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January 5, 1944

Mr. R. P. Manson
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Manson:

Please get copies of the statement which the Emergency Council is to issue on the League for Free Palestine ready, with a covering note. This statement is to be sent to all the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish Papers, to the presidents of all the Zionist districts and to the chairmen of all the Community Contact groups, to the Congressmen and Senators. A full statement should appear in all Zionist publications. The Hadassah, Mizrachi and Poale Zion should be asked to circularize that statement in a way that is most effective to them among their constituencies. It should also, of course, be released to the English press. Please have all things ready by next Monday or Tuesday. I will give you the signal for the release.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

July 17, 1944

Mr. Harold P. Manson
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Manson:

Mr. Mereminski wrote me calling attention to our release on the resolution adopted by the Louisiana State Legislature in which it is stated "that Louisiana joins in demand for Jewish Commonwealth." There is of course no such statement in the Louisiana Resolution and we ought to be careful in putting our own interpretation upon an official document. If the Louisiana Legislature wanted to say "Jewish Commonwealth" in its resolution, it certainly could have done so. It did not, and we ought not give to the public the impression that it did. Let us watch our step in the future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

American Zionist Emergency Council

342 MADISON AVENUE
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Zionist Organization of America

August 24, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Due to the illness of Mr. Isreeli, I have been handling publicity in the Yiddish press during the past few days.

Zivion's remarks in the Jewish Daily Forward were quite shocking, especially since the alleged Alfange statement that he had never authorized us to announce his resignation had been repudiated by Alfange. This information was contained in a dispatch in the Jewish Day, (which was the only Yiddish paper to carry as a news item the Bergson boys' release containing the phoney Alfange statement).

When Mr. Weinberg was confronted with the real facts and informed by the Independent Jewish Press Service that the dispatch carried by The Day was libelous, he hastened to correct matters by printing on the following day another story reporting that Dean Alfange had authorized the American Zionist Emergency Council and the Independent Jewish Press Service to announce his resignation and that his statement, as reported in our release, was absolutely accurate.

As soon as I read the Zivion item, I 'phoned Mr. Rogoff at the Jewish Daily Forward and expressed our extreme displeasure over Zivion's highly inaccurate and damaging piece. Mr. Rogoff was most apologetic and suggested that perhaps Zivion was unaware of the last dispatch in The Day which set matters right. I replied that it was Zivion's business as a journalist to check his facts before writing an article, and that we would regard such an excuse as very lame indeed. Mr. Rogoff then said that The Forward will be glad to print any statement on our part which would correct the impression created by Zivion.

I have telephoned to Mr. Isreeli and have asked him to prepare such an answer. I assume that it will be carried within the next few days. In addition, I have urged Mr. Teller of the Independent Jewish Press Service to protest in the strongest terms against the manner in which the Independent Jewish Press Service was treated in Zivion's article. Mr. Teller has written to The Forward and feels that the paper will publish the true facts.

Hoping that this and other matters having to do with obstructionism in our midst will be straightened out, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold P. Manson
Harold P. Manson
Director of Information

Harry L. Shapiro
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓

September 1, 1944

Harold P. Manson

MINUTES OF CONVERSATION WITH MR. CHARLES HIGGINS OF THE
MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM RE. PROJECTED RADIO SERIES

Today, I 'phoned Mr. Charles Higgins, sales executive at the Mutual Broadcasting System, to receive final word on the status of our projected radio series. Mr. Higgins informed me that the executive board of Mutual had arrived at a unanimous decision, to the effect that it would be "unwise to accept a program of this nature."

Mr. Higgins told me once again that a program which would avoid the "controversial" features of the Palestine question probably would be passed, but that a program such as the one we had outlined, dealing quite openly with the obstacles to the fulfillment of the Jewish National Home pledge, is not acceptable.

Mr. Higgins emphasized that the executive board of the Mutual Broadcasting System is anxious to be of service to us in other ways. He said that Mutual probably could give us time for a "one shot" broadcast with important stars, which would conform to current radio policies.

HPM:RP

September 3, 1944

Mr. Harold P. Manson
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Manson:

The enclosed is a copy of the message which was sent by Nahas Pasha to the Republican Party in protest of the Palestine plank in their platform. Please show this to Mr. Lourie.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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September 5, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

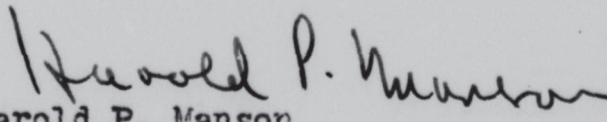
Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is a special feature article which was released yesterday by the Independent Jewish Press Service. This is the first in a series of similar items which we hope to place this week.

Emanuel Neumann is speaking with various Yiddish writers today, and we have already received assurances from a few writers that the story of the Emergency Council's accomplishments, under your leadership, will be told this week.

We will keep you posted on all other developments along these lines.

Cordially yours,


Harold P. Manson
Director of Information

HPM:BP
Enc.

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September 22, 1944

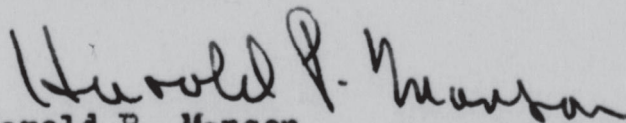
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed are clippings of stories which appeared in yesterday afternoon's papers covering the statement on the formation of the Jewish Brigade Group. I hope to have all the clippings on this story for you when you arrive on Monday.

Mrs. Shepard, who was not present when the telegram from the staff to you was prepared a few weeks ago, feels rather badly about the fact that her name was not included among those who signed that message. I promised to inform you on her behalf that the telegram voiced her sentiments too.

Cordially yours


Harold P. Manson
Director of Information

HPM:CK
Enc.

September 26, 1944

Mr. Harold P. Manson
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Manson:

I am returning herewith the draft of the release which you kindly showed me. It is very good. I have added a few corrections. I would suggest that the statements of senators and congressmen be put at the end of the release and that the description of the book should be given completely before you begin quoting. I don't think you ought to give the complete list of members of Congress who contributed to the volume. It is too long and will not be printed in newspapers or weeklies. You might add, in place, the names of the twenty State Legislatures who passed the resolutions.

It will not be possible for me to have a newspaper conference in Washington. As you know, we are to have a meeting of the Executive Committee on Thursday, October 12, in place of Monday, which is a holiday. I would therefore suggest that the press conference, for the general press, be held in the morning, and the one for the Yiddish and Jewish press be held at dinner that same day.

You might wish to talk over this release for a final touch-up with Mr. Shapiro and Emanuel Neumann.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

P.S. Arrangements should be made now for the right kind of people to review this volume in the right kind of papers. The plan of Mr. Shapiro to have the Community Contact chairmen in each locality present a copy of the volume to the senator and congressman whose opinion is included in the volume, is a good one. That should be arranged for right now. You might arrange to have the name of the

congressman or senator embossed in gold letters on the book,
with some such inscription:

Presented to _____
by
The American Zionist Emergency Council

A.H.S.



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342 MADISON AVENUE
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October 4, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

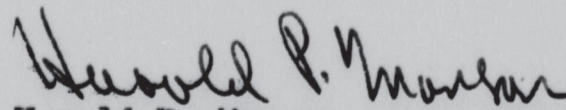
The release on "America and Palestine" was sent out to the Anglo-Jewish press last week, and will be issued generally on October 12th -- the day of your press conference. I am enclosing a copy of the story. It has been checked thoroughly in this office by Messrs. Shapiro, Lourie and myself.

The press luncheon with the English-language and Anglo-Jewish press will be held on Thursday, October 12th, at the Biltmore Hotel, Room 119, 12:30 P.M. Invitations to the press conference are being sent out today.

I am sure that you will be interested in the enclosed clippings. I sent the Washington Post's exposé to the City Editors of the Jewish Daily Forward and the Jewish Morning Journal, as well as to the Independent Jewish Press Service. The Forward, in particular, did right by us.

Mr. Isreeli's article in today's Jewish Morning Journal is also enclosed.

Cordially yours,


Harold P. Manson
Director of Information

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Encs.

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October 6, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have received a letter from Mr. Barbarash, ZOA Publicity Director, in which he requests an advance outline or text of the address you will deliver at the forthcoming ZOA Convention. Mr. Barbarash would like to receive this material by October 11th, so that it may be incorporated in the advance publicity sent out by his office.

The material you requested on the work of the individual departments of the Emergency Council has been assembled. I am now boiling it down so that this section of your address will not take up too much time. In my opinion, this information need not be included in any advance outline you may prepare for Mr. Barbarash's handout.

It would seem that our chances of having ^{good} answers to the anti-Jewish Brigade piece which appeared in the "Topics of the Times" column printed in the New York Times are very slim. A good letter sent to the Times by Elias Ginsburg, head of the Legionnaires, was returned with the comment that the Times is unable to "make use of it."

I have sent copies of Mr. Ginsburg's letter and the Times' reply to the newspaper PM, which makes a practice of playing up items which other papers refuse to print, and believe that we have an even chance of debunking the Times column in this manner.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold P. Manson
Harold P. Manson
Director of Information

HPM:BP

P.S. A letter by a Mr. James Ormont which appears in this morning's Times has just been called to my attention. It defends the Jewish Brigade idea, but is not the comprehensive answer which is required in view of the Times' many falsifications. Evidently, the Times chose the most "harmless" letter from its point of view and printed it to forestall any criticism of the paper along the lines noted above. However, I propose to go ahead with the PM idea.

HPM

Nathaniel Goldstein (the Attorney
General) just phoned me. He
wants to arrange a luncheon
appointment for Roger Strauss, yourself
and himself when it's most
convenient for you. Says the
matter he wants to discuss is
important.

Manson

~~Dr. Silver~~
DR. Goldstein

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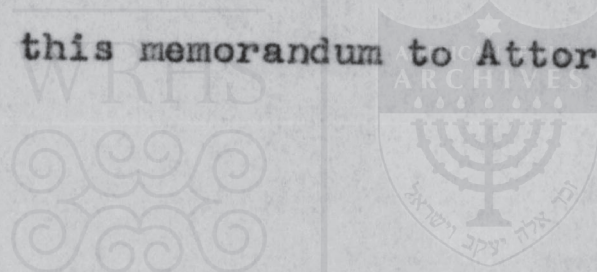
Mr. Manson

I have your memorandum of November 2nd conveying the observations of Attorney General Goldstein. You do not specify who it was at the Carnegie Hall meeting that made remarks to which exception can be taken, but you do say something about Zionist leaders speaking as heads of Zionist organizations.

I am sure Dr. Wise will be able to speak for himself.

I do not recall having made any remarks to which exception can be taken. Indeed, I have looked through the manuscript from which I read. (You will recall that I delivered my address from the manuscript and I did so quite deliberately in order to avoid the very thing which now is being raised as an issue). I do not find anything in my manuscript which might be construed as an effort to use the Zionist organization "as a political endorsement of the Democratic Party". On the contrary, I do find favorable references to the Republican platform and to the Republican candidate.

Will you please convey this memorandum to Attorney General Goldstein.



November 5, 1944

Mr. Harold P. Manson
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Manson:

The editorial which appeared in the
Herald Tribune on November 2, "Still Unfulfilled,"
is excellent. I think you ought to make copies of it
and send it our community contact chairmen and to the
Anglo-Jewish press.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

Wash. Evening Star
Nov. 8, 1944

Moyne Death Inquiry May Show Disturbing Palestine Situation

By PERTINAX.

North American Newspaper Alliance.

The searching inquiry ordered by the British government into the "origin and associations" of Lord Moyne's assassins will throw much-needed light on the disturbing state of affairs which, for many months, has obtained in Palestine.

The best-informed authorities are as one in seeing Irgun Zvai Leumi (the National Army of the People) at the center of the picture. Within the framework of Irgun Zvai Leumi gather all the militant elements in the Jewish settlements of Palestine—no fewer than 50,000 men and women of some 500,000.

At the outset, the "National Army of the people" which, by resorting to violent deeds, tries to overcome British governmental opposition to the fulfillment of the Zionist program, stopped short of actual murder. Destruction of buildings, kidnappings and other vicious acts were fairly common practice, but killing was not included in its means of action.

Stern Overstepped Line.

However, a group led by Abraham Stern, an immigrant from Poland, overstepped the line that had been deliberately drawn by the older leaders, and now there is little to choose between the doings of the Sternists and of the others.

The spirit of the whole movement runs with extraordinary force in the youth organization, an annex to Irgun Zvai Leumi. There boys and girls are trained in accordance with methods reminiscent of those used in totalitarian states. Blind obedience to their superiors is exacted from them.

The British authorities under Field Marshal Viscount Gort, the new high commissioner, have to face an astounding paradox. In the acme of despair, the most mercilessly tortured of all European minorities comes to imitate—or at least partially imitates for what it believes to be self-defense—some of the educational rules invented by its persecutors.

Stack's Death Recalled.

It was observed yesterday by an expert of long experience in the Near East and Middle East that the assassination of Lord Moyne in Cairo was perhaps fraught with more embarrassing consequences than the assassination 20 years ago of Gen. Sir Lee Stack, commander in chief of the Egyptian army and Governor General of the Sudan.

Then, under the pressure of Egyptian terrorism, the British government gradually gave up the restrictions with which it wanted to beset Egyptian independence and engaged on a new path that slowly led to the conclusion of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian alliance.

In Palestine it is hard to perceive now the problem arising out of the antagonism between 1,000,000 Arabs and 500,000 Jews can be solved.

British policy cannot afford to estrange the Arab world. It will have to stand, somehow, by the White Paper of May, 1939. This means that the Jewish population of Palestine must be limited to one-third of the whole population and that no further sale of arable land to Jews (who do not own more than 300,000 or 400,000 acres of some 2,000,000) will be allowed.

In 1939, provision was made for an additional influx of 75,000 immigrants. By now, that quota has nearly been exhausted—the slender balance left is 14,000. Clearly, the Jewish problem outstrips what the British government can achieve on its sole responsibility.

It is worth noticing that the Russian government is decidedly critical of the Zionist policy. Affiliation to Zionism is not tolerated in Soviet territory. The government of Moscow is now fully represented in the Middle East. Lately, Russian ministers were appointed to Bagdad, Beirut and Damar, and a Russian consul general has taken up quarters in Jerusalem.

Five American to Enter

November 16, 1944

Mr. Harold P. Manson
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Manson:

Thank you for your letter of November 15. I would suggest that you take up the matter of the letter sent out by Col. Mendelsohn immediately with Emanuel Neumann, show him Mendelsohn's letter and request him to get in touch with Netanyahu and ask Mr. Netanyahu how come? Do they really want us to come out in the public press and bracket them with the Bergson boys as people who poach on other people's preserves, and who wish to make a racket of the activities of other organizations? When you hear from Mr. Neumann please let me know.

You handling of Mr. Hirschmann's statement was excellent.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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DO YOU APPROVE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FOR RELEASE TO PRESS
QUOTE BEN GURIONS STATEMENT CALLING FOR THE
TRANSMIGRATION OF ONE MILLION JEWS TO PALESTINE AT
THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME IS MOST IMPORTANT HIS
ARGUMENTS FOR SUCH A PROGRAM ARE WEIGHTY AND COMPELLING
IT IS A BOLD CONCEPTION (WHICH MAY BE REGARDED AS
" REVOLUTIONARY") BUT WE ARE LIVING IN REVOLUTIONARY
TIMES AND WITH A BURNING PROBLEM CALLING FOR BOLD
POLICIES AND HEROIC MEASURES THERE ARE SERIOUS PRACTICAL
QUESTIONS INVOLVED WHICH ARE NOT HOWEVER BEYOND
SOLUTION I HOPE THAT THE JEWISH AGENCY IS DEVOTING
THE NECESSARY ATTENTION TO THEIR SOLUTION AND WILL
EQUIP ITSELF WITH CONCRETE PLANS AND PROPOSALS THE
SOONER WE ORIENT OUR THINKING ALONG THESE LINES THE
BETTER UNQUOTE REGARDS=

HAROLD P MANSON.

January 29, 1945

Mr. Harold P. Manson
5 Prospect Place
New York, N.Y.

My dear Harold:

I am returning herewith the material which you sent me. I am also sending along another Yiddish article written by Spizman with two paragraphs marked off for inclusion; also an item from the Detroit News.

I am also including the resolution which was adopted by the Hartford Zionist Region. I would suggest that you do include the quotation from the article in the Brooklyn Jewish Center Review by Gribetz. In your foreword, you might state, among other things, that what are included in the booklet, are extracts.

I note that you did not sent along the resolutions adopted by the Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Brownsville, etc. Zionist Districts. If you do not have them, please obtain them immediately. I think that it would be well, if in connection with each resolution, you would indicate the number of registered Zionists in each district. Brooklyn, for example, has ten thousand members. The ZOA membership report, presented at the Atlantic City Convention, which is easily obtainable, gives, I believe, the membership of each district.

I am also sending along the resolution which was adopted by The Cleveland Zionist Society. I have not been able to locate the resolution from Maine. My impression is that there was such a resolution. You might contact Israel Bernstein or someone else in Portland Maine.

Someone has told me there was a meeting of Jewish editors in Chicago about two or three weeks ago, and that they passed a resolution asking for my return to leadership.

As far as the format is concerned, I would suggest that we use the same size and type that we used for my report, "A Year's Advance." I'd like a neat and impressive job.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 30, 1945

Mr. Harold Manson
5 Prospect Place
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Manson:

I am enclosing herewith another resolution which I received from the Richmond Hill Zionist District. Please add it to our booklet. You might also wish to add a paragraph or two from the fine article which appeared on Sunday in the "Day" called "Whither U.S. Zionism?"

Please rush the job. I would appreciate it if you would let me see page proofs of it.

"With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:

P.S. Also add extracts from the fine editorial which appeared in the Jewish Spectator of January 1945, which I am enclosing herewith.

February 23, 1945

Mr. Harold P. Manson
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Manson:

I am enclosing herewith the article which you requested, written by Dr. Freehof. It appeared in the Congress Weekly of January 15, 1943. When you are through with the issue, please return it to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

February 28, 1945

Mr. Harold Manson
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Manson:

Please send us about 50 copies of
the pamphlet "Public Opinion on the Zionist
Controversy" if you have them available.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

March 9, 1945

Mr. Harold Manson
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Manson:

You will recall that I advised the issuing of our statements direct to the Anglo-Jewish press instead of through the news services. The enclosed clipping of the "Jewish News" of Detroit is an indication of what the news services do to our releases.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

P.S. I am sure that you will make proper arrangements for coverage of the March 21st meeting in the New York City press. You might wish to contact the representatives of the Cleveland papers in New York and arrange for coverage of the meeting in The Cleveland Plain Dealer, The Cleveland Press and the Cleveland News.

I have asked Senator Taft to send me the advanced copy of his address which I will forward to you as soon as I get it. I have asked none of the other speakers for theirs. You will, I am sure, take care of that.

March 12, 1945

Mr. Harold Manson
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Manson:

What final disposition has been made of Mr. Lowenthal's article?

I should like to see a copy of Rabbi Steinberg's sermon of last Friday? Did any reports of it appear in the press? Are you distributing that article to the Anglo-Jewish press?

In connection with our March 21 meeting, I believe that a few editorials in the New York English press -- Post, PM, The Nation, etc. would be appropriate if they can be had.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE

55 WEST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

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March 15, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Following is a report on my activities with the press in connection with the Testimonial Dinner:

Two preliminary announcements have already been carried by the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press. Another release, highlighting the complete list of honorary sponsors, goes out tomorrow *to all papers, including the general press.*

Material for feature stories and editorials has been sent to all the Anglo-Jewish wire services, and I have been assured by both Mr. Teller (I.J.P.S) and Mr. Ziprin (Seven Arts Features) that their next bulletins will carry editorials incorporating the information supplied by me. These editorials, which will be sent to a major portion of the Anglo-Jewish press, will deal not only with your Zionist activity, but with your various activities as a champion of labor and social progress as well.

A translation of the material ^{noted} ~~in the~~ above will be sent to the Yiddish press tomorrow. In addition, I am urging our friends on the Yiddish newspapers to write special articles during the coming week.

I have spoken to friends on P M about a "Hats Off" column devoted to you and believe that, barring unforeseen developments, such a column, together with your picture, will appear early next week.

There will be an exceptionally large press representation at the Dinner and we have reason to hope that the occasion will attract widespread and favorable attention in the general press, as well as in the Yiddish newspapers. Of course, the real groundwork must be laid within the next few days.

I received a copy of Milton Steinberg's sermon from Emanuel Neumann. Unfortunately, however, we have not been able to put it in the works. Our small and considerably overworked office staff has been working feverishly on matters connected with the dinner. The pamphlet will be sent to the printer tomorrow, and a copy of the typewritten draft will go forward to you then.

March 15, 1945

Marvin Lowenthal's superb article was sent to the Independent Jewish Press Service today. Teller has promised to play it up nicely, and simultaneously with its appearance in his bulletin, we will wire the important Anglo-Jewish papers and call their attention to the piece. Following its publication in the Anglo-Jewish Press, it will reappear in the form of a pamphlet issued by us. The printer will begin to set ~~up~~ type for the pamphlet tomorrow.

Incidentally, Milton Steinberg's sermon was not covered by the press at his own request. Neumann told me that Steinberg had decided against giving his remarks publicity for a bit. However, in announcing the publication of Steinberg's pamphlet, I expect to issue a press release covering the major points made in the sermon. Of course, the full text of the sermon will be distributed to the Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold P. Manson
Harold P. Manson

HPM:ab



April 3, 1945

Mr. Harold Manson
5 Prospect Place
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Manson:

The reply which you made to the ZOA release on the committee to explore the possibility for unity should be sent immediately to all the Anglo-Jewish periodicals. Undoubtedly Goldstein's release will appear and his fake peace maneuver will mislead many Zionists; also his attempt to give the impression that we are out to drive Dr. Wise from the Emergency Council. It is important to scotch the lies immediately.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 16, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

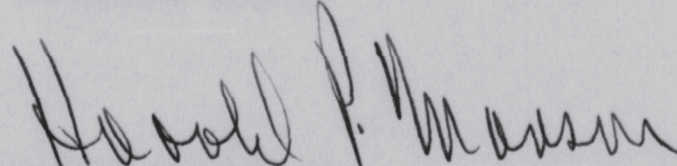
I am sending you herewith a number of clippings on the Testimonial Dinner from the Yiddish and general press.

The articles and news stories which appeared in The Jewish Day, the Jewish Daily Forward, and some of the out-of-town papers have not been delivered as yet.

An order for those editions which carried accounts of the Testimonial Dinner was placed some time ago, and I do hope that a complete file of press comment on the affair will be in your hands shortly.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Harold P. Manson

HPM:ab

Encls.

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May 3, 1945

Senator Robert A. Taft
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Taft:

Action on the American Zionist Policy Committee's application for income tax exemption was gratifyingly swift following your telephone call of yesterday. The necessary forms are being returned to Mr. Cann today and we feel confident that the matter will be settled quickly.

I have conveyed to Dr. Silver your observations on the advisability of Congressional action on Palestine. You will no doubt hear from him within the next few days.

Please accept the sincere thanks of all of us for your efforts in our behalf.

Sincerely yours,

Harold P. Manson

HPM:ab

AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE

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May 14, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing the last two issues of the Jewish Spectator which give your views extremely favorable and prominent treatment. I have already written to Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, the editor, and I know that she would be very pleased to receive a note from you.

A sizable batch of clippings has piled up since the issuance of our pamphlet "Public Opinion on the Zionist Controversy", and I think we can begin to make plans for the publication of a supplementary digest of Press opinion.

Will you be good enough to have your secretary return the issues of the Jewish Spectator for our files. With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold P. Manson
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HPM:ab
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May 15, 1945

Mr. Harold P. Manson
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Manson:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness
in sending me copies of the April and May
issues of the "Jewish Spectator." I wrote
this afternoon to Miss Trude Weiss Rosmarin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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June 15, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of the memorandum which I prepared yesterday for the Yiddish Newspaper editors. The stories which appeared in today's press, were based on the material contained therein.

Do you think a memorandum along these lines should be sent to our people?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold P. Manson
Harold P. Manson

HPM:EB

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MEMORANDUM

In accordance with your request, I am submitting a memorandum containing the facts on Israel Mereminski's role in the present Zionist controversy. This startling information was supplied by Max Zaritsky, who urges that his name be kept out of the story - if you should decide to write an article on the subject.

As you know, the A.F. of L. Convention, which met in New Orleans in November, adopted a magnificent Palestine resolution, as well as a strongly-worded committee report on the Palestine question. Highlighting both documents was a demand for speedy and favorable action by Congress on the then pending Palestine Resolution.

The resolution was brought to the Convention by Mr. Zaritsky who, with the assistance of other outstanding A.F. of L. leaders, brought about its passage. (As an interesting sidelight, I might add that Mr. Mereminski has, in private conversation, claimed credit for the A.F. of L. resolution.)

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Mr. Zaritsky now informs us that, far/having achieved the passage of the measure introduced at the Convention, Mr. Mereminski tried to bring about the elimination of all reference to the Palestine Resolutions pending in Congress. Fortunately, Mr. Zaritsky and the others rejected his counsel in this matter.

Bear in mind that this was taking place in November, at a time when the American Zionist Emergency Council was bending every effort to clear the way for action on the Palestine Resolutions. (But as your own articles indicate, Dr. Silver's opponents were already busily engaged in "playing down" the Resolutions and in evolving methods to tie Dr. Silver's hands.)

Mr. Mereminski's behavior at the A.F. of L. Convention becomes all the more astounding when we recall that American Labor Zionists had taken an unequivocal position in favor of action on the Palestine Resolutions. Poale Zion's representatives on the Council spoke out time and again in support of the course of action proposed by Dr. Silver. - And here was the spokesman for Palestine Labor in the U.S., taking a line diametrically opposed to that of his American chaverim.

Mr. Mereminski owes the Labor Zionists of America an explanation.

H.P. Munson