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30, Brechin Place
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6th November 1942

Dear Mr. Hanna:

I have read your book "British Policy in Palestine" with very great interest.

You have certainly looked up a great number of books, papers and references, and studied the subject deeply.

You show on p. 67 and elsewhere that the Palestine Mandate was framed in the Jewish interest and the imperative obligations placed upon the Mandatory Power were in favor of the Zionists.

Undoubtedly the Mandate was framed without consulting the people of the country, at that time 90% Arabs and also without a judicial inquiry as to the procedure and weight of the various promises made during the War to Arab and Jews; a muddle for which the then British Government were doubtless to blame primarily and all sorts of other nations for rather carelessly accepting unstudied documents.

Lord Grey in March 1923 advised that all promises be weighed up; this was never done until the Palestine Conference when Malcolm MacDonald, brought up as a Zionist, went fully into the question with Arabs on one side, Zionists on the other. His White Paper of May, 1939, was based partly on the findings of the Maugham Committee Command 5974 partly on existing practical conditions and partly to fit in (if and where possible) with the Mandate, and the Palestine Conference was not really held in view of the dangerous political situation; it had to be held owing to the failure of the Peel Commission, and though it was certainly wise to get it over before the coming storm, the result was not based on "appeasement" but on rough justice or on a summary of facts never before thoroughly considered.

The facts might be put somewhat as follows:

Promises were made to the Arabs -

- (a) McMahon letters of 1915-16 to the Amir of Mecca and whatever they meant, they did not foresee a Jewish National Home.
- (b) Proclamation, pamphlets and preaching to Arabs inviting them to revolt against their own Government the Turks, to gain their own independence. Some 2,000 Syrians, including those from Palestine were enrolled under Maulud Pasha at W. Musa in 1918.
- (c) Rejection by King Hussein at Jeddah on 19.5.17 of the Sykes Picot proposals, because he relied on the letters of H. M. Government, then in his pocket.
- (d) Various very definite Declarations by General Allenby on different dates, e., 6.12.17 at Jerusalem, June 1918, 7.11.18 and others.

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The only promise made to the Jews was the Balfour Declaration on 2.11.17 wherein H.M.G. undertook "to facilitate the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people, provided that etc."

This Declaration did not define what "a National Home" meant: the Arabs then fighting with the Allies (for their own independence) stopped fighting: so D. G. Hogarth saw King Hussein on 8.1.18 at Jeddah; the latter, understanding that "a National Home" was non economic and non political, accepted to allow Jews into Palestine and as he put it "into an Arab House". The Arabs then went on fighting.

The Hogarth message is therefore a necessary supplement to the Balfour Declaration.

In fact the Arabs had the first main promise, as first debenture holders Jews had the indefinitely worded Balfour Declaration and were second Debenture holders.

The British Government as Board of Directors could only give to the second Debenture holders what did not belong to the first, or if the first holders agreed.

I do not think American opinion appreciates how much English views were enlightened by the Palestine Conference and how Members of Parliament changed their point of view when certain facts were brought to their notice.

There are several solutions in the air, e.g., Hyamson in "Palestine a Policy" wherein he accepts the principles of the White Paper.

The best solution is to keep to one's word and carry out the White Paper of 1939, which is not so unpractical as Zionists claim; in due course a solution can be found through some kind of Arab Federation.

May I congratulate you on the results of your very arduous labors and apologize for the enclosed suggestion which rather emphasizes certain of your points?

Yours sincerely

(Signed) S. F. Newcomb

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
FAINSVILLE

202, Buckman Hall
January 10, 1943

Colonel S. F. Newcombe
30, Brechin Place
London S.W. 7
England

Dear Colonel Newcombe:

Thank you for the interesting comments on my book and on the Palestine situation contained in your letter of November 6th, 1942.

The facts which you marshal with regard to promises made to the Arabs and Jews are, as you concede in your closing paragraph, nearly all present in my volume. We differ, on this point, concerning the applicability of all these promises to the cis-Jordan region. The intention of the authorities in London to assure independence to the Palestine Arabs seems to me unproved. The Balfour Declaration, on the other hand, despite the uncertainty regarding a definition of the term "national home" was a specific promise concerning the future of Palestine. The Hogarth conversation with King Husain, which you regard as "a necessary supplement to the Balfour Declaration" was itself certainly not very definite and the interpretation which Husain apparently gave to it ~~was not accepted by the interpretation which Husain~~ ~~apparently gave to it~~ was not accepted by the British Government as an official interpretation of the Balfour Declaration.

This whole discussion of wartime commitments does, however, seem to me rather unreal and academic. Arab claims to Palestine on grounds of centuries of possession and the right of present homelessness, sentiments of attachment to the Holy Land, and the possibility of a real contribution to world culture from a Jewish Palestine - these are the claims which should have been and still should be considered in seeking a solution of the Palestine problem.

You speak of the MacDonald White Paper of May 1939, as the "best solution" of the Palestine imbroglio. Though both the Zionists and the extreme Arab nationalists emphatically do not agree with this judgment, I am not prepared to argue that the White Paper policy may not be the best possible solution in view of the history of the past twenty five years. I still insist, however, that it is not a really satisfactory solution. The Jews feel themselves betrayed and will struggle against the White Paper policy (see Dr. Weizmann's article in Foreign Affairs, vol XX (1942) pp. 324-339). The Arabs are aggrieved and it will be a long time before they become reconciled to the existence of a vital and aggressive Jewish community in Palestine. The friction arising from the incompatibility of Jewish and Arab interests cannot result in ultimate good for either the British Empire or the world community of nations.

I blame the British Government not for failure to live up to promises or alleged promises made either to the Arabs or to the Jews, but for adopting a policy of momentary expediency - a policy of attempting compromise between two interests which were and are antithetical.

This policy, it seems to me, has aggravated the Palestine situation and made a satisfactory solution impossible. From your letter, I judge that, to a considerable extent, you agree with me. Maybe our real difference lies in the fact that you would have preferred a pro-Arab solution in the 1920's while I should have preferred to see a pro-Zionist one attempted.

Again let me thank you for your letter. I am pleased that my work is getting some notice in England and I appreciate the comments of those who are familiar with and interested in the Palestine problem.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Paul Hanna



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30 Brechin Place
London S. W. 7
20th February 1943

Dear Mr. Hanna:

I was very glad to get your letter of January 10th and thank you for the very helpful way you reply.

It is so very necessary that the U.S.A. and Great Britain fully understand each others problems that I write once more, because in the future we shall have to cooperate much more than we have done.

This Zionist question is a far more serious one than between Jews and Arabs of Palestine. Moslems generally take it as a breach of faith on our part, of our backing Zionists against them; in other words, it is a cause of Mistrust in a very wide field. Hence its real importance. Militarily it may not be very serious today but it will matter when troops are withdrawn from the Middle East for future peace and content in Moslem countries.

1. To the Arabs, the promises given were not academic or unreal as you suggest, nor were they so to the instruments who were used to make them, such as myself. In 1919-22 when in Palestine, I was led to believe that the Declaration meant the immigration of only a fair number of Jews as might be allowed in the U.S.A., but only extreme Zionists talked of a Jewish state, a Jewish political majority and one thought then that this was never to be considered. For that reason I for one did not protest strongly at the time. Arabs too were not then opposed to Jews as such, but merely afraid of political domination.

You say the British Government did not accept King Husain's interpretation of the Balfour Declaration. But the Arabs stopped fighting in December 1917 (Jaafar, Nuri and other leaders) when they heard of the Balfour Declaration. Therefore, Hogarth was sent to see King Husain on 8.1.18 to reassure him, as a result of his visit, the Arabs resumed fighting. What matters, therefore, is not what "London" thought, but by what explanation did London persuade Arabs to go on fighting. The Hogarth message was not published for 20 years. What is honest is what matters and the recipient of a promise who acts thereon is as vital a witness as the giver.

2. Hyamson on page 108 "Palestine, a Policy" and previous pages shows that Zionists read the Balfour Declaration as "The reconstitution of Palestine as the National Home of the Jewish people". That is what they intended, especially Zionists in America, and meant a political State. Balfour did not mean a political state and he modified the words "To facilitate the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people".

3. Apart from the promises, you rightly put the case "Arab claims are centuries of possession and right of national self-determination."

Jewish claims are (a) present homelessness (b) sentiments of attachment to the Holy Land (c) contribution to world culture from a Jewish Palestine.

(a) The proper way to cure homelessness is for the British Empire and America to offer homes or land in their own possessions, not to be generous at some one else's expense. This is not and cannot be honest.

(b) "A sentiment of attachment" gives no right in history or in law. It may give a plea for sympathy. If Americans were put into Kent after the last war, Kent would have sold them land and food as normal beings, but if the Americans (coming back after 300 years) said "This is our old country and we intend to have a political state and you have room in Scotland to get to", would the men of Kent have stood still?

Do Scottish lairds and other emigrants to Canada, America and Australia claim legal or political rights for themselves, relations and descendents in Scotland and to retake their former positions. Yet Scotsmen are very sentimental. What is being done to return the Red Indians to New York? 2,000 years is a long time to claim political rights or status.

(c) The MacDonald White Paper satisfied sentimental attachment and the contribution to world culture, with the Hebrew University, one third of population in Palestine Jewish; and neither (b) nor (c) demand a Jewish State, Jewish Domination over Arabs i.e., a Jewish majority, nor any political ambition. It is probable that the Declaration as intended by Balfour, is more than fulfilled in letter and spirit.

That White Paper was the result of very close investigation by MacDonald brought up as a Zionist and an honest attempt to settle the problem from the facts presented. The Zionists do not accept it because they still keep to their formula of what they asked Balfour to give them, but which he did not give, as explained in "Palestine, a Policy". Extreme Arabs, even the Mufti, were ready to accept it if and when put into practice, but they were so mistrustful and suspicious from previous experience that they acted most unwisely in not accepting it at once.

I agree the White Paper is not a really satisfactory solution and entirely agree that the blame rests with the British Government for adopting a policy of momentary expediency and of attempted compromise" as you rightly say. It should have weighed fairly the promises made and been clear and definite.

The British Government i.e. Colonial Office were in the position of a Judge who is seen daily by a clever plaintiff (Dr. Weizmann and others) whilst the defendant never appears. He lives in another country and has not voting power. You in America get the same angle, but Americans in Arab countries like the late Knabenshue, Wadsworth, Dodge and other are as strongly anti Zionist (and not anti Jew) as anyone. If you had a case to fight in England and left a strong opponent to put his case daily and you never came here to put up your own case, the Judge being human, would be liable to underestimate your case.

I do not, as you suggest, prefer a pro Arab solution whilst you prefer a pro Zionist solution. It is a question of what promises were made first to A and later to Z. Z can only be given what was not promised to A. One must be clear and keep to one's word in dealing with Eastern people or anyone else.

My personal view of the future is broadly this:

Great Britain has for years tried to keep the sea communications safe and open to all, mainly for her own commerce, but also carrying a burden with some pride, for all nations and we hope to have U.S.A. cooperation in the future. The Mediterranean, the Suez Canal, Red Sea and Haifa to Basra and Persian Gulf are lines of communications of which the British Empire must ensure the safety.

Let the countries which are Arab on either side be as free as they can be, provided these routes are secure; but these countries are small and weak and must depend on the greater power for protection, at present the British Empire. To that extent we have to support and defend these peoples and cooperate with them.

Then Syria, Palestine and Transjordan will in time combine possibly, Iraq will join in 20 years time. The Zionists can come to reasonable terms with Arabs in this larger "Syrian" state and the White Paper be altered to suit an Arab and Zionist agreement at their request. In other words, keep to the White Paper as a principle, to be altered only by request of Arab and Zionist, who are free to put up their own proposals. There is the difficulty of the French in Syria which must be dealt with.

As a result of MacDonald's Palestine Conference, M.P.'s and others in this country learnt a great deal of the question and Zionism is not now strongly supported. It is opposed by most of the English Jews who have been in this country two or more generations. Similarly I am told a Jewish State is opposed by a large number of American Jews who do not make their voices heard.

You will agree with me that it is very essential for the U.S.A. and Great Britain to understand each other's difficulty and mistakes. We all make them, so I am sure this letter will meet with your sympathetic consideration.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Paul L. Hanna
202, Buckman Hall
University of Florida
Gainesville, U.S.A.

(Signed) S.F. Newcomb.

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August 25, 1943

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Room 1903
521 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Neumann:

No doubt you saw the story by
Mr. E. P. Sedgwick in the New York Times on
August 22nd. I trust that adequate correc-
tions of the various factual misrep-
sentations will be offered. I should
hope that you might keep me informed
as to what is being done.

Sincerely yours,

CJF/b

/s/ C. J. Friedrich

August 27, 1943

Professor Carl J. Friedrich
Harvard University
M-31 Littauer Center
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Friedrich:

I hasten to acknowledge your note of August 25 and also, belatedly, your previous letter. I have just returned to the city and this is my first opportunity to write you.

It made me happy to know that you have about finished your Memorandum despite the tragic loss you sustained. We shall need your Memorandum now more than ever in view of the further deterioration of the situation in Washington.

I am not sure that I understand the point to which you refer about international control of Palestine. I am most eager to know just what you have in mind. Is there a draft of the Memorandum, even a rough draft and would you care to let me read it privately? As you know, I am not holding any office in the Zionist Emergency Committee at the moment and I make the suggestion with hesitation and diffidence. If you think my reading the draft and sending you my comments may be useful before it acquires its final form, I will be happy to do so. If there is the slightest doubt in your mind about the propriety or advisability of this course, please do not hesitate to say so frankly.

The Sedgwick articles in the Times were horrible. I know the Emergency Committee is dealing with the matter and I have forwarded copies of your note of the 25th to the proper persons; you will probably hear from them.

Do you think that a statement correcting the misrepresentations will suffice? Actually, as I see it, this is only one manifestation of a well laid plot to discredit Zionism, particularly in America, and pave the way of its liquidation. Involved in the plot are not only Arabs and certain British and American officials but also---I say it to my shame as a Jew---Arthur Hays Sulzberger, with a few other Jewish renegades.

Professor C. J. Friedrich

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August 27, 1943

What is their motive? From the British point of view their motive seems clear to me, namely, to get Syria away from the French, Libya from the Italians, etc. and make all these countries part of a British Near East. But, in order to escape the odium of imperialist annexations, the business is to be carried out under the guise of promoting Arab aspirations and Arab federation. Today "Federation" is a more progressive sounding and more palatable term than colonial expansion, or imperialism, or annexation, or even mandate. The British are encouraging the Arabs to clamor for the "Federation" of Palestine and Jordan with Syria and Lebanon and making them see that in this way the Jewish national home can best be checked.

In brief, the British are working with the Arabs in order to promote their own interests and are paying them the price by throwing Jewish Palestine to the wolves.

Perhaps, if this comes to be understood in this country, the process may be checked.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,

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Emanuel Neumann

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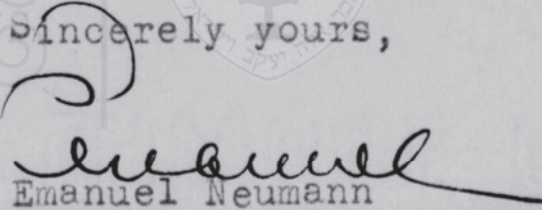
Dr. A. H. Silver
Waldorf Astoria, Suite 2620
New York, New York

Dear Abba:

I am enclosing copy of the note I received from Professor Carl Friedrich, which speaks for itself. I have sent another copy to Mr. Lourie, Secretary of the Emergency Committee.

I am also enclosing copy of my letter to Friedrich.

Sincerely yours,


Emanuel Neumann

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the direction of the National Board of Hadassah, Mrs. Epstein and I would like to discuss with you a problem which seems to our Board of very great importance, in connection with our service on the executive of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

If you expect to be in New York on Sunday, October 17, for the meeting of the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference, we should be glad to meet with you perhaps during the luncheon intermission. If you do not plan to be here Sunday, I do hope you will allow for a few minutes out of what I know will be a very busy schedule on Monday for a talk with us.

With all good wishes for the new year,

Very cordially yours,

Tamar de Sola Pool

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October 20, 1943

My dear Mr. Van Paassen:

I was delighted to have had the opportunity of a chat with you the other day. It is always pleasant and stimulating to be with you, and I regret more than I can tell you that our opportunities for seeing each other are so few.

As I get deeper and deeper into the work of the Zionist Emergency Council, I feel that I shall have to call on you more and more for guidance and help. You have rendered our cause inestimable service in the past, and I should like to feel free to call upon you in this hour of decision for all the time and thought that you can spare for us.

I am looking forward most eagerly to the appearance of your new book. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Mr. Pierre Van Paassen
16 Prescott Ave.
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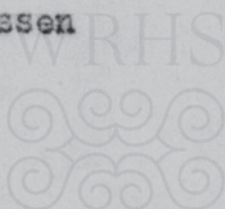
November 2, 1943

My dear Friend:

I have just finished reading your great book, "The Forgotten Ally". It is a glorious exposition of a great cause by a master who combines a passion for truth, spiritual sensitiveness and rare artistry. The Jewish people is grateful to you for writing so nobly in defense of its immemorial rights, and men of good will everywhere will feel indebted to you for your fairness, courage and vision.

Most cordially yours,

Mr. Pierre Van Paassen
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December 8, 1943

Dear Rabbi:

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the Emergency Conference of the United Palestine Appeal to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio at the Gibson Hotel on Sunday, January 9th, 1944, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

We deem this Conference of such importance that I am asking you to announce it both at your Services and in your Congregational Bulletin.

Among the distinguished speakers who will address the Conference are:

U.S. SENATOR ALBEN W. BARKLEY of Kentucky, Majority Leader of the Senate, one of America's greatest orators and leading statesmen

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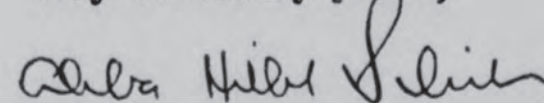
RABBI LEON I. FEUER, Director of the Washington Office, American Zionist Emergency Council

DR. BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN, of New York, historian, lecturer and authority on Palestine and the Near East.

The MORNING session will begin at 10:00 A.M.; the LUNCHEON session at 12:30 P.M.; the AFTERNOON session at 3:30 P.M.

Thank you very much for cooperating with us in this matter.

Very cordially yours,



Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

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Dr. Abba Hiller Silver,
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Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver,

I was asked by Louis Lipsky and Israel Goldstein to see Homer S. Cummings of Washington, D. C. regarding our cause in Palestine, so I made an appointment and was in Washington last week.

Now I would like to explain to you more particular.

Homer Cummings, even during the time of the Wilson administration was considered a big power in the Democratic party - a diplomatic man. Later on during the Roosevelt administration he was appointed Attorney General. For certain reason I do not wish to disclose he resigned this office.

During the time he was Attorney General he took a trip around the Mediterranean and made a visit to Palestine. On this trip he was accepted by the Balkan leaders with all Kingly honors.

After he returned, his wife died, and he wrote a book in memory to her, which was only confined to 300 copies, which is not for sale, not to be reprinted, only distributed among his friends with his signature on each copy. I happen to have one of these books.

According to this book he was very much impressed with Palestine. Sometime last winter I commenced corresponding with him in regard to our questions and I am enclosing a copy of one of my letters to him. .

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After talking with him last week I am most sure my visit was a great success. I left him with the understanding that some of our big leaders would see him again.

As there was a great deal of talk about disunity between him and the administration, I asked him very openly how he stood with our Secretary Hull at present, and he gave me a plain answer - he is just as close a friend now as he was when in the Cabinet.

I also wish to mention that one time he gave a cocktail party in Washington, to which I was invited. He had all the Cabinet members, Senators, and close friends of his own.

I think if you could see him personally you would know he is a very capable man. He is not the type of a politician for money. When I told him any thing that can be accomplished for Palestine, through his efforts, would be remembered by the Jewish people forever, it was dearer to him than any amount of money we could give him. He is a man of honor and likes to be honored. This will give you an idea as to how to go about with him.

It may be necessary for Mr. Cummings to arrange a ball to which Mr. & Mrs. Hull should be invited, also you and your wife, and other prominent people. This would be good for our cause, as I remember a long long time ago a German Ambassador gave a ball in Washington and after this ball the German prestige rose very high.

I even told Mr. Cummings if conditions warrant him spending money he could depend on me for a considerable amount.

I can depend on you personally, more than anyone whom you have in Washington, and I am sure if it is handled properly it will be a great success.

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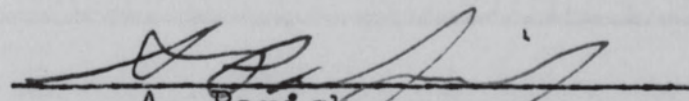
I am also enclosing a copy of a letter I received from a nephew of mine who was awarded "The Distinguished Service Medal" for bombarding the oil fields over Rumania. This appeared in the New York Times of November 17th. I showed the original of this letter to several prominent people when I was in Washington.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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A. Papish,

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Dear Friend:

You are cordially invited to attend the Emergency Conference of the United Palestine Appeal taking place on Sunday, January 9, 1944 at the Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

Distinguished
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Jewish leaders of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia are urged to attend this Conference to consider Palestine's present status, and to make plans for its future in the post-war world which a United Nations' victory will soon make possible.

Among the distinguished speakers who will address the Conference are:

U. S. SENATOR ALBEN W. BARKLEY of Kentucky, Majority Leader of the Senate, one of America's greatest orators and leading statesmen

DR. JOSHUA LOTH LIEBMAN, distinguished orator and Rabbi of Temple Israel, Boston

DR. JAMES G. HELLER, former President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Chairman, National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America

RABBI LEON I. FEUER, Director Washington Office, American Zionist Emergency Council

DR. BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN of New York, historian, lecturer and authority on Palestine and the Near East.

Participation in this important Conference will manifest our determination to stand by the Jews of Palestine and the Jews of Europe at this critical juncture, and to see them through victory to peace.

The MORNING session in The Hall of Mirrors will begin at 10:00 A.M., the LUNCHEON session in the Pavillion Caprice at 12:30 P.M., the AFTERNOON session in the Pavillion Caprice at 3:30 P.M.

Luncheon is \$1.50 per plate. O.P.A. regulations make it imperative that Luncheon reservations be made early. Will you have the kindness to do so on the enclosed card?

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

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National Chairman

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December 24, 1943

Dr. Abba H. Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver;

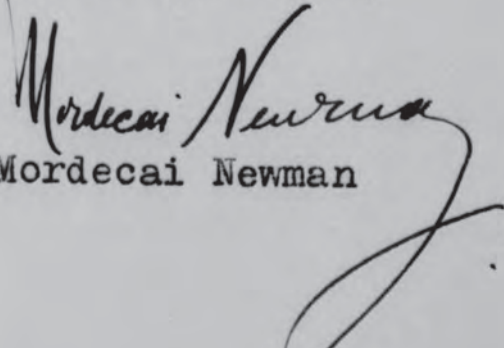
I am attaching herewith the contents of a conversation with two British diplomats, upon which I want to remark, that the meeting was arranged solely on their initiative, and that it was no coincidence that Mr. Randell waited for me, Sir Godfrey arrived half an hour later and left us alone again after staying with us about 30-40 minutes. In my opinion it was staged purposely, to give Mr. Randell the possibility to lead the conversation.

The two questions, why we don't attack the British more vigorously and if I would advise the obrogation of the White Paper before March 1944, were asked not without a purpose, they have a close connection, comments are not necessary.

My connections with Sir Godfrey go back to the beginning of 1940, when I came to this country and tried to raise a movement in favor for a Jewish Legion. It was Sir Godfrey who arranged in the Spring of 1940 for me to meet with the late Mr. Rogers, at that time Canadian Prime Minister and with General Fitzgerald, at that time Canadian Secretary of War, to discuss with them the Legion problem in connection with erecting training camps for the Legion in Canada.

While I wish the contents of our conversation to remain temporarily confidential, I am sending copies of this material to Dr. Nahum Goldman, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Mr. Arthur Lourie and Israel Merominsky.

Sincerely yours,


Mordecai Newman

December 29, 1943

Mr. A. Papish
11-21 East Franklin Street
Danbury, Conn.

My dear Mr. Papish:

Thank you for your kind letter and for what you say about Mr. Homer S. Cummings. I shall be most happy to meet Mr. Cummings. I get to Washington quite often. My next visit will be on Monday and Tuesday, January 10 and 11. If you wish to write to Mr. Cummings and arrange for me to see him, I shall be very happy to do so.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Please reply to Dr. Silver to:
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

December 29, 1943

Mr. Mordecai Newman
1140 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of December 24 and for the enclosure which I read with great interest indeed. I should like the opportunity of meeting with you before you return to Palestine.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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BROOKLYN, N. Y. January 16th, 1944

Hon. Joseph M. Proskauer
President, American Jewish Committee
New York, N.Y.

Dear Judge Proskauer:

You personally are no stranger to our Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst and Mapleton nor to our Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst, its headquarters.

You know, of course, that our Council represents the united authority of our Jewish Community of nearly 100,000 and that our Jewish Community House is one of the largest character-building Institutions of its kind in the world.

Through the past years we had cordially welcomed you as a leader in our philanthropic life. We address you now, as these same fellow Jews, with a background of commendable public service to our Blessed Country in war as well as in peace.

Through you, as its president, we want you to know how deeply our community regrets the action of your Executive Committee of the American Jewish Committee, in withdrawing from the American Jewish Conference.

We have remained silent up to now, because we had hoped that mature reconsideration would reveal the golden mean under which your committee would continue its service in the American Jewish Conference and we would be privileged to participate in the reunion instead of recording our very deep regret at any continued discord.

For fear that our silence may be misinterpreted as passive approval or even indifference, of your Executive Committee's action, we state that we deplore the circumstances that compel us to clearly define our disapproval of its actions in withdrawing from the American Jewish Conference held at the Waldorf Astoria August 29th, 1943 through September 2nd, 1943.

We do not deem it necessary to repeat the oft-stated, logical reasons why the American Jewish Committee should not have withdrawn from the American Jewish Conference.

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We do however, wish to state the additional reasons why our Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst and Mapleton, records its position.

Our Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst and Mapleton was founded to establish a central authority for the unified cooperation of eighty-eight Jewish Organizations in our Community--an authority that has enriched our lives by a unity that has strengthened us in both purpose and ability to serve our Country and our People. We include in harmony, all Jews:--Orthodox, Conservative and Reform, engaged in all activities except political.

No one organization has lost its autonomy but each has contributed to the common good by adding the worth of its purpose to our schedule, and becoming stronger by our united support. We ask no organization in our Council to submerge its individuality,--only to support that part of our broad program of mutual helpfulness that will make us better American citizens by cooperating on common ground for service to our Country and our People.

Your American Jewish Committee joined the Conference, which represents the great majority of our Jewish American citizenry, in the spirit of cooperation. We applauded that action for it heartened us in our resolve to act resolutely as a united people. There were adopted resolutions affecting the welfare of Jewry everywhere in the world, for generations to come.

Is there no portion of the Conference Program of saving those still capable of being saved, that affords common ground for united human service?

Is there no portion of the Conference Program planning the protection of our people against a future of continued horror, persecution, discrimination and murder, that affords common ground for united, human service?

Is there no portion of the Conference Program in planning a land, under our own auspices, where our robbed, our persecuted, our exiled may call their own God-given home--that affords common ground for united, human service?

Is there no place in your philosophy for the concept that a persecuted minority has an inalienable right to be free in order to live in peace with all other peoples in a free world, that affords common ground for united, human service?

Is such a concept of freedom so unintelligible that you cannot remain at the Council-table with those who are striving to find a peaceful means for making this freedom possible, as a united, human service?

January 16, 1944

Is there no portion of the Conference Program expressing our determination to achieve an equal chance to live as other decent people do, that will enable us to stand before the world as a people united, instead of being confused, divided groups?

Is it not sufficient answer to the charge of divided allegiance to note that the approval of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine has been given by every President of the United States from Harding to the present great liberal, whom God, in His infinite wisdom has matched to the need of our times, our own distinguished Franklin D. Roosevelt?

Let those who would question either our own patriotism or our allegiance to our beloved America review the magnificent roster of our local Jews in the Service and the lengthening list of our revered, heroic dead:--men and women who give their blood and their lives that human beings shall have their birth-right of Freedom, and that all who love Liberty and Democracy may stand strong and united against the evil forces in the world;--not divided and confused.

Let there be no mistaking the great truth that those who would undermine the unity of our Jewish People give aid and comfort to the forces of evil by practicing their policy of "divide and conquer".

We do not speak out of bitterness, but rather that you may know the mind and heart of those who have served with you through the years for the welfare of our Jewish people and the ennobling of Jewish citizenry.

You and many of your associates have, in past years, held the leadership of our people. Friends and foes alike recognize your forward position in our Jewish lives. Even if you wished to you could not summarily discard those purple robes of Jewish authority. You, therefore, cease to be private individuals. You continue, in the eyes of the world, to represent our people. Your unity is our strength. Your discord is our irreparable weakness.

United, our local Jewish Community now stands for the principles enunciated in the Platform adopted by the American Jewish Conference. Each finds in its scope, reasons for joining in a united effort, for their fulfillment.

In that platform there must be, and are, principles that you can in conscience and in truth, support in unity with the other delegates with whom you served during the historic days of its session.

January 16, 1944

United and strengthened we face the future with the high hope and stern resolve that the tortured Jewish past shall be no more. Divided and weakened we face a future for which the tortured Jewish past moulds a familiar pattern. For which of these do you now take responsibility; for the decision must now be made.

From among our honored dead, there come out of the past, the treasured voices of Marshall, Warburg, Brandeis and Adler;-all bespeaking for unity in Israel and translating it in their distinguished public lives. Is there no portion of their program that affords a golden mean for unity?

The door to united service is being held wide open by the overwhelming majority of our Jewish people. It will be noble of you and your associates, to march forward with us, as a united people, under the banner of enlightened mankind - out of the darkness and into the light with dignity and high resolve.

May God give you the vision and the courage to do so.

Yours for United Jewry to Victory,

Herman Neaderland, President
Council of Jewish Organizations
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is because of our deep regard of the very important place you hold in the conduct of our Jewish-American affairs, that we are taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of our friendly letter to Judge Proskauer, as President of the American Jewish Committee.

There is, of course, no intent to break the ethics of a personal letter to the Judge. We feel very sure that the matter is of entirely too public a nature, widely discussed, to be considered entirely personal.

It is our desire that as a leader in American-Jewish life, you may know how deeply we treasure unity among our people, and how very much we regret discord within our ranks.



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We are confident that you too, devoutly desire among our leaders, that wisdom, courage and mutual understanding that will establish a common council from which will emanate the guidance which we so urgently need and to which all of our people may turn with hope and confidence.

To that end your friendly cooperation is cordially invited.

Yours for United Jewry to Victory,

Herman Neaderland, President
Council of Jewish Organizations
of Bensonhurst and Mapleton

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This material was supplied to me by Colonel S. F. Newcombe who called at the suggestion of Lady Astor after some discussion with her regarding the British situation in the middle East and other related problems.

Colonel Newcombe supplied me with this correspondence and memoranda and talked with me at some length regarding the situation preliminary to his departure as an unofficial Agent of the British Government with headquarters at Lebanon or Syria.

Developments since that time in Syria in the elimination of the French influence are very interesting in view of the comment in this correspondence regarding the complications resulting from the French influence in Syria.



MEMORANDUM

Date February 4, 1944

**To ** Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

**From ** Martin Panzer

**Subject ** Conversation between Frank Walker and Nathan Straus

This is to confirm my telephone conversation with you today. Mr. Montor had asked me to call you since he had had to leave the office after an attempt to reach you.

Mr. Frank Walker called Nathan Straus on Thursday, and three times in the course of their conversation expressed regret that the meeting with the President had been called off. Mr. Walker said that there was no possible change in the attitude of the "Person," and that probably no public statement would be made prior to the February 14 meeting.

Mr. Walker also said to Mr. Straus that "You could have had a meeting this week."

MP:RM

Martin Panzer

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave. N.Y.C. 17

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter. We found it of absorbing interest. So much so, that we used it on our Letters Page, a tearsheet of which we enclose. Please feel free to write at any time.



Sincerely,

C. Swick

Charlotte Swick
Editorial Dept.

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RABBI DAVID W. PEARLMAN
Temple Beth-El - 144 Prospect Place
Stamford, Connecticut

AHS

Feb. 9, 1944

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I would appreciate it if you would forward a personal note to Dr. George Montgomery. Editor of Stamford Advocate for his gracious cooperation.

Dr. Montgomery is a retired minister. He was a member of the Crame Commission and was instrumental in introducing Dr. Weizmann to Dr. Findlay. He has been a friend of Zionism for a good number of years.

With personal regards

Sincerely,

(David Pearlman)



AHS

February 11, 1944

Rabbi David W. Pearlman
Temple Beth-El
144 Prospect Street
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Rabbi Pearlman:

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 9 in which you have enclosed editorial written by Dr. George Montgomery, editor of the Stamford Advocate. We feel the same way that you do that inasmuch as this comes from a member of the Crame Commission. It is a real accomplishment to get such a favorable bit of writing from him.

We are sending the other copy of the editorial and your letter directly to Dr. Silver with the suggestion that you included to the effect that a few words of appreciation be sent to Dr. Montgomery.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Director

HLS:HMN

Dr. Silver:

I have checked up with the Archives regarding Dr. George Montgomery and have learned that there is a notation in the King Crane report as follows: "In the survey of Syria we have the advantage of the services of Dr. George Montgomery".

Harry L. Shapiro

DR. E. MARTIN PAUL
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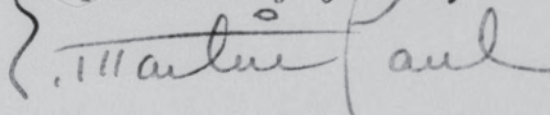
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Ansel Road and E. 105 St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

In the February 4th issue of The New Palestine (page 238), I read with amazement and shock that, "Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of the New York Times," spoke in Philadelphia on January 25th.

I also read in previous issues that you and Mr. Sulzberger are **not** exactly on friendly terms, at least in your zionist thinking. Therefore, such a connection should be retracted by The New Palestine.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. Martin Paul".

P.S.: I doubt that such typographical errors will change Mr. Sulzberger's views on Zionism.

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March 2, 1944

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was much touched to learn from the committee which arranged the dinner on Sunday night that the American Zionist Emergency Council had contributed a thousand dollars to the fund which was presented to The Nation on that occasion. It was a most generous gift and I needn't tell you that it will be a useful one. This year particularly the progressive forces have a hard fight ahead of them and The Nation is going to plunge into the campaign with all the energy we can muster. The fund raised by the committee will enable us to do a job we couldn't have dreamed of tackling otherwise.

In my speech I gave a brief outline of my plans and I am printing it in next week's issue for the benefit of readers who were not at the dinner. You will be glad to know that we are going to print all the speeches in a booklet. I shall see that you get a copy as soon as it comes out.

With much appreciation and my personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Isidore Kirshen

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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April 18, 1944

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD), INC.

Dear Friend:

The next meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, at 4:30 P.M. at the office of the Keren Hayesod - ROOM 2100, 41 East 42nd Street, New York.

Among the items on the agenda will be:

1. A report of the Commission on Palestine Surveys;
2. A report on the Latin-American activities;
3. A report of the Zionist Archives and Library Committee

and such other business as may properly come before the Administrative Committee.

It is highly important that you make every effort to attend.

With kindest greetings, I am

Cordially yours

Bernard A. Rosenblatt
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD), INC.
MARCH 23, 1944.

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. was held on Thursday, March 23, at 6:00 P.M. at 41 East 42nd Street, New York.

PRESENT:

Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt in the Chair; Mrs. Rose Jacobs, Messrs. Abraham Goodman, William Greenfeld, Isaac Hamlin, Abraham Krumbein, Harris Levine, Seymour Levine, Louis Lipsky, Mrs. David deSola Pool, Charles Ress, Robert Silverman, David Tannenbaum, Sigmund Thau and David Wertheim. By invitation: Nahum Goldmann, Leib Jaffe and Meyer W. Weisgal.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mr. Abraham Goodman, submitted a financial report, indicating that for the period January 1st, 1944 to date the Keren Hayesod had received the sum of \$1,300,000 from the United Palestine Appeal and had remitted \$1,250,000 to Palestine. This compared with \$774,175 received during the same period in 1933, and \$692,311.58 remitted to Palestine.

REPORT FROM DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN ON HIS VISIT TO ENGLAND:

Dr. Goldmann rendered a report on his visit to England, and the meetings of the Jewish Agency Executive, in which he made reference to Dr. Weizmann's activities in London, and the latter's negotiations with members of the British Government and Mr. Churchill.

JEWISH AGENCY OFFICE:

Judge Rosenblatt referred again to the payment of \$3,200 per month

to the Dr. Chaim Weizmann Special Account, which was being used to maintain the office of the Jewish Agency and suggested that inasmuch as expenditures had continued to be incurred since the beginning of the year, we make the January, February and March payments with the understanding that this will not constitute a precedent for the future. He stated that he had discussed the matter with Dr. Goldstein, who recommended that in view of the fact that the whole question of payments for political purposes was under review with the President's War Relief Control Board, only the three months' payments be made at this time.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the sum of \$7,600 be made available to the Dr. Chaim Weizmann Special Account, to cover the three months of January, February and March, without making any commitments for the future.

NEW KEREN HAYESOD OFFICES:

The Chairman announced that the Keren Hayesod was preparing to move to its new quarters on the 21st floor of 41 East 42nd Street. The offices would include the Zionist Archives and Library and the Latin American department, besides the general Keren Hayesod offices.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the expense involved in the moving be approved.

INCREASE OF JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

It was reported by the Chairman that the JNF had recommended an increase in the membership of the Joint KH-KK Committee by four members each, and suggested that the KH name four additional members.

In the discussion which ensued, it was pointed out that this would mean that the joint committee would be composed of twenty-six members, which would make it unwieldy.

Mr. Ress stated that in his opinion the Joint Committee was being vested with an importance which was not envisaged when it was created, a few years ago. Originally, its purpose was to set up the United Palestine Appeal contracts, and when that function was performed, it no longer continued to serve.

After a full discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that there be no addition to the Joint KH-KK Committee membership.

It was further moved, seconded and carried that the Chairman appoint a committee of five to reconsider the whole question of the part to be played by the Joint Committee in the future.

REPORT OF CONVERSATION BY JUDGE ROSENBLATT WITH
DR. JACOBI OF PALESTINE:

Judge Rosenblatt reported a conversation with Dr. Jacobi of Palestine with respect to the possibility of having the KH institute claims on behalf of claimants from Germany and other Nazi occupied countries, and to endeavor to secure, in exchange, the territory of Gerona and Wilhelmina, in Palestine, as an offset to their claims. Seymour Levine expressed the opinion that the KH would do well to engage in such activity, because it would be rendering a service to the individuals concerned and would at the same time be of service to the cause.

After further discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of three to study the matter and return to the next meeting with its findings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

BERNARD A. ROSENBLATT
President

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BALTIMORE IS ARRANGING A LARGE HISTADRUT DEMONSTRATION TO WHICH THEY EXPECT OVER A THOUSAND PEOPLE WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 24. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEEPLY IF YOU COULD BE THEIR GUEST SPEAKER. SINCE YOU ARE GOING TO BE AT THE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON PERHAPS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ATTEND THIS FUNCTION WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR NINE PM. YOUR FAVORABLE REPLY WILL BE GREATLY ENCOURAGING PLEASE WIRE SHALOM.

NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE JOSEPH
SCHLOSSBERG ISAAC HAMELIN

June 14, 1944

Mr. Harold P. Nelson, President
Portland Zionist District
341 Cumberland Avenue
Portland 3, Maine

My dear Mr. Nelson:

As you probably know, I am no longer chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, and would therefore refrain from commenting on your letter. The present chairman is Rabbi James G. Heller, of Cincinnati, and I would suggest that you direct your communication to him.

Definite arrangements were made by the United Palestine Appeal, this year, with the Joint Distribution Committee covering the scope of the Jewish National Fund traditional collections and I am sure the New York office could inform you what these arrangements are.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Zionist Organization of America
1720-16th Street, N.Y.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith, a copy of letter that I have just sent to National Fund. This letter is self-explanatory.

I, as the president of the Portland Zionist District, am responsible for it's honorable conduct, and I wish to know and understand the relationship of the National Fund to the U.J.A. regarding the so-called "traditional contributions".

I am sending a copy of this letter to you so that you in turn, may read this over and thus be able to give me your opinion as to just what we can or cannot do. While I have sent this letter to the National Fund, I have also sent a copy of this letter to the U.J.A., and the third to yourself.

As outlined above, I wish to find out, once and for all, how we stand towards National Fund and what National Fund can expect from us. A few members, who are strongly opposed to this Nachlath Maine project, which they feel would necessarily, because of the amount, practically force a campaign; feel that they would be 100% for the project if the specific amount desired was not mentioned and no time limit was set. Thus, they feel that then the giving could remain, without a

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doubt, on a traditional basis.

May I have your opinion by return mail? I would also like to have your opinion, if I may, regarding National Fund ceiling with U.J.A., as explained in the copy of letter.

Yours very truly,

Harold P. Nelson

Harold P. Nelson, Pres.
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Jewish National Fund, Inc.
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

It is the wish of the Zionists throughout the State of Maine, including the Portland district, of which I am president, to raise traditionally this year for National Fund, \$30,000.00 instead of the usual much smaller amount. This money is to be used for a Nachlath Maine project.

It is definitely agreed and understood that no campaign will be allowed, but that Zionist members will know of this Nachlath Maine project, and if they wish to volunteer money for the purchase of domains of land, they will do so. No one will be asked or solicited, nor shall there be any organized campaign for funds.

Being president of this district, it is my desire to know and understand in my own mind, without any doubts or misgivings, if this is fair and honorable, and such a project will operate within the framework of U.Z.A. and National Fund agreements.

I know that a Zionist is one who not only gives lip service to the movement, but is a Jew who is willing to show with his money his true inner convictions, and I feel that if one wishes to volunteer money for the National Fund, that that is his right.

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I have also heard, from sources that I do not know to be correct, that the National Fund has already reached its U.J.A. ceiling of one million, one hundred thousand dollars, and, therefore, if such is a true fact, then from every dollar we will raise here for the National Fund, only 20% will go to the National Fund, and the other 80% will be diverted to the U.J.A., to which people have already contributed through our Federation drives.

I do not believe that the project itself is illegal from the traditional standpoint, but I am worried that if the National Fund ceiling has already been reached and that the money will be diverted back to the U.J.A., then contributors here must know and understand that.

Very truly yours,

Harold P. Nelson, Pres.
PORTLAND ZIONIST DISTRICT

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cc:Rabbi Silver

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FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD), INC. HELD ON TUESDAY,
JULY 25th, 1944

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. was held on Tuesday, July 25th, at 4:00 P.M. at the office of the Keren Hayesod, 41 East 42nd Street, New York.

PRESENT:

There were present: Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, in the chair; Messrs. Abraham Goodman, I. M. Kowalsky, Emanuel Neumann, Charles Ress, Sol M. Reiter, Robert Silverman, and David Tannenbaum.

KEREN HAYESOD ACTIVITIES:

The Chairman reported that the last meeting of the Finance Committee had authorized the expenditure of \$75 per week, in connection with publicity, subject to the ratification of the Administrative Committee.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that this expenditure be authorized until the end of October, when it was expected that there would be an economic conference in connection with the annual meeting of the Keren Hayesod.

Judge Rosenblatt stated that he had made inquiry concerning the possibility of securing the help of an individual or individuals in Washington who would study the legal ramifications of the collection of German Jewish claims against which claims might be made for Sarona, Wilhelmina, etc.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Chairman be authorized to investigate the possibilities and to expend a sum not in excess of \$500 in this study.

Mr. Neumann suggested discussing this matter with the Emergency Council, and the Chairman stated that he had already discussed it with the Jewish Agency representatives in this country, who had cabled about it to

Jerusalem, and that he would, of course, be glad to report the matter also to the Emergency Council.

INDEPENDENT JEWISH PRESS SERVICE:

The Chairman presented a communication from the Independent Jewish Press Service asking for the payment of \$750 to cover the second half of the year's subscription of the Keren Hayesod to the Press Service.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Keren Hayesod make a payment of \$750 to cover the half year's subscription.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COLLECTIONS:

It was pointed out that in a report submitted by the Jewish National Fund for the first six months of the current year, a sum of over \$800,000 had been collected by the Jewish National Fund. Inasmuch as the agreement with the United Jewish Appeal calls for the turning over of all funds collected by the Jewish National Fund in excess of \$1,100,000, the result would be that the Jewish National Fund would be spending a not inconsiderable sum for the raising of an estimated \$800,000 or \$900,000 which would have to be turned over to the UJA.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this matter be discussed fully at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON PROJECTS:

The Chairman reported that Dr. Mitchell Salem Fisher had called a meeting of the newly appointed Projects Committee, and that he and Dr. Fisher had made some plans for an economic conference which was to be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Keren Hayesod, at the end of October. Inasmuch as this was but a bare outline, it was felt that nothing could be discussed until further meetings of the Projects Committee had been held and the matter gone into in detail.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE TO STUDY ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES
OF JEWISH AGENCY, EMERGENCY COUNCIL AND SURVEYS COMMISSION:

In the absence of Mr. Hernan L. Weisman, chairman of the Committee, appointed to study the activities and expenditures of the Jewish Agency, Emergency Council and Surveys Commission, Judge Rosenblatt reported that the committee had met and after discussion had decided that the first step to be taken was to direct a request to each of these organizations to ask for their audited reports for the period of October 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944. He added that letters had been addressed to each of these organizations requesting such audits.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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President.

