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New York, New York
June 28, 1944

Hon. Robert E. Hannegan
Chairman, Democratic National Convention
Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hannegan:

The Republican Party platform of 1944 contains a very strong declaration on Palestine and advocates unrestricted immigration and land ownership by Jews in Palestine.

As one who may be deemed thoroughly familiar with that subject because of my activities in connection therewith in and out of Congress, I wish to express this emphatic opinion, to wit: that the Democratic Party adopt an equally strong Resolution on Palestine and at the same time draw to the attention of the Nation that our President has stated that the United States has not accepted as legal and binding upon it, the so-called McDonald White Paper of 1939 which has the effect of precluding Jewish immigration into Palestine in 1944 except by will of an Arab majority. That White Paper violates not only the Balfour Declaration, but the concurrent Resolution of 1922, and is also violative of the Anglo-American Treaty of 1924. The White Paper has also been repudiated by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations.

I should be happy to draft this plank into the platform if you so wish it.

I also urge that there be set up in addition another plank condemning the outrages against Jews and other minorities by Nazi hordes, and that we will prosecute the culprits; that we will call upon satellite countries, such as Rumania, Bulgaria, and Hungary to aid in assuaging the suffering of Jews and other minorities, and that they help the various undergrounds in assisting the Jews out of Festung Europa.

It is urged that we Democrats denounce the blood and race theories of the Nazis and that we appeal to neutral countries such as Turkey, Spain, Portugal, and Switzerland to receive even more refugees and to offer them havens of rescue.

It would be well also to draw the attention of the Nation to the fact that our President has set up a War Refugee Board and has established a "free port" for the temporary residence of refugees, and that we call upon neutral nations and our Allies similarly to set up such zones and havens to which refugees might repair.

In all of this, I, as a delegate to the Convention, will be more than happy to help.

Sincerely,

Emanuel Celler,
Representative, 10th, New York

EXCERPT FROM NEWS LETTER, JULY 3, 1944

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE

GOP TAKES STAND ON PALESTINE

The only foreign plank of the Republican platform that contained specific mention of a foreign country was a resolution on Palestine. It reaffirms the resolution of the Republican Congress in 1922. It restates its aims to support the Balfour Declaration of 1917, and asks that Palestine may be reconstituted as a "FREE AND DEMOCRATIC COMMON-WEALTH."

While the American League for a Free Palestine will resist every effort to turn the Palestine question into a political football, it nevertheless wholeheartedly congratulates the Republican Party on the part of the resolution which states a sympathetic policy on this important question.



Mr. Leo R. Sack

July 5, 1944

Mr. Harry Shapiro

Dear Harry:

I am enclosing some data which probably is of interest to you. Some months ago, in order to keep reasonably well posted on what the opposition is doing I sent a dollar and an alleged membership to the American League for a Free Palestine.

The name I gave has been put on the mailing list and is receiving constantly news bulletins, an alleged magazine, and other information. You will note Exhibit One, which is a gracious letter of thanks for membership with (a): a membership card, and (b): a postcard suggesting the names of other prospective members. I think that when they do this, they show enterprise and a knowledge of psychology.

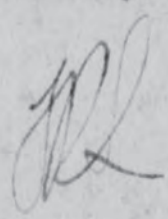
Exhibit Two is a copy of their weekly news bulletin, dated July 3rd. The bulletin reprints a long telegram which they sent to Chairman Martin at the Republican Convention. In addition, the bulletin takes cognizance of the G.O.P. plank in reference to Palestine, and while they are not crude enough to assume credit for what was done by Dr. Silver and his young men at Chicago, they, nevertheless, do bask in a reflected glory, and insofar as Mrs. J. L. Jones, who received the bulletin, is concerned she is none the wiser. I am mentioning these things because it seems to me that the American Palestine Committee can follow these tactics in keeping our Protestant well-wishers better advised as to what is occurring.

Incidentally, the current issue of their magazine prints a picture of the "Embassy" and the "Press Conference", plus a lot of their ballyhoo. I don't think, however, their magazine is anything to get excited about.

Now, another matter. I think someone in our organization has a very legitimate protest against the Z.O.A. Their new publication, The News Sheet, was delivered to my home this morning, dated June 30th, the day following adoption of the platform, the Sheet has a box on the inside calling attention to the adoption of the plank in Chicago. This, to me, not only is terrible teamwork, but very poor newspaper work. It will be another month, I understand, before this publication will again be issued. By that time, all of the good effects of a fine newspaper display will be lost.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



LRS:sbr

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cc: Dr. Silver, Rabbi Feuer

Mr. Leo R. Sack

July 5, 1944

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

Chairman of Democratic Resolutions Committee

As you are aware, our good friend, Bob Wagner, partially because of illness and partially because of his duties at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, has begged off of the assignment as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee at the forthcoming Democratic National Convention. Senator Wagner actually was slated to be Chairman and his refusal to serve has caused some scurrying around on the part of members of the Arrangements Committee for the Democratic National Convention. There was talk yesterday that Senator Harry S. Truman of Missouri would be Chairman in place of Wagner, but I am advised today by one of my friends at the Senate who is on the Arrangements Committee that Truman is out.

As of this moment, Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, the Democratic Floor Leader of the House, is slated to become Chairman. This tentative selection may be upset in a day or so but as of the moment McCormack has the inside track.

McCormack, as you may recall, is a friend of our cause, and on the occasion of the introduction of the Wright-Compton Resolution in the House, he issued, through the urgings of our colleague, Elihu Stone, a splendid statement in our behalf. I am sure, therefore, that if Mr. McCormack is the Chairman he will be as cordial to our aspirations as we will desire. For your further information, I am enclosing copy of the statement issued by Mr. McCormack when the Wright-Compton Resolution was introduced.

I should add that although he won't be Chairman, Senator Wagner will be a member of the Resolutions Committee, and if the Democratic Convention runs true to form there will be many other Senators and Representatives on the Committee who are friendly to us and also are well known to us. The tentative membership of the Committee has not yet been announced but it may be done before the end of the week.

I assume that you have seen the publicity release issued by Representative Celler of New York wherein he calls on Chairman Hannegan of the Democratic National Committee for a plank in the Democratic platform similar in purport to the plank adopted by the Republicans at Chicago, but to make sure that you do see it I am enclosing a copy of the statement which Celler sent to Senator Wagner for his information. I assume Celler will be at Chicago and in view of his feelings on the subject, he unquestionably can be helpful if the need should arise. For one thing, he will have a reasonable amount of persuasive influence with John McCormack.

I shall keep you further advised as developments occur. With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Leo
Leo R. Sack

LRS:sbr
Enc

STATEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER JOHN W. McCORMACK RELATIVE
TO THE PALESTINE RESOLUTION

After the victory of the United Nations which is inevitable and which I hope will come soon, the world will be confronted with a gigantic task of rehabilitation for millions of uprooted and homeless human beings. Among these the plight of the Jews who will have survived the Nazi program of extermination, will be indeed tragic. It will be imperative to find a solution for this pressing problem.

Palestine represents the most practical available opportunity for Jews to rebuild their broken lives, and to become self-sustaining and self-respecting human beings. This is so because of the remarkable achievements of the present Jewish community of 600,000 in Palestine, which during the last quarter of a century has laid a magnificent and solid foundation for the Jewish Homeland as the result of the opportunity afforded it by the nations of the world, including the United States, after the last war.

This resolution expresses the policy of our country in the light of the stern realities of the present hour, and voices the desire of the American people that the Jews who were the first victims of Nazi terror shall be given the chance to enter their National Homeland, to settle and work there on farm and in factory and to join with those Jews who have preceded them to continue to build a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

All decent men will wish them well and all Americans of goodwill will join their voices to this manifestation of encouragement and hope.

American Zionist Emergency Council

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Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America
Mizrachi Organization of America
Poale Zion-Zeire Zion of America
Zionist Organization of America

WASHINGTON BUREAU
1720 Sixteenth Street, Northwest
Michigan 4480

August 4, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Pilgrim Hotel
Plymouth, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I call to your attention Demarre Bess' story in this week's Saturday Evening Post, entitled, I believe, "England feels its Oats". A paragraph in the runover gives me much concern in that it forecasts, if Mr. Bess is correct, that England is planning to continue to play us against the Arabs. In view of the author's long-time record for accurate reporting and forecasting, the story gives me much concern.

To my mind, it is additional reason why we, in the American Zionist Emergency Council, and all others who are interested in making Palestine a fit place for homeless Jews, should continue along our present lines building up as powerful a public sentiment in our behalf in our Government and among our people as is possible to build. If Mr. Bess is correct, the only way we can obtain any real satisfaction from "his Majesty's government" is by exerting the big stick of American public opinion. I intend to call attention to this story at the meeting of the Program Committee in New York on Tuesday, which I have been invited to attend.

I am awfully sorry that I did not get to talk to you on the telephone the other day when I stopped in New York on my way from Chicago. I think we should begin without delay to prepare for a complete poll of the new Congress on the question of whether they (the individual candidates) favor the full implementation of the pledges of the Republican and Democratic National Conventions of 1944 to establish "a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth".

Now, as this question has become non-partisan and particularly at a time when every candidate in every debatable area should be -- and probably is -- willing to pledge his hearty cooperation to our aspirations, I feel that we should obtain that pledge in writing wherever possible. Over the weekend I am preparing a brief pledge letter which I hope, between our own organization and the aid of our emergency councils and Zionist organizations throughout the country, we will be able to submit to every candidate before the middle of October. I shall send you a copy of this as soon as I prepare it. In the meanwhile, if you wish to discuss this with me please telephone me, if this is

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

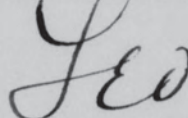
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convenient, Sunday forenoon at my home, Woodley 0014.

With kindest regards and thanks for the very gracious words which I am informed you spoke about me in New York last Monday night, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Leo R. Sack

LRS:sbr

P. S. It was a little girl. She arrived on the morning of July 25th, two and one-half hours after I drove my daughter to the hospital at Kalamazoo, Michigan. It wasn't a real race at all because I drove very leisurely and my little daughter was very matter-of-fact about the whole business. All I can say is that the kids these days are something! Best regards to your Senora.

L.R.S.



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August 8, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Pilgrim Hotel
Plymouth, Mass.

Dear Dr. Silver:

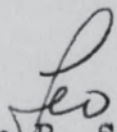
I am in receipt today in New York of your letter of August 6th in reference to the proposed poll of the candidates for Congress.

The matter was brought up at the Program Committee meeting this afternoon, attended by Messrs. Shulman, Neumann, Lipsky, Weisgal, Goldman, and Shapiro and Mrs. Halprin. The idea was unanimously approved and the matter was referred to the meeting next week at which the details of the procedure will be discussed.

It seemed to be the opinion - and this is one in which I share - that more effective work can be done by the various local organizations in that the voters will have a chance to talk face to face with their candidates for Congress. I am very happy that this poll will be undertaken, because I think it will prove very beneficial to us.

With kindest regards and assurances that "grandfather as well as mother and daughter are doing nicely".

Very sincerely yours,


Leo R. Sack

LRS:HH

LEO R. SACK

August 16, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

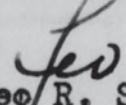
I think that those people in New York who are associated with Hans Lamm in editing copy on the proposed anthology are without knowledge of the facts of life in Washington.

I don't know who Mr. Fink is, but if he is not satisfied with what he has got, he should realize that it is the best we can get and therefore, he should make the best of it.

Personally, I do not intend to embarrass our movement by trying to blackjack or bulldoze members of Congress into saying things they don't want to say or don't mean.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Leo R. Sack

LRS/mp

P. S. It was awfully nice to have visited with you in New York on Monday evening. My regards to your Senora.

August 18, 1944

Mr. Hans Lamm
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Hans:

I am in receipt this morning of your letter of August 17.
Okeh. We understand each other.

Now, about Senator Truman. I saw him yesterday and he is reluctant, at this time, to make any change in his statement which he sent to us. This is understandable because later in the campaign when he begins speaking for the ticket and has arrived at agreements on campaign policy with the President, he will have more to say. At least I hope so, and with Dr. Silver's approval, I will endeavor to bring about such declaration.

For the book, I would suggest this: that you use the statement which you have and then print beneath it the following in italics:

Senator Truman was a member of the Sub-committee of the Resolutions Committee of the recent Democratic Convention in Chicago, and as a member of this committee, he did all in his power to help formulate the plank on Palestine in the Democratic Platform. This plank, the readers will recall, pledges the party to the establishment "of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth" in Palestine.

I think, Hans, this will strengthen the Truman statement.

Kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo R. Sack

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August 16, 1944

Mr. Hans Lamm

Now in closing, I want to say this; on the whole, I think all of us have done a pretty good job in getting as many statements as we have and as good a quality as we have. We could not possibly have gotten so many a year ago, and so, may I suggest that you and your associate forget your disappointment at some of them and be satisfied with what you have.

Please remember that the Zionist Movement is still fighting an uphill battle and none of us are satisfied with either the White House or Number 10 Downing Street. They, too, are not overly eager to give us what we want and what we should have.

If this letter is distasteful to you, I am sorry, but I am a little surprised in your failure to realize conditions which exist in Washington.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Leo R. Sack

IRS/mp

P. S. Miss Perlov tells me that she told you of the possibility she faces in obtaining rebuffs. Also, that some of the Congressmen may tell us that "if we don't like what they have given us, that is just too bad." I agree with her. We don't want to make, I repeat, ourselves a darn nuisance and run the risk of losing votes when our legislation is up again.

CC: Dr. Silver
Dr. Feuer

EMANUEL CELLER
10TH DISTRICT NEW YORK

MEMBER OF
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August 18, 1944.

Mr. Leo R. Sack,
Southern Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Leo:

Confirming our conversation, I desire to amplify
same.

Among those Representatives who are to be appointed
by Speaker Rayburn to attend the sessions of the British
Parliament and who are to confer with British officials,
I deem it essential that one of same be of Jewish persuasion.
An invitation has been extended by the British Parliament
to the American Congress to have a Committee of Representa-
tives and Senators visit London. Speaker Rayburn undoubtedly
is about to make these appointments.

virtue of his Chairmanship.
The logical Jew to be selected would be Congressman Bloom, *by*
He may not be either able or willing to go. That leaves a choice
of the ~~other~~ other Jewish Members.

I will go if Sol is loath to go.

Much constructive work for the Jewish cause can be done
in London. The Palestine question is no longer a partisan one
because of the planks in the Republican and Democratic plat-
forms.

All this must be made crystal clear to the British public.

Both the British public and the American public as well,
I am sure, whenever the facts are made known to them are anxious
to aid the down trodden and persecuted Jews. They would wish
to inaugurate missions of mercy and rescue.

Too often the truth is kept from the people. At the coming

Peace Conference the Jews must have separate representation. The ground work must be properly laid for this purpose. Much work must be done in London. The Representative who goes and who represents the Jewish cause must be properly qualified. He must have stamina and guts. He must be able to present the facts in terse and dramatic manner. We cannot risk another Bermuda conference fiasco.

If Congressman Bloom is not to be selected, I wonder whether or not Rabbi Silver would be willing to intercede in my behalf.

His importuning should be directed to Speaker Rayburn.

Yours very sincerely,

Mannie

EMANUEL CELLER



LEO R. SACK

August 19, 1944

Dear Doctor Silver,

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory x Manny, of course, is anxious to make the trip. But even so I can see where it will profit us if he goes. If there is no Jew on the Congressional delegation it is a cinch the Gentile members will have no thoughts for Palestine. And between Celler and Bloom, I am for Celler. He will pitch for us; Bloom will not.

If you feel that you can properly write Rayburn —

the excuse being that the
Jews of the U.S. are so intally
interested - it may prove
helpful x I incidentally Rayburn
has given us a fine statement
for the book x

Please advise what you do,
Kindest regards,

Leo

August 22, 1944

Mr. Leo R. Sack
American Zionist Emergency Council
1720 - 16th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Leo:

Thank you for your letter of August 19.
I will tell you when I see you why I cannot act
on the suggestion contained in your letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MEMORANDUM

FROM Mr. Leo R. Sack
TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
SUBJECT:

DATE: August 29, 1944

The enclosed memorandum speaks for itself. The gentleman who telephoned Senator Thomas yesterday was utterly horrified at his statements. It seems that not only the Bergson group but those in public life too still traffic in human misery.

The enclosed report was telephoned, without identification, to the Executive Meeting in New York yesterday, who, through Shapiro, had earlier telephoned me. Some of the New York people were much hot and bothered last Friday when they read in the New York Times of the Bergson Resolution. I told them, at the time, that it was a cheap publicity stunt and yesterday my diagnosis was more than verified.

Kindest regards,

Leo

Leo

LRS:sbr
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MEMORANDUM

An interested gentleman telephoned Senator Elbert D. Thomas, Democrat of Utah, yesterday about the Resolution which he had introduced at the request of the Bergson group, calling upon the President and Secretary Hull to use their influence to persuade Great Britain to permit free entry of "Hebrews" from Hungary into Palestine. This Resolution was introduced in the Senate on Thursday, August 24th, and soon thereafter Thomas and Bergson staged a press conference.

Simultaneously in the House a similar measure was introduced by Representatives Andrew L. Somers of New York, Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts, Democrats, and Joseph C. Baldwin of New York and Hugh D. Scott of Pennsylvania, Republicans.

Senator Thomas' caller inquired what, if anything, had been done concerning his Resolution. To his great surprise Senator Thomas replied:

"Nothing. The Resolution is a dead duck from now on as far as I am concerned. I introduced it for their (Bergson's) publicity purposes. I do not intend to take any more action because I am chairman of a conference committee and I will be behind closed doors for a long time."

Senator Thomas said that he had not discussed the Resolution with Chairman Connally of the Foreign Relations Committee, nor had he sought any hearings on the proposal. His statement was as utterly surprising as it was amazing because his caller had heretofore regarded him as a sincere advocate of the Zionist cause and here, by his own admission, to a stranger over the telephone, he was confessing that he permitted himself to be used as a publicity stooge by Bergson.

The same gentleman subsequently talked with his friend, Congressman Bloom, the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Mr. Bloom, knowing the identity of the person with whom he was talking, expressed his resentment at the Resolution.

"It was only a publicity stunt," he said.

Then Bloom went on to say that he had been asked to have his Committee conduct hearings on the Resolution but that he has thus far refused to authorize hearings because it is impossible to obtain a quorum of the Committee.

"And if our Committee is to take any action," Mr. Bloom continued, "I want the action on the Resolution now pending before our Committee. That is our unfinished business." Mr. Bloom referred to the White-Compton Resolution sponsored by the Emergency Council. He indicated, however, that there will be no action on any Resolution for the present.

BERGSON

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that if he wished to conduct a business he must go to the District Commissioners and have them change the zoning restrictions.

Bergson did that, police said, and reported that he had been refused.

Police said they then told Bergson he must obtain an occupancy permit from the zoning commission. According to the Zoning Commission, this request also was refused on the ground the only business that could be operated in that restricted area would have to have been established there prior to 1920, or be a recognized embassy or legation.

At the press conference persistent questioning by The Post as to whom he (Bergson) represents, repeatedly brought this answer:

"I represent myself."

Demand for a more explicit explanation as to what he meant by "myself" caused Bergson to add:

"I embrace all stateless 'Hebrews.'"

Bergson insisted that part of the capital of the Hebrew National Liberation Fund, Inc., was provided for by Billy Rose, night club impresario.

Reached in New York last night by The Post, Rose denied any connection with Bergson, his committees, or the fund.

"Let him show one single check I ever signed," Rose said. "It is true that I did stage the pageant, 'We Will Never Die,' both in New York and at Constitution Hall in Washington for Ben Hecht, who wrote it. I did it because it was a good show. That was my only connection with the pageant."

Representative Sol Bloom (D., N. Y.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, questioned as to Bergson's accomplishments during his stay in this country, declared: "No authorized Jewish agency approves of the methods adopted by Bergson and his groups."

Charging that Bergson's methods were purely lobbying and high pressuring, Bloom exhibited a telegram from the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe last year, asking those who receive the telegram to give a generous contribution so that the committee could "force passage of a resolution", then pending in Congress "to force Washington, London, Palestine, England, Turkey to continue work on larger scale."

"If that isn't high pressuring and lobbying, I would like to know what is," declared Bloom.

Bloom recalled Bergson's appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee last fall:

"I asked him if he had come into this country legally," the Congressman said.

"I don't know," Bergson told me.

"What the hell do you mean you don't know?" I thundered."

Chuckling, the Congressman added, "It's the first time I ever remember swearing at a committee hearing."

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Bergson Admits His Committee Has No Right to Collect Funds

By Gloria Lubar and
Edward F. van der Veen

Peter H. Bergson held a press conference late yesterday.

Bergson wanted to discuss and denounce yesterday's Washington Post's story about his activities in this country.

Bergson presented a prepared statement in which he charged the tone of The Post story was one of deliberate misrepresentation and insinuation to present him in the worst possible light.

Bergson admitted when questioned, however, that the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, of which he is chairman, is not American; has no right to collect funds; is taking no action toward direct relief to "Hebrews;" and does not, to their knowledge, represent either European or Palestinian "Hebrews."

(The use of word "Hebrew" as a noun is Bergson's stock in trade. He contends that a Jew may be a citizen of any country, but that a "Hebrew" is a "stateless Jew.")

In a telegram calling the press conference, Samuel Merlin, a compatriot of Bergson, charged The Post was the tool of "British imperialists and defeatist Zionist leaders."

Earlier in the day, Third Precinct police said they plan to call Bergson into court to explain why he has operated a business from 2315 Massachusetts ave. nw., a highly restricted residential area, without an occupancy permit.

Police said they told Bergson when he moved into the quarters

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MEMORANDUM

FROM Mr. Leo R. Sack
TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
SUBJECT:

DATE: October 4, 1944

Enclosed is the second of the Post stories. Late yesterday Bergson had a press conference to which he had sent telegraphic invitations to certain correspondents. At this meeting he was belligerent, and insisted that the Post story was a tissue of lies. He issued a several-page formal denial, copy of which I sent up to Shapiro last night so that he could have copies made immediately in New York for distribution to you and all others interested, and also so that the office could use the denial for publicity and such other purposes as desired.

I also obtained permission from the Post at Shapiro's request to reproduce the indictment in yesterday's paper, which I had heretofore mailed to you.

All in all, I think Mr. Bergson has been hit pretty hard and I think there is more to come.

Kindest regards,

WRHS
Leo
Leo



LRS:sbr

Enc

cc: Rabbi Leon I. Feuer

Washington
Star - Oct. 19,

Council of Judaism Asks Equality for All Races in Postwar Aid

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—A proposal was before Secretary of State Hull for adoption of a national policy whereby postwar aid to foreign countries "would take into account that the country under consideration accepts the concept of equality of all its nationals without regard to race or creed."

A memorandum submitted to Mr. Hull by the American Council for Judaism and signed by its president, Lessing J. Rosenwald, said:

"Such a condition to the extension of American aid would be an effective, practical demonstration of our determination to foster the principles of democracy in the post-war world."

The council asked for the rehabilitation of Europe's Jews and the restoration of their civil, political and economic security on the basis of "equality of rights and obligations with their fellow nations."

"This means equality in the countries in which Jews live and choose to remain; equality to return to those lands from which Jews have been forcibly driven; equality to migrate wherever there is opportunity for migration," the memorandum continued.

The council's appeal said Jews are "a religious group and not a national group" and added: "The solution of the problems of Jews rests on recognition of the inalienable rights of the individual. Once that concept of human freedom is unqualifiedly accepted, Jews will require no special measure."

The memorandum said the council was opposed to the "establishment of Palestine or any locality as a Jewish state or commonwealth."

MEMORANDUM

FROM Mr. Leo R. Sack

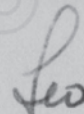
DATE: October 20, 1944

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT:

It is quite possible that the Ohio papers printed this piece of intellectual dishonesty from your "favorite" merchant prince. If not, here it is for your information.

Sincerely,


Leo

LRS:sbr
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October 20, 1944

Major General Edwin Martin Watson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Watson:

Upon my return from Atlantic City where I attended the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your courtesies to me over the telephone last weekend. You were indeed gracious and I do appreciate it. I conveyed your message to Dr. Silver and he, too, was grateful.

The President's letter to Bob Wagner received a magnificent and stirring ovation. It was one of the highlights of the Convention and it stirred the deepest emotions because of its great significance.

As you probably are aware, Dr. Silver sent the President a cordial telegram early on last Sunday afternoon, and in his speech that night he referred to the letter time and time again. He described it as one of the landmarks in the movement to create Palestine as a homeland for the oppressed Jews of Europe. I wish that you could have heard Dr. Silver's talk in person. Had you done so, the rumors which had come to your attention would have been proved, to your complete satisfaction, as being utterly false.

With my kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Leo R. Sack

LRS:sbr

October 20, 1944

Hon. William D. Hassett
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Let me thank you for your courtesy over the weekend when I phoned you from Atlantic City. You were as gracious as always and I am duly appreciative.

I did have two very satisfactory conversations with General Watson.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo R. Sack

LRS:abr

MEMORANDUM

FROM Mr. Leo R. Sack

DATE: October 27, 1944

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT:

As Mrs. Ruskin told you when you were in Washington on Wednesday, I was distressed that I found myself at the New York office while you were here. Had I known you were coming down I would have delayed my conference with Shapiro until the following day.

We went over the Congressional situation and as he may have told you, replies are coming in reasonably satisfactorily. As a matter of fact our situation, insofar as the two Foreign Relations Committees are concerned, is excellent. Commitments, although some are not so good, have been made by every member of the House Committee with the exception of Eaton and Wadsworth. Shapiro is having pressure renewed on Eaton; likewise, on Wadsworth.

I feel that Wadsworth will be O. K. now that Stimson has removed his objections. I believe, too, that in the final analysis Dr. Eaton, in the light of the declarations of candidates Roosevelt and Dewey, as well as platform pronouncements, will line up with us.

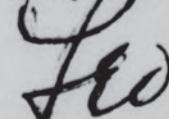
For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a compilation of the membership of the two Committees and the page numbers of their statements as recorded in the anthology. This may be valuable to keep for future reference.

I hope you had an opportunity to visit with Sol Bloom when you were in New York this week. If you did not do so I believe it will be good business to chat with him when you are in New York next week. In other words, have such a visit before the election.

I am enclosing herewith copy of the newest bulletin issued by the Bergson group with a marked paragraph on page 2.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,



Leo R. Sack

LRS:sbr
Enc

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MEMORANDUM

FROM Mr. Leo R. Sack

DATE: October 31, 1944

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT:

Since you like the theatre, may I suggest that you advise the New York office to obtain tickets for you and Mrs. Silver (if she is with you) on your next trip to New York to see Ethel Barrymore in "Embezzled Heaven". The piece opens tonight in New York at the National Theatre. It had its premiere in Washington and it attained great heights. Aside from Miss Barrymore's magnificent performance you will like the play because it deals entirely with the Church. Incidentally, a magnificent performance is given by a European refugee, Albert Basserman, of the Holy Father.

Another thing, I understand that you have quite a stand-in at the Commodore Hotel. I wish you would write your friend and tell him to please try to extend sleeping courtesies to Mr. Leo Sack of your Washington office, etc. On my last trip to New York I was turned down when I requested a reservation in advance at the Commodore, and also about twenty other hotels. So I turned around and came back to Washington earlier than I had anticipated. Unless you really are a big shot and have an intimate friend in the hotel management you are out of luck in seeking accommodations in New York these days. So if, as it is alleged by Mr. Shapiro and others, you have a stand-in at the Commodore I wish you would use your good offices in my behalf when next I have to go to New York.

so that
Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Leo
Leo R. Sack

LRS:sbr

Mr. Leo R. Sack

November 8, 1944

& Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

NU!

And so the people have spoken. Now let us hope that some promises will not prove to be mere scraps of paper or pledges purely for campaign purposes. We both win and lose in the returns. If the White House, itself, has any gratitude it will be grateful to our cause on a purely political basis. Unquestionably, without the help of the Jewish vote in New York, in Philadelphia, in Pittsburgh, in Chicago, in St. Louis, in Boston, in Newark and in northern New Jersey, and in Baltimore, as well as in many smaller cities, the result would have been different. Insofar as I can ascertain, if ever a people (other than the mixed people who constitute the C. I. O.) regarded a person as a Messiah, the Jews of the United States look upon Franklin D. Roosevelt as that man.

They so regarded him four years ago but unfortunately and unhappily some of your distinguished predecessors in the top flight Zionist leadership either were unable to, or did not know how to, take advantage of this fundamental fact to help their cause. Aside from our work at the Congress it will be necessary for us to let Mr. Roosevelt know that the Jewish people feel that they furnished the balance of power. I think this thought should be planted in every way possible. May I suggest that you direct Manson, Isaacili, and other publicists to use their best efforts to get this factual analysis across, and that Wise and Shulman see to it that their dearly beloved friend knows how we feel. Unquestionably, the fact that the Democrats matched the Republicans, and that the President, in turn, covered Dewey's declaration, contributed immeasurably to the cordial support that the Jews gave to Roosevelt.

I have sent telegrams and letters this morning to a number of our friends including the President, Senators Taft, Wagner, and Barkley, and Representative Bloom. I assume you, too, have passed along your love and kisses.

In the next Congress two of our friends on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will be absent, Jim Davis of Pennsylvania and Guy Gillette of Iowa. In the Democratic sweep in Connecticut, Representative Compton fell by the wayside. I have not yet been able to ascertain the complete score on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Jim Davis is succeeded by Representative Francis J. Myers, who went before the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the House and made a splendid statement in our behalf.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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November.

Governor Hickenlooper of Iowa, who succeeds Gillette, has expressed his sympathy with our cause.

Gerald Nye also was a Foreign Relations Committee casualty but he was not noted for a cordiality to our cause. Another Senator in this category who slipped is Danaher of Connecticut, although he was not a member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

I spoke to Sol Bloom's office this morning and he will not return until Sunday. The House re-convenes on Tuesday, and as of this morning no meeting of Sol's Committee has been called for next week insofar as the young lady in his office was aware.

If there is a meeting in New York next Monday of the Executive Committee, I think I should be present. Please telegraph me if you concur.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

LRS:sbr

P. S. Gillette's defeat is bad news for Bergson. It knocks out his chief Senatorial prop.

I am enclosing an article in today's Star by a French refugee, Pertinax, on the Moyne situation. The unfortunate affair already has obtained too much publicity for our good.

L. R. S.

Enc

Leo R. Sack

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MEMORANDUM

FROM Leo R. Sack

DATE: Nov. 8, 1944

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT:

Here is something for your permanent record--all bound round in blue and gold. Regards.



November 13, 1944

Mr. Leo Sack
American Zionist Emergency Council
1720 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Leo:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a bound volume of the Congressional Hearings. I am indeed very appreciative.

As soon as we hear from the State Department as to whether we have the green light or not, I shall get in touch with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 20, 1944

Mr. Leo Sack
American Zionist Emergency Council
1720 - 16th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. .

My dear Leo:

I have written to Senator Taft and gave him some items to use when he appears before the Foreign Relations Committee. I also included the following statement from Weizmann's interview with Churchill on November 6, at Chequers.

"The Prime Minister emphasised very strongly that America ought to take a hand in the solution of the problem: it would make everything much easier. He repeatedly said that here we have a great many opponents to our policy, particularly among the Tories and the military people, so that he sometimes had to fight a lone battle. But he added that such opposition usually only hardened his heart."

Please make the above statement available to Senator Wagner's secretary and to such others as you deem necessary.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MEMORANDUM

FROM Mr. Leo R. Sack

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT:

DATE: November 22, 1944

Thanks very much for sending me the memorandum of the Weizmann-Churchill Conference which I received today. I am taking it over to the Capitol and will leave a copy with Wagner's secretary as well as with Bloom. I am glad you have sent a copy direct to Senator Taft.

Anticipating your visit to Washington next Monday and Tuesday, I am arranging conferences for you with Senators Taft, Vandenberg, Barkley, Connally, George, Wallace White and LaFollette. Others will be arranged if time permits.

Thus far, Barkley and LaFollette have advised me that they will be very happy to see you. I talked to Barkley yesterday and he told me that he would do all he could to speed the resolution out of the committee.

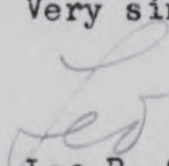
I also met Bert Wheeler and Bob Reynolds in the Senate lobby. Both might be potential obstructionists, but each assured me definitely that he would attend the committee meeting and would cordially support a favorable report. Wheeler said, "Leo, there has never been any question whatsoever about my attitude despite all rumors to the contrary." Bob Reynolds recalled his efforts to assist you and me last spring when he was endeavoring to see Secretary Stimson, and he added, "Be assured, Leo, that I will make it my business to attend the committee meeting." He also asked me to remind him of the committee meeting.

Representative Celler telephoned me yesterday and he is anxious that the Congress take action. I saw him at the Capitol and he appeared fearful that Mr. Bloom is stalling and, therefore, he wanted to start an independent fight to get action. I persuaded him to keep his pants dry and to wait a few days for developments explaining the circumstances. I agreed, however, that I would arrange for you to talk to him when you are in town next week. I think you should do this.

I am enclosing an editorial from today's Washington Post.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Leo R. Sack

P. S. Our very efficient Miss Pierce has succeeded in getting you a suite at the Statler for next Monday morning, and better still, has obtained for you a compartment returning to Cleveland next Wednesday night. If you do not plan to return to Cleveland from here, please advise so we can get other space.

(Dictated but not re-read)

IRS/mp
Encl.



THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

No 12,30 Dec 4, 1944

Wagner + Silver

Wag told Sect of letter
from Pres. copy of which
Stett had. Wagner said
that he  placed in

a very embarrassing
position & he could
not understand position
of Pres a result of
statement Oct 15. 
Stett said he
thought + Pres



THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

had some great
scheme in his mind
for the whole Arab-
Moslem world; that
he planned to take with
him to the forthcoming
meeting with Churchill
& Stalin which will
be after a year; he
felt that to
introduce of
resol & hearings



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THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

on it at this
time would embarrass
him & would cause
trouble in + near East's

Silver  to Stett
that we  not
understand + need, that
it had been
introduced 10
months ago; that
hearings had
already been held

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THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

and it by House F.A.
 Comte that action
 would have been
 taken in + Spring
 but for military
 intervention; that
 as of today + milit
 object been withdrawn
 + House F.A. Comite
 has already voted
 out + held that
 + Sen F. Robert
 Comte has met

WRHS



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THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

& invited upon action.
 Sen. May the told
 best how Senators
 felt about it & how
 & action of Pres
 in interesting at this
 time would be taken
 & interpreted as "a
 double cross" & that
 said "I am not
 going to appear
 before & write"

WRHS





THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

He thought that
perhaps + till
could be laid over
by agreement.

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Silver explained
to him that such a
postponement would
have to be explained,
that it would come
out one way or
another that it was
+ Pres who asked
that + had he shrank,

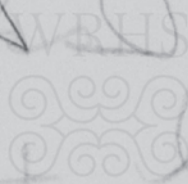
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THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

a thing which would
 embarrass + Pres +
 eyes of + country.
 I told Stett + whole
 history of + past year
 + plan of both
 parties + read to
 him - full + letter
 + Pres wrote to
 Wagner on Oct 15th.
 He seemed greatly
 impressed + asked
 for a copy of it.



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THE WILLARD HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Wagner said when he
read this letter to
Zion Com at Alt City
he added "that this
gives the way for
resolution that
+ audience rose +
cheered +
"Where would
that leave me
now?" asked + I said
"I wish that I



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could see + Pres -
person + tell him
all of this x"

She said th + can
as presented (Chronology
presto of all + fast, res.,
etc) (WRHS) (AJA) (AJA)
doubted whether +
people around +
Pres had refreshed his
memory about all of
this. She then said
"As I see it + see
so likely to appear

10 + reso + the it will
be noted by + Senate
+ all that but is
an endorsement of +
Pres."

Sen Wagner said
he thought that +
Pres   was making
too much of + whole
thing, that after all
it was a resolution
of good will.

Silver moved to
put + reso adopted
last week by + A.F.L.

11/ I said hundreds of
such resol have ~~not~~
~~passed~~ passed within
+ past yr + 400 Cong
+ Senators have
approved of it " + The
Am people are
expect action "



Still Mr said
that he would inform
+ Pres of all of this
+ also Senator Connally
that he himself would
not appear before
committee, suggesting
that as far as he

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is concerned +
It left is out of +
features +

P.S. - Still showed
me a letter received
from Dr. Wise this a.m.
stating that + Our Zion
will also be what +
I am wanting I
therefore told Still
that I was +
reasonable solid
leader of + 2nd
movement of American



13 In the corner I
Wagner told me today
that Dr. Wise had
telephoned him &
urged that Senate
should by & wishes of
Pres. that he
Wise should let it
would be unadvisable
to take action now
& Pres. is opposed.
This had effect of
further confusing
Sen. Wagner & he
~~Wagner~~ said to me



14 " I don't know
what to do."

Therefor I told
him that he should be
Consent in order to
preserve his own
integrity. I further
told him that it is
your duty to reach +
Pres + consent his

impression. 11.
Wagner said that altho
he knew where + Pres
is he can go to see him
in person.

15 / at Mr. Stet office
Wagner spoke of
very forcibly & forthrightly
& told & said that "I
would use stronger
language were it
not for the presence of
a preacher"



MEMORANDUM

FROM Mr. Leo R. Sack

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT:

DATE: Dec. 15, 1944

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is the statement of the twelve Senators.
I hope it proves to be an historic document.

I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of the news release written by me at the Press Club after talking to you, and delivered it personally to the A. P., the U. P., New York Herald Tribune and the New York Times. As I dictate this morning, I have not seen it in the Times, but I am enclosing the story from this morning's Herald Tribune which is adequately displayed to attract attention in New York City. The A. P. and U. P. told me they would carry the story. I hope they did.

With kindest regards,

LRS/mp
Encl.

Other Enclosures



LEO R. SACK

December 14, 1944

Dear Doctor;

"Praise from Sir Hubert Stanley
is approbation indeed."

The cause was compelling; the
leadership magnificent. I am
delighted in the thought that I
have helped to make our Govern-
ment Palestine conscious. We
deserved better luck.

Regina joins me in the Season's
Greetings and all good wishes to
you and Mrs. Silver.

Very sincerely,
Leo R. Sack

Dr. Elia Hillel Silver.

LEO R. SACK

January 10, 1945

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19801 Shaker Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor:

The enclosed ad appeared today in the Washington Post. I assume it was also printed in some of the New York papers but I have not noticed it yet.

I think they are pitching. Certainly they have the courage to call a spade a spade.

I was talking to Mrs. Safer today. It seems that in New York on Sunday the whitewash was applied very vigorously and people whom I regarded as intelligent were sold the idea that you and your associates were traitors to the cause. At least this is the impression I got from talking to her and I am distressed too because I thought she was an open-minded, fair-minded woman who could see the trees despite the forest.

She tells me that not once during the meeting was the question raised as to whether the White House betrayed its promises. This apparently was skipped over entirely.

She also told me that Dr. Neumann did not do so well. She said he failed to convincingly refute the arguments of the other side. He did once arouse Wise's violent anger and had him sputtering all over the lot, but other than this Wise did not speak, so she said.

It does seem to me, however, that the main issue, as you and I see it, is being lost in the shuffle, and that is the telling of a straightforward story that the cause was sabotaged and doublecrossed, not only by a gentleman who made a pledge that "if re-elected", but also by the present leadership of the Emergency Council. I think the crux is that thrice the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was ready to pass the legislation and thrice it postponed action as a courtesy to the Executive. But finally the combination of the Executive and the Jewish leaders who were dedicated to the cause halted passage.

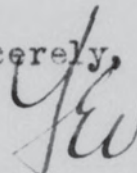
January 10, 1944

As I talked to Mrs. Safer and to others it was quite apparent to me that Wise and Goldstein have completely beclouded and passed over this fundamental issue. If people like Safer are fooled, whether willingly or unwillingly, it is certain, in my mind, that the average member in Kalamazoo or Keokuk is going to be fooled too unless he is told the plain simple story of the doublecross. This story should be told factually and forcibly.

I talked to the Senator last Saturday on the afternoon following our conversation, and he will be guided by your suggestions.

I have heard nothing from New York, and insofar as I know no one of the new skippers have been around or have made any inquiries, but I am advised that the new chairman of the Administrative Committee is expected down.

Sincerely,



Leo R. Sack



LEO R. SACK

732 Southern Blvd
January 11, 44

Dear Doctor Silver;

just a note x

Senator Taft phoned me this morning to tell me that Bergson and an associate called upon him yesterday afternoon to request that he introduce a specific immigration resolution, urging unrestricted entry. Taft said he balked and said he thought it should be handled by the State Dept. x But in any event he said he told them, "I would not do anything until I have first

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Consulted Mr. Silver.

Thus the matter stands & he asked my opinion and I said that a specific immigration resolution would be time wasted & would get nowhere. He may write you, he added.

He also promised me that he may deliver a speech before F&R said.

your friend Shulman was in town yesterday but I did not see him nor did he telephone me. He was at the 16th St. office for a few minutes but he had nothing to say to our girls, other than how-do-you-do.

Chelise

January 14, 1945

Mr. Leo Sack
3309 Woodley Rd.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Leo:

Thank you for your two letters which I read with great interest. There was no chance in the world for our side winning at the Administrative meeting of the ZOA. It is a packed body. Twenty-five members of it are appointed by Goldstein himself. Some twenty-five or thirty more are members of the Executive Committee from which, you will recall, Goldstein purged most of our friends. It was a foregone conclusion that the opposition would have an overwhelming majority. In spite of it, a motion to recall me to leadership was defeated only by a vote of 66-30. The thirty were made up of the real representatives of the districts and regions. The opposition was not very happy about the outcome of the meeting. Wise again made a monumental ass of himself at the gathering.

You need not be concerned about the rank and file failing to understand the real issues in this controversy. I have been getting letters, telegrams and resolutions from all parts of the country approving our position and denouncing the ZOA cabal. The Yiddish press in New York has been almost unanimous in championing our cause. Day after day now articles and editorials have been filling their pages. Translations of excerpts of these articles are now being made and will be channeled to the Anglo-Jewish press. Already there have appeared some very fine editorials in the English-Jewish papers of Boston, Hartford, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, etc. etc. The full story is just beginning to be told.

I am glad of the conversation which you had with Senator Taft and I am happy to know that he may deliver a speech before FDR sails.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Good

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS DISTRICT

TUESDAY JANUARY 23, 1945

8:30 P. M.

ROOM D

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Judging by the sentiment expressed at the Executive meeting of Tuesday, January 16, it is important that we clear up the entire issue of the political situation with regard to the Wise-Silver controversy.

I am, therefore, calling a special meeting which will be devoted entirely to this important issue, TUESDAY JANUARY 23, 8:30 P. M. sharp. In order to give full opportunity of expression to all sides, it is important that the meeting convene promptly, so kindly come on time.

I look forward to seeing you.

I. S. Turover, President

Hello Doctor Silver:

This is self explanatory. At the first meeting on Tuesday the Palace Guard speaking for their beloved President (Goldstein) attempted to railroad a formal resolution of approval of the Wise leadership. It failed & it was decided to have a second meeting. They will probably pack this session, but it will also be more acrimonious.

Thanks for your note as to developments elsewhere.

In the meanwhile, thanks to Wise et al, FDR leaves in a few days for what may be the last Big Three Conference before the collapse of Germany without a mandate from the American people to get justice for the Jews. But the Greeks, the Poles, & the Italians are on his Agenda. And Churchill tells Commons all about it, but there is no word concerning Palestine.

It could have been - it should have been - different.

Enclosed is a transcription of a Sofia Broadcast recorded by the F.C.C.

Cheers,

Leo

Jan 19, 45

January 30, 1945

Mr. Leo Sack
3309 Woodley
Washington, D.C.

My dear Leo:

I have no other reason in writing to you than to send you a word of greeting and to tell you that things are moving along splendidly. Endorsements of our position have been pouring in from all sides, and the press has been magnificent -- everyone with the exception of the New Palestine which has refused to publish a reply of mine to Dr. Goldstein's lengthy statement in the New Palestine a few weeks ago. A little bloc of politicians are certainly scared stiff.

You may have heard that a testimonial dinner has been announced to be held in New York at the Commodore Hotel on March 21. It will give us a grand opportunity to rally our friends in the Metropolis and to tell our story.

By the way, I am interested to know whether the Washington Zionist District took any action. You thought that they were planning to hold another meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Personal

LEO R. SACK

Feb, 5, 45

Dear Doctor Silver;

Thanks for your note of last week and the tidings contained therein. More power to you.

First of all, the Administration people were at the 20th meeting here. That was to have been expected, but there was plenty of plain talking, I was told, and some things were placed in their proper places. I did not attend the meeting.

Week before last one of my scouts advised me that the State Dept was on the verge of appointing Col. Harold Ross as Middle East Economic Director

4 is devoted to the immediate future.
Incidentally, I told them that Dr.
Silver had urged me not to resign,
that "the movement needed my help
in Washington." Both said that
was "mighty fine" of Silver.

Anyway Shulman is taking back
(rather he did take back) my
position & he promised to let
me hear this week. In the meanwhile
they sent me my January check -
probably because of the Hoskins
affair. They know I should add,
how I feel about Silver & his
position. So that is that. I
will advise you when I hear
more.

So long & best regards at
home +
Sincerely, Leo

3 While here Shulman & Greenberg
(not Wine) had a heart to heart
talk with me. I spoke very
frankly & told them how I
felt now & last December.
The upshot was Shulman & Greenberg
urged me to stay on & do what
I could to help the cause. They
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Personal

LEO R. SACK

Feb, 5, 45

Dear Doctor Silver;

Thanks for your note of last week and the tidings contained therein. More power to you.

First of all, the Administration people were at the 20a meeting here. That was to have been expected, but there was plenty of plain talking, I was told, and some things were placed in their proper places. I did not attend the meeting.

Week before last one of my scouts advised me that the State Dept was on the verge of appointing Col. Harold Roskins as Middle East Economic Director

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3 While here Shulman & Greenberg
(not Wine) had a heart to heart
talk with me. I spoke very
frankly & told them how I
felt now & last December.
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4 is devoted to the immediate future.
Incidentally, I told them that Dr.
Silver had urged me not to resign;
that "the movement needed my help
in Washington." Both said that
was "mighty fine" of Silver.

Anyway Shulman is taking back
(rather he did take back) my
position & he promised to let
me hear this week. In the meanwhile
they sent me my salary check -
probably because of the Hoskin
affair. They know I should add,
how I feel about Silver & his
position. So that is that. I
will advise you when I hear
more.

So long & best regards at
home &
Sincerely, Leo

February 26, 1945

Mr. Leo Sack
3309 Woodley
Washington, D.C.

My dear Leo:

Thank you for your kind note. I passed on the information about Congressman Celler to Mr. Shapiro. Celler will be invited to serve as a sponsor and we shall be most happy to have his very valuable cooperation.

I did not return to Cleveland by way of Washington, but by way of Atlanta and Cincinnati or I would have gotten in touch with you.

With all good wishes, and hoping to see you soon, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

[undated]

LEO R. SACK

Saturday

Dear Harold:

Please give this to
Mr. Silver, it is the best
I can do this morning in
the absence of a young lady
to take dictation.

Best regards,

Leo

you may read it &
I have not re-read it.

Personal

LEO R. SACK

Richland, Michigan,
July 22nd, 1944,

Dear Dr. Silver:

In retrospect I have three distinct impressions of our mission in Chicago which has just been successfully concluded. These impressions are intended to supplement the personal report which Harold is preparing for you and to which I have contributed some thoughts.

First, and unquestionably the most important, is the fact

that we did get a generous plank
in the Republican Platform. This
actually put the Democrats on the
spot. It was a political mandate
to them to "go then and do likewise".
But it was more, it was a
warning — and it was so used
by Wise, Goldstein and Shulman,
that unless the Democrats gave
us something equally good tens
of thousands of Jewish votes in
critical cities like New York,
Cleveland, Pittsburgh, etc, would
definitely vote Republican.
Representatives Celler, Sabath and
Weiss also used this argument
effectively.

Second, to me it is crystal clear that the action by the Republican Convention plus the accumulated effect of your work in Washington, my work and all of our work and the combined pressure of the folks back home at the cross roads, set the stage for what we got.

It was plain after our talks with several Senators, that we were going to get what we were after. The only question was a question of degree. This and the disturbing rumor that the White House wanted a thumb-nail platform of a few glittering generalities. But when Senators started

4 telling us, one by one, that they were with us, that they would support us, I knew we were in. The first Senator I took them to was Hatch of New Mexico. He could not have been finer.

And Senator Truman, now the Vice Presidential nominee, told me how he stood and he thought it was useless to talk to Wise. (Truth is he was busy and was being absorbed in conferences which eventually led to his nomination for V.P.) Nevertheless, Truman on a favor to me left a group in the lobby of The Stevens and accompanied me to where Wise + Shulman were sitting. He was most gracious and he said to

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Wise; "We will work it out all right."

One by one I literally delivered by hand other Senators all were for us - and it was not long since they gave us x

Senator Tom Connally appeared on the scene as special advisor on Foreign Affairs. I saw him personally and I ascertained that he would not oppose us, nor interpose any objections directly or indirectly. Then I urged him please to see Wise. Connally was not keen about it, but he did and after this conversation there was no reason whatsoever why there should have been any worry. Connally kept his word and in the executive sessions of the sub-committee he spoke for us. I think, however, he was

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delicious of the expression "Commonwealth"
but he was over-ruled and he played
the game.

I should add here that during
the period of uncertainty when the
master-minds, unable to understand
what they saw and heard, were
fretting because Sam Rosennan did
not call them in reply to numerous
calls, nor Dave Miller, Mr. Robert
Hammer, chairman of the National
Committee, was giving Wise the
run around. For five days he
ignored requests that he see Wise,
a request supplemented by highly
placed officials. (And he never
did see Wise - altho after we were
in his assistant told me he was
anxious to see the Rabbi.)

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When it appeared that the Democratic politicians were causing
Wise, I went to Charley Michelson
and briefly and to the point
I talked about the facts of
life, ^{slamming} and the Jewish vote &
Michelson got the point &
Ten minutes later I took
Wise and Goldstein to Mr.
Gruny, the assistant chairman
of the Committee, and he too got
the point & he got busy and
his words helped fortify the
promise of those on the Committee
to stand by us.

In the meanwhile on the
evening ~~before~~ the drafting
committee went into ^{final} executive

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session I — contrary to Wise's
wishes went with Representative
Celler to see Chairman McCormack.
He wasn't home, then I dictated
for Celler's signature a note (which
Celler wrote in long hand)
which called a spade a spade.
This note was given to McCormack
by his wife. The note was good
enough to get "that's a fine
letter" from Goldstein, to whom
I read a copy.

Thus the stage was
set, but despite this our
intellectuals sat and shivered
and worried about their own
prestige and how they could

9. face the political future if things went badly x

About 11 that night (Wednesday) Wise, having heard vaguely from McCormack that a plank had been tentatively drafted, got worried x The Committee was meeting secretly "somewhere in the hotel" x I ascertained the rooms and after much backing and starting Wise wrote a note to McCormack which Harold took to the meeting room x The note was ignored - and even the next morning when the job was over McCormack, when he saw Wise, refused to tell him anything x

10/ I had, however, gotten word from two members of the sub-committee which was good enough for me x Mr. Daniels (whom I have known too since Woodrow Wilson's time) told me "you will be satisfied; you will be satisfied" and Senator O'Mahoney repeated twice; "It is all right x It is all right." But even so the great worried x

Finally when the official text was disclosed by Celler who got it in the full committee the joy was unconfined x There was a complete metamorphosis x The

great Daniel Wise had gone right into the lion's den and he, single handed had met and routed the enemy.

If, for example, Sack made any contribution to Wise, if he opened any doors, paved any ways, facilitated any beneficial conferences, or played anywhere on the team, it completely escaped Wise's mind. Maybe he was too busy to recall that it was a team that won the game, some players present and some absent. In his book, however, the prima dower was the entire show. That was him.

And that is that.

My third impression is the same which I am reluctant to write because

12. it involves much that is distasteful.
Let me merely say that "Monsieur"
will always be with us. These
men, I am satisfied, were more
concerned with their own selfish
political prestige than with the
fate of a people. They could see no
good whatsoever in a plank in
the Republican Platform. They
talked and acted like petty,
ward politicians. The GOP plank
was a worthless promise which meant
nothing. It would have been
better had we not gotten a
plank from the Republicans; in
fact it was worthless.

There is much I will say
when I see you. So long and
keep your chin up. Best regards,
Leo,

[undated]

LEO R. SACK

Saturday P. M.,

Dear Doctor;

Representative Emanuel
Celler of Brooklyn who represents
the world's greatest Jewish community,
also the world's largest Zionist
district, wants to attend & he
wholly identified with the
dinner in your honor. He asked
me to please notify you & will
you please advise Harry.
The Wise group has no time
for him.

Hope you had a nice
visit in Florida & am sorry

you did not phone me when
you passed thru x

Cheers x

Leo



August 18, 1944

Mr. Hans Lamm
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Hans:

I am in receipt this morning of your letter of August 17.
Okeh. We understand each other.

Now, about Senator Truman. I saw him yesterday and he is reluctant, at this time, to make any change in his statement which he sent to us. This is understandable because later in the campaign when he begins speaking for the ticket and has arrived at agreements on campaign policy with the President, he will have more to say. At least I hope so, and with Dr. Silver's approval, I will endeavor to bring about such declaration.

For the book, I would suggest this: that you use the statement which you have and then print beneath it the following in italics:

Senator Truman was a member of the Sub-committee of the Resolutions Committee of the recent Democratic Convention in Chicago, and as a member of this committee, he did all in his power to help formulate the plank on Palestine in the Democratic Platform. This plank, the readers will recall, pledges the party to the establishment "of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth" in Palestine.

I think, Hans, this will strengthen the Truman statement.

Kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo R. Sack

Peace Conference the Jews must have separate representation. The ground work must be properly laid for this purpose. Much work must be done in London. The Representative who goes and who represents the Jewish cause must be properly qualified. He must have stamina and guts. He must be able to present the facts in terse and dramatic manner. We cannot risk another Bermuda conference fiasco.

If Congressman Bloom is not to be selected, I wonder whether or not Rabbi Silver would be willing to intercede in my behalf.

His importuning should be directed to Speaker Rayburn.

Yours very sincerely,

Mannie

EMANUEL CELLER



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