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2020 Avenue "O"  
Brooklyn 29, New York  
September 26, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Zionist Emergency Council  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi,

Many decent Americans honestly believe that the British have a hard job keeping peace in Palestine.

Now that our last hope is fading, we have nothing to lose by telling the American people openly what a hard job the British had and how much money and energy they spent to get together the Arab chieftains to protest against a Jewish Palestine. Lord Moyne and many others worked very hard at it.

Had we come out with that argument openly a few years ago when the British were crying and begging us for a few old destroyers, we might have saved a few million Jewish lives.

Respectfully yours,

S. Joffe

*Jewish National Fund Council*

קרן קיימת לישראל



*"Land for Commonwealth"*

● **CONFERENCE**

Sunday, October 14, 1945

Benjamin Franklin Hotel  
Ninth and Chestnut Streets - Philadelphia, Penna.

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JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG



LOUIS LIPSKY



ELIAS EPSTEIN



REV. J. STANLEY GRAUEL

I — 9.30 A. M. (Main Ballroom)

Registration of Delegates 9 A. M.

## "Land for Commonwealth" Conference

SAMUEL E. KRATZOK, Chairman

National Anthem, led by ..... RACHEL BELLIS

Seminar on "Land and Commonwealth" ..... ELIAS EPSTEIN

Head, Propaganda Dept., Keren Kayemeth Leisrael, Jerusalem

Report of Activities of the Phila. JNF Council ..... DR. SOLOMON STEIN

JNF Program for 5706:

Hadassah ..... MRS. BENJAMIN J. WASSERBLY

Zionist Organization ..... LAWRENCE G. HOROWITZ

Labor Zionist Division ..... ITZCHAK SCHWARTZ

Council of Orthodox Congregations and Mizrachi ..... DAVID S. LANDES

J. N. F. League of Organizations ..... SAMUEL GORDON

Moses Hess Camp, B'nai Zion ..... ABRAHAM GROSSMAN

Installation of J. N. F. Officers

Hatikvah

II — 12:30 P. M. (Betsy Ross Room)

## Luncheon

in honor of

*Judge Morris Rothenberg*

President, Jewish National Fund of America

(Due to the limited seating capacity, no advance reservations can be accepted.

Those attending the morning session will be accomodated first).

III — 1:30 P. M. (Main Ballroom)

Second Session

## "Land for Commonwealth" Conference

RABBI SOLOMON M. BARSEL, Chairman

National Anthem, led by ..... RACHEL BELLIS

Philadelphia's Response to the Call of the Land ..... ABRAHAM SILVER

Chairman, J. N. F. Board of Directors

The Political Struggle and the Land Problem

Address ..... JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG

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## MASS DEMONSTRATION

### "OUR ANSWER TO THE BETRAYAL"

WILLIAM H. SYLK, Chairman

### Speakers:

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL ..... Former Pres. Zionist Org. of America

REV. J. STANLEY GRAUEL ..... Member American Christian Palestine Comm.

LOUIS LIPSKY ..... Member, World Zionist Executive

Vocal Recitations: Where Is Our Land? ..... { ..... MARY SIMMONS, Soprano

White Paper ..... { ..... CECELIA BINDER, Composer

Resolution

Hatikvah

# PROTEST DEMONSTRATION • URGENT CALL!

AGAINST THE BETRAYAL OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

# **URGENT CALL** *to the Friends of Jewish Palestine!*

In view of the present emergency with regard to Palestine, the Jewish National Fund Council upon the request of the American Emergency Council for Zionist Affairs, has decided to combine the Afternoon Session of the "Land for Commonwealth" Conference scheduled for Sunday, October 14, with a **HUGE MASS**

## **PROTEST DEMONSTRATION**

### **Against the Betrayal of the Jewish People by the British Government**

The J.N.F. "Land for Commonwealth" Conference will begin at 9:30 A. M. with a Seminar on "Land and Commonwealth." The Afternoon Session beginning at 1:30 P. M. will be wound up with the Mass Demonstration.

We urge all the friends of a Jewish Palestine to join us at 9:30 A. M. sharp. We also ask you to urge your friends to attend and see to it that **your Organization sends in immediately the names of its 3 official delegates.**

There must be a Mass turnout on October 14 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. The time has come for us to speak out. The Jewish rights on Palestine cannot be foiled by imperialist treachery.

On October 14 the Phila. Jewish Community will proclaim its solemn protest to the world. It will also formulate a practical program of activities for the upbuilding of Eretz Israel and the redemption of its soil. Do not fail to be there and to demonstrate your attachment to the cause of Zion.

*Philadelphia Jewish National Fund Council*

723 Widener Building, Phila. 7, Pa., RIT. 0782



Oct 20/45

S. Jacobson

RE: MADISON SQUARE RALLY THIS COMING WEDNESDAY

If this rally is to mean anything at all, we must not repeat the same arguments, pleas or mental attitude that we did before. If this were to happen it would be taken by the Jews as well as by public opinion at large as merely another expression of our feeling. No matter how eloquent the oratory it will have no effect upon the Colonial policy and while well-meaning people, including the British government might understand or even sympathize with our emotions, no Jews will be saved nor will we be any nearer to the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth. Never before have we had such a combination of circumstances to arouse the Jewish masses to united action or to ~~draw~~ <sup>attract</sup> the attention of the world at large to our cause. I therefore recommend that this mass rally be made the occasion for a completely new approach to our problem, that tactics be adopted from hereon that will really hurt British interests. Because only in relation to the pressure that we apply will we get any response. The time for playing "Tidly Winks" and for crying is even past. Rehashing old arguments will leave the Jewish masses who attend cold. They will rightly realize they are fighting for a lost cause. I therefore recommend that the following projects be given deep consideration on this most historic event of American Jewry.

1. It should be pointed out that the British Labor Government is being misguided by Colonial officers with 17th century minds who are bringing as much harm as well as disgrace to the British Empire as did the colonial office at the time of the American Revolution.

2. CHEREM: The Colonial offices ~~are~~ responsible for the death of the millions of Jews ~~are~~ to be put in Cherem. They have put themselves in the same category as Hitler's Nazis

3. BOYCOTT : A pledge repeated by all present should be read in which everyone will vow to continue fighting for the Jewish Homeland and to refuse to buy British goods and services.

4. WAR CHEST: A campaign should be conducted; if possible contributions taken right on the spot in the form of a collection or contributions of personal jewelry, etc, for the purpose of conducting the campaign against the Colonial Office. - *a United War Chest*

5. BRITISH ARMY IN PALESTINE: A demand should be made for the British Army stationed in Palestine be promptly withdrawn as their presence endangers the lives of the Jews. ~~The~~ The Jews do not fear the Arabs. *Suez Canal can be defended from Sinai Peninsula*

6. A demand for a loan of ships from America and the other United Nations to rescue the surviving Jews of Europe.

7. UNNRA : A demand that the Jewish people be given a place on the administration of the UNNRA as they suffered more and therefore are entitled to relief along with others.

8. GRAND MUFTI: A demand that the Grand Mufti be immediately brought to trial for collaboration with Hitler, for his participation in recruiting the Arab Legion to fight against the Allies.

9. PALESTINIAN SOLDIERS : A demand should be made that all Palestinian soldiers, whether Arab, Christian or Jew be given a grant of land in Palestine and that this land be expropriated from the Grand Mufti and other Arab Chieftains who betrayed the democratic cause. ~~A~~ A pledge should be given that under the direction of the Jewish Agency Palestine will enjoy peace, prosperity and freedom for all regardless of religion or race.

10. A statement should be obtained from the scientists responsible for the invention of the atomic bomb explaining the futility of sacrificing a whole people for oil which the democracies will not need for years to

when atomic energy will be available shortly.

Human life is still the most holy in this world. It is still above greed for power or imperial interests.

While these recommendations are hastily brought to your attention they in general are meant that this event should be the occasion for a definite declaration of demands that will give the world an opportunity to see the injustice of the British administration and lay the frame-work for ~~the~~ Declaration of ~~demands that will~~ of Principles towards the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth. This opportunity must not be lost. It is needless to say that leaflets, cartoons, loud speakers and other mechanical aids are a necessary part for the success of this event.

- 12- Arouse suspicion of oil <sup>E.I.</sup> ~~baately~~ printing out that this International power had ~~lost~~ <sup>betrayed</sup> American interest to Germany before the last war in reference to synthetic rubber and almost caused America to lose the war
- 13- It should be pointed out that by investing hundreds of millions in Arabia <sup>industry</sup> American laborers are being deprived of jobs they ~~ought~~ <sup>should</sup> have instead of traitorous pro-Nazi Arabs
- 14- Coal workers should be shown that Arabia, oil is depriving them of labor & profits oil can be made as cheaply from coals as the natural product

Confidentially submitted  
Jacobson  
Halifax, Canada

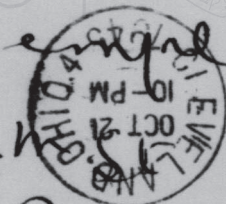
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WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES  
Rabbi Silver

The Temple

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at Ansel Rd

Cleveland

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10/22/45

Please don't fail to read fully and  
carefully the letter to President F.D.  
Roosevelt of Ibn Saud. Note  
the historical facts & learn.

See N.Y. Times pp 1 & 4 Friday  
October 12, 1945 J.R. Jefford

NLT JERUSALEM

NOVEMBER 5, 1945

TO GOLDMANN JEWAGENCY NEW YORK

EXECUTIVE DECIDED HOLD FULL MEETING INCLUDING LONDONERS  
AMERICANS JERUSALEM END NEXT WEEK STOP CONVEY URGENT  
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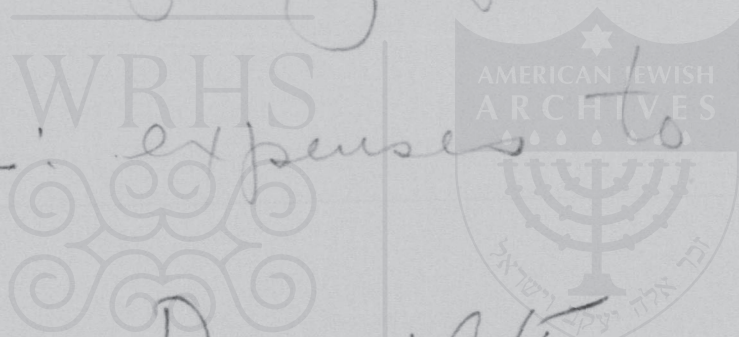
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EXECUTIVE AGREES FIX MEETING 25th GLAD YOU SILVER  
LIPSKY COMING HOPE WISE WILL STILL MANAGE ATTEND  
STOP MAY REQUIRE FIX EARLIER DATE IF ANNOUNCEMENT  
MADE NEXT FEW DAYS

JOSEPH

Jewish Agency for Palestine

re: expenses to Palestine



Dec. 1945

See

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer

January 25, 1946

Mr. Arthur Jacobs  
Jewish Journal & Daily News  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Dr. Neumann, who has been away from the city during the major part of this month and who will not return for another week or so, has asked me to acknowledge your letter dated January 8th in which you make reference to your conversation in Atlantic City in re an investigation of the "European-Palestinian question".

Dr. Neumann has asked me to inform you that he has given some serious thought to the proposal of Mr. Meckler and yourself and is referring the matter to Dr. Silver with whom no doubt he will discuss it at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

QS:RB

Harry Steinberg

February 19, 1946

Judge Bernard S. Rosenblatt  
President, Keren Ha Yesod  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York City

Dear Judge Rosenblatt:

In accordance with conversations between representatives of the Esco Foundation for Palestine and you, also with Mrs. Sophie Udin, Esco now offers the Esco Palestine Study Collection of material and files, etc. as a gift to the Zionist Library and Archives. We wish without delay to bestow the gift upon receipt of word from you that you are prepared to accept it.

For the last two years the Research Department of the American Zionist Emergency Council have enjoyed the collection as a loan. Any further arrangements would be between you and the Research Department, either for extension of the loan or for the use of the collection through the Library and Archives. You would remain the custodians and carry responsibility for the uses to which the material would be put.

Thanking you for a prompt reply, after which we will discuss details, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Rose G. Jacobs

RGJ:hm

cc: Dr. Silver

March 7, 1946

Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs  
Beth ha-Tephila Spruce Street Synagogue  
Suite 306-7  
44 Patton Avenue  
Asheville, North Carolina

My dear Rabbi Jacobs:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of February 22, which I read with a great deal of interest. I am forwarding it to our Publicity Department.

It is quite incorrect to assume that our work is not being carried on as a professional job and that we have not had the advice of public relations experts. However, there is always room for improvement.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE, Inc.

250 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

*Copy*

March 26, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Joseph Jacobson of Rehovoth, Palestine, has just arrived in this country to act as head of a Palestine Citrus Industry Delegation which will travel throughout the United States. Mr. Jacobson is carrying important messages for you and would therefore like to meet with you, if possible, before the 4th of April on which date he expects to leave for California.

The American Zionist Emergency Council here was not certain when you would be in New York, and they suggested that I communicate with you in Cleveland.

I should appreciate it if you would let me know when you expect to be in New York City and when you will be able to meet Mr. Jacobson here.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

*Edna Preiser*  
Edna Preiser, Secretary

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CC: American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New York- Entering a vigorous protest against the return of Jamal el Hussein and other exiled pro-Nazi sympathizers, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States has dispatched the following letter to the British Ambassador:

"My dear Mr. Ambassador:-

We view with deep concern and alarm the trend of recent events in Palestine and all of their implications as evidenced by the return, with the full sanction of the Palestine Government, of Jamal el Hussein and other exiled pro-Nazi sympathizers. It is difficult to believe the evidence in the press which, if true, can only lead to the conclusion that we have fought in vain and that any principles we sought to achieve through war have been wiped out.

Has the British Government so soon forgotten that these men were among the worst Nazi, anti-British and anti-Jewish agitators? That they pursued the same policy of advocating extermination of the Jews and undermining of any democratic form of government and that they were the real fomenters of trouble between the Arabs and Jews in the Holy Land? If so, then permit us to quote from a London dispatch by Edgar Ansel Mowrer recently, which says: "The Mufti shares the responsibility for history's foulest massacre with Heinrich Himmler and other Nazi butchers". He further states that an affidavit is now in the hands of the Nuremberg Judges to the effect that "The Grand Mufti, who has been in Berlin since 1941, played a role in the decision of the German Government to exterminate the European Jews".

The return of these men can only be the means of re-kindling the fires of hatred and distrust and the beginning of new organized agitation against Jews and other freedom-loving people in the Holy Land.

In God's name, Mr. Ambassador, what can His Majesty's Government have in mind when it refuses a haven to the victims of Nazism in Palestine, but instead grants sanctuary to those very Nazi followers who are responsible for the mass murder of 6,000,000 Jews, who endangered the life of the Empire and of Democracy everywhere.

We, who represent the 900,000 fighting Americans of Jewish faith who have twice been called upon within the last quarter of a century together with our fellow Americans to battle in Europe on the side of the British Empire, believe we have a right to know just what it is the British Government has in mind.

True, we cannot bring back the dead or restore the maimed, but even at this late date we veterans of World War I and II, who survived these wars, desire to be informed as to whether or not we may now regard all of the sacrifice and bloodshed as having been in vain.

Many thousands of our men who fought alongside the British Tommies in the trenches of World War I and in the forests and towns in World War II, have learned to know and admire the fortitude of the British soldier. We are now alarmed and puzzled at the policy of His Majesty's Government.

May we have the honor of a reply from you on these questions, which appear to us to be of overwhelming importance at the present moment?"

Yours very truly,

MAXWELL COHEN  
National Commander  
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.

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