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IRVING ZIEMAN
333 WASHINGTON STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

July 13, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

The Jewish Advocate refused to publish the enclosed article as a paid advertisement, even after considerable suggested changes.

I am therefore mailing this to a selected few of our Jewish leaders.

Sincerely yours,

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Irving Ziemman

July 21, 1944

Mr. Irving Zieman
33e Washington Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Zieman:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 13 and the enclosure. I am happy to learn that the "Jewish Advocate" has refused to publish your lying and scurrilous article. I have known of your venomous hatred of Zionism for some time and of the communications which you have been sending to periodicals in England where you are not known as well as you are in Boston and where, accordingly, they are sometimes quoted.

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

H. P. Yarkin
Los Angeles, California,
October 4, 1944.

IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING

I was in San Francisco yesterday, and quite by accident, found myself present (after lunch) at a luncheon meeting given by the San Francisco branch of the American Council for Judaism, for a select group of very wealthy, influential members of the Council. There must have been about 50 to 60 persons present. I was the only uninvited guest and Zionist in the group. I thought perhaps you would be interested to know what went on, and I give you herewith a resume of the speeches delivered by Lessing J. Rosenwald and Rabbi E. Berger.

RABBI E. BERGER, delivered an address on Political Zionism, full of misinterpretations and misstatements, accusing Dr. Herzl of having had an understanding with the Sultan, to purchase Palestine, and besides the money the Jews would have to pay, Dr. Herzl would have to promise that Jewish influence in Europe will intervene with their Governments in behalf of Turkey, etc. The deal did not come through, however, because Baron Rothschild and others refused to give the money required on account of Dr. Herzl's "promise" to the Sultan. He also stated that the Arabs began to oppose Jewish immigration into Palestine with the beginning of Political Zionism.

MR. ROSENWALD, was introduced by Prof. Deutsch, who welcomed him in the name of the San Francisco branch. To this Mr. Rosenwald answered, that he is the branch coming to the trunk, because San Francisco is the strongest Council and gives the greatest support... Mr. Rosenwald gave more of a report of the Council's activities than a speech, and as he called it, the "Gains and Failures" of the American Council for Judaism.

G A I N S

- 1 - Announcement of the creation of the Council in the New York Times in September, during the American Jewish Conference.
- 2 - The extra publicity they received from the Conference, answering the Council's platform, etc.
- 3 - That up to last week the Council had a membership of 4,563.
- 4 - Rabbi Lazon of Baltimore sent out over 2,000 letters to the Gentile clergy giving them the platform of the Council and asking for their support. To this, answers came from several hundred, approving of the Council's platform. Some of the letters came from members of various pro-Palestine Committees in the country.
- 5 - The passing of resolutions in Congress and Senate were prevented by the Council, despite the Zionist strength. If Congress would have passed it, the Senate would have passed it too, because the Zionists have many friends and supporters there. Of course, he said the San Francisco Call (?) helped the Council a great deal.

6 - The Council sent out communications to all radio stations in the country about the Zionist programs on the air and asked them not to use the programs, unless the same time be given to the Council. Many of the stations in the country were obliged to give up the Zionist program.

7 - The articles in Fortune Magazine of September and October were "first" seen by the Editor of the Council's Bulletin.

F A I L U R E S

1 - The East coast, Boston and Chicago and predominantly Zionistic, and very little was accomplished there, despite their many efforts.

2 - In Worcester, Mass. they had a successful meeting with 125 persons present, but not even one joined the Council -- they were all staunch Zionists.

3 - The English-Jewish press would not print their publicity, and in most cases they would not even accept paid ads.

4 - Pressure was used to have paid ads in the B'nai Brith monthly, which was rejected.

5 - It was too late to do anything about adopting the Palestine plank by the Republican Convention, but something was done to prevent it at the Democratic Convention. However, the chairman of the Resolutions Committee said, "it would have been better if your group would present something to be put into our resolutions, rather than to prevent the incorporation of the Zionist plank." JEWISH
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6 - In the event the Democratic party wins the Presidential election, the Palestine resolutions will come up again, and again, before Sol Bloom, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. If this happens, the task of the Council will be rather difficult... If however, the Republican party should win, then the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee will be Mr. H. Eaton, who is "our" friend and anti-Zionist, and the task will be much easier.

7 - Not much headway was made with the reformed Rabbis, to whom we looked for support.

8 - Influential members of many Welfare Funds and beneficiary organizations would not join the Council, nor give their support, although they were very much in sympathy. Their reasons are, - that they do not want to harm the Funds.

9 - Negotiations were made with Judge Proskauer, President of the American Jewish Committee, to adopt the Council's platform, and the entire membership of the Council to go over to the A.J.C., and the Council would disband. Not much progress was made in this direction.

10 - The growth of the Zionist Organization of America and all other Zionist groups are becoming stronger and stronger in numbers and the Council has no formula to retard its growth.

11 - The Zionists are fanatics and their aim is the establishment of a Jewish Kingdom. The Zionists are not so much concerned about mass Jewish immigration into Palestine, as for a Jewish Statehood, and to achieve this they would even accept a partition of Palestine.

S O L U T I O N

- 1 - Publicity, and to spread the Council's platform among the Gentiles in general and the Ministry in particular.
- 2 - To increase the membership and to try to draw members from Welfare Funds, American Jewish Committee, B'nai Brith, and reformed congregations.
- 3 - There is the possibility of an Arab Federation and the uprising of Arabs against the Jewish Kingdom.
- 4 - At the end of the meeting, a booklet of 58 pages entitled "Zionism vs Judaism was distributed to those present.

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S. J. Zacks
100 Adelaide St. West
Toronto

Oct. 23/44.

Dr. A. Silver,
342 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

A symposium was held here last week, in which Senator Alben Barkley was one of the participants. Several observations of interest to you were made by him.

In his address here Senator Barkley stated definitely that Stalin is in favour of a Jewish Commonwealth.

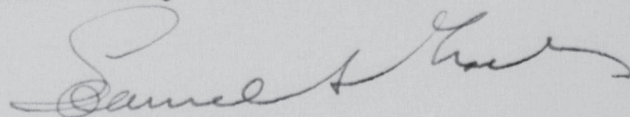
I am not sure whether he made this statement with any particular knowledge hitherto not made public, but I thought you would be interested in this statement. It is the first time I have ever heard that Stalin had taken this position.

His address here foretold strong support by the Big Nations of the small nations in the post-war period. He thought the Jewish nation would be included amongst the small nations whose integrity, independence and security it would be necessary to protect.

I believe he implied that all mandates would not be renewed, but instead that there would be international guarantee by the "Big Four".

I am,

Yours very sincerely,



SJZ/FH.

הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל

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February 12, 1945.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland. Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have recently come to the United States from Palestine, where I have been working with the Jewish Agency as assistant to Mr. Shertok, and I should very much like to meet with you. I should appreciate it if you would write me a note (to the New York office of the Jewish Agency) informing me when you expect to be in New York and when I could see you.

I shall be away from New York most of this week but will be here the whole of next week.

Sincerely yours,

Reuben Zaslani
Reuben Zaslani.

P.S. I can be reached in the evenings, on the telephone, at: ES 5 - 3075

RZ/L

February 23, 1945

Mr. Reuben Zaslani
The Jewish Agency for Palestine
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Zaslani:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter. I have been down in Florida where I opened the campaign for the United Jewish Appeal in Miami, and I have just returned.

I shall of course be most happy to make your acquaintance. I will be in New York on Monday, March 5. I shall be stopping at the Commodore Hotel. Please get in touch with me in the morning and we will arrange for a meeting time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
COLUMBUS OHIO

March 6th, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Upon my return to the city last week after a prolonged absence, I found a letter from Charles Rosenbloom and a card inviting me to join the National Council of the American Zionist Policy Committee. I was very happy to receive the invitation and immediately mailed back the card and wired Harry Shapiro that I was happy to join. Mr. Albert Schiff also advised me that he joined the National Council.

On March 13th I will propose before the Executive Board of the Columbus Zionist Organization, that a resolution be passed demanding your recall to the leadership of the Zionist movement. I'm certain that the entire Board will agree that this should be done. We are planning something further which I am not in position to divulge at this present moment and it will be even ~~more~~ more important. I'm sure that you will hear of it as soon as it happens.

The Columbus Zionist Membership, which numbers 1,000, should have considerable bearing towards getting Zionist policies changed in the direction that both you and we agree upon. I sincerely hope that enough pressure is brought to bear on the country at large so your policies may prevail.

Sunday, May 6th, the Columbus Zionist Organization will install its new officers. There will be a banquet in the ballroom of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel. We would consider it a distinct honor if you would be our guest speaker that evening. The Zionist Organization of Columbus is a large and active organization. You are deeply loved and respected in this community. Your presence here will be of great significance because Columbus is the focal point of the Zionist Organization in the middle-west. We are also the largest district in the Ohio Valley Zionist Region. Because Columbus is so close to Cleveland, being only a three hour ride on the train, it would not take you away too long from your work in Cleveland. I sincerely hope that I can give a favorable reply to my Zionist associates, who are also anxiously awaiting to hear from you.

With kindest regards and fondest affections, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Fred Yenkin
251 North Sandusky St.

THE PERILOUS PATH

By IRVING ZIEMAN

The Zionists continue to lead us along a path fraught with danger. This time it is the danger of anti-Semitism.

Speak to any non-Jewish friend; ask him to speak his mind freely. He will say that we are altogether too much in the limelight; that it would be better if the public heard less from us at this time. And who is but the Zionists who are constantly in the press, on the air, in banquet halls and in the hair of our public officials? Read the Republican Party platform, a newspaper page in length. It is full of controversial subjects. But in only one plank is the phrase ("We condemn the failure of the President") used. That is the Resolution written by the Zionists, prepared for the Republican resolutions committee by a minority faction—just as all statements on Zionism by public men are prepared for them by the same clique.

Jews do not condemn the President. They know that he has been a great friend of ours. For centuries it has been our practise to offer special prayer in our Sabbath services for the Chief Executive. This practise is continued in every synagogue and temple in America. Now the Zionists would have us change from our age-old practise of respect to defiance! They are now "cooking up" something for the Democratic platform so that each party would vie in luring us with special advances and promises.

Just imagine planks in our major political party platforms on the Irish Free State or the Hindu issues in relation to England!

The Jewish question is not a matter of politics to our people. It is deeper than

that. The Zionists' one ambition has been to inject Palestine into the American body politic. For this they have worked day and night. For this they have labeled the Jewish people as a "group"—not Americans, but hyphenated Americans: to be treated as a political football.

And that creates anti-Semitism.

More lobbying goes on in Washington about Palestine than about France and Poland combined. Nationalism is the curse of mankind. It is the cause of war.

We are fighting this terrible war to rid the world of the nationalistic lust of the Nazis, the Fascists and the Japanese. And in the middle of it—along come the Zionists to attempt to convert a people 2,000 years at peace to the same nationalistic lust; to start the next war before the present one is won.

It is, as has been said before, a neurosis. Go out and see Zionists holding spread-out white sheets on our streets, screaming for contributions (East Side, New York). Observe the wild look in their eyes, the shrillness of their voices. Draw your own conclusions.

For the sake of our poor, surviving brothers in Europe for whom world help is scorned by the Zionists, unless it be in Palestine, and for the sake of Jews in this country where the Zionists maintain a constant turmoil and distraction from the war itself, and to the detriment of us all, help us to check the Zionists' nationalistic fever **BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

We are led along a path fraught with danger. It is time to halt the journey.

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