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June 29th, 1945.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I was in Atlantic City Wednesday evening and stopped at the Chelsea Hotel anxious to congratulate you on your election to the presidency of the Conference of American Rabbis, and also on the decision of the Zionist Executive inviting you to assume leadership of the Zionist Emergency Council. I was told that you were in a "huddle" with our friends ~~Mrs.~~ Newman, Judge Levinthal and Mr. Wertheim.

I really hope that you will again be at the helm of Zionist leadership and that we shall see an active campaign against the White Paper and for a Jewish Commonwealth. May G-d grant you health and strength to carry on the great work ahead of you.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from United States Senator Alfred W. Hawkes of New Jersey in reply to a Resolution forwarded to him from the Jewish National Fund meeting held last Sunday at Belmar, New Jersey.

With Zion's greetings and warmest
regards,

Sincerely yours,

Isaac Carmel
Isaac Carmel, Director

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enc.

JEWSH NATIONAL FUND

41 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on Finance

June 28, 1945.

Mr. Isaac Carmel, Director
Jewish National Fund
New Jersey State Council
45 Branford Place
Newark 2, N.J.

My dear Mr. Carmel:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of June 26th, expressing the views of the State Council of the Jewish National Fund and enclosing a Resolution of the Council.

Under date of February 3, 1944, I announced my support of the Senate Resolution 247, introduced by Senators Taft and Wagner, calling upon the United States to use its good offices and take appropriate measures to the end that the doors of Palestine be opened for free entry of Jews into that country, and that there be full opportunity for colonization so that the Jewish people might ultimately reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth.

Please be assured of my continued interest in this legislation and that I will do everything possible to assist in the passage of H.J. Res. 196, introduced during the current session of the 79th Congress, when it reaches the Senate for consideration.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

S/ A.W. Hawkes

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL

President
HON. HARRY S. MEDINETS

45 BRANFORD PLACE
Newark, N. J.

July 2nd, 1945.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Temple, E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Here is a copy of a letter which I received from
Hon. H. Alexander Smith, the Senator from New Jersey.

I understand that Senator Smith can be used to
great advantage. He visited President Truman and spoke to him on
Zionism. Naturally, the character of the meeting has not as yet
been revealed to me, but I am seeing his secretary, Mr. A. B. Hermann,
this week-end, who is an old-timer in Washington. He will give me
the gist of the conference. Mr. Hermann, in a long letter to me
which is personal and confidential in nature, expressed that our
work in Washington is insufficient. This also seems to be the opinion
of the Senator.

You will excuse me for bothering you, knowing that
you are not yet in charge of the political work of American Zionism,
but seriously speaking I feel that there is no one else to write to.

Hoping that all is well with you and with kindest
personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Isaac Carmel

Isaac Carmel, Director

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enc.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

41 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on
Education and Labor.

June 27, 1945.

Dear Mr. Carmel:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 26th together with Resolution adopted at the semi-annual meeting of the State Council of the Jewish National Fund on June 24th at Belmar, New Jersey.

I deeply appreciate your sending me a copy of this Resolution, because as you know, this is a problem in which I have the deepest interest and one that is very close to my heart.

Always cordially yours,

s/ H. Alexander Smith

Isaac Carmel, Esquire
45 Branford Place
Newark 2, N.J.

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SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
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PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

July 2, 1945

My dear Abba:-

I have received from Shapira a draft memorandum of a proposed agreement on the reorganization of the Emergency Council, asking for my reaction. Here it is:-

The agreement is not bad except that Article 9 is only a dream. Among the gang their hate of Silver is greater than their love for Zion. I am firmly convinced that while the ink has not yet dried on the agreement they are already meeting and conspiring how to discredit you and throw you out. No one will tell me that Levinthal who at a meeting at Baltimore - in a moment when he lost his temper, - said that he hates the guts of that... and called you a Fascist in Detroit has now become a true Klon Joke. No one will tell me that that ingrate Rothenberg who owes so much to you and who in speaking to me told me that you are impossible and that you ought to

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he gotten rid of and who in public at
a caucus of the J. O. A. convention testified
that people can't get along with you
is now a sincere Angel of peace.
(By the way he wants to be the
next President of the J. O. A. which means
a continuation of the Gold. Bokstein
regime). No one will tell me
that Goldstein, or Heller mean
sincerely to cooperate with you.

Not to mention the Golds, the Boksteins,
the Greenfields, the Weissman's and the other
rats who will stop at nothing to
discredit you and to make your
life miserable.

And when they will succeed a
second time to force your resignation
you will then be completely discredited
and almost everyone will begin to
believe that you are impossible
to work with. They will keep on
spreading that venom from the first
moment of your return.

Of course, at this moment,
this agreement is a vindication of

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you, and a repudiation of them, but in order to cleanse the movement, Booksteinism which now reigns supreme in the movement must be eradicated.

By Booksteinism I mean: character assassinations, treachery, political conniving, the driving out ~~away~~ of decent men and decency from the movement, etc.

Unless that gang and the rats are thrown out, decent men have no place in the movement, and your life ~~etc~~ will only be made miserable. They will find new tricks and new methods of conniving how to paralyze your work.

If Shulman becomes acting chairman of the Steering Committee you know what will happen. They intend to continue the "unit" rule with the sole object of embarrassing you.

The leopard has not changed its skin.

I pray for your success, the success of the movement. But that will not happen unless that gang is cleaned out.
As ever yours, Sol

July 17, 1945

Mr. Leon Crystal
The Jewish Forward
175 East Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Crystal:

Now that the American Zionist Emergency Council has been re-organized and the fight which we have successfully terminated, may I take this opportunity to tell you how deeply grateful I have been for the generous and understanding support which you gave me throughout these last and difficult months.

As a respectable journalist you interpreted the issues correctly and courageously. In so doing you rendered a great service to a cause which is dear to all our hearts.

I hope that in the future I may have the benefit of your judgment and counsel.

I am leaving for London in a few days and I hope that something of substantial good will come out of that first post-war deliberation of World Zionist representatives.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

July 23, 1945

TO: HARRY L. SHAPIRO

FROM: BEATRICE COHEN

RE: Suggestions made at Staff Meeting, July 20, 1945

Based on our budget of a half-million dollars and with conditions as they are, it is my opinion that the activities of the Council should be subordinated to the following three major projects:

I. ENLARGED CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY

- A. Office will require more personnel - Jewish and non-Jewish.
 - 1. secretaries
 - 2. field staff
- B. Local ACPC committees should be established nation-wide, with help of local Emergency Committees.
- C. More regional conferences and seminars should be held.
- D. Membership campaign should be launched - goal: one million members (now 6,600) from every state, hundreds of communities, representing cross-section of every field of American endeavor. A quarterly bulletin should be sent to them.
- E. Educational program with appeal to specific categories.
 - 1. Pamphlets written by recognized authorities in specific fields - for Industrial, Civic, Intellectual, Labor, etc. consumption.
 - 2. Debate material prepared for schools, forums, etc.
 - 3. Special Church "Exchange Pulpit" program. (Refer to Princeton Conference. Subject was mentioned and remark made that Jews invite Gentiles to share pulpit but no return visit asked of Jews)
 - 4. Intensive clergy educational program (we now have only 2500 members)

II. ENLARGED WASHINGTON BUREAU

- A. Official A.Z.E.C. address. Official A.P.C. address. Washington Press, and official Washington should be invited to make itself at home here for all Palestine information, to bring its problems and requests here. The offices should operate on Salon lines for greater effectiveness and friendship.
- B. Additional personnel for specialized work should be engaged:
 - 1. Several presentable-looking women should be trained for cultivating "difficult" members of Congress.
 - 2. Men who would be on hand to report on and act as "lookouts" for Arab activities, Bergson tricks, and anti-Zionist lobbying, etc.
- C. Refresher Course for Congress.
 - 1. Giving small dinner parties for groups of Senators and Congressmen presumably sponsored by a particular Senator or Congressman, at which views on Palestine would be discussed.
 - 2. Concentrating on "difficult cases" with special treatment according to the need.
 - 3. Getting as many A.P.C. members as possible. (We now have 136 Representatives and 58 Senators)

III. RADIO PROJECT

- A. A series of educational radio programs similar to the July 5th broadcast should be initiated:
 - 1. LIFE IN PALESTINE - several programs on everyday life in Palestine, playing up Palestine "normalcy" as in American communities.
 - 2. MAN ON THE STREET - "Interviews" with laymen (Christian) using real names and real communities. A.P.C. members should be asked for permission to use their names and statements.
 - 3. CAN THE JEWS AND ARABS GET ALONG - Gentiles who have lived in Palestine can tell their experiences there and give their viewpoints.
- B. A person in the office should be placed in charge of sending out the radio transcripts to communities which could not carry the original programs so that the widest possible audience is reached.

The foregoing is but a bare, brief outline. Please don't get the impression that all other departments not mentioned here are not valuable to the organization. As presently constituted, however, these departments are functioning on a more-or-less routine basis almost independent of each other. The idea I wish to convey is that every department should be geared to service the above three projects on an almost full-time basis, with just a small amount of time allotted for routine work.

If, as, and when we are recognized as being important enough to warrant a budget of a couple of million dollars, I will be happy to elaborate on the many ideas I feel the organization may wish to consider.

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PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

September 3, 1945

My dear Abba:

I was sorry I could not see you upon your return from London, as I had to go to Carlisle, Pa. where my elder son Emanuel - the physician - completed his basic training and was sent to the General Hospital at Camp Ord, California. My younger son Arthur, you know, is now in Manila on his way to Japan. He is a Lt. in the Infantry and was in combat on Mindanao. He is well.

I am enclosing several articles that appeared in the Jewish Post of Indianapolis while you were away. One article is an indictment of Dr. Nahum Goldman. If the article is indictment is not true, the "great" Zionist leader should sue the Jewish Post for libel. Any self-respecting person would. If it is true, then

that "715161" - The epithet I am told
he was given (in his presence) ~~at~~
by a Jewish newspaperman at
a press conference Goldman had
called - should be thrown
out of the movement. Such a
surrender is a disgrace to
our great cause.

I believe that if the
indictment is true, a photostat
copy should be made available
to all leading Zionist workers -
which would include of course the
members of the American Zionist
Policy Committee. of course
the matter must be weighed
and considered from all angles.

In today's papers I see that
Rabbi Fishman had resigned
from the Zionist Executive. Has it
anything to do with the sneak
meeting of the Executive called
immediately after your departure, in
which Goldman was actually given all
control of Political work in Washington.

Best wishes for a happy New Year
to you, Virginia and the boys in which
Anna joins me. No ever yours, Sol.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 4, 1945.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sorry but since I am leaving for London tonight I shall not be able to see you until I return. I regret very much that I did not get to see you before leaving but hope to see some of your friends in London.

am With all good wishes for the New Year, I

Sincerely yours,

Ben V. Cohen

Benjamin V. Cohen

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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New York 17, N. Y.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1945

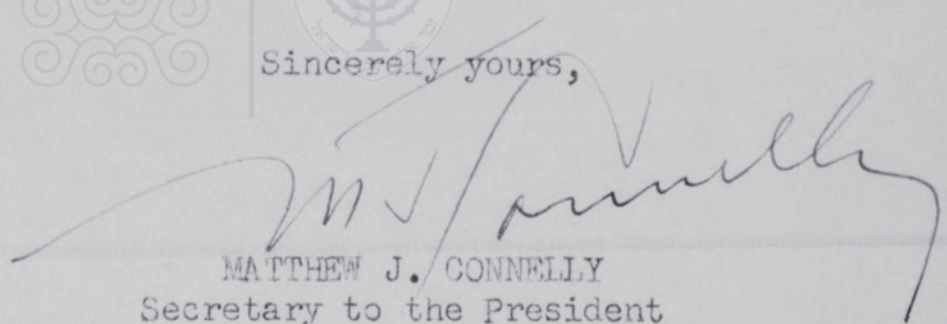
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Secretary Ross has handed me your letter of September 14 as I am charged with all matters pertaining to Presidential appointments.

I have shown the President your correspondence, and he has asked me to explain that he does hope to see you later on but that just now his engagement calendar is so crowded he does not feel at the moment he can add to his commitments. I shall, therefore, be very glad to get in touch with you a little later and set a mutually convenient time for you to meet with the President.

The President sends you his best wishes, in which I join.

Sincerely yours,


MATTHEW J. CONNELLY
Secretary to the President

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland
Ohio

September 20, 1945

Mr. Matthew J. Connelly
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Connelly:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September 18. I am grateful to you for having brought my correspondence to the attention of the President and I am very pleased to learn that the President will see me.

Since writing to Mr. Ross, the enclosed Reuter's dispatch appeared which is indeed very disturbing. Dr. Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, has also telephoned me from London deeply concerned and requesting me to see the President at the earliest possible moment. You will therefore realize how very eager Dr. Wise and I are to have an opportunity to see the President as soon as possible. Delay may have very serious consequences for our movement.

With all good wishes to the President and to you, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

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September 28, 1945

My dear Abba:

Have heard about your winning over Barnuch to our cause. This is no doubt an outstanding achievement. Zionist who hear of it are galvanized by it.

Last Monday night the Richmond Hill Zionist District passed a resolution urging your draft for the Presidency with instructions to its members on the Administrative Committee of the Long Island Zionist Region to introduce this resolution at the Administrative Committee meeting. The Regional Administrative Committee met last night and the resolution was passed with an overwhelming majority - almost unanimously. We are the first Region in the country to adopt a draft resolution. We have a membership of 7000 and will send 50 delegates to the Convention. A copy of the resolution will be mailed you by our office.

Am enclosing an article which appeared in this week's issue of the Indianapolis Jewish Post about Nahum Goldmann.

Am looking forward to see you Sunday night. Kindest regards to Virginia and the boys in which Anna joins me. As ever yours, Sol.

October 8, 1945

Mr. Benjamin V. Cohen
Office of the Secretary
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

My dear Friend:

I am happy to know that you have returned to Washington. That the meeting of Ministers was not the success we all hoped for is I am sure not due to you and to Mr. Byrnes. I listened to his broadcast the other evening and he made a very impressive and convincing report.

Dr. Weizmann kept in touch with me and told me of the conversations which he had with you and Mr. Byrnes. A week ago Saturday, Dr. Wise and I had a long talk with President Truman about the situation. He asked us to see Mr. Byrnes upon his return. I wired Mr. Byrnes two days ago requesting him to see Dr. Wise and me at the earliest moment. I would deeply appreciate it if you would do all you can to facilitate the appointment. Our people is profoundly aroused as you must have sensed since your return. Great demonstration meetings are being held all over the country. It is most important for us to know where we stand in order to give proper guidance to our movement. Dr. Wise and I will be prepared to come to Washington any day this week.

With all good wishes, and looking forward eagerly to seeing you, I remain

Most cordially yours, .

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OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

October 9, 1945.

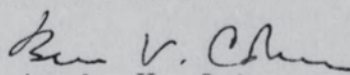
Dear Dr. Silver:

I was happy to hear from you and to realize you appreciate the difficulties which we encountered in the Council of Foreign Ministers.

I am told that the Secretary has your telegram requesting an interview on his desk, and that he would like to see you and will let you know just as soon as he can.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin V. Cohen

Dr. Abba H. Silver,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

October 10, 1945

My dear Abba:

I am enclosing a very fine article by M. J. Frank on the Madison Square Garden meeting. The last paragraph mentions your name in connection with the Presidency of J. P. A. I believe it's now a foregone conclusion.

Saw Virginia at the Washington Conference but you were very busy and did not want to disturb you.

We have a meeting of the Convention Committee next Monday night. I hope I will be able to see you before.

Our entire Community is looking forward to the great event of hearing you on Monday evening, October 22nd.
Kindest regards to Virginia
As ever, Sol.

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AN OPEN LETTER OF PROTEST
AGAINST THE MACDONALD "WHITE PAPER" OF 1939.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
by the
COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF
BENSONHURST AND MAPLETON
Representing A Community
Of One Hundred Thousand Americans
Of The Borough Of Brooklyn
City Of New York, U. S. A.

Respectfully Presented Through
THE HONORABLE CLEMENT R. ATTLEE
PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN
10 Downing Street, London, England

HONORABLE SIR:

Ours is the voice of the plain people of America, to whom Liberty and National Honor are one and inseparable--and through you, Mr. Prime Minister, we respectfully use the privilege of a free people to talk to the people of the British Empire, wherever they may be all over the world.

Through the long, anxious, terrible years of this last devastating war, we in America had treasured the hope that Liberty and National Honor mean the same to you, the people of the British Empire, as they mean to us:--

That Liberty and National Honor were the Ideals that stirred men's souls, that kindled men's Visions, that aroused the noblest instincts of heart and mind.

That Liberty and National Honor were the cornerstones on which securely rested the envisioned structure of a brave New World in which the humblest, the downtrodden, the homeless and the persecuted could, in dignity, equality and safety, carve out their own destiny by their genius and their industry.



To All Men
in Uniform

The Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst is local Headquarters for the Army & Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, Member of United Service Organizations for National Defense.



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Representative Assembly



That Liberty and National Honor assured all men of all creeds and all races the inalienable right to worship the God of their choosing, to express their opinions unafraid and to hold the safety of their families and the sanctity of their homes, inviolate.

For these things that Liberty and National Honor mean to us, we pledge our LIVES, our SACRED HONOR and freely and unstintingly of our TREASURE, our LABOR, our NATIONAL RESOURCES and our NATIONAL WEALTH.

And what now, People of the British Empire?--now that the war is over and the Idealism preached in the hours of peril, is to be effectuated in the hours of Peace?

We speak of the Jewish People to whom the British Government on behalf of the British People, gave its Sacred Word and pledged its National Honor, that in issuing the BALFOUR DECLARATION in 1917 it "WOULD FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL HOME FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN PALESTINE".

The BRITISH GOVERNMENT, on your behalf, pledged to FIFTY-TWO NATIONS when it accepted the PALESTINE MANDATE from the LEAGUE OF NATIONS in 1922, to EFFECTUATE THE TERMS OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION. THIS MANDATE makes it obligatory upon Great Britain, quote;-"TO FACILITATE JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE" and TO ENCOURAGE CLOSE SETTLEMENT BY THE JEWS ON THE LAND and TO ESTABLISH A FORM OF GOVERNMENT; quote;-"WHICH WILL SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT THERE OF A JEWISH NATIONAL HOME AND WILL ULTIMATELY RENDER POSSIBLE THE CREATION OF AN AUTONOMOUS COMMONWEALTH" and, quote;-"THE HISTORIC HOME OF THE JEWS".

This MANDATE further states; quote;-"NO DISCRIMINATION OF ANY KIND SHALL BE MADE BETWEEN INHABITANTS OF PALESTINE ON THE GROUND OF RACE, RELIGION OR LANGUAGE".

Think well, People of the British Empire,
is that pledge being fulfilled?

In 1924, GREAT BRITAIN and the UNITED STATES signed the JOINT AMERICAN-BRITISH CONVENTION, incorporating the TERMS OF THE MANDATE and providing that NO DEROGATORY CHANGES BE MADE WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Think well, People of the British Empire,
has that Pledge been fulfilled?

On June 3, 1922 the RT. HON. WINSTON CHURCHILL, then Secretary for Colonies, issued on BEHALF OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, an official statement that UNDER THE MANDATE THE ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY OF PALESTINE SHALL BE THE SOLE CRITERION FOR JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE.

This PLEDGE was RE-AFFIRMED by RT. HON. RAMSAY MACDONALD, then British Prime Minister, in a public letter to Chaim Weizman in February, 1931.

Think well, People of the British Empire,
is that Pledge being fulfilled?

The MANDATE directs the RECOGNITION of an APPROPRIATE JEWISH AGENCY to officially represent the Jewish People in the Administration of Palestine. Such a Jewish agency, consisting of Zionists and non-Zionists has been officially established.

Think well, People of the British Empire,
is that Pledge being fulfilled?

In October 1930, the BRITISH GOVERNMENT issued the PASSFIELD "WHITE PAPER" which, CONTRARY TO THE TERMS OF THE MANDATE:

(1) Declares that there was NO MORE LAND IN PALESTINE available for further Jewish Colonization.

(2) It sought to regulate Jewish immigration ON THE BASIS OF ARAB AS WELL AS JEWISH UNEMPLOYMENT, AT ANY TIME.

Think well, People of the British Empire,
is the Pledge in the Mandate being fulfilled by such terms?

On May 17th, 1939, the MALCOLM MACDONALD "WHITE PAPER" was issued, which CONTRARY TO THE TERMS OF THE MANDATE:

(1) LIMITS JEWISH IMMIGRATION to 10,000 per year for five years.

(2) In consideration of the plight of Jewish Refugees, grants a bonus immigration quota of 25,000.

(3) After March 1944, all Jewish immigration into Palestine is to be discontinued quote "UNLESS THE ARABS OF PALESTINE ARE PREPARED TO ACQUIESCE TO IT".

(4) Provided for the establishment of an independent government by the majority in Palestine AT THE END OF TEN YEARS.

(5) Totally IGNORES THE JEWISH AGENCY provided for in the Mandate.

Think well, People of the British Empire,
is the pledge in the Mandate being fulfilled by such terms?

In June 1939 Winston Churchill declared in Parliament, quote;- "THERE IS MUCH IN THIS "WHITE PAPER" WHICH IS ALIEN TO THE SPIRIT OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION....I SHALL FEEL PERSONALLY EMBARRASSED IN THE MOST ACUTE MANNER IF I LENT MYSELF, BY SILENCE OR INACTION, TO WHAT I MUST REGARD AS AN ACT OF REPUDIATION...."

THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, whose consent was required under the terms of the Mandate, AFTER EXAMINING THE "WHITE PAPER" and HEARING MACDONALD'S DEFENSE of it, UNANIMOUSLY DISAPPROVED OF IT DECLARING, QUOTE;- "IT WAS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PALESTINE MANDATE".

WE PROTEST TO YOUR GOVERNMENT and THROUGH YOUR GOVERNMENT TO YOU, AGAINST THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE TERMS OF THIS MACDONALD "WHITE PAPER" OF 1939. WE APPEAL FOR THE IMMEDIATE ABROGATION OF THIS MACDONALD "WHITE PAPER" of 1939.

In voicing this protest and in making this appeal, we join the overwhelming majority of the American People of all creeds and all races, who through the years have declared this MACDONALD "WHITE PAPER" of 1939 to be "INFAMOUS, INHUMAN, CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND NULLIFYING THE TERMS OF THE MANDATE".

You must know that SIMILAR PROTESTS and SIMILAR APPEALS have been expressed and are being most earnestly reiterated by our PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES BOTH HOUSES OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, the LEADERS of the CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT and JEWISH FAITHS and by our most distinguished men and women in the civilization of our time.

TO ENFORCE THE TERMS OF THIS MACDONALD "WHITE PAPER" is to:-

(1) Adopt the INFAMOUS TECHNIQUE OF NAZI-FASCIST IDEOLOGY by legislating against the Jewish People because they are Jews.

(2) To GLORIFY NAZI-RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, utterly destroying the IDEALS of LIBERTY, TOLERANCE and JUSTICE for which this World War II was fought and for which the FLOWER OF OUR YOUTH BLED AND DIED.

(3) DELIBERATELY CONDEMN ENDLESS THOUSANDS more of the present surviving destitute Jews in Europe to further suffering and death.

(4) TO CONDONE THE SUFFERING AND UNTIMELY DEATH of thousands of innocent Jewish men, women and children who had been denied admittance into Palestine as an escape from Nazi-Fascist persecution.

(5) To deliberately REFUSE TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE AUTHORITATIVE CONCLUSION BY RECOGNIZED EXPERTS THAT THE ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY OF PALESTINE CAN READILY INCLUDE THE NUMBERS OF TORTURED JEWS OF EUROPE who see in Palestine the one haven in all the world where they may now live with the dignity and opportunity to which even the humblest human is entitled.

(6) TO DENY TO THE PRESENT JEWISH POPULATION IN PALESTINE their readily ACCEPTED OBLIGATION AND SACRED PRIVILEGE of receiving the shattered

remnants of European Jewry and nursing them back to health and usefulness.

IN SUMMARY, we as Americans and as Jews who love Liberty and Justice above life itself, earnestly appeal to the People of the British Empire all over the world, FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE TERMS OF BOTH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND THE MANDATE FOR PALESTINE, to the end "THAT BY HISTORIC RIGHT AND NOT BY SUFFERANCE, THE DOORS OF PALESTINE SHALL BE OPENED FOR FREE ENTRY OF JEWS AND THAT THERE SHALL BE FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR COLONIZATION, SO THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE MAY ULTIMATELY RECONSTITUTE PALESTINE AS A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC COMMONWEALTH AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD".

AS THE FIRST STEP, we most earnestly urge the IMMEDIATE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSAL CURRENTLY ADVANCED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT BY HARRY S. TRUMAN, THE PRESIDENT OF OUR UNITED STATES:--"THAT THE 100,000 DESTITUTE, IMPOVERISHED, SUFFERING JEWS OF CENTRAL EUROPE, THE PITIFUL REMNANTS THERE OF NAZIS' INHUMAN PERSECUTION, be IMMEDIATELY TRANSPORTED AND ADMITTED INTO PALESTINE WITHOUT RESTRICTION AND WITHOUT DELAY".

To do less is to destroy the treasured hopes that have been born in the hearts of the downtrodden and the persecuted and to disillusion the minority peoples all over the world who have sacrificed and suffered so much in this World War II.

RATHER LET US, COURAGEOUSLY AND FEARLESSLY, DO WHAT IS JUST AND HUMANE so that mankind may truly have a new BIRTH OF FREEDOM and that the HONORED GRAVES OF OUR HEROIC DEAD-- Protestant, Catholic and Jew--of all races and all creeds--may, please God, henceforth REMAIN THE SHRINES from which the ENNOBLING INSTINCTS OF MAN may RECEIVE THEIR HIGHEST INSPIRATIONS for that LIBERTY, TOLERANCE and JUSTICE which is the HOPE OF AN ENLIGHTENED WORLD.

Respectfully submitted,

Thursday
October 11, 1945

HERMAN NEADERLAND,
President of the Council of
Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst
and Mapleton.

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October 21, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd & E. 105th St.,
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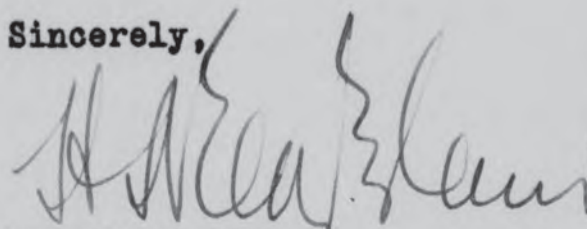
Dear Dr. Silver:

As a respected leader in the life
of our People, we believe that you should be
conversant with public opinion throughout our
nation.

We take the liberty of enclosing
herewith a copy of AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE
OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, respectfully submitted
through the Rt. Hon. Clement R. Attlee, the
Prime Minister.

It is sent to you for your infor-
mation and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



HERMAN NEADERLAND
President of the Council of
Jewish Organizations of
Bensonhurst and Mapleton.



To All Men
in Uniform

The Jewish Community
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ABRAHAM KOLLIN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1010 SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS BUILDING
CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

October 25, 1945

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Am herewith enclosing copies of correspondence had by me with Congressman Crosser.

The originals are available to you when wanted.

Sincerely yours,

A. Kollin

AK:rd
Enc. (4)

October 6, 1945

Hon. Robert Crosser,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Crosser:

I am taking the liberty of requesting
you to use your influence --

1. To have the English government abrogate the infamous White Paper which Churchill himself denounces as a breach and repudiation of the Balfour Declaration. We must never lose sight of the fact that this Declaration is incorporated in the Mandate under which England administers Palestine -- and that Palestine is not a part of the British Empire.
2. That 100,000 homeless European Jews be permitted to go to Palestine at once as requested by President Truman.
3. That Palestine be made a democratic Jewish commonwealth to which Jews may go without restriction and all of whose inhabitants will have equal rights.

It is significant that since the Jews have started to develop Palestine, more Arabs have immigrated there than Jews, when these Arabs might have immigrated to Syria, Iraq or Transjordan, much more fertile spots. The reason for that is clear. The lot of the Arabs in Palestine on account of Jewish immigration has been in every respect greatly improved.

Arab opposition is led by the Effendis -- Arab Junkers and these Effendis have kept the Fellahin (Arab peasants) in darkness and superstition. These Effendis naturally do not want a democratic commonwealth in Palestine for they fear democracy would spread to Arabian lands.

England is trying to make the world believe that she is afraid of Arab terrorism if she grants the Zionist demands. This is a mere alibi on her part as she can maintain peace, law and order therewith a small Palestine Jewish Army officered by an Englishman. President Wilson stated the case for America:

Hon. Robert Crosser,
House of Representatives.
Washington, D. C.

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"I am persuaded that the Allied nations, with the fullest concurrence of our Government and our people, are agreed that in Palestine shall be laid the foundations of a Jewish Commonwealth."

I hope you will make your voice heard and your influence felt in the American tradition as voiced by Woodrow Wilson.

Trusting to hear from you regarding this,

I remain,

Very truly yours,

AK:rd



ROBERT CROSSER
Representative in Congress
21st District
Cleveland, Ohio

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON D.C.

October 10, 1945

Mr. Abraham Kollin
1010 Society for Savings Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kollin:

Your letter of recent date in regard to the Palestine situation has been brought to my attention.

The United Nations, of which the United States is a member, have the problem to which you refer under consideration at the present time, as I understand. Under our Constitution, the President of the United States appoints all diplomatic representatives for negotiations with foreign countries. Knowing the President as I do I feel sure that he will make every effort to frame the most equitable settlement possible of the problem presented in Palestine.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Robert Crosser

October 12, 1945

Hon. Robert Crosser,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Crosser:

This to acknowledge your letter of
October 10th regarding the Palestine situation.

Have known you for many years and I
know that you are sympathetic to a just cause and I, therefore,
can't help but believe that you are willing to use your in-
fluence in behalf of the adoption of the three items mentioned
in my letter to you of October 6th.

President Truman has shown his
sympathetic attitude toward the question but I am sure that his
request to the English government and his representations to it
would be greatly strengthened if you lent your voice and in-
fluence in the same direction.

There are many Congressional precedents
in which Congress has urged that the President adopt a certain
course in international relations and knowing your past record, I
believe that I can safely rely upon your voting for a resolution
favoring the creation of a democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine
when same is presented for your consideration.

Trusting to hear from you again regarding
this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

AK:rd

ROBERT CROSSER
Representative in Congress
21st District
Cleveland, Ohio

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON D.C.

October 22, 1945

Mr. Abraham Kollin
1010 Society for Savings Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kollin

Your letter of recent date in further reference to the Palestine situation has been brought to my attention.

You speak of your knowledge of my sympathetic attitude toward people in distress, and I do not think I evidence a lack of proper humility in saying that that has always been my feeling. It is not a matter of quibbling about technicalities. You will remember, perhaps, that during the Wilson Administration, before we had entered the last war, a resolution, which seemed to many members to be of a harmless nature, was introduced in the House and became the famous McLemore Resolution. There was a great furor throughout the country because of the indignation expressed by President Wilson who charged that it was an attempt by Congress to invade the prerogatives of the Chief Executive in the conduct of diplomatic affairs.

Although I thought it unwise for Americans to travel on ships like the Lusitania, nevertheless, I recognized the force of President Wilson's contention, and voted against the McLemore Resolution.

I am sure that you know me well enough to understand that I would like nothing better than to have a genuine democracy exist in every country on the face of the earth. If I were called upon to use my influence, in connection with the establishment of a government, in the country from which my parents came, I would insist that it be a thoroughly democratic government. I would not say that it should be a Scotch, or British democratic government. If the subject were to be considered de novo for that territory I would insist that the government should be truly democratic. To be thoroughly democratic governments must reflect the will of the people, must be under the direct control of those in the territory to be governed, and must be a government by the people without reference to arbitrary designations of a racial or other classification nature.

I am sure that President Truman, if there be no undue interference with him by other branches of the government, will exert himself toward the development of a most equitable solution of the problem under consideration.

Mr. Abraham Koll
1010 Society for Savings Building
Cleveland, Ohio

10/19/45

If, however, at any time a measure comes before the House relating to the Palestine question in any way, you may be absolutely sure that the views indicated by you will receive my very careful -- yes, sympathetic -- consideration in connection with any official action by me in reference to such measure.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Robert Crosser



SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

October 26, 1945

My dear Abba:-

That evening of Monday, October 22, 1945, will ever, ever linger in my memory. Your presence has made the evening one of the most memorable events in my life. I need not tell you how appreciative and how grateful I am.

In view of the lecture ~~lectures~~
events of the appearance of the
Roosevelt - Ben Sued letters which
preceded the event of the 22nd, and
your visit to Secretary Byrnes
immediately following that evening
your participation in the dedication of the room
made your demonstrative friendship
to me more noble and grandiose

May the Lord give you strength
to carry on your great work in
behalf of our people. 1000 1100 1200
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Anna joins me in best wishes
to you, Virginia and the boys.
As ever yours,
Ed.

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ESCO FOUNDATION FOR PALESTINE, INC.
521 Fifth Avenue
N Y C

October 30, 1945

American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Attention: Mrs. Tamar Pool

Dear Friends:

Many weeks have passed since our meeting with you to discuss the reply to my letter asking that our copy of the Esco Foundation Palestine Study, now in your possession, be returned to us by registered mail, to establish our ownership. To be sure, there have been events far more critical than the return of our copy during this period, and for that reason we did not press you for action. We did not wish to give the impression that we were more concerned with our particular interest than in the whole problem. However, there was no reason for delay in expediting our request in the beginning and no reason for any further delay now.

Had we gone ahead with the micro-filming of the Study late this summer as we were instructed by the members of our Board, the material would have been widespread and available for the uses intended.

We wish to reiterate that the purpose for which the American Zionist Emergency Council implies the Study was undertaken by Esco, namely to make source material available only to Zionist bodies, is erroneous. It was intended, as you know, as reliable source material that could serve as authentic and comprehensive for all seekers of facts on Palestine anywhere.

We therefore do not wish further to delay and will proceed with the micro-filming of the Esco Foundation Palestine Study, making it available to libraries, officials in Government, Zionists and other sources for whom it is important to have these facts.

In the meantime, we ask again that you accede to our rightful request and return to us our copy of the Esco Foundation Palestine Study by registered mail. After we have thus received it, we will return it to you as a loan with conditions to be agreed upon by Esco and the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Thanking you for your prompt attention, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frank Cohen

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ESCO FOUNDATION FOR PALESTINE, INC.
521 FIFTH AVENUE
N Y C

October 30, 1945

Judge Louis Leventhal
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Judge Leventhal:

In accordance with your request at our meeting and with our agreement with the American Zionist Emergency Council may continue to keep the Esco Foundation Palestine Collection as a loan until and through December. At this time, we should like to have all the materials loaned to you, assembled for transference. We shall in the meantime make necessary arrangements with the Zionist Archives and Library to receive this Collection and to use the materials for those qualified to use it in accordance with their established policies.

Will you be good enough to confirm this letter by return mail.



Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frank Cohen

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SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

November 1, 1945

My dear Abba:-

I have very sad news for you. Jimmie Heller is not coming to the Zionist convention. So it was reported at the meeting of the Convention Program Committee meeting on Monday night.

This evening we had a meeting of our Steering Committee at Joe Greenblatt's office, and we took up various questions as to the Presidium, and Committee chairmen of the Convention. It was decided that a Committee meet with you and get your reaction towards various matters.

That Committee, I suppose, will take up with you the personnel of the incoming Executive. I would of course, like to be on it, if for no other reason but as a vindication of my being purged last year by Jimmie Heller and Goldstein. I have no doubt you will suggest my name.

When we left the meeting a few of us discussed the question

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of the Executive Director, We were
all in agreement that Dr. Sidney
Marx, the present incumbent,
was a very good man and ought
to be retained. He cooperated and
is cooperating with us 100%, and
has made things much easier.
Of course, that will depend, I
suppose, whether Neumann wants
to be Executive Vice-President.

kindest regards to Virginia.
Anna wishes to be remembered.

As ever yours,
Sol.

November 2, 1945

1210 - 18th Street N.W.

Washington D.C.

Dear Dr Silver:

Word has already gone through to the number 1 man on the matter which you spoke to me about last evening. It has also started on the way to the man you mentioned.

It may be necessary to propose an alternative to the joint commission proposal. Have you any ideas on this? Have you considered a trusteeship under the United Nations charter? It may be that is worth thinking about. The UNO will not be functioning full-blown for at least several months. The approach might be to get the 100,000 matter settled now and then possibly have the trusteeship later. This thought has, of course, the danger that it may confuse and delay action on the 100,000.

I know you are keeping the pot boiling on the other matters. Do keep up the good work.

Dr A. H. Silver,
19810 Shaker Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio

Oscar Cox

November 5, 1945

Mr. Ben V. Cohen
1727 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Friend:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed telegram which the American Zionist Emergency Council sent to President Truman on October 30th.

Our people are deeply disturbed about the Joint Survey Commission which is being proposed, seeing in it the possibility of another protracted delay and a way of entangling our Government in discussions and commitments with reference to finding a solution for the displaced Jews of Europe, ignoring all the legal rights of the Jewish people to Palestine under the terms of the Mandate and all the pledges. Our Government should not lend itself to this purely "refugee" approach to the Palestine problem which can be skilfully circumvented as the British and the Arabs have already indicated--as well as all anti-Zionists.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BR
Enc.

Abba Hillel Silver

SOLOMON COHEN
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November 7, 1945

My dear Abba:

Last night we had a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Policy members. We discussed the Convention program executive director, ^{suggestion} ~~attempt~~ by Miller to revive the Congress thru the J. O. A. etc.

Some of us expressed ourselves against the last gloating letter of the Policy Committee.

The makeup of the Executive was not discussed.

I left the meeting in a very depressed mood. I am afraid we are out ~~to~~ to continue the methods and practices of the administration. I would like to see you Monday or Tuesday in New York - if you will be there - and discuss a number of things with you.

That last article by M. J. Frank in the Jewish Post - no

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doubt inspired by someone — was
terrible. Did you read it?

Kindest regards to Virginia in
which Anna joins me

As ever yours,

Sol.



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9:15 A.M.

To Dr. Silver

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Attention: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is to inform you that the carbon copy of the manuscript of the Esco Foundation Palestine Study, prepared under the direction of Dr. I. B. Berkson, now in your possession, the return of which is anticipated in accordance with our repeated requests, is the property of the Esco Foundation for Palestine, Inc; and no copies of this Study may be furnished to any one for the purpose of distribution freely.

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Very sincerely yours,

Frank Cohen

Mrs. Frank Cohen
Secretary

ESC:hm

cc: Mrs. Pool
Judge Levinthal
Dr. Wise
Dr. Berkson

November 8, 1945

Mr. Oscar Cox
1210-18th Street Northwest
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Cox:

Thank you so much for your kind letter. I am happy that you brought to the attention of people at the top the dangers of the Joint Commission of Inquiry which will be proposed. I don't know whether you saw a copy of the telegram which we sent to President Truman. On the off chance that you have not seen it, I am enclosing a copy of it herewith. It will give you the line which we believe should be followed.

I am also eager to have action on the resolution which was introduced by Wagner, Taft, and Walsh in the Senate on October 26, S.J. Res. 112. It would be tremendously helpful if the Foreign Relations Committee could approve of this resolution next Wednesday, or before, while Attlee is in the country. Both Truman and Byrnes were shown the resolution by Wagner and Taft before it was introduced and raised no objections to it. I don't know how sincere this approval is. The real test will be whether Senator Connally, Chairman of the Committee, will bring it up for action. If he uses dilatory tactics, it means that the Administration would like to see the resolution shelved just as they did last year. The members of the Foreign Relations Committee have all been seen. Overwhelmingly they will vote for it if it comes to a vote. Whatever you can do to achieve quick action on this resolution would be deeply appreciated.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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London, Nov. 26/45

Dear Dr. Silver,

I was delighted to hear of your election as President of the Z.O.A. by acclamation, & offer you my very heartfelt congratulations. I am confident that under your devoted & dynamic leadership, the Z.O.A. will render services of supreme value in the critical period through which we are now passing.

I received a letter a few days ago from Judge Louis E. Levitthal, in his capacity as Chairman of the Publication Committee of the Z.O.A., with regard to the American edition of my new book, "The Zionist Movement," about which I came to an agreement with him & Dr. Israel Goldstein during their visit to London in August. Judge Levitthal wrote that the Executive

Committee of the Z.O.R. has approved of
his recommendation that Mr. Bernard G.
Richards should be engaged for the purpose of
preparing the American edition, which will
include a special Chapter on American
aspects of the movement. He further wrote
that, owing to his other commitments, he would
resign his Chairmanship of the Publication
Cttee. of the Z.O.R. as soon as the new Adminis-
tration was elected, & thought it better that
the official details in connection with the
project should be decided upon by the new Presi-
dent & his Publication Cttee. I shall therefore
be extremely obliged if you will be good enough to give
this matter very early attention, so that Mr. Richards
can get on with the job without delay. I have made
a number of revisions & additions (including Revin's
statement) for the French edition, which I shall be
glad to send you as soon as I have an official confirma-
tion about the terms of publication. I accepted Lodge
Revin's offer of 10 percent. royalty on the published price.
With kind personal regards,
Cordially yours, Israel Cohen.

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January 4, 1946

American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Attention: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

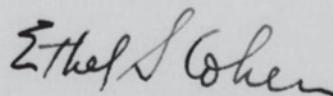
Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with Judge Levinthal's recent letter, I am submitting the draft of a revised statement for your signature. This formulation drawn up by our attorney, is slightly different from the one Judge Levinthal submitted, but is in substance essentially the same.

I would appreciate your expediting this matter by signing and returning this as soon as possible.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Frank Cohen

ESC:hm

cc: Dr. Neumann
Judge Levinthal
Mrs. Pool

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January 1946

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Gentlemen:

In behalf of The American Zionist Emergency Council, it is hereby acknowledged and certified that the said Council has no claim or interest whatsoever in the manuscript of the Esco Foundation Palestine Study, nor in any rights of copyright of the said manuscript.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

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ME TWO MIMEOGRAPH COPIES OF THE ESCO STUDY FOR
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CONVERSATION WITH YOU THANK YOU=

MRS FRANK COHEN 88 CENTRAL PARK WEST NEW YORK CITY.

AZEC ESCO 88.

January 10, 1946

American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Attention: Mr. Shapiro

Gentlemen:

I am informed that you have been distributing parts of the Esco Foundation Palestine Study with a notation that this is made possible through funds of the Esco Foundation for Palestine, Inc. founded by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cohen.

I would like you to refrain from using the name of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cohen. I do not crave this type of publicity.

One wonders why it is not possible for an organization of your type to be courteous and respectful of the rights of others. It would seem only proper to have atleast communicated with me to inquire of my desires in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Frank Cohen

FC:hm

cc: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mrs. Tamar Pool
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Judge Louis Leventhal

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February 5, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Manson turned over to me the letter of the American Palestine Institute referring to the Nathan book, with the request that I implement the decision of the Executive Committee, made on January 30, to order 200 copies.

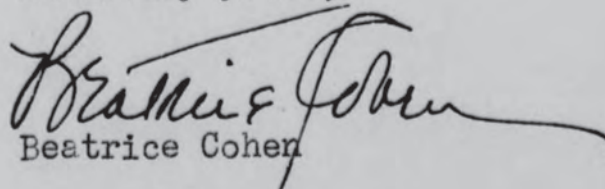
Accordingly, I telephoned Mr. S. M. Blinken to confirm the order. I was completely stunned by his reaction. He practically went into a frenzy over the "meagerness" of the order. He bemoaned the fact that our leaders have not recognized the tremendous value of this book and the great sacrifice made in its production. Mr. Blinken gave me the impression that it should be one of our prime duties to sponsor the widespread distribution of this book.

I was completely taken aback by his harangue and when I recovered my senses I asked him several questions which he was at first reluctant to answer. For instance, I asked him whether the book was already on the press. He replied that he didn't know whether he could even go to press on the basis of such a small order. He told me that, although he had written to the various Zionist organizations, we were the first from whom he received any word. I also asked how he had arrived at the four-dollar-per-copy figure. At first he answered "None of your business" and then said, 5,000 copies. I stated that it was my impression that we would use this book for certain selected categories, whereupon Mr. Blinken, in an irritated manner, said that the book would appeal to anybody and everybody interested in Zionism and should be so promoted by the Zionists.

The above is a detailed report in the event that you wish to bring the matter before the Executive Committee for further consideration.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Beatrice Cohen

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date February 7, 1946

From Beatrice Cohen

Attached hereto is a copy of a report by Dr. LeSourd.

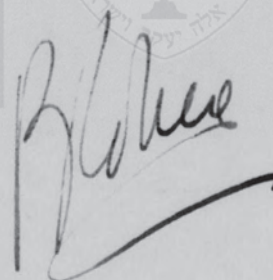
Mr. Furnad, Extension Secretary of the American Palestine Committee, is rushing me for approval of the proposals contained in this report. I explained that we would first require authorization from you.

It seems that Dr. LeSourd, Dr. Voss and Abe Tuvim are going to meet in Houston on February 13 and 14 to discuss these subjects and Mr. Furnad is anxious to let them know the decision of the Council.

A copy of the report was also sent to Mr. Shapiro. If I should hear from him, I shall of course so inform you.

Kind regards.

BC:MH

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Brief Report to Those Concerned
by Dean Howard M. LeSourd
(airmailed from Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 30th)

Chicago

Two decisions should be made about Chicago at the earliest possible date:

1) Will the national office meet half of the expenses of a Regional office in Chicago? No time should be lost for it is most urgent now.

2) Shall we have a conference in Chicago - like St. Louis - with a closing dinner for officers, Executive Committee and actual workers in May? If so, plans should start at once, and on April 29th we should have a speaker at the Ministers' Association Luncheon attended by about 350 clergymen. Dr. Roupp could, I am sure, set this up if he knows in time. (He is President now of the Church Federation)

Membership Campaign

There has been general agreement that American Christian Palestine Committee must have a much larger membership if it is to express effectively Christian sentiment in America. There has been no approved plan and no opportunity to get together to work one out. Through a series of individual conferences, however, a specific plan is emerging and needs definite formulation. Dr. Silver gave his approval to the project. Tuvim, Voss, B. Cohen, Furnad have contributed their ideas. It should be OKed as soon as possible by our small Executive Committee and the man who has general responsibility for American Christian Palestine Committee work from the Executive of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and whom as far as I know Dr. Silver has not yet appointed.

The emerging plan is as follows:

Goal - 100,000 American Christian Palestine Committee members, who are national, state and local leaders by May 1, 1946.

This total is to be broken down into quotas for states, then for cities or districts within states. (For instance, yesterday we set a state quota for Georgia 8000 - 1000 in Atlanta - 1000 for rest of state. This will be followed up by local leaders.

I suggest that Furnad and Steinberg work out details for other states so that each local American Christian Palestine Committee and Emergency Council contact man will know definitely what is expected of him.

The method to be followed is one of full cooperation between local Zionist and Christian leaders. (As a matter of fact the burden will be on Zionists to see that it is successful.) The committee in charge should be joint.

Let it be stressed that this is not just name-getting. This is an educational project. We want members who are convinced and committed. This requires personal work. It is my experience that Christians converted to Zionism make the best American Christian Palestine Committee members. So if individual Zionists are urged to contact their Christian friends, the results will not only be assured but the best educational job will be done. This does not exclude Christians from doing the same, but rather should inspire them.

There will be several by-products of this cooperation for memberships:

1) It will lay the foundation for close support by Zionists of organizational activities of the developing American Christian Palestine Committee. The two groups will have learned to work together.

2) It will further educate both Zionists and Christian committee members by making them able to discuss effectively the Zionist cause.

3) It will develop cooperation and understanding between the Christians and Jews by uniting them in a common project.

Each community and state must copy for their own use the names of Christian members and then send original forms to New York for filing.

Each solicitor should indicate by a star, or/and each state committee chairman should then check, the names of the most important people who join. This would give the New York office a highly selected list of VIP's.

An acknowledgment should be sent to each one who joins, on a one cent card attractively printed.

Sidney Marks has expressed his willingness to cooperate. Definite plans and series of directives to be sent out should be prepared and OKed at once.

Full information on what is being done in New York should be sent to Houston so Voss, Tuvim and myself can discuss them together, along with copy of this report.

This plan has been presented to the Southwestern and Southeastern Regional meetings of the Zionist Organization of America. It has been specifically discussed with reference to Baltimore, Chicago, Washington, Tulsa and Atlanta.

Organizational Procedure:

Local initiative on part of Zionists in organizing local American Christian Palestine Committees has been stressed recently with the specific suggestion that officers be selected more on basis of possible close cooperation with Zionists than mere prominence in a community. Since Zionists must work with Christian leaders, the officers must be won by Zionists.

This can be done without letters from New York.

Change in Statement of Principles

The substitution of the Resolved sections of the concurrent Resolution for the "Specifically we urge 1 2 3" section should be made as soon as possible. Secretary Byrnes' name should be dropped. Names of new leaders throughout country should be added to list on membership blank. Back page should be set up to give more lines for new members.

Baltimore

Mrs. Crocker entertained at luncheon seventeen outstanding Christian

women in Baltimore at Hotel Stafford, on Saturday, January 26th. I discussed Palestine with them. They seemed very much interested by questions asked. This group should be followed up.

Atlanta

Sol Benamy took me to see President Weltner of Oglethorp University. He is a strong man and should be an outstanding leader in this region. Other American Christian Palestine Committee officers out of town, or ill. Had lunch with Julian Boehm and worked out some plans. Met Wissogh of Oglethorp also. Ran into Dr. Henry Crane of Detroit and had a small luncheon here for him. Lucile spoke for Hadassah on January 30.

Washington

Ruth Epstein called together eight Zionist leaders on Saturday Jan. 26, and we discussed plans for Washington re-organization. Responsibility was placed on them to line up officers with whom they could work.

Seminar

There has been a growing demand for a repetition of the Princeton Seminar of July 1945. A similar seminar with new personnel (not excluding old) would be of the highest importance. Voss suggests April 23-24 - right after Easter. That has my OK. Princeton Inn would be impossible. Buck Hill Falls Inn would seem ideal, and I am sure would be available. An early decision is absolutely imperative. I suggest Mrs. Shepard present this to Dr. Silver directly to prevent delays, unless Dr. Voss has already made direct request.

Health Note

I was poisoned by food, became ill on train to Jacksonville, and am just recovering in Atlanta.

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Esco Foundation For Palestine, Inc.
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

February 7, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Upon my return from Cuba, I learned that three copies of the manuscript of the Esco Foundation Palestine Study were sent to us in response to our request. I wish to express my thanks to you for your courteous cooperation. I regret exceedingly that there should have arisen so much unpleasantness in connection with this matter.

Would you be good enough to let me know when we may have the signed statement of indemnification and Esco ownership of the Study which were promised to us sometime ago.

Very sincerely yours,

Ethel S. Cohen (signed)
Mrs. Frank Cohen

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February 8, 1946

Miss Beatrice Cohen
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Miss Cohen:

I am enclosing herewith a letter of Mr. Jacob Landau. I had spoken about this matter to Mr. Shapiro before he left. If the money is available, I would suggest that you send it on to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. If all of it is not available, perhaps you can send him half of it for the time being.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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February 13, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been advised by Mr. Manson of the Emergency Office to write to you concerning Dr. Morris Zucker who is a member of one of our Districts, namely District #39.

I am attaching herewith a mimeographed letter sent out by Dr. Zucker to those who have responded to his paid advertisement in the New York Post of February 4th. I am also enclosing a letter written in Dr. Zucker's handwriting addressed to me.

Last spring your Regional Director attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of District #39 for the purpose of transacting routine business. It was at this gathering that Dr. Zucker first expounded his theories concerning the provisional Jewish State in exile. The District, a very old and reliable group, endorsed his views. It was then my considered judgement to be as friendly with Dr. Zucker as possible in order that I may, if possible, control him.

He has constantly reiterated to me that he has no intention of forming a separate or new Zionist group. The attached letter repeats that promise. He is anxious to have a hearing before you or Dr. Neuman. He has made that request several times.

About five weeks prior to the publication of the February 4th ad in the Post, I received a report that Dr. Zucker had reserved that space. I called him on the telephone and exacted a promise from him to submit to the Emergency Council a copy of the ad. I conveyed that message to Mr. Harry Shapiro.

Very respectfully yours,

Max Cohen
Max Cohen
Regional Director

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February 18, 1946

American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Attention: Dr. Harold P. Manson

Dear Dr. Manson:

In reply to your letter of February 15th and in accordance with my telephone conversation with your secretary this afternoon, I wish to inform you that I am surprised that we are not to receive the signed statement of indemnification which Judge Levinthal had promised to have executed for us; and in view of the fact that you concede our ownership of the Study and that you intend shortly to send us a signed statement to this effect, it is apparent that distribution of the manuscript of the Study by the A.Z.E.C. ^{never takes} puts upon us the responsibility for anything which may involve us in legal controversy.

The five copies of the manuscript which were distributed by Dr. Berkson were done so without our consent. Since you do not intend to assume the responsibility yourself, by withholding indemnification from us, we must ask you to refrain from any further distribution of the copies of the manuscript.

According to your letter in which you say, "a statement will be sent to you in accordance with the action taken by the Executive Committee", I wish to say that we would appreciate receiving the statement drawn up by our attorney and approved by Judge Levinthal.

Anticipating the receipt of this signed statement as soon as possible, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frank Cohen

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cc: Dr. Silver

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Honorable Winston Churchill
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via - New York

GRATEFUL FOR PLEASANT INTERVIEW ON WEDNESDAY STOP I REPORTED OUR CONVERSATION TO SMALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WHICH RECEIVED IT WITH DEEP SATISFACTION. PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN UNAWARE THAT OUR INTERVIEW WAS OFF THE RECORD ISSUED RELEASE TO PRESS STOP UPON LEARNING OF IT THROUGH NEW YORK TIMES I HAD IT RECALLED AND IT DID NOT APPEAR STOP TRUST THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOYED BY INCIDENT. WARMEST REGARDS AND ALL GOOD WISHES.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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OSCAR COX
1210 - 18th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

March 22, 1946

Dear Dr. Silver:

I appreciate very much your letter of March 21st.

It was good of you to send along the check for \$2500.00 from the American Zionist Emergency Council. I am thankful to you.

Word has gone to the Texan chairman. I will also try to get it to him from other sources.

Along the lines you suggest, I will try to bring home to the leaders of the present Administration the central point that you make.

I will also see if the kind of meeting you suggest can be arranged.

As soon as I have any further word on this, I will let you know.

Sincerely yours,

OSCAR COX (signed)

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
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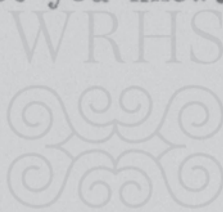
April 3, 1946

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am terribly sorry that I missed seeing you last evening. I had some engagements with people from out of town and couldn't get hold of them to switch them around. I called you last evening at the Mayflower about 7:45 p.m. but was unable to get you.

The latest word I have is that there is some improvement in the attitude of the Commission. On the other matter, I am trying to arrange what you suggested.

As soon as I have any more definite word, I will, of course, let you know.



Sincerely yours,

Oscar Cox

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am not addressing you in the capacity of vice-president of the Rockaway Park Zionist District; rather as a member of the fast-growing Jewish community of Belle Harbor. The last six months have made American Jewry more conscious of the truism that a good Jew is a good Zionist, which accentuates the need for a primary source to draw upon -- good Jews.

We in this segment of the Rockaways consider ourselves fortunate in having Dr. Robert Gordis as our Rabbi. His spiritual leadership and scholarly guidance have been the motivating force hereabouts for the past fifteen years. No small part is his in our having 400 Z. O. A. members out of a total Jewish population of 1100 families, not to forget 500 odd Hadassah members. Although Dr. Gordis now serves his second term as President of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, occupies a chair on the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary, heads the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies of our Temple, and performs the usual duties of a Rabbi so well known to you, he still finds time for sound Jewish leadership.

Therefore the decision to pay tribute to Dr. Gordis for fifteen years of devoted service in the form of a Testimonial Dinner on Sunday evening, June 2nd, at the Waldorf Astoria. While we should rightfully celebrate our good fortune in having this vigorous leader in our community, we are not treating the occasion as a celebration; rather as a source of inspiration.

We know of a long standing friendship existing between you, in addition to the coincidence that each of you heads the respective Rabbinical organizations of which each is a member. We are very hopeful that the President of the Zionist Organization of America will grace the occasion by his presence as the principal speaker. We eagerly anticipate your acceptance.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Gordis Dinner Committee

J. K. Colman
J. K. Colman, Chairman

SOLOMON COHEN
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April 24, 1946

My dear Abba:-

As the Shekel election to the Jewish Congress is rapidly approaching, and the slate of J.O.A. candidates will soon have to be announced, I am confident that you will see to it that I am on the list.

I know Neumann will push his own proteges, but I am sure you will not forget me and will insist on my selection.

In Long Island the work for the Shekel Campaign is going along very smoothly. We have very little opposition from Mizracki, and practically none from the Poale Zion. In my own community I addressed a meeting of Jewish war veterans, and they have undertaken to sell 2000 Shekolin.

There is a 210 lbs coming to Anna and me. We are now the proud grandparents of a baby girl born to my elder son Emanuel and his wife Mildred. Kindest regards to Virginia and the boys, in which Anna joins me. As ever yours, Sol.

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April 30, 1946

My dear Abba:-

When I returned home after the Executive Committee meeting last night, I immediately contacted our Regional President Mr. Doft, and told him about the directive to all regional Presidents to call conferences forthwith, in connection with Shekolim campaigns. Today we both met for lunch, and drafted the enclosed telegram, which reached me when I came home to-night. That sure was quick action!

We expect a very large turnout and will utilize the conference for to the maximum for the purpose for which it is called - a maximum sale of 300 Shekolim, and election of our delegation.

You can count upon our full support

As ever yours
Sol.

May 6, 1946

Mr. J. K. Colman, Chairman
Temple Beth El
121-16 Boulevard
Rockaway Park, L. I.

My dear Mr. Colman:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter. I have been away from the city so much that my correspondence has lagged.

I deeply appreciate the honor of being invited to attend the Testimonial Dinner which you are arranging in honor of Dr. Gordis. I would have been most happy to avail myself of your gracious invitation if I were free to absent myself to be away from Cleveland on June 2. Unfortunately, I must remain here for very important congregational duties. Sundays generally are bad days for me to get away from the city inasmuch as so many congregational activities take place on that day, not to speak of weddings.

Please convey to Dr. Gordis my heartest felicitations on the occasion of his fifteen years of distinguished ministry not alone to your community, but to American Israel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

SOLOMON COHEN
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May 29, 1946

My dear Abba:-

I am enclosing an article which appeared in the Jewish Morning Journal of May 26, 1946. It did my heart good to read this great tribute to your leadership and statesmanship.

Kindest regards to Virginia and the boys, in which Anna joins me.

As ever yours,
Sol.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

June 5, 1946

Gentlemen:

The President has asked me to acknowledge your telegram of June 3, and to say that he will be happy to arrange an appointment for sometime after June 20. He appreciates, as you do, the urgency of the matters which you wish to discuss, but feels that they can be discussed to a greater advantage at the time suggested by him.

I will get in touch with you and set the date later.

Sincerely yours,

MATTHEW J. CONNELLY (signed)
Secretary to the President

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