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## THE AMERICA-FIRST PLATFORM

When Hitler first came on the German scene, many persons here looked upon him as a crackpot who would be laughed off the stage by the German people. Even when he came to power after a national election in Germany, there was still a tendency both here and in Europe as well to discount the international implications of the event. Subsequent events, tragic events for the whole world, showed how wrong that approach was.

Today in America, in the midst of a war to destroy Hitler and all he stands for, we are witnessing a spectacle which, on the basis of past experiences, we cannot ignore. We refer of course to the recent convention in Detroit of the America First Party. There, at a duly constituted American political party convention, a plank was passed calling for the solution of the Jewish problem in the United States. The plank was so deftly drawn that, were it not for the fact that we know who the elements are comprising the America First Party, we might almost pass it by as harmless. But the resolution, it must be remembered, was really intended to conceal the official purpose of the America Firsters. Their true intent was disclosed in a rejected resolution, offered by a Chicago delegate, calling for the deportation or sterilization of American Jews. According to press reports this resolution was violently applauded by the delegates. But Mr. Gerald K. Smith, clever politician that he is, realized that a less outspoken plank would better serve his purpose. Hence, he over-rode the less clever anti-Semites by sanctioning a resolution which said that the America First Party recognized that there was a Jewish problem and that it would proceed to solve it "honestly, realistically and courageously."

Thus in the midst of a national campaign in which both major political parties have pledged themselves to create a better post-war world, we find a political party in America raising the Jewish issue. This is dangerous stuff. We cannot afford to ignore it.

## THE MAYOR OF JERUSALEM

The sudden death of Mustapha Bey Khalidi, the Arab mayor of Jerusalem, leaves the vice mayor, Daniel Auster, the acting mayor—and presents a situation of much interest.

In the city of Jerusalem the Jewish population has for long exceeded the Arab population, yet never has the Mandatory government seen fit to name a Jew to the post of mayor. It is of course no matter of world shaking importance who is the mayor of a city, but it does look like discrimination when in a city largely Jewish, no Jew is ever given the high post. Such a condition of things cannot but bear out the frequent contention that the British mandatory government has been less than just to the Jewish inhabitants.

The Jewish vice mayor, Mr. Auster, is now the logical successor to the post of mayor. He has long been connected with the Jerusalem government. He is a man whose competence has been thoroughly tested. A new High Commissioner goes into office in Palestine this month. If Mr. Auster is ignored—if an Arab is again named mayor of Jerusalem, it cannot but confirm the feeling among the Jewish population of Palestine that the British have never acted and do not propose to act in the spirit expected of a government which promulgated the Balfour Declaration.

Terror Renewed  
In PalestineFour Policemen Wounded  
In Bomb and Gun Attacks

JERUSALEM (WNS)—A group of armed terrorists, believed to be members either of the "Stern Gang" or the Irgun Zvai Leumi, two Jewish extremist organizations, last week attacked the Jaffa divisional police headquarters and two police stations on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv boundaries with bombs and gunfire, wounding four constables, two of them seriously.

Before attacking the police stations the extremists sought to divert the attention of the police by indiscriminate shooting and by placing bombs at crossroads and railway crossings. As the police answered with fire the terrorists threw bombs and other explosives at the buildings. One Arab policeman was taken to a hospital in a dangerous condition. A Jewish constable was seriously wounded.

The police is reported to have arrested six suspects.

A police investigation conducted immediately after the shooting disclosed, according to an official communique issued by the police authorities, that warning notices in English, Hebrew and Arabic

**Give Their Money, Too**  
**SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND**  
Men of the Jewish faith with the Eighth Fighter Command are doing more than fighting for the liberation of Europe. They have sent checks totaling \$2,021 to the United Jewish Appeal in New York for rescue work.

had been placed along the road from Tel Aviv to Neveh Shaan and Abu Kabir. The notices were signed with initials of the nationalist military organization, the Irgun Zvai Leumi, which has admitted responsibility for a series of shootings and bombings since last January as part of a campaign against the British White Paper closing the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration.

The revival of terrorism, following the recent attempt to assassinate the retiring high commissioner, Sir Harold Mac Michael, is viewed with anxiety by the Jewish population in Palestine. It is feared here in Jewish circles that continued acts of terrorism by irresponsible Jewish groups might stiffen the British attitude toward the solution of the Palestine problem and give the Arabs a weapon for anti-Jewish propaganda at the forthcoming Pan-Arab conference at Alexandria, Egypt.

## BETWEEN YOU AND ME by Boris Smolar

## Political Talk

WITH ALL SORTS OF INTERNATIONAL political negotiations in progress here and in London, we learn from none other than Sumner Welles that serious consideration is being given to the proposal of settling refugees in Angola. . . . It will be remembered that Angola was offered for Jewish settlement in 1911 and that this offer led to a split in the Zionist movement. . . . Mr. Welles is of the opinion that no country, except Switzerland has met its responsibility with regard to admitting refugees. . . . As former undersecretary of state he certainly knows best, especially since he still held that post when the Bermuda conference took place.

BORIS SMOLAR

. . . Mr. Welles does not hesitate to say that the number of Jewish refugees admitted to Palestine was pitifully small. . . . This attitude reflects more or less the present mood of Washington officialdom, even though certain persons in the Near Eastern Division of the state department are inclined to be more pro-Arab than pro-Jewish. . . . As to Sumner Welles' final opinion with regard to the solution of the Palestine problem—an opinion expressed after his book, "Time for Decision," was published—it is best for us to quote exactly what he says. . . . "Many Jewish refugees," he asserts, "should find a permanent place in Palestine, if the bars to immigration are lifted and if Palestine becomes an autonomous state, under an international trusteeship, constituted after an agreement with the Arab states of the Near East." . . . Mr. Welles also believes that many can find security and an opportunity for a prosperous existence if the Angola and similar projects materialize.

## Propaganda and Facts

WE WERE A BIT SURPRISED TO LEARN that a Jewish National Home has already been established in Palestine. . . . And we learned it from no other source than the British Information Services in New York which is an agency of the British government. . . . This agency has now released a pamphlet entitled "Fifty Facts About the Middle East" in an effort to acquaint Americans with the countries of the Middle East. . . . And what do we read there about Palestine? . . . We are told that Palestine, "smaller than Maryland in area," was liberated from Turkish rule by Britain, which stated that it favored the establishment

there of a Jewish National Home. . . . "This Home was established," the British propaganda booklet asserts. . . . Americans are then told that "many riots" took place in Palestine between 1922 and 1939. . . . These riots "were connected basically with the claim of the Arabs of Palestine" that if the Jewish population continues to grow there, the Arabs "would ultimately become a minority in their native country," the booklet explains. . . . It adds that in 1937 the British government attempted to meet the Arab-Jewish problem by proposing the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, with a British enclave, but nothing came of this proposal. . . . Therefore, the British Information Service goes on to explain, the British government issued its White Paper in 1939 setting 75,000 as the limit for further Jewish immigration into Palestine without Arab consent.

It is worthwhile noting that while terming the Jewish upbuilding of Palestine as being "remarkably successful," the booklet has nothing to say about the Arab contribution to the upbuilding of Palestine and to the war effort. . . . It admits that the Jews have made desert land bloom, have developed the industry of the country, have gone forward in health and education and have contributed to the progress of the Arab population. . . . But it concludes by reporting that the merging of Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Transjordan into a federation is now under discussion.

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## Storm on the Horizon

THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF INTERNAL strife within the American Zionist Emergency Council. . . . Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Council, insists that Dr. Nahum Goldman not make representations to the state department in behalf of the Jewish Agency as he does from time to time. . . . Such representations should be made by the Zionist Emergency Council which is a body of the American Zionist groups established for this purpose, Dr. Silver argues. . . . Supporting Dr. Silver are the Mizrahi and the Zionist Laborites. . . . The Hadassah representative in the Emergency Council seems to oppose Dr. Silver's views. . . . The situation has reached a point where Dr. Silver submitted his resignation. . . . Many leading Zionists are trying to prevent a break in the ranks of the committee, since this would inevitably lead to a serious split within the entire Zionist movement in the United States. . . . As these lines are written the crisis is at its height, since Dr. Silver is determined to withdraw from leadership if his terms are not accepted.

Psychology of Anti-Semitism  
Discussed by Social ScientistsThe Causes of Racial Prejudice and Counter-Measures  
To Be Taken To Overcome Problem Studied By Experts

New York. (JTA)—The psychological causes of anti-Semitism and the appropriate counter-measures to be prescribed for this social plague were discussed at a closed Conference on Research in the Field of Anti-Semitism, held recently at the Hotel Biltmore in New York city under the joint sponsorship of a group of social scientists and the American Jewish Committee.

In a discussion which lasted two days, the assembled psychologists, psychiatrists, anthropologists, sociologists, economists and social work and public relations experts pooled their experience and training in various scientific fields in an effort to measure and diagnose active and potential anti-Semitism as it exists today in the United States.

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Some of those who participated pointed out that psychological frustration and the compensatory "need for aggression" very frequently find an outlet in anti-Semitic feelings and attitudes when favorable environmental and other conditions are present. To counteract this kind of irrational prejudice, it was suggested that present methods of defense, such as appeals to fair play, justice and reason, should be supplemented by a program addressed to the emotions, since it is at the emotional level that prejudice takes root.

Students of anti-Semitic propaganda indicated at the Conference that this propaganda was largely composed of "stereotypes," which are slogans of images which appeal to the emotions. Typical of these "stereotypes" are representations of the Jews as avaricious, satanically cunning, lustful and subversive of the established order. Counter-propaganda should oppose this conception of Jews as being all alike, and should indicate that Jews, like other people, differ from each other in character, temperament, outlook, etc.

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It was stressed that humor, properly directed, is one of the

most effective channels of appeal on the emotional level. This is well known to anti-Semitic propagandists, who have used the physical characteristics of the Jews, caricatured into grossness and unpleasantness, as a continual object of ridicule. This weapon may be turned against the demagogues, as in Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" and Walt Disney's anti-Nazi projects, which were recommended for study.

The subconscious element in anti-Semitism was given as one reason for limiting the validity of polls or public opinion surveys of prejudice, since the replies collected in these polls, which are dictated by the conscious mind, do not indicate the potential anti-Semitic tendencies of the individual. Moreover, since there is a taboo in accepted public opinion against anti-Semitism, many people refrain from admitting the feeling even when they have it. In addition, it was thought that the polls are not flexible enough to measure different types of groups and individuals.

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The Conference was informed that, according to experiments recently conducted by the Institute of Social Research, people with pronounced anti-Semitic tendencies are also usually anti-democratic and inclined to accept the fascist point of view. This recognition implies that the fight against anti-Semitism, may link people as closely as possible with the fight for democracy and all its implications, the conferees declared.

It was also the consensus of opinion that prejudice should be combated not only by appeals

Celler Urges End to  
Britain's MandateAsks Dumbarton Oaks Meet  
To Change Palestine Plan

WASHINGTON (WNS) — A suggestion that the Dumbarton Oaks conference put an end to Great Britain's sole mandatory power over Palestine was made last week in a letter by Congressman Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, to Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., under secretary of state, and chairman of the Post-War Peace and Security Conference at Dumbarton Oaks. A copy of the letter was sent to Andrew A. Gromyko, the Soviet ambassador.

Stating that the "mandate system that emanated from the League of Nations turned out to be a dismal failure," Representative Celler suggested that in the future the mandate over any country be entrusted to a condominium of two or more states. He recommended that the mandate hereafter be a United Nations' trusteeship, with a group of at least two major powers combining with a minor power. He criticized severely Great Britain's mandate over Palestine, mentioning the British white paper, which excludes entrance of Jews in Palestine as "placing property rights above human rights."

Nominates Carusi

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt has nominated Ugo Carusi as commissioner of immigration and naturalization. Carusi has served as executive assistant to five attorney generals.

through the press, radio, pamphlets, etc., which are impersonally directed towards the mass of the population, but also by reaching the leaders of various groups, such as labor, business, churches, women's organizations, etc.

The Domestic Defense Coordinating Committee of the American Jewish Committee has assumed the task of integrating the results of the scientific studies into the general working program of the Committee.



## Eight Compete In Sweetheart Dance Contest

Eight Kansas City girls are vying for the honor of being selected as the A.Z.A. "Sweetheart" at the tenth annual Yom Kippur dance to be held Wednesday night, Sept. 27, in the arena of the Municipal Auditorium. Johnny Coon and his orchestra will play for dancing.

The eight contestants for the "Sweetheart" title are: Audrey Bernstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Bernstein; Betty De-



LEONARD TIBER  
Dance Chairman

Witt, daughter of Mrs. Lillie DeWitt; Carolyn Galitzky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Galitzky; Shirley Klevatt, granddaughter of Mrs. Rose Klevatt; Shirley Laner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Laner; Marjorie LaVine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted LaVine; Dolores Weiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weiner; Evelyn Yaffee, daughter of Mr. Joe Yaffee.

The dance is being sponsored by Chapter No. 2 of A.Z.A. and the B'nai B'rith Boosters, Ruby Zeff and Maurice Apple, respectively, are presidents of the organizations. The affair has a two-fold purpose. Proceeds will go into the Boosters and A.Z.A. war service funds. Chanukah gifts will be purchased from these funds for A.Z.A. and B'nai B'rith members in service. Secondly, the dance is held to select the "Sweetheart." Helen Brenner was chosen last year, Shirley Peltzman in 1942 and Evelyn Green in 1941.

## Hungary Reneges On Its Promise

Authorities Continue to Arrest Jews for Deportation

STOCKHOLM (WNS) — Hungarian authorities and gendarmes are arresting Jews in Budapest for deportation despite the recent promise given by Regent Horthy of Hungary to King Gustav of Sweden that Jews would not be deported, according to reliable information reaching here.

Perturbed by the report that cattle trains with Jews were seen leaving Hungary to unknown destinations, the Swedish government is preparing to make an official inquiry for the reason of the resumption of the mass-deportations. The belief is current here that the withdrawal of Rumania from the war had prompted the Nazis to exert more pressure on Hungarian authorities for the removal of the Jews.

(The Hungarian Information Office in New York this week announced that it had received a cable from its London office confirming the report of the resumption of mass-deportations of Jews by Hungarian authorities. The cable stated that it was not true that "these deportations are being carried out only by the Germans.")

WASHINGTON—The treasury department has given a citation to the Zionist Organization of America for "distinguished service in behalf of the war finance program. The ZOA sold 65 million dollars in bonds within 30 days of the Fifth War Loan.

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## Decrees Restoring Confiscated Property to be Issued in Italy

ROME (WNS) — The special commission of the Italian Ministry of Justice, which has been studying the problem of restoring to Jewish owners the property taken away from them under the Mussolini regime, has submitted its findings and drafts of proposed decrees for approval by Allied legal experts. It is estimated here that approximately 30,000 Jews had been deprived of their property by the Fascist regime.

It had originally been planned to defer the enactment of the restoration measures until all of Italy has been liberated. But Italian economic experts advised the authorities that the restoration of the property at this time would speed the revival of Italian trade and industry and facilitate the rehabilitation of the Jews in Italy.

One of the thorniest problems the authorities faced was the question of the disposition of property that had been deliberately transferred by Jews to non-Jews as a means of avoiding confiscation under the racial laws. In such cases the claimant will have to prove that the transaction was not a bona fide one, but that it was made solely with the intention and understanding of avoiding confiscation.

The Italian Ministry of Justice is expected to issue within the near future a set of decrees and instructions pertaining to the manner in which claims are to be submitted for consideration and the manner in which claims to ownership are to be proven.

Simultaneously it was disclosed that the Ministry of Justice had revised an earlier decree, under which Italian citizenship was to be restored to all persons who lost the privilege under the Fascist racial laws. The revision is intended to correct a provision which would have established a status of dual

citizenship for many persons affected by the old decree. Under the old decree for example, several hundred Italian Jews who had emigrated to the United States and became American citizens, or who became citizens by joining the American army, would still have been considered Italian citizens. The new measures provide that persons who had voluntarily acquired citizenship in other countries can become Italian citizens again only by making application therefor and by relinquishing their adopted citizenship.

At the same time high officials here expressed doubt that many of the stranded stateless Jewish refugees here would avail themselves of the offer to become Italian citizens.

These officials based their opinion on the fact that life in Italy for years to come will be so hard as to discourage the settlement of people who are seeking means of economic existence. There are between 2,000 to 3,000 stateless Jews in Italy.

### Name Commissioner

London. (JTA) — The Colonial office announced this week that Field Marshal Viscount Gort has been appointed high commissioner for Palestine and Transjordan, succeeding Sir Harold MacMichael. He is governor and commander-in-chief in Malta.

Viscount Gort, who becomes the sixth high commissioner since Britain assumed the mandate over Palestine, was Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the outbreak of the war and later commanded British troops in France until Dunkerque. He was governor of Gibraltar before being sent to Malta. As chief of the general staff he visited Palestine during the Arab riots in the winter of 1939.

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LEO R. SACK

September 15, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

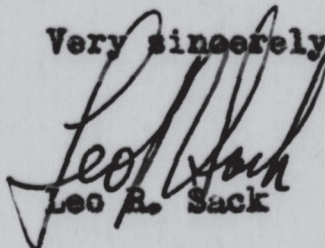
Congratulations!

I am glad that you have met the enemy and they are yours. I don't know all of the details of the armistice but I am sure the terms were satisfactory to you, else they would be looking for another Generalissimo. I hope you will now be able to go forward with renewed vigor and energy.

It would have been nothing less than tragic to the movement, in my opinion, had the leadership been changed at this time because insofar as I can ascertain, there is not one in that group who is capable of doing the job that you have done.

May I thank you for your very gracious note and express the hope that the New Year not only will bring joy and happiness to you personally, but will see the triumph of the cause for which we all are so devoted.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Leo R. Sack

LRS:sbr



The American Zionist Emergency Council meeting tonight at 342 Madison Avenue accepted the resignation of the Chairman, Co-Chairman and Treasurer with appreciation of the services they have rendered, and then proceeded to a re-organization of that body and the election of new officers.

Dr. Silver's resignation was accepted with an expression of appreciation for his devoted services and his pledge of continued membership and service in the Emergency Council was welcomed. Dr. Stephen S. Wise was elected the chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council. Mrs. S. W. Halprin was elected Treasurer. In addition, the Council recommended to the Executive Committee the establishment of a Committee on Implementation of Policy, to be composed of a chairman, the heads or designees of the organizations represented in the Emergency Council, and the chairman of the Council and the chairman of its Executive Committee. In accordance with constitutional provisions, the Executive Committee will at its next meeting elect its own chairman and the chairman of the Committee on Implementation of Policy, thus completing the reorganization of the American Zionist Emergency Council. Before adjourning, the Emergency Council issued the following statement:

"The American Zionist Emergency Council desires to make it clear that the controversy referred to in the public press does not involve any difference with respect to fundamental Zionist policy or maximal or minimal Zionist program, but is rather one of procedure, methods of implementation and the authority of its officers. The American Zionist Emergency Council will go forward with continued vigor and determination for the realization of its objective -- unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine, full opportunity for Jewish colonization and the reconstitution of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. For this it will seek the active support of the executive and legislative branches of the United States Government and the good will of the American people."

December 28, 1944



To N.Y. Times 12-44  
Re: Resignation from Z.E.C.

At the time that I announced my resignation as co-chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and as chairman of its Executive Committee on December 20 I stated that it was irrevocable. I regret that so much controversy has developed over it, but I must insist upon the position I have taken, despite the urging of my friends that I reconsider my decision. My policies do not appear to have the support of a sufficient majority of the membership of the Council as now constituted to warrant my continuation in office.

My action has been prompted particularly by the position taken by the representatives of one of the groups, the Zionist Organization of America. Despite the fact that the National Convention of the Zionist Organization of America at Atlantic City, on October 16, approved my policies by a unanimous vote, the present representatives of the Zionist Organization of America on the Council are committed to an attitude and a course of action which make it impossible for me to carry out those policies effectively.

I am deeply grateful for the consistent and loyal support which I have had from the Poale Zion and Mizrachi Parties, from the Jewish Press, from the rank and file of American Zionism and the local Zionist Emergency Councils everywhere.

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## CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

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February 28, 1945

Mr. Philip Slomovitz  
The Jewish News  
2114 Penobscot Bldg.  
Detroit 26, Michigan

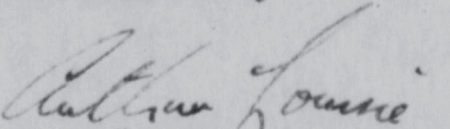
Dear Mr. Slomovitz:

I happen to have seen your letter of February 20th to Mr. Hayim Greenberg, and while I do not want to comment on the general content of your letter there is one matter of fact on which I would ask your indulgence. You refer to the project for securing the passage of resolutions in the various state legislatures. This project was actually initiated some time in 1943 by Mr. Herman Shulman, as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee at that time, prior to the appointment of Dr. Silver as Chairman of the Executive Committee. The matter is not of great importance, but I thought that for the record you would wish to have the facts.

You will be glad to hear, if you already do not know, that in the course of the last few days North Carolina, Wyoming, and yesterday North Dakota followed Michigan in passing pro-Palestine resolutions. I enclose a copy of today's release on the subject.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

  
Arthur Lourie

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PHILIP SLOMOTIVTZ:

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 PROMINENT ZIONISTS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY, QUOTE " WE ARE DEEPLY  
 PERTURBED BY STATEMENTS OF CHURCHILL AND ROOSEVELT IN  
 RELATION TO PALESTINE WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY ZIONISTS  
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 HEAL THE BREACH AND RESTORE TO OUR MOVEMENT ITS FULL  
 STRENGTH, UNITY AND SENSE OF CONFIDENCE. WE URGE EMERGENCY  
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I WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



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TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TOWARDS (1) REORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL (2) ADOPTION OF FIRM LINE OF MILITANT POLITICAL ACTION (3) PROMPT RECALL OF DOCTOR SILVER TO LEADERSHIP. THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN A SPIRIT OF DEVOTION TO HIGHEST INTERESTS MOVEMENT AT MOMENT OF GRAVE EMERGENCY WHEN FATE AND FUTURE OF JEWISH PEOPLE ARE AT STAKE. UNQUOTE AS MEMBER OUR NATIONAL COUNCIL ASSUME YOUR NAME MAY BE INCLUDED AMONG SIGNATORIES UNLESS YOU WIRE TO THE CONTRARY. SUGGEST HAVE ZIONIST GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS YOUR AREA ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND SEND TELEGRAMS OF SIMILAR CHARACTER.

AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE CHARLES ROSENBLOOM  
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April 3, 1945

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

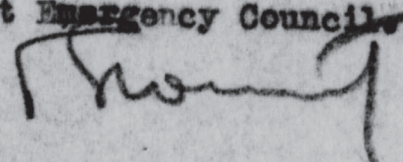
Dear Mr. Lourie

1. The Zionist Council of Detroit, representing ALL Zionist parties in the city, at a meeting last night, after lengthy debate, adopted a resolution deploring the crisis in the American Zionist Emergency Council and decided to call upon the Council to recall Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to active leadership in the Council.

2. The Zionist Council last night elected Benjamin M. Laikin, 8360 LaSalle Blvd., Detroit, to succeed me as president, as I have already served 30 months--two terms of one year each being the established precedent. I remain in charge of American Palestine Committee and Christian Council for Palestine activities.

Please see to it that the first point in this letter is brought to the attention of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Yours cordially,

  
Philip Slomovitz



April 3, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro  
American Zionist Policy Committee  
55 W. 42nd Street  
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Harry

The enclosed speaks for itself.

It was not a good and not an easy victory. It required much debate; Grohn's cronies were there but some of our people did not show up; Fran was not present; I had to make a final plea for action; Kay was splendid.

Grohn received a tie vote on a substitute proposal and my vote licked it. Then we won 8 to 7. Not so good. Now the fight is on before the 20 district Tuesday night. I'll keep you informed.

Lowenthal's article appears in full in our current issue. Several copies will be mailed to you. It involved an expense of four extra pages--a little over \$100--but I am glad to have been able to do it.

Best regards.

Yours

Philip Slosovitz



*Silver*  
April 5, 1948

Rabbi Leon Fram, President  
Zionist Organization of Detroit

Dear Rabbi Fram:

My position in support of Mr. Kay's resolution urging that Doctor Silver be recalled to the leadership of the Zionist Emergency Council is well known. It is, therefore, a source of deep regret to me that I shall be unable to attend tonight's meeting to outline my views in support of the resolution. An emergency call to Washington where I have arranged for a meeting with Senator Vandenberg for a Zionist Delegation necessitates my going out of the city this evening.

During the thirty months of my presidency of the Zionist Council of Detroit, I have had occasion to learn methods and procedures in Zionist Policy. My associates and I on the Zionist Council have learned the meaning of firm action under Dr. Silver as compared with the weakness which preceded his administration, and which has again set in. The crisis which was brought about by the most deplorable internal conflict had put an end to that firmness which was needed to protect the Zionist position.

Those who know anything at all about the conflict which has set in in our ranks know that the purge of Dr. Silver was preceded by a purge of some of the ablest men within the Zionist Organization, and that the entire issue was one of selfish political motives which ought not to be tolerated in our movement.

We had begun a militant policy of guaranteeing the security of the Zionist Movement. The elimination of Dr. Silver introduced a period of despair which gave encouragement to the Arabs who have gone so far as to threaten Jewish life; and has encouraged the enemies of Zionism in a hostile State Department--in spite of the support we have received from both political parties and the overwhelming voice of our Congress.

It is impossible in a brief note to state even a fraction of an important case, but I offer you assurance that as the person who was closest to the national picture for thirty months, I have had occasion to learn which side is militantly and determinedly able to carry on a good fight for our cause and which is vacillating and yields to fight. *fight*

I strongly urge the adoption of Mr. Kay's resolution and if a proxy vote is possible in its support, I vest it in you.

Sincerely yours,

Philip Slomovitz



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DR SILVER HAS DEFINITELY DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE ZOA. IN A LETTER TO EMANUEL NEUMANN WHO URGED HIM TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION, DR. SILVER SAID: " I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT I SHOULD NOT DISREGARD THE DEMAND OF MY FELLOW ZIONISTS SO EARNESTLY AND REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED. AT A TIME LIKE THIS FRAUGHT WITH SUCH FATEFUL CONSEQUENCES TO OUR PEOPLE NONE OF US HAS THE RIGHT TO WITHHOLD AUGHT THAT HE POSSESSES IF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOVEMENT IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED CALL UPON ME TO SERVE I SHALL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ASSENT. I ALSO FEEL THAT I OWE IT TO YOU AND TO YOUR ASSOCIATES AND ALL WHO HAVE SOOD SO LOYALLY AT MY SIDE DURING DIFFICULT AND CRITICAL DAYS TO ABIDE BY YOUR COLLECTIVE JUDGEMENT" MR NEUMANN IN HIS LETTER SAYS: " THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT YOU ARE VIRTUALLY THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF THE ZIONISTS OF AMERICA FOR THAT HIGH OFFICE. THIS, MY DEAR DR SILVER IS MORE THAN A VINDICATION OF YOUR POLICIES AND YOUR BRILLIANT LEADERSHIP. IT IS THE EXPRESSION OF A PROFOUND CONVICTION THAT THE SUPREME INTEREST OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE REQUIRES THAT YOU ASSUME THIS ADDED RESPONSIBILITY"=

AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE STATIONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



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3) It is agreed that the co-chairmen of the Emergency Council, and Dr. Goldman confer between meetings of the Executive Committee of the Council with the view ~~to~~ carrying out the purposes of this understanding and achieving the fullest measure of cooperation between the representative of the Jewish Agency in the United States and the Emergency Council.





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2. To further the implementation of paragraph 1, between meetings of the Executive Committee the co-chairmen of the Emergency Council and Dr. Goldman and Mr. Lipsky on behalf of the Jewish Agency Bureau will consult with respect to -

~~the~~ all emergency matters or courses of action not previously determined upon by the Emergency Council or its Executive Committee which involve approaches to the American government; and

~~the~~ all matters relating to the program of activities of the Emergency Council which come to the attention of Dr. Goldman and Mr. Lipsky requiring immediate action,

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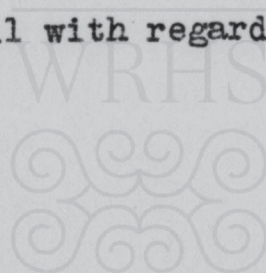
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~~It~~ It is understood that nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit or restrict freedom of action of the American Zionist Emergency Council.



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In the interest of achieving effective coordination of Zionist political activity in the United States and obtaining the best results therefrom, it is hereby resolved that all approaches to the American Government or its officials shall be undertaken by representatives of American Zionism, or by representatives of the Jewish Agency, only with the prior approval of the Executive Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council. The representatives of the Jewish Agency are requested to work in conformity with this view, and the offices of the Jewish Agency in London and Jerusalem shall be informed of the viewpoint of the Council with regard to this matter.





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People have forgotten the history of the establishment of the Agency Bureau in Washington.

Dr. Weizmann had become greatly dissatisfied with the work of the Emergency Committee as indeed had many other Zionists. He insisted upon its re-organization. He could not accomplish his purposes. He asked me, early 1943, at meetings attended by Dr. Wise, Mr. Lipsky and Nahum Goldman to take over the direction of the Emergency Committee and the political work of our Movement. I demurred knowing of the determined opposition to me within the Emergency Committee. I told both Dr. Weizmann and Dr. Wise that while I was willing to fight for Zionism I was not willing to start a fight with Zionists for the privilege of serving the cause. When Dr. Weizmann realized that the re-organization of the Emergency Committee could not be accomplished, he decided to exercise his authority as President of the World Zionist Movement and announce such a re-organization on his own authority, a plan in which Dr. Wise, Mr. Lipsky, Goldman and others concurred. A meeting was set for March 31, when this re-organization was to have been announced, but on the day before the meeting was called off.

Subsequently, negotiations began with Shertok and the Jewish Agency looking toward the establishment of a political office in Washington which would be controlled by a political committee of American Zionists. I was asked to be chairman of that committee, but a determined opposition on the part of those forces within the Zionist Emergency Committee, of whose opposition I was aware, made itself manifest. The political office was established in May, 1943, without the political committee being announced, but, as it was put, "in cooperation with Mr. Louis Lipsky and Dr. Wise," What this cooperation implied, was not defined.

When it became clear to some of my friends that the work of the political re-organization which, they, together with Dr. Weizmann, and Dr. Wise believed imperative was being sabotaged by a handful of people who did not represent the true sentiments of American Zionists, it was resolved to challenge the control of this group. It was then that the "Movement to Draft Silver" for the presidency of the ZOA was initiated, with the opposition backing the candidacy of Dr. Goldstein.

As a result of prolonged negotiations which went on throughout the summer of 1943, an agreement was reached and made public -- that I was to assume the leadership in the sphere of political affairs of the Zionist Movement in the United States by becoming Co-chairman with Dr. Wise of the Emergency Committee, and Chairman of its Executive, as well as Chairman of the political committee, if such were to be called into existence, which would supervise the work of the political office in Washington, of which Dr. Goldman was the director.

Early in the process of the re-organization of the Emergency Committee, it was agreed that the Executive Committee of the Council should function as the political committee. Goldman's political office in Washington should thus have come under direct authority of the Emergency Council, as it was originally intended.



But Goldmann by then had conceived of himself as the head of an independent political bureau in Washington subject to no American control, responsible not to the Emergency Council but presumably only to Jerusalem. He has maintained this attitude ever since.

Had Dr. Weizmann succeeded in achieving the re-organization of the Emergency Committee early in 1943, he never would have established the political bureau in Washington. The explanation which was given by Mr. Sheftok to the public when he announced the creation of the Washington bureau was that "the public in the United States knows little concerning Jewish aspirations and achievements in Palestine and that there was need for better presentation of the Zionist cause before the United States Government." The Emergency Council since its re-organization in September has done quite satisfactorily in both directions. It is equipped to do even better. There is no need for the Agency Bureau in Washington to carry on either of these two activities. It should limit itself to transacting business with Latin America and such other activities as do not come within the program of the American Zionist Emergency Council.





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Dr. Goldmann as a member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency has assented to this view and has expressed his desire to act in conformity therewith and in fullest cooperation with the Emergency Council.

It is suggested that the co-chairmen of the Council alone or with additional persons designated by them confer with Dr. Goldmann with a view to the procedural implementation of these decisions.

In view of the action taken the Committee expresses the hope that Dr. Silver will withdraw the resignation he has tendered which should not be made a matter of record.





Dear Abba:

Herewith draft proposals. Also text of the cable which I just got over the phone from Weisgal's secretary - he being out of the office.

- ① The draft is in my humble opinion entirely satisfactory & covers the situation fully. I have stuck in all the provisos required to leave control of procedure in the hands of the Council.
- ② The cable is not all it might be - but its brevity does not make for fullness & clarity.
- ③ If the "proposals" are agreed upon here, they will have to be communicated to the World Executive & supersede the cable if accepted.
- ④ I have done my utmost. This arrangement ~~gives~~ provides a dignified solution of the crisis. I think it is the only way out.



(5) Goldman is definitely flying  
to Palestine on Sept. 20 for some  
weeks.

I shall be waiting anxiously  
for your approval.

As ever

Yours

Emmanuel





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Silver has resigned as Co-Chairman Am. J. Emergency  
Council giving as reason alleged conflict ~~for~~ jurisdiction  
with Agency Office here stop. Regard such resignation  
as undesirable harmful at this time ~~the~~ stop.  
Therefore recommend Executive Appoint Wise  
Silver as Officer as the Co-Chairman of the A.J.E.C.  
to act together with Goldman Lipsky as members  
Political Committee to deal with approaches American  
Government subject <sup>as to</sup> method to Emergency Council  
~~and~~ & as to general policy subject to Executive Council  
Agency directives. Urgent immediate action highly important.  
Please cable.



Case 2. Surg. General

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thoroughly been investigated upon  
our record cards -

I have the honor to acknowledge  
your letter of the 1st inst. and  
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To: *NY Times*  
12-44

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