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American Zionist Emergency Council, "V" and "W", 1944-1945.

July 21, 1944

The Honorable James A. Wright
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

My dear Congressman Wright:

I am sure that you must have been as delighted as I was at the inclusion of the Palestine plank in the Democratic Party Platform. It is a whole-hearted endorsement of the Jewish Commonwealth and parallels almost entirely the resolution which you introduced in the House. It is gratifying to have this fine endorsement of the Convention and it will, I am sure, go a long way in facilitating the passage of your resolution in the House. My friends in Chicago told me how very helpful the Democratic Congressmen and Senators in attendance at the Convention were in urging the inclusion of the Palestine plank.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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July 25, 1944

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

My dear General Watson:

I recall with great pleasure our meeting on March 9
when Dr. Wise and I had the interview with the President.

Last week the Democratic Party meeting in Chicago
included in its platform a very splendid plank on Palestine.
You may be interested in the enclosed release which I issued
on the occasion of the publication of the Democratic platform.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would bring this
statement of mine to the attention of the President.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

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JAMES A. WRIGHT
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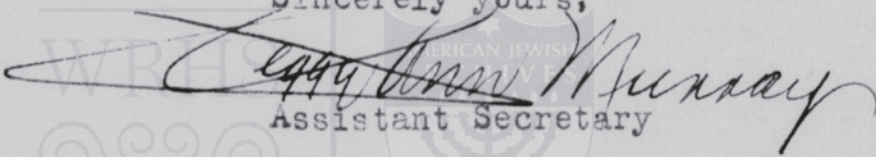
July 25, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter of July 21 has been received in the absence of Congressman Wright from Washington for the recess. I shall be happy to bring it to his attention immediately upon his return.

Sincerely yours,


Assistant Secretary

August 15, 1944

Mr. Meyer Weisgal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Weisgal:

I regret that I will not be able to contribute an article to the Weizmann volume. I appreciate very much the honor of having been invited. I had hoped to be able to write it during my two week vacation which I just completed, but I was so thoroughly tired and used up that I did nothing during the fortnight but rest and laze. Now that I am back home I am plunged into the numerous congregational duties incidental to the opening of the new season and that together with my Zionist activities will not permit me to write the kind of an article which I should like to. I am sure that you will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DR

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 17, 1944

My dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter
of July twenty-fifth and its enclosure, which
I found on my desk when I returned this morning
from the Pacific trip with the president. I
shall be glad to bring it to his attention.

With kind, personal regards, I am
Very sincerely yours,

EDWIN M. WATSON
Major General, U.S. Army
Secretary to the President

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 16, 1944

Mr. Justin L. Sillman
51 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Sillman:

As to Palestine, I will support and abide by the principles enunciated by the Republican Party in its platform adopted at Chicago; In order to give refuge to millions of distressed Jewish men, women and children driven from their homes by tyranny, we call for the opening of Palestine to their unrestricted immigration and land ownership, so that in accordance with the full intent and purpose of the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the Resolution of a Republican Congress in 1922, Palestine may be constituted as a free and democratic Commonwealth. We condemn the failure of the President to insist that the mandatory of Palestine carry out the provision of the Balfour Declaration and of the Mandate while he pretends to support them.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) John M. Vorys

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September 29, 1944

MEMO

TO DR. A.B. SILVER
FROM MR. M.W. WEISGAL

Attached you will please find a number of cables from Shertok received during the last few days.

I am also attaching a cable received some time ago to which one of the recent cables refers. They should receive immediate attention.

October 7, 1944

Mr. Meyer Weisgal
924 West End Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Weisgal:

I am enclosing herewith the article on Dr. Weizmann. I used the Waldorf Astoria address as a starter but I thoroughly recast it in the form of an article and set Weizmann and the Movement in the great Messianic tradition. The article is twice as long as the original address. I hope that you will find it satisfactory. I have gone over it very carefully and I would suggest a minimum of revision — certainly no additions.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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October 23, 1944

Mr. Samuel B. Weinstein
Public Service Building
Portland, Oregon

My dear Mr. Weinstein:

Thank you for your kind letter which I read with a great deal of interest. You know of course that the Zionist Organization of America has established during the year, a special department to follow up and expose the work of the American Council for Judaism. Rabbi Lelyveld is the director. I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to him. He will undoubtedly get in touch with you.

As our Movement gains in strength, and approaches victory, the few irreconcilable opponents will become increasingly desperate and shameless in their attacks.

I wish you all success in your good work.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 27, 1944

The Honorable Robert F. Wagner
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Wagner:

I had only a brief moment of time in which to greet you at the Zionist Convention in Atlantic City and to tell you how profoundly grateful the American Zionist Emergency Council is for the magnificent and historic message of President Roosevelt which you conveyed to the Convention. I know how loyally and faithfully you have helped our cause along consistently through the years, and more especially during the last year from your sponsoring of the Palestine Resolution in the Senate to this very moment. Frequently through the year we turned to you for counsel and help, and they were always forthcoming in a generous measure. You were extremely helpful to us in connection with the important statement which the President issued on March 9 of this year in which he declared that the American Government has never approved of the White Paper, and now again your name is deservedly associated with a pronouncement by the President of the United States on the Jewish Commonwealth and his promise to help bring about its realization.

Your interest in the Jewish problem I know has been part of the great humanitarian interests generally which have characterized your distinguished career. It is not an isolated interest, but part of a noble pattern of thought and action in which tolerance, good will and justice have been the dominant strands.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Dr. Abba Hilel Silver

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October 30, 1944

I believe action of this kind will add extraordinary impetus to Zionist Activity and will create a feeling in political circles that the declaration warrants immediate fulfillment.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Wilson

LEO WILSON
2333 Grand Avenue
Bronx 53, New York

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October 30, 1944

Dr. Abba Hilel Silver

The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

Co-Chairman, American Zionist Emergency Council
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In a few days the national election will most probably put Franklin D. Roosevelt again in the Presidency of the United States.

I take it for granted that the Zionist Organization of America, and its political arm, the American Zionist Emergency Council, will do everything possible to keep President Roosevelt's declaration to the Z. O. A. Convention alive in the public's mind.

That declaration supported by great public enthusiasm can make a profound impression, equalling in importance the Balfour Declaration.

With a view to bringing about such mass enthusiasm I take the liberty of making the following suggestions:

1. Immediately upon the announcement of Franklin D. Roosevelt's re-election, a proclamation should be issued by all branches of American Zionism, calling for a commemoration or celebration of the "Roosevelt Declaration." One of the main points in the proclamation should be the doubling of last year's achievements in membership, fund raising, et cetera.

2. That specially prepared scrolls praising and endorsing the "Roosevelt Declaration" be signed by all registered members of the Zionist Organization. These scrolls in Golden Book form then be presented to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

MEYER W. WEISGAL

342 MADISON AVENUE

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October 31, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
% The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

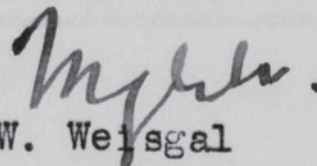
I am sending you the enclosed from
the Chief which I received today by hand.

I am also sending you herewith copy
of a letter dated September 28th from Dr. Weizmann to
me which came by the same hands. This is a very
interesting letter and calls for very serious thought.

Incidentally, I shall be leaving for
Palestine shortly, probably within ten days or so. I
think it would be valuable if we could have a real
shmoos so that I might convey to Dr. Weizmann whatever
you may desire.

With best wishes and kindest personal
regards,

Sincerely yours,



Meyer W. Weisgal

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77, Great Russell Street
W.C.1.

28th September, 1944

Meyer W. Weisgal, Esq.,
342 Madison Avenue,
NEW YORK, N.Y.

My dear Meyer:

First of all I would like to thank you for your New Year Message; I have already sent you a telegram, but would like to confirm. All our best wishes go out to you and your family, and to all our friends in America. You might tell Blanche, Josef and the Kramarskys that we miss their messages. Vera joins me in both the good wishes and the "missing".

We are now making all preparations for leaving for Palestine about the end of October. I see that Goldmann is already there, but do not know if he will be able to stay long enough to meet us; of course, I should be delighted to see him. The new High Commissioner will be going out early next month, I think, and Moshe Shertok is also leaving very soon, as there is some recruiting work to be done for the Brigade Group, which I believe is quite a success. I hope it will prove one in the field.

Now I am anxious to let you know that on the big issue the situation has not changed. I understand from various rumours - I emphasise that they are rumours, and nothing else - that a project for a partition was worked out, which some people considered rather on the "generous" side; I gather it was something like the Peel project plus the Negev plus Akaba. Our opponents in the Middle East and in Palestine itself thought this much too much, and argued that such a project if implemented would produce turmoil throughout the Middle East. So everybody has since been trying to whittle it down. We hear all sorts of suggestions. One which seems to enjoy powerful support amounts to something like the Woodhead "C" proposal - a strip of territory on the coast from north of Gaza to Zichron: without therefore, the Emek, without Galilee, without Haifa, and so on. Of course, it could not for a moment be contemplated.

Please understand that all this is rumour; nothing is certain; nothing is decided. But I do feel that our friends' hands have to be very much strengthened, so as to

enable them to overcome the opposition. And that can be done only by your chiefs taking a definite and firm stand on the matter. I think the President and our Prime Minister can carry it through together, and as long as things remain on their level, it will be all right. The danger begins when they descend to the level of those who want to destroy the Jewish National Home - people in the Middle East, in Palestine itself, and so on! I have repeatedly warned Smuts, and also Winant, about it. But you must now, at this critical moment, see that our friends are well informed, and that the President has this matter before him. We are preparing a memorandum on the subject which deals with the question of why partition is not desirable. I do not know whether we shall prevail. But if the partition is such as to produce a Jewish State which is not, and cannot be, "viable", that would be a first-class disaster which must at all costs be avoided. You and Wise and all our friends must therefore be constantly on the watch to see that it does not happen. I have no wish to be alarmist; I repeat that nothing is decided; but I certainly fear that our enemies are trying their utmost to bring about a decision utterly unacceptable to us.

I shall try to see the highest authorities here before I leave for Palestine, but I am not sure that I shall succeed. The new High Commissioner is, of course, not acquainted with the problem; but he seems a friendly and kindly soul, and I believe that if he is given a definite policy, he will do his best to carry it out. My impression from the one talk I have so far had with him is that he is not at all unsympathetic. From that point of view, there is some slight change for the better in the general situation.

Well, give my love to everybody, and please take my warning and admonition to heart. In addressing you, I am addressing all responsible Zionists on your side.

Much love to you all from us both,

Yours ever,

(signed) Ch. Weizmann

Of course the terroristic outrages in Palestine will - if they continue - ruin every vestige of our hope. This is my firm opinion!

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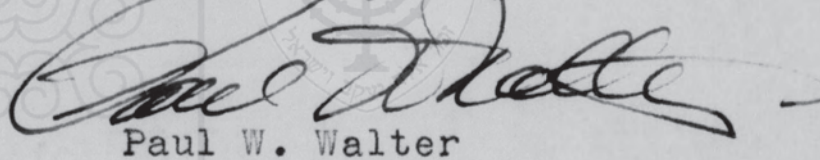
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I appreciate your cooperation in sending me the statement. It has been issued as a news release.

Senator Taft will be in town Thursday if you care to talk with him at that time.

Sincerely yours,



Paul W. Walter

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November 2, 1944

Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Weisgal:

Thank you for your letter of October 31 and for the enclosure. I also received a letter from Dr. Weizmann postmarked New York - October 28, and Washington - October 30, and forwarded to me from Washington.

This letter has a postscript: "I should be so grateful if you would have the enclosed letters sent on to the addressees. Very many thanks." I received no such letters. Do you know anything about it?

I shall be very glad to talk to you before you leave for Palestine. I shall be in New York on November 9 for the meeting of the Emergency Council. Please get in touch with me early in the afternoon at the Commodore.

I am glad that Dr. Weizmann is going to Palestine -- a visit, in my judgment long over-due. His presence there will mean much to the Yishuv and to himself.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 5, 1944

Mr. Lee Wilson, Chairman
Bronx Zionist District #13
2333 Grand Ave.
Bronx 53, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your kind letter
of October 30. I am sure that your proposals
will receive very careful consideration at the
hands of the Emergency Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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November 7, 1944

Mr. Louis Lipsky, Chairman
Publications Committee,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York City

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

I don't suppose there will be time for a meeting of the Publications Committee before I leave for Palestine. Hence this letter.

It is a little embarrassing for me to write about the subject because I am so closely identified with the book. But it seems to me quite objectively that this slight handicap ought to be overlooked.

By all standards of Zionist literature I think the book deserves the widest possible distribution and promotion. Just because it is non-controversial and deals with the personality of Weizmann it is an excellent medium for Zionist propaganda and education. I think the Emergency Council could with a good conscience do as much for this book as it did for the van Paassen book and perhaps with better results. The few who have seen the book so far have nothing but the highest praise for it, and this comes from professional writers and members of the "trade." At any rate, I am leaving it in your lap and I hope you will not be inhibited from doing the right thing by reason of the facts:

- a) that I am the editor;
- b) that it is Dr. Weizmann;
- c) that you, yourself, are a distinguished contributor to the volume.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Wise, Dr. Silver and to members of the Publications Committee.

As ever,

Cordially yours,

Meyer W. Weisgal

P.S. - During my absence Fannie Barnett will take care of this matter and all other matters connected with the book and she has instructions to annoy you until something is done.

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November 10, 1944

The Hon. Robert F. Wagner
United States Senator
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Wagner:

May I join your host of
friends in extending to you my heartiest
felicitations upon your re-election. May
the coming years be very fruitful and
happy ones for you.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



ROBERT F. WAGNER
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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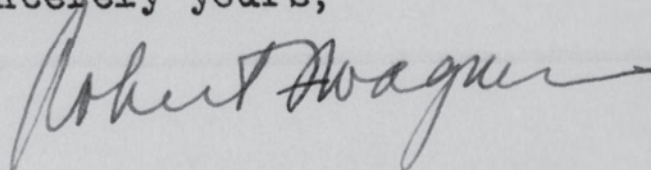
My dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your
kind message of congratulations.

The good wishes reaching me
from so many of my friends are a source
of pleasure and gratification to me.

My kindest regards and best
wishes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert F. Wagner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland,
Ohio

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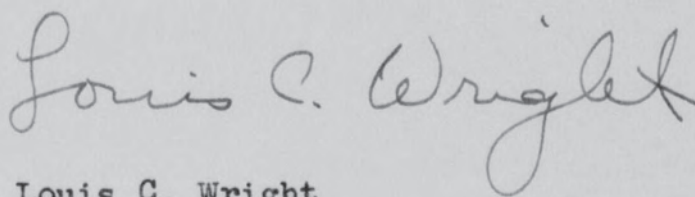
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and East 105th
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am indebted to you again for sending a valuable book. It will be well to follow a more complete statement than to try to see the situation from scattered articles and pamphlets. Ever since my visit to Palestine in 1930 I have been enthusiastic that it might become a Jewish Homeland and a brilliant example of planned living, materially and spiritually.

Thanks for "America and Palestine".

Cordially yours,



Louis C. Wright
President

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

The news which we got on the radio about the action of the Senate Committee together with the delay in the House on the Palestine Resolution is disappointing but not fatal. It just means that we are going to have to continue the fight and I am writing you at this time just to let you know that I think you have been doing a magnificent job and that I, as well as this whole community, are still behind you and are ready to keep up the battle until we win.

I know further that the word 'discouragement' is not in your vocabulary. Another few months or even a year in our long battle does not mean too much. We will win out eventually. Keep up your health, strength and good work.

A Happy Chanukah to you, Virginia and the boys.

As ever,

Elkan

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The Sound of Splintering Planks

Seldom have campaign planks and promises cracked so soon after election and with such a loud splintering noise as we now hear in the reneging on the Zionist question in Palestine.

Both major parties made promises to please those Jewish people who desire development of Palestine as a free and independent Jewish commonwealth. Both parties, in national convention, favored the Zionist program. Mr. Dewey promised support; Mr. Roosevelt promised support, and Secretary of War Stimson implied support by saying that military considerations which had seemed obstacles were no longer so important.

But that's not all—77 of 96 senators and 318 of 435 representatives (most of them running for re-election) promised to vote for the resolution desired by the Zionists.

Now—only weeks later—the senate foreign relations committee, by a 12 to 8 vote, kills the resolution in question. The time, says Secretary of State Stettinius, is not propitious. It is not our purpose to take exception to Mr. Stettinius' view. He may be right and, as far as we know, he has made no previous promises on Palestine. But it is our purpose to point out the deceitful promises made by both major parties to woo the vote of a small segment of the population.

The Journal's stand is that, when it is militarily safe, Palestine should be opened to Jewish settlement and that the influence of America, as signatory to a treaty with Britain in 1924 regarding the status of Palestine, be used to get the British to reverse their policy of appeasing the Arabs. This policy culminated in the closing of Palestine Apr. 1, 1944, to Jewish immigration.

This was done without consultation. The reason was obvious. Britain had a difficult problem, especially in wartime, to avoid offending the Mohammedan world, especially that Arab part of it which strongly resents the development of a tiny Jewish homeland.

We do not believe that this factor should be determining—after the military crisis has passed. In view of the tremendous gains received by the Arabs from World War I, it does not appear that the plea of the Jews for a homeland is too much—especially since they are willing to assume the risk of defending themselves, if Arab hostility should rise to the degree that would make defense necessary.

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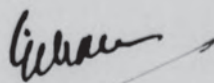
Dear Abba:

The enclosed editorial appeared in the Milwaukee Journal the other night and I thought you would be interested in seeing it. The article was entirely unsolicited and represents the attitude of this newspaper. The Journal is not unfriendly to Roosevelt or the administration; in fact, at times supports the President very warmly.

It is known as a liberal newspaper and as the winner of the Pulitzer Prize is regarded as one of the outstanding publications in the country.

Happy New Year.

Cordially yours,


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Bronxville, N.Y. Jan. 6, 1945
Tel. Bronxville 2:1036.

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January 7, 1945

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President
Zionist Organization of America
1720 Sixteenth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please permit me to state my position on the recent controversy in the Zionist Emergency Council between Dr. Steven S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver which caused the resignation of Dr. Silver from the Zionist Emergency Council:

After having gathered and studied all facts known to the public, it seems to me that the real issue boils down to this: While Dr. Wise and the executives of the Z.C.A. favor a policy of appeasement in regard to pressing our claims according to the promises of President Roosevelt before his reelection at this time, Dr. Silver resents such a policy at a time when three millions of our brethren have been slaughtered in Europe and more are still being killed, their bodies being "used" scientifically and made to soap and fertilizer, and when those who, with Gd's help, will survive have no country to go to. Appeasement policy has failed in world politics and it was a policy of appeasement that has brought about no results whatsoever in more than 25 years after the Balfour Declaration had been issued. I am not certain which legal ways and means we have at our disposal to press our just claims but I am certain of this: In view of the recent unprecedented sufferings of our Jewish people in Europe and in view of the promises given to us again and again, any delaying suggestions on the part of the British or of our President must not be accepted officially.

I have heard the opinions of two prominent Zionists in our district both

sympathizing with the views of Dr. Silver. So far, I have not heard of anybody opposing them. It, therefore, seems to me that if a policy of appeasement and waiting is adopted officially by the Zionist Emergency Council and the Z.O.A., it might be done against the determined will of a possible majority of members of the Z.O.A. and other Zionist groups.

With Zion's greetings,
Sincerely yours,



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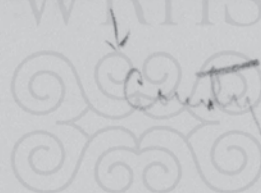
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHEELING BELMONT ZIONIST DISTRICT



ELKAN C. VOORSANGER

January 10, 1945

Dear Abba:

Rabbi Swichkow, the Chairman of our local Zionist Emergency Committee, told me that he had forwarded to you the resolution which we adopted yesterday at a long meeting of our local Emergency Committee. You will probably recognize my fine Italian hand although I must say that the Council was unanimous in its action and the resolution which I dictated really reflects mildly the sentiments of the committee. I don't know really whether it will accomplish anything but it was my suggestion to the committee that the so-called leaders should know how we in the "Hinterland" are feeling.

We, all of us, agreed that the so-called reorganization with Mr. Shulman as the chairman of the Administrative Committee and Chaim Greenberg as the puppet chairman of the Executive Committee didn't mean a thing except that the same futile gang was going to run the show.

It will hearten you to know that the rank and file, not only here but in other communities, are indignant over what has taken place and are 100% behind you.

Henriette and the kids join me in affectionate greetings.

As ever,

Elkan

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland 6, Ohio

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Z I O N I S T O R G A N I Z A T I O N O F A M E R I C A

January 12, 1945

Mr. John H. Weiss
420 West 22nd Street
Wilmington, Del.

Dear Mr. Weiss:

I have your letter of January 7th and appreciate your interest in the matter. As you know, the Administrative Council, which represents the ZOA constituency as a whole, had a meeting last Sunday at which five hours of discussion were given to this matter. After both sides presented their points of view, a vote was taken which resulted in the overwhelming support of the ZOA Administration.

I am convinced that if I could talk to you face to face, you, too, would be persuaded.

Harry Cohen of your community was present at the meeting of the Administrative Council and may be able to give you some of the arguments which brought about the vote of confidence in the Administration.

All Zionists, whatever their views may be, must see to it that this controversy must not damage the progress of the ZOA and that efforts for membership, Expansion Fund, education, and, of course most of all, our public relations program, go on without abatement.

Reciprocating your Zion's greetings, I am

Cordially yours,

signed: Dr. Israel Goldstein

P.S. No doubt you have received by this time the NEW PALESTINE which contains a statement of the ZOA position.

January 15, 1945

Mr. Maurice Winograd
Jewish Daily Forward
175 East Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Winograd:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the Sunday Rotogravure section of the Jewish Daily Forward. It was a great pleasure for me to see you at the press conference the other day.

I have been greatly heartened by the splendid articles which have appeared in the Jewish Daily Forward on the recent controversy, and especially the series of articles of Mr. Leon Crystal. It has been gratifying to see how the Jewish press has clearly grasped and appraised the issues involved.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 15, 1945

Col. D. W. Wainhouse
4708 Linnean Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Col. Wainhouse:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 31. I hope to be in Washington before long and will give myself the pleasure of calling on you again. I should like to tell you, personally, all that was involved in my resignation. In the meantime, I am enclosing an article which is reprinted from one of the Jewish papers in New York which gives something of the controversy as well as the statement of the director of the Emergency Council and the public relations director, both of whom resigned at the time that I did.

With all good wishes, and hoping that you are well, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 15, 1945

Mr. Elkan C. Voorsanger
Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund, Inc.
135 W. Wells Street
Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin

My dear Elkan:

Thank you for your letter of January 10. I have since heard from Rabbi Swichkow, who was kind enough to send me the resolutions which were adopted by your emergency committee. I was very much pleased by these resolutions, and I have been heartened by similar expressions of confidence which have come to me from so many parts of the country. The Jewish press, particularly, has been magnificent.

The ZOA politicians, who had hoped to accomplish my resignation quietly and painlessly, have had their little conspiracy explode in their faces, and they are desperate.

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As ever yours,

AHS:BK

January 15, 1945

Mr. Pierre Van Paassen
16 Prescott Avenue
Bronxville, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter which I read with the keenest interest. I regret very much that you could not come next Sunday to occupy my pulpit. Our people have been so eager to have you. I trust that you will find time to give us a Sunday morning during the next few months.

I am deeply grateful to you for all the things which you say about the controversy which has developed. You have sized up the situation with your customary fine penetration. It has been gratifying to me to note how the rank and file of Zionists throughout the country have rallied to my support, and especially the Jewish press, which has been almost unanimous in supporting me and in condemning the tactics and policies of the Wise, Goldstein, Nahum Goldmann cabal. They had hoped to achieve my elimination quietly and painlessly, but the conspiracy exploded in their faces and they are now desperate.

Please do not be concerned about their machinations against you. Your position with the Jews of America, with the Zionists, is an impregnable one. You have rendered in these critical years monumental and unforgettable service. Your name is mentioned with gratitude and admiration wherever Jews meet to discuss Palestine. Do not be disturbed by the handful of ingrown power-seeking New York Zionist politicians who have for years now been fussing, hating each other, trying to outsmart one another, and who huddle together conspiratorially only when they are threatened collectively. The movement transcends them, and must be served in spite of them. Unfortunately for the time being -- and it is a critical time -- the Emergency Council is back in the hands of the same group of incompetents, who by their own confession, ran it to the ground until I stepped in sixteen months ago, rescued it from their clutches and re-organized it. We shall wait and see what happens.

I have been fairly deluged with letters, telegrams and resolutions from all parts of the country. Our people want the kind of political action which you and I favor, and I believe they will have their way.

I shall be in New York this week, Thursday and Friday, stopping at the Commodore Hotel. If you are in town, I should very much like

Pierre Van Paassen

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to see you. Please telephone me. With all good wishes, I remain

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JOHN H. WEISS
420 WEST 22ND STREET
WILMINGTON 259, DEL.

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return
January 21, 1945

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed copy of a letter addressed to Dr. Israel Goldstein and copy of his reply. The emptiness of this reply almost constitutes an insult to the victims of Zionist policy.

I am writing to you out of deepest concern over what has happened to five millions of our fellow Jews in Europe and over what might happen to the remnants of Jewry in the future. I am certain that the stage for the Jewish problem now will increasingly become the Western hemisphere. Hardly any policy has failed to the extent the Zionist appeasement policy has. Hardly anywhere have the consequences of a policy been as grave and serious as those of the Zionist policy. Yet, this very same policy is to be continued.

The split in the Zionist Emergency Council could have been a healthy one and could have marked the beginning of a more successful future, had you not accepted "defeat" and retired as a private into the ranks of the ZOA. For, I feel, you have not really been defeated by the overwhelming majority of Zionists but by a small influential group.

Let us not wait till our five million victims and our greatest disaster in history will be forgotten by the world. The unprecedented sufferings of our people should rather give us strength to bring about a Renaissance in the Zionist movement and in Zionist policies. The survival of the Jewish people is more important than a possible split in the ZOA.

May I, therefore, respectfully urge you not to give up but to continue your fight and gather around you those American Jews who have woken up and those you will make wake up for a better future.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Weiss

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Dear Dr. Silver:

It is my pleasure to send you the enclosed resolution which was adopted at Junior Hadassah's 21st Annual Convention held in Atlantic City, N. J., November 23-25, 1944.

Sincerely,

Helen Vogel
Helen Vogel
Convention Chairman

HV:BT



January 26, 1945

Miss Helen Vogel
Junior Hadassah
1819 Broadway
New York 23, N.Y.

My dear Miss Vogel:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the resolution which was adopted by the Junior Hadassah Convention in connection with the work of the American Zionist Emergency Council. I was very pleased to receive it and to read it. It is gratifying to know that the work of the Council was approved of by your body.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 26, 1945

Mr. John H. Weiss
420 W. 22nd St.
Wilmington 259, Delaware

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of January 21 and for the enclosures. I am grateful to you for your expression of confidence. I have been heartened by similar expressions which have come to me from all over the country. Especially gratifying has been the reaction in the Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press.

Please be assured that I have not accepted "defeat." My friends and I will continue to press vigorously for our political line, and we shall, during the year, organize in such a manner as to make our point of view decidedly felt in the ranks of American Zionism.

I shall be most happy to count upon your loyal support. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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My dear Mr. Silver:

Just a note to tell you how deeply I regret your resignation from the Emergency Council. We shall miss you very much. Your courage and your vision have meant much to us. We are grateful to you for your leadership. I know that many of us in the Christian Council On Palestine will look forward to the day when again we may join hands with you in the common cause for which you have given such splendid and noble leadership. May God grant you strength and wisdom in abundance for the years to come.

Most cordially,

Carl Hermann Voss
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I CANNOT SUFFICIENTLY EXPRESS MY REGRETS AT BEING UNABLE TO ACCEPT
YOUR INVITATION FOR MARCH 21ST I WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY OF
MAKING THE ADDRESS YOU HAVE SUGGESTED UNFORTUNATELY COMMITTANCE
WHICH I CANNOT CHANGE MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE IN
NEW YORK DURING MARCH I APPRECIATE THE INVITATION VERY DEEPLY INDEED
KINDEST REGARDS



January 30, 1945

Dr. Carl Herman Voss, Executive Secretary
Christian Council on Palestine
70 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Voss:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of January 26. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me and the sentiments which you express. It is a source of deep satisfaction to me to have enjoyed your friendship and to have had the benefit of your valued cooperation in advancing the cause of the rebuilding of Jewish national life in its historic home. I am sure that you and I will find many opportunities in the future, as we did in the past, for continued service and helpfulness.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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With the compliments of

M. WINOGRAD

Who was indeed happy to meet you (at your recent press conference). Maurice Winograd

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My dear Friend:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I appreciated greatly the sentiments which you expressed in your letter. It has been heartening to me to get so many friendly reactions from all parts of the country. The Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press particularly have been splendid.

I am sending on your lovely note to Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Manson.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 13, 1945

Mr. Edward Wittcoff
President, Caradine Hat Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Wittcoff:

I promised to send you a copy of the enclosed letter. After you have read it, please return it to me. It is quite revealing, don't you think?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

S:BJK
Enc.



RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 E. 62ND ST. • New York, N. Y.

February 26, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
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Dear Friend:

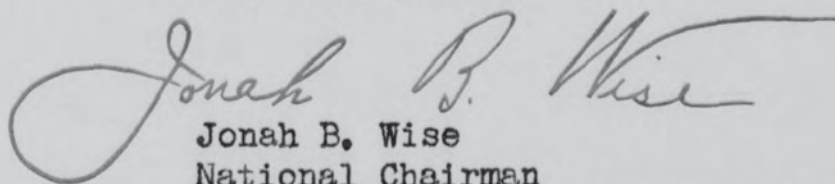
I am taking the liberty of placing your name in nomination before the Committee on Campaign Organization of the J.D.C. as a member of the National Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee Campaign for 1945. It is intended and hoped that the J.D.C., with your assistance, can carry on a campaign with dignity and with due consideration for all the problems confronting the American Jewish communities but with sufficient vigor to find enough money to meet the minimum demands on American Israel for the remnant of our people.

Everyone knows that the J.D.C. has no stake for itself as a corporation, or for its officers, other than meeting the problems which have been created for all Jews by the persecution and mutilation of our brethren abroad. If and when we are restored to normal living, the J.D.C. will have finished the greatest program for saving human beings ever undertaken by a private religious body.

I know you will be of great service to this cause of unity and humanity, and I shall take pleasure in placing your name before the Committee on Campaign Organization of the J.D.C.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Jonah B. Wise
National Chairman
Joint Distribution Committee Campaign

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February 26, 1945

Dr. J. Wolfsberg
Suite 1001
1133 Broadway
New York 10, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wolfsberg:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have in Miami for the United Jewish Appeal and I have but recently returned.

I shall of course be very happy to see you before your departure for Palestine. I shall be in New York on March 5th and 6th, stopping at the Commodore Hotel. Please telephone me and we shall arrange for a meeting time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Dr. Silver

I think that I shall leave
America within a short time in order
to return to Palestine. It would be very
important for me to see you and to have
a talk on all what happened during
the last time.

There is no chance for me to
come to visit you in Cleveland.

May I suggest that you be so kind
to call me up, when you be will be
by chance in New York? You will
find me either in Mizrahi Organization
of America (WA 9-4686) or in
Latham Hotel (28th St.)

With best regards

Sincerely yours

Yosef Yehudi Wolfsohn (Jerusalem)

March 14, 1945

Mr. Leo Wilson
2333 Grand Avenue
Bronx 53, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you so much for your kind letter which I read with great interest. I shall certainly keep your suggestions in mind in preparing my address for the meeting next Wednesday evening.

I shall look forward to seeing you there. With all good wishes, and thanking you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 23, 1945

Dear Friend:

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the Zionist Organization of America, who is now in San Francisco attending the sessions of the United Nations Parley, will be in St. Louis on the morning of

THURSDAY, MAY 3RD,

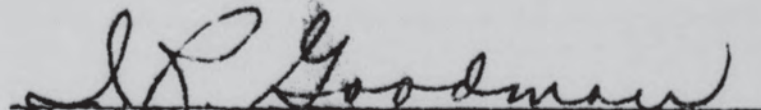
and will address the members of the St. Louis Zionist Emergency Council and the Administrative Council of the Zionist District at a breakfast to be held at the Coronado Hotel, at 9 A. M..

Dr. Goldstein will discuss the progress of our aspirations in San Francisco, the attitude relative to our Hopes of President Harry S. Truman, as indicated in the discussions had with Rabbi Wise and his Committee several days ago, and the status of negotiations concerning the re-organization of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Dr. Goldstein has evidenced a willingness to answer all questions in connection with these matters.

We are enclosing a card, and urge you to return it immediately, indicating how many plates you wish to reserve for the breakfast. Please give this matter your instant attention. Your friends are welcome.

Sincerely yours,


I. R. Goodman, Chairman

IRG:BH

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P.S. Being my own pick and hunt' stenographer I cannot deliver a better letter, better in appearance. And I have no time to retype it. H E R Z L I A H So take it as it is! April 25 1945.

Zionist Study ~~Club~~ of Saint Louis
Founded by Dr. Alex S. Wolf
March 3, 1937
5813 Enright Avenue

ASW.

Dear friend and Leader:

I am enclosing for your perusal the invitation to a breakfast on May 3rd at which Israel Goldstein on his return trip from San Francisco will in

I.R. Goodman's verbiage

"discuss the progress of our aspirations etc." (see p.2 of the announcement)

I was intrigued by the concluding passage in the same paragraph which I have bluepenciled. Now I.R. Goodman has done a splendid piece of work in organizing the South Central Christian Conference on January 11th a.c.. He was present that afternoon with the rest of those invited to hear your presentation of facts in that tragic Zionist Emergency Council affair and could no fail to be deeply impressed by your straight, unequivocal manner of marshaling the facts, chapter and verse. I was and, if our mutual friend, Arnold Izreeli, talked to you prior to your addressing the gathering, you must have known that I did not care to come to hear you because I suspected you of being an accessory to the fact in the humiliating and scandalous double crossing of me in connection with

the office of the chairman of the ^{Adonis} Emergency Committee by the then national executive director of the American Zionist Emergency Council. I was given to understand that that double crossing was not of Henry Montor's natural disposition to tricky procedure although his shifty ways are well known to those dealing with him, but were dictated by his superior, in this case, you, though maybe under the influence ~~of~~ ^{me} an opinion of your subordinate.

Izreeli was dumbfounded to hear from ^{me} the story and on the spot declared to rush to see you and to inform you of this affair. He promised me to return immediately and let me know how much truth was in any reference to you though it was not a direct ~~one but~~ ^{by} implication. He came back in a short while with the assurance made by you to him that there was not a scintilla of justification of connecting you with Henry Montor's prevarications. Izreeli insisted on my proving ~~my~~ ^{by} change of heart ~~and~~ going to your suite. Now back to I.R. Goodman. When I received the letter from Charlie Rosenbloom I asked I.R. Goodman whether he would not add his name to the list of sympathizers with your efforts at the reorganization of that misfit Emergency Council. He answered me that he gave the matter serious consideration and though fully agreeing with you in the essential points, he came to the decision that it would be advisable that he, I.R.G., should not commit himself openly to the Policy Committee, but remain officially on the other side. This would enable him to know what steps or de-

#2# cisions the other side might take in the course of the conflict.

So far he remained conspicuously Zionist Study Circle of Saint Louis aloof from me and hardly attends the meetings of the Herzliah of which he is a March 3, 1937 charter member.

5813 Enright Avenue

But his reference to the 'status of negotiations concerning the re-organization of the American Zionist Emergency Council' at the end of paragraph 2 intrigued me. Is there anything in this reference besides Goodman's desire to draw a larger crowd to the breakfast and thus present 'his' president with a large attendance? Are there really any negotiations going on which are only known to the immediate coterie around the Leader? Could you out of self respect treat with a committee constituted of that ex-usurer (of whom I spoke to you on the occasion of my visit to your study prior to the Columbus convention ~~that~~ ^{and} told you that I was going ^{Columbus to} fight Daniel Frisch and another one whom I discovered at Columbus as an intimate associate of yours,) Ezra Shapiro, an old enemy of yours, or that Levinthal whom I from my first close contact with him in Cincinnati when he was elected for the first time, and later at the New ~~York~~ ^{York} convention, considered the smallest human potato that had ever occupied the office of a ZOA. president.

^{down} Now I would never seat to a table for a meal with men of Israel Goldstein's Tammany Hall procli-

after the breakfast
vities. But I could go and hear Goldstein's mental expectorations if it would appear desirable to
attack his disingenuous tactics. But if any negotiations are going on in the privacy ~~an~~ public at-
tack on the Zionist Tammany Hall head would interfere with the success of such delicate negotiatio
I, therefore, am writing this letter to you to obtain your directions in the matter. I have had two
guiding masters in Zionism in my life: Theodor Herzl and Louis D. Brandeis. I had an implicit con-
fidence in their integrity of heart and purity of motives: service to the Jewish people, to the Jew-
ish posterity. I not always agreed with Brandeis like in the case of our withdrawal into the passi-
vity after the convention at Cleveland in 1921-it had been there when I for the first time came
close to you, in that night after Brandeis-Mack-de Haas defeat, three of us of whom you and I were
two, retired to a little Greek coffee shop across from the Statler Hotel to spend hours in planning,
discussing and going over the terrible defeat that had thrown ^{back} the progress of Zionism in this
country for a half century and is responsible for the impasse in our present situation. Today,
Louis Lipsky, the leader of the ^{American} Zionist Tammany Hall of 1921-28, became a respectable Zionist whom
we have to consider the only decent guy in Goldstein's committee for negotiations with the Policy
Committee. Do you believe in advisability of attacking Goldstein on his visit here? If attacking
should it be sharp, without mittens, or gently asking G. whether in his heart of hearts he hoped for
any results from this constituted committee? I am awaiting your directions. As ever
Your friend
Celest Wolf

April 30, 1945

Dr. Alex S. Wolf
5813 Enright Ave.
St. Louis 12, Mo.

My dear Dr. Wolf:

I was very pleased to receive your letter. I know very little about "the status of negotiations concerning the re-organization of the American Zionist Emergency Council" other than the fact that the Executive of the ZOA at its last meeting appointed a committee to explore the possibilities of such a re-organization. This committee has not been in touch with us. The American Zionist Policy Committee has publicly criticised the composition of this committee which, with the exception of one neutral member, is made up of violent oppositionists to us.

I do not know what Goldstein intends to speak about in St. Louis. But it really doesn't matter. The more the spokesmen of the present administration attack me, the more resolutions we get from Zionist districts and regions endorsing me and demanding my recall to leadership.

I don't know whether you have seen the enclosed article of Marvin Lowenthal, "Backstairs to Nowhere." I know that you will enjoy reading it. I am also sending you a copy of the address which I delivered on March 21 in New York at the Testimonial Dinner which the New York Zionists tendered me at the Commodore Hotel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc. - 2

ROMMEL'S MEN AT SAN FRANCISCO

By PIERRE VAN PAASSEN

IF IT WASN'T EXACTLY an inspiring sight, it was at least a highly instructive spectacle recently to see the venomously anti-Zionist "Christian Century" join with Dorothy Thompson and with the habitually inarticulate spokesmen of the Christian Council on Palestine as well as with some other more or less dependable friends of a Jewish Commonwealth, in urging acceptance, "if only as a basis for further negotiation" of an alleged Arab offer to allow an immediate and substantial increase in the volume of Jewish immigration into the Holy Land.

The fact that such a strange and unexpected offer was first mentioned in a dispatch from its Jerusalem correspondent to the *New York Times* and that the dispatch suspiciously failed to say which of the Arab politicians had made the offer or to whom specifically it had been submitted, this fact ought to have put under double alert anyone who has ever had the slightest taste from the spicy board of Anglo-Levantine political intrigue.

Of course, the very opposite happened. Gullibly the one and the other snatched at the bait. There were paeans of joy at the mere thought that the Arabs had at last seen the light. At last, it was said almost exultingly, the Arabs had mercifully and realistically taken notice of the Jewish people's plight and had come to reason with them. Wasn't the Arabs' change of heart "clearly indicated" by their proposition of a plan for the solution of the Palestine problem, which, if it showed a rather curious resemblance with Dr. Judah L. Magnes' scheme of Arab-Jewish parity in a binational state, was nevertheless a plan? The idea that one of their beloved compromises might be effected turned the liberals almost delirious with joy. The bells were ringing for days.

I saw in Camp Opelika, Alabama, recently, one thousand Arab prisoners of war. These men carried on their shoulderstraps Rommel's red-lettered badge of the "Afrika Korps." They were captured members of the Arab Brigade which the Mufti of Jerusalem raised in Iraq, Egypt, Palestine and Transjordan for Adolph Hitler. They fought at Al Alamein and in the other battles of the North African campaign against Britain and America. These men did not merely "fraternize" with the enemy, as some of the Zionist Realpolitiker timidly suggest on the rare occasions they dare to mention Arab-German collaboration. They fought shoulder to shoulder with the Nazi butchers. These men actually killed Americans and Britons.

These enemy prisoners of war were well-fed, and smiling, as well they might. For they are going to be represented at the San Francisco Conference and at the Peace Conference. It is their representatives who are going to sit in judgment over the martyred remnants of the Jewish people, over the Jewish homeland, over the fighters of the Yishuv and over the destinies of Judaism.

When the plan was subsequently disavowed, not anonymously this time, but by a certain Saoudian politician, and was replaced by that gentleman with a violently hostile declaration given to the Near Eastern correspondent of the newspaper PM to the effect

that "the Arabs will resist to the death any and every attempt to increase Jewish immigration into Palestine," a great silence suddenly fell upon the subject.

Miss Thompson swung back into the tideless stream of chatter on Germany. The "Christian Century" did not withdraw its challenge to the Jewish people, which it had uttered immediately after the Times' publication of the plan, that it is now up to the Jews to show some reasonableness and willingness to compromise, and thus left its readers under the impression that something had indeed been proposed and that Zionist stiffneckedness alone will be to blame if peace does not come to the Near East. The Christian Councillors

on Palestine fell back into their habitual mutism. Even the Zionist leadership, which had taken no notice whatever of the fuss, heaved a self-satisfied sigh of relief that another unpleasant little incident was happily closed.

But was it closed? And was that spurious and mysterious proposition which the *New York Times* published about letting 300,000 Jews into Palestine, really nothing more than an insignificant little trial balloon not worth troubling about? If it was a trial balloon, who sent it up, anyway? And what did it portend?

I submit that it was the most sinister and ominous indication we have had yet of what Britain's real intentions are in and with Palestine.

Alone of all the press, Jewish and non-

Jewish alike, the Reconstructionist, the publication of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, saw clearly in the matter and had the courage to point to the true significance and import of the alleged Arab offer. The Reconstructionist said that one would not be far wrong in assuming that the origin of these feelers, trial balloons and diversionary tactics is the British Colonial Office.

There you have the truth. In gratitude for telling the truth the Reconstructionist may now well hear itself charged, as I have been, by certain timid souls who are looked upon as *Realpolitiker* in the inner councils of American Zionism, with being more anti-British than pro-Jewish. But that won't alter the significance of the message the British Government sought to convey to the Jewish people and to the world with the publication of the alleged Arab offer. Nor will the Reconstructionist's warning, I fear, deter the American Zionist leadership from continuing to play its game of political blind man's buff by dodging the central issue involved which is, was, and always has been the Colonial Office's determination to frustrate the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

The publication of that spurious offer was a reminder to the Jewish people that under the terms of the White Paper of 1939, a document which sets forth the policy by which Palestine is administered today, the question of Jewish immigration into the Holy Land is from March 1945 onward to be considered as removed from British supervision and entrusted to the Arabs.

That's all. No more, no less: just a reminder!

It is as if the Colonial Office had warned the Jewish people: "you Jews talk hopefully of Churchill's promises and of Roosevelt's statements. May we remind you that the White Paper is in full force today and has been in force for the past five years and that there has not been the slightest interference on the part of the same Messrs. Churchill and Roosevelt in its application and implementation. And will you also remember that the White Paper provides for it specifically and in no uncertain language that the Arabs are to control Jewish immigration after the expiration of five years from March 1939 and that, therefore, the moment when the Arabs take over from us, has now come. It is the Arabs who are to say yes or no henceforth, not the British Government, not Mr. Churchill, not Mr. Truman. Maybe, you Jews had forgotten that little clause in the White Paper. Well, there now, we have reminded you of it!"

Had the Jews decided to accept the spurious

offer, which was published by the *Times* at the instigation of the Colonial Office, as a basis for further negotiation, and as Dorothy Thompson and the Christian Councillors on Palestine suggested, the Jews would have shown that they acquiesce in *the transfer* of authority for future disposition to be made in and about Palestine from the League of Nations, from the 52 Powers, great and small, which ratified the mandate over Palestine and from the Government of the United States—to the newly created Arab League.

Of course, there never was such a plan as the *New York Times* mentioned. The publication of the offer was a mere attempt on the part of the Colonial Office to draw forth an expression of public opinion and if possible an expression of favorable Zionist opinion. The quick disavowal of the plan by that Saudian Arab gentleman, which was in all probability also done by prearrangement, prevented a further exploration of the spurious offer. Yet the primary objective of reminding the Jewish people of a very disagreeable truth and of a catastrophic situation in Palestine was attained. The Colonial Office had put across its warning to the Jewish people that it is the Arabs who are henceforth to have the decisive and exclusive say about Palestine, about immigration, land sales, and the whole future political status of the country.

Now, it should not be thought that the Zionist leadership's failure to react to the publication of the plan was in any way due to any alertness on its part or to an awareness what sinister trick was being played upon the Jewish people. The dreadful import of the spurious Arab offer escaped the attention of the American Zionist leadership as completely as the significance of similar political manoeuvres by the British Colonial Office escaped its attention the one after the other in the past.

Had the Zionist leadership been aware of what was involved in the publication of that spurious Arab offer, it *could* not have remained silent. For in that case it would have known that this latest political manoeuvre, which is the culmination of a whole series of similar underhand moves, places the Jewish people before a *fait accompli*. It would have cried out to the world in righteous anger and desperation that Great Britain, while asking the anguished remnants of the Jewish people again and again to have patience and to wait for the solution of their problem till after the war, stringing them along, that is, with assurances of the good will and the good faith of Mr. Churchill, has in the meantime egged on, pushed, cajoled, assisted and has succeeded in getting the various Arab states to form a League, a confederacy, a united front.

The Colonial Office is now going to utilize that Arab League as an instrument to destroy Jewish Palestine.

Now that the Arab League is in existence the Jewish people are told that, under the terms of the White Paper, that is: by virtue of precedent, it is with this League that they, the Jews, will have to deal henceforth. Great Britain has arbitrarily swept aside the international-juridical basis of her mandate over Palestine. She has nullified the Balfour Declaration, cleverly eliminated the French rival of empire from the Near East and has driven the Jewish Agency into a corner where it can only send up belated appeals about the justice of national Jewish representation at the San Francisco Conference.

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I saw in Camp Opelika, Alabama, recently one thousand Arab prisoners of war. These men carried on their shoulderstraps Rommel's red-lettered badge of the "Afrika Korps". They were captured members of the Arab Brigade which the Mufti of Jerusalem raised in Irak, Egypt, Palestine and Transjordan for Adolf Hitler. They fought at Al Alamein and in the other battles of the North African campaign against Britain and America. These men did not merely "fraternize" with the enemy, as some of the Zionist Realpolitiker timidly suggest on the rare occasions they dare to mention Arab-German collaboration. They fought shoulder to shoulder with the Nazi butchers. These men actually killed Americans and Britons.

These enemy prisoners of war were well-fed, and smiling, as well they might. For they are going to be represented at the San Francisco Conference and at the Peace Conference. It is their representatives who are going to sit in judgement over the martyred remnants of the Jewish people, over the Jewish homeland, over the fighters of the Yishuv and over the destinies of Judaism. For that purpose they are being brought to San Francisco by the Colonial Office, and for no other purpose. Two years ago the Irak Legation in Washington announced in a letter to the *Herald-Tribune* for what specific reason Irak, after having tried to stab Britain in the back by calling in Hitler's Luftwaffe and after having been beaten into submission by Britain's Assyrian and Jewish allies, declared war on the Axis. The announcement said that Irak declared war on Germany in order "to have a seat at the Peace Conference and to have a say in the solution of the Palestine problem."

Three weeks ago at this writing, the American Zionist leadership was still of the opinion that the San Francisco Conference had no immediate connection with the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine and

that, in spite of the fact that mandates and international trusteeships over certain territories were long ago placed on the Conference's agenda, the debates would have no bearing on that subject and that the whole business could therefore be safely ignored. The American Zionist leadership and its tabloid newspaper, always and still talk, write and act as if Palestine is something existing in a political vacuum, loose, unrelated to, unconnected with a whole world of hard realities and facts. In international affairs the Realpolitikers of the American Zionist movement neither foresee nor see.

The American Zionist leadership disregarded, dismissed or shrugged its shoulders condescendingly or indifferently over every political move made by the Colonial Office in the Near East in the last two years when everyone of these moves, in Lebanon, in Egypt, in Saoudia, in Transjordan, in Syria, was a distinct and visible link in the Arab chain being forged against and around the neck of Eretz Israel.

It considered the Irak Legation's letter of no importance, did not challenge it, protest against it or bury under ridicule the then fantastic pretensions of the pro-Axis clique in Bagdad. It did not show the world that it was aware of what was being cooked up, viz. that the Colonial Office was systematically grooming the foreign Arab princes for a role in the reshaping of the Levant world, that the various Arab countries, which had no common aspirations, were methodically and surreptitiously given a common aspiration and therewith a motive to federate by activating their latent anti-Jewishness and their hunger for loot in the Jewish homeland. The Zionist leadership allowed every trial balloon to pass unnoticed as a mere bagatelle and thus gave the Colonial Office carte blanche, as it were, to proceed from precedent to precedent until today Palestine is wellnigh fixed in a frost of death.

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As I looked at the Arab prisoners of war at play in the sunshine of a day when growth was in the air, I thought of the five million souls of the Jews slain in Europe for the Sanctification of the Name, of the thirty-five thousand Palestinian Jews who fought on every battlefield of the Near East as volunteers on Britain's and America's side, and of the Jewish Palestinian industries whose production, in an hour of grave danger for the Empire, as a man said recently in the House of Lords, "saved Britain from a disaster worse than Dunkirk and Singapore."

And I thought of the whole immense tragedy of the Jewish people decimated and more than decimated and their poor remnants standing there in the ports of Bulgaria and Rumania and Turkey with their eyes turned towards Palestine and denied passage and entrance. And I thought of the unimaginable cynicism of imperialism which, now that the tide of war has turned, conforms to the biblical pattern of Pharaoh of whom it is written that "after the hails and the storms and the thunders had ceased, he Pharaoh, he hardened his heart and sinned yet more, he and his servants". Sinned, by taking from the poor man his little ewelamb which he has bought and nourished up and which lay in his bosom, and that was to him as a daughter and set it before a certain rich traveler who has many herds, and many flocks.

Isn't it time, O Zionist leaders, ye sons of the Prophets, that someone says to Britain what Nathan said to King David: "Thou art the Man!"

And isn't it time also to ask the American Zionist leadership when it will drop its super-sublime modesty and bring to the world's attention the achievements of the forgotten ally in this war? Why it does disdain to utilize the "stainless and sharp weapon", the new charter to Palestine which has been forged by the blood and sweat of the Palestinian Jews, that unanswerable claim to recognition which, if properly used, would ere this have reduced the Arab potentates to shameful and trembling silence? Why does the Zionist leadership not show the facts and hold up the record and hold it up high, for all the world to see?

How long will it continue its vain conferential *Wichtigtuerei*, talking around the point, evading the issue, fighting windmills and chimeras and speaking in abstract terms about tomorrow, tomorrow, when today's evil can no longer be rolled over upon tomorrow, for tomorrow itself has arrived.

When is the American Zionist leadership going to uphold the hands of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the great chief of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, as Aaron and Hur held up the tired hands of Moses at the Battle with Amelek, by instituting a policy of its own, militant, aggressive, consistent and forceful, a policy of free Jews, of American Jews, a policy diametrically at variance with Weizmann's necessary and wise policy of watchful waiting, so that he at last may be able to say to Mr. Churchill: "Your promises and assurances are noble and fine and I have full confidence, as ever, in your righteous intentions, but . . . the great American Jewish Community is growing restless. The vast American Zionist movement and its affiliates are growing critical. The wind is moaning through more and more Jewish boneyards in Europe. They can hear the sound of the lament in America. The Jewish people feel that the water has come up to their lips. They are bound to raise a storm of indignation and protest. For they are sick unto death of conciliatory election-time eloquence and promissory notes and always and again words, words and still more words. The world wants *one* act from you Mr. Churchill. One act: the order to let my people go!"

BEWARE OF BRUENING

By ALBERT NORDEN

EVER SINCE former German Chancellor Dr. Heinrich Bruening, erstwhile chairman of the German Roman Catholic Center Party, came to America and in 1937 was made a lecturer and later a professor at Harvard, he has caused a great deal of excitement—by his silence. On more than one occasion reporters asked him his opinion on events inside Germany. He had nothing to say. He remained silent on the Jewish pogroms and on the invasion of Austria. The crisis of Munich and the assault on Czechoslovakia found him mute. The annihilation of Poland, the destruction of the entire European continent and the methodical murder of millions of defenseless human beings by the Nazi regime

—all this was not sufficient to draw one official word of protest from Dr. Bruening. That he did not want to associate himself with the German underground movement and that he was keeping himself aloof from the efforts of the anti-Nazi German exiles was quite self-evident (and expected).

The Long Silence Is Broken

Finally, after twelve years of obstinate silence, Dr. Bruening has recovered his political voice. On March 10, 1945, he published a small article in the *Neue Volkszeitung* of New York. This is the paper of a small group of German Social Democrats which is getting ever smaller through the withdrawal of those members who have become tired of the weekly songs of hatred against the Soviet Union. In

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Rabbi a. H. Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver -
Back home again in New York and still
under the spell of your magnificent
and incomparable address I feel the urge
to express to you my gratitude for the very
kind words which you had for my modest
contribution to the evening.
I was glad to postpone my departure
from Montreal, so as to be able to attend
the dinner, because I was anxious to listen
to your great message and also because I
wanted very much to sing my song "Ratovel"
in your presence and know what you think
of it - and I was happy to hear your favorable comment
you were kind enough to say that you hope
to hear me sing again - and I take it as
a great compliment coming from you and
I want to say that I on my part am still
more looking forward to the great honor of
appearing again on a same platform with
such a great Jewish leader and to an
opportunity of listening again to your
inspiring words and I will be only too
glad to accept any invitations that will
be tendered to me by you or through
your recommendation for which I would
be very grateful -
with expressions of my great admiration for your
leadership in Israel and wishing you speedy
fulfillment of the goals you've set for our
people I am with greetings of Zion
Cordially Yours Samuel Vigoda

~~Senator Wagner~~

[undated]

You have led in a gallant
fight for a great cause,
your loyal championing
of the Palestine resolution
to the very end has won
the profound gratitude of all
men of good will. ~~Our~~ We
have ~~sustained~~ ~~our~~ ~~cause~~

~~Temporary setback~~
I am issuing in the next few
days a formal ^{to the press} statement
in which I shall give
expression to the above
and ~~it~~ appreciation of your
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My dear Dr. Silver:

I do not know the merits of the controversy which found its way into the press the other day, the controversy between you and Dr. Wise. Usually what meets the eye in the press has behind it more than the eye sees. I therefore do not venture to pass judgment on the controversy.

I do however, want to draw to your attention the fact, of which I am sure you must be aware, that the bold outlines of a peace are being drawn now. In this process of design the time is now and not tomorrow to press for adoption the thesis of a homeland. For once the areas of the world are parcelled out -- pledged, if you please -- the pawn broker I have in mind will not redeem, since, to this pawnbroker a pledge, old or new, is a disguised perpetuity.

Bargaining power we have now, unless we regard arousing the conscience of our friends as such. In the present uncertain world this quality of conscience is our only bargaining power. (There is dismay and a feeling of outrage at what our friends are doing in the Mediterranean.) This we are asked to postpone to a later time. If we do we hand over to our enemies our only weapon.

I convey these thoughts to you for whatever they are worth, and send to you my best wishes and high esteem.

Faithfully

(Signed) David W. Wainhouse

(Col. D. W. Wainhouse)

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Bronxville, N.Y. Jan. 6, 1945
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver -

Your wire of a few days ago I found upon my return here. I t will, unfortunately, not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation to address your congregation on the Sunday you mention. I am speaking in the Congregational Church of Stamford that morning on a union service of all the Protestant denominations. There have been a few cases of flagrant anti-Jewish discrimination in that town and the various ministers thought it best to have the thing thrashed out in the open, in God's house, as they said, in the good old American way of the Town Hall meeting. When it was put up to me that way, I dared not refuse. They are nearly all young men, terribly in earnest. To me talking about anti-Semitism is an awful bore, but I overcame my impatience and am now willing to suffer to the extent of wearing gown and bib and buckled shoes for a few hours. I hope you will excuse me.

I had intended to write you a few days earlier. What does *Hansen* say? "I was on the point of knocking when you prevented me by opening the door." In fact I had written you a long letter, but I tore it up again thinking that it might seem presumptuous on my part, a non-Jew and therefore not a Zionist (officially) to mix into affairs which were not my concern. But then I was so ardently pressed these last few weeks by the Doctors Wise and Goldstein to come out with an act or statement in support of their particular attitude in the current diversity of opinion, that I got myself into such trouble and vexation of spirit that I was almost decided to leave Zionism alone altogether. Now it was "dear Pierre, I want to be guided by you (Israel Goldstein) and we should (nota bene) have our pictures taken together for the N.P." And from Dr. Wise all sorts of flattering remarks, but behind my back they instructed the Christian Council not to have me speak as I am (contemptible argument!) more anti-British than pro-Zionist. If I am anti-imperialistically inclined, not anti-British, wasn't it for the sake of Zion and the Jewish people that I took this attitude? Do these gents think that I could not be basking in high favor with their FDR and their Churchill if I, as British subject, had taken an anti-Zionist point of view, which is so easy to take for the Gentile with anti-nationalist notions?

Now I am told "the Jewish masses listen to you," by both Dr. Wise and Goldstein, "and you must help repair the damage inflicted by Dr. Silver."

Well, I am not going to do it. That's all there is to it. Rather cast out, and muzzled and lied about, than betray the cause of Zion. I spoke in Washington last week. We had as large a crowd as in Severance Hall and 25 Protestant ministers in the platform. And there I defended your attitude, as far as I understand it, and your point of view. When I said this: "It is one thing for Dr. Weizmann and the leaders of the Agency to pursue a policy of trust and confidence in Britain and Churchill and to wait patiently for some concession after the war, they probably cannot do otherwise. But for Dr. Wise and Dr. Goldstein to pursue a similar policy of laissez-drift vis-avis of FDR is impolitic, un-American, and will lead to complete stagnation. On the other hand an aggressive, militant, American Zionist policy, a policy pursued by American

Zionists, of determined criticism and impatience will immensely strengthen the hands of Dr. Weizmann. He can in that case point to the greatest Jewish community in the world as no longer satisfied with sacharine assurances of good will for after the war. I said I understood this to be the view of Dr. Silver and the house literally rose to its feet and cheered your name, the goyim, too, by the way! Significant!

The same thing tonight at the Brooklyn Jewish Center, which had the synagogue crowded to the rafters. There we had a question period. And I came out openly against Wise cum suis. In Louis I. Newman's Temple last Friday, too, the same thing.

After the meeting last night, I talked with the Brooklyn Zionist leaders. They asked my advice. They were boiling with indignation. They want to sweep the administration into the ash can. I think they will. The Jews are sick and tired of appeasement and whispers and dark hints. Their kinsmen are dying in Europe. The White Paper is in force. Tomorrow the British will tell us: there are no Jews clamoring to enter Palestine. The Jews are dead. Hitler killed them. Before this argument is advanced they want action. And they feel that you ought to lead them. They are waiting for word from you. They are deeply stirred.

The Mizrachi, who believe I am their particular chaver, called at my house here in Bronxville. I advised them not to quit yet, to wait till we hear from you.

And so it goes. But, the others are not sitting still. There is a furious, base campaign of slander going on. I will tell you more about that in detail when I see you, and, of course, I am now to be silenced, too.

The trial of the Irgunist case (my case) is also taking a wrong direction. Bergson won the first round. The American Jewish Committee had a series of articles published in the W. Telegram ^{wherein} it was hinted that in addition to being anti-Catholic, I am also anti-Semitic, Videmy s ander of a reputable Jewish organization. Instead of defending me, Shulman let that go. They, the lawyers, have collected no data, have no material to present to the court. I suspect double dealing. An attempt to discredit me, kill two birds with one stone, & so to speak. I don't put it past them after what I have learned in the last few weeks. But enough! I hope you can read this. I can't use a typewriter, having only one hand. The other one I gave for Mr. Churchill's Empire when I thought that England was the "mother of the free." Foolish Dutchman, wasn't I?

With kind regards and assurances of solidarity and my respects, please to the Rabina.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed Pierre van Paassen

5 A.M.

P.S. I am told the meetings in Dayton, Columbus, Indianapolis and Cincinnati which I am scheduled to address, are to be cancelled in view of my "anti-Zionist attitude in Washington." Quel toupet!