausner is a Zionist, and very respected in the community -- a nice man. Mr. Sachs informed us that Rabbi Klausner is a member of the Zionist District, comes to Zionist meetings, speaks for organizations in the community, is well-respected in the city and altogether a brilliant man.

I also talked to a lady, who is from New Haven, who knows him well and has the highest opinion of him. It seems he was born in Oakland, California, and he was a student of the Yeshiva Rabbi Isaac Elchanan. From the lady, I understand that he would like to go to the Chaplaincy.

A typical thing for him was the fact that on the second day Rosh Hashanah he came to pray to an Orthodox Synagogue.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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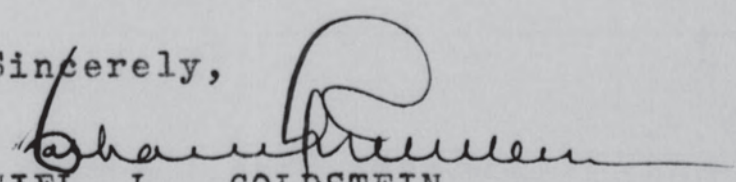
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your note of May 5th.  
As I told you before, I should like to  
have you meet with Governor Dewey and get  
your first hand impression of him. He will  
be in New York on the afternoon of June first.  
If you expect to be in New York at that time,  
I should like very much to make an appoint-  
ment with him so that you may chat with him  
for a few moments.

My kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
NATHANIEL L. GOLDSTEIN



MEMORANDUM

- VERY CONFIDENTIAL -

To HARRY L. SHAPIRO

Date May 26, 1944

From A. K. ISREELI

RE: JEWISH MORNING JOURNAL.

I have known for the last several weeks of attempts made by the Bergson group, in conjunction with the Agudath Israel, to buy the Jewish Morning Journal. I did not want to burden our Council with ~~the~~ new project before I tried some other ways.

Mr. Meckler discussed this matter with me quite freely saying that to buy outright the paper would involve enormous funds - maybe half a million dollars. On the other hand, he has ways how to acquire a majority stock in some subtle way buying out some of the shareholders through a third person, not as a public organization, and then taking over the shares from the third person.

My plan was to unite the general Zionists, the Mizrachi and Zionist Labor in that project, for these three groups can immediately provide a circulation that should secure the life of the paper for a very long time. It is my contention that Mizrachi and Mizrachi Women have at least 10,000 to 15,000 buyers of or subscribers to Yiddish papers; Labor has between 15,000 and 20,000, and general Zionists at least 20,000 - which all together would make a minimum subscription list of 45,000. This group of organized Zionists would be followed by sympathizers in the religious field, in the labor field, and amongst the middle class, and would make the paper the most secure and most profitable paper in the field.

I talked with Rabbi Gold, Mr. Gellman and Rabbi Kirshblum, on the one hand, and Mr. Wertheim on the other - and convinced myself that that combination would not do. The program I gave to them was to have a common paper for the outside enemies of Zionism as a whole, which will let each party combat its opponents too, but having an inner truce between the Zionist parties in the paper. It cannot go through because the Poale Zion still feel they will have to fight the religious unit, and vice versa. With the general Zionists, ~~side~~ I have not talked as yet.

Now, what is involved in acquiring the paper? According to Mr. Meckler, it will require between \$100,000 and \$125,000. I am not young any more, but I wish to convince you that given three to four months' time, I could get you, in the country, among friends and societies, \$100,000 to \$150,000 from 100 to 150 shareholders at \$1,000 each. Of course, this is a long procedure, while the deal must be consummated immediately; otherwise, we will remain outside of the Yiddish field and others will occupy it to fight us. If we could find several people who would subscribe a temporary loan of \$100,000 to \$125,000., I would say we should go ahead and later redeem this loan by a number of shares as indicated above.

The situation in the Morning Journal is as follows: All the shares are in the hands of four units, none of them having the majority. The shareholders are as follows: Mr. Malkinson, the present publisher; Mr. Jacobs, a son-in-law of Mr. Morris Weinberg; Mr. Weinberg, himself; and a certain Mr. Weingold. I would not advise you, Dr. Silver, or anyone else to make a direct attempt at acquiring a majority shares. Let us take in Mr. Meckler in the deal, - he has a very shrewd



To: HARRY L. SHAPIRO

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May 26th, 1944

From: A. K. ISREELI

business head and wishes to save the paper for our Movement. He, knowing the inside, will quietly sidetrack the Bergson group by acquiring batches of shares.

Permit me to add that if we should make an effort and get the newspaper, we could assemble around it such an array of talented and devoted writers, that it would be the outstanding and probably the only prosperous organ in the field.

I am having a meeting with Mr. Meckler during the week-end when I hope to get more detailed information which I will communicate to you,-- but in Heaven's name, don't let us neglect this opportunity!

Parenthetically I must say that The Morning Journal is on a paying basis, and with certain economies on the one hand, which I foresee, and with certain transformations in the business office, which I again foresee, a great deal of economy could be made, to the end that even considerable profit may be foreseen.



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1819 Broadway

New York, N. Y.

May 26, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Some time ago, you expressed the thought that at some future date, the Executive Committee should give consideration to the situation in Palestine as manifested in discussions within the Mapai and the Histadruth. Recent articles and news dispatches seem to give increasing indication that the threatened split in the Mapai goes deeper than merely the organizational question. The position of the Aliyah Chadashah is also of interest in this connection.

From press reports, it would appear too that the Palestine Administration is beginning to implement the constitutional section of the White Paper - a fact that may have a tremendous bearing on our political work.

Would it not be desirable for us to set aside a session for an examination of the Palestine scene? The day by day demands of our work make first call upon our time and thought, and yet many of us, I am confident, would welcome the opportunity of clarifying together, the meagre but nevertheless pointed reports which come from Palestine.

Sincerely,

RLH:sk

/s/ Rose L. Halprin

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FIRST. I WILL TELEPHONE YOUR ROOM AT THE COMMODORE  
HOTEL ON THURSDAY AT ONE OCLOCK. HAVE MADE YOUR  
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I WILL BE IN NEW YORK ON JUNE FIRST AND WILL BE MOST HAPPY IF YOU WOULD

MAKE THE APPOINTMENT. PLEASE WIRE ME TIME AND PLACE. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's Name

Address

Tel. No.



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MIZRACHI WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION  
1133 Broadway  
New York 10, N. Y.

June 2, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the last meeting of our Administrative Board, a report was given by our delegate to the conference held in Washington by the Community Councils of the Zionist Emergency Council.

We were very gratified to learn of the splendid attendance, the interesting discussions and the actions taken. However, it was the feeling of the Board that we must voice our criticism of one particular phase of the conference. We have reference to the Dinner on Tuesday which was served without regard to Dietary Laws.

While we are part of the Zionist Emergency Council, we know, of course, that there are various groups within it and that each group has its own ideology. We believe, however, that if the Council sponsors a function, it should be more considerate of the various parties within the movement.

We are sure, Dr. Silver, that you will agree with us that if the committee had considered this point they could have made arrangements which would have been acceptable to all.

It is our sincere hope that the Council, in planning future functions, will bear this in mind.

With personal regards and Zion's greetings, I am

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) Belle J. Goldstein  
Mrs. Samuel Goldstein  
National President



BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

June 7, 1944.

Dear Doctor Silver,

Thank you so much for sending  
me a copy of Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk's  
book "Palestine Land of Promise". I am  
looking forward to reading this.

Yours sincerely,

*Halifax*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
246 East 105th Street,  
CLEVELAND, Ohio.



June 7, 1944

Mrs. Samuel Goldstein, National President  
Mizrachi Women's Organization  
1133 Broadway  
New York 10, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Goldstein:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of June 2nd. I regret greatly the fact that the dinner in connection with the conference of the Community Contacts Chairmen held in Washington recently was served without regard to the dietary laws. I assure you that it was an unfortunate oversight and I am sure that it will not happen again.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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MADISON AVENUE, CITY, AT 3:30 P.M. TUESDAY JUNE THIRTEENTH.  
IMPORTANT YOU BE PRESENT WITHOUT FAIL

*Ref* ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
ABRAHAM GOODMAN  
Co-Chairman

FOR VICTORY  
BUY  
WAR BONDS  
TODAY

charge to American Zionist Emergency Council, 342 Madison Avenue, N.Y. City



June 9th, 1944

Attached message to go to the following:

Mr. Abraham Goodman  
200 Varick Street, ~~Ex.~~  
New York City

Mr. Abraham Krumbein  
989 Sixth Avenue  
New York City

Mr. Herman Hollander  
154 Nassau Street  
New York City

Mr. David Wertheim  
c/o Peale Zion  
45 East 17th Street  
New York City

Mr. Jacob Fishman  
52 Gramercy Park North  
New York City

Mr. Mendel <sup>M</sup> N. Fisher  
c/o Jewish National Fund  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York City

Mr. William Spiegelman  
c/o Jewish National Fund  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York City

Mr. Louis Lipsky  
c/o Eastern Life Insurance Company  
386 Fourth Avenue  
New York City

Mr. Robert Silverman  
c/o United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York City

Mr. J. L. Teller  
207 Fourth Avenue  
New York City





ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
1720—16TH STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
41 EAST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

June 12th, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the meeting of the Zionist Parties and Congress groups held last Thursday evening to discuss American Jewish Conference matters, it was decided to hold another meeting at which the discussion is to be continued.

The date of the meeting is Tuesday evening, June 20th, 1944, at the office of the Z.O.A., 41 East 42nd Street, Room 600, New York City, at 8.30.

Please let me know whether we can count on your presence.

Yours sincerely,

*Israel Goldstein*  
Dr. Israel Goldstein

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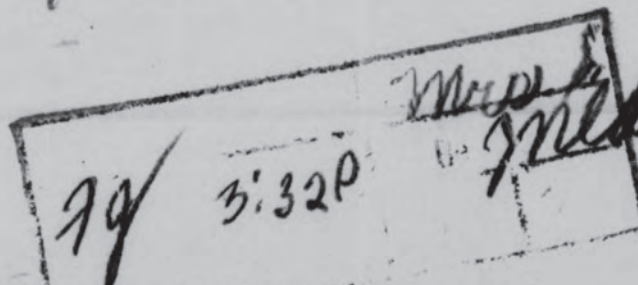
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

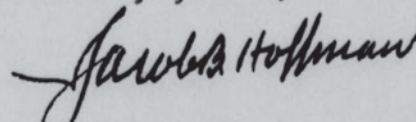
I should like to congratulate you upon a noteworthy accomplishment.

I refer to the Palestine plank which was adopted by the Republicans at their National Convention yesterday. In my opinion, this is a job for which you deserve all of the credit.

I hope the Democrats will make a similar declaration in their platform. Such a consummation would crown our political efforts to the fullest.

Is there anything we can do locally to bring this about?

Cordially yours,



Jacob B. Hoffman

Rabbi Abba Hilell Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio



June 30, 1944

Mr. Jacob B. Hoffman  
1315 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hoffman:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me to express your gratification of the inclusion of the Palestine plank in the Republican Platform. I, too, am delighted with this achievement and I believe that it augurs well for future political action of great value to our Movement. It will make many things easier for us.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

[undated]

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached you will find two issues of the Princeton Herald with the articles by Dr. Einstein and Kahler. You will recall that you had asked me to get them for you.

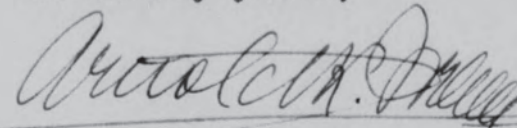
I had interviews with the editors of the Yiddish papers regarding the League for a Free Palestine. Of course, they will print all we want, but the first shot must come from us. Otherwise "there is nothing before the house".

Consequently, we here decided to issue a release incorporating the statement you approved for the Zionist Organizations. Editorial comment will follow.

If Senator Wagner permits the use of his name for a statement - well and good. If not, we must issue signed articles by prominent Zionists and advertisements. The editors want articles from all parties: you, Dr. Wise, Neumann, Szold - from the general Zionists, Greenberg, Pinski, Zuckerman - for Labor, Rabbis Soloveichick and Gold - for the Mizrachi.

It is expected that "altera pars" will answer. We have to prepare "reserves". Ads are also necessary. In no articles can we talk as frankly and with telegraphic style as in ads. Of course, Jacob Fishman will see the ads beforehand, as per your suggestion.

Cordially yours,



Arnold K. Isreeli

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Enc.