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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Silver

Date August 14, 1944.

From Mr. Isreeli

Personal

I think that in connection with the political campaign, wherein we will surely try to find out the attitude of the candidates of the various parties to the House and the Senate, this office ought to conduct an educational campaign amongst Zionists and members of our committees in the various communities on the work accomplished by our Council during the last year and the tasks before us in the near future.

I have in mind that a small group of our friends and co-workers be asked to visit the various communities and through personal contact bring our records up to date.

I talked to a few of our friends about it and believe that Mr. Neumann, Mr. Stone, Dr. Feuer, Rabbi Miller, Mr. Lispy and some in this office ought to be available during the next month, each at least to visit several cities.

An itinerary ought to be worked out immediately and correspondence with the various cities undertaken in order to implement this decision, should it meet with your approval.

AKI:sa


Arnold D. White

August 22, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Isreeli:

I am wondering whether you are following up the enclosed accusations of Zivion. He accuses the Zionist Emergency Council of broadcasting a lie about Dean Alfange. What are the facts?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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

ESCO FOUNDATION FOR PALESTINE, INC.

521 FIFTH AVENUE . NEW YORK CITY

August 23, 1944

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is our understanding that you have read the Esco Study material gathered under the direction of Dr. I.B. Berkson. May we have your evaluation of the manuscript and suggestions as to the uses it lends itself. We are inviting the critical judgment of a number of readers and would like to have yours before us when the Esco Committee meets for discussion.

Our meetings are to start shortly after Labor Day so that prompt response from you shall be appreciated.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

RGJ:hm

Rose Jacobs

American Zionist Emergency Council

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September 26, 1944.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing this to remind you of the dinner-meeting with the Yiddish and English-Jewish journalists which we have been contemplating here and to which you agreed in principle.

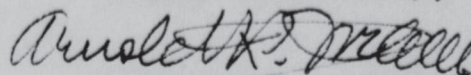
If it meets with your approval, I will make arrangements for a dinner-meeting to be held in the neighborhood of our office on Thursday evening, October 12th, to which about 25 - 30 representative-members of the Yiddish and English-Jewish press will be invited.

I'm sure you will want to make a general statement on the situation, say something about the fine cooperation we are getting from the press and give your audience some idea of what the very near future will demand of us and the press. Of course, the presentation of the book on Congress will require some introduction. Then, we may expect that the writers will ask questions.

Would you want me to prepare a hand-out in Yiddish for the reporters?

Hoping to hear from you very soon so that I can make the arrangements in time and wishing you a *גוטע נאכט* (Good Night)
I'm,

Yours faithfully,



Arnold K. Isreeli

AKI:sa

September 28, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Isreeli:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 28. I have definitely set aside the evening of Thursday, October 12 for the press conference for the Yiddish and English-Jewish press. I shall keep in mind the suggestions which you make. The idea of a Yiddish hand-out for the reporters at the close of the meeting is a very good one.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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RABBI ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN
EDITOR

November 2, 1944

SAMUEL NEUSNER
PUBLISHER

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Under separate cover, I am sending you several copies of this week's issue of the Jewish Ledger, in which I have accomplished the following:

Obtained a definite commitment from Brien McMahon on the Jewish commonwealth. This statement is on Page 2, and his signed statement is in an ad on Page 9. Also, please read letter by Abraham Goldstein, former member of the NAACP, Ex. Comm. ZOA. I think that we have done a pretty good job in telling the people of the Connecticut valley of Danaher's position on the Jewish commonwealth issue. I have Mr. McMahon's original signature, which you can have for the files of the Emergency Committee.

Of course, there may be some Jews in our area who have little interest in Palestine and may vote for Danaher, but they will be far and few between. In 1939, Rabbi Feldman had an editorial in reference to Danaher's refusal to help in regard to the White Paper. In that editorial he stated that we would remember his lack of cooperation. Mr. Danaher will no doubt know now that we remembered. You will also see in this issue in our paper a statement by former Governor Hurley of Connecticut and Governor Baldwin, as well as Congressman Compton, and I think that when the election is over, you will find little trouble in getting the support of the Connecticut delegation. Danaher cannot be elected, because of his isolationist stand, he has earned the enmity of thousands of Republicans; and in Brien McMahon you will find a young courageous Irishman committed to help us and sincerely wishing to do it. I have done a great deal of work for McMahon just for that reason, and if there is anything I can do, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Should, God forbid, Danaher be elected, he will also be a lot easier to deal with because he ^{would} not want the same thing to happen the next time he comes ~~up~~ so far as Palestine is concerned.

Very sincerely yours,

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ESCO FOUNDATION FOR PALESTINE, INC. 521 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK CITY

Nov. 14, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

On behalf of the Esco Foundation for Palestine, I wish to thank you for your willingness to cooperate to arrange for release time for Dr. Berkson as expressed to Mrs. Cohen and me in our interview with you, to enable him to bring the Esco Palestine Study to completion speedily.

Dr. Berkson's work on the Study will serve the American Zionist Emergency Council in that it will furnish the factual material still to be filled in and will hasten the presentation of the Study in some form to those who are seeking the facts obtained from such a research project as was conducted by Esco. We would appreciate having the finished manuscript available at the close of the year in order to proceed further.

We hope that you have finished reading the manuscript and will without further delay take up your suggestions with Dr. Berkson.

Thanking you for your help, I am

With regards,

(signed) ROSE G. JACOBS

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, chairman

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December 6, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

We would like to get on with the Esco Palestine Study and have it brought to completion. This entails, as you know, having the completed manuscript put into a form that would make it available for public use as factual source material.

In order to proceed toward that end, we require your sanction in writing as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council stating that the material is acceptable to the official Zionist institutions.

Thank you for prompt action and reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rose G. Jacobs

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cc: Cleveland

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(SIGNED)

Rose G. Jacobs

RGJ:hm
cc: Cleveland

January 15, 1945

Mr. S. Jacobson
152 Ochterloney Street
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Canada

My dear Mr. Jacobson:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to write to me, and I deeply appreciate the sentiments expressed in your letter. It has been very heartening to me to receive so many expressions, from Zionists all over the country, of confidence and approval. The Jewish press, particularly, has been fine and understanding.

With all good wishes, and again thanking you for communicating with me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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RABBI ABRAHAM I. JACOBSON
640 MAIN STREET
HAVERHILL, MASS.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

January 23, 1945

Rabbi Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Haverhill Jewish Community as well as myself of course all have been most anxious to have you here as the opening speaker of a Jewish Community Forum which we want to inaugurate. Of course the date will have to depend upon the day that you are available, should you find it possible to come. You can take any day from now to the end of the month of March.

I should appreciate hearing from you about your plans to come east. I need hardly to state that we expect to pay the necessary costs. For myself, I want to assure you that you speak as my leader of Zionism in America.

Very sincerely yours

Abraham I. Jacobson

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152 Ochterloney Street
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Canada.

Jan 20/45

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:-

Have just finished reading
your statement to work for a policy
in Zionism "In which Lincolndeth;
Appeasement and Backstan Diplomacy
will have no place" And that you
are set on a programme of education
that will unite American Jewry
behind a strong Zionism, that together
with the support of enlightened world
opinion will end our homelessness
soon.

I want to congratulate you
on your stand and wish you
success.

Sincerely yours
Jacobson

February 7, 1945

Mr. A. K. Isreeli
4200 Atlantic Avenue
Sea Gate
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Isreeli:

I am sorry that I missed you yesterday. I must have left the Hotel before you arrived. I am sorry that it happened as I was very eager to have a talk with you.

I should like to get a comprehensive report of Wise's visit to the President and of the Community Contact people in Atlantic City.

I hope that on my next visit to New York I shall have the pleasure of spending a little time with you. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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February 13, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for sending back the Esco Study and for your letter of February 8th on the subject. We are being guided by your judgment and by some others who have been good enough to read the material. We are proceeding to have it printed and bound for distribution to be used for source and reference needs.

Enclosed is postage to the amount of \$4.57 to cover the cost of mailing the package back to us.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rose G. Jacobs, per SSC

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Miss Trude Weiss-Rosmarin



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RESOLUTION ON THE NEW PALESTINE

WHEREAS the fostering of an informed Zionist public opinion is a prerequisite for the future health and growth of our movement, and

WHEREAS in this crucial period the organs of Zionist opinion have a particular responsibility to make available to the American Zionist masses all significant news material and comment on Zionist activity, especially information on the all-important questions of Zionist political work and Zionist policy, and

WHEREAS we are deeply perturbed by the attitude demonstrated by the New Palestine, our official organ, in presenting only such comment as reflects the views of the present Administration of the Zionist Organization of America, and

WHEREAS the opinions shared by tens of thousands (or: the majority) of American Zionists, who differ with the present Administration on questions of basic policy, merit the consideration of the entire membership of the Zionist Organization of America, and

WHEREAS conscientious Zionists wish to have an official organ reflecting all Zionist opinion, and resent the partisan character of the New Palestine as it has been appearing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the National Administration of the Zionist Organization of America and the Editorial Board of the New Palestine to alter forthwith the policy which is being pursued by the New Palestine and to permit the inclusion in our official organ of vital comment on Zionist affairs which does not necessarily coincide with the views of the Administration.